



Application Form European Youth Capital 2013

[Full Application – Derry~Londonderry, N Ireland]

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Foreword

As the first citizen and the youngest Mayor in our City's history, I wish to whole- heartedly support the bid to designate Derry the European Youth Capital in 2013.

This designation can provide a platform from which the emerging generation can build a brighter future leaving the conflict of our past behind, unleashing the creativity of our children and young people and placing us in a central role in creating a new story of a peaceful, prosperous and forward looking European City.

The City as a major port has had long established links with Europe. Throughout the 17th and 18th Century the City had significant trading relationships involving a wider range of import and export activities. These included the import of flaxseed, hemp and tallow from Russia, meal from Norway and Demark, iron from Sweden and wine from Portugal.


In our UK City of Culture 2013 bid we pledged to connect people through culture and the designation of European Youth Capital will enhance this prospect. It will provide the additional framework to focus upon the target audience of children and young people.

We will capture the enthusiasm of our youth through cultural creativity and learning for life initiatives. We will reach out to those young people who are disenfranchised and on the margins of society and provide them with the opportunity to share fully in the active life of this community.

The European Youth Capital designation will, in the wider European context, accelerate our efforts to build an inclusive and multicultural society in which mutual respect is a core value. This will be a bedrock of our change.

I am reminded of John Hume, our City's great European Statesman and MEP who, when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 1998, stated in his acceptance speech:

"All conflict is about difference, whether the difference is race, religion or nationality. The European visionaries decided that difference is not a threat, difference is natural. Difference is of the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth and it should therefore never be the source of hatred or conflict. The answer to difference is to respect it. Therein lies the most fundamental principle of peace – respect for diversity."



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Summary of the bid

Derry City Council and ILEX Urban Regeneration Company in partnership with a wide range of partner organisations present a joint bid for European Youth Capital 2013 to The European Youth Forum on behalf of young people and youth work communities throughout the City of Derry~Londonderry and from across Northern Ireland.

This City has already secured the status of UK City of Culture 2013 and has just recently launched its Draft Regeneration Plan mapping out the proposed social, cultural and economic development of the City for the period 2010-2020.

Our bid For EYC 2013 is firmly connected to both the Regeneration of the City and plans for UK City of Culture and thus provides a clear focus for the development of children and young people not only within our immediate communities but right across Northern Ireland and the island of Ireland.

This bid has been developed not only with a view to the future regeneration of the City and surrounding areas but has also taken cognisance of a number of strategic and political developments at local, regional, national and international level which have had and will have a direct bearing on children and young people within the broad Derry~Londonderry area and right across Northern Ireland and Europe.

These developments include both OFMDFM (Office for First Minister and Deputy First Minister) and NICCY (Northern Ireland Commission for Children and Young people) 10 year strategies for Children and Young People, 'NI (Northern Ireland) Youth Work Priorities', the MDG's (Millennium Development Goals), International Youth Year 2010 priorities for young people, *EU Strategy for Youth – Investing and Empowering*, the YiA (Youth in Action) Programme and the 25th anniversary of UNCRC in 2014.

The bid has also been developed in the context of a flourishing post-conflict society where the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 has provided the foundation for the current democratic institutions in Northern Ireland and also within the broader evolution of the youth service in Northern Ireland with its 13 curriculum themes spread across 8 youth work categories and underpinned by the Model of Effective Practice and most importantly, three core principles - *Commitment to Preparing Young People for Participation, Testing Values and Beliefs* and the *Promotion of Acceptance and Understanding of Others*.

We have set ourselves a clear Vision and Mission, Aim and Objectives which will be implemented through a wide and diverse range of programming and is underpinned by a commitment to four values – Connection, Celebration, Culture and Dialogue.

We are committed to one EYC event per day during the course of 2013 and have based our approach to programming on a 5-pronged approach, i.e., maximising existing calendar events, implementing newly designed EYC events, organising events to connect with previous EYC's, implementing a rolling programme based on ten key themes and utilising the UK City of Culture Programme.

Ten Key Themes provide the focus for programmes although there is also enough flexibility for delivery outside of these ten themes. We have identified 23 different youth work priorities drawn from NI Youth Work Priorities, IYY 2010 programme priority areas, EYF priorities, MDG's and the EU Youth Strategy. Most programme will address at least one if not more of these priorities.

Derry~Londonderry has a **Vision** for EYC 2013 – “The Ultimate meeting place for children and young people and youth work communities”.

Our Mission is to *create connections between children and young people, celebrate all that is positive about them, exhibit youth culture and promote dialogue among young people and youth work communities.*

Our Aim is to create space and time for children, young people and youth work communities to explore dreams and aspirations and in doing so identify and promote actions that address youth work priorities so as to bring about positive change in the lives of young people throughout Europe.

Our bid is advantageous in that much of the ‘homework’ necessary to host EYC 2013 is already in place or will be in place by 2013 as a result of our status as ‘UK City of Culture 2013’ and a Regeneration Plan that will be well under way.

Through the work undertaken to develop both the City of Culture bid and the Regeneration Plan, Derry City Council and ILEX have already secured a range of firm funding commitments, developed a recognised branding and expertise in marketing and promotion, have enlisted the support of a wide range of individuals and organisations across a wide variety of recognised professions and sectors, have built networking capacity on a global scale and can boast a range of top venues and spaces so as to host and support implementation of EYC in 2013 – the City is recognised as having among the widest range of cultural and arts venues anywhere in Ireland and Britain and this it should be pointed out, was significant in the successful City of Culture bid. This will also be enhanced as a direct result of City of Culture Bid and Regeneration Plan as previously under-developed spaces will be exploited.

The Regeneration Plan itself has 5 transformational themes and 11 catalyst programmes with more than 80 initiatives which allows us to easily connect them to all five European Youth Forum policies of *Education, Social Affairs, Employment, Human Rights and Participation and youth work development.*

Derry-Londonderry makes strong and well constructed arguments as to why it should be EYC. This includes having the youngest population in UK, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the construction of its famous walls in 2013, acting as conduit between London Olympics and Glasgow Commonwealth games and alongside its connection with London it will be the first island city to be European Youth Capital.

Underpinned by City of Culture status and a 10-year Regeneration Plan whilst also emerging from a period of sustained conflict (which allows us to share our learning) Derry~Londonderry is an ideal position to now host EYC 2013.

To support this process we have a Children and Young People’s Sectoral Working Group, we are bidding for UNICEF child friendly status and we have a programme second to none which has been the result of on-going consultations with young people and youth work communities across Derry~Londonderry and Northern Ireland.

Our programme is varied, connected and inter-linked and delivered through a diverse partnership in a city with suitable venues, expertise, resources and budget. We are confident we can deliver the most successful European Youth Capital yet.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL (EYC) APPLICATION FORM

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Additional information on other structures listed as support

ILEX Urban Regeneration Company

ILEX was established to promote the physical, economic and social regeneration of Derry~Londonderry and has specific responsibility to manage and re-develop two former military bases of Ebrington (26 acres) and Fort George (14 acres). Mixed-use development is envisaged for both sites and revitalisation of the riverfront is a key objective.

Inside Out

Inside Out was established in Claudy as a targeted youth initiative, funded by the Local Strategy Partnership for Derry City Council area (DLSP), in 2004, through the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation. Inside Out provides a range of services, training, accredited courses, projects & programmes that aim to minimise feelings of alienation and marginalisation.

Inside Out's Vision is one of 'An active and healthy rural youth population in Northern Ireland.' Its mission is 'To create, facilitate and promote opportunities for young people to work in partnership with adults to advance and realise the aspirations of young people living in rural areas.'

The Playhouse

The Playhouse specialises in providing young people with alternative forms of learning that, while still being accredited, offer practical, creative & fun learning experiences in a non-formal classroom environments. The courses offer young people throughout Derry/Londonderry and Surrounding Rural Areas the opportunity to participate in, accessible, high quality Arts Training and gain a UK wide recognised Qualification. The Playhouse has been a registered Training Centre with The Open College Network Since 1977.

Ocean Youth Trust Ireland

Ocean Youth Trust is dedicated to providing the young people of Ireland, from all walks of life and backgrounds, the opportunity to participate in the unique experience that is Sail Training.

Being part of the crew, sailing a 70ft ocean going vessel, opens up a world of adventure, of teamwork, of responsibility, of learning, of self confidence and fun. We empower and support young people to succeed.

There is universal recognition that engaging young people on extended and challenging sailing voyages provides an opportunity to develop valuable life skills that they might not otherwise have the chance to experience.

bOUNCECulture

bOUNCE Culture provides information, networks and platforms for all to learn and express themselves through music. The organisation consists of two main elements, Education and Events. Our workshops, courses and programmes reflect the many skills we believe are needed to stage a successful event, perform on any stage or produce music at any level. A successful bid would accelerate our efforts to facilitate, develop and realise the undoubted young talent that we work with on a daily basis.

GSAP

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership was established to address disadvantage and promote regeneration within the Greater Shantallow area and it remains one of a number of area-based community partnerships within the Derry City Council Area. GSAP is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status and was formed following a public meeting in October 1995, where there was a consensus that an organisation should be set up to help co-ordinate community responses to local problems.

GSAP is a key community support agency in the Greater Shantallow area working with and on behalf of local residents and the community. Its catchment area contains the wards of Culmore, Carnhill, Ballynashallog, Pennyburn, Shantallow East and Shantallow West, which represent approximately 30,000 people.

St. Columb's Park House

St. Columb's Park House is a Peace and Reconciliation Centre in the Waterside area of the city and orchestrates a number of activities including:

- Structured play activities
- Youth Bank
- Millennium Volunteers Bank
- Residential accommodation
- Seminar venue
- Cross community participation
- Anti social behaviors project
- Gateway to Protestant participation

WELB Youth Service

WELB Youth Service Team is made up of six full time clubs, three controlled and three voluntary; 2 Senior Youth Workers and 1 Area Youth Worker; 53 registered groups.

SEEDS

SEEDS is a proactive diversity initiative created to address the challenges and opportunities of increased cultural and ethnic diversity in North West region of Northern Ireland.

SEEDS is an independent group working in mutual solidarity to promote and realise the human rights, equality and full integration in our society of asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers. Over recent years the issue of representing and dealing with the concerns of migrant workers has grown enormously as an agenda item for this society. In SEEDS we seek to promote racial, ethnic and cultural diversity in the North West of Ireland thus maintaining a commitment to promote equality and integration.

Diversity is embedded into the very heart of SEEDS values. It is both a cornerstone of our foundation and crucial to the group's success going forward. We have worked hard over the years to integrate diversity into all aspects of our activities — our membership, support groups, partners, networks of agencies and professionals, in our services and through our contributions to the communities we serve. This is part of the SEEDS way of doing business. We strive to create an inclusive work and social environment, where all are respected; where different perspectives and ideas are encouraged and valued; where people are empowered to give their personal best each and every day.

We believe this inclusiveness is critical to our ability to attract and promote good practice and win in our society. The differences reflected in SEEDS membership — whether they are based on gender, race and ethnicity, age, ability, lifestyles, experiences or ideas — are some of our Group's most important assets. SEEDS currently has 891 members from 59 nationalities living, working, studying and 'in love' in the North West of Ireland. We have been in existence since 2004 and became legally constituted as a Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2005.

Off the Streets

Off the Streets is a charitable organisation with an elected management committee. It was formed in March 1996 out of concern from local parents, local City Council politicians and youth workers regarding the growing numbers of young people on the streets in the Greater Shantallow Area increasingly engaging in "antisocial" behaviour and risk taking behaviour including abuse and misuse of alcohol and drugs as well as engaging in behaviour that creates a climate of fear within the community.

Derry Theatre Trust/Millennium Forum

Located in Derry City, Northern Ireland, the Millennium Forum Theatre opened in September 2001. The Forum's prime aim is to provide and encourage cross-community entertainment and cultural development while playing a vital role in the economic regeneration of the city. We offer a diverse range of high integrity artistic and cultural events in our three seasons each year, presenting: Drama, Musicals, Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Opera, Pantomime, Festivals, Classical and Popular Music, and Children's Shows. The Forum is both a receiving and a producing house. We continue to consolidate connections with schools, students, local youth and those with disabilities through tours of the Forum, BSL & ISL signed shows, captioned shows, outreach talks and workshops in schools, work placements for students, direct mails, developing the audience through communications via the Youth Mailing List and the Access Mailing List and the two main youth summer projects: The Millennium Forum Youth Theatre Group and InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum.

Voluntary Arts Ireland

Voluntary Arts Ireland is the umbrella organisation for the 1000's of grass roots voluntary arts groups that deliver arts participation activities in communities across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Our vision is a healthier civil society through practical participation in the arts and crafts. We provide an ongoing information and communication service and are active in a range of areas including volunteering, direct support services for voluntary arts groups, lobbying, advocacy and brokering. We also lead a youth project called Young Arts Co-operatives enabling young people to set up and run their own voluntary groups.

Sitting on our Advisory Group in Northern Ireland is 19 year old Laura O'Hare who has come up through our Young Arts Co-operatives project and also leads a young collective in one of the most disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland. We are particularly proud of Laura and of Pauline Matthew the project leader who has created a genuinely youth-led project that empowers young people to lead, make decisions, have choices and most importantly; have their voices heard. There is now a growing network of Young Arts Co-operatives across Northern Ireland which are on the whole self-sustaining. Voluntary Arts Ireland offers support and guidance, advocates on their behalf and seeks to connect them into the wider community, youth networks and youth policy.

Young Arts Co-operatives

Young Arts Co-operatives is a Voluntary Arts Ireland project which is 100% youth-led, youth-centred and is giving young people a voice within arts/youth sectors, their communities and further afield. Beginning in 2007 following a previous VAI research project, the Young Arts Co-operatives have primarily been based in Larne (with this currently being our most developed Co-op) and the North Coast, engaging young people in the 11-25 age bracket, however we are always keen to co-ordinate the development of Co-ops in other areas, alongside furthering those already established.

Although the activities associated with the Young Arts Co-ops in which the young people have engaged to date have been extensive, some include organising & facilitating arts workshops for other young people, attending numerous youth/arts/cultural events, completing training, meeting with policy makers/helping to influence policy relating to the arts/young people, participating in cross-border projects and delivering presentations to both young people and adults.

Young Arts Co-operatives; arts for young people, created, organised and run by young people.

School Employer Connections

School Employer Connections (formerly Foyle School and Employer Connections or FOSEC) was created by business leaders in 1999 to establish meaningful connections between schools and employers so that employers could play a part in preparing students for the world of work. This is the only organisation of its kind anywhere in Ireland.

School Employer Connections works with approximately 500 employers annually from across NI and also from the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. Over 4,000 students from more than 50 post-primary schools across three Education and Library Board areas now take part in our programmes every year.

School Employer Connections has three main programmes of activity to meet need in the above priority areas as follows:

1. **Work Experience Programme** - A structured programme through which School Employer Connections matches students aged 14-18 with appropriate employers for a one-week placement with quality educational and developmental outcomes. At present, we manage approximately

1,250 such placements per year.

2. **Class Programme** – workplace-based curriculum-related workshops in the priority areas for whole class groups. At present, over 2,000 students participate in this programme annually.
3. **Careers Events Programme** – e.g. Health Careers Open Days, Stock Market Challenge event, Technology and Design Open Day. At present, over 1,600 students per year participate in this programme.

Our primary area of focus is the North West region as this is where the need for our services is greatest since this region is characterized by low levels of public and private investment, high unemployment and a fragmented economy, largely dependent on small or medium enterprises.

PlayBoard

PlayBoard is the lead agency for the development and promotion of children's and young people's play in Northern Ireland. To this end, the organisation provides a range of innovative services designed to strengthen service delivery. Since its inception in 1985, PlayBoard has campaigned, lobbied, raised awareness and developed partnerships in order to put play on the agenda of policy makers and resource providers.

PlayBoard is a membership organisation. The agency exists to promote, create and develop quality play opportunities aimed at improving the quality of children and young people's lives. This is achieved through three key functions:

- Championing Children and Young People's Play – rights and needs
- Developing, expanding and promoting membership services to assist stakeholders provide better play experiences and opportunities for all children: and
- Improving and enhancing PlayBoard ensuring the organisation is progressive and fit for purpose.

All children and young people have the right to play and have an intrinsic need to play: opportunities for children and young people to be free to choose what they do– with the chance to challenge themselves, take risks and enjoy freedom. The right to play is enshrined in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Wall2Wall Music

Wall2Wall Music delivers creative music workshops in the North West of Ireland. It inspires and motivates young people to compose their own music and songs

together and then provides opportunities for them to perform and record their music. The techniques used are based on the world leading Guildhall School of Music and Drama Connect programme with whom

Wall2Wall Music has collaborated on several projects. The workshops are designed to stimulate right brained thinking, develop musical skills, build self confidence, encourage teamwork and develop leadership skills.

Wall2Wall Music started life in 2006 as an education project for Music 55-7 and has successfully grown to become an independant organisation which now runs workshops throughout the Northwest of Ireland. Wall2Wall Music also offers training in community music skills to local musicians and an ongoing shadowing volunteer programme.

Nerve Centre (www.nerve-centre.org.uk)

The Nerve Centre was established in 1990 as a focal point for youth culture in Derry/Londonderry and is considered one of the UK,s most dynamic and innovative multimedia centres. By bringing popular music, film, video, animation and digital media together under one roof, the Nerve Centre promotes creative collaboration and fusion between artists and provides a cultural outlet for many young people who feel excluded from what is traditionally regarded as the 'arts sector'.

Housed in a state-of-the-art building comprising live music venue, cinema, edit suites, rehearsal and recording studios, and in-house film production company, the Nerve Centre currently has over 100,000 people benefiting from its various events, programmes and projects including the annual Foyle Film Festival in November. The live music venue regularly hosts a variety of international acts, such as Scouting for Girls, Sinéad O,Connor, Snow Patrol, Michael McIntyre, and David Gray.

The Nerve Centre's artistic output has gained it an international reputation with an Oscar nomination for the short film, *Dance, Lexie, Dance* in 1998, a BAFTA nomination for the animated film, *The Crumble Giant* in 2008 and its ongoing collaboration with local visual artist Willie Doherty garnering a nomination for the 2003 Turner Prize.

The centre is a major regional hub for the creative industries in Northern Ireland, producing films, videos, music recordings, digital media content and major regional websites such as www.culturenorthernireland.com. The organisation has 32 full-time and 6 part-time staff located across three sites - the Nerve Centre, Magazine Studios and Studio On Creative Learning Centre in East Belfast.

Recent expansion in the last 18 months has included

the creation of Magazine Studios, a new 18,000 sq ft facility which is home to the Northern Ireland Archive of the Moving Image, a Creative Learning Centre and a creative industries support centre providing office accommodation, meeting rooms and Film and TV post production facilities for the development of the local creative industries.

The Creative Learning Centre is the educational model that the Nerve Centre has developed to bring digital creativity into the heart of the school curriculum (see www.creativelearningcentre.org.uk). With funding from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL), the Nerve Centre's two Creative Learning Centres in Derry and Belfast are currently working with teachers throughout the region demonstrating how the new digital technologies can empower young people to become active, self-directed learners.

Mencap

The Youth Inclusion Hub has been set up to develop inclusive youth work practice for young people with disabilities in Northern Ireland.

A joint project between Mencap, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and the Northern Ireland Deaf Youth Association (NIDYA), the Youth Inclusion Hub provides information, advice and training to promote inclusive youth work practice for young people with disabilities.

Key targets of the project include production of a quarterly newsletter, development of a website, provision of information and advice to service providers and development of a youth forum for young people with disabilities.

Shantallow Community Residents Association

Shantallow Community Residents Association wish to be included with as a partner in the bid to become the European Youth Capital for 2013. As a key youth provider in the Outer North Neighbourhood Renewal, and the wider Greater Shantallow areas, SCRA is involved in much of the Youth provision in the area.

The Shantallow Community Residents Association has over twelve years experience of community development and currently employs 12 staff developing, coordinating and managing a diverse range of community initiatives, but mainly concentrating on the development of young people, incl. physical activities, sport, developmental and recreational programmes.

Included in the main aims and objectives of the Shantallow Community Residents Association are:

- Promote activities and facilities for the development of children in our community,
- To help build and rebuild the confidence of local

youth by providing access to quality training, education and recreation facilities so as to encourage greater involvement in community life.

Currently, the Association provide the management role for a number of local organisations who provide activities and programmes for children and young people.

Activities include; summer schemes with over 350 YP participating, after school programmes such as homework clubs and physical activities with over 200 YP participating per year, deliver multi school safety awareness programmes to all areas in the City – up to 2000 per year, youth development, community safety, intervention and diversionary programmes weekly, midnight street soccer – 200 per year, extended schools environmental projects – 800 Primary school pupils per year etc...

SCRA and the Shantallow Renewal Team in partnership with Derry City Council have established a floodlit 2G MUGA, a new state of the art Play Park, a 10 - Hole Mini Golf Course, a Facilities office and changing facilities, a secured safe Green Play space and Junior grass soccer pitch. SCRA also manage the 'Shared Management Agreement' with Derry City Council for these Outdoor Leisure facilities.

In addition, the Association regularly coordinate the youth providers in the area for 'joined up' programmes and are confident that our role in youth provision is important for the City and particularly the Outer North area.

SCRA is represented on most strategic groupings in the City including the Strategy Board which oversees the Regeneration & Investment Plan Mark 2, and the City of Culture Bid.

Londonderry YMCA

Londonderry YMCA aims to create learning situations for young people where they can develop physically socially and spiritually

Clubs for Young People NI

CYP and those who support us, aim to **reach, involve, enjoy** and **achieve** with young people through:

- Sport
- Information & Communications Technology
- Training
- International Youth Work
- Outdoor Pursuits
- The Arts
- Diversity & Inclusivity
- Personal & Social Development
- Volunteering
- CYP Support Services

5. INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT CITY

Total population	Approximately 100, 000, (40, 000 households)
Population under 35 years old years old	24% are under 14, 26.8% under the age of 16, 39% under 25 and 35% aged between 16 and 39; the average age of residents in the DC Council area is 32.8; the Northern Ireland average is 35.8. The youth population according to the last consensus for 4-9, 10-14, 15-17 and 18-25 is 8604, 9638, 5820 and 10, 773 respectively.

The applicant is free to present the city, focusing on a youth perspective (max. 1500 words). (a. History; b. Existing Youth structures, c. Youth support services, d. Structures and Policies; e. EU and inter-city, f. inter-regional relations; g. other).

Derry City Council is the second largest local authority out of 26 local authorities in Northern Ireland. The Council area comprises an area of 150 square miles with a total population of approximately 110,000 and a market hinterland of 300,000. Almost 40% of the city's population are under 25. It is the youngest city in the UK. The rural area comprises up to 20,000 of this figure. Within the rural area there are seven main villages:- Claudy, Culmore, Eglinton, Lettershandoney, Newbuildings, Park and Strathfoyle, with a further thirteen smaller settlements. The City Region is cross border by definition, including Derry~Londonderry, Strabane and the Donegal hinterland which shares 93% of its land boundary with Northern Ireland.

Derry~Londonderry is recognised as having an exceptional visitor experience with its outstanding river front location, the City Walls, the largest scheduled monument in NI, stunning landscapes, award winning beaches, the breathtaking Sperrin Mountains and world heritage sites such as the Giant's Causeway. The regional authority for tourism in NI, the NITB has recognised the potential of the region as offering a distinctive visitor experience through its designation as a Signature Project, one of five in their portfolio.

Many tourists now arrive through the City of Derry Airport which provides easy access to and from London, Dublin, Liverpool and Birmingham. The introduction of summer charter flights from Spain and Eastern Europe adds to the increasing numbers of tourists from further afield as do flights from the US and elsewhere in Europe which are easily accessible through Belfast.

Derry~Londonderry is the UK City of Culture 2013 and is an emerging modern European city which is renowned for its unique heritage, history and contemporary cultural activity and is set in one of the world's most beautiful rural and coastal hinterlands. The City's strategic location on a river estuary in the North West of Ireland has defined its role historically and geographically over the centuries as the capital of the North West region.

Few cities can claim one Nobel Laureate, yet Derry~Londonderry produced two, John Hume and Seamus Heaney, along with an internationally renowned playwright, Brian Friel, novelist Seamus Deane, songwriter Phil Coulter and actors Amanda Burton, Bronagh Gallagher and Roma Downey. This City also excels in sport and Jason Smyth the double Paralympics Gold Medal winner continues this fine tradition.

Derry City Council's corporate vision for the region is "A vibrant, prosperous region with equality of opportunity for all". This vision can only be delivered through collective partnership working with other statutory, community, voluntary, private and public sectors working together.

Derry City Council's Strategic partners are ILEX and SIB (Strategic Investment Board). The SIB are leading infrastructure in the same ways they have with the Titanic Quarter in Belfast. To support this process Derry City Council has an Economic Development Unit within its Development Department.

Recent investment in the physical infrastructure has supported a vibrant arts and cultural sector within the City including, many award winning facilities such as the Tower Museum, Museum of Free Derry, the Verbal Arts Centre, Playhouse, Nerve Centre and Millennium Forum all located within the historic city walls. In addition the new £3.3m An Gaelaras building and the Waterside Theatre bring an additional dimension to cultural diversity within the city. The creation of the University of Ulster's School of Creative Arts in 2006 perfectly complements the first ever UK City of Culture 2013 with the renaissance in the arts dovetailing with Derry~Londonderry's historic cultural strength and our application for UNESCO World Heritage Status for our City walls.

Derry City Council is submitting this bid on behalf of the EYC's Partnership Working Group which is made up of representatives from Derry City Council, ILEX Urban Regeneration Company, City Centre Initiative, Western Education & Library Board Youth Service, children & young People's Sectoral Working Group, Inside Out, The Playhouse, Ocean Youth Trust, bOUNCE Culture, Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, St Columb's Park House, SEEDS, Derry Theatre Trust/Millennium Forum, Voluntary Arts Ireland, Shantallow Community Residents Associations, Young Arts Co-operative, School Employer Connections, The Nerve Centre, Londonderry YMCA, Off the Streets, Playboard, Foyle Language School, Wall2Wall Music, Mencap and Clubs for Young People.

This working group has been established to take forward the youth programme for EYC 2013. This group will be further enhanced with the appointment of a dedicated Children & Young People's Officer employed with Derry City Council.

Under the recently published Regeneration Plan for Derry~Londonderry the mission is to deliver "Renewal – Economic, Physical and Social; building a stronger and more vibrant economy with increased prosperity for our city and region; in ways which ensure that opportunities and benefits from regeneration are targeted towards the most deprived groups in our communities".

Spearheaded by ILEX (Urban Regeneration Company), the Regeneration Plan maps out the city's future. Over 1000 people were involved in its development and alongside the Citiscope Model which was also used, it offers a firm and informed view of ideas for the development of the city and therefore has credibility and authority.

As both Regeneration Plan and City of Culture bid pre-date the EYC bid it offers an informed opinion on its status, aspirations and proposed developments thus enabling the EYC bid to sit comfortably within the 'bigger picture' of the city's overall development.

The Regeneration Plan is coherent with the latest EU 2020 Strategy Document which sets out Europe's vision for long term economic and social development which can be summed up as "SMART", sustainable and inclusive growth.

Within the framework of the regeneration plan there is an already established Children & Young People's Sectoral Working Group. This group comprises of representatives from groups working within the children and young people's sector in the city and district including local, regional and national organisations from the community and voluntary sector. This group will be an integral part of the young people's programme for EYC 2013.

Northern Ireland is undergoing a sustained period of change. There has been quite a lot of social change including population shifts, greater mobility, smaller families, breakdown in traditional family structures, changes in traditional gender roles, deteriorating health among young people, more young people staying in education and the growth in IT, telecommunications and home entertainment industry.

At an economic level there has been the demise of traditional industries, growth of particular sub-groups: unskilled and less skilled young people, reduction in European Funding and a change in Northern Ireland's 'Objective 1 Status'. All of this has had a direct impact on how youth provision is shaped in Northern Ireland - young people are viewed as central to the future development of Northern Ireland.

The signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 signaled an 'end' to hostilities in Northern Ireland and this was followed by the return of devolution. The Good Friday Agreement outlined a vision of *a peaceful, inclusive, prosperous, stable and fair society, firmly founded on the achievement of reconciliation, tolerance and mutual trust and the protection and vindication of human rights for all. Central to this vision for the future must be a focus on young people.*

OFMDFM (Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister) proposed a vision of 'A Northern Ireland in which children and young people thrive and look forward with confidence to the future'. OFMDFM also identified a number of 'key issues' facing young people in trying to achieve this vision:

- intolerance and sectarianism/paramilitaries
- conflict
- bullying
- promotion of rights/participation

Whilst young people might be central to the vision of both the Good Friday Agreement and OFMDFM, the challenge to create a society whereby this aspiration can be fulfilled remains. The challenge to emerge from a society divided along traditional lines still has to be overcome – in a recent survey of 14-18 year olds 42% considered themselves as Irish, 23% British and 18% Northern Irish (1).

Our society remains deeply divided along sectarian lines and we have also witnessed a growth in levels of racism – in Northern Ireland the rate of racial incidents is estimated at 16.4 per 1000 non white population as compared to 12.75 per 1000 in England and Wales (2).

There is no denying sectarianism and racism exists within our society but it is our Youth Sector however that has been 'in the front line' confronting this head on and as a result has over the years built up credibility and authority in how to deal with sectarianism in particular but also a level of expertise and knowledge that is now being 'tapped into' by other conflict areas facing similar challenges. The Youth Service in Northern Ireland is a relatively young profession and much of its professional development has occurred in the latter half of the 20th century.

Over the last 50 years there have been a number of significant events including the launch of Albermarle Report in 1960 when the foundation of the modern day Youth Service was laid. In 1986 the Youth Service policy was launched by the then Conservative government which effectively provided the Youth Service with its first ever curriculum.

The 'Model for Effective Youth Work Practice' was launched in 1997 and the first ever (draft) Youth Work Strategy was published in 2004. At the centre of the Model of Effective Practice there are three core principles - *Commitment to Preparing Young People for Participation, Testing Values and Beliefs* and the *Promotion of Acceptance and Understanding of others*.

Under this model of practice there are 13 themes which make up the current Youth Work Curriculum. They are as follows:

1. Health Education
2. Information, guidance and Counselling
3. Testing Values and Beliefs
4. Creative Arts
5. Outdoor Education
6. Sport and Recreation
7. Widening Horizons
8. Community Investment
9. Community Relations
10. Political Awareness and Active Citizenship
11. Development Education
12. Environmental Awareness
13. Information Technology

Youth Work in Northern Ireland and more broadly the UK and Ireland is generally categorised into 8 areas: (i) Community Youth Work (ii) Youth Empowerment (iii) Centre-based Youth Work (iv) Faith Based Youth Work (v) Detached Youth Work (vi) Outreach Youth Work (vii) School-based work and (viii) Youth Development.

Youth Work in Derry~Londonderry is reflective of the wider youth service across Northern Ireland. The Youth Service is defined as including "all those organisations and projects whose primary purpose is the personal and social development of children, young people and young adults." Youth Services are generally recognised as services for children under-10 years of age, services for young people between 10 and 16 years of age and services to young adults over the age of 16 years. The service is aimed at children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25.

The nature of youth work is described as *the transition from primary to secondary school, from education and training to the labour market and from the family home to independent living requires certain key skills. For some this process may be hampered by factors such as unemployment, a lack of social or educational skills, or lack of adequate housing. Of crucial importance is the quality of the youth worker's relationship with young people and the consequent influence on their learning and development.*(3)

A number of key dimensions are identified as being present – *age related, Voluntary Participation based in Positive Relationships, A Commitment to Association, Friendliness, Informality and Integrity and A Concern with the Welfare and Education of Young People.*(4)

The youth worker's relationship with young people is the element that the youth sector in Northern Ireland can be particularly proud of, particularly against a background of sectarian conflict stretching from the 1960's. Working in this environment and emerging stronger as a profession has enabled the Youth Sector in Northern Ireland to develop practice and a resilience that acts as an example and role model to other countries.

170,000 children and young people benefit from the Youth Service each year. More than 2,500 youth organisations offer young people opportunities for social, intellectual, cultural, physical and spiritual development. In recent times, youth service delivery has emphasised social education, social group work, inclusion and the participation and empowerment of young people many of whom are growing up in the most socially disadvantaged and marginalised communities.

The Youth Service in Northern Ireland can be proud of its achievements - *the youth service makes an important contribution to the personal and social development of many young people. In the best practice youth work makes a distinctive and valuable contribution to helping young people overcome barriers to learning and achievement, develop their social and personal skills and better understand views and cultures different from their own. Outreach work of the youth service provides a high standard of support for vulnerable young people. Youth provision is suffering from low levels of funding over many years.*(5)

Youth Work in Northern Ireland operates across three main sectors, i.e., voluntary, statutory and community. The majority of youth work takes place in the voluntary sector where youth organisations must sustain their operation by identifying and securing funding from a variety of sources including trusts, foundations, donors, sponsorship and fundraising. This in itself has led to the development of a culture where youth workers have developed an expertise in sourcing, identifying and securing funding at local, regional, national and international levels and often in trying and challenging social and economical circumstances. This is also an expertise that that we will continue to share with practitioners from other parts of the world.

The variety of organisations in the voluntary sector is wide-ranging and includes full and part-time units, uniformed organisations, faith and church-based groups. Like the voluntary sector, the community sector must sustain itself but whereas groups and organisations in the voluntary sector cut across a wide-range of themes, the community sector is made up mainly of groups located by geographical area in which they have evolved as a response to an identified need within particular communities.

The statutory sector is made up of full and part-time units and in the Derry City Council area these fall under the remit of the Western Education and Library Board (statutory Youth Service in Northern Ireland is funded by the Department for Education and is set within five geographically located Education and Library Boards) which has a legal obligation to provide a range of youth services to young people. Whilst units and groups might fundraise for a particular activity or set of activities in response to an issue or need, groups and clubs are in receipt of annual funding from the WELB.

The Western Education and Library Board is the largest single provider of youth provision in the Derry City Council area with 53 registered youth organisations - 3 Full-Time Controlled, 3 Full-Time Voluntary, 5 Part-Time Controlled Youth Clubs, 1 Part-Time Voluntary Youth Group, 8 Sponsored Part-Time Groups, 31 Registered Only Groups, 1 Special Needs Group and 1 Junior Group. WELB employs 100 full and part-time staff and almost 100 volunteers. The priorities of WELB are Participation, Inclusion, Health and Support and Development.

Whilst Education and Library Boards have a statutory responsibility for youth provision, the Health Sector also has a responsibility for provision of services to young people. Each Health and Social Services Trust has a statutory duty to set up an Area Children and Young People's Committee to oversee the inter-agency planning of services for vulnerable children and young people in their area.

Area Committees are made up of representatives from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors and are required to produce a Children's Services Plan every three years. The work of each Area Committee is taken forward by inter-agency working groups set up to assess needs by focusing on particular groups of children or geographical areas. There is consistency across the region in the make-up of these groups although there is also some variation between the four Committees.

Area Committees use The "Whole Child" Model which establishes a common way of thinking which can be agreed between agencies, between sectors (voluntary, community and statutory) and between Government Departments - for understanding how society impacts upon children, and on how children impact on society.

This Model demonstrates that children are not passive recipients, but are active participants. It maps out those influences which must be considered when attempting to connect with children. Understanding these influences is critical in designing services that will be relevant to children who have additional needs. The Youth Sector in Northern Ireland is one that is consistent yet responsive, innovative but focused, flexible yet firm but ultimately creative whilst remaining true to its values.

Even when Northern Ireland was under direct rule from London between 1972 and 1998 it remained steadfast and robust and continued to deliver during the height of the 'Troubles' offering many young people sanctuary in a world which was dogged by civil strife and on many occasions mayhem. It wasn't a sanctuary that chose to ignore the prejudice and intolerance that young people faced as a result of deep sectarian hatred and division but one that rallied and confronted this head on forging, nurturing, building and encouraging links across religious and ethnic divides.

The return of devolution to Northern Ireland in 1998 has paved the way for the opening up of dialogue between many actors, agents and stakeholders within the youth sector including government departments.

The Youth Sector has often operated outside of the 'silos' of government but in recent years the relationship between government and the youth work sector has evolved, matured, grown, and become more transparent and with the introduction of a dedicated Children and Young People's Unit it's clear that Children and Young People now have their rightful place at the heart of government thinking and delivery.

The Youth Sector in Northern Ireland constantly reflects and reviews its position, its services and its outputs. In addition to the Children and Young People's Unit, the Northern Ireland Commission for Children and Young People (NICCY) established a few years ago has brought an added dimension to underpinning the rights of children and young people in Northern Ireland.

Alongside a review of the Youth Service and formulation of Youth Work priorities by the Youth Sector itself, both NICCY and Government have published their own but yet complimentary Strategic Plans for children and young people.

