## Holywood Youth Centre

## **Inspection Summary Report - November 2024**

- The vision and core aims of Holywood Youth Centre are well embedded in the youth work practice, and are making a meaningful difference in the lives of the young people and their families.
- The young people benefit from the inclusive ethos, which is well embedded, welcoming and values each young person.
- The young people develop important life skills which empower them to progress and engage in education, training and employment, and to engage positively with their families and the community.
- The skilful, experienced and caring staff provide a safe place where the young people can listen to, challenge and develop their understanding of one another's views and values.
- The well-planned youth work curriculum is relevant, engaging and promotes effectively the holistic development of the young people.
- The staff encourage the young people to reflect on and celebrate their experiences in the youth provision and record appropriately the young people's views, reflections and evaluations.
- The well-established, strategic partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders, support and complement the work of the centre and give the young people access to a comprehensive range of programmes and experiences.
- At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the youth centre demonstrates that the arrangements for child and adult protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Area for consideration:

the staff have identified appropriately that going forward, they want to capture and celebrate more fully the impact of their work with the young people in their Annual Report.

## **Going forward**

- Holywood Youth Centre is making an important contribution to the vision of Holywood Family Trust, helping young people and their families through the issues they face and is having a positive impact on the personal and social development of the young people. The inclusive youth work practice embraces and empowers the young people to engage positively with one another and the wide range of experiences is broadening their perspectives and aspirations.
  - ETI will continue to work with Holywood Youth Centre, including to share examples of highly effective practice from which others may learn.

The aspects of practice which should be shared more widely are:

- the strategic and collaborative partnerships which support and enhance the work with the young people; and
- the youth workers' robust planning, monitoring and recording of the progress being made by the young people individually and collectively.



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