**Request for Tenders for the development of a**

**Youth Work Supports Needs Analysis Report for the Greater Finglas Youth Service Areas in Dublin 11.**

Finglas Youth Resource Centre, in partnership with Crosscare Finglas Youth Service wish to invite tenders from suitably qualified consultants with a high level of knowledge and understanding of the youth sector, for the purpose of developing a needs analysis for the Greater Finglas area in Dublin 11.

**Background Information:**

The Finglas Youth Resource Centre CLG has been providing youth work programmes, informal education and opportunities for young people since 2004 . The youth centre itself is purpose built and its staff have been providing a place of welcoming and belonging, a place for the young people to come and be themselves, and a safe space to learn, develop and grow in confidence at a time in their lives of uncertainty and rapid growth. We are governed by a Voluntary Board who are enthusiastic, dedicated and young person focused. The Finglas Youth Resource Centre is a registered charity and is compliant with the charity regulators “Governance Code”.

The FYRC approach is very much underpinned by the values of youth work. It is young person centred, respects all young people, keeps with the equality and inclusion ethos and empowers young people to become their best selves. We deliver a variety of programmes based on young people’s needs and interests through non-formal educational approaches. Supporting the personal and social development of young people from the Finglas community to add value to their lives is essential within our work. We also focus on developing the skills and competences to enable young people to become more effective in their decisions and relationships, which helps to build confidence, provides role models, gives new experiences and gives young people a sense of belonging within their own community.

Crosscare Finglas Youth Service (also known as ‘The Den’) is a Youth Diversion Project and its referrals have come to, or are at risk of coming to, the attention of law enforcement. The project provides a service in the wider Finglas geographical area. It ensures access to a wraparound service for young people and their families from 3 locations in prominent areas of Finglas. We are committed to developing the highest standard of services in youth crime diversion through the medium of group work, 1:1 supports, Family supports, detached youth work and Hard to Reach engagement. We aim to provide the young people with a safe space to develop skills to be pro-active within their community. Finglas Youth Service works from the values of Love, Respect and Excellence, whereby the work is approached with an attitude of service showing care and kindness in all interactions, where young people are treated with a level of respect that they will remember long after the service or support has ceased and where staff strive for excellence in everything they do. Crosscare Finglas Youth Service offers a young person centred approach and is underpinned by the values of youth work.

**Youth Work:**

The definition as to what is youth work is described in the Youth Work Act 2001;

“a planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young persons through their voluntary participation, and which is (a) complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and (b) provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations.” (Section 3.)

Youth work operates in various settings spanning the non-formal education through to informal education. Youth work engages young people from ten to twenty-four years of age, a significant period in terms of young people’s development. Youth Work’s primary concern is with the education of young people and is predicated on the voluntary participation of young people. Flexibility of approach and emphasis on the interpersonal, enables it to offer an educational process complementary to that provided through formal education. In addition, Youth work often acts as the point of contact and referral in the interface with other youth- related issues such as care, health, and welfare.

**Proposal:**

To research and prepare a report of a need’s analysis for the Greater Finglas Youth Services areas of Dublin 11.

***Main Contents of Plan:***

* *Section 1:* Background and context of the reports
* *Section 2:* Methodology;
* *Section 3:* Area profile
* *Section 4:* Existing Youth Work supports
* *Section 5:* Collaborative Youth Work within the Greater Finglas Area.
* *Section 6:* Research Findings
* *Section 7:* Future Needs.
* *Section 8:* Recommendations

Policy framework and plans that will inform the work include, but not limited to;

* Young Ireland: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2023-2028
* Opportunities for Youth: National Strategy on Youthwork & Related Services 2024-2028
* Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027
* Children’s Rights Alliance: Building a National Movement for Children and Young People 2022-2025
* National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028
* National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy 2019-2021
* CSO Figures

**Methodology:**

We would expect the methodology to comprise both secondary research and primary qualitative research including interviews/surveys with key stakeholders; youth services and other external stakeholders as well as consultation with young people and volunteers. (Finglas Youth Resource Centre and Crosscare Finglas Youth Service will support the organization of the consultation process).

**Tender Requirements:**

Proposals from interested parties must include the following:

* A detailed proposal outlining how they would undertake the work as outlined above.
* A proposed outline of the approaches and methodologies to be used
* An outline of the key stages of the work
* A proposed time frame and key milestones

**Profile of Applicant should include:**

* a detailed CV (or CV’s if multiple people involved in the project) outlining knowledge of youth work
* Details of any third parties that may be involved in the project
* Tax Clearance Certificate access details
* Copy of relevant insurance policies
* Details of relevant previous experience and
* Two references

**Budget:**

* Applications should provide a detailed breakdown of total costs for all aspects of the proposed project including VAT. All quotations must be in euros.
* There is a maximum budget of €10,000 including VAT and all project related expenses.
* FYRC and FYS reserve the right not to award the contract if no proposal is deemed suitable
* FYRC and FYS will not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of the tender.

**Timescale:**

It is envisaged the project work will take place between May 2025 – September 2025. A final report should be submitted by 17th October 2025

**Reporting Structure:**

The successful tender will report to Finglas Youth Resource Centre and Crosscare Finglas Youth Service and Dublin City Council by way of 3 meetings within the timeframe.

The successful tenderer will have the support of the 2 Youth Services.

**Selection and Award of Contract:**

Eligibility will be determined in accordance with criteria below:

* Demonstrable understanding of the brief
* Capacity and resources to deliver the plan as proposed, including necessary skills and knowledge
* Previous experience
* Ability to deliver within proposed timeframe
* Value for money in costings

**Application deadline:**

Tenders must be submitted by email to:

Ger Magee, Crosscare [gmagee@crosscare.ie](mailto:gmagee@crosscare.ie) by close of business on Wednesday 30th April, 2025.

All queries concerning this document should be emailed to [rachel.kelly@fyrc.ie](mailto:rachel.kelly@fyrc.ie) or [ciaramurphy@crosscare.ie](mailto:ciaramurphy@crosscare.ie)

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