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Youth Training Groups based in Northern Ireland

This paper provides a spreadsheet detailing groups based in Northern Ireland which provide training to young people. It should be noted that this is not a definitive list and rather provides examples of the training that is available to young people in Northern Ireland and the types of groups which are providing it.

| | Name | Organisation Type | Organisation Details | Age Groups | Activities | Geographic Area covered |
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| 1 | Advantage | Private sector organisation (public and private sector funded). | Advantage is an award-winning project management company, specialising in economic development for young people. | 16-30 | Youth Employability Programmes - Boost (employability and job search skills training); The Big Idea (Business Development workshop); and Ignite (Business Development Programme). | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 2 | Alternative Education Providers (AEP)/Integrated Services for Children and Young People (ISCYP) (West Belfast partnership Board) | Community | The West Belfast Partnership Board is a broad based social partnership with community, statutory, political and business members who are dedicated to the regeneration of West Belfast. | All ages | Promotes integrated services for all ages including young people and children. | West Belfast |
| 3 | Artillery Youth Centre | Community | Artillery Youth Centre is a youth led project based in the New Lodge area of North Belfast. | 15-25 | Educational classes, residential programmes and personal development. | New Lodge area Belfast |

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| 4 | Barnardos NI | Charity | Barnardos is a UK wide charity that works with children and provides services such as counselling, fostering and respite care. They work with young carers, children of prisoners, young people vulnerable to sexual exploitation, ethnic minority families, families where there is domestic violence, addiction or mental health issues and children who have been bereaved. | Children | Multiple services for children/young people including Dr. B's Kitchen which provides training for Young peoples with learning disabilities for employment in catering; Literacy support; and children at risk. | Northern Ireland Wide |
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| 5 | Bryson Charitable Group | Charity | Bryson Charitable Group is Northern Ireland's leading social enterprise tackling major social and economic challenges. | All ages | Runs a variety of programmes including Steps to Work, Training for Success and Step Ahead. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 6 | Business in the Community | Business led charity | Business-led charity focused on promoting responsible business practice. | Graduates | Graduate Acceleration Programme - objective to help hundreds of NI graduates gain 6 months of work experience whilst gaining a postgraduate qualification to help boost their employability. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 7 | Bytes Project | Community/Voluntary | Bytes aim to remove individual barriers to training and employment by assisting young people to overcome extreme, social and educational disadvantage. | 16-25 (who have left full time education and are not participating in further education, training or employment and are felt to be at risk in the community). | Runs a variety of programmes that focus on employability (Ready, Steady, Work); Leadership and Assetiveness (OCN Level 1 Understanding Young People); and ICT (Bridge to Essential Skills). | Belfast and Derry/Londonderry |
| 8 | Carrickfergus YMCA | Not stated | Carrickfergus YMCA is an association of people from different Christian traditions who work to support young people and their families/carers. | Young People | Runs a number of programmes including: Trainee leader courses; community relations; and the PAKT project (focuses on primary school years P2-P7). | Carrickfergus |

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| 9 | Castledearg Youth Forum | Community/voluntary | Castledearg Youth Forum is an established, and fast growing Youth Project for the Castledearg area. It is aimed at two age groups; 8 to 11 years old; and 12 to 25. | 8-25 | Provides classes that are accredited by the North West College including basic computers, food hygiene level 2 and health and safety at work. | Castledearg, Co. Tyrone |
| 10 | Cathedral Youth Club | Social Enterprise | To cater for the social and physical needs of young people in the local fountain area. | 5-25 | Assists young people to access employment, build confidence and self esteem. Provides a number of services including addiction support, education and support for lone parents. | Fountain Area, Derry |
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| 1 | Cedar Foundation | Charity | Cedar delivers a range of services that enable people with disabilities to get the most out of life and to be fully included in their communities. | Adults and Children | Cedar delivers a range of services that enable people with disabilities to get the most out of life and to be fully included in their communities. Includes a range of programmes designed to help individuals gain qualifications and skills required to find a job or get involved in the community. Programmes include "Workable NI" and "New Deal for Disabled People". | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 2 | Challenge for Youth | Charity | Challenge for Youth is a registered charity based in Belfast which engages and supports young people to realise their potential, and an Approved Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. | Young people | Provides a specialised programme to support young people to engage, challenge and reflect. This includes Adventure Learning - through various activities (including camping, survival skills and adventure walks) seeks to build relationships and engage in a reflective learning process. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 3 | Corpus Christi Youth Centre | Youth Group | Parish youth workers based in Corpus Christi Youth Centre - work to create appropriate settings that facilitate the growth and development of the young people of White and Westrock, Ballymurphy, Springhill, Dermoithill, Moyard and New Barnsley estates. | young people | Runs a variety of Projects including An Gaisce which involves a variety of training programmes, skills development and volunteering initiatives | White and Westrock, Ballymurphy, Springhill, Dermoithill, Moyard and New Barnsley estates. |

