

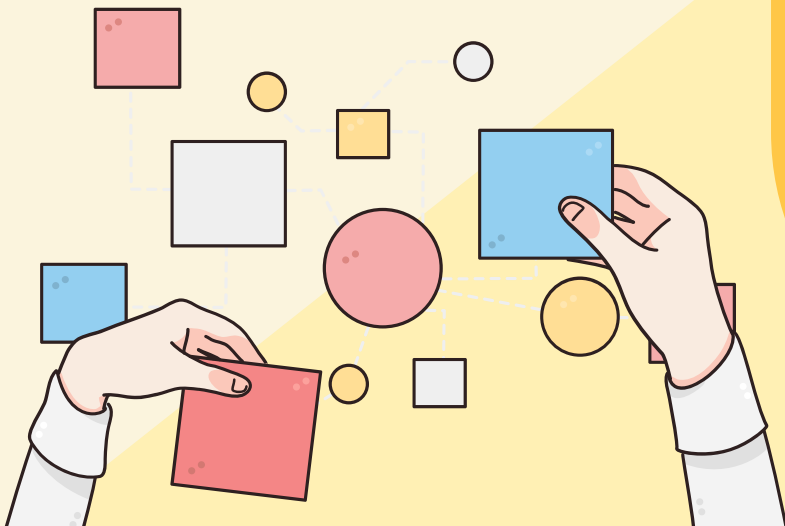
CROSS NATION YOUTH WORK PARTNERSHIP 2023–2028



Strategy

Championing Youth Work
Influencing Change
Growing Leadership
Building Connections

UK Youth, Youth Scotland, Youth Cymru, YouthAction NI and Youth Work Ireland ('the partnership') are five leading youth work charities collaborating to improve the lives of young people. With a historical relationship spanning 100 years, we renew our partnership vision with this document. This document will be reviewed on an annual basis to review and assess progress.



YouthAction
NORTHERN IRELAND

Youth
CYMRU


Youth Work Ireland

UK YOUTH

youth
SCOTLAND

What we do

Within our collective networks we;

- facilitate a diverse network of youth work organisations and cross sector partners, working with young people across the partnership.
- deliver high quality youth work, workforce development, strong collaborations and partnerships, advocating for the needs of young people and youth work.

Context

- This strategy sets out our ambitions to work strategically together across the partnership. It acknowledges the changing relationships and political landscape between the countries and jurisdictions of the partnership.

Our Vision

To create a dynamic movement for social change to enrich young people's lives, driven by the values and power of youth work.

Our Values

Our work is driven by these shared values;

- **Collaboration.** We work together to leverage our collective networks and influencing power to make a greater impact with and for young people.
- **Courage.** We challenge inequalities and have the courage to drive positive change for young people and communities across Ireland and the UK. We believe in an assets-based and strengths-driven approach.
- **Community.** We are focussed on building a deeper reconciliation of communities across Ireland and the UK. We build on the strengths of our communities and work together to build a shared understanding of our history and heritage.

We will ensure our partnership is distinguished by collaboration, openness and shared values led by the views of young people and our collective networks.

Our key objectives

As five leading youth work charities we are able to collectively leverage a powerful UK and Ireland partnership. We get to work together to achieve an impactful vision of change for young people. We will ensure that we;

1. Build a shared cultural understanding, learning and connections across youth work communities across the partnership.
2. Support young people and youth workers to influence change at a local, regional, national and international level.
3. Champion the value of youth work collectively across Ireland and the UK and build a greater understanding of its impact as a key enabler for change.
4. Grow and develop a diverse, inspired and skilled British-Irish workforce by developing opportunities to share learning, develop connections and create innovation.