The Youth Sector in Northern Ireland draws strength from the fact that it is disparate and diverse delivering a wide range of youth work models but is also constantly evolving and is working in tandem with government departments to maximise resources, funding and delivery.

The Youth Sector has carried out numerous research and consultations into issues and concerns (particularly in the last number of years) affecting young people in an effort to take cognisance of past and current service provision so as to help inform future programmes.

Research has been undertaken by a vast array of organisations but some very notable authors include NICCY, Department of Education, OFMDFM, Northern Ireland Youth Forum and YouthNet. The following Issues have been identified as Youth Work Priorities for the Youth Sector:

1. Safety - Spaces and living with stability
2. Gender Issues
3. Discrimination – LGBT Youth, Ethnic minorities, Travelling Community, etc
4. Child Poverty and social disadvantage
5. Disability
6. Parenthood with a focus on young parents including young fathers
7. Risk-Taking Behaviour
8. Future Prospects
9. Health including mental health, emotional well-being and alcohol/drug abuse
10. Transport
11. Information and Support
12. Perception of Young People in the Media and in ‘the Adult World’
13. The Voice of young people - continued consultation and reference to views and opinions and respect for the views of children and young people
14. Enabling young people to participate in decision-making on issues that affect their lives
15. Partnership with other education providers
16. Dissemination, Training and Awareness-raising of the UNCRC and of children and young people’s rights/respect for rights
17. Economic and environmental well-being
18. Contributing positively to community and society
19. Enjoying, learning and achieving
20. Play and leisure
21. Children and young people in alternative care and leaving care
22. Short-term funding and its impact on service delivery
23. Volunteering opportunities

These issues are being addressed on an on-going basis and we are committed to reflect and address these in our programmes and activities for 2013.

Northern Ireland is also a region which has become quite adept in promoting and learning from inter-city and inter-regional relations, particularly within the EU. Given our former status as an Objective 1 area and our being in receipt of what’s commonly known as ‘PEACE’ funding, i.e., the EU’s SSPPR (Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation) we have engaged and networked with hundreds of organisations in a vast array of locations across Europe.

Considering the history of the conflict in Northern Ireland yet fuelled by a desire to resolve century-old divisions and share models of conflict resolution practice and experiences (that we have developed) we have also engaged with countries on a global scale, from the USA, South America and South Africa to the Balkans, Caucasus and the Middle East.

In recent years however, youth workers have recognised that the youth service could do more to promote international experiences among local communities, particularly within the wider youth sector. This however is not as easy as it sounds because there is also many difficulties and barriers that have restricted or prevented engagement.

There are a number of reasons why international work is not high on the list of priorities of local youth workers (this is based on anecdotal evidence including informal conversations, discussions and feedback) and whilst certainly not exhaustive or prescriptive, it does however offer a sense of some of the issues that need to be addressed in order to enshrine international practice within youth work in Northern Ireland. They are as follows:

- no effective or coherent strategy to promote such work
- international activities are often seen as additional work and not viewed as an intrinsic part of delivery
- recompense for involvement in international activities is often poor, .e.g., time off for workers does not equate to that which is actually involved in delivering exchange programmes or similar
- 'management' do not pro-actively encourage practitioners to become involved in international activities and all too often overseas opportunities remain the domain of managers to 'feed back' learning to 'staff on the ground'
- communication systems for sharing Information regarding international opportunities are limited, inconsistent, often reach staff to late and are at the discretion of management
- many practitioners don't actually see the value, relevance or connection of international practice to that of their day-to-day practice
- there are not enough support systems in place for practitioners, e.g., childcare, subsistence, review & evaluation
- there is a degree of 'guilt' or 'consciousness' about becoming involved in international opportunities, e.g., workers viewed (by others) as prioritising their own needs rather than those of their unit/group
- there is a fear among some practitioners with regard to 'fitting in', i.e., food, language, customs, traditions, etc
- the public has an often negative perception of the EU and thus are not motivated to engage with it

We want to encourage a culture of practice at local level where involvement in international activities is not viewed merely as an 'add-on' but forms part of the on-going professional development of practitioners and ultimately provides valuable learning experiences for children and young people. A successful EYC bid for Derry~Londonderry would help achieve this goal and develop international activities.

This is in part motivated by a growing recognition by Government that Northern Ireland has not played a full role in a broader European Context. More importantly the need to engage more fully is paramount. *The world is more interdependent than ever and the nations that do well will be the ones that build strongest alliances. History has shown us that collective co-operation enhances the strength of individual countries and regions. In an emerging age of globalization, the relevance of the Union has never been stronger.*(6)

In order to play a more active role and to ensure that our approach is informed we have taken stock of the following:

- *Taking our Place in Europe* Policy
- *Youth In Action* Programme
- *Social Inclusion* Strategy
- *Council of Europe* Youth Sector Programmes
- *European Year of Inter-Cultural Dialogue*

Government has a vision for Northern Ireland as a *preferred region of choice for partnership working*.⁽⁷⁾ Greater awareness of and participation in European Matters is central to this vision and one way the government views as achieving this is encouraging *further civil society participation in European matters*. In its strategy it *recognises the importance of civil society organisations participating directly in Europe by working with their counterparts in continental regions and by developing working relationships with the EU institutions*.⁽⁸⁾ The development of the *Youth In Action* Programme and accompanying *Social Inclusion* Strategy provides a context with which to put children and young people at the heart of a pro-active approach to Europe.

Its emphasis on ‘Young People with fewer opportunities’ offers us further evidence of the need to embed creativity, imagination and innovation in delivery of programmes at local level, to ensure those currently outside of mainstream provision have the space and time to play an active role in the build up to EYC 2013, its implementation and to continued legacy post-2013. Among the specific objectives listed in the *Social Inclusion* Strategy is the following

- promoting the fundamental values of the EU among young people, in particular respect for human dignity, equality, respect for human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination;
- facilitating participation in the Programme by young people with fewer opportunities, including young people with disabilities;

The Commission recognises the importance of Non-formal learning and views this as central to addressing youth unemployment and argues that a cross-sectoral approach facilitates ‘smoother transitions from school to work.’ *Non-formal and informal learning in the Youth in Action programme help making learning attractive, developing readiness for lifelong learning and promoting the social integration, in particular of young people with fewer opportunities. Projects in the framework of the Youth in Action programme have a participative and learner-centred approach. The non-formal learning opportunities provided and supported through the Youth in Action programme can therefore be considered as an important complementary tool to social inclusion efforts at national, regional and local levels*.⁽⁹⁾

The Council of Europe’s Youth Programme also sets out clear objectives many of which provide us with a framework from which help us contextualise our work. The Council of Europe also defined the following four programmes in the youth sector for the period 2006 to 2008:

- **Human rights** education and intercultural dialogue
- Youth **participation** and democratic citizenship
- Social cohesion and **inclusion** of young people
- Youth **policy** development

Whilst we are now nearing the end of 2010 these programmes are still as relevant today as they were at the outset four years ago. Rights, participation, inclusion and policy are 'watch-words' that resurface time and time again and are already identified in the priorities we have listed.

With previous Government commitments to 'Europe for Citizens' Programme Council of Europe Youth Programmes, the 'Youth In Action Programme' with its focus on Social Inclusion of Young People with fewer opportunities, there is real opportunity to engage children and young people, young leaders and youth workers from across Northern Ireland at the heart of Europe in a sustained and continuous programme of international activities that supports learning and the exchange of practice that will benefit communities and especially deprived communities at a local level. Therefore the importance of EYC 2013 at this significant juncture in time cannot be underestimated.

As a region Northern Ireland has a very credible history of engaging young people in international activities, for example, between 2004 and 2008, Northern Ireland was the recipient of 19% of all Youth Exchange and Youth Initiative grants in the UK. When one considers the population of Northern Ireland which is approximately 1.7 million out of a total UK population of more than 60 million then this is an incredible figure.

Between 2005 and 2008, 2,267 young people from Northern Ireland took part in 85 youth exchanges with Northern Ireland playing host to 35 of these. Youth groups in Northern Ireland also organised 17 Youth Initiatives during the same period.

During the same period, groups within the Western Education and Library Board area (Derry~Londonderry is located within the WELB area) were responsible for (on average) 26% of programmes. Essentially, Northern Ireland was responsible for one-fifth of all exchanges involving UK-based organisations during this period and one-quarter of these involved were the WELB region where Derry~Londonderry is located. Evidently the commitment to and promotion of international experience is not only alive and well in this area but is positively blooming.

It should also be noted that these figures do not reflect the considerable amount of activity and impact in relation to other YiA (Youth in Action) measures such as training for youth workers, job shadowing opportunities, volunteering (European Voluntary Service), contact making seminars, study visits and youth conferences. So for example, Inside Out, one of the partner organisations to this bid has participated in or hosted 13 different YiA programmes since July 2007 – 2 overseas exchanges whilst hosting activities on 11 other occasions including training programmes, feasibility meetings, Job Shadow and is currently about to begin a Youth Democracy project with partners in Germany in November. The same organisation is also a partner of two international networks, CASCADE and Globa-l-inks and currently holds the Chair of CASCADE.

CASCADE (Co-operation And Sharing Experiences Can Achieve the Development of a Common Europe) is a Network with partners in Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Lithuania, Greece, Poland and the Czech Republic. CASCADE envisages an established and permanent commitment to international youth work, its mission is to share experiences and develop and implement new projects and methodologies in local and international youth work.

Globa-l-inks have a network of around 30 European, Latin American and African organisations. These organisations are working in the field of non formal education with the aim of youth active participation in processes of social transformation, linking the work in the local community with a global vision.

A successful bid from Derry~Londonderry would create the necessary momentum and near-perfect opportunity to promote greater levels of understanding, involvement and engagement between young people and youth work communities in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Great Britain and Europe. It would bring young people in Northern Ireland ultimately closer to their peers and counterparts in mainland Europe and embolden a sense of rapport; connectedness and linkage unseen before and in doing so begin to address the barriers and obstacles that currently exist.

EYC 2013 is significant for Derry~Londonderry in the context of its newly-founded City of Culture status, its Regeneration Plan and other key youth work movements, i.e., EU Youth Strategy, EYF priorities, YiA programme and UNCRC but also it can act as a gateway for children and young people and youth work communities who have yet to engage in the 'great European Project' but equally as a platform for others who have already begun to do so.

6. MOTIVATION

The applicant should elaborate on the motivation to gain the EYC title(max. 1500 words).

- Willingness to dedicate time, effort and the necessary resources throughout the course of the one-year period as the EYC
- Willingness to devote itself to youth-related projects and policies that are sustainable and which will last beyond the EYC year
- Any other motivation

The status of European Youth Capital has yet to be conferred upon a city outside the continent of Europe and therefore Derry~Londonderry offers the opportunity to be the first 'Island City' EYC.

Beyond this opportunity the City of Derry~Londonderry passionately desires the title of European Youth Capital 2013 to sit alongside its status as UK City of Culture 2013. A successful City of Culture bid galvanised the entire population in the months leading up to the formal announcement whilst a successful European bid would further enhance the city's aspirations and act as a further catalyst for the city to achieve its vision which was outlined at the recent launch of its 10-year Regeneration Plan.

2010 has proved to be a remarkable year in the history of Derry~Londonderry. June marked the publication of the Saville Inquiry report into 'Bloody Sunday' and brought resolution for families directly affected by events of 1972. This in many ways lifted a great weight from the shoulders of the city and in a sense allowed the city to 'move on' from the 'shackles of the past' and face the future with a renewed sense of optimism and belief.

This new found optimism was rewarded only weeks later when in July, the city was successful in its bid to become the first ever UK City of Culture for the year 2013. Not only is such a designation worthy but to be the first ever is a testament to the city and its people. In a closely fought contest with Norwich, Sheffield and Birmingham, Derry~Londonderry emerged victorious with the Panel of Judges attributing much of this to passion and desire of city's population and the rich and varied cultural and arts scene that has developed in recent years.

This designation has the potential to make catalytic impact on local people and the local economy in the financial years 2012 / 13 and 2013/2014. The Nobel Laureate, Seamus Heaney's words, which have been an integral part of the UK City of Culture process, show in a creative way how Good Relations and cultural expression are linked:

“So hope for a great sea change on the far side of revenge.
Believe that a farther shore is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles and cures and healing wells” (10)

The UK City of Culture initiative aims to use cultural processes to, amongst other things, address the legacy of the past, contentious issues and the movement forward into a shared city.

The Cultural Programme ‘reflects the identity of the City and its people and be characterised both by Joyous Celebration and Purposeful Inquiry. It will enable us to create a new story to simultaneously consider both concepts. As a cultural melting pot we recognise that our cultural and political traditions approach the past from divergent places and that the truth itself can be lost in translation. This “sum of unreliable parts” ultimately leaves us with some prejudicial thinking and we plan to use our Cultural Programme to define a new narrative through purposeful culture-led inquiry which will allow for alternative views and ideas to be absorbed and considered.’(11)

2013 will be a unique time for Derry~Londonderry in its history. It is the 400th anniversary of the building of our city walls, an event that shaped our city physically and emotionally. Then from the founding of the first monastery in 546 AD through to the plantation, siege, emigration and immigration, through to the present day.

We have stories across the world where our 9 million Diaspora reside and continue our legacy. Our more recent past offers a beacon of hope to communities globally facing problems of division.

We face the challenges of economic and social deprivation on our journey of transformation and peace-making. We are determined to address these issues with culturally led regeneration as the key to our step change. This is a once in a lifetime chance to transform our city, creating a safe place for us to explore our past together.

The initiatives will include exploring from all perspectives the story of the city from ‘plantation to Peace’. Cultural programming is to include elements of ‘Joyous Celebration’ and also Purposeful Enquiry’ – both of which will link to Good Relations through expression and celebration of diverse cultures and exploration of more difficult or diverse issues. One of the main elements of the UK City of Culture and the European Youth Capital Bid is to let young people ‘Create a New Story’ to tell.

The importance of telling A New Story cannot be underestimated – it’s one of five step changes that the City seeks to bring about over the coming years. A successful EYC Bid will compliment this New Story and provide the mechanism by which to channel the energy, talent and ability and the hopes, dreams and aspirations of children and young people in this new decade.

In addition to securing UK City of Culture status in July only last month, ILEX, the Urban Regeneration Company tasked with delivering the regeneration of Derry~Londonderry launched its Draft Regeneration Plan, *One City, One Plan, One Voice*. Mapping out a ten-year plan to achieve its vision of a *Competitive, Connected, Creative and Caring City* the plan addresses 5 transformational themes – Employment and the economy, Education and skills, Building better communities, Health and well being, Sustainable and connected City Region.

Eleven catalyst programmes are proposed to help transform the city including Growing the Digital Economy, Accelerating Growth of Tourism and Cultural Economy, Establish a Co-operative and Social Enterprise Hub, Early Intervention in Education, Strategy for Skills Escalation and Employment, Higher Education Expansion particularly the University, Foyle Valley Gateway, Quality places, spaces and neighbourhoods, Early intervention in Health, Eco-City, Implementation of the integrated transport strategy, particularly public transport.

The Regeneration Plan acknowledges the importance of Children and Young People in the regeneration of the city; *As the youngest city in these islands we must meet the needs of children and young people; We must harness the modern knowledge-based skills that these young people possess ensure a first-class technological infrastructure throughout the city to enable other young digitally-literate people to fulfil their potential'*

Addressing identified issues through catalyst programmes is fundamental to our realising the Regeneration of our city, so for example, research showed in 2007/8 that within the WHSSB (Western Health and Social Services Board) area including Derry~Londonderry, 5.9% of primary 1 children were classified as obese and therefore Early intervention in Health is just one of many priorities.

The 'Wise up to Child Poverty' report published by, Derry Children's Commission in 2005 stated that "There is a wide range of educational achievement across the Derry City Council area and although there are some exceptions, educational attainment tends to be closely correlated to family income levels."

Economist and Senior Vice President and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Art Rolnick, highlighted the importance of investment at an early age when he stated that "*The best investment in economic development that government and the private sector can make is in the healthy development of children,*" The Regeneration Plan outlines 8 pledges to achieve this vision and includes a commitment *To focus on people, particularly our children and young people.*

There is direct correlation between the Regeneration Plan and the policies of the European Youth Forum. Although a 10 year plan which aims to realise 12,500 net additional jobs by 2020 and 17,100 jobs by 2030, many of which will be targeted at young people or that young people will be in receipt of, the plan outlines a number of catalyst programmes that relate to EYF policies. Although the Draft Regeneration Plan was launched last month and the consultation period ends at the beginning of December it effectively provides a 2 year window for discussions and associated actions so that when EYC 2013 is underway, there will have been clear development with regards to policy and practice.

This of course lends itself to informing the outcomes of EYC and in turn EYF policies. As the Regeneration Plan and City of Culture programme overlap the catalyst programmes take on much greater significance as regards EYF policies because there will a pro-active drive to pursue the Regeneration Agenda and thus experience, knowledge and skills around the subject matter will have been built up and will inform EYC activities

The Catalyst Programmes relate of course directly to the Regeneration Plan and therefore are not exhaustive as regards many other issues that fall under EYF policy areas. They do however connect and help to contextualise and frame some of the issues that would otherwise be discussed. So for example, Eco City and Growing the Digital Economy are not the only two issues to be discussed under Participation and Youth Work Development but they do have significance as the Digital Economy incorporates Social Media which is so prevalent in the lives of young people nowadays just as Ecology can be related to the Environment and Sustainability and in turn the Global Economy.

Another example relates to Education - local schools here continue to produce students who top the national league tables in terms of academic success in tandem with exceptional talent in the arena of culture and arts. Few cities could attest to almost 50% of their second level schools achieving 'Specialist School' status, four of these in STEM subjects, one in Business and Enterprise and one specialist in Performing Arts. Therefore specialist schools, the culture in its broadest sense and the City's assets all play their part in ensuring that 'the workforce of tomorrow' is ready for the challenge ahead.

The number of students however, from deprived areas studying STEM subjects and advancing to third level education is significantly lower than the numbers from affluent areas. In order to meet the existing and future demands for higher level skills we need to ensure first, that larger numbers of students study STEM subjects, and second, that those from less affluent areas choose to remain within the education system through to third level.

The Regeneration Plan maps out actions to help achieve this and this practice can be articulated and promoted within the context of examining EYF policies. Likewise, the low rate of economic activity within the City has ensured that little investment has taken place by the public and private sector in meeting the needs of children and young people. As the economy grows and incomes rise there is a need to provide a broader range of cultural, recreational and leisure activities for young people especially in the city centre. The failure to meet this need also impacts upon the achievement of the critical mass needed to achieve a Sustainable and Creative City.

In this context the issue of the education and employment as a means of promoting a more sustainable economy takes on greater significance hence importance of the Catalyst Programmes as a means of examining EYF policy issues. There is therefore tangible links with the Catalyst programmes and in the context of the Regeneration Plan; this provides the best possible basis for discussion and debate. The following pages outline in some detail the Catalyst Programmes, their related themes, EYF policy they reference and just some of the expected outcomes for children and young people.

How the Regeneration Plan correlates with EYF policies

Catalyst Programme	Trans-formational Theme	EYF Policy	Outcomes with direct relevance for children and young people
<p>Early Intervention in Education – aims to address the root causes of educational underachievement. We want parents and guardians to have the necessary confidence, skills, self belief and strength to be effective role models for children and young people. The programme will seek to ensure that children get the best start in life and have the confidence to realise their full potential.</p> <p>Higher Education expansion, particularly the University – builds on proposals to expand the Magee campus and to substantially grow higher education provision at the University of Ulster and the North West Regional College campuses</p>	<p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p> <p>Health and Well Being</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Sustainable & connected City Region</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Early intervention action plan and strategy</p> <p>Better attendance at school</p> <p>Reduction in the number of children leaving school with no or low qualifications</p> <p>UNICEF Child Friendly City</p> <p>Citizens diversity and values education programme</p> <p>The expansion of the University of Ulster at Magee to 9,400 FTE students</p> <p>Enhanced pathways from school to Higher Education</p> <p>Closing the inequality in school leavers progressing to Further and Higher Education</p> <p>Greater participation in EU networks and programmes.</p>

Catalyst Programme	Trans-formational Theme	EYF Policy	Outcomes with direct relevance for children and young people
<p>Establish a Co-operative and Social Enterprise Hub - jobs and business creation aimed at social enterprise opportunities in economic sectors such as tourism, catering, hospitality, leisure, culture, finance, green economy, health and medicine, technology and IT, digital and creative technologies.</p> <p>Strategy for Skills Escalation and Employment – aims to equip people with the necessary skills to get work, stay in work and continue to build their skills so they can take advantage of the higher skilled employment opportunities predicted for the future.</p>	<p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p>	<p>Employment</p>	<p>Jobs and self-employment will be targeted at: women, including older women and those with dependents; lone parents and carers; long-term unemployed; those with low or no skills; ethnic minorities, and particularly Travellers by providing options for self-employment; young people, especially 18-24; those in the LGBT group; those with disabilities (since there will be flexible working hours, pay rates on a par with other worker-owners, and access to training and education to allow job progression); those with mental ill health or learning disability</p> <p>Apprenticeship programme for regeneration</p> <p>Better impact from local, regional and EU funds and EU networks</p> <p>Job creation – 1,000 in education and skills</p> <p>Reduction in the % of the population with no or low qualifications</p>

Catalyst Programme	Trans-formational Theme	EYF Policy	Outcomes with direct relevance for children and young people
<p>Early intervention in Health – we aim to become an early intervention city, channeling and directing investment and resources to provide the support families need. The programme will adopt a whole person, whole system approach to improve the physical, social, mental and intellectual health of the child with greater emphasis on children from 0 to 3 years of age.</p> <p>Foyle Valley Gateway – aims to enhance development opportunities on the west bank adjacent to and south of Craigavon Bridge. The project will seek to maximise the unexploited potential of the river and river banks for passive and active leisure and to create employment and training opportunities in an area with low rates of economic activity.</p>	<p>Health and Well Being</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p>	<p>Social Affairs</p>	<p>Derry~Londonderry established as an Early Intervention City by 2014</p> <p>Work towards the World Health Organisation Healthy City principle of tackling health inequalities for all citizens</p> <p>Sustained reduction in obesity levels in children and young people by 2015</p> <p>Enhanced play facilities</p> <p>Improved play pitches</p> <p>Opportunities for public art</p> <p>Increase in employment opportunities</p>

Catalyst Programme	Trans-formational Theme	EYF Policy	Outcomes with direct relevance for children and young people
<p>Quality places, spaces and neighbourhoods – aims to develop high quality public realm, green and open living spaces in the city centre and in neighbourhoods across the City.</p> <p>Implementation of the integrated transport strategy, particularly public transport – aims to ensure an effective, efficient and affordable transport system throughout the city connecting communities. This will be achieved by better bus services, upgrade of the railway line and trains, upgrade of the A5 and A6, better provision for walkers and cyclists, and a southern orbital link with a third road bridge.*</p> <p>Accelerating Growth of Tourism and Cultural Economy through the UK City of Culture Framework - aims to put culture at the heart of City agendas, policies and planning and use culture as a catalyst for social renaissance and a driver of economic benefit. It presents us with the opportunity to creatively connect with the wider world including the region’s global diaspora of nine million.</p>	<p>Building better communities</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p> <p>Health and Well Being</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p>	<p>Human Rights</p>	<p>Child Friendly Community</p> <p>New public realm and green spaces</p> <p>Job creation targeted at the most disadvantaged</p> <p>Better transport links will also make Derry~Londonderry a more attractive investment and tourist location and commuting to and within the City will become easier and quicker</p> <p>Improved physical and mental health from increased walking and cycling activity and a reduction in social isolation</p> <p>Greater participation in EU networks and programmes.</p> <p>Develop tourism and culture element of the economy and grow it, creating jobs and upskilling particularly those most disadvantaged, 1,300 tourism jobs by 2013</p> <p>Promote connectivity physically, socially and technologically through innovative leading edge use of Digital Derry and be the Digital Cultural Champion for the UK</p> <p>Promote our creativity and innovation and unlock our local talent</p> <p>Greater participation in EU networks and programmes</p>

Catalyst Programme	Trans-formational Theme	EYF Policy	Outcomes with direct relevance for children and young people
<p>Eco-City – aims to position the city at the forefront of the green economy, take advantage of our natural resources to exploit opportunities for renewable energies and technology, and help us become more self sufficient. The green economy presents considerable opportunities for job creation which will be a key focus of the programme.</p> <p>Growing the Digital Economy – aims to put the city at the forefront of 21st Digital Century technology and grow the digital economy to a scale that will have a positive and lasting impact on the quality of life of the people that live and work in the region.</p>	<p>Sustainable & connected City Region</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Building Better Communities</p> <p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <p>Sustainable & Connected City Region</p>	<p>Participation and youth work development</p>	<p>Cross-border North West energy strategy including learning network of cities sharing good practice in sustainability.</p> <p>Centre of excellence in sustainable technologies</p> <p>University of Ulster Step-up Academy targeting young people at secondary level to gain the skills necessary to compete</p> <p>Increased take-up of STEM subjects in local schools</p> <p>3,000 jobs in digital and knowledge services</p> <p>Greater participation in EU networks and programmes</p>

The publication of the Saville Report, securing the title of UK City of Culture 2013 and the launch of a 10 year regeneration plan marks the beginning of the emergence and transformation of this city from one where it was held back by events of the past to one where it has not only 'spelt out' its aspirations but has actually mapped out how it will achieve this in great detail.

The awarding of European Youth Capital 2013 to Derry~Londonderry would make 2010 an even more remarkable year for the city yet provide the vehicle by which to begin to realise those aspirations contained within the Regeneration Plan and City of Culture bid which puts children and young people at its heart.

This in itself goes to the core of being an EYC by leaving a legacy which is sustainable, involves young people, is local, regional, national and international in impact and connection, is creative, innovative and strategic in its implementation as regards its programme of activities, actions and events but also addresses policy across various sectors including statutory, voluntary and community.

Beyond these recent events there are many other reasons why Derry~Londonderry wants to be EYC 2013 - 2013 will also mark the 400th anniversary of the Plantation of Ulster and the building of the Historic City Walls by the City of London and the London Guilds and an anniversary which has truly historical resonance for not only the city but the entire island. This alone offers a genuine and authentic opportunity for the entire city to acknowledge and reflect upon this history and use it as a springboard to look forward and outward with young people being central to this.

Derry~Londonderry also has many connections with the city of London, not least of all the building of the city walls which when completed also led to the changing of the name from Derry to Londonderry. The City's connection with London goes ever further – it is also recognised as the only city in the world that is twinned with London

As most people are aware the Olympic Games take place in London in 2012 and what more visible endorsement and proclamation of sea change is there than the London Olympiad ending in 2012 and Derry~Londonderry, being proclaimed as the first UK City of Culture and only the fifth European Youth Capital in 2013.

Derry~Londonderry also has strong historical, political and social links with the city of Glasgow in Scotland - both cities are ports and the port of Derry facilitated the flow of migration to Scotland throughout the 19th and 20th century and with Glasgow hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2014, both the UK City of Culture and European Youth Capital 2013 status provides a 'Symbolic Baton'.

Derry~Londonderry has the highest youth population in the UK, arguably across Europe and has a long history and tradition of youth work and this would be recognition of all that has gone before and all that is possible.

Derry~Londonderry has also an established Children and Young People's Sectoral Working Group in place with a vision that the City and district will provide opportunities for every child and young person to reach their full potential. The Sectoral Working group believes in directing resources towards our youngest citizens, particularly those whose life chances are

compromised by poverty.

This is the key to a 'Re-generation' that will make Derry~Londonderry and district a great place to be born and grow up. The priorities of the Working Group are:

- A healthy place;
- A safe community;
- A place to enjoy and learn;
- A place that children and young people feel part of;
- A community where rights are real;
- A place where every child and family has enough; and
- An environment with space to grow.

The membership of the Children and Young People's SWG numbers 56 but significantly and most importantly 31 of these are aged 25 and under. Membership comprises of representatives from Youth Action (regional youth head quarter organisations), Ogra Sinn Fein (youth wing of Sinn Fein-political party), Headliners and Caw Youth Club (local Youth Organisations), Lisneal and Oakgrove Colleges (local second level educational establishments), Dove House, Pilots Row, Derry Travellers Support Group and Playtrail (Community Organisations), Cornerstone City Fellowship and YMCA (faith based organisations) Lifestart Foundation, Early Years and NSPCC (children's organisations) and partner organisations to the Derry~Londonderry EYC 2013 bid - Derry City Council, WELB, Off the Streets and St. Columb's Park House.

In developing their plans not only did the SWG conduct consultation with children and young people using Futuresearch and Citi-scope methodologies but also tendered work out to Liberty Consortium which facilitated engagement with young people in the 13-18 age range.

The SWG also conducted Baseline Research/Literature Review/Participation and Best Practice Review including the following: Early Intervention, Inclusion, Hidden Harm, Safety and Child Protection, Participation, Impact of Conflict and Child Poverty.

The variety of research and consultation conducted and the involvement of more than 30 young people in the SWG lends weight to the value of their conclusions which helps to inform outputs particularly with regard to EYC 2013 and gives validity, authority and credibility to proposals within the Draft Regeneration plan.

Derry~Londonderry is also working to make the city a Child and Young Person Friendly Zone (part of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities) and the Regeneration Plan will help to reinforce this. The mission of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities is to realize and embed child rights at the local level throughout the UK, therefore improving wellbeing and outcomes for children and young people. We will consider this in the context of the impending 25th anniversary of UNCRC which occurs in 2013.

Derry~Londonderry is also a city in transition and emerging from many years of physical, social, political and economic neglect, e.g., 45% of the population in the Derry City Council area live in electoral wards defined as TSN (Targeting Social Need) areas. This equates to 13 out of the 30 electoral wards which also lie within the top 10% of most deprived wards in Northern Ireland. Another example is that 7.3% of Derry~Londonderry workforce is unemployed (Feb 2010) compared with Northern Ireland average of 5.2% and wages are 10% below the national average. One in four of the population has literacy and numeracy difficulties and 27% of the population has no qualifications.

Claims of 'peace' and 'transition' are not evident within the experiences of those living in marginalised, disadvantaged and under-resourced communities. Further, young people's views, experiences and behaviours have not been sought, understood or contextualized within political and popular debates. In a climate of economic, political and cultural uncertainty, poverty and severely limited opportunities have consequences for all aspects of children's lives. Those areas most affected by the conflict are also those most economically deprived.(12)

These examples profile the challenges that Derry~Londonderry faces yet provides a springboard for the future. The year 2013 will be the year that Derry~Londonderry emerges fully from its past and cements its journey on building a sustainable legacy for the future.

The world is also changing – rapidly, irretrievably. The changes we have witnessed in the latter years of the 20th Century and in the first decade of the 21st Century present many challenges. We have witnessed many changes - the collapse of the old Soviet Union, redrawing of landscapes, introduction of a single currency, expansion of the EU, information technology and social networks has brought us closer together, developing countries are still saddled with debt and poverty and most recently world economies have been on the verge of collapse. Recent research predicts even more challenges lie ahead (13):

- The economic gap within countries will widen significantly, poverty will increase
- Information technologies will dramatically reduce the privacy of individuals
- Inequalities between those who have access to information technologies and those who do not will increase dramatically
- Conflict of interest between developed and developing countries will increase
- The cost of obtaining adequate water will increase due to population growth, deforestation and environmental deterioration
- Migration flows from poor to rich areas within and between countries will have an impact on security and social order
- Increased use of genetic engineering will create more complex ethical questions
- Economic growth will be fuelled by knowledge (ideas, innovations and inventions) more than natural resources
- Increased regulation and control by governments
- Decline in people's sense of community and social responsibility
- Increased consumerism
- Rise in drug-related crime

We as a community, the community of Derry~Londonderry, have it within our power to use 2013 to create lasting change not only for the city but for Europe as a whole. A combination of EYC and UK City of Culture status and the acquisition of UNICEF Children and Young Person friendly status alongside the city-wide regeneration process offer renewed hope, vigour and a vision of the future. It also offers us the opportunity to consider the future and some of these predictions and consider them in relation to children and young people, young adults, youth workers, policy makers and youth work policy and practice.

We can locate or connect these issues with those priorities and key themes within the EU Youth Strategy. We can address these and help to inform delivery for a new generation of young people who face more challenging times ahead. The regeneration process focuses on the local whilst UK City of Culture and EYC status concentrates on the national and international and UNICEF offers a global reference.

The city is primed and ready – it has a young population and in June of this year the city elected the youngest ever Mayor in Northern Ireland at the tender age of 27. The city borders the Republic of Ireland our closest European neighbor and offers further access to youthful populations. The city's location is both pivotal and strategic offering potential digital global connection through Project Kelvin. The city walls are recognised on a global scale whilst the River Foyle connects many, many communities but also Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

As a region Derry~Londonderry has achieved the unachievable – the institutional framework necessary to deliver all elements of peace and reconciliation through a process of shared understandings, dialogue and commitment is in place. However, for Derry~Londonderry to fully emerge from this dark period in our history children and young people has to be central to this process. Securing European Youth Capital status would help to galvanise an entire population into action and provide the mechanism by which to realise the dreams and aspirations of children and young people in this city.

Derry~Londonderry can achieve this. The city has already established a vision for Children and Young People, one where, *'The City will provide the opportunities for every child and young person to reach their full potential and will be the best place to learn and grow up'*. EYC status not only provides a motivation but acts as a reference point, a measurement where our vision is realised against the aspirations of EYC status and a marker by which we commit ourselves, a promise to our youthful population.

This year also marks an important year in terms of children and young people but one which has direct relevance to 2013. Ten years ago this month world leaders including Blair, Clinton and Chirac met in New York to mark the new millennium with the development of the Millennium Development Goals. Only a few weeks ago world leaders met again to assess progress.

A few weeks prior to that, the *International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding* 'kicked off' on 12th August. Young people all over the planet are participating in a wide range of activities which focus on 15 Priority Areas. We will stay informed of developments and incorporate findings and/or conclusions from IYY 2010 into our programme of activities. There is also quite a lot of correlation between those priority issues already identified in the previous question and those identified by the UN for IYY 2010, e.g., Education, Employment, Poverty and Health.

Additional issues not identified in our list of priorities specifically are Globalisation, Information and communications technology, HIV/AIDS, Armed conflict and Intergenerational issues. We will add these to this list (Page 28) in due course and use EYC 2013 to address these issues through the 10 programme areas that we have identified.

Many of the Millennium Development Goals are mirrored in the priorities of IYY 2010, the EU Youth Strategy and our own Priorities for Youth although it's important to point out that the context for which the MDG's were developed is significantly different. For example, the levels of poverty we face in Northern Ireland and across the rest of Europe are vastly different from the absolute and extreme poverty that people face in some of the poorest nations on earth. Poverty here might affect our health and well-being but in many countries it's a matter of life and death.

Again there is correlation between the MDG's and youth work priorities in general – poverty, education, gender equality, HIV and AIDS, sustainability and partnership but where they differ or rather where they are more specific is improving maternal health, a reduction in child mortality and combating malaria and other diseases.

Whilst there has been significant progress with many of these goals the MDG's are at risk from promises (of increases in aid made in back 2005) not being kept 'by as much as \$20bn. Promises to invest more in health-care and end hunger remain way off track. The recession, aid cuts, climate change and a new looming debt crisis all threaten to set back the MDG's even further' (14)

When the International Year of Youth concludes in August of next year we will be also fast approaching the year that we have set aside for establishing the firm foundation needed to successfully host EYC 2013. The findings and conclusions from IYY 2010 and a better understanding of the gradual impact on these cuts in aid to the MDG's will help to provide us with an important marker as to how we implement the 'Dry Run' Phase of our programme in 2012. It will also allow us to test and critique these issues and in doing so pave the way for full implementation in 2013.

The period between 2010 and 2015 is highly significant for Children and Young People on both a European and Global Scale. EYC 2013 creates a significant space in time to address many fundamental issues and concerns with regards to the future direction of Youth Work at local, regional, national and international levels.

The year 2013 is also a significant date in that the YiA (Youth in Action) programme will be nearing conclusion, the *EU Strategy for Youth – Investing and Empowering* will be a at the mid-way point and we will also be on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC.

Through a range of events and activities we are committed to contributing to the concluding review of the YiA programme whilst acknowledging and celebrating its successor. This will no doubt provide an opportunity to promote the new programme to a new audience of young people and youth work communities, locally and regionally and in doing so connect them with visiting young people to our city and through the networks we have set up build connections at national and international level.

We will also mark the mid-way point of the *EU Strategy for Youth – Investing and Empowering*. As with the YiA programme we will incorporate events into our programme to consider the 8 key themes contained within the document - Education & Training, Employment and entrepreneurship, Health and Well-being, Participation, Voluntary Activities, Social Inclusion, Youth and the World and Creativity and Culture.

There is a direct correlation and overlap between the priorities identified by the Youth Sector in Northern Ireland and those contained within the EU Youth Strategy and it's through our addressing these priorities that we will be able to reference the Strategy as well.

