

**Fergal Barr – Synopsis of Career from June 1987 – Dec 2021**

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**Background**

<p><b>Third-Level Qualifications:</b> Masters in Education and Contemporary Society; BA in Cross-Cultural Facilitation and Mediation in Divided Societies; Adv Dip in Management and Dip HE in Community Youth Work; Supervising Practice in Community and Voluntary Settings (Module); OCN Exploring Diversity (Level 3 with 4 credits)</p>	<p><b>Areas of Work:</b> Youth Information, Education Welfare, Community Relations, Volunteering, Peace &amp; Reconciliation; Centre / Street / Participation / Rural-based Youth Work; Family Support; facilitation (local, national and international), consultation, evaluation and research., YOUTH / YiA / Erasmus+; Social Justice, Community Dev'tment</p>
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<p><b>Organisational Management:</b> Youth Service Manager with Ballymun Regional Youth Resources (July-Nov 2019); Co-ordinator of The Inside Out Programme (Rural Youth Work), Claudy, 2006-13; Project Director with Off the Streets Community Youth Initiative (Detached / Street Work), Derry, 2002-06; Development Officer, Eglinton Youth Club, Eglinton, 99-00; Co-ordinator of Foyle Youth Institute (Young Leaders Programme), Derry, 1999 - 2005</p>	<p><b>Staff Management:</b> 41 Full/Part-time staff (including 4 managers) at BRYR (2019); 15 full-time staff (2 Assistant Managers, 12 Key Workers &amp; 1 Project Worker) for Extern (2018); 2 full &amp; 1 part-time staff for The Inside Out Programme (2006-11); 12 full &amp; Part-time Staff at Off the Streets 2002-06; 2 full-time seconded employees &amp; Apprentice Worker at NIACRO (96-98); Internal and External supervision of four university students (one from overseas) at varying times; External Supervision with Youth Work Ireland Tipperary 2019-present</p>
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<p><b>Project Management:</b> Belfast Interface Project's Planning Good Relations Project (2020-21); SEUPB-funded <a href="#">Third Space</a> Project for Extern (2018); EC-funded <a href="#">LID+ project</a> and '<a href="#">Redhead300</a>' (2017); <a href="#">The LID Programme</a> (2008- ); DfID-funded OCN-accredited '<a href="#">Network Earth: Global Citizen for 21<sup>st</sup> Century</a>' Training Programme (2010-12); NW Mentoring Project 2000-02; Post-primary Political Ed &amp; International Youth Leadership Programme (1998-99); 6 x 12 week Prince's Trust Volunteer Programmes (1995-98); 17 x week-long residential international training programmes (2001- )</p>	<p><b>Financial Management:</b> BRYR's €1.6M Core-funded Programme of delivery (July-Dec 19); Extern &amp; Verbal's €1M SEUPB-funded Third Space project in 2018; Secured and managed European Commission-funded 'LID+' project in 2017; Between 2002-12 (before working freelance) secured and managed more than €1M from funders including YESIP, Erasmus+, DfID, Children In Need, Tudor Trust, Volunteer Development Agency, Community Relations Council, CFNI, DCSDC, Halifax Foundation, IYF, IFI</p>
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<p><b>Partnership Management:</b> Extern's Third Space project in partnership with Verbal, alongside stakeholders including SEUPB, YouthPact, Queens University, Department for Communities, and OCN (2018); 3-year DfID-funded OCN-accredited '<a href="#">Network Earth: Global Citizen for 21<sup>st</sup> Century</a>' Training Programme in partnership with Children in Crossfire (2010-12); the NW Mentoring Project for NIACRO supported by Social Services, PBNI, Extern and Education Welfare; Managed/hosted 44 International Programmes (4 on behalf of the UK National Agency) with partners from 40+ countries</p>	<p><b>Event Management:</b> The Humour Alliance <a href="#">Humour Festival</a> (2021) <a href="#">The Youth Work &amp; Trainers Bazaar</a> (2021) <a href="#">The Last Hurrah! Goodbye EU Conference</a> (2021) '<a href="#">Market Place</a>' – N Ireland's only public &amp; large-scale 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Erasmus+, 2017); '<a href="#">Redhead300</a>' Derry to Crosshaven Fundraising walk for Irish Cancer Society (2017); <a href="#">The PoP (Paths of Participation) Youth Assembly</a> (2012); European Youth Capital Consultation Events (2010); '<a href="#">Getting it Right - Human Rights for Young People in Rural Areas</a>' Conference (2008); '<a href="#">Generation 2000</a>' Conference (2005); Off the Streets '<a href="#">LEGACY</a>' 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration (2005); Off the Streets Annual Celebrations (2003-2006); Inter-Schools Tenpin Bowling League (1993);</p>
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<p><b>Training:</b> Data Protection, Marketing &amp; Communications, TCI (Therapeutic Crisis Intervention), Outcomes Star, Child Protection, Safeguarding, Management Skills and RSA Team Leaders Award with Extern (2018); QNUK Level II in Safeguarding with NWVC in Oct 17); Storytelling with Holywell Trust (2015); 'Active Citizen' Training with British Council (2010); Chaperone Training with BELB (2008); OCN Level III Exploring Diversity with Youth Action (1999)</p>	<p><b>IT and Social Media:</b> Competent in the use of e-mail, word, spreadsheet, excel, power point, website design. Various examples include <a href="#">Fergal Barr</a>; <a href="#">The LID Programme</a>; <a href="#">Humour is Serious Business</a>; <a href="#">PinBoards</a>; <a href="#">Redhead300</a>; social Media examples include <a href="#">LID+ Facebook Group</a>, <a href="#">LID+ Twitter</a>; mailchimp - <a href="#">Lifting the LID Newsletter</a>; uploading including DJ Mixes to <a href="#">Mix Cloud</a> and video production to <a href="#">YouTube</a>; penning my own <a href="#">blog</a>; using <a href="#">survey monkey</a> to conduct research</p>
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<p><b>Facilitation &amp; Training:</b> hosted 44 international residential programmes in N Ireland, 17 of which have been at minimum of 6 days in length. Overall record for in an international context is: Facilitator only (14); Co-ordinator &amp; Facilitator (8); Co-ordinator (21); Co-ordinator &amp; Trainer (9); Trainer only (16); Co-ordinator/Trainer/Facilitator (1); Advisor (1); Co-ordinator &amp; Moderator (3); Youth Leader (1); Participant/Facilitator (1); Facilitator &amp; Trainer (1); Visit Co-ordinator (4);</p>	<p><b>Generating Ideas:</b> <a href="#">The LID (Leadership through Intercultural Dialogue) Programme</a> which provides international learning opportunities for young people, young leaders, youth workers and 'other' practitioners; <a href="#">Humour is Serious Business</a>; – a training programme using humour to engage young people which positively contributes to Health and Well Being; '<a href="#">LID+</a>' - tailored services that promotes awareness off, accessibility to and supports participation in the Erasmus+ programme;</p>
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**Publications**

