

# Youth Cafés/Youth Clubs in Co Leitrim

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THE MODERN Youth Clubs and Youth Cafés offer some different activities to those of yesteryear.

The present day Youth Cafés/ Clubs are still places where young people can go to meet each other, and take part in a variety of leisure activities in a safe environment. Nowadays, the range of activities includes many pursuits from the spheres of Sports, Culture, Recreation, Arts, Personal Development, Technology, Education and Trips and Exchanges. In Co Leitrim, Youth Clubs/Cafés cater for over 800 young people annually.

The facilities offered to them have improved a lot over time. In Drumshanbo, for instance, The Courthouse on the Hilly Road was donated by Leitrim County Council to the North Connaught Youth and Community Services (NCYCS). A grant of almost €112,000 was awarded to refurbish The Courthouse internally and externally, providing a fully-fitted kitchen,



## ■ The Base Youth Café, Drumshanbo

meeting rooms, play area and a multi-media conference/training room, containing a computer suite and internet access. It is now the 'home' of The Base Youth Café and, like the other Cafés and Clubs in Co Leitrim, it is a hive of activity.

In Drumkeerin, the NCYCS received Leader funding of €25,000 for the refurbishment of The Courthouse resulting in the transformation of The Courthouse into a purpose-built Youth

Café, accessible to all young people and organisations engaged in the provision of non-formal activities for youth in the area.

At present, there are Youth Clubs/Cafés—under the approval of either NCYCS or Foroige—in Bornacoola, Carrick-on-Shannon, Cloone, Drumkeerin, Drumshanbo, Kiltubrid, Leitrim Village, Manorhamilton and Mohill.

This list may not be complete.