



ROSARIO YOUTH CENTRE



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TIS' THE SEASON



This quarter at Rosario was BUSY!

There were lots of different programmes and activities happening throughout the youth centre. From Halloween to Christmas. Group work, seasonal events, residential, mentoring and drops ins.

At Rosario we love this time of year, the building gets decorated with seasonal artwork, and we dress up, watch movies, play fun games and participate in challenges.

This time of year is also an opportunity to give back and support those in our community who need additional support which is exactly what we did this quarter.

Read on to find out more!





HALLOWEEN @ ROSARIO YC

At Rosario, we love a themed night and Halloween is no exception!

The young people go all out with their fancy dress and dance moves.

We enjoyed scary movies, Halloween arts and crafts, a candy cart, candy apples, Halloween baking and a disco.

We had an amazing turnout with over 50 young people in attendance.

YOUNG WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

Together Natalie and ten young women have been working together on a drama-based group along with Primecut Productions.

The theme of the programme is legacy.

The young women created a drama piece to demonstrate what they believe their legacy is and participate in various discussions around the meaning of legacy and its importance.

Alongside this, the young women were working together on various other themes e.g. Relationships, sexual health and education, risk-taking behaviour and positive decision-making.

The programme will continue into the next quarter and the young women have other ideas about what they want to work on together.



RESIDENTIAL

To celebrate the success of the young women's group, they got the opportunity to go on a residential.

The group went to East Coast Adventure Centre in Rostrevor.

The young women had an amazing time stepping outside of their comfort zones, challenging themselves and building upon their relationships.

The weather was not fully on their side and they weren't able to do watersports but that didn't stop the young women from making the most of their experience.

Loads of craic, good vibes and fun memories that will last a lifetime.





ROSARIO MEETS MENTORING PROGRAMME

The mentoring programme has grown and to date, we have supported almost 20 young people with plenty waiting to start the programme.

We have made connections with our local secondary school St. Joseph's College who have helped promote the programme and who have referred young people to the service.

We are so glad that the service is being used and young people are benefiting from it.

ANTI RACISM PROGRAMME

The Anti-Racism Programme is a Good Relations programme in partnership with the Annadale community centre that ran for 6 weeks back in October/November.

Young people had the opportunity to explore a range of cultures through different mediums such as dance, art and music.

The final session was African drumming.

The group is now completing an OCN in Peer Mentoring together.

Well done all involved!!



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY MEAL

Rosario Youth Centre and Ballynafeigh Methodist church partnered together to run a community meal on Christmas Day for those who were isolated, vulnerable or in need of company and companionship on Christmas.

This was an extension of the existing community meal that Ballynafeigh Methodist Church provides on Thursdays.

A group of young people joined in on the initiative as they identified this project as something they wanted to support as the social action element of their TBUC programme.



HIGHLIGHTS



SENIOR MEMBERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our senior members were able to enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner with their peers, to celebrate all the hard work and commitment that they have shown to the youth centre and their programme over the past few months.

There was plenty of Christmas music, games and festivities.

We definitely had some people who had second and third servings as the food was just that delicious.

JUNIOR MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Junior Christmas party was a great success this year!

We had a candy card, build-a-bear, inflatable Santa's grotto and disco.

Our senior volunteers did some Christmas baking with some of the Junior members.

We watched a Christmas movie.

A great way to finish 2022 at Rosario.



Competition



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For the chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher, Draw or send us a picture of something you are looking forward to in 2023. **Hand into the Youth Centre before Friday, March 10th 2023**