In 2014 the UNCRC (United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child) will celebrate its 25th anniversary. In anticipation of this we will host a number of events that consider the implications of the UNCRC for practice at local, regional, national and international level. Ultimately EYC 2013 will be a medium to link youth sector priorities in Northern Ireland, IYY 2010's findings and conclusions, the Millennium Development Goals, the YiA programme, the EU's Youth Strategy themes within a Human Rights context which will help to inform events designed to mark the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC by considering implications of Human Rights for Children and Young People.

Exploring the link between NI Youth Sector Priorities, the EU Youth Strategy and the YiA will also help young people to address misconceptions about 'the European Project'. Set within a context where MDG's are considered and the UNCRC is being examined will also help to better inform children and young people regarding the link between rights and responsibilities and their role as Global Citizens.

In essence The EYC Youth Partnership Group will facilitate a year-long conversation between many stakeholders – children and young people, young leaders, youth workers, funders, policy and decision makers, strategists, local, national and international communities, politicians and private and public agents and bodies.

This conversation will be set within the framework of ten key themes (see question 7) that we use to engage Children and Young People but will be underpinned by a commitment to examining the following:

- NI Youth Sector Priorities
- IYY 2010 findings and conclusions
- YiA Programme conclusions
- Millennium Development Goals
- EU Youth Strategy (eight) priority areas
- EYF (European Youth Forum) priorities of Education, Employment and Social Affairs, Human Rights, Participation and Youth Work Development
- UNCRC

This will be done in an in-depth manner through a variety of activities to ensure outcomes will leave a legacy and inform, support and compliment youth work delivery post 2013. In line with our 4 underpinning values we will do this by making Connections between various communities, Celebrating young people, examining Culture and promoting Dialogue

In the event of a successful bid, The EYC Youth Partnership Group also vows to work directly with municipalities and youth work communities in Goes, Karlstad and Moribor as it appreciates that aside from a competitive process, much work will have been done by all cities to secure EYC status and therefore this work should not only be recognised but actively encouraged to be built upon. It commits itself to establishing a 'Shortlisted Cities Working Group' so as to maximise the momentum and energy generated during the tendering process.

This Working Group will aim to nurture a positive working relationship with its 'competitors' in order to ensure that young people and youth work communities can engage with and play a role in the EYC 2013. The EYC Youth Partnership Group holds the view that if Derry~Londonderry was to be successful and hold the status of EYC 2013 that EYC should be accessible to and shared by young people and youth work communities across Europe.

This will also compliment the work undertaken by the UK City of Culture Bid Team who have vowed to work with Sheffield, Norwich and Birmingham – add Goes, Karlstad and Moribor to the list of complimentary cities alongside London and Glasgow and Braga in Portugal you can see the range and level of partnerships that Derry~Londonderry will nurture in the next 4 years and beyond is exemplary, dynamic, exciting and bursting with potential.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group views the status of EYC as a once in a lifetime opportunity - an opportunity to galvanise the city around a common shared dream yet an opportunity to be at the heart of a youthful and playful Europe, one where we can build a platform from which to create change and aspiration, inspire passion and desire, instill confidence and belief, achieve consensus and dialogue and share space and time with all who come into contact

with Derry~

Londonderry in 2013. Derry~Londonderry is a proud city that wishes to extend an open invitation to not only the UK in 2013 but the entire youth population of Europe.

A successful EYC bid will enhance the almost palpable and tangible sense of belief and excitement that is evident from the successful City of Culture bid and will not only further galvanise the city but help galvanise an entire region. Derry~Londonderry may be conferred the title of EYC 2013 but views such status as an opportunity for the entire region, stretching from one end of the island to the other.

This city is moving from aspiration, where only a few months ago it harboured a desire to be both UK City of Culture and European Youth Capital 2013 to one where it passionately believes it will deliver both. Having recently secured UK City of Culture status and launched its eagerly-awaited Draft Regeneration Plan and with it already secured investment, resources and commitment or promise of the same from key stakeholders across all sectors much of 'the homework' necessary to be a successful EYC is already in place and therefore Derry~Londonderry is now in the best possible position to host EYC 2013.

Derry~Londonderry has a **Vision** for EYC 2013 – "The Ultimate meeting place for children and young people and youth work communities".

Our Mission is to *create connections between children and young people, celebrate all that is positive about them, exhibit youth culture and promote dialogue among young people and youth work communities.*

Our Aim is to create space and time for children, young people and youth work communities to explore dreams and aspirations and in doing so identify and promote actions that address youth work priorities so as to bring about positive change in the lives of young people throughout Europe.

Our objectives are pitched at three levels - local, regional and national, and international. At local level we want to achieve the following:

- ▶ creation of a **vision** of how the city can be a safe and welcoming place for its children and young people
- ▶ development of **connections** between young people in Derry~Londonderry and across the rest of Europe
- ▶ nurturing of genuine **dreams and aspirations** for young people
- ▶ profiling, development, promotion and sharing of existing **practice and policy** between local and European youth work practitioners
- ▶ providing a **common ground** for local workers to share with overseas counterparts
- ▶ connection with our **neighbours** in rural and urban villages and towns in outlying areas but also across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
- ▶ promotion of **good relations** between people of diverse backgrounds
- ▶ creation of long-lasting **participation** mechanisms
- ▶ establish the city as a **children and young-person friendly zone** (part of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities)
- ▶ genuinely reaching out to **marginalised** young people or young people with fewer opportunities, especially those young people from designated Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in the City (Areas of high deprivation).
- ▶ compliment and support City of **Culture** bid children and young people's activities
- ▶ compliment and support the on-going **regeneration** process

- ▶ facilitate **responses** to identified issues and needs affecting young people
- ▶ creation of a lasting and visible **legacy** for children and young people's services in the city
- ▶ recognising and valuing of the **diversity** that exists within the continent of Europe
- ▶ improving the **health and well-being** of all young people as a result of engagement in EYC activities
- ▶ growth in **volunteering capacity** within Derry~Londonderry and the European Project
- ▶ connect the previous **EYC themes** and provide a platform for the 2014 EYC

At regional and national level a successful EYC bid will create an opportunity for young people across the islands of Ireland and Britain to achieve the following:

- ▶ Establish a **common meeting place** to enhance relationships between young people and youth work communities
- ▶ Explore **issues** that give rise to tension, misunderstanding and conflict
- ▶ Develop **networking** capabilities to improve information and communication flow
- ▶ Provide a platform to **exhibit** effective youth work practice and policy
- ▶ Create learning spaces to **share** evidence and outcomes from practice
- ▶ Enable young people, youth workers and policy-formers across Ireland and Britain to engage in and **play a role** in the European Youth Capital
- ▶ Address '**Europeanness**' in a contemporary Irish and British Context
- ▶ Establish a common mechanism to enhance long-term Inter-Isles **relationships** between young people, youth workers and policy-formers
- ▶ Identify and agree a series of **common actions** that enhance relationships and practice between these islands

At international level a successful EYC bid will provide young people from across Europe with an opportunity to achieve the following:

- ▶ **Participate** in a unique and dynamic inter-cultural experience
- ▶ **Learn** about the history, geography, traditions, identity and culture of Derry~Londonderry and Northern Ireland
- ▶ Learn from the **experiences** of communities emerging from conflict
- ▶ Appreciate the rich and **diverse** youth work practice built up over generations
- ▶ **Network** with a wide range of people and organisations so as to share experiences and with a view to developing common and diverse initiatives and actions
- ▶ Broaden the perspectives of young people in Derry~Londonderry through regular **interaction and dialogue**
- ▶ Help to **demystify** the 'European Project'
- ▶ **Share** in the common and diverse range of ideas developed during the bidding process for EYC 2013
- ▶ Support the process of creating a **vision** for young people in Derry~Londonderry
- ▶ Enhance the **life and fabric** of the city throughout 2013
- ▶ Share a **common space** with young people from a wide range of backgrounds
- ▶ Create a multitude of **positive memories** that will remain with local communities for a long time
- ▶ Help bridge the **link** between Braga 2012 and EYC 2014
- ▶ Recognise EYC 2013 as a **bridge between the significant events** of IYY 2010, conclusion of YiA, NI Youth Priorities, mid-term review of EU Youth Strategy and 25th anniversary of UNCRC

Our Values will underpin all our work - **Connection, Celebration, Culture and Dialogue.**

7. EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The applicant should present its programme for the EYC year, highlighting the European dimension and the link with European youth policies and instruments in accordance with the other criteria. (max. 2000 words)

European Youth Capital 2013 will indeed be the ultimate meeting place for children and young people and youth work communities from right across Europe in 2013. Young people across Europe will choose to come to Derry-Londonderry in 2013 and when a young person steps into Derry-Londonderry there will be an EYC event that they can partake in.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group views European Youth Capital as more than just a title, it means being the Capital of Youth for all Young People in Europe and it becomes a place where they can come to and not only feel part of fabric of the city at any time but share a common European heritage. That's an enormous responsibility but we are taking this responsibility very seriously indeed.

It also views the status as one where it should be accessible to all children and young people and where children and young people are unable to travel to Derry-Londonderry to celebrate EYC then we will endeavour to make it possible for them to celebrate it in their own environment, wherever that is. We will provide information and advice on how to do this in due course.

Four values underpin EYC 2013: Connection, Celebration, Culture and Dialogue. The EYC Youth Partnership Group plans to create connections between young people, celebrate all that is positive about them, exhibit youth culture and promote dialogue among young people and youth work communities.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group is committed to hosting a high number of visible Youth Capital events during 2013 in and around the Derry-Londonderry area. This will be achieved by implementing a five-pronged approach to the EYC programme:

- (i) maximising existing calendar events which is centered around young people or has a youth dimension to it
- (ii) implement newly designed events specifically geared towards EYC
- (iii) EYC Capital Connection Events – designed to connect with previous EYC Capitals and build upon their themes
- (iv) implement a rolling programme around ten key themes: Sports and Outdoor Education, Music & Dance, ICT & Media, Drama & Theatre, Humour, The Arts, The Written Word, Film, Food and Play.
- (v) UK CoC (City of Culture) 'young person signature' projects which are on-going and high-profile, symbolic and visible in nature and designed to connect local young people to wider society so as to embed long-lasting 'good practice' projects.

Most EYC events will connect with our Ten Key themes – some are left open to promote flexibility, creativity and innovation. The programme will have a recurring running order based around the ten themes. Following the launch of EYC on 1st January 2013, there will be Youth Capital Event with a Sports and Outdoor Education theme on 2nd January 2013. On 3rd January the event will be Music and Dance related whilst on the 4th January it will be ICT and

Media, Drama & Theatre on the 5th and so on and so on. This will continue throughout the year and will only be 'interrupted' by large calendar events some of which we have outlined below.

Established Calendar Events have the added benefit in that they are already well established, well attended, attract a wide audience on a local, regional, national and international basis and incorporate a youth dimension into their programme. So for example, the One World

Festival in May attracts children, young people, young adults and many from the youth work community alongside members of the public and covers many of the ten identified themes including music, dance, food and arts. Likewise, the Carnival of Colours attracts many of the same target audience and covers areas such as humour, arts, drama & theatre and play.

Recognising the significance that these events pose in 2013 the EYC Youth Partnership Group are committed to ensuring that all events examine their relevance to priority ideas already identified. This is a summary of events planned for 2013:

Sons and Daughters (2013 Opening Event): This will be a live performance mixed with a digital visual spectacular showcasing the history of the City of Song.

Passing the Baton: Closing Ceremony to mark the end of EYC 2013

Existing Calender events: City of Derry Drama Festival, St. Patrick's Day Festival, Jazz Festival, One World Festival, Carnival of Colours, Foyle Days, 2d Festival, Celtronic/Exit DJ and Dance Festival Festival, Foyle Pride Festival, Foyle Cup, Feile, Big Tickle Festival, Halloween Carnival, Foyle Film Festival, Maiden City Festival and Amelia Earhart Festival, InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum, Christmas celebrations and numerous community festivals and events at Neighbourhood level.

Team Spirit: In partnership with Derry City Council, City Centre Initiative will host one major European youth football team for 5 days each month. The football teams will be drawn from major European cities and whilst a football match would take place at the end of the visit, the focus of the meeting would be focusing on youth culture, heritage and conflict.

EYC Connection Events: (4 significant events to celebrate previous EYC themes).

Special One-off Events: Theme based events connected with celebratory events including Valentines Day, April Fools Day and St. Columba's Day (founded the settlement of Derry).

World Café World Record attempt: An attempt to create an official world record using the Ebrinton Parade Ground to host the event. Young people, young leaders, youth workers and policy makers from all over UK, Republic of Ireland and Europe will be invited to take part and discuss issues related to objectives of EYC 2013 and Youth Work Priorities.

Lark in the Park: An initiative to promote fun, play and learning among children and young people using one of the city's best known parks.

'13:13': At 13.13 on the 13th Day of the 2013, 13 year olds all over the city will be invited to a birthday party to celebrate 2013 and to effectively mark the first significant gathering of young people in a public space aside from the 'Sons and Daughters' opening event.

Child's Play (EYC Style): Four Intergenerational play events between children and young people, adults and the elderly designed to promote knowledge of traditional games whilst maximising unused spaces and encouraging discussions about links between play and inclusion, mobility and health.

Emigration Capital: Emigration has been one of the central features of Irish life over the last 300 years. Tens of thousands of people have left from the Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough areas to seek a new and hopefully better life in Britain, North America, Australasia and elsewhere. The ports of Londonderry, Newry and Warrenpoint were important conduits of these migrations. Over the centuries thousands of people have used the port of Derry to travel overseas in search of a new life. In the eighteenth century Derry was one of, if not the, most important Ulster port in the emigration trade. A series of (six) three-day workshops involving youth work communities across Europe will consider the link between Londonderry as a port for emigration in previous centuries and modern-day migration across Europe due to opportunity, displacement, conflict or otherwise will debate related issues that have as much relevance today as they did over previous centuries.

'Young Legends': commencing at the start of 2013 but culminating in their organising of 'Local Democracy Week' in November 2013, Derry City Council will recruit 25 young people from each electoral ward (5 age groups: 11-13, 14 & 15, 16 & 17, 18-21 and 22-30). The programme will establish a pool of young leaders active in their communities through partnership with local community groups. This will equip young people to take their place in society but will enable them to see their efforts translated into Local Democracy week whilst at the same time embed a leadership training programme for 2013 and beyond.

'DIS-Used Space': (20 events) will attempt to draw attention to how unused space can be brought to life and in doing so generate discussion and debate about how we use space in the first place.

'Impromptyouth': (20 events) will take used space and show how it can be enhanced with little or no effort and will demonstrate how people can be the actual resources.

'DIS-Used Space' & 'Impromptyouth' are inter-related and whilst separate in their own right form part of a single initiative to create momentum for Open Space for Youth Culture and keep it in the minds of the public rather than a single one-off event.

'Marketployment Roadshow': is an initiative that will bring organisations from across Europe (with a remit for youth employment) together for 4 days in an atmosphere of sharing which promotes knowledge of 'products', creates space for exchange of practice, stimulates discussion and debate so as to inform publics and creates a 'swell' of energy around the issue of Youth Employment. It will also allow Derry City Council to exhibit its "Kick Start to Work" programme and profile plans for Project Kelvin which will demonstrate the power of Digital Dialogue so as to act as an example to other projects.

'The FactStory': is a communal space based on the 10 Key Themes where conversations between generations will be documented or where people can leave their story to be collated. All stories will be presented in a structure that recreates one section of The Derry Walls and can be viewed by the entire public. 'The FactStory' is a play on the word Factory but of course is symbolic in that factories produce goods and in this case the goods are the story which is true for the person it concerns and therefore is a FactStory!

Sustainable City (Signature project): The EYC Youth Partnership Group will host a week-long 'practice market' on Sustainable Youth Work as part of Sustainability Week in November. DCC will invite youth work practitioners from across Europe to gather in Derry~Londonderry

to discuss sustainable practice in youth work. There will be a number of workshops/meetings (10) among local youth work communities in the preceding months to raise awareness and debate so as to inform programme plans and local actions.

Network City: The EYC Youth Partnership Group will allocate a venue once a month (Jan – Oct) for youth work communities from all over Europe to travel to Derry to exhibit their work to local youth work communities and the broader public. This medium acts as a ‘connector’ between youth populations across Europe encapsulating the idea and concept that young people of Europe are connected by a common ground

Café del Mondo: SEEDS will deliver weekly events throughout the year which promotes multiculturalism and integration between local communities in Derry~Londonderry but will become a focal point for young people from all over Europe including Open Mic, Friendship Club, Harmonicity, and the One World Festival. Café del Mondo will also host ‘bOUNCE Culture’ which is a monthly music event promoting European music to local publics and between local and visiting European communities.

‘bOUNCE off’: is a open air musical event promoting European music but which will digitally connect with live musical events in six other European Cities at the same time. DJ’s hosting the events will play music to their audiences but will also ‘mix’ their music as part of each DJ sets and where the audience in Derry will view live audio and visual stream of the musical events in the six other cities.

The Mad Hatters European Tea Party: is an invite to young people from across Europe to join local publics in a common celebration of culture focusing on diversity in music, dance, the arts, food etc. The event provides an opportunity for young people to celebrate diversity and in doing so share their culture. There will be a variety of related performances including clowns, musicians, magicians, dancers, etc including local headline acts.

Stepping Stones: an international dance event using the Derry~Londonderry’s famous walls as a ‘cultural dance floor’ where young people from across Northern Ireland and Europe are share a common but diverse dance.

Comfort Zone: is Derry-Londonderry as the complete ‘comfort zone’ for children and young people where play areas and associated activities are open and accessible to all children young people on a weekly basis.

Children’s Art Festival supports skills development of children in visual art, theatre, dance and music.

Sports Fusion is Connecting series on understanding diverse cultures through sports such as Gaelic, Soccer, Cricket, combat sports, darts, boxing and rowing.

Planting of the Oaks (Signature project): is an Environmental project planting of an Oak Tree for every child between 1 -13.

Creative Technologies Academy: will take a number of young people aged 15, through part-time tuition and summer school attendance to develop their digital skills

Children’s Music Promise: is a commitment that every child and young person in the City in 2013 will have access to a musical instrument of their choice, and be given the opportunity to learn how to play it. This project would continue the legacy of Derry~Londonderry as the City of Music and Song. Introduced at the start of 2013 with the legacy continuing into future years. The purchased instruments and tuition programmes established through a volunteer

network and established centres.

Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue): is the teaching of new skills in Digital Creativity through the creation of artwork exhibited online. This project will act as a motivator and a focus on the development of additional curriculum centred activity and delivered based upon online learning and examinations to qualify students in digital skills. Currently the 3 creative learning centres regionally work with all schools teachers in NI. 2013 will provide the impetus to train teachers in every school in the region in Digital Skills applicable to their curriculum. This is a considerable expansion of the current programme. The project will be

delivered throughout NI via the 3 Creative learning centres in Derry~Londonderry, Belfast, Armagh and the teachers training centres in each of the 5 Education and Library Boards building on the work of creative youth partnerships

'YouthFest' (Signature project): brings together 200 youth workers (100 local/100 overseas) to celebrate all that is positive in youth work. Practitioners from ten countries will meet and engage with youth workers, young leaders and children and young people from right across Northern Ireland in a mass celebration of youth work practice.

Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition (Signature project): Quarterly Events (in 2013) targeting youth work communities across Northern Ireland and the rest of Europe to discuss EYF priorities

Young People of Europe Awards ceremony: gala event to recognise the achievements of young people from right across Europe who have made a special contribution to the youth work in their respective community

'Schools Out...': 'World Café' Style events with at least one class from each year of each secondary and grammar school (min 60 events) to promote involvement and engagement in planning of programme activities so as to raise interest and ownership.

Local Democracy Week (Signature project): This will be a week of activities to promote notion and concepts of democracy.

'Operation Engage': - The Volunteers Team will also be high profile 'on the streets' of Derry~Londonderry in 2012 and 2013 to promote dialogue and conversations with the Derry~Londonderry public but with a particular focus on young people.

Project Calls: Local groups and organisations will apply to The EYC Youth Partnership Group to host an official EYC project

'It's Your EYC': Community based organisations will have the opportunity to develop and organise locally based activities to bring European Youth Capital 'to their doorstep'.

EYC Party: An outdoor celebratory party in December 2010 to officially announce the arrival of 2013

Independent Forum for Youth Workers (Signature project): A Forum to promote communication and information between workers so as to inform and improve practice with young people at local level

‘Big Brother, Big Sister’: A Mentoring Programme between Young People/Young Adults and Children and Adolescence in an effort to create role models and in doing so help promote confidence, direction and purpose in life where children and adolescence have been identified as needing support

‘Mentor Me.....Mentor U’: A Mentoring Programme between Young People and local Leaders / Mentors / Personalities / Celebrities to help promote confidence, direction and purpose in the life of young people who are identified as needing support in achieving their goals. These goals will cut across a range of themes including business, the arts, health, etc. The programme offers a genuine opportunity to build a rapport between young people and adults in positions of influence who can help them make informed and positive decisions.

‘Media Champion’: A Media Champion will help address and redress the negative perceptions of young people in the media. S/he will liaise with youth work communities to promote the image and profile of young people and build links between young people and the media and young people and the adult world through the media.

‘Neutral-Eyes’: A campaign to promote ‘Neutral’ and/or Shared spaces as seen through the eyes of children and young people where they can gather and feel safe and included and young people are involved in the ownership and management of them.

‘Social-Eyes’: A campaign to Bring Large Scale Events on the Cultural Calender to the young people of Derry~Londonderry in their own areas, e.g., Brit/MTV/MOBO/TV Soap Awards, Concerts, X-Factor, Culture Shock, etc and to consult and involve young people on the organisation of these events.

‘Glamour-Eyes’: An arts-based campaign involving young people in ‘brightening up’ used and disused buildings throughout the city to promote citizenship and a sense of ownership in the life and fabric of the city to reflect the changing society we live in and one which critiques, recognises and articulates our common and diverse European heritage.

‘Digit-Eyes’: A weekly radio programme involving young people which is the eyes and ears of ‘EYC World’ with the aim of not only informing and promoting EYC 2013 to listeners but to act as a mechanism for connecting children and young people at local, national and international levels. This initiative is based on the model ‘Bush Radio’, a radio station run entirely by young people in Cape Town, South Africa.

‘Hubs’: Identified ‘Enterprising and Creative’ spaces where young people can go and chat about ‘their ideas’ and get advice on how to develop them. These spaces can be both static and mobile ensuring that communities are engaged and included.

The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme: An initiative to address the gap for 15-18 year olds, ‘too old for young stuff, too young for old stuff’

Support for the continued development of a **University for Derry**

‘Showcase’: An Event that exhibits young people’s ability to address culture, identity, traditions and nationality in a non-threatening way.

‘R & R’: A young person led initiative aimed at creating a **Bill of Rights and Responsibilities** that young people in the city can sign up to.

Social Skills Training Programme: to help support young people’s development in engaging and interacting with their peers.

Priorities for Youth - What Now? (Signature project): A five-day international meeting bringing youth work representatives from all over Europe with the aim considering NI's Priorities for Youth, the YiA Program, the *EU Strategy for Youth – Investing and Empowering* and EYF's key policy areas.

'Rights Here, Rights Now' (Signature project): An 'on the eve of the 25th anniversary' conference on the UNCRC inviting youth work representatives from all over the Globe to discuss the state of Human Rights for children and young people whilst also addressing responsibilities within the context of the changing face of Youth Work.

'Cultural Connections Project': An initiative led by SEC (School Employer Connections) which will maximise opportunities for our young people and to support the creative and cultural sector in preparing its future workforce to meet its predicted growth.

'Garage Band': will target 10, 000 young people using empty or disused spaces as production/recording facilities for skills development within the field of music.

'Cultural Code-Breakers': A concept identified to encourage young people and adults to become actively engaged in researching and investigating their own communities, towns and cities – over 1, 000 Cultural Code Breakers have already been recruited.

'Bursting with Talent': is an initiative which will nurture, support and profile already existing talent within the city and surrounding areas across a wide spectrum of disciplines. This initiative will also be accessible by young people from right across Europe who when visiting the City be that short or long-term will get help to profile their talent at relatively short notice.

'Childrens Music Promise': A new initiative aimed at engaging all school children in fifteen neighbourhood projects to be set up geographically and sectorally across the whole City to enable access to learning and use of musical instruments.

'Cultural Broker': This most recent appointment will provide a year of high quality cultural events to reflect the distinctive spirit of the city, develop the cultural cluster at Ebrington, build sustainable and collaborative cultural networks, provide a lasting legacy, raise the profile of the city national and internationally and use digital technology to extend the reach, scope and impact of artistic and cultural activity, especially young people.

Youth Ambassadors: Recognising the talent, influence and impact that many individuals, young and older make in the lives of young people, we will recruit and build up a pool of Youth Ambassadors drawn from communities across the city who will represent and articulate the needs, interests, dreams, hopes and aspirations of young people throughout the city.

'Enterprise Zone' (Signature project): A major four-day seminar promoting entrepreneurship among young people with aim of sharing best practice, methods, tools and ideas and generating action points.

'EYC365 Card': A discount card will be developed allowing young people up to the age of 30 to access various offers and discounts to as to promote business entrepreneurship during 2013.

'GlobalZone' (Signature project): A major four-day conference involving young people and

youth work communities from across Europe looking at Global Development and Education issues with a view to promoting awareness and action in order to influence positive change in people's lives.

WELB Youth Service Training: The WELB (Western Education and Library Board) will continue to offer a range of accredited training for young people in youth club settings including Good Relations & Diversity, Peer Education in Promoting Good Relations and Participation Skills. This programme of training is designed to not only offer young people accreditation which enhances their employability prospects but enables them to play a much more active role within the youth sector.

'Young Arts Co-operatives': a year-long programme that will to help embed youth-led practice, build connections national and internationally, and leave a legacy of Young Arts Co-operatives in key areas of Northern Ireland that can be built on by young people in years to come.

City of Hope European Jam: A joint musical project involving local young people from the City of Hope Collective and three other performing arts groups across Europe. The City of Hope Collective will create some starting material for an original song on themes relevant to their lives as young Europeans. They will share the starting points with their peers and collaborate on ideas across the internet. Then they will work towards a final workshop and festival event involving all the groups in Derry~Londonderry.

'City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows': The 'City Walls' piece will bring together professional and amateur musicians in the creation of a large scale orchestral and choral work to mark the 400th anniversary of the relationship between the City of Derry and the City of London. The 'professional' episodes of the piece will be interspersed with 'windows/doors' of new music and lyrics that are created by communities, all of whom have a connection to Derry/Londonderry. The final composition will involve four such 'windows'. The first performance will take place in 2013 simultaneously in the Guildhall Derry and the Guildhall London

Human Nature: A week-long programme to promote the human spirit involving group discussions, music, community service, prayer, workshops, Open Space, outdoor activities and inputs by significant key speakers from the AUYDH movement.

Cultural Academy: A week-long programme made up of various events including storytelling, hip-hop, music, workshops etc pioneering a fresh approach to the Irish language, music and arts discovery. The Arts programme will be divided into an Events Programme and a Learning and Participation programme offering a range of options and will offer high quality learning and participation opportunities. The events programme will aim to cover the broadest possible range of different kinds of Irish language and arts events and will be the city's only professional Irish language youth festival.

InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum: An annual 7-day festival which takes place in over 11 venues throughout the City and involves 20 workshops, 4 film screenings, 3 special guest masterclasses and 3 live performances presented in this multi-disciplinary festival. Workshops includes DJing, Digital Music, Physical Theatre, Animation, Fashion Design, Dance and many more. Selected and programmed by 14 members of the Youth Forum for their 12-21 year old peers InterAct will be in its fifth year by 2013. In its inaugural year (2009) InterAct attracted over 1,700 participants which increased to over 1,800 in 2010.

'Prejudice: Face On': Three-hundred local young people will participate in a Good Relations initiative with local secondary and grammar schools involving schools-based workshops and

joint conference so as to increase individual and local awareness of issues relating to prejudice.

‘Do You Get The Guildhall?’: A Citizenship project targeting local schools involving discussion and interaction with politicians and diverse political opinion with the aim of making the Guildhall an active ‘Shared Space’ so as to increase understanding of local democracy and Good Relations issues.

Youth Theatre Festival: A showcase of the best of theatre aimed at young people from across Europe. This would give local Youth Theatre companies the opportunity to showcase their work, as well as inviting companies who specialise in theatre for young people to showcase their work in our city.

Youth Mural Project: Working with young people across the city and with mural artists, we would use this medium to explore cultural identity and youth identity, in the city, region and Europe. The project would end with a series of new murals across the city.

Yoga-inspired: An initiative to combine the use of Yoga and the public realm at Ebrington Parade Ground to improve health and well-being whilst enhancing relationships between people of diverse traditions.

Below is an outline of how proposed events (primarily) correlate with the four values that underpin the EYC bid, i.e., where emphasis is strongest or most prominent. There are of course events that emphasize more than one value or indeed all four.

Connection	Celebration	Culture	Dialogue
Sons and Daughters 2013 Opening Event	Sons and Daughters 2013 Opening Event	Sons and Daughters 2013 Opening Event	World Café World Record attempt
Team Spirit	‘13:13’		Team Spirit
Passing the Baton	Passing the Baton	Passing the Baton	
EYC Connection Events	‘DIS-Used Space’	‘The FactStory’	‘The FactStory’
Child’s Play (EYC Style)	‘Impromptyouth’	Comfort Zone	Child’s Play (EYC Style)
Lark in the Park	Lark in the Park		Lark in the Park
Emigration Capital	St. Patrick’s Day Festival	St. Patrick’s Day Festival	Emigration Capital
Children’s Art Festival	Children’s Art Festival	Children’s Art Festival	Children’s Art Festival
Planting of the Oaks	Planting of the Oaks	Planting of the Oaks	
The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	The Mad Hatters European Tea Party		The Mad Hatters European Tea Party
Network City	Network City		Network City
‘bOUNCE off’	‘bOUNCE off’		
Café del Mondo	Café del Mondo	Café del Mondo	Café del Mondo
Maiden City Festival	Maiden City Festival	Maiden City Festival	Maiden City Festival
‘Young Legends’		‘Young Legends’	‘Young Legends’
Open Space – Youth Work	Jazz Festival	Jazz Festival	Open Space – Youth Work Communities in

Communities in Transition			Transition
Project Calls			Project Calls
Connection	Celebration	Culture	Dialogue
Young People of Europe Awards ceremony	Young People of Europe Awards ceremony		
Local Democracy Week	City of Derry Drama Festival	City of Derry Drama Festival	Local Democracy Week
Schools Out....	Stepping Stones	Stepping Stones	Schools Out....
Sustainable City			'Sustainable City
Foyle Pride Festival	Foyle Pride Festival	Foyle Pride Festival	Foyle Pride Festival
Sports Fusion	Sports Fusion		Sports Fusion
	Halloween Carnival	Halloween Carnival	'It's Your EYC'
'Operation Engage'	Amelia Earhart Festival	Amelia Earhart Festival	'Operation Engage'
Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue)	Big Tickle Festival	Big Tickle Festival	Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue):
Foyle Days	Foyle Days		
'YouthFest'	'YouthFest'		'YouthFest'
	2d Festival	2d Festival	2d Festival
One World Festival	One World Festival	One World Festival	One World Festival
Carnival of Colours	Carnival of Colours		
'Marketployment Roadshow'	Celtronic Dance Festival	Celtronic Dance Festival	'Marketployment Roadshow'
InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Valentines Day	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum
Foyle Cup	St. Columba's Day	Foyle Film Festival	Foyle Film Festival
Independent Forum for Youth Workers		April Fools Day	Independent Forum for Youth Workers
Social-Eyes	Social-Eyes	Social-Eyes	
Feile Festival	Feile Festival	Feile Festival	Feile Festival
Here Comes the summer	Here Comes the summer	Here Comes the summer	
Mentor Me.....Mentor U	Bursting with Talent	Bursting with Talent	Mentor Me.....Mentor U
Hubs	Showcase	Showcase	Hubs
Media Champion	Media Champion	Media Champion	Media Champion
Cultural Connections Project		Cultural Connections Project	Cultural Connections Project
Cultural Code-Breakers		Cultural Code-Breakers	Cultural Code-Breakers
Cultural Broker	Cultural Broker	Cultural Broker	Cultural Broker
Childrens Music Promise	Childrens Music Promise	Childrens Music Promise	
Priorities for Youth - What Now	Neutral-Eyes	Neutral-Eyes	Priorities for Youth - What Now
Glamour-Eyes	Glamour-Eyes	Glamour-Eyes	Glamour-Eyes
Digit-Eyes	Digit-Eyes	Digit-Eyes	Digit-Eyes

'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Garage Band	Garage Band	'Big Brother, Big Sister'
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Connection	Celebration	Culture	Dialogue
Social Skills Training Programme	The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	Social Skills Training Programme
R & R		R & R	R & R
Enterprise Zone	Enterprise Zone		Enterprise Zone
GlobalZone	GlobalZone	GlobalZone	GlobalZone
EYC365 Card	EYC365 Card		
Young Arts Co-operatives'		Young Arts Co-operatives'	Young Arts Co-operatives'
City of Hope European Jam	City of Hope European Jam	City of Hope European Jam	City of Hope European Jam
'City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows'	'City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows'	'City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows'	'City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows'
Human Nature	Human Nature	Human Nature	Human Nature
Cultural Academy	Cultural Academy	Cultural Academy	Cultural Academy
InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum
WELB Youth Service Training		WELB Youth Service Training	WELB Youth Service Training

Below is an overview of the indicative programmes on a month by month basis and does not include programmes that will be selected through the 'Project Calls or yet to be established local community events and many of the UK City of Culture events:

Jan - Sons and Daughters 2013 Opening Event, Network City (Sport & Outdoor Ed), Sustainable City (Sport & Outdoor Ed) Workshop, '13:13', Team Spirit, 'The FactStory', EYC Capital Connection Event, Café del Mondo, Play Zone

Feb - EYC Capital (2009) Connection Event: (Sport & Outdoor Ed and Music & Dance), Team Spirit, Network City (Music and Dance), 'The FactStory', Sustainable City (Music and Dance) Workshop, Emigration Capital, Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Do You Get The Guildhall?

March – City of Derry Drama Festival, Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition (Sport & Outdoor Ed and Music & Dance), St. Patrick's Day Carnival, Child's Play (EYC Style), Team Spirit, Network City (ICT & Media), 'The FactStory', Sustainable City (ICT & Media) Workshop, Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Celtic Film Festival, Youth Theatre Festival

April – April Fools Day, EYC Capital (2010) Connection Event: (ICT & Media & Humour), Sustainable City (Humour) Workshop, 'The FactStory', Emigration Capital, Team Spirit, Network City (ICT & Media), City Music & Jazz Festival, Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Feile Pan-Ceilteach

May – Hidden Treasures Children's Theatre Festival, YouthFest, Sustainable City (Drama & Theatre) Workshop, Lark in the Park, Carnival of Cultures Festival, Child's Play (EYC Style), Team Spirit, One World Festival, Network City (Drama & Theatre), 'The FactStory', Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Jazz Festival

June – 2d Festival, St. Columba's Day, World Café World Record attempt, Sustainable City (Arts) Workshop, Team Spirit, Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition (Humour and Drama & Theatre and Art), EYC Capital (2011) Connection Event: (Humour and Drama & Theatre and Art), 'The FactStory', Emigration Capital, Celtronic Festival and Network City (Arts), Café del Mondo, 'Marketployment Roadshow', 'bOUNCE off', Childrens Art Festival, Comfort Zone, GlobalZone

July – 'The FactStory', Team Spirit, Sustainable City (The Written Word) Workshop, Network City (The Written Word), Foyle Cup, Feile Festival, Maiden City Festival, Café del Mondo, Creative Technologies Academy, Stepping Stones, Comfort Zone, Here Comes the summer, Celtronic / Exit/ One Big Weekend

Aug – InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum, Gas Yard Feile Festival, Maiden City Festival/Pageant/Parade, Amelia Earhart Festival, Network City (Film), Emigration Capital, EYC Capital (2011) Connection Event: (The Written Word and Film), Sustainable City (Film) Workshop, 'The FactStory', Child's Play (EYC Style), 'Team Spirit', Café del Mondo, Planting of the Oaks, Comfort Zone, The Mad Hatters European Tea Party, Fleadh Ceoil Na hEreann, Cultural Academy, InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum, Yoga-inspired.

Sept – Big Tickle Comedy Festival, Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition (The Written Word and Film), Network City (Food), Sustainable City (Food) Workshop, Team Spirit, 'The FactStory', Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Priorities for Youth: What Now?