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| 4 | Disability Action | Voluntary Group | Disability Action works to ensure that people with disabilities attain their full rights as citizens, by supporting inclusion, influencing Government policy and changing attitudes in partnership with disabled people. | All ages | Provides a range of services including Training and Employment support. Training support includes: help moving from school to training, support in learning needs and helping individuals settle into new organisations. Also provides support via the DEL "Workable (NI)" programme. | Northern Ireland Wide |
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| 5 | ECF Links | Voluntary | Aims to address lack of provision within elements of community life in Lurgan and Craigavon areas characterised by pockets of deprivation high unemployment family breakdown paramilitary violence and fragmentation and division between communities. | 5-25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Youth Work •Community Counselling •Community Provision Identified need for projects targeting marginalised and vulnerable young people and dealing with areas key issues such as drugs and alcohol, family breakdown and apathy. | Lurgan and Craigavon |
| 6 | Education By Choice | Alternative Education Provider | Education By Choice provides year 11 and 12 Students who are not attending School with another chance to gain an education. | Year 11 and 12 students | Relaxed and informal method of teaching. Offers a number of subjects such as Maths, English, Art, ICT and more. They also focus on personal development so students are better equipped for whichever path they choose to take after finishing their GCSEs. | East Belfast |
| 7 | EXTERN | Charitable company | Extern works directly with children, adults and communities affected by social exclusion throughout Northern Ireland. | All ages | Extern provides services for children and young people within a continuum of services that is preventative in design, ranging from diversion through to intensive community based high support programmes. Includes "Pathways" which provides an educational service to young people at risk of exclusions from education. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 8 | Fastrack to IT | Industry developed training organisation | Industry led initiative which develops market-led IT curriculums to enable unemployed people leap-frog the skills barrier into sustainable employment. | 18+ (must be on JLA/DLA) | Provides technical skills in IT industry | Northern Ireland Wide |

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| 9 | Forthspring Inter Community Group | Community | Forthspring youth provides young people aged 12-18 years from both sections of the community with the opportunity to meet and participate in activities in a safe and welcoming environment and engage in personal development programmes that equip them for life. | Youth: 12-18. Also operates programmes for Carers and Toddlers, Afterschools, a Women's Group and Senior Citizens. | Forthspring youth seeks to work in line with the principles of equity, diversity and interdependence and provides a programme that addresses the emotional, mental and physical needs of young people in our area. Activities include young enterprise; young leadership; and democratic dialogue. | Covers the Currach Community, Cornerstone Community, Mid Springfield Community and Springfield Road area of Belfast. |
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| 10 | GEMS NI | Not stated | Established in 2002 to address long term unemployment and economic inactivity in East and South Belfast GEMS NI (formerly Belfast GEMS) has developed to become a service that is recognised as delivering excellence in employment and employability interventions. | 16+, unemployed | Provides a number of services including support in gaining qualifications, building a CV and finding the right job. | Predominantly East and South Belfast |
| 11 | Gerry Rogan Initiative Trust (GRIT) | Charitable Organisation | GRIT's primary focus is to promote the recognition that many young people face a range of barriers to progress in their lives and are at risk of dropping out of their training programmes. GRIT was established to promote the needs of this group and to provide a means of supporting them to achieve their potential. | 16-24 | The GRIT Experience is a week long programme for young people (aged 16-24) where they participate in a range of activities including fun outdoor games and challenges as well as workshop based personal development programmes. The aim of the week is to challenge young people to look at their lives and the decisions and actions that they have been taking, and to reassess and refocus themselves for the future so that they can participate more fully in civic society. The residential is followed up with a series of one to one mentoring meetings with mentoring staff allocated to each young person. | Northern Ireland Wide |

