

*“Youth work’s non-formal approach to education is as important as formal education in terms of young people’s engagement in both learning and development”*

(John O’Dowd, 14.11.14)

### ▶ Volunteers

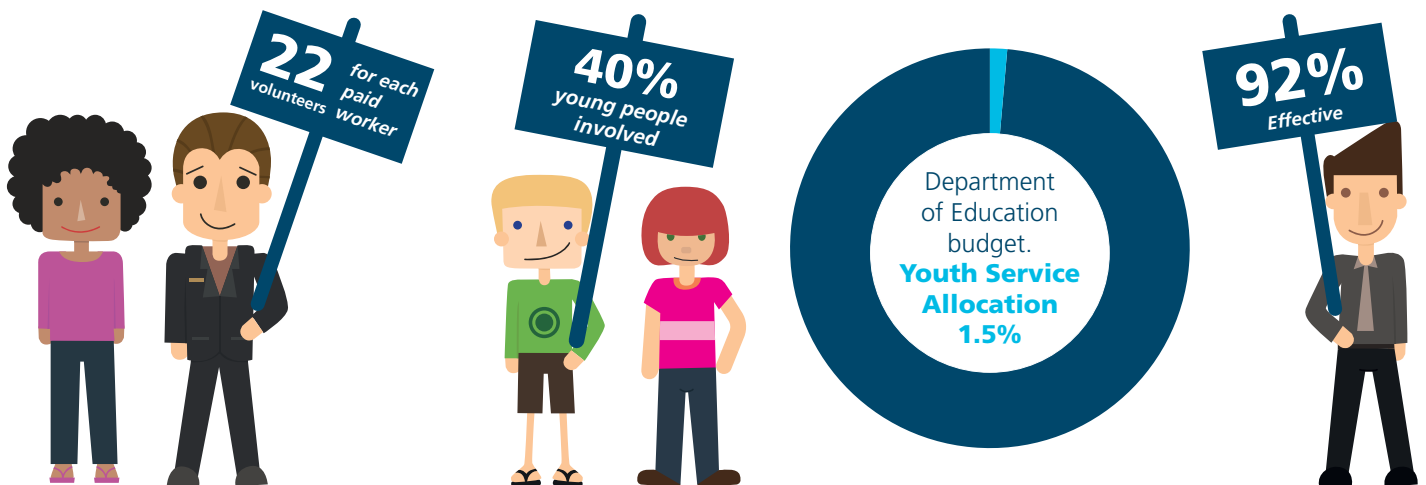
- **95%** of all registered youth groups are in the voluntary sector.
- **22** is the number of volunteers for each paid worker in the voluntary youth sector.
- **£45M** per year is the monetary value that volunteers in the youth service has been estimated at.
- Front-line youth services, and especially those which are volunteer-led, need ongoing support, advice and training.

### ▶ Young people + education

- **Over 40%** of young people aged 4-18 are involved in the youth service at any one time.
- **70%** of young people’s learning takes place outside of school.
- International and local research strongly affirms the contribution of youth work outcomes in helping all young people reach their educational potential.

### ▶ Value for money

- **1.5%** of the Department of Education budget goes to the youth service.
- **92%** of youth service provision inspected by ETI from 2012-14 was rated as good or very good in terms of overall effectiveness.



*“There is little doubt that **good youth services can have a transformational effect on young people’s lives** and can play a vital role both in supporting vulnerable young people and in enriching the lives of others without particular disadvantage”* (House of Commons, 2011)