

# Foróige

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April. During the Clubs existence we have taken part in various activities, among them a Cross-Border Youth Exchange Programme sponsored by Léargas with the Derry Youth Workshop at Bishop Street in Derry City. Their Club also paid a visit to Drumreilly. We also undertook a trip to Park Head to the home of Glasgow Celtic. We have taken part in the TSB Citizenship Awards Competition and was among the winners on three occasions.

We have four Leaders , Elaine Lavin, Leo Mitchell, Pádraig Gaffney and John McGill. John has represented Leitrim on the National Council of Foróige and was also voted onto the National Executive. Recently he has been elected Chairperson of the Leitrim Foróige District Council.

## The Purpose of Foróige

Foróige is a leading national voluntary youth organisation engaged in youth development and education. Foróige's goal is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society. Foróige empowers young people to develop their character and talents and encourages them to think for themselves and take responsibility. Through Foróige, they will also build positive and helpful relationships, whilst gaining knowledge and skills for life.

young people themselves and they have elected their own committee who work with the other members to control and manage the club. However, the club couldn't be run without the tireless work of our volunteer leaders.

**Drumreilly Foróige Club** has been in existence since the formation of the Foróige Organisation. The Club holds their meetings in Drumreilly Community Centre weekly from October to

**Kiltoghert Foróige Club** was formed about 12 years ago. At present, we have 14 members who are all 1st or 2nd year pupils at Carrick Community School. We meet every Friday night in

## Foróige's Work in Leitrim

**Mohill Foróige Club** meet every Monday evening in the Canon Donohoe Hall, Mohill. We currently have around 30 members who are separated into two groups, the junior group of 12 and 13 year olds and the senior group of members aged between 14 and 18 years old. The club is run by the





Kiltoghert Community Centre. The leaders with the group are Mary McWeeney, Tina McLoughlin and Mary Bohan. Over the years the group has taken part in many inter club activities like quizzes, discos and Rose of Foróige. The club helps out in the community by decorating the hall for the adult Christmas party and hosting Santa for the little ones. The young people have also done fundraising for local charities like St Ciarán's in Carrick on Shannon, and the Special Olympics.



**Fenagh Foróige Club** is delighted to say that their club is very much 'up and running'! The club started over the summer and currently have 20 members ranging from 12 to 18 years of age. "Our club is really good fun. It's great to meet up with our friends and it makes a change from school. We think it will be great fun meeting up with members from other clubs at events in the future". (Aoife & Kelley, Age 13). The leaders are thrilled that membership numbers are so good, as it started with only a handful of interested young people in June. The club meets every Friday from 7pm - 8.30pm in Fenagh Community Centre. The leaders are Laura McHugh, Janette Leyden, Colette Moran, Sheree Conefrey, Joyce Smyth and Angela McManus. Everyone involved in the Fenagh Foróige hopes the club will flourish into the future.



**Drumsna Foróige club** is a vibrant and fun club with 15 members at present and three leaders: Myra Reynolds, Bernie Daniels and Geraldine Fitzgerald. The club meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8.30 pm. Four of the members are taking part in Citizenship training, and the club is organising a Christmas disco in Annaduff Community centre.

*If you are interested in setting up a club in your area or would like to become a club volunteer leader or club member, contact Trina for more information on 086-0493199 or email: [trina.curneen@foroige.ie](mailto:trina.curneen@foroige.ie)*