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| 12 | Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT) | Voluntary | GVRT is an urban regeneration charity based in the Village area of South Belfast. It delivers a comprehensive range of inter-related programmes that seek to improve the quality of life for local residents. Its primary remit is to address housing unfitness, while dealing with educational under-achievement, worklessness, lack of community space, health and well-being concerns and improving community cohesion through the eradication of racial tensions and sectarian interface issues. | All ages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environment / Sustainable Development / Conservation •Education / Training •Accommodation / Housing / Homelessness •Community Development •Sport / Recreation | Village area, Belfast |
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| 13 | Include Youth | NGO | Include Youth is an independent NGO that promotes the rights and best interests of and best practice with young people at risk. They undertake activities aimed at influencing public policy and policy awareness in the areas of youth justice and education, employment and training of young people. | Young people | Provides a number of services including: Learner support (offers services to young people on the training for success programme); the Give and Take scheme; and the Young Voices programme which supports young people in engaging in public policy development and service delivery. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 14 | Mencap | Charity | Mencap Northern Ireland offers advice and support for families. Mencap also offers a wide range of support and services for children and young people. | All ages | Mencap's employment services have been supporting people with a learning disability to find and keep jobs in Northern Ireland for 30 years. Offers a number of services including Transition services, job clubs and Workable NI. | Northern Ireland Wide |

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| 15 | National Children's Bureau (NCB) | Charity | NCB Northern Ireland (NCB NI) works to enhance the outcomes of children in Northern Ireland, through support to children and young people and to those who work with or for them. Programmes includes practice development, direct participation work with children and young people, research and evaluation projects, as well as dissemination activity through publications, resources and events all aimed at improving outcomes for children and young people. | Children and Young People | Main focus on increasing participation of children and young people in areas which impact on the group. This includes: Diversity in Action NI which aims to improve the lives of migrant, asylum seeking and refugee children and young people across NI through practice support and policy development; ENGAGE - a development and support contract providing support and advice for projects funded through the Reaching Out: Empowering Young People programme. | Northern Ireland Wide |
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| 16 | Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NIACRO) | | NIACRO's vision is to be acknowledged as making a unique contribution to the development of a society in which the rights and needs of everyone, including offenders, are equally respected. | All ages, but have specific programme for children and young people | Provides a number of activities including the The Youth Employability programme which supports young people aged between 15 and 18 years old, who are involved with the youth justice system, to undertake education, training or employment. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 17 | North City Training | Part of the Bryson Charity Group | Part of the Bryson Charitable Group. | Young People | Operates a number of programmes including: Training for Success ; Apprenticeship NI ; and the Young Peoples Employment Initiative (aimed at 18-24 year olds) provides young people who have not been in employment for the previous 12 months with an opportunity to avail of temporary waged employment lasting up to 26 weeks. | Greater Belfast |

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| 18 | North Down Training Ltd | Charity | North Down Training Ltd provides training and development opportunities for young people and adults. | Young People and Adults | Provides work based qualifications and Technical Certificates; the delivery of Essential Skills; and for the delivery of Chartered Institute for Environmental Health (CIEH) courses in food safety in catering and occupational health and safety. Also provides training courses for ApprenticeshipsNI and Training for Success. | Ards, Castlereagh and North Down Borough Council areas. |
| 19 | North Eastern Education and Library Board Youth Service | Public Body | Education and Library Board | Young People | Runs a variety of courses including Training - OCN NI Accredited Courses, Youth Development, Trainee Leadership, Workshops, Proficiency Courses, Certificated courses, Unit training, Outdoor Leadership; Duke of Edinburgh Award's Scheme, etc. | North Eastern Education Library Board Area |
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| 20 | Northern Ireland Youth Forum | Not stated | The NIYF is a youth led organisation that lobbies, advocates, promotes and fights for the rights of young people. | 11-25 | Runs a number of projects including the Detached Youth Project. It provides a pool of trained facilitators/youth workers to work with detached young people across the North East cluster area. It will provide tailored, dedicated resources, and youth workers will provide opportunities for detached young people to engage in peace building work. | Northern Ireland Wide |