October - Sustainable City (Play) Workshop, Emigration Capital, EYC Capital (2012) Connection Event: (Food and Play), Network City (Play), 'The FactStory', Team Spirit, Halloween Carnival, Café del Mondo, Carnival on the Foyle

November – Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition (Food and Play), Team Spirit, Democracy Week, Foyle Film Festival, Sustainable City Practice Market, Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone, Enterprise Zone

December – Team Spirit, Emigration Capital, Young People of Europe Awards, EYC Capital (2014) Connection Event: Passing the Baton, Café del Mondo, Comfort Zone

Programmes that either commence in the build up to and/or operate on an on-going basis throughout 2013: Independent Youth Forum for Youth Workers; Media Champion, Mentor Me.....Mentor U, Big Brother, Big Sister, Neutral-Eyes, Social-Eyes, Glamour-Eyes, Digit-Eyes, Hubs, Cultural Code-Breakers, Youth Ambassadors, Bursting with Talent, Cultural Broker, Children's Music Promise, Unlocking Creativity, Creative Access in a Digital age, Youth Ambassadors, EYC365, Young Arts Co-operatives, City of Hope European Jam, WELB Youth Service Training, Prejudice: Face On and Youth Mural Project.

Summary of EYC 2013 Programme.

Name of Event / Activity	Type of Event / Activity	When delivered	Where delivered	Cost of delivery	Expected Audience Numbers	Reach of Activity (Local / Regional / National / International)	Free / Charged Activity	Significance to Programme (leading / supporting event)
Sons and Daughters	Opening Event	January	Locally	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Passing the Baton	Closing Event	December	Locally	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Team Spirit	Intercultural Dialogue and Football Initiative	Monthly	City Wide	£79, 200	600	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
EYC Connection Events	4 main events to celebrate previous EYC Themes	(Quarterly)	Locally	£20, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
World Café World Record	World Record Attempt	June	Ebrington	£25, 000	6, 000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Lark in the Park	Fun, Games and adventures activities	Through out 2013	City Wide	£5, 000	300	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion

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13:13	Communal Birthday Celebration	January	Locally	£6, 000	1500	Local	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
Child's Play (EYC Style)	Play Events	Through out 2013	City Wide	£14, 000	1600	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Emigration Capital	Emigration Connection workshops	Through out 2013	City Wide	£22, 000	600	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
Young Legends	Young people organizing a local democracy week	Start of 2013 Event Nov	Locally	£112, 500	125	Local	Free	Supporting Good Relations
DIS-Used Space	Utilizing disused space	2013 year long	City Wide	£20, 000	2000	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Impromptyouth	Making good use of space with youth initiatives	2013 year long	City Wide	£20, 000	2000	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Marketployment Roadshow	Youth Employment development	2013 year long	City Wide	£15, 000	3000	Local	Free	Leading Skills Development

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The FactStory	Documented Stories	2013 year long	Locally	£7, 000	1500	Local	Free	Supporting Good Relations
Sustainable City	Practice Market	November	Locally	£8, 600	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Network City	Connecting youth Work Communities	January – October	Locally	£18, 000	2500	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Good Relations
Café del Mondo	Multiculturalism and integration events.	Ongoing 2013	Locally	£15, 600	5,500	Local, Regional, International	Charged / Free	Supporting Good Relations
bOUNCE off	Open Air Music Event	2013	Locally	£53, 000	5, 000	Local, Regional, International	Charged	Leading
The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	Celebration of Culture	2013	Locally	4, 000	3, 000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion

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Stepping Stones	International Dance Event	2013	Locally	£200, 000	10, 000	Local, Regional, International	Charged / Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Comfort Zone	Open Access to Play Areas	Ongoing 2013	Locally	£100, 000	1500	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Children's Art Festival	Art Festival Exploring Cultural Identity & Rights	Annual event in June	The Playhouse	£30,000	5,000 over 1 month	Locally Regionally	Free/ Charged	Supporting Skills Development
Sports Fusion	Connecting understanding of diverse cultures through Sport	2013 year long	City Wide & Regional	£100,000	25,000 over 1 year	Local, regional, international	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Planting of the Oaks	Environmental Project – oak tree for every 13 year old	One of event in August 2013	Derry, Donegal & Strabane	£130,000	30,000 over 1 year	Local, Regionally	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Creative Technologies Academy	Digital Skills Programme	2013 year long	City Wide	£10, 000	500 over 1 month	Local, regional, international	Free	Supporting Skills Development

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Children's Music Promise	Skills Development programme	2013 year long	City Wide	£400,000	20,000 participants Over 1 Year	Local	Free	Leading Skills Development
YouthFest	Celebration of Youth Work Practice	April 2013	City Wide	£63, 500	Over 1 Week	Local, regional, international	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Youth Discussions Events	2013 year long	City Wide	£40, 000	400	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Young People of Europe Awards ceremony	Gala Event	2013	City Wide	£25, 000	300	Local, regional, international	Free / Charged	Supporting Skills Development
Schools Out....	World Café Schools Event	2013	City Wide	£6, 000	7500	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Local Democracy Week	Democracy Workshops	2013 year long Event Nov	City Wide	£5, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Good Relations

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Operation Engage	Volunteers "on the Streets"	2013 year long	City Wide	£78, 000	500	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Project Calls	EYC Host Events	2013 year long	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
It's Your EYC'	Local Youth & Community Events	2013 year long	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Independent Forum for Youth Workers	Youth Workers Forum	2013 on going	City Wide	£1,500	100	Local	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Big Brother, Big Sister'	Mentoring Programming	2013 on going	City Wide	£1,500	200	Local	Free	Supporting Skills development
Mentor Me.....Mentor U	Mentoring Programming	2013 on going	City Wide	£1,500	200	Local	Free	Supporting Skills development
Media Champion	Raise profile of young people in a positive light	2013 on going	City Wide	£5, 000	1500	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development

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Neutral-Eyes	Promote Shared Spaces	2013 on going	City Wide	£5, 000	3000	Local	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Social-Eyes	Cultural Calendar Campaign	2013 on going	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Glamour-Eyes	Arts Campaign to develop disused buildings	2013 on going	City Wide	£15, 000	700	Local	Free	Supporting Arts Development
Digit-Eyes	Weekly radio programme	2013 on going	City Wide	£3, 000	100	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Hubs	Spaces 4 young people	2013 on going	City Wide	£10, 000	1000	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	Enterprise Scheme	2013 on going	City Wide	£3, 000	300	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development

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Support for University for Derry	Campaign for support for the University for the future young people.	On going	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
R & R	Bill of Rights	Through out 2013	City Wide	£10, 000	2,500	Local, Regional, International	Free	Skills Development
Social Skills Training Programme	Personal Development	2013	City Wide	7, 500	250	Local	Free	Skills Development
Priorities for Youth - What Now?	International Youth Meeting	2013 year long	City Wide	£50, 000	300	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Skills Development
'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Youth Work Conference	2013 year long	City Wide	£50, 000	300	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Skills Development
Cultural Connections Project	School Employer Connections	2013 year long	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Cultural Development

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Garage Band	Production /recording facilities	2013 year long	Locally 15 community centres	£150,000	10,000 Over 1year	Locally	Free	Leading Skills Development
Cultural Code-Breakers	Youth Investigators	2013 year long	City Wide	To be confirmed	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Bursting with Talent	Raise profile of talented young people	2013 year long	City Wide	10, 000	1000	Local	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Cultural Broker	Raise profile of City nationally & internationally	Ongoing	City Wide	N/A	All	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
Youth Ambassadors	Community Youth Ambassadors	2013 year long	City Wide	£2, 500	100	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Enterprise Zone'	Seminars of Entrepreneurship	2013	City Wide	£7, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
EYC365 Card'	Discount Card	2013 year long	City Wide	£6, 500	2500	Local, Regional, International	Free / Charged	Leading Community Cohesion

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Global Zone	Global development conference	2013	Locally	£7, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Skills Development
Young Arts Co-operatives'	Youth led Arts	2013 Year long	Locally	£86, 000	To be confirmed	Local	Free	Supporting Skills Development
City of Hope European Jam	A joint Musical Project	2013	City Wide	£16, 000	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Charged	Leading Artistic Development
City Walls – Doors & Windows	Large Scale Orchestral & Choral work	2013	City Wide	£90,000	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Charged	Supporting Community Cohesion
Human Nature	Holistic well-being programme	2013	City Wide	£2, 500	1500	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community cohesion
Cultural Academy	Week-long intercultural programme	Summer 2013	Locally	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community cohesion

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InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Youth Festival using variety of arts	August 2013	City Wide	£78, 500	2000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
WELB Youth Service Training	Training for young people & workers	2013	City wide	To be confirmed	500	Local	Free/ Charged	Leading Skills Development
'Prejudice: Face On'	Good Relations initiative	2013	City Wide	£10, 000	300	Local	Free	Supporting Good Relations
Do You Get The Guildhall?	A Citizenship Project	2013	Guildhall	£3,000	300	Local	Free	Supporting Good Relations
Youth Theatre Festival	A showcase of the best of theatre	2013	Playhouse	£30, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Arts Development
Youth Mural Project	Explore cultural identity and youth identity through Murals	2013	City Wide	£15, 000	1000	Local, Regional, International	Free	Supporting Arts Development
Yoga-inspired	Inclusive Cross-community Yoga Project	Throughout 2013	Ebrington	£10, 000	5000	Local	Free	Leading Community Cohesion

Name of Event / Activity	Type of Event / Activity	When delivered	Where delivered	Cost of delivery	Expected Audience Numbers	Reach of Activity (Local / Regional / National / International)	Free / Charged Activity	Significance to Programme (leading / supporting event)
Unlocking Creativity	Multi art form creative learning/intervention programme	2013 yearlong	Locally	£300,000	20,000 Over 1 year	Locally	Free	Leading Skills Development
Creative Access in a Digital age	Online Digital skills development programme	2013 year long	Regionally Creative learning Centres	£500,000	40,000 Over 1 year	Local, Regional	Free	Leading Skills Development
Carnival of Colours	Children's outdoor spectacular celebration of play/ creative development	Annual Week-end event in June 2013	City Wide	£30,000	20,000 over 2 days	Local, regional, international	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
One World Festival	Inter-cultural Festival	2013	City Wide	£25,000	5,000	Local, regional, international	Free / Charged	Supporting Good Relations
Celtic Film Festival	Festival	March 2013	Various Around City	£70,000	40,000 One Week	Local, regional International	Charged / Free	Supporting Artist Excellence
Foyle Days	Celebration of River Foyle Maritime Festival	2013	City Wide	£41,000	10,000	Local, regional International	Charged	Supporting Tourism Development

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2d Festival	Festival	2013	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, regional International	Charged	Supporting Artist Excellence
Celtronic/Exit DJ and Dance Festival	Major Music Festival	2013	City Wide	£500,000	40,000	Local, regional International	Charged	Supporting Artist Excellence
Foyle Pride Festival	Festival	2013	City Wide	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Local, regional International	Free	Supporting Good Relations
Foyle Cup	Premier International Youth Football Tournament	Annual Event in July	City & Surrounding towns	£150,000	77,583 over 3 Weeks	Local, regional, international	Charged	Supporting Sport
Big Tickle Festival	Galaxy of comedy stars from around the globe	Annual event in September	City Wide	£150,000	40,000 1 Week	Local, regional, international	Charged	Supporting Tourism Development
St Patricks Day Carnival	Multi Cultural Carnival	March 2013	City Centre	£150,000	40,000 1 Day	Local regional	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Jazz Festival	Music Festival	May 2013	City Wide	£350,000	50,000 4 Days	Local, regional, international	Charged , Free	Leading Artistic Excellence

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Feile Pan-Ceilteach	Pan-Celtic festival of Irish Culture	April 2013	Culturlann Ui Chanian	£50,000	12,000	Local regional international	Charged Free	Supporting Artistic Excellence
Here Comes the summer	Major Concert by the biggest rock band in the world	July 2013	Ebrington	£1,000,000	50,000 1 Day	Local regional international	Charged	Leading Tourism Development
Celtronic / Exit/ One Big Weekend	Major music event of the best emerging talent with dance / DJ	July 2013	City Wide	£500,000	40,000 1 Week	Local regional National	Charged Free	Leading Tourism Development
Fleadh Ceoil Na hEreann	The largest Annual Traditional Irish Cultural Festival	August 2013	City Wide	£200,000	200,000 1 Week	Local ,regional, National	Charged Free	Leading Tourism Development
Gas Yard Feile	Community Festival	August 2013	City Centre/ Bogside Brandywell	£100,000	30,000 1 Week	Local	Charged / Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Maiden City Festival/Pageant/Parade	Traditional Ulster Protestant Cultural Celebration	August 2013	City Wide	£300,000	50, 000 1 Week	Local Regional International	Charged Free	Leading Community cohesion
Earhart Festival	Community Festival	2013 August	City	£100,000	30,000 4 days	Local	Free charged /	Supporting Community Cohesion

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Planting of the Oaks	Environmental project planting an Oak Tree for every child between 1 - 13	August 2013	City Wide	£130,000	30,000 Over 1 year	Local	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion
Big Tickle Comedy Festival	Comedy Festival	September 2010	City Wide	£150,000	40,000 1 Week	Local regional national	Charged	Supporting Tourism Development
Carnival on the Foyle	Water based pageant and carnival spectacular	October 2013	River Foyle	£400,000	50,000 1 Day	Local Regional national	Free	Leading Community Cohesion
Foyle Film Festival	Festival	November 2013	City Wide	£170,000	25,000 1 Week	Local regional international	Charged	Supporting Artistic Excellence
Halloween Carnival	Festival	October 2013	City Wide	£150,000	40,000 over 1 day	Local regional international	Free	Supporting Community Cohesion

Let us now explain how our programme connects with the 'European dimension, policies and instruments.'

Our plans for EYC 2013 sets out very clearly our Vision, Mission, Aim and Objectives and these are underpinned by our four Core Values – Connection, Celebration, Culture and Dialogue.

Our values underline the ethos that governs each event, activity or programme.

Our vision is the change we want to see; our mission is why we are undertaking the journey; our aim is what we are going to do to create that change and our objectives is how we will do it

Under each objective we have outlined the programmes that correlate to said objectives and in turn the Key Theme (from the list of 10 Key Themes we have identified) they fall under (primarily or as in some cases they are left open or address all of the key themes) and finally, the Youth Work Priority or Priorities they address.

Therefore from the vision right through to the youth work priority there is a connection, a continuum; all actions are interlinked and its this methodology we have used to address the 'European dimension, policies and instruments.'

Overleaf is a breakdown of such. **Youth Work Priorities can be found on page 28.**

Derry~Londonderry European Youth Capital Application – Aspiration to reality

Vision

The Ultimate meeting place for children and young people and youth work communities

Mission

Create connections between children and young people, celebrate all that is positive about them, exhibit youth culture and promote dialogue among young people and youth work communities.

Aim

Create space and time for children, young people and youth work communities to explore dreams and aspirations and in doing so identify and promote actions that address youth work priorities so as to bring about positive change in the lives of young people throughout Europe.

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed or explored
Creation of a vision of how the city can be a safe and welcoming place for its children and young people	Local	'DIS-Used Space'	Music & Dance	1, 12, 18, 19
		'Impromptyouth'	Drama & Theatre	9, 12,, 18, 19
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19,
		Comfort Zone	Play	1, 18, 19, 20
		Children's Art Festival	The Arts	1, 9, 19, 20
		Planting of the Oaks	Open	8, 12, 17, 18, 19
		Children's Music Promise	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	All	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Glamour-Eyes'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Hubs'	Open	11, 13, 17
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		'Showcase'	The Arts	3, 13, 18
		'R & R'	Open	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with focus on 16		
'Cultural Broker'	Open	1, 13, 14, 18		
Lark in the Park	Play	1, 9, 18, 19, 20		

objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Development of connections between young people in Derry~Londonderry and across the rest of Europe	Local	Team Spirit	Sports and Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		EYC Connection Events	All	Open
		Emigration Capital	The Arts	1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19
		'bOUNCE off'	Music & Dance	12, 18, 19
		The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	All	Open
		Stepping Stones	Music & Dance	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		'Operation Engage'	All	9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Marketployment Roadshow'	Open	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17
		World Café World Record	All	All
		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Youth Mural Project	The Arts	7, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23
		Youth Theatre Festival	Theatre & Drama	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
Nurturing of genuine dreams and aspirations for young people	Local	'DIS-Used Space'	Music & Dance	1, 12, 18, 19
		'The FactStory'	The Arts	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Social-Eyes'	Music & Dance	1, 9, 17, 18,
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Hubs'	Open	11, 13, 17
		'Garage Band'	Music & Dance	4, 9, 12, 18, 19
		'Bursting with Talent'	All	1, 9, 11, 12, 18, 19
		City of Derry Drama Festival	Drama & Theatre	9, 12, 18, 19

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Nurturing of genuine dreams and aspirations for young people (continued)	Local	InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Music & Dance, Drama & Theatre	1, 8, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Support for the continued development of a University for Derry	All	9, 12, 18, 19
Profiling, development, promotion and sharing of existing practice and policy between local and European youth work practitioners	Local	Sustainable City	Open	8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
		Network City	All	Open
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	Open	All
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	All but with a focus on 16
Providing a common ground for local workers to share with overseas counterparts	Local	Sustainable City	Open	8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	Open	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16
Connection with our neighbours in rural and urban villages and towns in outlying areas but also across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland	Local	The FactStory	The Arts, The Written Word	12, 13, 18, 19,
		Sports Fusion	Sports and Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19 20
		Planting of the Oaks	Open	8, 12, 17, 18, 19
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Social-Eyes'	Music & Dance	1, 9, 17, 18
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		St. Patrick's Day Festival	The Arts, Music & Dance	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Jazz Festival	Music & Dance	12, 18, 19, 23
		One World Festival	Music & Dance, Food	3, 18, 19, 23
		Foyle Days	Open	9, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Celtronic/Exit DJ & Dance Fest	Music & Dance	1, 7, 9, 12, 18
		Halloween Carnival	The Arts	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Foyle Film Festival	Film	12, 13, 18, 19, 23

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Connection with our neighbours in rural and urban villages and towns in outlying areas but also across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (continued)	Local	Cultural Academy	The Arts	9, 12, 18, 19
		Yoga-inspired	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
Promotion of good relations between people of diverse backgrounds	Local	The FactStory	The Arts, The Written Word	12, 13, 18, 19
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19
		Stepping Stones	Music & Dance	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Sports Fusion	Sports and Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		'Schools Out...'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		'Operation Engage'	Open	9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Showcase'	Open	3, 13, 18,
		One World Festival	Music & Dance, Food	3, 18, 19, 23
		Carnival of Colours	Play, Music & Dance,	1, 18, 19, 20
		Foyle Pride Festival	Open	1, 2, 3, 9, 18, 19
		Maiden City Festival	Open	18, 19
		InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Music & Dance, Drama & Theatre	1, 8, 9, 12, 18, 19
		World Café World Record	All	18, 19
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 23
		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	8, 18, 19
		City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows'	Music	8, 18, 19
		Human Nature	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Cultural Academy	The Arts	9, 12, 18, 19
		Prejudice: Face On'	Open	1, 3, 12, 13, 18, 19
'Do You Get the Guildhall?'	Open	1, 12, 13, 18, 19		
Youth Theatre Festival	Theatre & Drama	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20		
Yoga-inspired	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20		

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Creation of long-lasting participation mechanisms	Local	'Young Legends'	All	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue)	ICT & Media	11, 12, 18, 19
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Operation Engage'	All	9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		'R & R'	All	All
Establish the city as a children and young-person friendly zone (part of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities)	Local	'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16
		Child's Play (EYC Style)	Play	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		'DIS-Used Space'	Music & Dance	1, 12, 18, 19,
		Stepping Stones	Music & Dance	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Comfort Zone	Play	1, 18, 19, 20
		Children's Art Festival	The Arts	1, 9, 19, 20
		Planting of the Oaks	Open	8, 12, 17, 18, 19
		Children's Music Promise	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Operation Engage'	Open	9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19,
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	All	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Glamour-Eyes'	The Arts	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	1, 9, 18, 19
		'Hubs'	Open	11, 13, 17
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		'R & R'	Open	All

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
(continued) Establish the city as a children and young-person friendly zone (part of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities)	Local	'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16
		Social Skills Training Programme	Open	7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 19
		'Bursting with Talent'	All	1, 9, 11, 12, 18, 19
		'Children's Music Promise'	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
		Lark in the Park	Play	1, 9, 18, 19, 20
		13:13	Open	12, 18, 19
		City of Derry Drama Festival	Drama & Theatre	12, 18, 19
		St. Patrick's Day Festival	Music & Dance, The Arts	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Carnival of Colours	Play, Music & Dance	1, 18, 19, 20
		Foyle Cup	Sports and Outdoor Education	9, 18, 19, 20
		Gasyard Feile	Open	12, 18, 19,
		2d Festival	Open	Open
		Amelia Earhart Festival	Open	Open
		InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Music & Dance, Drama & Theatre	1, 8, 12, 18, 19
		Human Nature	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Support for the continued development of a University for Derry	All	8, 13, 18
		'Young Legends'	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Cultural Academy	The Arts	9, 12, 18, 19
		Prejudice: Face On'	Open	1, 3, 12, 13, 18, 19
		'Do You Get the Guildhall?'	Open	1, 12, 13, 18, 19
Youth Theatre Festival	Theatre & Drama	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20		
Yoga-inspired	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19,20		

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Genuinely reaching out to marginalised young people or young people with fewer opportunities		Stepping Stones	Music & Dance	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Sports Fusion	Sports and Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Planting of the Oaks	Open	8, 12, 17, 18, 19
		Creative Technologies Academy	ICT & Media	8, 18, 19
		Children's Music Promise	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
		'Marketployment Roadshow'	Open	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Social-Eyes'	Music & Dance	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Glamour-Eyes'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Hubs'	Open	11, 13, 17
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		'R & R'	Open	All
		Social Skills Training Programme	Open	7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 19
		'Cultural Connections Project'	Open	8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19
		'Garage Band'	Music & Dance	4, 9, 12, 18, 19
		'Children's Music Promise'	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
	Foyle Pride Festival	Open	12, 13, 18, 19, 23	
	Amelia Earhart Festival	Open	Open	
	Cultural Academy	The Arts	9, 12, 18, 19	
	Youth Mural Project	The Arts	7, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23	

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
compliment and support City of Culture bid children and young people's activities	Local	All activities	Open	All
compliment and support the on-going regeneration process		'DIS-Used Space'	Music & Dance	1, 12, 18, 19
		Sustainable City	Open	8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Marketployment Roadshow'	Open	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17
		Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19,
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	All	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Hubs'	Open	11, 13, 17
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16
		Social Skills Training Programme	Open	7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 19
		Cultural Connections Project'	Open	8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19
facilitate responses to identified issues and needs affecting young people		Sustainable City	Open	8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19
		'Schools Out....'	Open	1, 3, 14, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Marketployment Roadshow'	Open	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19,
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Creation of a lasting and visible legacy for children and young people's services in the city	Local	Comfort Zone	Play	1, 18, 19, 20
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	Open	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Glamour-Eyes'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Hubs'	All	11, 13, 17
		'R & R'	Open	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
Recognising and valuing of the diversity that exists within the continent of Europe	Local	'Children's Music Promise'	Music & Dance	8, 9, 18, 19, 20
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 18, 19, 20
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Glamour-Eyes'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Showcase'	The Arts	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	All	All but with a focus on 16
		One World Festival	Music & Dance, Food	3, 18, 19, 23
		Carnival of Colours	Play, Music & Dance,	1, 18, 19, 20
		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 23
		Human Nature	Open	8, 18, 19
		Foyle Film Festival	Film	12, 13, 18, 19, 23
		Cultural Academy	The Arts	9, 12, 18, 19
		Youth Mural Project	The Arts	7, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Improving the health and well-being of all young people as a result of engagement in EYC activities	Local	Young Legends	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Operation Engage	Open	9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19
		Comfort Zone	Play	1, 18, 19, 20
		Children's Art Festival	The Arts	1, 9, 19, 20
		Sports Fusion	Sports & O'door Ed	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Project Calls	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'It's Your EYC'	Open	8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19,
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	Open	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Hubs'	All	11, 13, 17
		Social Skills Training Programme	Open	7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 19
		InterAct Youth Arts Festival & Youth Forum	Music & Dance, Theatre and Drama	1, 8, 12, 18, 19
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 23
		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	8, 18, 19
		City Walls' – 'Doors & Windows	Music	8, 18, 19
		Human Nature	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Carnival of Colours	Play, Music & Dance	1, 18, 19, 20
		Yoga-inspired	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19,20
growth in volunteering capacity within Derry~Londonderry and the European Project	Local	Young Legends	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		'Cultural Code-Breakers'	Open	8, 9, 14, 17, 18, 19
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		Operation Engage	Open	11, 13, 19
		'Big Brother, Big Sister'	Open	11, 13, 19
		'Mentor Me.....Mentor U'	Open	1, 7, 11, 13, 19,
		The Gap Social Enterprise Scheme	All	1, 11, 13, 18, 19
		Social Skills Training Programme	Open	7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 19
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 23
		connect the previous EYC themes and provide a platform for the 2014 EYC	Local	EYC Connection Events

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Establish a common meeting place to enhance relationships between young people and youth work communities	Regional and National	Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19,
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Neutral-Eyes'	Open	1, 17, 18, 20
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 20
		World Café World Record	Open	All
Explore issues that give rise to tension, misunderstanding and conflict	Regional and National	Team Spirit	Sport & O'door Ed	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		'Showcase'	The Arts	3, 13, 18,
		One World Festival	Music & Dance, Food	3, 18, 19, 23
		Foyle Pride Festival	Open	1, 2, 3, 9, 18, 19
		Creative Technologies Academy	ICT & Media	8, 18, 19
Develop networking capabilities to improve information and communication flow	Regional and National	Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue)	ICT & Media	11, 12, 18, 19
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		Provide a platform to exhibit effective youth work practice and policy	Regional and National	Sustainable City
Network City	All			Open
'YouthFest'	All			All
Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open			Open
Independent Forum for Y' Workers	All			All
Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All			All
'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open			All but with a focus on 16
Foyle Pride Festival	Open			1, 2, 3, 9, 18, 19

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed		
Create learning spaces to share evidence and outcomes from practice		Network City	All	Open		
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19		
		Independent Youth Forum for Youth Workers	All	All		
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All		
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16		
Enable young people, youth workers and policy-formers across Ireland and Britain to engage in and play a role in the European Youth Capital		'YouthFest'	All	All		
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open		
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19		
		'Operation Engage'	Open	11, 13, 19		
		Independent Youth Forum for Youth Workers	All	All		
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18		
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All		
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16		
		Young Arts Co-operatives'	The Arts	1, 9, 18, 19, 23		
		Foyle Pride Festival	Open	1, 2, 3, 9, 18, 19		
		Address ' Europeaness ' in a contemporary Irish and British Context		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19,
				The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	All	Open
Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open			Open		
One World Festival	Music & 'Dance, Food			3, 18, 19, 23		

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Establish a common mechanism to enhance long-term Inter-Isles relationships between young people, youth workers and policy-formers	Regional and National	Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
Identify and agree a series of common actions that enhance relationships and practice between these islands	Regional and National	Sustainable City	Open	8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
Participate in a unique and dynamic intercultural experience	International	Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19
		The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	All	Open
		Sports Fusion	Sports & Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19 20
Learn about the history, geography, traditions, identity and culture of Derry~Londonderry and Northern Ireland	International	Emigration Capital	The Arts	1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17
		'The FactStory'	The Written Word	12, 13, 18, 19
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19
		'Showcase'	The Arts	3, 13, 18
Learn from the experiences of communities emerging from conflict	International	The FactStory	The Written Word	12, 13, 18, 19
		Independent Forum for Y'outhWorkers	All	All
		'Showcase'	The Arts	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
		Maiden City Festival	Open	18, 19
Appreciate the rich and diverse youth work practice built up over generations	International	Network City	All	Open
		'YouthFest'	All	All
		Young People of Europe Awards ceremony	All	All
		Independent Youth Forum for Youth Workers	All	all
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
		Foyle Pride Festival	Open	1, 2, 3, 9, 18, 19

Objectives	Level	Programmes	Key Theme - Primary Focus	Youth Work Priorities Addressed
Network with a wide range of people and organisations so as to share experiences and with a view to developing common and diverse initiatives and actions	Inter-national	Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19,
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
Broaden the perspectives of young people in Derry~Londonderry through regular interaction and dialogue		Team Spirit	Sports & Outdoor Education	1, 7, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		'Young Legends'	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Showcase'	The Arts	Open
		'Digit-Eyes'	ICT & Media	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
Help to demystify the 'European Project'		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	8, 18, 19
		Network City	All	Open
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	All but with a focus on 12, 13, 18
		The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	All	Open
		Independent Forum for Youth Workers	All	All
Share in the common and diverse range of ideas developed during the bidding process for EYC 2013		'Young Legends'	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
Support the process of creating a vision for young people in Derry~Londonderry		'Young Legends'	All	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
Enhance the life and fabric of the city throughout 2013		'Young Legends'	Open	8, 12, 18, 19, 23
		Café del Mondo	Music & Dance, The Written Word	1, 9, 18, 19,
		Stepping Stones	Music & Dance	1, 9, 12, 18, 19
		Local Democracy Week	Open	12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
		'Showcase'	The Arts	3, 13, 18,
		All Existing Calendar Events/Fest's	Open	Open
		'Marketployment Roadshow'	Open	4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17
		Youth Mural Project	The Arts	7, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23

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Share a common space with young people from a wide range of backgrounds	Internationa l	Young People of Europe Awards ceremony	All	Open
		'Showcase'	The Arts	3, 13, 18,
		Carnival of Colours	Play, Music & Dance	1, 18, 19, 20
		2d Festival	The Arts	Open
		'bBOUNCE Off'	Music & Dance	12, 18, 19
		World Café World Record	Open	18, 19
		City of Hope European Jam	Music, The Arts	8, 18, 19
		Human Nature	Open	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Celtronic/Exit DJ and Dance Festival	Music & Dance	1, 7, 9, 12, 18
Create a multitude of positive memories that will remain with local communities for a long time		Youth Theatre Festival	Theatre & Drama	1, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20
		Creative Technologies Academy	ICT & Media	Open
		Creative Access in the Digital Age (Digital Dialogue)	ICT & Media	11, 12, 18, 19
Help bridge the link between Braga and EYC 2014		Sons and Daughters 2013 Opening Event	Open	Open
		Network City	All	Open
		Young People of Europe Awards ceremony	All	Open
		Passing the Baton	Open	Open
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16
		'YouthFest'	All	All
Recognise EYC 2013 as a bridge between the significant events of IYY 2010, conclusion of YiA, NI Youth Priorities, mid-term review of EU Youth Strategy and 25 th anniversary of UNCRC		Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition	Open	Open
		World Café World Record	Open	18, 19
		Priorities for Youth - What Now?	All	All
		'Rights Here, Rights Now'	Open	All but with a focus on 16

a) Activities

It is suggested to run at least one activity in each of the following areas, therefore please add relevant information about the foreseen types of activities in the fields below.

Active participation of young people in society

The active participation of young people in society is in line with two of the Strategic Areas of the Derry~Londonderry Regeneration Plan, i.e., 'Citizenship and Civic Pride' and 'Children and Young People'. Among the priorities of both groups includes an 'Increase in Participation' and 'A place that children and young people feel part of.'

In order for young people to play their part in society they must feel part of that society. To ensure this they must however possess the necessary skills, knowledge, motivation and confidence and of course opportunity to do so. The structures necessary to nurture and support young people's participation must also be in place.

The on-going Regeneration Plan has led to the development of a number of proposals including a 'citizenship, diversity and values education programme for primary and secondary schools', leadership training initiatives, development of a Citizenship Charter and a Local Democracy week.

Participation is one of the NI Youth Work Priority Areas alongside that which is also identified in the various other youth sector areas such as EU Youth Strategy and IYY 2010 priorities. As you will see from our proposed programme Participation as a theme will figure prominently in the build up to EYC 2013 - these refer specifically to the following objectives: Creation of a **vision** of how the city can be a safe and welcoming place for its children and young people; Creation of long-lasting **participation** mechanisms; Establish the city as a **children and young-person friendly zone**; Recognise EYC 2013 as a **bridge between the significant events** of IYY 2010, conclusion of YiA, NI Youth Priorities, mid-term review of EU Youth Strategy and 25th anniversary of UNCRC.

In the build up to, during and beyond 2013 the legacy of the structures and mechanisms that are already in place and/or will evolve over the next few years will ensure that the increase in young people's participation in the life and fabric of this city will be significant. This will also act as a stimulus and motivator for young people and organisations from cities across Europe as they use their experience of EYC 2013 to create change in their own localities.

The 'Active Participation of Young People in Society' should be viewed within the context of Derry~Londonderry's on-going developments, i.e., the Draft Regeneration Plan, UK City of Culture status and our ambition to achieve UNICEF Child Friendly Status.

These commitments are a testament to our determination to mainstream the participation of children and young people as central to the development of this city over the next ten years and as such will be embedded in those developments but it also has the opportunity to become much more animated in 2013.

The UK City of Culture Bid and the Draft Regeneration Plan have already mapped out how children and young people will be central to the development of this city over the next ten years – where we can illustrate this best is by using 2013 as the focus to share it with youth work communities throughout Europe.

The UK CoC Programme envisages connecting local communities and is accessible to all, connects with communities on a UK and Ireland, European and Global scale, delivers significant transformational step changes including equality, good relations and social cohesion; local economic prosperity; the City's cultural offering; the opportunities available to our citizens to unleash and give expression to their talent; and the ability of our communities to creatively connect globally. It will do this by 'exploiting the perfect match' with the new Regeneration Plan for the City.

One of the pledges within the UK City of Culture Bid is *to make the participation of children and young people a top priority and [we] are currently bidding for designation as a UNICEF Child Friendly City. We plan to make 2013 a special year and are also bidding to be designated as European Youth Capital 2013. We will capture the enthusiasm of our youth in the creative aspects of our culture, in cultural creation and learning in life.*

This pledge ensures the participation of young people in the life and fabric of the city but in doing so acknowledges EYC 2013 and Child Friendly status ambitions.

Over 5,000 young people have already been engaged in the development of the CoC bid and not only can this be viewed as a consultation process on its own but it has led to a wide range of firm commitments that has a direct reference and benefit to EYC 2013 including The Children's Promise, Planting of the Oaks, Garage Band and Creative Access in a Digital age.

The City's Draft Regeneration Plan was launched on 15 September and is subject to a 12 week consultation period which will include a number of tailored events with young people.

Not only is there already existing mechanisms within the Youth Sector that gather the thoughts, ideas and opinions of young people across the City and surrounding areas such as the various Youth Councils that feed into the WELB Youth Forum but combined with consultations and conversations regarding both the UK CoC 2013 and EYC 2013 bids and the current consultation on the Regeneration Plan this means that the city is, has and will continue to be exceedingly pro-active in engaging children and young people to ensure the structures and mechanisms necessary to maximise their participation will be developed and enacted.

An example of this is the high numbers of young people recruited as Cultural Code-Breakers. This initiative alone provides young people with a mechanism to investigate culture in their city and in doing so become part of the fabric of the city so as to influence and inform decision-making processes.

There is a firm commitment to engage 2, 000 children and young people in promoting Derry~Londonderry as the UK City of Culture in 2013 and in the event of a successful EYC bid this commitment can be amended to service and maximise both City of Culture and EYC.

The City Strategy Board which manages the Regeneration of the City has a Children and Young People's Sectoral Working Group in place which will continue to meet and ensure that the necessary structures and mechanisms to promote and implement participation among children and young people are implemented.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group intends to tap into the leadership potential of its young citizens and in doing so deliver a high quality leadership training programme to young people across all electoral wards in the Council area.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will recruit 25 young people from each electoral ward (5 age groups: 11-13, 14 & 15, 16 & 17, 18-21 and 22-30) to participate in it's 'Young Legends' Programme commencing at the start of 2013 but culminating in their organising of 'Local Democracy Week' in November 2013.

The programme will establish a pool of young leaders active in their communities through partnership with local community groups. This will not only equip young people to take their place in society but will enable them to see their efforts translated into Local Democracy week, whilst at the same time embedding a leadership training programme for 2013 and beyond.

Another initiative which will begin this month is Inside Out and Clubs for Young People's very own participation project, i.e., The 'Why?' Project. The 'Why' Project is a joint venture between Inside Out (Claudy), Clubs for Young People (Belfast), ISIS (Berlin) and Bezirksamt Reinickendorf von Berlin Abteilung Jugend und Familie (Berlin) to provide marginalised and socially excluded young people with the opportunity to begin a process of asking challenging questions in order to identify issues that they can respond to and address through a number of methods, i.e., Open Space, Local Action Projects and a joint plenary.

As the project is targeting socially excluded young people it does so in an effort to introduce them to concepts of participation and democracy. The project engages young people in investigating and learning about why society is the way it is and in doing so consider and raise issues that matter to them so as to begin to think about how they can create and influence change at local level before sharing learning and practice together.

