

Project activities will be delivered at local level across all 11 Councils in NI and will include day, evening, weekend sessions and residentials, as well as safe spaces in local youth and community settings.



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YouthStart is a regional project, delivered locally across Northern Ireland

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YouthStart

is an exciting new youth work partnership initiative between 7 leading youth work charities:

YouthAction Northern Ireland
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Springboard Opportunities
The Prince's Trust
Include Youth
Start360
Northern Ireland Youth Forum
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YouthStart is a NI regional wide youth employability programme that uses a youth work approach to build young people's skills for life, learning and work.

Over the next 2 years (April 2023–March 2025) the YouthStart consortium will support **2,278 economically inactive young people** aged 16–30 years who are furthest from the labour market (NEET) and reside in areas of high levels of economic inactivity.



JOURNEY TO WORK

You start to believe in yourself.



YouthStart starts with the young person

- youth worker relationships
- tailored 1-to-1 support
- personal journey plan
- help with travel, lunch & childcare costs
- mentoring
- post-programme support

Outputs & Outcomes

- 2,278 economically inactive young people engaging in support services and programmes.
- 1,047 young people progressing into work or training.



YouthStart programmes build

- **life skills**
 - mental health & well-being
 - personal development
 - team building
 - social action
- **learning skills**
 - qualifications
 - essential skills
 - tailored 1-to-1 & group support
 - digital & online learning
- **work skills**
 - work experience
 - taster days
 - employer led workshops
 - volunteering
 - job search activities, CV & career support

Young people have a better start in life & work

- **young people**
 - are more confident
 - are more positive & motivated
 - have improved mental health
 - have a plan for life & work
- **young people**
 - are more skilled
 - have gained qualifications
 - have better prospects
- **young people**
 - are more employable
 - have transferable work skills
 - are actively seeking work
 - are in work or further training

YouthStart is giving me new skills and confidence to prepare me for employment.