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| 21 | Opportunity Youth | Not stated | Opportunity Youth was established with the goal of providing a comprehensive range of personal development and therapeutic services, dedicated to meeting the ever-changing needs of young people in Northern Ireland. | Children, young people and vulnerable adults | Runs a number of programmes, including the 16+ Transition Team. This is a 12 week mentoring support programme for young people who are looked after or have a care history within the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust. This programme is primarily targeted around education, training and employment. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 22 | Springboard | Not stated | Springboard has been committed to building capacity, building mutual understanding and building peace. Although best known for the delivery of Wider Horizons programmes for young adults, they also provide and develop a range of opportunities to meet the needs of young people. Springboard also operates Pathways to Work which assists immigrants to NI in getting or upgrading their job. | Young adults | Springboard delivers the Wider Horizons initiative where young unemployed adults from Ireland, north and south, jointly participate in local and international programmes that promote an appreciation of diversity, build capacity through personal and professional development and provide understanding of global citizenship. The initiative is funded by the International Fund for Ireland, Department for Employment & Learning and FAS. | Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland |
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| 23 | Rathbone | Voluntary | Rathbone is a UK-wide voluntary youth sector organisation providing opportunities for young people to transform their life-circumstances by re-engaging with learning, discovering their ability to succeed and achieving progression to further education, training and employment. | 14-20 | Offers a number of programmes including: Youth Engagement - targets young people between the ages of 14 -20 who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) back into education, training or employment; Youth Offending programme - support and provision for young people involved in the justice system; and Mentoring Support - intensive one to one mentoring support with individuals both from their engagement work and those referred to our project through various statutory and voluntary agencies such as social services and education welfare support. | United Kingdom Wide |
| 24 | Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) | Charity | RNIB Northern Ireland and Isle of Man supports children and adults with sight loss to live full and independent lives. | All ages | Provide a range of services for blind and partially sighted children and young people and their families. Such as Training opportunities for young people as part of the RNIB NI's Youth Service and Activity days and residential weekends for young people as part of the RNIB Youth Service. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 25 | South Tyrone Empowerment Group | Not for profit community development organisation | To contribute to building a rights – based, participative, peaceful and prosperous society which provides equality of access and opportunity, embraces diversity and respects difference. | All ages | Runs a number of programmes including migrant support and strategic development. Also provides Learning, Training and Development. This includes an ESF project targeted at unemployed/economically inactive and young persons (16+) improve and sustain their employability and access to employment through an innovative holistic programme. | South Tyrone |
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| 26 | Stepping Stone NI | Charitable organisation | Stepping Stones NI Ltd was established in 1996 to provide adults with learning difficulties / disabilities with the opportunity to access accredited training towards gaining employment. Stepping Stones N.I has been delivering accredited and bespoke training courses to adults with learning difficulties and learning disabilities for over 13 years. | Adults | The Employment Service at Stepping Stones aims to assist people with learning disabilities and difficulties to find and keep a paid job. The Transitions Service assists young people with learning disabilities and learning difficulties to make an informed decision about the right move for them when they leave school. | Lisburn area |
| 27 | The Princes Trust | Charity | Gives practical and financial support, developing key workplace skills such as confidence and motivation. Works with 13 to 30-year-olds who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the law. | Young People | Runs a number of projects targeted at Young People working less than 16 hours per week. Includes: "Get Into" a short course that prepares young people for work with skills, experience and more; The Enterprise Programme for young people with a business idea; and "Team" a 12 week course that builds self-belief, skills and qualifications. | Northern Ireland Wide |
| 28 | Youth Action NI | Charity | YouthAction Northern Ireland works with young people to support them as active and equal citizens whose voices are heard, respected and valued. The Training Unit focuses on developing and delivering quality training and accreditation opportunities for young people, young leaders and emerging youth workers. | 14 - 25's and training 16-25 | Programmes include: The Reach Project - 6 and 12 week programmes which is aimed at young people aged 16 to 25 years who are not currently involved in any training, education or employment. Learning in a non formal setting. Offers specific programmes tailored to meet different needs of young people from across the greater Belfast area; Advanced Youth Work Training; and Training and Leadership. | Regional - Belfast, Armagh, Ballygawley, Enniskillen, Newry and the North West. |
| 29 | Derry Youth and Community Workshop (DYCW) | Community | DYCW provides a quality training culture delivering a number of services to the local community. Staff provide a caring and supportive environment, offering one-to-one attention and training. | 16-60 | Operates a number of programmes including: Training for Success, Steps to Work and Apprenticeships NI. DYCW also operates Job Assist which supports people in gaining employment. | Derry/Londonderry |