	<p>As a result of the project Young people from Claudy and Berlin will eventually participate in a Youth Assembly involving young people from four other countries, Lithuania, Slovenia, Finland and Poland. This assembly will be held in Derry in the autumn of next year and will act as a forerunner to a youth assembly to be held as part of Local Democracy Week in 2013. It's hoped by that stage the Youth Assembly will have grown to a size where it reflects representation of countries across all of Europe.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will use the opportunities presented by UK City of Culture status, the Regeneration Plan, the bid for UNICEF Child Friendly status and other initiatives by members of the group, such as Inside Out to embed the necessary structures and processes to ensure that a legacy where children and young people participating in the fabric and life of this city and where they exert influence and inform decision-making processes is evident, tangible and visible.</p>
Open space for youth culture	<p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group views Youth Culture in a positive light but recognises that Youth Culture is often misrepresented and maligned. This of course is nothing new with every generation of young person being pillored, be that from the advent of the teenager in the 50's to the recent media onslaught, certainly in the UK anyway, on young single mothers.</p> <p>Young people are often misrepresented, demonised, attributed to lawlessness and held accountable for the 'breakdown' in societal norms and values with little or no consideration for the contribution the adult world makes to this 'breakdown'.</p> <p>Youth Culture is often portrayed in a negative light and young people are often viewed as a 'problem' to be dealt with and not as a 'community' with a positive contribution to make to society. We live in a society that focuses on cure as opposed to prevention and often that cure is about punishment and revenge rather than rehabilitation and making recompense.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group believes the only way to address this is to raise the profile of Youth Culture in the public consciousness, in a way that is not only viewed as contributing positively to the life and fabric of Derry~Londonderry but to the bigger picture of Youth Culture across Europe and European Youth Capital is a mechanism for achieving this.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group take the view that the only way to truly do this is to initiate a substantial, consistent and prolonged programme of activities that confronts stereotypes and prejudice that exist, addresses the imbalance in negative reporting of young people by the media, raises the profile of the positive contributions that young people make in society among the public conscience, builds relationships between young people and adults and young people and the elderly and creates opportunities for young people to take an active and leading role in creating, nurturing and promoting a unique and distinctive youth culture during 2013.</p> <p>There are a string of activities and events planned to do just that alongside a number of key actions including the work and role of the recently appointed Cultural Broker and yet to be appointed Media Champion.</p>

The Cultural Broker has a role specific to City of Culture but one of his tasks is to *extend the reach, scope and impact of artistic and cultural activity, especially young people* - this will no doubt have a positive impact on the perceptions of young people at least in the media and ultimately public domain.

The Cultural Broker also has a significant role in ensuring the utilisation one of the key locations in the City - the former Military Barracks at Ebrington, in the Waterside area of the city. Currently under-going major redevelopment, the Ebrington Parade Ground will house music, performance and gallery and has capacity for 15,000 standing, 3 other areas of up to 1,250 standing and will accommodate a temporary seated venue for 12,000.

This location is one of the key developments in the regeneration of the city and will be prominent in 2013 as a venue for a wide range of activities and provides a location for children, young people and families to share in a whole host of activities, many of them connected to implementation of EYC 2013.

Aside from this new development, Derry~Londonderry has an array of venues suitable for hosting most of the proposed events and activities. These are centrally based venues and do not include many community based venues.

Venue/Audience	Type	Capacity
Waterside Theatre,	Theatre/Music/ Performance	350 seated
Nerve Centre/Gas Yard/Playhouse,	Music/Digital Technologies	500 seated
Guildhall,	Theatre/Music/ Performance	800 seated
Millennium Forum,	Theatre /Performance	1,000 seated
St Columb's Hall,	Theatre /Performance	1,000 seated
Hotels/B&B etc,	Tourism/Visitors	2,482 bed spaces
Guildhall Public Realm,	Music/Performance/Art	5,000 standing
St Columb's Park, Prehen Park, Brooke Park, Celtic Park,	Music venues	Approximately all 5,000 standing (Celtic Park 10,000 sitting/standing, Prehen 20,000)
Waterloo Place Public Realm,	Music/Performance/Art	7,500 standing
Ebrington Parade Ground,	Music/Performance/ Gallery	15,000 standing, 3 other areas of up to 1,250 standing. Can accommodate temporary seated venue for 12,000
Vacant City Centre buildings,	Music/Performance/ Exhibition	Up to 20,000 seated / standing
Foyle Riverside,	Music/Performance	30,000 standing
Restaurants, bars etc,	Tourism/Visitors	Regularly host events of 40,000 (e.g. Jazz Festival)

The combination of location and the task of the Cultural Broker in promoting artistic and cultural activity among young people presents exciting opportunities and much potential to promote open space for youth culture.

The position of Media Champion although voluntary in nature will be significant in that he or she will be tasked with using their influence to address the negative perception of young people in the media and raise the level of 'good news stories'.

He or she will use their experience, influence and networking capacity to promote the profile of young people through available media and champion the cause of young people in relevant situations.

Aside from the Cultural Broker and Media Champion there will be a vast array of events and activities in 2013 including Child's Play (EYC Style), 'Young Legends', The Mad Hatters European Tea Party, Stepping Stones, Sports Fusion, Planting of the Oaks, Local Democracy Week, 'Operation Engage', Young People of Europe Awards ceremony, 'Glamour-Eyes', 'Digit-Eyes', 'Showcase', 'R & R' and 'Garage Band'

These activities will all lend themselves to profiling the various skills, talents and qualities of young people and in doing so act as a 'communal exhibit' of youth culture.

However, one or rather two particular activities we wish to highlight will engage members of the public in a very public way and thus will create space, literally, to exhibit youth culture.

One of our partner organisations, City Centre Initiative will co-ordinate the delivery of two programmes, 'DIS-Used Space' and 'Impromptyouth' using existing spaces, spaces which are either disused and/or uncared for or occupied spaces but that can be used to promote youth culture to new audiences/local publics in creative ways. So for example, an empty business unit might become a youth café for two days or a young people's choir may suddenly turn up in the middle of the day in a city centre car park and start singing.

City Centre Initiative will deliver 24 'DIS-Used Space' events and 24 'Impromptyouth' events, throughout 2013 averaging one per month. All events will be inter-related and whilst separate in their own right form part of a single initiative to create momentum for Open Space for Youth Culture and keep it in the minds of the public rather than a single one-off event.

Both initiatives will attempt to address public perceptions of young people in order to promote better understanding, recognition and appreciation of Youth Culture. 'DIS-Used Space' will attempt to draw attention to how unused space can be brought to life and in doing so generate discussion and debate about how we utilise space in the first place.

'Impromptyouth' will take used space and show how it can be enhanced with little or no effort and will demonstrate how people can be the actual resource.

	<p>Both events show how we use space, how we create open spaces, how we access space but ultimately profile Youth Culture using the available spaces.</p>
<p>Space for informal learning and/or intergenerational dialogue</p>	<p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group recognises the importance of promoting intergenerational dialogue in an age when the tensions and strains between young people and the adult world are more evident than at any time before.</p> <p>The gap between generations used to be lengthy but such is the pace of modern life and advances in technology that even young people in their 20's now feel that the few short years that separate them from teenagers can amount to a lifetime.</p> <p>People are now often so busy in their life that the time afforded for conversation becomes less and less. However, the need for just plain 'old conversation' couldn't be greater so as to aid and abet understanding between generations and to meet that common need among people – young and old alike – to be heard. Everyone has a story to tell about when they're young – even if that's now.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will set up and facilitate 'The FactStory', a communal space based on the 10 Key Themes where conversations between generations will be documented or where people can leave their story to be collated and written up. All stories will then be presented in a structure that recreates one section of The Derry Walls and can be viewed by the entire public.</p> <p>'The FactStory' is a play on the word Factory but of course is symbolic in that factories produce goods and in this case the goods are the story which is true for the person it concerns and therefore is a FactStory!</p> <p>It's symbolic for other reasons in that at one time or another, this City housed more than a dozen shirt factories where the women of Derry~Londonderry formed the mainstay of employment and where hundreds of thousands of stories were exchanged. Over the years these factories have disappeared with production lines moving east into Eastern Europe and Asia and with it their stories from the past.</p> <p>The process of creating and facilitating dialogue is the most important part of the process. When displayed in public it creates its own form of dialogue and when exhibited on a re-created section of The Derry Walls plays on a well known phrase about the same, 'If stones could speak.'</p>

<p>New or innovative approaches to youth employment</p>	<p>Derry~Londonderry continues to have the highest rate of unemployment within any District Council area in NI and ranks 399/406 in the UK. The number of jobless has increased by 25% in the last year. Almost one third of claimants are aged 18-24 and 9 out of 10 are under 49.</p> <p>Young people, especially males aged 18-24 are more than twice as likely to be unemployed than older individuals. The low rate of economic activity within the city has ensured that little investment has taken place by the public and private sector in meeting the needs of children and young people.</p> <p>The city has the youngest demographics in these islands, yet, there has been little technological development within the city to harness the modern knowledge-based skills that these young people possess.</p> <p>Derry City Council is aware of the employment issues facing Derry~Londonderry. As part of the draft regeneration plan for the city a vision addressing Enterprise and Employment has been created. This vision is <i>“To become a globally recognised entrepreneurial City-region, offering quality sustainable employment opportunities to all residents and a world class location for inward investors and tourists alike”</i></p> <p>This Vision includes a number of priorities: (i) Enhance the skills base of those currently unemployed (ii) Increase the performance of further and higher education as economic drivers (iii) Create an “innovation City” (iv) Create a “digital City” by maximising the opportunities arising from project Kelvin (v) Create a sustainable City and (vi) Reduce the high levels of economic inactivity by tackling the attitudinal issues around low take-up for learning and employment</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group believes that the circumstances facing the city mean it is in an ideal position to develop creative and innovative responses to youth unemployment but also exhibit models of practice promoting youth employment.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group wants to demonstrate practice but also act as a catalyst for dialogue around the issue of Youth Employment and during 2013 proposes to host a ‘Market Place’ where Employment and Training providers from across Europe can meet and engage in sharing and exchanging practice and promoting initiatives.</p> <p>It’s not unusual for training and employment providers to meet and exchange practice and ideas but it’s unusual for organisations to come together in a public space providing access and information to members of the public and in particular focusing on young people.</p> <p>‘Marketemployment Roadshow’ is an initiative that will bring organisations from across Europe (with a remit for youth employment) together for 4 days in an atmosphere of sharing which promotes knowledge of ‘products’, creates space for exchange of practice, stimulates discussion and debate so as to inform publics and creates a ‘swell’ of energy around the issue of Youth Employment.</p>
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Derry City Council will contribute to the roadshow by profiling two pieces of its own work: (i) 'Kickstart to Work' and (ii) Project Kelvin.

The WELB Youth Service Team in Derry~Londonderry will also profile the range of programmes it offers to enhance the employability capacity of young leaders in order to demonstrate investment in young people and youth work.

'Kickstart to Work' offers a range of services to residents and organisations in the Derry City Council area, helping people match their abilities and interests with jobs or training opportunities and assisting employers in finding the right staff. Kickstart is made up of a range of different programmes including Job Brokerage Service, Intermediate Labour Market Programme, Outreach Service and Kickstart to Work Bus. <http://www.derrycity.gov.uk/kickstart/Help&Support.htm>

The Job Brokerage Service strives to develop a "People Pool" of potential employees who are job ready through tailored training that meets the employers needs. To date this has included the development of pre-employment programmes and work on social clauses to capture the benefits of planned public/private investment for individuals furthest from the labour market. The approach taken has involved forming links with local employers, changing attitudes towards the long term unemployed, exploring where skills gaps exist, working to overcome local skills shortages and recruitment difficulties, while at the same time assisting clients into work.

The Intermediary Labour Market (ILM) Programme acts as a bridge between unemployment and the world of work by providing proportionally paid employment to participants for a 50 week period. The Outreach Service comprises Mentoring & Employment Officers that provide professional, one-to-one help & support with job searching, writing CVs, completing job applications, preparing for interviews, getting into the right training course and much more.

The Kickstart to Work Bus travels communities throughout the Derry City Council area and all services can be delivered on the Kickstart bus, which is equipped with laptops, internet access and a TV screen, to assist in job search activities.

(ii) The North West Direct International Connectivity Project (Project Kelvin) is a transnational telecommunications project under INTERREG IV. Project Kelvin is a £30m initiative between the Department for Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) in Northern Ireland and the Department for Communication, Energy and Natural Resources (Irish Republic). DETI is leading the project.

The main aim of Project Kelvin is to commission the private sector telecommunications industry to bring into the North West a direct link to the global telecommunications network. This involves a new submarine cable which connects to an existing transatlantic cable where the cable lands.

The importance of such a 'connection' is at the centre of enterprise and employment plans for Derry~Londonderry and given that we live in the digital age and the significance this has for present and future generations of young people, the importance of such a development and learning that can from it form youth employment initiatives across Europe and beyond cannot be underestimated.

The WELB (Western Education and Library Board) orchestrate a variety of courses to help support the career aspirations of young people. They are as follows:

(i) GLAD (Growing Learning and Development) in schools and youth clubs (ii) ASDAN short term programmes and (iii) OCN accredited courses, including OCN Level 2 Good Relations and Diversity, OCN Level 2 Participation Skills, OCN Level 2 Young Adult Development, OCN Level 1 Alcohol Awareness, and OCN Level 2 Peer Education in Promoting Good Relations.

The WELB Youth Service will raise the profile of this work whilst exhibiting it as demonstration projects.

Another project, School Employer Connections, works with approximately 500 employers annually from across NI and also from the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. Over 4,000 students from more than 50 post-primary schools across three Education and Library Board areas now take part in our programmes every year.

SEC will deliver The Cultural Connections Project; SEC receives regular requests from students interested in art, music, dance, drama, sport, history and heritage, event management, crafts, language, film, radio, television etc. A considerable gap exists between demand and supply for placements in the creative and cultural industries.

With Derry ~ Londonderry having been awarded UK City of Culture 2013 and shortlisted for EYC an opportunity exists to address this development and maximise opportunities for our young people to support the creative and cultural sector in preparing its future workforce to meet its predicted growth. Naturally the expected number of requests for placements in from students in the creative and cultural industries will increase enormously as the City of Culture and potentially successful EYC bids gather momentum.

Members of the SEC team will approach as many of the creative and cultural industries in Derry~Londonderry and surrounding areas as possible to seek their participation in order to maximise placement opportunities. SEC aims to develop sufficient capacity to support an additional 150 placements annually in this sector.

Like many of the other developments within this city "Youth Employment" should be seen within the context of the successful UK City of Culture Bid and Draft Regeneration Plan. Young people are central to both and with an anticipated 900 net new jobs by end of 2013 and an estimated 2, 800 by 2020, the future prospects for young people is positive.

	<p>With the status of City of Culture now bestowed upon the City and the Regeneration Plan currently out for consultation the opportunity to nurture, develop, create innovative approaches to youth employment is upon us and over the next 2-3 years we as a city will be adding to the approaches already referred to above.</p> <p><i>“The UK City of Culture bid will be a catalyst to make the step change required to deliver real and lasting economic prosperity across and within the City and wider North West region. that not only helps develop a unique offering in NI that will continue to attract future investment, but also helps the wider NI economy by attracting tourists, raising economic performance and reducing the fiscal costs of support currently incurred by the Derry~Londonderry economy.” (Derry~Londonderry UK City of Culture Bid Document)</i></p> <p>Volunteering is invaluable to both communities and as a personal development for young people where they can learn new skills and contribute to their community. Volunteer Now have been leading an extensive programme to enable and up skill people from Northern Ireland to be part of the 2012 Olympic Games. Volunteer Now’s Northern Ireland division have met with Derry~Londonderry 2013 EYC partners and agreed to work with Derry~Londonderry in order that best practice from this 2012 volunteer programme can be rolled over to support the delivery of European Youth Capital 2013 on the ground.</p> <p>http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/home-and-community/getting-involved-in-your-community/volunteering/volunteering-at-the-2012-games.htm</p> <p>Aside from underpinning programme animation for EYC 2013 in Derry~Londonderry, this volunteer initiative would also cross into education, ambassador / liaison work, stewarding and event management and strategic management and development work.</p> <p>It is agreed by all partners with Volunteer Now that development of young people as volunteers and leaders in volunteering would offer a model of practice for other European cities to emulate, and would be a key legacy of European Youth Capital 2013 - with young people acting as leaders, initiators and innovators in the development of Derry~Londonderry for 2013 and beyond.</p>
<p>Multiculturalism or integration</p>	<p>In recent years, this City has become home to many people from overseas. The multicultural dimension of the city is growing, thriving and stimulating with more than 60 nationalities represented in the city be that living, working or studying and over 70 different languages.</p> <p>Whilst numbers are still relatively small in comparison to the overall population of the city, it’s the breadth and diversity of nationality and identity represented that gives the city its richness.</p> <p>Whether it’s Ireland’s indigenous Travelling community, it’s 3rd or 4th</p>

generation Chinese and Indian communities, Eastern Europeans from Poland, Lithuania or more recently Romania and Bulgaria who have come here in pursuit of work, students from western and central Europe who have come to improve their language skills, individuals from the Americas whose work commitments have brought them here or refugees who have fled their countries to avoid violence, conflict or displacement, the City of Derry~Londonderry is home to a diverse population from all the corners of the globe.

Numerous organisations throughout the city work to promote good relations not only between the two main communities in the city but with the growing influx of overseas nationals in the last twenty years, Derry City Council as the lead public authority in the city have worked hard to integrate policy and practice into life and fabric of the city which promotes good relations between all citizens. Derry City Council has a good relations strategy in place along with a 3 year action plan.

In the context of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 which all parties committed themselves to embedding Equality in public life, local authorities have been subject to legislation that imposes upon them responsibilities to ensure equality of opportunity for all citizens. That has been brought more sharply into contrast in light of the diversification of the local population.

“By ‘Good Relations’ we mean the promotion of equality, the development of respect for diversity and the raising of awareness about the interdependence of people and institutions within Derry~Londonderry. Our work is carried out in the context of the statutory duty placed upon public authorities ‘to have regard’ to the desirability of promoting good relations, as laid out in Section 75(2) of the Northern Ireland Act (1998) and the Northern Ireland Executive’s emerging Programmes for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration, which will form the basis of building Good Relations between communities in Northern Ireland.” (15)

This in essence sets out the City’s commitment to ensuring Good Relations and therefore sets the context for the promotion of Multiculturalism and Integration. With that in mind, one organisation that has led the way in promoting multiculturalism and integration is SEEDS.

SEEDS, a member of the EYC Youth Partnership Group will take the lead on promoting Multiculturalism and Integration within EYC 2013. SEEDS operate a number of social enterprises including Cafe Del Mondo and this space is open throughout the year and will serve as a focal point for many of the Multicultural activities planned.

Cafe Del Mondo is a Social Enterprise and already serves or rather facilitates a social space where people meet, exchange information and break down cultural and linguistic barriers. It has built up a strong reputation and credibility for its work and earlier this year (in only its first year of operation) picked up the George Quigley Ulster Bank Award in recognition of its role as a Social Enterprise

SEEDS carries out its own programme of activities with schools, community groups, etc but it’s in its role of managing Café del Mondo where it has created the greatest impact among the many different

	<p>nationalities in the city.</p> <p>It has helped to nurture, support and generate a programme of social and cultural activities that promotes inclusion and interaction between ethnic minorities and the indigenous community. This has proved to very successful. The importance of diversity has grown beyond the responsibility of any one organisation or group of individuals.</p> <p>Diversity in our society is now seen as essential to deliver and improve the work of all sections of society organisation. In workplaces, schools and organisations the concept of inclusive excellence establishes a clear connection between diversity and the quality of the learning process taking place.</p> <p>Diversity is now being recognised as an important component of any strategic plan. The challenge, however, is turning plans into reality. If diversity is to thrive, it must live in the minds and hearts of the individuals who make up the group and become part of the culture of the organisation. The transformation of beliefs and values, often unconscious and deeply held, do not occur by reading strategic objectives.</p> <p>SEEDS promotes community which embraces and promotes diversity in all facets of its life and work. It is a snapshot of the steps used to move the members of the community from their many contested perspectives to a society which a shared 'multi-vision' can be woven from the many rich and disparate views. The goal, from the outset, is to include each and every member of our community regardless of who they are and where they are from.</p> <p>Under the EYC Youth Partnership Group, SEEDS will co-ordinate the delivery of a range of weekly activities including Friendship Club, Open Mic nights and Harmonicity drum circle and multicultural band alongside festivals including the annual One World Festival. There will also be other one-off events organised in response to particular issues or events and the location of Café del Mondo, opposite the Guildhall (City Hall) and main bus depot puts it in an ideal location for visitors to the city.</p>
<p>International youth co-operation</p>	<p>There will be a number of key events in the EYC Calender that will promote international youth co-operation including Emigration Capital, Sustainable City, Network City, 'bOUNCE off', The Mad Hatters European Tea Party, Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition, Young People of Europe Awards ceremony, Local Democracy Week, Priorities for Youth - What Now? and 'Rights Here, Rights Now.'</p> <p>These range in scale from perhaps small numbers of delegates to large events with anything up to 500 delegates. For example, Priorities for Youth - What Now? and 'Rights Here, Rights Now' will be two major conferences – the former addressing policy and practice as regards EU Youth Strategy, YiA, EYF's priorities and NI Youth Sector priorties whist the latter focusing on the UNCRC/Human Rights.</p> <p>These events are detailed in previous sections but the one event we have</p>

	<p>selected to focus on for promoting international youth co-operation is 'YouthFest'.</p> <p>Inside Out will lead specifically on 'YouthFest', a youth worker festival which proposes bringing together 200 youth workers (100 local/100 overseas) to celebrate all that is positive in youth work. Practitioners from ten countries will meet and engage with youth workers, young leaders and children and young people from right across Northern Ireland in a mass celebration of youth work practice.</p> <p>YouthFest will incorporate the ten identified mediums that figure prominently in youth work, mediums that are commonly used to engage young people, mediums such as music, outdoor education, IT and drama.</p> <p>YouthFest is a series of organised events and activities designed to illustrate all that is good in youth work, to raise its profile to a wider audience, demonstrate best practice, provide a platform for practitioners to share learning and exchange views and provide opportunities for children and young people to engage in activities that will promote the development of their skills and knowledge alongside a greater awareness of and use for inter-cultural dialogue.</p> <p>Planned Activities include Performances (Indoor and Outdoor), Presentations, Exhibits, Workshops and Conference – the conference will focus on the ten key themes.</p> <p>YouthFest has five target markets (i) youth work communities in the immediate Derry~Londonderry area and across Northern Ireland (ii) the general public in the North West (iii) parents and families (iv) children and young people not involved in youth work provision at any level and (iv) the broad youth work community across Europe.</p>
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<p>b) Networking and Participation</p> <p>It is suggested that the applicant develops networking and participation structures in the areas mentioned below, therefore please add relevant information about the foreseen networking and participation structures involving the relevant stakeholders mentioned in each field.</p>	
<p>Offer possibilities to all young people of the municipality to participate in designing and implementing activities for the EYC year</p>	<p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group has already begun this process as part of developing the bid for EYC. This started with a 'World Café' to engage youth workers before they themselves engaged young people in similar 'in-house' type events in their own organisations and information was collated.</p> <p>This was followed by a large-scale event engaging almost 100 young people so as to further inform the bid. A number of artists across a range of mediums, i.e., visual art, video, etc collated the views and opinions of young people and these were incorporated into the initial bid</p> <p>This was followed up by two public information/update meetings before</p>

another World Café event with practitioners and young people from a multitude of professions who work directly with young people in order to review the initial bid and identify gaps.

Almost 70 practitioners from a host of organisations across voluntary, statutory, community, political, culture, arts and business sectors engaged in both 'World Café' events.

A final consultation event, 'Exhibition of Ideas', was organised in an 'Art Gallery' style with programme ideas exhibited on walls and young people asked to record their thoughts on various 'blank canvases'. Around fifty young people alongside a number of interested adults from a wide variety of organisations were in attendance. (Some of the responses that young people made at our recent 'Exhibition of Ideas' event can be found under Annex III).

These events have proven very popular, have been very well attended and have captured the attentions of people from such a diverse range of organisations.

In fact, the interest and momentum generated has exceeded expectations and has struck a chord with the wider youth sector and can be attributed to not only the interest that would come with being EYC 2013 of course but also the new found confidence that exists within the city as a result of winning the UK City of Culture 2013 bid.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group or rather its constituent members has begun the process of identifying and recruiting young people from this consultation process with a view to forming a youth panel that will then act as reference panel for implementation of policy, practice and activities relating to the UK City of Culture and EYC bids and the larger regeneration process.

A number of partner organisations have their own respective youth reference mechanisms, so for example, the WELB (Western Education and Library Board) has a region-wide Youth Forum which draws members from all the youth councils that exist in the various 'areas' within the Board structure, i.e., Derry~Londonderry, Strabane, Rural Foyle, Omagh, Enniskillen, etc.

A number of these councils, those indigenous to the broader Derry~Londonderry area engaged in 'in-house' consultations prior to the initial bid whilst the Board's Social Inclusion Officer engaged the NW Peace & Reconciliation Forum in the 'Exhibition of Ideas' event.

Another organisation, Off the Streets not only engaged some of their Street Work Groups but also their Play Team which although in positions of leadership are all young people.

A number of other partner-organisations, Greater Shantallow Area Partnership and Pilots Row Community Centre (falls under the remit of WELB) not only engaged young people in 'in-house' consultations but also 'Exhibition of Ideas' event.

Foyle Language School, which deals specifically with overseas students carried out their own consultation with some of their current 'wave' of students. This is particularly interesting as a group from outside the city representing the thoughts and opinions of visitors and offers an insight into some of the actions that we as a city can contemplate as we work towards EYC 2013.

It also demonstrates some of the expectations that visitors have of Derry~Londonderry when compared with where they are coming from and helps to inform and offer directions regarding our aspirations as a city.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group in the build up to 2013 will support the development of a Youth Panel through a commitment of time, resources, mentoring and shadowing.

In keeping with the three phase plan, the Youth Panel will be embedded in 2011 as part of the preparation phase, will begin practicing in 2012 as part of the 'Dry Run' phase and will co-ordinate a series of World Café events in 2013.

During the 'bedding-down' process (preparation phase), members of the Youth Panel will be engaged in leadership training to prepare them for both the 'Dry Run' and implementation phase.

As part of the preparation phase The Youth Panel will have direct input into council mechanisms such as Council committees (elected members), and sub-committees, formal presentations and non-formal meetings with elected members in council and non-council settings.

In 2013 The Youth Panel will orchestrate one large World Café event per quarter that will engage at least 100 young people from across the city and surrounding areas, the results of which will inform the on-going development of the EYC including Local Democracy week

To help support the development of this structure, one of the partner organisations, Inside Out has already begun a process of implementing a Youth Democracy Project funded through the YiA programme.

Between November 2010 and December 2011, Inside Out will recruit 20 young people from in and around the North West Region area to participate in The 'Why?' Project.

The 'Why' Project is a joint venture between Inside Out (Claudy), Clubs for Young People (Belfast), ISIS (Berlin) and Bezirksamt Reinickendorf von Berlin Abteilung Jugend und Familie (Berlin) to provide marginalised and socially excluded young people with the opportunity to begin a process of asking challenging questions in order to identify issues that they can respond to and address through a number of methods, i.e., Open Space, Local Action Projects and a joint plenary.

As the project is targeting socially excluded young people it does so in an effort to introduce them to concepts of participation and democracy. The project engages young people in investigating and learning about why

	<p>society is the way it is and in doing so consider and raise issues that matter to them so as to begin to think about how they can create and influence change at local level before sharing learning and practice together.</p> <p>The 'Why' Project will consist of 7 phases: (i) preparing 8-10 young people for 2 months (ii) examining local democratic governance (iii) Open Space Event followed by actions (youth-led projects) (iv) local action projects – 9 months (v) Follow-up/Plenary/Joint project (vi) Next Steps (vii) large scale training event (under 4.3) for EU countries.</p> <p>As mentioned in question 7a those who take part in the project will eventually participate in a Youth Assembly involving young people from four other countries, Lithuania, Slovenia, Finland and Poland. This assembly will be held in Derry in the autumn of next year and will act as a forerunner to a youth assembly to be held as part of Local Democracy Week in 2013 but will have already been successfully held in 2011 and 2012. We would also hope that by firmly establishing a Youth Assembly on an on-going basis that we can then use this platform as a mechanism for promoting young people running for public office, almost equating to an apprenticeship scheme for Elected Members.</p> <p>This would provide a pathway for young people to enter politics by their own means as opposed to the traditional manner which is through joining the political party of their choice. So for example, if a young person at 18 takes part in the assembly next year then perhaps in 3 to 4 years of the Youth Assembly life they may then feel they have the experience to run in public life.</p>
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<p>Involve or consult other relevant actors and the surrounding region in the planning of the activities in order to raise interest in and ownership of the programme year</p>	<p>Since shortlisting, stakeholders have been involved in a number of key events and activities including update meetings, practitioners event, 'Exhibition of Ideas' event with young people, a variety of articles and photographs in local newspapers, the setting-up of a Facebook group, design and production of EYC materials and a significant increase in the representation of groups now officially supporting our bid. This in itself reflects not only the growing interest and anticipation but also the acknowledgement of the potential that such a bid represents.</p> <p>Securing EYC status will galvanise an already excited youth sector. It will provide further motivation for all stakeholders to work together in a combined effort to maximise EYC for youth work communities in Derry~Londonderry and the islands of Ireland and Britain and those travelling to Northern Ireland during 2013.</p> <p>This bid has now secured the support of a vast array of local, regional and national organisations across a multitude of sectors and is now reverberating across the Youth Sector in Northern Ireland – this bid is just not about Derry~Londonderry-people but organisations now realise that the combination of UK CoC and EYC represents a monumental time in the history and development of the city and they now want to be part of it.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group as representing the interests of the Youth Sector in Northern Ireland with regards to the EYC bid will commit</p>
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itself to hosting a wide range of Stakeholder events throughout 2013. In addition to the work of the Local Programme Committee, Working Groups and Volunteer Teams it will host 4 Open Space Events ('Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition'), one at the beginning of each quarter and an open invite will be issued to the public but youth work communities will be targeted to ensure that those directly involved in planning, promoting and delivering EYC are consulted and engaged.

There will also be a number of other events where consultation and planning will take place in order to raise interest and ownership among stakeholders.

'Schools Out....': will provide 60 World Café' Style events to promote involvement and engagement whilst 'Operation Engage' will ensure volunteers will also be high profile 'on the streets' to promote dialogue.

Project Calls and 'It's Your EYC' provide organisations will have the opportunity to develop programmes and thus play their part in EYC.

An Independent Forum for Youth Workers to promote communication and information between workers will be set up and 'Digit-Eyes', a weekly radio programme involving young people will be the 'eyes and ears of 'EYC World.'

'R & R' will engage young people in creating a Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and two major conferences, Priorities for Youth - What Now? and 'Rights Here, Rights Now' will engage a vast array of organisations from across the Youth Work Sector.

In addition to its own network, The EYC Youth Partnership Group will liaise with existing local networks such as the North West Community Network to solicit information through its regular bulletins.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will work in tandem with the four local news papers – Derry Journal, Derry News, Londonderry Sentinel and North West Telegraph to host a weekly EYC Update so as to keep publics informed and to secure feedback.

The local newspapers publish each day of the week apart from Saturday with for example, the Derry Journal selling in excess of 22, 000 and 26, 000 editions of their Tuesday and Friday editions respectively. In a population of 110, 000 people this means that approximately 1 in 4 households purchase a copy and because of the size of Derry~Londonderry it provides a unique outlet for communities to engage in the life and fabric of city. The four main newspapers will also promote EYC on their respective websites.

Both Derry City Council and more importantly the EYC website will provide space for feedback, suggestions and contributions. Web pages will also be set up on the main social networking sites, facebook, Bebo, MySpace etc alongside options such as twitter to ensure that all on-line users, particularly young people are connected and that the process is inclusive.

	<p>Derry City Council will and have already begun to utilise the expertise of their own in-house Marketing Department and will maximise radio and television opportunities to ensure the local publics are informed and to encourage feedback.</p> <p>Marketing materials and publicity literature produced will provide space for the public to engage and offer feedback and to make suggestions.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will also host 'Rolling Roadshows' which will travel to different communities throughout the city and surrounding areas. There will be one per month during the 'Dry Run' phase, i.e., 2012 and one per week for the entirety of 2013.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will also engage with all secondary and grammar schools during 2012 and 2013 hosting World Café Style events - at least one with each year of each school which will amount to around 60 different events.</p> <p>The team of Cultural Code-Breakers will also play a role in supporting the process of engaging and consulting with young people, youth work communities and the public at large.</p> <p>The Volunteers Team will also be high profile 'on the streets' of Derry~Londonderry in 2012 and 2013 and in a initiative called 'Operation Engage' will enter into dialogue and conversations with the Derry~Londonderry public but with a particular focus on young people.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group during the preparation phase in 2011 identify and approach 'partners' with a view to maximizing outlets and mechanisms to ensure publics are informed.</p>
<p>Encourage other actors of the municipality to contribute with their own projects and activities to the programme</p>	<p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group has already laid the groundwork for this process with the establishment of the working group which earlier this year began its work to head up the EYC bid.</p> <p>Almost 70 different individuals representing more than 40 groups have now taken part in the world café consultation events.</p> <p>This group will continue to meet in the build-up, implementation, and post-EYC phases to ensure that the EYC bid not only succeeds but that the legacy it creates continues and momentum for change is sustained.</p> <p>This working group will of course be formalised into the Local Programme Committee and because it has emerged from a truly consultative basis and from 'the ground up'; existing members will continue to support and engage in the process. This will also help to ensure that other actors not yet engaged will become involved in due course to help oversee implementation of the EYC bid and programme. There is already a wide selection of stakeholders in this process (see supporting Youth Structures).</p>

	<p>In addition to this The EYC Youth Partnership Group will maximise networks and (alongside other existing local and regional networks) will announce specific 'Project Calls' in 2011 inviting groups to develop and submit project ideas. This will be managed in accordance with already established policies and procedures to ensure bids are high quality, inclusive and meet the broader aims of EYC. The EYC Youth Partnership Group will ensure a transparent, open and accountable information sessions for local publics prior to the submission deadline. These will be incorporated into the official EYC Calendar of events.</p> <p>Whilst there will be an official calendar of events the bid team recognise the need for communities in the broader Derry~Londonderry area to 'exploit' EYC status by organising various linked and related activities. So for example, a local residents association may organise an EYC street party for its children and young people or a youth club might host a European themed disco for its members. 'It's Your EYC' will ensure that 'actors' at all levels can contribute to the life and fabric of the city and share in the inevitable excitement and 'pulse' that will be generated by being European Youth Capital in 2013.</p> <p>Existing information and communication systems to ensure that all events, official or otherwise, will be promoted to as wide an audience as possible.</p> <p>We will ensure the involvement of other 'actors' by implementing a five-pronged approach referred to above, i.e., maximising existing calendar events, hosting EYC Capital Connection Events, developing new events (as mentioned) implementing a rolling programme around ten themes and utilising UK City of Culture Programme.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group's commitment to hosting European Youth Capital is to ensure EYC Events on a daily basis throughout 2013 - this is an ambitious target of course but such a commitment will enable the vast array of organisations committed to delivering EYC to young people in Derry~Londonderry and surrounding areas the opportunity to ensure a cross-spectrum of actors are engaged in delivering EYC to Derry~Londonderry and surrounding areas.</p> <p>As already mentioned this process is further strengthened now Derry~Londonderry has become UK City of Culture, where the processes, systems and procedures used to engage communities in Derry~Londonderry are already largely in place and will be reinforced through a successful EYC bid.</p>
<p>Have (or actively support the establishment of) an independent structure for youth clubs and</p>	<p>Whilst there is a vibrant and committed youth sector both locally and regionally in Northern Ireland, it is also quite diverse and at times disparate covering a wide range of sectors and areas. Only in recent times has the broad youth work community attempted to develop a genuine joined-up strategic approach.</p> <p>There are existing youth structures that aim to act as representative bodies in the Derry~Londonderry area including the Western Education and Library Board's Youth Forum (made up of local councils throughout WELB's</p>

<p>local/regional branches of youth associations (a youth council)</p>	<p>geographical remit) whilst Derry City Council have in the past delivered a Shadow Council involving young people and mirroring the structure of elected members.</p> <p>EYC status provides an unlikely yet welcome opportunity to address this by working towards establishing a genuinely authentic structure that is truly representative of the needs, aspirations and desires of all young people across the wider Derry~Londonderry area and emerges from the ‘ground up.’</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group is committed to facilitating a process whereby all key stakeholders with responsibility for delivery of services to young people (and some without) in the broader Derry~Londonderry area are invited to meet and work together to develop plans as to how they will engage their ‘constituency’ in drawing up a new youth structure that ‘is truly representative of the needs, aspirations and desires of all young people.’</p> <p>Derry City Council with responsibility for local governance will lead on this process but only in a facilitation role in an effort to ensure that stakeholders ‘get around the table’ so as to engage their constituencies and in partnership with young people begin to implement the new structure.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will make available resources in terms of staffing, venues and administrative support to begin this process in 2011 as part of the preparation phase, facilitate the new-look structure in 2012 as part of the ‘Dry Run’ phase before launch and full implementation during 2013. The new structure will be endorsed by DCC and will not be merely shadow in nature but rather will have clear Terms of Reference, a budget and a genuine decision-making role where it can create change and exert influence on policy and decisions affecting young people.</p> <p>Derry City Council’s commitment is to facilitate the process that leads to the development of the new structure and to endorse and support it at full Council level and this in many respects will be one part of the legacy from EYC 2013.</p> <p>This process will also be supported by the setting up of an Independent Forum for Youth Workers that will work to improve the communication between workers in the city. During the consultation process leading to the submission of this bid, there was recognition among youth workers or practitioner working with young people that communication could be different and more effective.</p> <p>The notion or concept of a structure to support workers was muted – this was in response to the breadth and diversity of organisations involved in the process and the realisation that many, many people, not only those youth workers qualified by profession but within health, business, education, heritage, theatre, etc are engaging with young people and thus the need to have some form of structure to support communication between workers was proposed, i.e., Independent Forum for Youth Workers.</p> <p>This of course is a new proposal and is only at the concept stage but it has now been located within the overall programme and given the involvement</p>
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	<p>of practitioners so far in the process the momentum and interest already generated will lend itself to a successful development.</p> <p>The Forum will have an evolutionary yet complimentary role to the EYC programme and will build on the partnership that has evolved in the consultation process so far. One of the really positive aspects about this process has been the cross-sectoral relationship developed between interested parties. It's unusual and arguably the first time that such a diverse partnership has been formed.</p> <p>An Independent Forum for Youth Workers will allow for other workers who have not yet become involved in this process to become involved and in doing so can together play a key role in supporting and critiquing the work and outputs the EYC Youth Partnership Group.</p> <p>Thus far in the process we've had the coming together of youth workers or workers who have a remit or responsibility for delivering programmes to young people in their own respective environments/organisations. Those who have signed up to become official partners to the bid process are outlined at the beginning of this document and are now known as the EYC Youth Partnership Group.</p> <p>After submission, a National and Local Committee will be officially formed, made up of those currently on the Partnership Group and other (not yet involved) organisations where gaps are identified.</p> <p>To compliment this, an Independent Forum for Youth Workers will be formed which is primarily to improve communication and information between youth workers across all sectors and it's anticipated that the lifetime of this body will last beyond EYC.</p> <p>In addition to improving communication and information it will support and compliment but more importantly critique the outputs of the EYC Youth Partnership Group and the impact of EYC 2013 using its knowledge, skills and experience gained as youth work professionals.</p> <p>It will in a sense provide the 'checks and balances' necessary to ensure that outputs and outcomes are 'hitting the mark' as regards young people and youth work communities.</p>
<p>Co-operate with its independent youth structure(s) in a fruitful and mutually beneficial spirit</p>	<p>Derry City Council does not have a statutory responsibility for delivering youth services to young people (under 18) – this responsibility lies with the different Education and Library Boards under the authority of the Department of Education and in the case of provision in the Derry~Londonderry area under the remit of the Western Education and Library Board.</p> <p>Derry City Council does however engage young people and has engaged young people of all ages over the years through its own programme of events (which are often designed to engage families) but without</p>

duplicating the role of WELB or other youth providers. It is therefore sensitive to the role of service providers and is experienced in maintaining its relationship with these providers in a spirit of complementarity and co-operation.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group's is committed to working with all youth providers in the city and surrounding areas and its commitment to set up a National Committee, to formalise the current arrangement of non-formal working group into the Local Programme Committee and to devote time, resources, and energy in working up and submitting an EYC bid is a testament of commitment and belief in the EYC concept and the desire to become EYC in 2013.

