

YLC



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NEWSLETTER

A group of young people, mostly women, are shown from the side, clapping their hands. They are in a dimly lit room with blue neon lights visible in the background. The people are dressed in casual attire like t-shirts and hoodies. The overall mood is celebratory and supportive.

Thank you for following the ministry of CIY.

It has been a busy but deeply encouraging season: as ideas take shape into new programmes like ROAM, conversations lead to intentional ministry through our Project Y initiative and the team is enjoying being on the road, meeting with youth workers and youth leaders.

We hope you will be encouraged as well as we share some snapshots across our newsletter.

Thank you for all your support.

CIY TEAM

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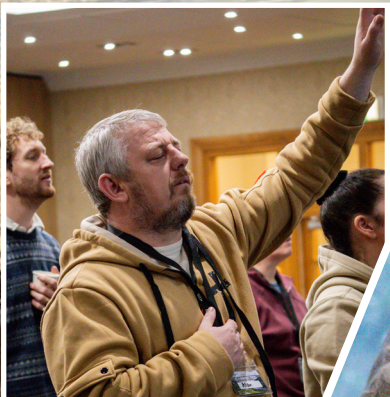
We had our fourth Connected Scotland Retreat in January this year, with 50 youth workers attending as together we unpacked Isaiah 30:15.

‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength..’

It was an incredibly rich time of teaching, worship and response and hugely significant for all who attended. One area we prioritise on these retreats is prayer. We bring in trusted leaders to form a Connected Prayer Team that takes time to pray with each attendee, and every year we are astonished at how powerfully these times of prayer are for the leaders.

Would you continue to pray for all who attended and share the dates below?

Connected Ireland 12-14 October 2026
Connected Scotland 18-20 January 2027



MOMENTUM

Momentum seeks to be a space where both youth workers and volunteers are resourced and encouraged. It is a time to focus on the 'nuts and bolts' of how to do youth ministry, creating room for shared learning and growth.

After a few years break, we ran Momentum again in Ovoca Manor, Co. Wicklow, in the first week of February, together with Scripture Union and Youth for Christ. 45 youth leaders and volunteers came together from as far as Sligo and Cork, for a great few days of encouragement, connection, and being equipped together. There are many highlights, but one of the most encouraging things to come out of Momentum this year has been a clear response from some young volunteer leaders who are now considering youth work as a vocation.

Signal Fires is an ongoing prayer movement led in partnership with CIY and 24-7 Prayer, creating spaces across Ireland for young people to come together and seek God. This year we've gathered in Derry, Belfast, Cork, and Dublin with between 60–200 young people attending.

It's been amazing to see young people coming together to pray for other young people, creating a real sense of unity and shared heart. Each evening has included worship, creative prayer stations, a short word on prayer, and a focused moment around Project Y, where young people are praying for more youth work and youth leaders to be raised up across Ireland.

One of the most encouraging things has been seeing young people take prayer beyond these events, and praying for their schools, their communities, and each other.

In Cork especially, the response has been incredible, with young people now running their own Signal Fires gatherings, shared between churches and youth groups at different locations across the area.

At its core, Signal Fires is about encouraging young people to pray and helping them grow in their relationship with God. God is making this easy for us, as we are seeing this happen in meaningful ways across all our events and programmes.

Signal Fires



PROJECT-Y!



Too many young people are turning up, and the youth worker is now having to run both junior and senior youth groups.

Young people are thirsty for God and want space to seek answers for their questions, so the leaders have changed the programme from running games to creating space for Q&A and prayer.

Leaders want to make sure they are equipping the young people with tools to open the Bible, yet when the young people bring their Bibles, these are littered with highlighted verses and tags to passages, and it is evident that their Bible discipline is active, and these young people are hungry for God.



These are some of the stories coming back from our Project-Y locations. God is at work, and young people are again and again and again stepping towards Him.

In January, we saw the appointment of Laura Mahon as the Youth Pastor in Redcross Church of Ireland in Wicklow. We have been walking with this church for several years now, and it is so encouraging to see this appointment made, as well as how quickly Laura has become part of the church community and is building strong relationships with the young people.

As we look ahead, we are walking alongside eight other churches at the moment, all considering how they best engage with the young people in their church and around their area. Please pray for this work, as churches identify priorities, garner resources, and step into a new season of youth ministry. Also, if you or a church you know might be interested in joining in with the Project-Y journey, please get in touch. We want to serve the church across Ireland and help reach young people.

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PROJECT-Y IS ABOUT!

- Placing youth workers in local churches
- Increasing support to help workers and volunteers thrive in youth ministry
- Advocating for young people and youth ministry



ROAM

ROAM is a brand new initiative, where we host a youth event in a local church in each of the four provinces of Ireland. Our aim is to ROAM around all four provinces of Ireland each year.

This April we kicked off ROAM in Connacht, at Discovery Church in Galway. We were very pleased that around 120 young people showed up from across the west, from Galway, Athlone, Limerick, and Castlebar.

Then in May we hosted the second ROAM in Ulster at Lagan Valley Vineyard in Lisburn. Again, we were delighted to see youth groups travelling from as far as Derry to attend and get involved.

At its heart, ROAM exists to call young people to Jesus and invite them into a life of adventure with Him, and these nights really captured that. We had Jasper speaking on the theme “The Third Person,” unpacking how the Holy Spirit isn’t distant or abstract, but a friend who is present and active in our everyday lives. Alongside that, there was worship, plenty of fun with up-front games, donuts, and lots of space to hang out and connect.



One of the things that makes ROAM special is how it's hosted. Each event takes place in a different church, with local youth workers and their young people helping lead and shape the night. It really feels like something shared.

This is deeply aligned with the heart of CIY, to create space for young people not just to attend, but to step into Kingdom Work, to serve, and to take real ownership of their faith and what God is doing in their churches and communities.

The hope is to see ROAM grow into a quarterly rhythm, moving around the country and gathering young people to celebrate Jesus. Keep an eye out as we spend time in Munster and Leinster later this year.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

MOVE - our summer youth camp, is taking place 3-7 August in County Kildare. Our theme is Kingdom Work, as we walk the young people through the book of Ephesians. We are hoping to have around 500 attending.

- Please pray for all those coming and especially for those “last-minute” sign-ups, as young people consider attending MOVE.
- Please pray for young people to give their lives to Jesus for the first time and for a real deepening of faith for those who already know Him.

ENGAGE - is a week-long mission experience for youth groups, where faith comes to life in real and practical ways.

- Please pray specifically for Discovery Church, who are bringing their young people on CIY Europe’s first-ever Engage Trip in July.
- Pray for our ministry partners in Poland, called Proem, who run the camps in Poland where the young people will be serving.
- And pray for logistics, safe travel and that these young people encounter God powerfully whilst serving Proem..

THANK YOU!