

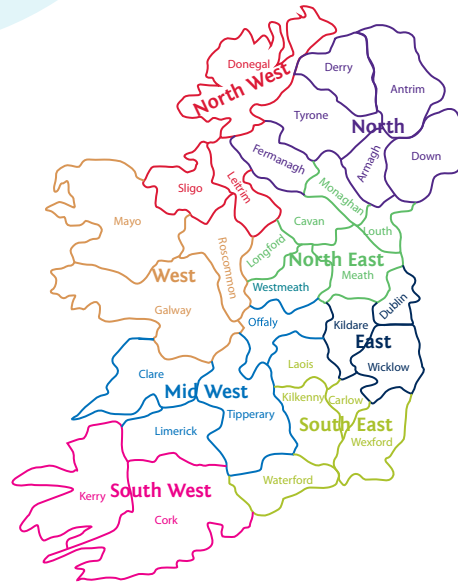


Benefits of the Programme

- Flexibility within the programme means that it can fit into your group / school community in a way that suits you
- The programme is free and non-competitive
- Young people are at the centre of their own learning; promoting personal development
- Supports from the Young SVP team are available throughout the year
- Links to curriculum within a number of subject areas in both ROI & Northern Ireland; e.g Religious Education, Citizenship, CSPE, TY programmes
- Programme can be used to complement extra curricula activities e.g Gaisce / Pope John Paul II awards; Enrichment programmes; ...and many more
- Participants gain positive, meaningful experiences of volunteering and social action
- Participants will learn to understand and take action on social justice issues
- Participants will have the option of attending Young SVP events where young people & leaders/teachers can share their valued experiences



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PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS

Information for Young People, Teachers and Schools

"I liked everything about the programme"

"The Education Resource Pack is a great resource; full of information and ideas"

"It's a very beneficial programme for students"

"The supports and school visits are invaluable"





Society of St Vincent de Paul

- SVP is an international voluntary Christian organisation. Membership is open to anyone who can respect our ethos.
- SVP is Ireland's largest voluntary organisation of social concern, with over 10,000 members nationwide, all working together to tackle poverty in all its forms.
- We are involved in a diverse range of activities characterised by:
 - Support and friendship
 - Promoting self sufficiency
 - Working for social justice

About Young SVP



- The Young SVP Programme is a youth development programme designed for use in school / youth groups
- The programme focuses on social action within the ethos and mission of SVP
- Young people are offered opportunities to learn about SVP, social justice and how to engage in social action in a positive meaningful way
- Our Youth Development Team are here to support schools & groups; teachers & leaders; students, pupils & young people throughout their engagement.



The Young SVP programme aims to "provide opportunities for young people to engage in social action in their own communities, encouraging personal and social development"

What's Available?

- We have a team of youth development officers (YDO) across the country to help and support you in your involvement with Young SVP
- There are a number of models of engagement available; please contact your regional Youth Development Officer (YDO) for more info
- YDOs will visit your school/group and provide ongoing support to your Young SVP groups
- Our team will encourage young people to explore issues of social justice and act upon these, where youth led participation is key
- Resources are also available from the team & on our website including; Education Resource Pack, RE Resource, Workshop ideas & plans, video links and answers to FAQs for school projects



Activities

Young people in SVP groups decide to act on issues that are important to them. Within Young SVP we have four main project / activity categories (which link to the mission & values of SVP)

Befriending Projects

Befriending is one of the central works of SVP. At its heart is the person to person contact with people. "In befriending another person we give of our time, our talents and ourselves." - Frederic Ozanam.
Talk to your YDO about planning your project to ensure it is safe and beneficial for everyone.

Education Projects

Education is very important to SVP, Young SVP education projects involve young volunteers supporting others within their educational experience, it could include shared reading groups, homework clubs or intergenerational projects.

Social Justice Action Projects

Groups take time researching and gaining understanding of social justice issues of their choosing before designing a response that aims to change things for the better. Some examples could include awareness campaigns, lobbying, promoting / advocating for change...

Direct Aid Projects

Find an area within SVP that you want to support. Groups then research and learn about what services are offered and find out what kind of support they need. Some examples include supporting: local SVP Conferences; homeless services; twinning projects (with African countries); organising fun events to support groups in the local community; and many more...

Remember all activities require appropriate supervision & parental consent. Whatever you decide to do make sure you register with the Young SVP Team before you start