Derry City Council are already working formally and informally with many members of the broader 'youth work family' in delivery of other services through the provision of funding and access to resources and facilities and have done so over the years in a positive and mutually beneficial manner.

This relationship already exists with organisations 'on the ground' and as the development of this bid has already demonstrated, partnership and co-operation are to the fore. Derry City Council is committed to ensuring that a successful bid and implementation is underpinned by a healthy relationship with all key stakeholders within the broad youth work family.

As a demonstration of this commitment the EYC Youth Partnership Group will develop 'compacts' with each stakeholder. The EYC Youth Partnership Group will also devote staff resources to maintaining these relationships and target specific independent structures from across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors to ensure the process is inclusive.

Derry City Council in partnership with ILEX will ensure delivery of EYC 2013 but as lead partner will assume responsibility for the EYC Youth Partnership Group which is currently made up of the various partner organisations who have so far 'signed up' to the bid and in due course those who have not yet 'signed up.'

This group will then be split into two committees, National and Local, with obvious linkage between both so as to keep processes informed and transparent.

Both committees will reflect involvement of all major youth work organisations in the Youth Work Sector across the island of Ireland and whilst being part of the process will retain their independence as major 'players' in both children and youth sector.

This structure will allow for the successful delivery of EYC 2013 and bring mutual benefits to all partners as they not only feed into EYC through both committees but can then relay information in the opposite direction back into their own organisations.

Official partners and letters of support offer the broadest testament to this bid of the mutual benefits that can be gleaned by all parties.

<p>Provide information about the activities through easily accessible channels, e.g. websites</p>	<p>Derry City Council will develop a joint marketing and communication plan as part of the preparation phase. This will include a raft of measures such as Derry City Council utilising its own existing website to provide information on activities as well as setting up an official EYC website.</p> <p>In addition to this other dedicated social networking mediums including Facebook, Bebo, My Space, YouTube and twitter will be set up – a Facebook page is already in existence. A messaging service will also be set up where young people and stakeholders and other ‘interested parties’ can sign up to have messages delivered directly to their mobile phone.</p> <p>Information will also be provided through other accessible means including replicating many of the existing mechanisms used to promote the City of Culture bid such as branded materials and literature which will be made available throughout locations in the North West.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will also promote EYC through the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Board Failte in the Republic of Ireland and in particular work closely with Derry Visitor and Convention Bureau to promote information through its various channels.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will also work in partnership with all the local newspapers to provide daily coverage of events and activities and they will also provide links to the EYC website through their own websites.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will through City Centre Initiative work in partnership with all city centre retail and business outlets to promote information pertaining to EYC activities. Information will be freely available to everyone.</p> <p>There will be mobile information units and static displays in key locations and our Team of Volunteers will engage with local publics on an on-going basis through 2013 as well as ‘Rolling Roadshows’ travelling to different locations throughout the Derry Council area to promote and inform the public about EYC.</p>
<p>Willing to draw conclusions from the EYC year to impart to its successor(s), and will similarly take into account the experiences of its predecessor(s)</p>	<p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will do this in a number of ways. First of all, specific events have been built into the programme that connect with and build upon the learning from and foundations laid down by all previous EYC’s. This will allow the EYC Youth Partnership Group to demonstrate to local publics themes explored during previous EYC’s and raise public consciousness of how the EYC concept has evolved and how we are contributing to it in our dynamic manner.</p> <p>The process will also be documented and this has already begun with the World Café Event with the key stakeholders followed by consultation workshops with young people.</p> <p>Various mechanisms will be utilized to gather and collate information and this knowledge will be shared with EYC 2014 if the bid was to be</p>

as EYC.	<p>successful.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group is fully committed to formally evaluating the entire process and will instigate a tendering process for relevant applicants to submit a bid to carry out an evaluation.</p> <p>All of the information gleaned from both these processes will be made available to the successful 2014 candidate.</p>
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8. EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL GENERAL COOPERATION

<p>The applicant should present the management structure of the EYC year. (max. 400 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - willingness to attend European Co-ordination Meetings - willingness to co-operate with the technical office of the EYC and support a “European Liaison Officer” for the EYC in co-operation with the European Youth Forum - willingness to set up a Steering Committee at National level and a Programme Committee at the local level involving youth representatives from local youth organisations and the National Youth Council (where existing). - willingness to co-operate with the European Youth Forum and with the supporting Youth Structure (e.g. National Youth Council) - willingness to co-operate with the previous and the upcoming EYC
<p>Derry City Council in partnership with ILEX Urban Regeneration Company has already successfully secured UK City of Culture and is now targeting EYC status for the same year, 2013. Derry City Council alongside ILEX and on behalf of all partner organisations to the bid view both titles as not only complimentary but as an opportunity to profile the entire region.</p> <p>Derry City Council views EYC as a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a vision for its young people but to also connect with young people right across Europe and is therefore fully committed to securing EYC status for Derry~Londonderry in 2013 and in doing executing all duties and responsibilities associated with this including attending Co-ordination meetings, co-operation with EYC technical office and EYF, liaison with national/regional headquarter bodies and committing staffing and resources to ensure a successful EYC.</p> <p>The EYC Youth Partnership Group will establish both ‘EYC National Committee’ and ‘Local Programme Committee’ to deliver EYC in Derry~Londonderry in 2013.</p> <p>‘EYC National Committee’ will be made up of representatives of regional voluntary and statutory headquarter organisations from right across the island of Ireland including Derry City Council, ILEX Youth Council for Northern Ireland, YouthNet, Northern Ireland Youth Forum, Western Education and Library Board and Youth Work Ireland.</p> <p>This Committee will also have representation from ‘Local Programme Committee.’ This committee will have a remit for managing the bid process and this will include elements such as budget control, funding, policy, monitoring, inclusivity, marketing and networking. Derry City Council will have overall corporate responsibility and accountability for the budget.</p>

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will formalise the current arrangement of informal working groups through the formation of a 'Local Programme Committee' which will be set up specifically to co-ordinate EYC activities and events 'on the ground', this committee will have responsibility for day-to-day management of the programme including logistics, organisation and promotion. There will also be representation from 'EYC National Committee' to ensure effective, inclusive and transparent communication.

Terms of Reference will be established for both committees to ensure 'safe passage' of EYC status and any existing gaps in representation will be addressed (post-final bid). A full-time worker will be appointed to work to support and liaise with both Committees and to ensure delivery 'on the ground' and liaise specifically with the European Youth Forum.

A number of Council Officers and Elected Members will be appointed to both Committees and they will be formally adopted by Derry City Council at full Council Committee meetings.

Management of the bid will also be subject to policy appraisal and risk management. Council in partnership with ILEX will provide lead on this just as was the case with the City of Culture bid.

To compliment this, an Independent Forum for Youth Workers will be formed which is primarily to improve communication and information between youth workers across all sectors and it's anticipated that the lifetime of this body will last beyond EYC.

In addition to improving communication and information it will support and compliment but more importantly critique the outputs of the EYC Youth Partnership Group and the impact of EYC 2013 using its knowledge, skills and experience gained as youth work professionals.

There will of course be 'partnerships' with a wide range of organisations and Derry City Council as delivery of activities 'on the ground' will be agreed through 'compacts' to ensure endorsement, clarity, and quality assurance.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will establish a tailored budget to support implementation of EYC and this will be drawn from a number of funding streams. In the years precipitating EYC status, the EYC Youth Partnership Group will commit staff, time and resources to source and identify other funding to support implementation.

9. EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL TEAM

The applicant should describe the (a) composition and (b) mandate of the implementation team (max. 400 words) (c) Nomination of at least one specific contact person that will be employed during the preparation, running and evaluation of the EYC year, is required (see page 1 of the application).

(A) The implementation team, i.e., EYC Youth Partnership Group is drawn from a very diverse range of statutory, voluntary and community based organisations from right across Northern Ireland. Statutory bodies include Derry City Council, ILEX urban Regeneration Company, City Centre Initiative, WELB (Western Education and Library Board), Playboard

Local and national voluntary organisations include Inside Out, The Playhouse Theatre and Conference Centre, Ocean Youth Trust Ireland, Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, St.

Columb's Park House, SEEDS, bOUNCE Culture, Off the Streets, Voluntary Arts Ireland, Young Arts Co-operatives, School Employer Connections, Foyle Language School, Wall to Wall Music, Mencap, Nerve Centre & Shantallow Community Residents Association.

(B) The process of establishing a mandate began in April of this year. Derry City Council extended an open invite to a wide range of organisations. Those mentioned above (alongside The Nerve Centre, North West Community Network, Youth Action, Public Achievement, Londonderry YMCA, Dove House, Pilots Row Community Centre All Saints Caring Association, Cathedral Youth Club, Derry Bytes, New Buildings Youth Club, Shantallow Community Residents Association and Craft Training) attended a World Café to discuss taking forward the EYC bid. From this two working groups emerged, one to take care of the application and the other to take forward a consultation process with young people including 'in-house' workshops and a large-scale event involving over 100 young people from the wider Derry~Londonderry area before finalising and submitting a bid.

This was followed by two update meetings before a further Practitioners World Café event and an 'Exhibition of Ideas' event with young people.

The application was then subject to Derry City Council internal systems and procedures before being submitted.

(C) Derry City Council have already allocated a full-time Community Services officer to co-ordinate the bid process and this commitment will continue if Derry~Londonderry secures EYC status.

A further indication of Derry City Council's commitment to Children and Young People is the near-future appointment of a Children and Young People's Officer which is likely to compliment the work of the EYC.

10. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

The applicant should outline their Communication and PR Strategy of the EYC year (max. 400 words).

- Commitment to use the official European Youth Capital Logo as visual identity of the Year
- Outline of communication tools to be used
- draft schedule of communication moments
- target groups analysis
- A co-ordinated Communication Plan should be discussed between the YFJ. It is recommended to connect the local, national and the European Level in order to strengthen the relationship between European Institutions and the local level, thus drawing the attention to common European objectives regarding youth policy and youth participation in all dimensions.
- Following the good example of previous EYCs, it is recommended to organise an official handover ceremony between EYCs. This event would not only give visibility to the upcoming EYC, but would foster the publicity of the entire project from the local to the European level, as well as linking it to the work of YFJ and its Member Organisations.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group is committed to using the EYC logo and with approval from EYF will use it over a three-year period from 2011 up to the end of 2013 as part of the three-phase implementation plan.

Derry City Council has already begun implementing the UK City of Culture programme and has developed a high level expertise in brand development. That particular campaign, 'Just Say Yes' which is based on the Snow Patrol song of the same title was adopted as the logo/mantra for the successful UK City of Culture Bid and the EYC Youth Partnership Group have now been given permission to use this to promote the EYC bid.

This campaign has proved enormously successful and popular with the citizens of the City and has proved highly successful with it's variety of warm neutral colours and catchy image. Derry City Council will adopt a similar approach to promoting EYC incorporating 'Just Say Yes' into its output.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group is also authorised to use the very successful promotional video specially commissioned as part of the City of Culture bid which impressed not only the judges but the local population for its creative, inspiring and innovative approach to promoting the city and offering a real insight into the City and its people.

The 'Just Say Yes' promotional video can be found at the following link:
<http://www.cityofculture2013.com/Our-2013-Bid/test-bid-dvd.aspx>

Authorisation to use both DVD and Anthem in addition to some of the measures already taken including the setting up of a 'Derry~Londonderry European Youth Capital' Facebook Account and the use of both Derry City Council and City of Culture websites to promote the EYC bid puts us in an advantageous position. Much of the work which would normally have to be done post-successful bid is already in place.

The existing Facebook account can be found at the following link:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Derry-Londonderry-European-Youth-Capital-2013/144561908920471>

As part of its commitment to the bid, The EYC Youth Partnership Group will incorporate EYC logos and other associated EYC corporate output into all official and promotional materials. Derry City Council will also develop as part of workplans key communication moments in co-operation with EYF.

In order to maximise the potential of two successful bids for 2013, Derry City Council will (in addition to using the UK CoC bid logo) will develop a series of marketing tools leading to the creation of a joint corporate image that encapsulates the EYC ethos in an effort to reach as wide an audience as possible.

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will implement a communication and marketing plan incorporating website, e-communications and social marketing sites, audio visual coverage, photography, hard copy collateral, advertising, direct 'sales activities', presentations, promotional activities and press releases. These will include specific activities such as:

- Official Handover ceremonies from Braga, and to the 2014 EYC
- Maintenance of official DCC EYC website (Launched in Sept 2011)

- Use of Derry City Council, ILEX Urban regeneration Company & Derry Visitor and Convention Bureau Websites to promote EYC
- Liaising with the City of Culture company
- Weekly EYC e-bulletin to all registered groups on EYC website and through other local and regional networks
- Maintenance of corporate image across venues and key points throughout the city
- Update of Key DCC Information Points located around the city
- Mobile information stands located in all main shopping Centres
- Official Programme Brochure launched
- Monthly brochure of events published
- Weekly update of Events in local newspapers and updates in other city based locations
- Information packs for all residential stays at all local hotels

11. PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL

The applicant should describe its roadmap towards the preparation of the EYC year (max. 500 words).

The EYC Youth Partnership Group is approaching the 'roadmap' as follows: 2010 is geared towards securing (alongside UK City of Culture status) EYC status, 2011 is preparation year where all relevant instruments and stakeholders are 'put in place' and 2012 is the 'Dry-Run' phase where EYC status is promoted and a 'Dress Rehearsal' of certain events take place.

Between July and October 2010 Derry City Council will use the announcement of candidate status to strengthen its indicative campaign through a targeted campaign to engage local and regional youth work communities on a Northern Ireland wide and cross-border basis before final submission. A number of high profile events took place during this time.

In December 2010 DCC in partnership with ILEX and City Centre Initiative will host a public EYC Party to not only celebrate but promote EYC status among local publics and to announce official 'Countdown to EYC Year.'

In 2011, both National and Programme Committees will be established alongside recruitment of a Volunteers Team who will support the work of the Programme Committee 'on the ground' in the build up and implementation phases.

National and Programme Committees will be committed to meet on a bi-monthly and monthly basis respectively at least up until March 2014 so as to direct, monitor and evaluate all related events. Workplans for both Committees will be developed and endorsed by June 2011.

Between Jan and June of 2011 all relevant promotional materials including official EYC website, corporate logo and literature will be designed, developed and prepared for circulation – circulation will begin at Launch of EYC materials event in September of 2011 (including launch of Website) followed by 'Progressive Decoration' of the City will be followed by the official opening of the EYC office in December 2011.

A Networking campaign will commence on a number of levels (i) local communities throughout the Derry City Council electoral ward are engaged and contributing to EYC

programme (ii) regional communities across N Ireland and on a cross-border basis are engaged and contributing (iii) the local business community is recruited and endorses the EYC programme (iv) engagement with partner organisations in all European states is established to promote EYC and (v) a 'Celebrity-Target' campaign where the EYC Youth Partnership Group will target celebrities and personalities from, or with roots from the city and those from across Northern Ireland and beyond to endorse EYC status - much of this has already been accomplished with the work undertaken for the UK City of Culture bid.

In 2012, attention will turn to a full marketing and year-long promotional campaign designed to embed EYC status among local, regional and international publics. Alongside this a 'Dress Rehearsal' of many of the events planned for 2013 will be enacted on a smaller scale in order to raise awareness and to 'test' impact and effectiveness in preparation for EYC year.

An Initial 'EYC status and Programme of Events' will be launched in June whilst full and final programme will be launched during the Halloween Festival in October. 'EYC Agreements' between Derry City Council and all partners/hosts will be 'signed off' by November 2012 and the year will end with the official 'handover' from Braga in Portugal.

12. EVALUATION

The applicant should provide an outline of the evaluation process and assessment of the outcomes of the EYC year (max. 300 words)

The EYC Youth Partnership Group will evaluate EYC in two ways – on-going gathering of information and formal evaluation post-EYC programme.

Gathering of Information

On an on-going basis the EYC Youth Partnership Group will use a range of mechanisms, outlets and personnel to collate information.

On a formal basis information will be gathered using feedback gathered from EYC, Derry City Council and Derry Visitor and Convention Bureau websites and completion of on-line questionnaires and surveys. Both National and Programme committees will also assess outputs/outcomes against workplans developed to oversee implementation of EYC.

On a non-formal basis feedback will taken be from all stakeholders including partner organisations, volunteers' teams, working groups, businesses and programme users and local newspapers will also be used to collate information from young people.

On an informal basis feedback will be secured from visits to existing Derry City Council outlets including City of Culture Office and Derry Visitor and Convention Bureau and from outlets implemented for EYC year including EYC offices and host venues. Comment Cards and feedback forms will be located in various venues across the city.

Information collected will be collated by one of the working groups and documented and this will provide the basis for an initial report on the EYC

Formal Evaluation

DCC will utilise its local government procurement procedures through a tendering process to recruit and appoint an independent 'agent' to carry out a formal evaluation of the EYC.

We will also measure the success of EYC 2013 by setting Baseline Outputs against all objectives – see below.

Objective	Baseline Outputs
Creation of a vision of how the city can be a safe and welcoming place for its children and young people	An agreed vision for children and young people has been established with action plan
Development of connections between young people in Derry~Londonderry and across the rest of Europe	60, 000 young people from across Europe will visit Derry~Londonderry during the course of 2013 with the specific purpose of visiting or participating in an EYC activity
Nurturing of genuine dreams and aspirations for young people	Dreams and Aspirations are documented using identified mechanisms such as 'Hubs' and outcomes recorded
Profiling, development, promotion and sharing of existing practice and policy between local and European youth work practitioners	Minimum of 75 local/regional/national and 75 international organisations (representatives) have had the opportunity to meet 'in person' to share learning
Providing a common ground for local workers to share with overseas counterparts	All Signature Projects have been accomplished
Connection with our neighbours in rural and urban villages and towns in outlying areas but also across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland	At least one EYC activity has taken place in every recognised community throughout the Derry City Council area
Promotion of good relations between people of diverse backgrounds	Baseline study completed 6 months prior to EYC and compared within first 6 month period in 2014
Creation of long-lasting participation mechanisms	A thriving youth assembly is operational Pool of 100 Youth Ambassadors established and active Young Legends Programme established Operation Engage is established and forms a core of post-2013 volunteers working to maintain achievements

Objective	Baseline Outputs
Establish the city as a children	Every child and young person between the

<p>and young-person friendly zone (part of UNICEF Child Friendly Communities)</p>	<p>ages of 5 and 30 resident in the City will have been involved in at least one EYC activity</p> <p>Target of one EYC activity per day has been achieved</p> <p>Rights and Responsibilities Bill establishes a framework for young people</p> <p>Young Legends, Operation Engage and Youth Ambassadors has been successfully pioneered and plans in place to continue programmes</p> <p>Each young person between 1 and 13 has Oak Tee planted in their name</p>
<p>Genuinely reaching out to marginalised young people or young people with fewer opportunities, especially those young people from designated Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in the City (Areas of high deprivation).</p>	<p>At least one EYC activity has taken place in every recognised community throughout the Derry City Council area</p> <p>Every child and young person between the ages of 5 and 30 resident in the City will have been involved in at least one EYC activity</p> <p>Every young person at primary and secondary school-going age are aware of Youth Ambassadors, Operation Engage and Young Legends initiatives</p> <p>Each young person between 1 and 13 has Oak Tree planted in his or her name</p>
<p>Compliment and support City of Culture bid children and young people's activities</p>	<p>Target of one EYC activity per day has been achieved and 25% of activities correlate City of Culture programme</p>
<p>Compliment and support the on-going regeneration process</p>	<p>All Signature Projects have been accomplished</p>
<p>Facilitate responses to identified issues and needs affecting young people</p>	<p>Report on Youth Work Priorities (and any other 'new' issues identified) and their responses documented and promoted</p>
<p>Objective</p>	<p>Baseline Outputs</p>
<p>Creation of a lasting and visible</p>	<p>Media Champion is in place</p>

<p>legacy for children and young people's services in the city</p>	<p>A thriving youth assembly is operational</p> <p>Rights and Responsibilities Bill in place</p> <p>Pool of young people/leaders established through initiatives Young Legends, Youth Ambassadors & Operation Engage</p> <p>Better use of existing and disused buildings</p> <p>Young person's radio programme in place</p> <p>EYC Youth Partnership Group continues post-2013</p> <p>Each young person between 1 and 13 has Oak Tree planted in their name</p> <p>Five new geographically-located common spaces are identified</p>
<p>Recognising and valuing of the diversity that exists within the continent of Europe</p>	<p>70% of visiting overseas groups profiled in local newspapers</p> <p>All partner organisations host at least one event to promote diversity</p>
<p>Improving the health and well-being of all young people as a result of engagement in EYC activities</p>	<p>Increase of 20% in satisfaction levels among young people living in the city post 2013</p>
<p>Growth in volunteering capacity within Derry~Londonderry and the European Project</p>	<p>A core group of 500 young people will be involved in the delivery of EYC contributing more than 100 hours each in the process</p>
<p>Connect the previous EYC themes and provide a platform for the 2014 EYC</p>	<p>All 'EYC Connection events' completed</p>
<p>Establish a common meeting place to enhance relationships between young people and youth work communities</p>	<p>Ten common meeting places established through various programmes and evidence of same collated</p>
<p>Explore issues that give rise to tension, misunderstanding and conflict</p>	<p>Current/existing issues discussed and documented - publication produced and promoted</p>
<p>Objective</p> <p>Develop networking capabilities to improve information and communication flow</p>	<p>Baseline Outputs</p> <p>Independent Forum for Youth Workers established</p>

	Digital capacity/mediums between workers enhanced
Provide a platform to exhibit effective youth work practice and policy	All signature projects have taken place + 75% of Network City events
Create learning spaces to share evidence and outcomes from practice	Learning Spaces evidenced within 15% of programme output
Enable young people, youth workers and policy-formers across Ireland and Britain to engage in and play a role in the European Youth Capital	Promotion of specific IRL/GB related events through networks and representation from GB at all identified events
Address ' Europeaness ' in a contemporary Irish and British Context	50% of IRL/GB related events consider questions and evidence collated to demonstrate such
Establish a common mechanism to enhance long-term Inter-Isles relationships between young people, youth workers and policy-formers	New 'body' established to promote relations with written commitment among partners to make it work
Identify and agree a series of common actions that enhance relationships and practice between these islands	Clear action plan developed and written commitment from partners to implement
Participate in a unique and dynamic inter-cultural experience	All organised activities
Learn about the history, geography, traditions, identity and culture of Derry~Londonderry and Northern Ireland	Ten (identified and promoted) key events which will promote a better understanding of Northern Ireland to GB (primarily) and European audiences
Learn from the experiences of communities emerging from conflict	Evidence of post-Good Friday Generation experiences of young people collated and documented into report and used to inform youth work developments. Signature projects + 25% of other events contain elements of addressing young people's experience of growing up in 'post-Troubles' Northern Ireland.
Appreciate the rich and diverse youth work practice built up over generations	Good practice collated during 2013 and published in 2014 to commemorate EYC 2013.
Objective	Baseline Outputs
Network with a wide range of people and organisations so as to share experiences and with a	75% of participants in various IRL/GB EYC activities can testify to developing new contacts and having had the opportunity to

view to developing common and diverse initiatives and actions	share experiences and identify follow-up actions
Broaden the perspectives of young people in Derry~Londonderry through regular interaction and dialogue	35% of all EYC participants have engaged in events and activities were designed to promote discussion between the young people from the islands of Ireland and Britain.
Help to demystify the 'European Project'	25% increase in follow-up study understanding of local EYC participants regarding 'European Project'
Share in the common and diverse range of ideas developed during the bidding process for EYC 2013	Relationship with EYC 2013 candidate cities is developed and built upon and reflected by representation in at least one Signature Project each
Support the process of creating a vision for young people in Derry~Londonderry	An agreed vision for children and young people has been established with action plan
Enhance the life and fabric of the city throughout 2013	75% of all indicative programme elements have been achieved EYC365 card operational and has local membership of at least 1000 young people Target of one EYC activity per day has been achieved
Share a common space with young people from a wide range of backgrounds	Minimum of 100 'common space' events where young people from the island or Ireland share with young people from across Europe Five new geographically-located common spaces are identified
Create a multitude of positive memories that will remain with local communities for a long time	A Digital Collective is established to collate photographs, video, audio and other forms of media and documented to record EYC 2013
Help bridge the link between Braga 2012 and EYC 2014	'Sons and Daughters' and 'Passing the Baton' Events take place
Recognise EYC 2013 as a bridge between the significant events of IYY 2010, conclusion of YiA, NI Youth Priorities, mid-term review of EU Youth Strategy and 25 th anniversary of UNCRC	Promotional brochures/materials promote this concept Global Zone, Priorities for Youth - What Now? and 'Rights Here, Rights Now' take place and findings documented and promoted.

13. BUDGET INDICATIONS

Below is an outline of the EYC budget, the estimated budget is in the region of £2,503,900. All existing events form part of annual calendar of events and have a strong youth related focus in their delivery. The budget below is also indicative in that it is subject to approval and market forces. The indicative budget does not include the opening and closing ceremony costs or the EYC project Calls in communities.

(possibility to be attached as PDF file under the head line "Budget indications".)

European Youth Capital Indicative Budget

Direct costs

Direct Programme costs

£2,303,900

Administration & Evaluation Costs

£200,000

Total Indicative Budget for 2013

£2,503,900

TOTAL

14. ANNEXES

ANNEX I: Written proof of the town or city' s interest in running for the EYC (to be signed by the head of executive of the applicant);

ANNEX II: A statement of support by an independent local or regional youth structure. If no local youth council exists, a relevant coalition of local youth NGOs should support the application of the municipality, in written form.

ANNEX III: A maximum two page general presentation of the EYC 2013 applicant, to be published at the official EYC website, in case the applicant is shortlisted. (pictures or/and text; pdf format)

ANNEX IV: Other documents (please indicate the titles of any additional files presented in the Annex):

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Annex I



DERRY CITY COUNCIL

To whom it may Concern

As a recent cultural commentator “Franco Bianchini” wrote “The City of Derry-Londonderry is one of the most surprising European cities”. Characterised by its young contemporary cultural talent and product and described by the lonely planet “as the cultural powerhouse of the North”. This city is fast emerging out of the shadow of conflict that had suppressed the creative energy of its youth.

Our youth are now ready, they are now energised, they have hope and they have a desire to have their creative spirit released. Derry City Council in partnership with our statutory, community and voluntary agencies are acutely aware to provide creative opportunities, build skills and create future employment prospects for our emerging generation.

To this end we have put children and young people at the core of our regeneration plan, we have invested heavily in the development of play facilities through-out the whole city.

We are creating sustainable transport networks around the city. We have been selected as one out of ten pilot projects in the UK for UNICEF Child Friendly City Status and we are the first ever UK City of Culture in 2013, which has a specific targeted audience of children and young people. We have made a civic commitment to engage 100% of all our citizens in our pursuit to connect people through culture.

Our pursuit for European Youth Capital 2013 has, we believe, an authenticity and a genuine youthful context, through which we will welcome Europe to come and join us in a joyous celebration of a people and a place. This is a place where our young people are at our heart and their future prosperity and engagement as active citizens is our fundamental motivation force through which our city will grow and prosper for generations to come.

Yours Sincerely

Deputy Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Annex II



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13 October 2010

Dear Lord Mayor,

In our capacity as First Minister and deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Executive we are pleased to support your application to the European Youth Capital Award 2013.

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister co-ordinates policy in relation to Children and Young People issues across Government. Your application is a very welcome development and we send our best wishes for its success.

Yours sincerely

RT HON PETER D ROBINSON MLA
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Our Ref: COR/715/10

13 October 2010

Dear Mr Meehan,

EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2013

Thank you for your letter of 4 October regarding the European Youth Capital 2013.

We are pleased to note Derry/Londonderry has been successful in the first stage of the application process.

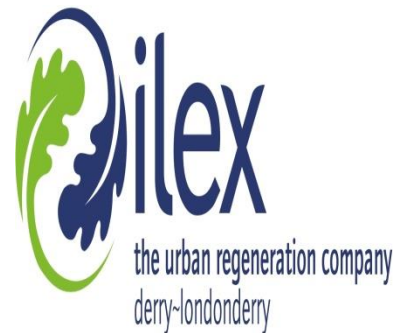
OFMDFM recognise this is an ideal opportunity to present Derry/Londonderry and its youth positively, both locally and across Europe, and will therefore, as requested, issue a letter of support to Teresa Bradley which they hope will enhance your position in the second stage of the award judging.

We wish you every success with the application.

Yours sincerely

RT HON PETER D ROBINSON MLA
First Minister

MARTIN McGUINNESS MP MLA
deputy First Minister



To whom it may concern,

As CEO of ilex I wish to wholeheartedly support your application for European Youth Capital in 2013. The city is the youngest on these islands and we have put them firmly at the centre of our regeneration plans for the city to 2020.

Furthermore they are a vital creative force for good in a city set to create a new story as reflected in our bid to be the first UK city of culture in the same year.

This EYC designation would be the ultimate recognition of the importance of young people in the life of the city. We have the youngest ever Mayor at 27 and most importantly the hope for a shared future.

I also commend our voices video to you which will underline the creativity and magic of our place and our focus on community and youth.

Aideen mc ginley

CEO Ilex Regeneration Company Derry

Wednesday, 08 July 2020

Dear Derry City Council,

Re: European Youth Capital 2013

On behalf of WELB Youth Service Derry Area Team I would like to re-register our support for EYC 2013 and confirm our support in your bid to bring European Youth Capital to Derry~Londonderry in 2013.

The role of the WELB Youth Service is to support and encourage young people to maximise their potential in their personal and social development. The Youth Service provides support to schools, youth clubs, uniformed organisations and youth centres in a range of activities and training. The WELB Youth Service has four divisional areas across the the west of the province of which Derry City is one.

The youth service provision within the Derry City area division is currently being delivered by 2 Senior Youth Workers, 7 Centre Based Full time Youth Workers, 1 Area Youth Worker for Greater Shantallow, 1 Centre Based Community Worker, 2 Youth Tutors, 20 Paid Youth leaders in Part Time Controlled Youth Clubs and 66 Part Time paid youth leaders in the voluntary and controlled Full Time Sector. In the Derry City area we have 3 Full Time Controlled, 3 Full Time Voluntary, and 5 Part Time Controlled Youth Clubs.

In 2010/ 2011 we will be delivering a range of programmes and courses under the following themes;

- Participation
- Inclusion
- Health
- Support & Development

The courses include GLAD (Grow Learn and Develop) which is delivered in youth clubs and school settings, and is equivalent to 2 GCSE's. At present we are deliverering four GLAD courses in schools and four in Youth Clubs. Our full time workers also deliver princes trust XL programmes in the Pennyburn area with a particualar focus on young people with special needs. We will also be delivering OCN Accredited courses in Good Relations and Cultural Diversity, Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Sexual Health Awareness and Participation Skills. This year, we also have a focus in raising awareness to our members on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

IN 2010/11 we are delivering an Area Young Women's Project to develop more inclusive activities for young women in the area. We are also delivering an Area Volunteering Programme to increase the number of young volunteers helping at our youth clubs.

Foyle Youth Council is comprised of 30 registered members, with young people from all over the city. The FYC has developed a 'Partnership

Agreement' with Derry City Council identifying how they will work together to carry out citizenship projects. Some of the projects they have been involved with include; Action against Poverty, Conference Planning, Participation Skills training, Know your Guildhall and Promotion of Young People's Rights.

The Area Office also hosts the Inclusion Team, funded from Peace 3, comprising an Officer and a Senior Youth Worker who cover the North West area. Their role is to develop and deliver opportunities to promote Inclusion. They also facilitate the successful North West Youth Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

We believe that success in this bid would provide an excellent opportunity to bring together youth work practitioners from across the city to showcase their work and encourage young people to take the lead in a range of activities. It will benefit and enhance the work of the voluntary and statutory sector across the city.

We fully endorse the efforts of Derry City Council in submitting the bid for European Capital of Youth 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Mary Mc Garrigle
Area Youth Officer
Western Education and Library Board

Ms Anna Bryant
Senior Youth Worker

Ms Yvonne Mc Keever
Senior Youth Worker.

School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies

Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
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Tuesday, 12 October 2010

Re: European Youth Capital 2013

Dear Teresa,

I am pleased to offer the support and hopefully as a result of a successful bid, the active involvement of the Community Youth Work team from the School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies from the Faculty of Social Sciences for the City's bid for the European Youth Capital 2013.

We are thrilled at the prospect of the city potentially being designated as European Youth Capital 2013, it will provide a welcome focus for the City and region, but more especially it will provide a very welcome focus for the young people of the city. We are confident that young people's contribution to civic life in the city can be celebrated, expanded and embedded. In support of this we would like to host a conference in 2013 at the University of Ulster in Magee that would bring together academics, policy makers and professionals interested in non formal education and civic engagement. We have a desire to see young people included in the civic life of our communities and City; included in a way that enables them to be enthusiastic about the future and add their voice and leadership to the vision for the city. A key feature of any conference we host will be to identify the challenges to inclusion and to explore approaches to enable us to connect and engage with young people that feel excluded.

