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### **Report of a Follow-up Inspection**

**St Mary's Youth Club  
Londonderry**

**February 2008**

## **FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF ST MARY'S YOUTH CLUB, LONDONDERRY, BT48 9QE**

The inspection in St Mary's Youth Club, Londonderry in February 2006 highlighted strengths including:

- the excellent quality of the relationships developed by the youth worker-in-charge with almost all of the young people;
- the positive response of the young people, their sense of enjoyment and active involvement in specialist activities including gymnastics, dance classes and boxing;
- the dedication and commitment of the part-time staff;
- the management and leadership of the after-schools club;
- the good quality of provision in the programmes for hairdressing and healthy eating;
- the good sense of safety reported by all of the young people and parents interviewed;
- the senior members' group who accept and undertake responsibilities in the centre; and
- the good use of the centre by outside groups including local schools and the probation service.

The inspection identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

- an overall action plan to include specific targets with clear outcomes;
- regular formal supervision of staff to ensure the delivery of the youth work curriculum;
- a wider range of inclusive and relevant activities offered to those young people not involved in specialist areas; and
- additional support and supervision for the worker-in-charge.

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out a follow-up inspection in February 2008.

The youth club has maintained the strengths highlighted in the report and has made satisfactory progress. The following are the most important improvements that have taken place since the original inspection:

- the positive contribution of the members of the management committee and the full-time worker in making funding applications to refurbish the premises;
- the introduction of evidence files for part-time staff and the support and supervision by the full-time youth worker for students on youth work courses at Magee University who are also staff members; and
- the extension of the youth club programme that included the introduction of the Open College Network (OCN) accredited personal development course for young adults and the involvement of the members in youth achievement awards.

An area for further improvement is:

- the need to draw up an overall development plan for the youth club with the involvement of other major youth providers including the Western Education and Library Board youth service to set out clear strategic aims for the work of the centre.

The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the work of the youth club to ensure that this improvement is implemented.

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