

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends, Trusts and Supporters

Thank you so much for your continued generosity, prayers, and encouragement. Everything we do at CIY is only possible because of partners like you who believe in the next generation. We hope this update fills you with joy and gives you a glimpse of how God is moving through the work of CIY.

MOVE 2025

MOVE continues to be a remarkable blessing. This summer, more than 490 people joined us, and we were thrilled once again by the depth of God's grace and faithfulness.

Our theme, In Between, led us through the book of Hebrews as we explored faith and how to live in the 'In-Between' moments with Jesus. God moved powerfully and we saw 42 first-time commitments to Jesus and 127 re-commitments/re-dedications. We are celebrating with churches across the island as young people step boldly into faith and choose Jesus.

One of our major focuses this year was encouraging young people to consider whether God might be calling them into full-time vocational ministry. We hoped perhaps 25 to 30 young people would respond. God surprised us beyond measure! Inspired by Hebrews 12:1-3, "since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses," we created batons inscribed with this Scripture for youth leaders to physically "pass on" to the next generation. It was a beautiful moment and 76 young people responded with a clear desire to explore a future in ministry. We were humbled and deeply moved.

PROJECT-Y

We are delighted to share that our second Youth Worker placement through Project Y is now active!

We have been partnering with Re-Centre Church in Sligo for two years, and we are thrilled to have appointed Lizzie Kron to this role. Lizzie has been a faithful volunteer for years and even featured in our Project Y launch video in 2023—so to see her step into this calling has been incredibly special. She has settled in wonderfully since starting in September, and the ministry is already growing. Exciting opportunities are opening up across Sligo, particularly in schools ministry and inter-church partnerships.



We are also thankful for the extraordinary relationships forming with Catholic dioceses across Ireland. After years of trust-building, the Diocese of Down and Connor has now placed its first Youth Minister in Duneane Parish. Dean Miller began in October and it is a joy for us to be supporting him and the parish. This pioneering role is a significant step for Catholic youth ministry in Ireland, and we are honoured to walk alongside them.

Additionally, recruitment has just been completed for an exciting new role in County Wicklow, which we anticipate beginning in January 2026. This will be our first rural placement, and we are very excited for what God will do there.



CONNECTED

IRELAND

CONNECTED continues to be one of the most life-giving parts of our ministry. This year 62 youth workers joined us from all over Ireland for a retreat of rest, renewal, and community.

One of the most treasured moments each year is when trusted church leaders and intercessors pray individually for every youth worker present. Ministry can be isolating and demanding, and CONNECTED gives these leaders space to receive, simply as beloved sons and daughters, not as workers or for the ministry they lead.

CONNECTED Clusters



To support youth workers all year round, we launched Connected Clusters in October, these are small groups of 5–6 youth workers in similar geographic areas.

Isolation is one of the greatest threats to the longevity of youth ministry in Ireland. Our hope is that these groups become places of friendship, prayer, and mutual encouragement. The first four clusters, representing every province, will begin meeting before Christmas, hosted by Stephen and Hannah.

Signal Fires



We continue hosting regional prayer and worship nights with 24/7 Prayer. In October we gathered in Cork, with young people coming from all over Munster, and in November, young people travelled from Donegal, Coleraine, and Sligo to gather in Derry for a powerful night of united prayer. These nights continue to fuel our vision and knit hearts together across backgrounds and denominations.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Connected Scotland – Jan 2026

A retreat in the same heart and spirit as CONNECTED Ireland, gathering employed youth leaders from across Scotland.

Momentum – Feb 2026

A practical weekend equipping youth leaders and volunteers. If CONNECTED is the heart and about soul care for leaders, Momentum is the hands and head. Workshops will focus on practical ministry skills, strategy, and the nuts and bolts of best practice.

PRAYER POINTS

Project Y

Please pray for Lizzie (Sligo), Dean (Duneane Parish), and Thiago (Discovery Church, Galway). Pray for volunteers, discipleship, and renewed passion for young people in each location.

Europe Discernment

We are prayerfully discerning where God may be leading CIY to serve next in Europe. Leaders from across the UK and Europe will join us in February for a time of listening and discernment.

Our Staff Team

Please pray for Jasper, Helen, Elana, Hannah, Stephen, and Mandy. Pray for unity, joy, strength, and a culture of prayer as we serve together.

