

Going beyond “Mol an Óige”.....

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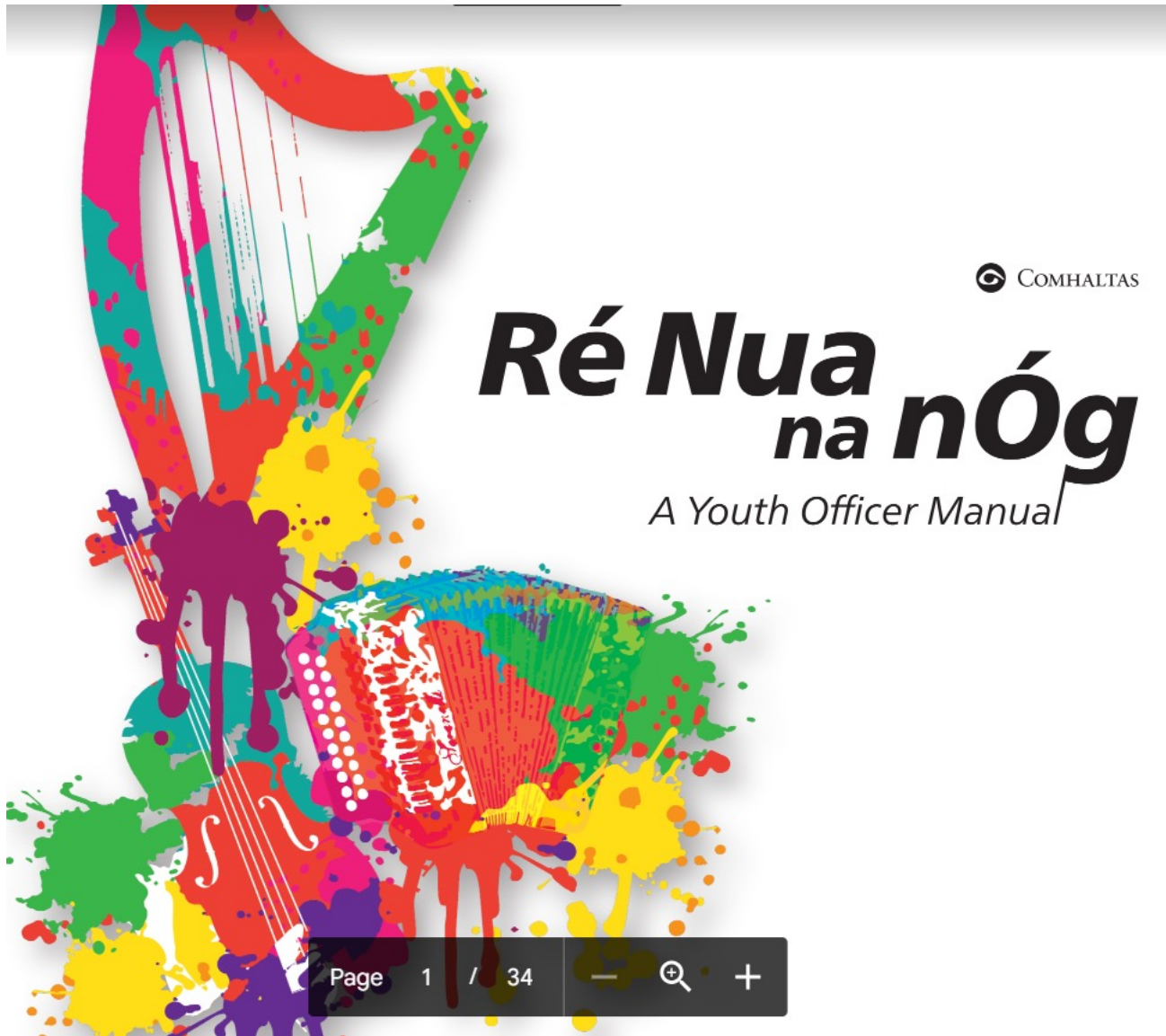


Who is Damien? Tireragh CCÉ

- ▶ Two branches amalgamated.
- ▶ Renaissance in West Sligo area.
- ▶ First Youth Officer in 2003.
- ▶ Three Youth officers 2009 onwards.