**Research:** (i) [Claudy Visioning Process](#), (ii) [Anti-Social Behaviour in the Greater Shantallow Area of Derry: Reasons & Causes - Developing effective responses for addressing the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour and Young People](#), (iii) [Anti-Social Behaviour: Issues, Concerns and Experiences of Young People in the Greater Shantallow Area](#) (iv) '[A Study of Values, Attitudes and Opinion Young People in the Greater Shantallow Area](#)' **Evaluations:** (i) [Focus on Family](#) and (ii) [Coleraine Youth Forum](#), **Project Reports:** (i) [The 'Why?' Project](#), (ii) [The PoP \(Paths of Participation\) Youth Assembly](#), (iii) [Youth Manifesto](#) (iv) [Anti-Social Behaviour: A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY?](#) (v) [Measuring the Intangible](#) (vi) [Factors, Influences, Causes and Recommendations – working towards an agreed approach](#); **Consultation Reports:** (i) '[The only game in town-Embedding a culture of participation in youth provision](#)', (ii) [CYPNI report on Participation Structures](#); **Other reports:** (i) [Report & Activity Pack](#) for an EU YOUTH funded Training Programme, Creating a Common European Consensus and (ii) [Report & Activity Pack](#) for an EU YOUTH funded Training Programme, Web of Experience and (ii) [Derry City Council's shortlisted bid for European Youth Capital 2013](#); **Strategic:** Off the Streets [Strategic Plan](#) & [The Case for Supporting Our Work](#) as well as their [Annual Report](#) in 2005 and [Annual Report](#) in 2004; **Contributions to 'Third Party' publications:** (i) Youth Council for Northern Ireland's '[Impact of International Youth Work](#)' (ii) [Global Links: Human Rights, Democracy and good practices of social transformation \(P76-82\)](#) and (iii) South Bank University's (iii) 'Inventing Adulthood: A Biographical Approach to Youth Transitions' for South Bank University; **Books:** (i) [The Things People Say, Political Quotations from the Northern Ireland Peace Process](#) and (ii) [The Yet Unknown Little Brown Book, A Collection of Poems](#);

**Other Achievements**

I represented myself at an Industrial Tribunal and singlehandedly fought a test case leading to a change in employment law in Northern Ireland (2002); Developed & Designed Street Work Training Programme, which paved the way for the first formal qualification in 'Outreach and Detached Youth Work' at OCN Level 3 (2005); Received a 'North West Person of the Year' Award (2006); published [The Things People Say – Political Quotations from the NI Peace Process](#) (2008), [The Yet Unknown Little Brown Book...A Collection of Poems](#) (2010) and [In No Particular Order](#) (2020); Co-authored Derry City Council's shortlisted bid for European Youth Capital 2013 (2011); produced six video documentaries for Foyle Youth Institute on a range of international programmes - three accompanied by activity packs (1999 – 2006); I've been a Landlord with NIHE since 1999