Notes from July Foroige Meeting

* 12-18 year olds in secondary school
* Every club is different
* 1.5 hrs pw
* On the night leaders choose 3 elements

1. Fun things they chose to do

2. Community based org to encourage young people to be active in the community – effect change

3. Youth clubs that are centered around the youth and are led by the youth

* 10 mins meeting weekly to plan the next week
* Part of Cavan Foroige
* Can attend or host events (music, bingo, quiz, sports events) throughout the year and can attend VR club nationally
* To start a club – 30 kids – 1-10 ratio, 3 leaders: 40 kids 4 leaders
* Core leaders and peripheral leaders
* Someone up to 3 times
* Unvetted volunteers
* Online link and applications & Garda vetting form
* 2 trainings – starting out and child protection
* YouTube chaneel is available & website

Questions arising

Child protection online or face-to-face 3 hours

Induction – 4 hours – online or face-to-face

Training – must be done before you start. Offered twice per month online

Bank account in Virginia Credit Union

ETB equipment grant

Club is run by subscription

Projector onsite; Games onsite

Foroige Facebook page with games and ideas

Build bird boxes

Halloween – pumpkins carving

Sound daunting at the start but take the school holidays, average 25 nights per year

Average 4 discos per year

Need plan and structure. Messing happens when there is no plan or structure

Start this club year with new rules and set new expectations – fresh start for everyone

Rota – ask people what commitments they can give. Need a core group and someone to follow who knows the group.

Need someone to fillow through each week otherwuse it involves starting again each week. More discipline issues if you don’t see the person regularly

Mentoring and builiding relationships

1 hour meeting once per month in Revise Centre, Cavan (past the college on the right) and volunteers in Cavan. Club should be represented

Who are targeting, a younger or older club? 17 year olds might not mix with 12 year olds

Recommended number of kids to take is 30

Need to think about space and what you can do with the space

Affiliation fee - €25 individual, €40 for family, covered for services program, membership fee

You can choose to collect subs for a social club

If you want to do this start and aim for September for the school year because National Foroige is tied to this

* To get to this date we need
* Link and fill out the forms
* posted out GARDA vetting forms – 6 weeks ahead
* Photo ID and proof of address in last 6 months (Bank statement), has to have name and same address as photo ID 30 days to fill out Garda Vetting or it expires, usually get reminder emails
* Erica is NA, 1st 2 weeks in August but available to do training (7 hrs) at least 3-4 times
* More clubs close because of fights over rota and not child behaviour. If you can’t do it get yourself replaced
* Clubs can’t run if ratio doesn’t happen
* If you have a group of leaders include people about who you can bring to the table – art/music
* Everyone is equally responsible for the children in your care
* Induction training
* You can register through Eventbrite if you want to attend an individual session with strangers