The University is committed to the expansion of the Magee campus and believes that such expansion will make a significant contribution to the economic, social and cultural development of the city and region. In the last academic year the Magee campus had 4032 students as outlined in the table below.

University of Ulster	
Actual enrolments 2009/10 Summary Table by Campus and Level	
Magee	
Mode of Study	Total
Full Time Degree	2726
PG Taught	210
PG Research	73
Full time total	3009
Part Time Degree	684
PG Taught	318
PG Research	21
Part time total	1023
Total:	4032
Source: Internal University Statistics	

The community youth work team is proud to be part of the academic, social and cultural life of the city and we offer a full support to the bid.

I am also please to confirm that a letter of support will follow from our Head of School and Dean of Faculty.

Yours Sincerely



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2nd October 2010

FAO: Letter of Support for the Derry Application for European City of Youth 2013

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of SEEDS, the multicultural support agency, I would like to express our complete endorsement for the Derry bid for the Youth Capital of Europe for 2013. We extend a thank you from the Ethnic and Migrant Community living and working in the North West of Ireland to include us in this process of change. SEEDS currently has 891 members from 62 nationalities and many of our members have benefited greatly from this on-going relationship with Derry City Council and ILEX. This experience of helping the ethnic community to feel welcome to their adopted homes has been of great importance to our members.

Many of our members including those from Iran, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Germany, Italy, USA, Ghana, Mexico, India and Eastern Europe have benefited greatly from on-going youth interactions for ethnic communities and participation in activity based programmes promoting inclusion and integration. We can but gain from this continued process.

This is a warm and welcoming city that encourages people to feel at home and there is a wide network of organisations and agencies determined to make this a wonderful city. This application is important for the city and its residents because it endorses change and the importance of encouraging change in our communities which are just emerging from decades of strife. The intercultural dimension SEEDS brings to the city has immense importance for all of us engage in the change process.

Once again, thank you for your foresight in short-listing this city for the 2013 Youth Capital and hope that it will go all the way to delivery. We at SEEDS are ready to play our part and we are determined to make this the best possible location for this accolade. The inclusion of our new citizens will help promote success. This is an excellent initiative and we thank Derry City Council and ILEX for extending the hand of friendship and welcoming the ethnic minorities to Derry and this process. We are ready for change please give us the opportunity to make it happen.

Yours in co-operation
Eddie Kerr
Director



Sinead Ferry
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Friday, 08 October 2010

Re: Letter of Support for European Youth Capital 2013
Submitted as a project proposal within the Derry City Council and iLex application for
European Youth Capital

To Whom It May Concern,

The Millennium Forum unreservedly supports and encourages the initiative being taken by Derry City Council and iLEX to submit an application to the European Youth Capital 2013.

I the undersigned, confirm on behalf of my organisation, Derry Theatre Trust t/a Millennium Forum express our interest in the above mentioned project. We would like to be kept informed about the progress of this project and support the project submission.

The title of European Youth Capital would allow the City of Derry to address issues critical to the future of our local young people during an extremely important year, being elected as City of Culture 2013. We believe that the European Youth Capital title is in line with the goals and aspirations of Derry City Council, iLex and is consistent with the strategies of our organization.

We therefore fully support this initiative. We encourage the European Youth Capital to support this application from the City of Derry/Londonderry and wish every success to the European Youth Capital Consortium and for the accomplishment of the proposed work.

Yours Sincerely

Shauna McNeilly
Education & Outreach Officer [on behalf of Millennium Forum]



8 October 2010
Derry City Council
98 Strand Road
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Dear Sir/Madam

Barnardo's NI is a charity which works with disadvantaged and vulnerable children, young people and their families. Our philosophy is that every child deserves the best possible start in life whatever their background. We work with and support thousands of children across Northern Ireland including young carers, children with disabilities, children of prisoners, ethnic minority families, families where there is domestic violence and children who have been bereaved.

Barnardo's NI has been working with children in Northern Ireland for over 100 years and is delighted to support Derry City Council and ILEX's bid to become European Youth Capital 2013.

Barnardo's believes in children no matter who they are, what they have done or what they have been through. We support and stand up for children and young people and believe that the European Youth Capital initiative would celebrate the good work being done for and by young people in Derry – Londonderry and that a successful bid would have a wider impact for young people across the whole of Northern Ireland.

Barnardo's NI wishes Derry City Council and ILEX every success with its bid.

Yours faithfully.

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His Worship The Mayor
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8th October 2010

Re: European Youth Capital - Letter of Support

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Playhouse to give you our 100% support for the city's entry for European Youth Capital in 2013.

As N.Ireland's largest community arts centre, we feel that Derry would be a worthy city to hold the title for European Youth Capital. Also, our largest department is our Education and Outreach working across the City, the region and further a field. Much of our work is geared towards working with the youth, and many of these innovative projects are now used as best practice not only in Ireland but across Europe. We have just finished a major arts youth project working with arts organisations in Germany, Austria, Italy and Lithuania. The Playhouse also runs N.Ireland's longest running Children & Youth Art Festival, which has grown in size, quality and reputation each year. Our international department, Ican, is currently involved in organising some of the biggest international arts conferences in N.Ireland, which brings world class art practitioners from across Europe to the city to learn best practice, and for sharing ideas on a local level.

We have an unrivalled selection of flagship art venues and organisations in our historic walled city, many of whom are operating nationally as well as internationally. **The European Youth Capital**

title would not only strengthen the city' s identity as a youthful and vibrant city, but more importantly leave a lasting legacy in one of the most socially deprived areas in the British Isles. The cultural, education, social and economic legacy would be immeasurable, and with the city' s unique tie with the city of London (in 2013, the famous walls built by London are 400 years old), with our unique location on an international border, our youth, and our passion, Derry would undoubtedly set the standard for others to follow.

Yours Sincerely,

Niall Mc Caughan

Niall Mc Caughan (General Manager)



7 October 2010

Derry City Council
Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer
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Re: European Youth Capital 2013

Dear Teresa

The City of Dublin Youth Service Board (CDYSB) is the Youth Development Agency of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (C.D.V.E.C.).

CDYSB is a statutory agency whose role is to promote, support and develop Youth Work Services within the City of Dublin. The stated mission of CDYSB is to promote youth work and volunteerism and to enable young people to realise their potential within their communities and a changing society. CDYSB administers funding to over 50 youth projects/services and 200 voluntary youth clubs and groups and has an annual budget in excess of €20 million.

CDYSB is delighted to support the bid of Derry-Londonderry to become the European Youth Capital 2013 and sees great potential for exchange visits and the sharing of experiences in relation to the support and development of young people on an all Ireland basis.

Wishing you every success with the bid.

Yours sincerely

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The CDYSB is the Youth Work Development Agency of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee



A Chairde,

European Youth Capital

Culturlann Uí Chanáin, Derrys premier Irish Language and Cultural Centre welcomes the opportunity for Derry to become a European Youth Capital. We offer our support in this bid. We will contribute to its success by providing a range of opportunities that our expertise in the provision of cultural, creative, educational and cultural opportunities for young people within the Irish language communities and the wider community in general.

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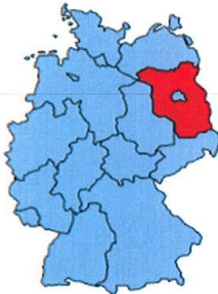
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- Additional training/ exam preparation for apprentices



Additionally we offer event management including appropriate premises and ensure successful planning and realisation of conferences and events.

3. Human Resource Consulting



Within this profit centre we analyse qualification requirements in companies and support the recruitment process by assessing and selecting applicants. Furthermore we give advice with regards to personnel and organisational development, management systems, entrance into European Markets as well as the development of intercultural competences.

Our Head Office is located in Frankfurt (Oder), situated in East Brandenburg directly at the border to Poland and approximately one hour to the capital Berlin. Additionally six regional offices all over Brandenburg ensure direct contact to our customers.

Why we support Londonderry to obtain the title "European Youth Capital"

We are in close cooperation with Foyle Language School from Londonderry who host our German students that are keen to improve their English language skills and do an internship in Northern Ireland. Our participants of the mobility project "Leonardo da Vinci" get the opportunity to gain international experiences in a very interesting city in Northern Ireland. Most of our students are surprised of the various possibilities which Londonderry offers for young people.

We are very keen that Derry is entitled "European Youth Capital" because it increases the attractiveness of the city for our students to come. We hope that we can make a contribution with our letter and the beautiful city Derry is going to be called "European Youth Capital" soon.

Best regards,

11.10.2010

Ev Larsen
Project Coordinator

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Derry City Council
Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
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7th October 2010

Dear Sir

PlayBoard would like to formally offer support for the Derry City Council and ILEX bid for Derry to become the European Youth Capital 2013.

PlayBoard is the lead agency for the development and promotion of children's and young people's play in Northern Ireland. To this end, the organisation provides a range of innovative services designed to strengthen service delivery. Since its inception in 1985, PlayBoard has campaigned, lobbied, raised awareness and developed partnerships in order to put play on the agenda of policy makers and resource providers.

PlayBoard is a membership organisation. The agency exists to promote, create and develop quality play opportunities aimed at improving the quality of children and young people's lives. This is achieved through three key functions:

- Championing Children and Young People's Play – rights and needs
- Developing, expanding and promoting membership services to assist stakeholders provide better play experiences and opportunities for all children: and
- Improving and enhancing PlayBoard ensuring the organisation is progressive and fit for purpose.

We believe that all children and young people have the right to play and have an intrinsic need to play: opportunities for children and young people to be free to choose what they do– with the chance to challenge themselves, take risks and enjoy freedom are important. The right to play is enshrined in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As an organization we believe play is crucial to children and young people's development socially, emotionally and physically. We deliver a variety of training directly to children and young people and to those who work with them. PlayBoard are also currently working with OFMDFM in the development of the Play and Leisure implementation plan. Part of our role has been to consult with children and young people to ensure their voice is heard and the

plan is informed by their feedback.

We are pleased to be supporting this bid and wish you success with the application.

Yours faithfully

Jacqueline O'Loughlin
Chief Executive Officer



Letter of support

We - the Oberstufenstufenzentrum Bürowirtschaft & Dienstleistungen, Mandelstr. 6 - 8, 10409 Berlin, Germany, a vocational college for Office Administration and Services - hereby declare that our Partner, Foyle Language School, has in the past couple of years proven that it is an institution of really great value regarding student' s mobility in Europe.

Foyle Language School has organised a lot of flows, financially based on the European Program Leonardo da Vinci, designed for vocational students and apprentices.

Our school and especially about 50 of our students have specifically profited from the highly qualified staff of the school and its ability to let our students learn in placements in Derry / Northern Ireland.

Our school is very grateful for the cooperation that has arisen in the past due to the fact that our students have learnt a lot about intercultural competences and the specially interesting political situation in Derry as well as achieved skills in working with foreign computer programs and training practically in real businesses.

Berlin, 7 October 2010

Guenther Schorkopf - Head of English and European department

Dear Sir / Madame,

I write in support of the Derry European Youth Capital 2013 bid. I have attended many of the meetings as a representative from AYUDH an international service- orientated youth group. I have found the committee to be so enthusiastic and full of energy. Their determination and hard working attitude along with their strong vision for a fantastic year of opportunities for youth participation has been inspirational.

I feel that the EYC initiative ticks all the boxes for the needs of young people, and in the present climate, these needs are great.

Derry has a lot to offer the rest of the world in terms of creative approaches to challenging situations. The fact that Derry is going to be the UK City of Culture 2013 is testament to this. It is a young and vibrant city and is in need of innovative projects that will involve the youth in meaningful ways that can build on this creativity.

I have seen that the EYC have great support cross-community, cross-border throughout the city and whole North West. They have already developed strong partnerships, to co-create opportunities for the youth, starting from where they are, their hopes and aspirations looking outward to connections throughout the community and the world.

It would be a great boost to our young people to have a year spent looking at how to get their voices heard and get them involved in the decision-making that affects their lives. With unemployment quite high, opportunities to take part in projects and work that is meaningful will lead to empowerment and creation of opportunities that are fit for purpose, meeting the needs of all our young people.

I wish the EYC every success in their bid and am happy to continue the support of AYUDH as it is truly a pleasure to work with the committee.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Noone

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Educated in Safety

Ms. Teresa Bradley
DCC Community Services
Derry City Council
92 Strand Rd,
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3rd October 2010

Dear Teresa,

The Youth Educated in Safety , Y.E.S Project would like to wish you every success in the City's bid to become for the European Youth Capital for 2013.

As you are aware, the YES Project has been delivering health and safety workshops to hundreds of children and young people throughout Outer North and Outer West neighbourhood renewal areas for seven years and the Project has now extended to the Triax and Waterside NRA's. In the last 12mths the project has had over two thousand, (2000), participants and we're confident that the project is a model of good practice that could be replicated further if highlighted and publicised through this important bid.

Regards,

Catherine Mc Cann,

Chairperson: _____

13 October 2010

Ms Theresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer
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Dear Teresa

Re: European Youth Capital

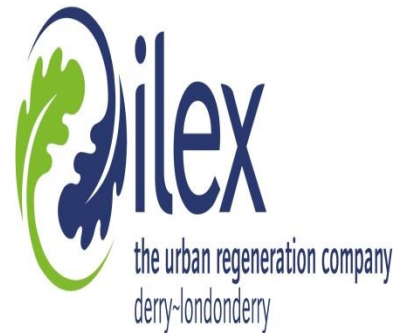
I am writing on behalf of Disability Action to extend our full support to Derry City Council and ILEX bid for the city to become European Youth Capital 2013.

If successful, we look forward to working with you and other partners from the statutory, public, community and business sectors to ensure that young people with disabilities fully participate in the events planned for the year. We have no doubt that such involvement will develop role models for other cities throughout Europe to follow that will promote the active participation of young disabled people in the cultural, social, economic and political life of our societies.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kenny McAdams
Regional Community Development Manager



To whom it may concern,

I am in no doubt of the capability and capacity of the EYC partnership Working Group to support and deliver on the European Youth Capital 2013. The commitment and expertise is unquestionable.

As Creative Advisor for the cultural team I have worked with a wide range of the Statutory, Community, Voluntary & Private Sector organisations in Derry ~ Londonderry. As Advisor for the Western Education & Library Board I am well aware of the Strategic partnerships developed for the City of Culture 2013.

Significant developments are unfolding in youth work across Northern Ireland at present, with the establishment of a youth Arts network supported by all the education & Library boards, Youth Net and the Youth council for Northern Ireland.

There is a collective commitment in this region and the city to put the interests of children and young people at the heart of regeneration, education and citizenship.

It gives me great pleasure to endorse this application. Please feel free to contact me for any further information in support of this application.

Yours Sincerely

Noelle Mc Alinden

Creative Advisor

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Ms Teresa Bradley.
Derry City Council
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5th October 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Please include our Children's Support group as an avid supporter of this bid.

I believe that if the European Youth Capital bid was successful it would unquestionably compliment the City Of Culture success and would allow our children and young people to be more prominent in, and 'tap in' to, the new opportunities which should arise from the success of the City of Culture.

Yours sincerely,

Stella Mc Cauley,

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Ms Teresa Bradley.
Derry City Council
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5th October 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Shantallow Renewal Team wish to register our support for the European Youth Capital bid.

As an organisation which strives to ensure that facilities are accessible to our children and young people, we believe that there are a lot of worthwhile and innovative youth projects currently being delivered in the City and they should be given the recognition they deserve and showcased to enable other areas to benefit from new ways of thinking in youth work.

Regards,

Stella Mc Cauley,

Dear Sir/Madame

The PACA branch of the association Itineraire international, supports Derry as European youth capital 2013.

Our association has worked with Derry (with Foyle language school) in the frame of international mobility programmes, and especially on the European work placement program Leonardo Da Vinci project.

Our youngsters have always been very happy in Derry, found it was a nice vibrant city to stay for their first experience abroad. Some of them even think to go back to work or study.

Best regards

Silvia Riga

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8th October 2010

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Dear Ms Bradley

Action for Children is a Charity that supports and speaks out for the UK's most vulnerable children and young People. We have had a presence in Northern Ireland since 2000 and currently we have 16 projects across the region.

In the City of Derry we have five projects:

- Clooney Family Centre; which provides a range of support services for children and their families in the Waterside area of the City, including crèche, after school clubs, parenting programmes, drop in service, individual therapeutic services to children and/or their parents
- Chance for Change Project; which provides a school based programme for children across the city who are experiencing emotional or behavioural difficulties
- Volunteer Mentoring Project; this service recruits and trains volunteers to work with children aged 5 - 11years for 12 months, with the aim of raising their self-esteem and giving them new opportunities to experience fun based activities and individual support
- SureStart; this service provides early years services for children and their parents in the 0 - 4 age range to enhance and support the child's development and the parent-child relationship
- Local Action Group; this project works with all the voluntary, community and statutory providers of care to identify emerging needs and priorities for action in local areas; this group feeds into the various planning agendas throughout the city.



Patron: HM The Queen - Action for Children, previously NCH, was founded in 1869
Registered charity nos. 1097940/SC038092 - Company no. 4764232 - Limited company registered in England and Wales

We fully endorse and support this Derry City Council bid for the Derry-Londonderry candidate city for European Youth Capital 2013, which will greatly assist the further development of projects for children and young people like those within Action for Children. Moreover, this bid will ensure that children and young people in this city can be included and participate in shaping innovative services that will ensure they enjoy and achieve in their youth.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Louise Warde Hunter

Louise Warde Hunter

Strategic Director of Children's Services

Action for Children Scotland and Northern Ireland

Teresa Bradley
Derry City Council
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
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8th October 2010

RE: European Youth Capital 2013

Dear Teresa

The Tourism Development Unit of Derry City Council is delighted to support the European Youth Capital initiative. The Tourism Development Strategy 'Focus on the Future' for Derry and district specifically highlights the importance of cultural animation and programming opportunity to ensure that Derry is a child and family friendly city.

Examples of ways in which this has been developed includes the Summer Animation Programme 'All The Walls A Stage' a 60 day programme of cultural animation showcasing the creative talent of our youth on a public stage, and ensuring cultural offer for locals and visitors alike. The programme included street theatre, dramatic performance, historical re-enactment, cinematic presentation, workshop opportunity and tours and trails.

Young people in the city also had the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the recent Culture Night initiative an opportunity to showcase youth arts and culture in a programming linking 20 cities across the island of Ireland and beyond.

Derry City council is keen to develop its tourism offering in a child friendly way, whether through new Museum developments, interactive discovery centre's, child friendly hotels and restaurants and volunteering opportunities the EYC provides a great opportunity to profile this offer to a wider stage.

In addition our marketing programmes link us to European destinations through collaboration with Visit Britain, Tourism Ireland and other key agencies.

I wish you all success in your application

Kind regards
Mary Blake (Tourism Development Officer)

8 October 2010

Dear European Youth Capital Bid Team

Derry City Council's Heritage and Museum Service is responsible for four museums and the Museum Service Store. The role of the Service is to manage and present the history and heritage of the region, enabling enjoyment and learning for all and the enrichment of people's lives.

The Museum Service is engaged in the delivery of a range of formal and informal learning activities which includes a commitment to lifelong learning. As part of our learning programme we work closely with children and young people through our formal activities with schools and colleges as well as informally by working with community and youth groups and families.

We offer curriculum based programmes which enable children and young people to gain a better understanding of their local and shared heritage. We work closely with education staff to meet the needs of the curriculum and in particular support the delivery of the key skills of numeracy, literacy and ICT.

We are involved in a number of projects aimed at children and young people. An example of one of these projects is the Good Relations programme we offer looking at 400 years of the Plantation of Ulster which aims to increase awareness of this event in our shared history and find out from young people what their views are on the legacy of the Plantation. Another example would be the Peace III funded project looking at Historical Events of the 20th Century which also works closely with children and young people across the region through schools and youth groups. This aims to address some of the issues around the key events in the last century and how these have shaped our present, looking at sectarianism and racism.

We have a project which is based around reminiscence and how we value our heritage through valuing our memories which is an intergenerational project aimed at our young and old citizens alike. We also offer activities for families and encourage intergenerational opportunities by taking part in key festivals such as Foyle Days and the Halloween Carnival.

The Heritage and Museum Service fully supports the bid for Derry ~ Londonderry as candidate city for the European Youth Capital 2013. We recognise the enormous potential we have in this city in the shape of our children and young people. To achieve this title would enable the children and young people of the city and wider region to find a strong voice and encourage more ways in which to celebrate their shared future.

Yours faithfully

Roisin Doherty
Head of Heritage & Museum Service



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

As the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Social Education Officer I am writing to support the candidacy of Derry-Londonderry for the role of European Youth Capital 2013

The NIHE Social Education Project operates throughout Derry City, covering four DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Areas – Outer North, Outer West, Triax & Waterside. The project has now been running for six years.

In the past year alone over 2,000 pupils, from 20 different schools, have been involved in the project. In total there were over 6,294 individual contacts with pupils. There are a number of key individual schemes that make up the Social Education Project.

The Junior Warden Project aims to instil pupils with a sense of civic pride and social responsibility; and to educate them on the negative impacts of anti social behaviour; through a series of activities including environmental improvement work, litter picks, intergenerational volunteering, ASB poster competitions and photography projects.

'Our Community Lessons' is run in partnership with the PSNI, Creggan Country Park, Derry City Council - Community Safety Partnership, the Community Awareness Project, Habinteg Housing Association, Disability Equality Action and SEEDS. The groups deliver weekly lessons to the pupils on topics such as The Role of the Police, Environmental Awareness, Anti Social Behaviour, Drugs & Alcohol Awareness, Community Rules & Respect and Disability Awareness.

The NIHE is also a founding partner in the YES Project (Youth Educated in Safety). This brings together a number of service providers including the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire Service, Derry City Council and Translink among others to provide local schools with an interactive lesson experience on issues of youth safety. Topics include internet safety, road safety, domestic safety, bullying and drugs & alcohol awareness.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Duddy
NIHE Social Education Officer



RE European Youth Capital 2013
7TH October 2010

Dear Sir/ Madam

Cathedral Youth Club supports Derry City Council and Ilex in their application regarding the title .European Youth Capital. Cathedral Youth Club offers programmes for young people living in an Interface area in the Fountain Estate of Londonderry. Recent projects which have been initiated by the club include a tourist trail FOOTSTEPS THROUGH THE FOUNTAIN... The young people devised the trail which includes 26 sites of interest in the Fountain adjacent to the historic City walls. The tour attracts young people from communities across the City. Recently the Club won the Innovation Award in Northern Ireland Youth Awards. The judges were impressed with the positive impact this project would have in the future especially promoting the City of Culture.

Young people' s health and development is taken very seriously in the Cathedral Youth Club so we were very proud to take the initiative to make use of a vacant plot of land and transform it into Allotments for the community and the local school. The Bastion Plots as they are called now produces fresh vegetables for everyone. This project also received an award this year from The Northern Ireland Youth Awards. We see the young people of this City playing an important role in the future of the development of our society. Their vision includes winning the European Youth Capital 2013

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October 5, 2010

Derry City Council
Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
98 Strand Road
Derry

Dear Ms Bradley

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support of the proposal Derry-Londonderry candidate city for European Youth Capital 2013.

We are a Spanish school that has been coming to Derry with Spanish students for three years. We have found in Derry a city that welcomes foreigners and that has lots of historical and cultural sites that enrich the visitors. The warmth of its people is quite difficult to find in other cities in the world.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Derry-Londonderry to become the European Youth Capital as it would give the city a great opportunity to show its beauty, history and welcoming people.

Sincerely,

Montse Pons
Exchange Programme Leader

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6 October 2010

Derry City Council
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Dear Teresa

I write to formally provide the support of School Employer Connections to the bid for Derry to be named European Youth Capital 2013.

School Employer Connections was created by business leaders in 1999 to establish meaningful connections between schools and employers so that employers could play a part in preparing students for the world of work. Ours is the only organisation of its kind anywhere in Ireland. We work with approximately 500 employers annually from across NI and also from the border counties of the Republic of Ireland. Over 4,000 students from almost 60 post-primary schools now take part in our programmes every year.

Our primary area of focus is the North West region as this is where the need for our services is greatest since this region is characterized by low levels of public and private investment, high unemployment and a fragmented economy, largely dependent on small or medium enterprises.

We sincerely hope that Derry's application to be named European Youth Capital is successful as this would be a tremendous boost to our young people and to charities like ours.

Yours sincerely

Máire Gallagher
Director



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13 October 2010

RE: European Youth Capital 2013

Dear Teresa,

I am writing to express our support for the Derry-Londonderry candidate city bid for European Youth Capital 2013.

Include Youth is an independent organisation that actively promotes the rights, best interests of and best practice with young people in need or at risk in Derry-Londonderry, and across Northern Ireland.

We achieve our objectives through policy advocacy that both informs and is informed by our direct practitioner and young people support services.

We provide a range of training programmes designed around the needs of young people who may have a care background or are from socially disadvantaged areas.

The Give and Take Scheme works with more than 140 young people each year, helping them develop new skills and take the next step towards finding a career.

The Scheme recognises the difficulties and significant additional barriers preventing these young people from entering the employment market and develops specific

materials and activities that help move the young people forward, where traditional mainstream training failed to engage them.

Young Voices provides opportunities for young people in custody, at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system or in the community to effectively engage with public policy on the issues that affect them. It uses a youth-led and non-judgemental approach to help build relationships with the young people.

The Training for Success programme provides both one to one mentoring support and group personal development to young people in training organisations who need help to address particular issues affecting them.

Include Youth strongly supports Derry-Londonderry's bid for European youth Capital 2013 and are excited about the possibilities it could create for young people both in the city and the surrounding areas.

Yours sincerely,

Koulla Yiasouma

Koulla Yiasouma
Director

Dear Sir/Madam

I am taking this opportunity to write and congratulate you on your bid for the European youth capital and its impending outcome. I would like to commend you on your innovative approach in relation to the working groups set up and the vision of a shared and positive outcome for the city, in relation to our youth, and outlining areas and specifically the youth with whom it is targeted. I feel this working together can only be a positive outcome of such a bid and will be used as a means of greater co-operation within and between the many youth providers in the city.

It is a great opportunity and I for one would be fully behind the project as its emphasis on innovative projects to encourage active participation of our young people in our society is of significant importance for future generations. I for one will continue to become involved in any future working bodies or otherwise in pursuit of a better future for our young.

Ciaran Wilkinson
Youth Intervention co-ordinator
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5th October 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

Derry City Council European Youth Capital Application

On behalf of the Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, I would like to register our support for EYC 2013 and confirm our position as an official partner in your bid to bring European Youth Capital to Derry~Londonderry in 2013.

We believe EYC Status offers this city endless possibility and represents a unique opportunity to galvanise young people and youth work communities not only in this city but across the island of Ireland in creating a legacy for the future.

Yours sincerely

Ciara Ferguson
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18th June 2010

Dear Sir / Madam

Derry City Council European Youth Capital Application

On behalf of City Centre Initiative I would like to register our support for EYC 2013 and confirm our position as an official partner in your bid to bring European Youth Capital to Derry ~ Londonderry in 2013.

In 2013 the City will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the building of the city walls and there is a great sense of excitement which is surrounding all the events which are planned for this special year in the history of the city. If we were to be awarded European Youth Capital status then the celebrations could potentially be taken to new levels of which the city has never seen.

We believe EYC Status offers this city endless possibility and represents a unique opportunity to galvanise young people and youth work communities not only in this city but across the island of Ireland in creating a legacy for the future.

Yours sincerely

Jim Roddy
City Centre Manager



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11th October 2010

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: European Youth Capital 2013

The staff of St Paul's Primary School, Slievemore is extremely grateful to the Derry city Council for the programmes offered to the primary sector. Over the years we have benefited from the following:

- Soccer skills
- Multi skills
- Youth Educated in Safety (Y.E.S.)
- Yoga

The children thoroughly enjoyed the programmes and the staff are delighted to develop their skills. We feel the children have developed emotionally as well as physically and they look forward immensely to the sessions.

It has been a pleasure to be linked to these programmes. St Paul's Primary School fully supports the Derry City council bid for Derry-Londonderry candidate city for European Youth Capital 2013.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Cathy McCay
Principal

11 October 2010

Ms Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
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Dear Ms Bradley

The **Youth Council for Northern Ireland** (YCNI) was established under the Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1989. Funded through grant-in-aid by the Department of Education, YCNI has the status of Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB). This is a body which has a role in the processes of government but is not a government department.

Through the delivery of its functions and work programmes, the Youth Council seeks to champion the well-being, rights and participation of young people by:

- (i) *supporting the development of effective youth policies and quality youth work practice; and*
- (ii) *facilitating meaningful collaboration between youth organisations and all sectors with responsibility for young people.*

A list of the Youth Council's Statutory Functions is attached.

As Northern Ireland Regional co-ordinator on behalf of the UK National Agency for the EU Youth in Action Programme and its predecessors, the Youth Council, through its International Committee, has developed a longstanding relationship with groups and organisations across Northern Ireland, in terms of promoting the benefits of international mobility and partnerships amongst young people and youth organisations.

YCNI has been an active promoter of the importance of engaging young people in decision-making processes at all levels in our society.

YCNI provides core funding to the Northern Ireland Youth Forum (for 20 years), and funds young people from Northern Ireland to participate in the UK Youth Parliament.

YCNI, on behalf of the Department of Education, is presently leading a major initiative to develop new enhanced structures to support participation by young people in policy-making processes.

Recognising the importance of improving links between youth organisations and young people on the island of Ireland, YCNI has been a lead partner in a series of North/South projects over the past ten years.

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11 October 2010

Ms Teresa Bradley, Derry City Council

It is therefore with great pleasure that we offer our support to both Derry City Council and ILEX for the Derry-Londonderry bid to be awarded the prestigious title of European Youth Capital 2013. We believe that this will not only be of considerable benefit to all young people in Europe, but it will also provide a significant legacy for all young people in Ireland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Guilfoyle', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

David Guilfoyle
Chief Executive



Dear Sir/Madame,

the PACA branch of the association Itineraire international, supports Derry as European youth capital 2013.

Our association has worked with Derry (with Foyle language school) in the frame of international mobility programmes, and especially on the European work placement program Leonardo Da Vinci project.

Our youngsters have always been very happy in Derry, found it was a nice vibrant city to stay for their first experience abroad. Some of them even think to go back to work or study.

Best regards
Silvia Riga

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11th October 2010

Teresa Bradley
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Dear Teresa

LONDONDERRY YMCA – SUPPORT

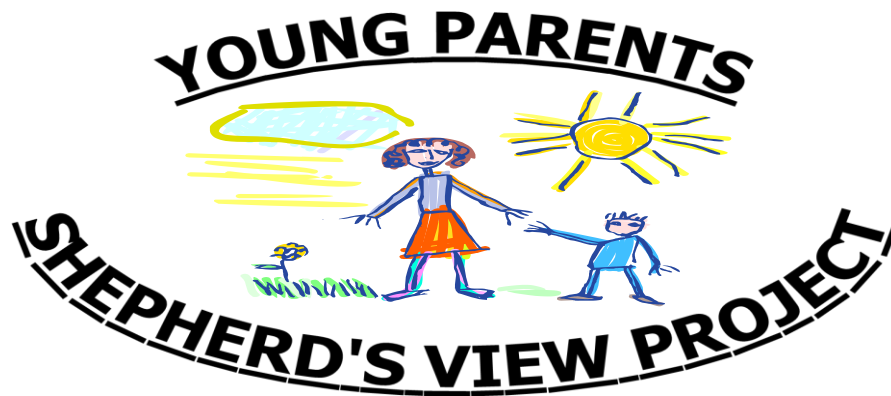
Londonderry YMCA in confirming our support for the European Youth Capital bid for 2013 also commits to working with the European Alliance of YMCA's in organising the European Conference in Londonderry in May 2013. This will be an event that will attract YMCA personnel from 35 European countries.

YMCA fully supports the organisers of this application.

Yours sincerely

Wm Lamrock

William Lamrock
General Secretary



in partnership
with



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Dear Teresa,

Shepherd's View Young Parents' Project was set up in 2002 when it was realised that the needs of some of the most vulnerable families in the North West were not being met. Fold Housing Association, Western Health and Social Services Trust and First Housing Aid and

Support Services formed relationships on a partnership basis and the Young Parents' Project at Shepherd's View was born.

"The underlying principle behind the service was that children have a right to a safe and loving family life and that their parents be offered support, advice and a home which would enable them to take care of their children"(Young Parents Project). The project achieves this by supporting the parents, believing that if parents are supported appropriately, then the parents will be in a better situation to look after their own children. Each resident is assigned a key worker who ensures the parent is assessed on admission. After this initial assessment the key worker will identify the parent's needs in partnership with the parent. The key worker along with all the staff will then support the parent in achieving their needs.

The project offers a range of informal and formal 'in house' training: 'Essential Skills in English and Maths', 'Pharmacy Course', 'Happy Nappies' and Parenting Classes. The Project also facilitates consultations processes including 'NEET', 'Poverty Strategy' and 'Community Relations: Equality and Diversity in Education', offered by Participation Network and OFMDFM. The Young Parents Project would be delighted to offer their support to Derry ~ Londonderry as European Youth Capital 2013.

Tracy Healy (Project Manager)

Zest and Young People

Since 1996 Zest has been at the forefront of promoting emotional health for young people through its work in self-harm and suicidal ideation and behaviours. The only self-harm/suicidal counselling service in N. Ireland at that time, Zest was able to identify the underlying issues and life circumstances that led to these behaviours based on the ongoing clinical findings of its services. It became obvious that the young person's family experience, self-esteem, coping skills, emotional health and the lack of hope for the future were at the forefront of these problematic behaviours. This understanding in turn allowed for the development of therapeutic approaches that have effectively contributed to the prevention, intervention and postvention services that Zest has delivered over the years.

One of the most important developments was the inclusion of 'family' in the therapy and wellbeing of the young person and the delivery of support through information, understanding and relationship building to significant family members. The young person is a product of the family system and in many cases the healing process for the young person needs to include that system.

Almost fifteen years of research, practice, experience and talking to our young service users has enabled Zest to identify the emotional health vulnerabilities and difficulties that are experienced. This

in turn has resulted in Zest' s education and training programmes for schools, youth organisations and community groups which are delivered throughout N. Ireland and the Western Area in particular. The emotional health of our young people is and always will be paramount in addressing the plethora of ongoing problems facing our communities, i.e. suicide and self-harm, drugs and alcohol, sexual health, anti-social behaviour, family breakdown, depression, the list is becoming alarmingly endless.

Here in the West, the emotional health of our youth has long been a focus of many community voluntary and statutory agencies and the future commitment to this work is and always will be assured. Zest intends to maintain and develop, even further, its major role in supporting young people to understand, develop and maintain the necessary emotional health to enjoy, as well as meet the challenges of, their young lives and to prepare them for their life journeys in adulthood. Zest will continue to provide a place of genuine acceptance, active safety and living hope to those who don' t feel accepted, who don' t feel safe and are losing hope.

European Youth Capital 2013

12 October 2010

Dear Sir

I wish to offer the support of this school for the European Youth Capital application by Derry City Council and ILEX.

St Thérèse Primary School, Lenamore is set in an area of significant social deprivation yet has grown as a vibrant centre for the community where each child and family are valued and encouraged to achieve their potential.

The school has participated in several projects linked to agencies that support the well being of our pupils and broadens their horizons. This includes an extensive sport programme, yoga, school counselling and a range of other after school activities. The school is also involved with the Comenius Programme and this has developed strong links with other schools in the European Union. Our contacts extend from Romania, Italy, Germany, Greece, Spain and France to Poland. This programme has also facilitated exchange programmes for pupils. Another current initiative that affords strong links is 'Dissolving Boundaries' where our school is linked with a school in the Irish Republic, children meet and are involved in video conferencing.

Derry is a vibrant city with enormous potential to further develop youth provision and I sincerely hope that the application is successful

Yours sincerely

Dermot P Brady
Principal

DH/lm

13 October 2010

Ms Teresa Bradley
Area Community Services Officer (Cityside South)
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RE European Youth Capital 2013

Dear Teresa

I write, as principal of St. Joseph's Boys' School, Derry, in support of the City's application to be European Youth Capital 2013.

As a post primary school educating pupils aged 11-19 we are delighted that Derry has been short-listed for this title. St. Joseph's has been serving the local community for the past 50 years, educating, inspiring and encouraging our young people to develop to their fullest potential academically, spiritually, morally and culturally. The school continues to raise the aspirations and expectations of the young people it serves through a wide range of engagement activities beyond the curriculum lessons delivered in the classroom.

