



YOUTH HORIZONS



# Education in the community for the community.



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# OUR VISION

The Youth Horizons vision is for a society in which everyone has the opportunity to complete their education to the best of their ability despite any challenges they face in mainstream education and in their home lives along the way.

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# EDUCATION CHALLENGES IN WEST TALLAGHT

The core mission of Youth Horizons, founded in 1987, has been to respond to the needs of young people in the Jobstown area of West Tallaght. For the first decade, we offered community building initiatives focusing on personal development courses, homework clubs, peer tutoring, chess and musical education. Since 2000 we responded to an expressed community need to provide support to early school leavers who found mainstream school challenging yet wanted to complete the Leaving Certificate.

**Young people need a safe, warm and comfortable space to study and learn and achieve.**

**Ireland has a high student retention rate to Leaving Certificate but Youth Horizons supports the small cohort of young people with a diverse range of needs making it difficult for them to remain in school.**

**With the rise in mobile phone usage new problems are becoming apparent like on-line gambling and cyber-bullying.**

**Childcare is expensive and acts as a major deterrent to continuing in formal education especially for teenage parents.**



# A COMMUNITY FOCUSED APPROACH

Youth Horizons offers a pathway for young people in West Tallaght to move into further education, apprenticeships, university or the world of work. Without Youth Horizons that pathway is blocked for those facing complex challenges in their lives. We remove the barriers to educational attainment and that in turn allows our graduates to access jobs and enhance their involvement in their community and their country.

## WHAT WE OFFER:

**Leaving Cert completion programme**

**Crèche facilities**

**Enrichment programmes**

Enrichment programmes include:

- Counselling
- Mentoring
- Career guidance
- Cooking & Nutrition
- Life skills
- Wellbeing
- Work Experience
- Cultural Awareness
- Travel Opportunities
- Transition to University

# IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

Youth Horizons has assisted over 200 young people gain a leaving certificate, we have built an award winning early learning centre for children of our students and pre-school children in the community.

In a recent survey our graduates stressed that the **most valuable gift that Youth Horizons gave them was the recognition of how important education is for their children** and it is that intergenerational aspect and long term benefit to West Tallaght and the wider community.

**10 young people sit the Leaving Certificate with Youth Horizons each year.**

**15 local families avail of our early learning creche facilities.**

**Young people are taken on educational trips in Ireland and abroad to support their development and learning.**

**We support 18 adults a year with training in areas such as receptionist work, catering and child care through the community employment scheme.**

## OUR ALUMNI INCLUDE:

Midwives • Teachers • Counsellors •  
Computer Scientists • Chefs • Mechanics

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Youth Horizons is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee, governed by a Board of Directors and audited annually. We rely on grants from funding bodies, corporations and philanthropists, as well as donations from individuals and businesses.

## OUR FUNDERS INCLUDE:



**RETHINK  
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# SUPPORT YOUTH HORIZONS

Here are some of the ways you can support Youth Horizons in realising our vision of enhancing the lives of young people in the local community of West Tallaght by working with them to aim for their brightest “horizons”.

**Financial  
donation towards  
running costs.**

**Volunteer to assist  
with extra curricular  
activities such as  
chess, art, music  
and drama.**

**Provide work  
experience  
opportunities for  
our students.**





## **GET IN TOUCH!**

To find out more information about the Youth Horizon programmes or to discuss ways in which you could support us, please get in touch in any of the following ways:

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