

## Annual Registration for Youth Groups

Local Voluntary Youth Service Groups or Organisations wishing to be considered for Registration and Grant-Aid assistance for the financial year April 2017 to March 2018 are invited to make application to the Education Authority Youth Section on or before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The Education Authority Youth Section is mandated to secure provision of adequate facilities and programmes for young people in the 4-25 age range.

In order to be registered a youth unit must:

- Have an appropriate constitution.
- A Child Protection Policy and procedures, based on the Department of Education guidance.
- Maintain appropriate insurance cover.
- Have appropriate financial arrangements.
- Provide assurances of the availability of appropriate leadership and a safe environment for children and young people.
- Deliver a programme reflecting the general themes and core values of youth work, in accordance with the “Youth Work: A Model for Effective Practice” (DE 2003) ([deni.gov.uk](http://deni.gov.uk)).

Youth Service priorities include affirmative action to provide Youth Work opportunities for marginalised young people, particularly those from areas of social need, and groups under- represented in current provision.

Copies of the Registration and Grant-Aid Criteria for Youth Groups can be downloaded [here](#) or obtained by contacting your local youth office from the list below.

Belfast Youth Section: (028) 90564090  
Ballymena Youth Section: (028) 25661330  
Dundonald Youth Section: (028) 90566938  
Armagh Youth Section: (028) 37512266  
Omagh Youth Section: (028) 82411481

Copies may also be made available in alternative formats on request.