I offer a flavour of some of the activities beyond the classroom that our young people have been involved in during the last school year;

- ❖ Art Exhibitions and community art projects, e.g. Bluebell arts project - developing carnival pieces for St Patrick's Day parade, Youth Justice Agency - Photographic Competition;
- ❖ Engagement in Theatre through Music and Drama productions in school and in the Playhouse;
- ❖ Young Enterprise events, Stock market challenge, young entrepreneurs etc;
- ❖ Film clubs and other extended schools activities e.g. Healthy lifestyles with an active family's project, health and mentoring projects, a food for thought programme and a health and wellbeing day;

- ❖ Pupils were involved in carrying out environment work in the school grounds and local community as part of the Big Spring Clean initiative and in the “Plant a Tree for Christmas” workshop at Creggan Country Park, and during the year planted trees in the school grounds and were involved with a fruit tree planting initiative with Derry Credit Union;
- ❖ Year 9s participated in the Environment project with Derry City Council and planned, designed and created a wildlife pond in the school grounds;
- ❖ Several classes were involved with the Derry City Council initiative, Greening our City and were involved in planting and maintaining planters to encourage bees and butterflies which were then transferred to a public space at the Guildhall. This complemented the year 9 viewing of the film “The Vanishing of the Bees” at the Foyle Film Festival;
- ❖ An entire year group had the opportunity to visit Creggan Country Park to participate in a renewable energy workshop while Year 10 had a trip to River watch to find out about all aspects of the River Foyle Ecosystem and related work opportunities;
- ❖ To raise awareness of development issues and encourage knowledge and support of local initiatives Eddie Kerr of the One World Centre gave a very insightful and, of course, amusing talk on his work with the Changaro Trust;
- ❖ Year 10 French & Spanish students took a one day trip to the Opportunity Europe Exhibition and Fair in Belfast that proved to be a huge success in promoting language development, and the Gasyard Centre took on all the characteristics of a Spanish cinema in May when film buffs from a junior Spanish class viewed one of Spain’s most popular cult films – Pan’s Labyrinth directed by Guillermo del Toro. As part of a pilot scheme run by Bluebell Arts to encourage the use of community and modern languages, students watched the film and chatted with Emma Logue (Development Worker), about the film and some of the projects they have been involved with this year;
- ❖ The pupils had a visit from a Holocaust survivor who delivered a presentation to Year 10 history students;
- ❖ The School council organised and hosted a Lets Talk event in the school for sixth formers with nine other schools invited and all the main political parties represented in a lead up to the Westminster elections;

- ❖ Year 13 Politics students visited the Stormont Assembly and met with various MLAs;
- ❖ Year 11 pupils participated in a Nerve Centre digital film workshop on Opposition to the Nazis;
- ❖ Year 14 pupils were interviewed by Bill Neely of ITN News about the impact of Bloody Sunday on their lives for a news report aired after the publishing of the Bloody Sunday report;
- ❖ Senior pupils participated in the Pope John Paul II scheme and in millennium volunteers' project;
- ❖ Four Year 8 pupils from the chemistry club represented the school at the "Salter's Festival of Chemistry";
- ❖ Five year 9 groups comprising of 20 students showcased their work at the Step-Up Science Fair "Science, Myths and Magic". This event was organised in conjunction with the "British Science Association" and each participating student was awarded the Bronze Crest Award while one of the groups, won an award for their project "Inhibition of Seed Germination";

This is far from an exhaustive list but exemplifies how we as a school and Derry as a City encourages young people to actively participate in society by developing their understanding of the local environment and the impact of events on society as a whole.

We the staff and pupils of St Joseph's feel Derry should merit serious consideration for the title European Youth Capital.

Yours sincerely,

DAMIEN HARKIN
Principal



Derry City Council
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Dear Sir/Madame,

Situated in the heart of the Waterside of Derry~Londonderry, the Waterside theatre originally opened in February 2001 and has since proved invaluable to the local community and the wider North West. The Waterside Theatre and Arts Centre has been recently refurbished, reopening in September 2009, and the performance programme currently includes drama, contemporary dance, ballet, opera, live music, comedy, children's theatre as well as traditional and cultural events.

It also is host to the ever-popular City of Derry Drama Festival and Hidden Treasures Children's Theatre Festival each year.

The Waterside Theatre also provides an important separate education programme of art, drama and dance for young people in the North-West; and in the process of developing an arts programme for the young ethnic minorities within the Derry City Council areas.

We completely support the bid for Derry~Londonderry candidate city for European Youth Capital 2013 to be able to showcase our youth-related culture.

Yours sincerely

Iain Barr

IAIN BARR
GENERAL MANAGER

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To whom it may concern,

The Province of Ancona is a Public Body with nine different Departments. One of them is Vocational Training and Work. The Leonardo da Vinci Programme Mobility Action has been including within it for over ten years.

We are working for 23 schools within the LLP Leonardo da Vinci - Mobility project - sending about 300 students of 17 and 18 years old abroad every year.

The aims of this project is

- a) to increase the quality of the training service and to enrich the dimension of the succession "school-work";
- b) to make youngsters aware of the economy and the labour market and in particular of their European and transnational dimension;
- c) to train human resources with a particular attitude in working within foreign environments.

3-weeks-training programme:

On the first week an intensive English course and cultural activities

On the following two weeks carrying out work experience in a company

The Foyle Language School in Derry City belongs to our reliable partners in the field of practical trainings within the Leonardo-da-Vinci for many years.

The Foyle Language School offers to our students the opportunity to develop their Language skills, to get to know more about Northern Irish culture by living in host Families and by presenting cultural and social programme. Furthermore our students could learn more about the eventful history of Derry City.

I myself visited Derry several times. Last time I was there in 2009. I remember Derry as a city of Youth (I saw so much pupils and students!), and as a city of new ideas and innovations and as a city of hospitality. I expect that I can come to Derry once more.

Our students and we support the application of Derry City for the title of the 'European Youth Capital' 2013. As 'European Youth Capital' 2013 Derry gets the opportunity to communicate the connection of history, present and future and to show the potential of this attractive and young city to many young people in Europe.

Dr. Ida Taccaliti
Responsible of Leonardo project

Ancona, 12 October 2010

To Whom it may concern,



Quan ens hem assabentat que Derry estava nomenada per ser Capital Europea de la Juventut 2013 i que a més ens demanàveu el nostre suport hem pensat que després de més 10 anys venint a Derry ens veiem autoritzats a recolzar la vostra candidatura.

Sempre ens hem sentit ben acollits en aquesta ciutat que té moltes semblances amb la nostra, Cervera, el patrimoni arquitectònic i cultural, el fet de parlar dues llengües i voler donar a conèixer tot aquest patrimoni a la resta del món.

Tots aquests valors són importants però el fet que ens ha fet tornar tots aquests anys és l'acolliment que hem rebut per part de la Foyle Language School i de les famílies que han hostatjat els nostres alumnes i en general la amabilitat de la població de Derry.

Per una altra part, la tasca de difondre la llengua anglesa, realitzada per l'escola des del seu establiment, ha fet que s'hagin apropat diferents pobles i cultures de tot Europa, aconseguint crear un sentiment d'unitat entre tots nosaltres com a ciutadans europeus.

Esperem que la ciutat aconsegueixi aquesta fita i tots ens retrobem a Derry per gaudir de tot el que això representa.

When we learnt that Derry was nominated to be the European Youth Capital 2013 and that you also wanted our support, we thought that after more than ten years of coming to Derry with groups of students we feel the right to adhere to your cause.

We have always felt welcomed in this city that has many similarities to ours, Cervera, the cultural and architectural heritage, the fact of speaking two languages and the aim of let the rest of the world to know about our heritage.

All these values are important but the reason why we have continued coming all these years is the warmth we receive from the Foyle Language School and the families who host our students and also the kindness of the people in Derry.

On the other hand, the work of spreading the English language done by the school from its starting, has made it possible to gather different cultures and peoples from all over Europe which has also created a feeling of unity among all European citizens.

We hope that Derry will hold the title of the European Youth Capital 2013 and that we can meet again in this city to enjoy all what this means.

Cervera, 29th September 2010

Ramon Mateu Garcia

IES La Segarra

I think Derry's youth should win because it seems everyone here is a performer! There is a wealth of talent here in Derry amongst the young people and they are so motivated to making it known! Who better to win than a bunch of readymade spokespersons? And boy do they know HOW to represent! In my experience when these young people want to make something happen, they do it in their masses! Without them we would never have played all those festivals through the Red Bull Bedroom Jam competition! Derry's youth are a great power!

On a serious note though, I think it's really important for the young generation of Derry to win this title. As a city with such a volatile history, it's silly to think there aren't repercussions through the generations. This would be such a positive influence on them! It would help set the foundations of pride in their city, that they will then pass on to future generations paving the way for a better Derry!

Jilly St John, Front woman local band No Mean City

"I think Derry should get the European capitol of culture because in all my years of travelling as a professional musician i have never been in another city with such a rich and diverse culture in young people. its a hub for young bands and musicians, who not only play well for themselves but help each other to create a place where arts are cultivated, enriched creativity is promoted far beyond anywhere else i have been culture in Derry is held in far higher regard than anywhere else i have been. if we won the European capitol of culture this would bring the funding, infrastructure and outlet for young people to show what spectacular things they are capable of, which is all too often over looked, due to not only the geographical location but past political issues which have held the city back from the investment it needs to show how diverse and advanced young people here are compared to others as a city we've been through a lot. This has not only been our weakness but also our strength as creativity is sometimes the only outlet for young people. We have come through this storm to emerge the other side stronger. Now it's time for Derry to shine"

Glenn Rosborough, Intermission

Shout from The Wonder Villains...Giving our full support to Derry~Londonderry for the European Youth capital 2013!! Best of luck!! :)

The Wonder Villans

I would like to add my voice in support of Derry-Londonderry's bid for the EU City of Youth. For the past 25 years, I have supported social and economic transformation in communities around the world. One essential criterion for success, in first-world and developing countries alike, is the engagement of the community's youth and the commitment of adults to support their involvement. I see this commitment alive in Derry –Londonderry. The city is on a remarkable journey. They building a new economy, healing a divided past, celebrating their culture with the wider world and creating a new story for the future. At the heart of this transformation are the boys and girls, young men and women who want a bright, hopeful and peaceful future for their city. They have dreamed it and they are committed to making it real. Derry Londonderry is a model for the world of a better tomorrow.

Sandra Janoff, Co-Director, Future Search Network

Derry is a very lively city with a youthful and vibrant population. The artistic and musical talent in the city is second to none and the percentage of young people involved in the Arts has always been one of the most impressive aspects of Derry. As a gigging band in the city, we are constantly impressed by the quality of new young bands and artists popping up on the music scene and feel it should be widely recognised as a unique and outstanding feature of this place. The people in Derry have always had music in our blood and this continues to develop and grow with each generation of new young people in the city. Derry is the ideal candidate for European Youth Capital and would greatly benefit from being recognised as such.

John Deery, Artist

As a former professional footballer with twelve years service with Derry City Football Club, I am particularly interested in the long term future of the club. At the moment this is in excellent hands, as twelve of the first team squad of twenty are 19 years old or under. This is unequalled by any other club in the country or indeed in the British Isles. Not only that, but we currently lead our league and are favourites for promotion to the premier league. That this has been achieved by such a young squad is an absolute credit to their enthusiasm, dedication and sheer youthful enjoyment of the game; And not least to the city which produced them. there could be no finer advertisement for a city of youth culture

Eddie Mahon, Former Derry City Goalkeeper

As a member of Stripes and Stars Americana Festival I would like to offer support in your bid to win European Youth Capital. Music and culture in Derry/Londonderry is in a growth phase and none more so than within the youth culture of the city. Americana music in particular and folk music in general is being embraced by many young people in Derry/Londonderry and throughout Northern Ireland. I believe Derry/Londonderry's bid to win the European Youth Capital goes a long way to show the unifying forces of culture and helps showcase the thriving talent of young people in the Derry/Londonderry community. We really support you in this pursuit and would celebrate with you such a massive achievement.

Martin Mullan, Chair, Stripes and Stars Americana Festival

"The deepest definition of youth is life as yet untouched by tragedy" so said Alfred North Whitehead, English mathematician & philosopher (1861-1947). This might be true in most cultures but Derry's young people are very different. They are special precisely because they are emerging from the shadow of our recent turbulent history. I went out to the opening of a few shows in my home town last night and was lifted to another plane by the vibrancy of our young men and women who are collectively creating a new vision for this place. The resilience and optimism of youth that sparkles here comes from a wisdom that their turn to seize the day has a deeper significance than most other places. We are standing on a threshold of hope for the future - winning European Youth Capital would mean our young people would step forward with confidence sharing a deep understanding of how to make the most of their moment of opportunity.

Margo Harkin – Filmmaker

This unique opportunity to put young people at the very heart of the new story we are trying to tell has resonance across Europe .By shaping and creating a new future through our regeneration plan and with city of culture at the heart we can tap into the innate talent of our youth and nurture, value and grow individually and as a community. The designation of European year of youth would enable us to share our learning and learn so much more from others in that sharing"

Aideen Mc Ginley, Chief Executive, ILEX Urban Regeneration Company

We wish to heartily support Derry's bid to become European Youth Capital. Simply put it's own much larger than normal slice of the youth demographic in the setting that is Historic Derry should render it to be a pole contender. Such exchanges of views, passions and aspirations can be easily be facilitated at this location leaving those who engage here with a deeper sense of what it is to be part of the European Union.

Les Doherty, Proprietor Bound for Boston

I am an independent facilitator working mainly in the areas of community building, teamwork, conflict resolution and stress reduction. I spent 20 years working mostly with young, disaffected young people and I believe the bid for Derry/Londonderry to be the European Youth Capital for 2013 to be a great opportunity for the youth of the City and the City itself. One of the biggest problems facing young people is lack of belief in the institutions that serve them and lack of belief in themselves. We have experienced many years of high unemployment, violence and sectarianism all of which has had its own momentum in an unhealthy direction. If Derry/Londonderry were to be awarded this bid it would be a powerful boost towards a more vibrant, inclusive society – a future to which I and many others are committed. The European dimension would bring excitement, an influx of new ideas and connections, a broader outlook on our own issues, opportunities for greater unity in the

community especially among young people, more belief in positive change and a renewed optimism for what is possible here. I believe that the award if successful would lead to the youth of the city being better listened to and more involved in the creation of a brighter, more connected future.

Good Luck Tony Carlin

Annex III

Dominating the Northwestern landscapes of Ireland, astride the flowing waters of the Foyle, is a 6th Century city that today resonates to the sounds of the 21st Century. Derry~Londonderry has a unique history and built heritage, a vibrant arts and culture sector, a fabulous riverfront location and a welcoming people. The Walled City as it is sometimes referred to is pulsating, creative, cosmopolitan, inspiring core of Derry ~ Londonderry; saturated in history, tradition and vibrancy of the City and its people.

Among the happiest of those sounds is the multi-lingual chatter of more international visitors than ever - from conference delegates and backpackers to cruise passengers and tourists of all kinds - who are discovering the delights of a compact city which is unlike any other. Derry ~ Londonderry is a centre of culture and creativity, and is now famous for its confident modern outlook.

Derry ~ Londonderry has the only completely Walled City in the British Isles and is steeped in 1450 years of history. Stroll along its 17th century walls, and marvel at the ever-changing skyline of a city which is constant only in the warmth of its welcome. Here you can expect many a smile of greeting from people who are noted worldwide for their friendly hospitality.

This is a joyful regional centre filled with celebration and inspiration, as manifested in the number and quality of our festivals and special events throughout the year. Energetic, outward looking and high-spirited, this is truly a city for all seasons.

Derry ~ Londonderry is a city which has been one of the longest inhabited places in Ireland. The earliest historical references date to the sixth century when a monastery was founded here by the great Irish **Saint Columba/Colmcille** in 546 AD. The name Derry changed to Londonderry during the **Plantation of Ulster**, as the new city was built by the **Guilds of London** (1613-1618).

After the building of the City Walls in the early part of the seventeenth century other key periods in the city's history have included the **Siege of Derry, Emigration, Famine in Ireland, Shirt Industry, World War I & II, Easter Rising, Civil Rights Marches, Bloody Sunday, Ceasefires** and the **Good Friday Agreement**, all of which have contributed in some part over the centuries to having shaped today's modern yet historic, friendly and forward-looking city.

This **Heritage Trail** has identified 100 sites of particular historic significance - from Cathedrals and Churches, Parks and Villages, Murals and Monuments all within the Derry City Council area so that wherever you are you're never too far from a little bit of history.

Derry ~ Londonderry is recognised as the regional city of the North West of Ireland and is the second largest urban settlement in N.I. and the fourth largest on the island of Ireland. Derry City Council area has five district electoral areas, comprising 30 electoral wards.

The population of the Derry City Council area is around 107,000 (Around 6% of the N.I. population). The population has grown by approximately 12% since 1991 (compared to the N.I. average growth rate of around 8%). 30 % of the population is under the age of 30.

Derry City Council is a local government organisation, it is the 2nd largest out of 26 local authorities in Northern Ireland. Derry City Council's vision is "A vibrant prosperous region with equality of opportunity for all." In the core values and principles of Derry City Council's Corporate Plan it states that it will value people by 'Promoting equality and inclusion' and celebrate diversity by 'Accepting Differences; Valuing Differences; Celebrating Differences and Promoting Good Relations'. These values 'underpin all our decision-making and shape the services we provide.' Good Relations also features in the Strategic aim 'A culturally rich region made up of confident, safe and healthy communities,' which includes the strategic objective of 'inclusive communities where no-one feels alienated or marginalized.'

Derry ~ Londonderry is a city fast emerging out of the shadow of conflict that has suppressed the creative energy of its youth. Our pursuit for European Youth Capital will reinvigorate our young people and put them at the core of our emerging city.

Derry City Council is submitting this bid in principle on behalf of the young people of Derry ~ Londonderry and the EYC's Partnership Working Group which is made up of representatives from the Derry City Council, ILEX Urban Regeneration Company, City Centre Initiative, Western Education & Library Board Youth Service, Strategic Working Group, Inside Out, The Playhouse, Ocean Youth Trust, bOUNCE Culture Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, St Columb's Park House and SEEDS. This working group has been established to take forward the youth programme for EYC 2013.

Annex IV

Common Features of Youth Capital feedback

Some questions for consideration for meeting tomorrow (feel free to bring your own questions):

- YouthFest - who will be local partners?
- Youth Capital Application Form – who can/will do what and how should we do it?
- Linkage to City of Culture and Regeneration Plan?
- Should we split into small groups tomorrow and work on 1 or 2 headings each?
- Should small working groups take on a question each from the application form?

Logistics – what we have to do	Underpinning Values/Principles	Methodologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear roles, responsibilities and work plan • Bid should have a champion • Use of existing contacts/networks • ‘Advisory Group’ • Funding • Lobbying Events • Contact; youth workers, teachers, parents/guardians, hospitals, stormont • create a creative trail of whats on/calender of events • training for youth workers sustain young people’s interest and complement and engage young people’s ideas • Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear shared vision • Young people central to it – has to be demonstrated • City Wide • Cross-Border • Involvement of Families • Partnership: strategic and with local and regional communities and between sectors - should not be about funding or competitive positioning within the sector • Should provoke/stimulate young people • Maximise youthful population – up to 30 in accordance with European legislation • Section 75 • Part of Tourism Drive • Intergenerational Work • Promoting Democracy • Thinking outside the box • Sustainability agenda • Civic responsibility. • Family orientated • Dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective communication between practitioners and young people • Established standards for presentation of practice • Use of different mediums: citizenship, storytelling, self-expression, media, arts, markets, crafts, dance, drama, sport, food, festivals, play, museums, international exchange, social network sites, peer-led mentors, small feeder events, case studies, outdoor pursuits • Maximise outreach work • e-zine, diary, blog or facebook page, • Young Leaders/ Peer mentors • Use existing research • Use Schools, youth club, parish hall, parks •
Outcomes	Aims	Named Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase our achievements • Recognition, celebration and learning of and about legacy, history, identity, heritage • Build confidence in existing facilities • Realistic • Young People from across Europe visit city • Promote work and volunteering opp’s including vocational training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use it to analysis gaps • Developing new language rather than continue with language of sectarianism • Develop a secular approach (moving away from green/orange) • Promotion of existing youth work • Opportunities to profile existing facilities to local and international audiences • Focus on building up identity of ‘detached’ young people 	<p>Foyle Language School, SEEDS, Foyle Multi-Cultural Forum, rural groups, ethnic minorities, traveller community, young disabled people, Derry Chamber of commerce, NI Youth forum, political youth wings, faith based, UU, NWRC, SU, LGBT young people, Foyle Youth Council, faith-based organisations, Donál Doherty: Music coordinator for WELB, John Clifford: Helped set up the Derry and District football league, Jim Roddy: CEO of City Centre</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness of: Diversity, Multiculturalism 	Initiative., Martin McCann: Heads sports officer for Magee and the University of Ulster
Specific Programmes	Other Headings?	Other Headings?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor programme 'Lark in the Park' MPL-Musical Pathways to Learning Younger generations teaching the older generations e.g. ICT, 50+ club. Intergenerational play days. Consultations and engagement events Changing Murals Open Space programmes Orienteering and sailing linked to emigration. Mentoring work: shadowing young people. 		

An example of some of the Feedback from the Youth Consultation at Ebrington Parade Ground

- "To give our young people a future they deserve full of hope and ambition"
- "More spaces that are safe for everyone to go"
- "For young parents of the city to be included in programs/ projects that are happening in the city"
- "To have your say, to be heard is to become an active part of your community"
- "More opportunities for the youth of the city to work together"
- "To encourage young people to be proud of their city"
- "More playing activities for our children and play parks that would be fun and exciting for our children"
- "We need opportunities to meet people that inspire us"
- "We want a place that we can express ourselves and not be judged"
- "More opportunities like this to work with artists and visit new places"
- "There are some people hanging on to the tail of the comet of conflict which has already burned out in the atmosphere of the emerging generation."
- "Time to have courage and start believing we can do anything, dare to dream and believe in all possibilities. Time to be proud of who we are and what we can do."

An example of an 'in-house' consultation event involving one of our Partner Organisations

	Questions	Group Answers
1	Who are the different groups/nationalities that live within our city?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkish • Pakistani • Scottish • Polish • African • Italian • Chinese
2	Do we do anything to celebrate this? (Mention things like Café Del Mondo, Chinese New year celebrations etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Del Mondo – Multi Cultural quiz nights & food • St Patrick's Day • Jazz Festival • Chinese New Year
3	What other things could we do to help young people see our city as a European City?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring in the European culture around drinking i.e. cafes and the whole socialising thing • Promote our city as a European city and add more on street entertainment from around the world • European nights in the youth clubs i.e. food/clothes/culture etc • European Studies in schools
4	Why do you think Derry is the right City for this bid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History in and of Derry i.e. Derry walls / troubles etc • It's time to move on from the past and embrace the present with the new challenges • Not enough for young people in the city at the moment e.g. need to create more interest, learn more about different cultures
5	What do we need to do to get everyone involved and make sure we win?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment from different cultures & foods • What we could do as a Group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting with other youth groups & get them involved 2. Tell our friends and get them involved 3. Set up a youth forum to carry this forward and keep the momentum going 4. Change for Culture group (invite them along to the event on

		<p>the 15th June 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taster i.e. Fun Day with European stuff
6	Who else do we need to get involved with the bid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Clubs • Ref to Question 5 • Everyone you can think off
7	Can you think of anyone who could act as an ambassador for our city?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derry City Player – S. McElhinney • Paddy McCourt • Cathal McCauley • Una McCartney • Laura Doherty • Mayor?
8	How can we get old people and young people together to talk about the European Youth Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to centre etc • Events • Joint projects • Britain's got Talent event (Inter-generational) • Drama Production – something based on the different kinds of culture (Inter-generational) • Inter-generational conferences

Overall Feedback from Practitioners Event

Area	Feedback/suggestions/ideas
Youth Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Youth Work Forum • Promote young people not service providers – <i>pictures of smiling young people on/at different locations throughout the city</i> • NISCC register for Youth Workers • City Centre Youth Provision • Develop models of best practice of other cities • Embed youth programmes in Neighbourhood Action Plans and rural areas. • Purposeful enquiry and joyous celebration are two themes that the WELB and Youth Sector should link into after 2013. • Equality Policy – engage with schools, youth groups etc. • Mentoring programme between young people and even younger people • Accessibility to service – <i>maybe a universal text service so that young people are getting messages to their phone about a range of issues and services</i> • Link young people to leaders/role models/mentors – <i>celebrities and politicians could be used as leaders of groups of young people that meet once in a while to discuss their role in local society</i> • “Connection” events need to appeal to youth activities rather than areas. • Young people can connect over activities they enjoy -(0-25 year olds) • Floating youth workers • Children and young people’s officer to engage with all the key youth sectors. To utilise the 4 values that under-pin the EYC and connect and link with young people and programmes • Having event to recognise young peoples’ achievements – <i>young people of the year awards – do we have this already with the CU awards scheme</i> • Young Arts Co-operatives and Youth-led practice in 2013
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Champion • Address the negative perception of young people in the media
Celebrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitments to help fund actions
Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making use of shared space • City Centre belongs to the people • Neutral space for young people • ‘Carpetworld’ used as a base/hub/meeting for young people • Neutral Venue so young people feel safe. • City of Culture – 15 satellite community venues. EYC could link into this and utilise these venues already identified. • A place to support youth who feel they are too old for youth clubs and too young for the night club scene • Shared Spaces- utilising key regeneration sites (iLEX regeneration plan) to encourage community participation and ownership • Sports Stadium is essential which can be utilised by all to break down barriers. • Give ownership of spaces to young people. Allow them to manage these spaces or what happens in them • Need to identify a shared space where all young people can go irrespective of their background
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Sports officer • Develop Water Sports on the River Foyle- this is a shared space • Foyle Cup brings people from all over the world
Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleadh 2013 • Florence and the Machine in Galliagh • Providing unmissable events are key! Events which all young people want to attend and feel they are missing out if they don’t go. Young people should be consulted when planning these events. • Large scale events such as the Brit Awards
Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent Spotters

Infra-structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing young people to play – access to facilities • Improved sporting and music facilities • Need state of the art modern youth centres equipped and open access in central locations – e.g. Ebrington Barracks – (managed by 25-30 year olds) • Skate parks outside • In Scotland all council facilities are free throughout the summer; there is fiscal barrier to participation. • Venues are promoted as ‘neutral spaces’ to encourage participation from all backgrounds. • <i>Neutralise-neutral eyes – could be a project that addresses prejudice</i> • Sustainability – barriers to things happening – veto’s, planning, council. Just do it!!!
Employ-ment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications for work that suit individuals • Apprenticeship scheme • Work experience in town including academic element • Mentoring schemes with employers • Entrepreneurship and creative schemes – <i>maybe a place where young people can go and chat over ideas or design them on walls, etc</i> • Need “aspiring” jobs in the city • 15-18 Year Old Gap – “too old for young stuff, too young for old stuff” – look at space for young people, social enterprise led by young people with facilitation – gap year (positive experience, emotional development before university).
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outward looking focus • Need to say City and District, the rural areas and hinterlands need to feel included.
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet people from all over • Open to the idea of different cultures • Hope for the future. • Sense of pride, belonging and ownership of an area and programmes.
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible decision making
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Magee • University for Derry – <i>capture thoughts and feelings of young people who arrive here in 2103 regarding this subject</i> • More integrated educational systems • Challenge Inequality • Educational System for Emotional Intelligence • Dismantle current educational apartheid infrastructure in our city. Remove 11+, support Catholic Commissions proposals for federation of schools. • Have a transition year/gap year as an option – to allow young people to explore/travel/try new things
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing out ‘underground youth culture’ • Respecting each other’s cultures, How do you respect other peoples identities • Showcase young people’s experience of how they have addressed culture and identity (‘CR week’ styled event) • Target young people as cultural consumers • Bringing culture to those on the edges
Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a timeline after 2013. • A place for young people to be who they are and do what young people do, free expression, growth, creative space. • Sports – making all types of Sports available to all sections of the community. • European Youth Capital should be about adults as well as children and young people • Integration of communities/young people, more cross cultural events • Build capacity of young people to take part in civic society • ‘Move beyond a place to escape or endure’ • More positive image in media about young people • Challenge Europeaness instead of irishness or britishness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for young people in the city – <i>something that all of the city should/can aspire too and all politicians endorse</i>
Inter-generational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue between generations • Challenge adults to embrace youth/teenagers • The city goes out to young people
Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking together, sharing information, open communication between all sectors – schools, communities, voluntary, statutory • Learn from Euro Partners about cross-border living • Safety is an issue • Must be done locally before doing it regionally – <i>must skill young people up to engage with others</i>

'Exhibition of Ideas' event – Responses

Proposed Event	Response
Special One-off Events	<i>Great idea ☺ Great idea</i>
Emigration Capital:	<i>Labels and identify can be divisive Exclusion = self destruction</i>
'Young Legends':	<i>Love this idea as it will encourage more young leaders to become involved in their communities and bring many cultures and diversities together through many events I am happy to be an active leader in my community but I would like to be paid The shops/lying empty in the bogside should be used for young people Would be good craic aye. Pay would be helpful too☺</i>
'DIS-Used Spaces	<i>Old shops used as Drop-ins Something like the Nucleus City Centre The space could be used to do things that we can't do with no room The space can be used to help people do volunteer work</i>
'Impromptyouth'	<i>Important to work with others and use imagination Ulster Bank – Waterloo Place, paint it, slogan it, nice murals</i>
'The FactStory'	
Sustainable City:	<i>Ensure equitable allocation of participant spaces Stat + Vol = Expertise</i>
Network City	<i>It will increase integration in communities and cultures.</i>
Café del Mondo:	<i>Eddie Kerr is a legend [individual behind the idea] Café del Mondo rocks Take Café del Mondo out on the road. The ethos of the organization is important not the building itself.</i>
'bOUNCE off'	<i>Will get young people of Derry involved more and show off the talent of young people of Derry Music involves local talent and bring in mentors for older teenagers to learn instruments Culture Shock – A big youth festival in England with good bands – why don't reach it with a big European youth festival with better bands and DJs Young people can be recognised whilst doing something they enjoy Really good idea</i>
The Mad Hatters European Tea Party	<i>We like it Useful, good idea.</i>
Stepping Stones:	<i>Brilliant idea but why leave it at dance only</i>
Comfort Zone	<i>Gobnascale (Waterside) needs a better youth club facilities and a better park for children Parks need cleaned up Newbuildings needs more things to do Maydown park needs to be open</i>
Open Space – Youth Work Communities in Transition:	<i>Sounds great</i>
Sports Fusion	<i>Inclusive to all backgrounds Keeps children in different sport activities Widens psort interest and involvement in activities Challenges stereotypes, e.g., gaelic only for catholics and cricket team for protestants Gaelic football team of protestaanta and catholics to mix and make friends because everyone seems to think that all we do is compete with each other – join each other For this idea we could maybe get Derry City FC and Institute FC involved Darts hall needed in the city with darts competitions</i>

	<p>Go-kart track needed</p> <p>Mixed girls/boys football team/competition</p> <p>Aye – need some good boxing halls</p>
Planting of the Oaks	<p>Where are they going to be planted?</p> <p>What's the purpose?</p> <p>Doire means oakgrove – in relation to oaks plant oak trees. It makes more sense than planting yew or pine trees</p>
Local Democracy Week:	<p>Unsure what democracy is! Change the language???</p> <p>I would want to organise an event for elder people and young people and tell them how we feel and want to be treated and for them to tell us how they want to be treated and maybe we could make an agreement</p>
'It's Your EYC'	<p>Tam into small grants e.g., Foyle YouthBank to pay for them</p>
'Kickstart to Work'	<p>It gets 25 young people off the Street</p> <p>Preferably not 25 volunteer leaders already involved in some other projects. Give newcomers a chance.</p>
Independent Youth Forum for Youth Workers	<p>No problemo!</p> <p>Good idea as lots of youth workers in city and its a way to connect them together.</p> <p>It's a good idea as they could share theirn idea's together and come up with new things</p>
Mentoring Programme	<p>It will stop stereotypes between young and old people, e.g., young people are hoods and old people are grumpy</p> <p>Get every age group involved and working together</p> <p>Learning that being different is okay at a younger age/less stereotyping</p>
'Media Champion'	<p>Lobby media cover positive issues for younbg people</p> <p>Make young people feel valued and wanted maybe then they wouldn't feel so negative</p>
Creation of 'Neutral'/Shared spaces for children and young	<p>This is needed in Derry</p>
Key Social Events	<p>Oxygen, TV soap awards, glasgoberry, M.Tv awards, MOBO awards, X-Factor, Dance Shows</p> <p>Radio 1's One Big Weekend</p> <p>Putting Derry on the map!</p> <p>Great idea!!</p> <p>Derry would be recognised around the world</p> <p>Would put the city on the map</p>
Enterprise and Creative Hubs	<p>Helps build relationships with other people</p>
Support for the continued development of a University for Derry	<p>Great idea, and an idea that should be made reality because it would only make derry a wider, (worldwide) known city, but will also encourage even more cultures to become part of the city.</p>
YouthFest	<p>Why only youth workers? Why not young people?</p> <p>More young people involvement in the city</p>
Other ideas/event/activities young people would like to see in Derry	<p>Ice Skating, Mini Golf, Skater Park, Drive in Cinema, Derry W5, Ferris Wheel at the Guildhall, Fun-Fair/Amusements, Youth Museum, Roller Disco, Youth Awards, Water park</p>

Responses to consultation with overseas students - Foyle Language School

<u>List of activities that international students enjoyed</u>	<u>A wish list of things that they would like to see in city</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaelic sports activity taught by local young people to our students • IPOD disco connecting with each other through music • Friendship clubs in Café Del Monde – no need for alcohol • Ghost tour around Derry Walls – dramatised with people jumping out at them • Story Telling event at Halloween at Grainne Fort • Irish Music nights in typical Irish pub with dancing – bringing instruments along to also participant • Workshops including: DJ, Jewellery making, basket making, hip hop/Irish dancing, creative writing, school magazine and making music from recyclable items. • Tag Ruby games in local club • Rock and orienteering in St Columb's Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More late night cafes instead of just pubs • More accessible (city centre) place for sports, particular for Gym and Swimming pool • Boats trips up and down the river (like canal boats in Amsterdam) • More open air music events in city centre maybe more like a big party with dancing – open air Celtronic (rave type) event with strobe lights and music • A clean city with less litter • Better transport links as the buses often stop 10 / 11pm – why don't we have a tram system? • A better walk way along the river – more green(car parking spoils everything) – activities or things of interest along the way – more events on the river • More park events (party in the park, film nights by sitting on the green or team building games) • Sundays are dead in the town – something to be arranged in the city centre • City markets more regular but incorporate competitions/games like in a village fate/fun fare

*"hi...my name is Firas from saudi arabia " the joker " if you remember me ... i was there in summer 2008 . i miss everybody and i miss my rock star , my friend and my teacher : Tommy bonner with all what i got ,,it was a great time and i hope to go there again and again and again" **Firas, Saudi Arabia***

*"Hi! My name is Francesca.I'm from Italy. I miss my teachers, Eamon and Derek, my classmates and Roisin the organiser at Foyle Language School. I also miss the fresh air in Derry and the friendly people there. It was a great experience studying in Derry. Hoping to keep in touch with everyone! "**Francesca, Italy***

*"I came to the Foyle Language School in September 2002 with little English and the next July I passed my IELTS exam with a score of 6.0. Now I am studying for my masters in Liverpool.The staff and teachers at Foyle Language School were great.They were supportive and really friendly. Thank you everyone!" **Wei Wei, China***

*"I miss the Foyle School very much. I want to tell everyone the time I spent in Derry was the best I ever had. With love from Nina."**Nina Slovakia***

*"I will never forget my stay in Derry, my friends and my wonderful host family learning English in Derry was the most rewarding experience...the people, the city, the music...I loved it all"**Claudia, Germany***

*"Excellent!! The staff were really nice and all the help and advice they provided was really useful... I had a wonderful time here. See you next year!!"**Esther, Spain***

*I'm happy to give my opinion because I enjoyed my time in Derry, I have so good memories of it and I tell everyone who ask me about Derry and Northern Ireland that they are beautiful places; but above all people is nice and at school you, Paul, Mura, Derek and Eamon were great! Good experience from every point of view! **Chiara from Italy***

All I can say is I wish I could have stayed longer! Being in Derry this summer was a really great experience. I had the opportunity to know a little bit about a different country and a

different culture while learning English. What impressed me the most was how kind Derry people were to us. School staff were very friendly and always tried to help. It was wonderful meeting all teachers and students. I hope to keep in touch with everybody. Miss you all!

Mila (Spain) - Summer 2009

I'd have to say that I had a really nice time! I'll come back to Derry for my holidays. I found a second family and new friends. Derry is a beautiful place.

Katja Loerke, 22, Germany

I loved the whole experience, Thank-you Foyle Language School and Derry!

Marie Vignerot, 20, France.

Let's make it short: I'm coming back to Derry!

Peter Holmsen, 18, Norway

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