



CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE



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WHAT IS CAUSEWAY?

Causeway is a British-Irish exchange programme that aims to strengthen and improve relationships between young people, and those who work with them, on the islands of Britain and Ireland.

For almost ten years now, Causeway has been offering British and Irish youth groups a unique opportunity to develop young people's self-awareness through exchanges and the partnerships they develop. Causeway projects promote working in a team and provide a valuable avenue for young people to explore their perceptions of identity and to deal with issues of tolerance and diversity.







ACTIVITIES

YOUTH EXCHANGES

An exchange uses a non-formal learning approach to skills development over a period of 5 to 21 days. It can include an Advance Planning Visit which allows youth workers to visit the partner group where the exchange will take place.

CONTACT EXCHANGES

A contact exchange offers groups of young people and their leaders the opportunity to prepare for a full exchange through working together over a period of 3 to 5 days.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special projects are innovative projects open to youth leaders and young people promoting good practice and activities such as training events, job shadowing, contact-making seminars, study visits and seminars.





WHY DO A CAUSEWAY PROJECT?

THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT REASONS TO DO A CAUSEWAY PROJECT

Many of the issues that youth workers in Ireland and the UK face are very similar: intercultural integration, drug use, anti-social behaviour, teenage pregnancies.

Because the distances are relatively short, there is a real opportunity to build up a strong relationship with a partner group over time.

As a 'tool' for youth workers, an exchange can be an innovative way to challenge young people and add to their personal development through experiential learning.

Causeway offers options such as Advance Planning Visits and Contact Exchanges which can help young people prepare for a longer exchange.







WHAT DO OTHERS SAY?

“The exchange provided a new way of working with young people for the organisation that was different and exciting”

Limerick Youth Service Youth Leader

“They have loads of the same issues as we do like drugs, drinking, nowhere to go and crime”

Ógra Chorcaí

“This exchange has laid the groundwork for a very meaningful exchange programme to further British-Irish relations, not just between organisations but between individuals”

Kerry Diocesan Youth Service Youth Leader

“I learned that you can’t tell a book by its cover”

Celtic Youth Bray Youth Exchange participant

“It has been rewarding to see the development of the group members and to witness their growth both personally and professionally”

Monaghan Youth Service Youth Leader

“An exchange takes you out of your comfort zone and challenges you to think not just of yourself but of the whole group”

Crooked House Youth Theatre Exchange participant

“We thought that the English group didn’t like us at the airport. They later told us that they felt the same and we both agreed that assumptions are often wrong”

Limerick Youth Service Exchange participant







APPLICATION DEADLINES

YOUTH EXCHANGES

1 February for activities taking place between 1 May and 30 September

1 April for activities taking place between 1 July and 30 November

1 June for activities taking place between 1 September and 31 January

1 September for activities taking place between 1 December and 30 April

1 November for activities taking place between 1 February and 30 June

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2 months before the project start date







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