

Information and Education at Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Finglas West, Dublin

Education and Awareness

The Finglas Youth Resource Centre (FYRC) works with young people in the Finglas area from mainstream to the most marginalised. It endeavours to include youths between the ages of 10-24 with issues the ranging from substance misuse, mental health issues, low confidence, concern at school or at home, anti-social behaviour, difficulty making friends to experiencing isolation.

FYRC introduced a fishing program in the summer program of 2016 which produced a much greater interest than expected and resulted in a need for a greater input of resources for the program moving forward. Numbers of participants in the angling events were often restricted, as many of the participants would not own suitable wet weather gear due to financial struggles within the family, this hindered participation. Supplies of tackle and equipment were limited and the organisation struggled to replace lost or damaged supplies. This also impacted on the number of young people offered this activity, leading to disappointment and ultimately, disengagement.

An NSAD funding grant of €5,988 was awarded for angling equipment to the FYRC angling program to expand and develop the program within the greater Finglas area. This will provide better fishing opportunities and experiences for participants and for the organisation to possess adequate stock of angling equipment and supplies for use, to encourage a maximum positive outdoor engagement with participants within the angling program.