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A Youth Officer Manual

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Aims of this presentation

To provide current Youth Officers with more detail and info on their role, responsibilities and capabilities.

To spread awareness on the importance and potential opportunities in having a Youth Officer(s).

To provide ideas and advice on assisting Youth Officers.

To facilitate questions.



Part One

What does a Youth
Officer do?



Why we become Youth Officers? Some previous reasons....



To help children
learn music

To invite more young
people to the branch

To get involved with
other branches

Looks good on a CV

To organise some
non competitive activities

Improve the standard of
sessions in my area



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Spotting the Spark

A good Youth Officer should have the following skills



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The Role of the Youth Officer



Representing



Organising



Leading



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Role of the Youth Officer (Page 3)

- ▶ Listen to and represent youth members views
- ▶ Contribute to unit ideas/activities
- ▶ Communication channel between unit committee and their younger members
- ▶ Establish links with other Comhaltas units
- ▶ Organise youth specific events
- ▶ Set up youth performance groups where possible

ROLE OF THE YOUTH OFFICER

The following are suggested for a Youth Officer at any unit level:

- Listening to and representing youth members views.
- Contribute to unit ideas/activities.
- Communication channel between unit committee and their younger members.
- Establish links with other comhaltas units.
- Organise youth specific events.
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Skills Required

- An interest in youth affairs.
- Leadership & organisational skills.
- Willingness to work as part of a team.
- Commitment and enthusiasm.

Notes On The Role Of A Youth Officer



Taken from *Athnuachan*.

Suggested duties are as follows:

- ▶ Devise a programme to provide opportunities for performance outside of regular classes
 - organise regular youth sessions in suitable venues.
- ▶ Keep in contact with youth branch members who have ceased attendance at classes.
- ▶ Arrange exchanges with similar youth groups from other branches.
- ▶ Organise projects based on local history/placenames/local songs, folklore, tunes and musicians.
- ▶ Liaise with Co. Board Oifigeach na nÓg to organise events/exchanges with other counties/regions.
- ▶ Promote participation in Fleadh Cheoil/SCT/TTCT/Scoil Éigse etc.
- ▶ Liaise with other branch officers in organising Féile Cheoil/Master Classes/Workshops etc.
- ▶ Work with PRO with regards to social media platforms and website development.



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What can Youth Officers do?

Youth Officers can.....

- ▶ Contribute to the organisation's overall aims and objects
- ▶ Give feedback about how well classes, sessions, events are working
- ▶ Look at ways of improving and moving forward
- ▶ Help to plan new events and activities.
- ▶ Advise on ways of improving information for children and young people about the work of and services provided by the organisation
- ▶ Help to design relevant publications; especially Social Media.
- ▶ Be peer mentors or peer advocates (support or represent other children/young people)



Part Two

Guidelines - Leading by Example



Brainstorm...

What activities/events have you experienced in your branch that are good for young people? (Not competition- eg. Fleadh)



Brainstorm ...



What have you organised as a Youth Officer, or have you seen a youth officer do?



Ideas for Youth Events

Liaising with Youth officer from higher unit.

Themed youth sessions, i.e. fancy dress-Halloween etc.

Set up a newsletter/social media account page

Links with other branches/counties.

Getting youth involved in wider community, e.g. Performance for the elderly, tidy towns etc.

Mentoring programme for younger muscians help them organise their music folder etc.)

Mystery Bus Tour

Trad band/busking competition



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Ideas for Youth Events

Research local tunes and use in performances.

Table quiz. Music/Comhaltas/Bi-lingual themed.

Charity/novelty Sessions

Pléaracha/Scoraíocht

Branch awards e.g. Most improved/best attendance etc.

Bus trips to summer schools-liaise with parents

Trad Disco. Mixture of popular and traditional music

Pizza/popcorn nights at sessions etc.



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Fleadh Youth Events Present...



Fleadh Cheoil SLIGO 2015

Date: 13th August
Doors: 11.30pm
Adm: €10
Over 18's only

TRAD DISCO

f Fleadh Youth Events

Fleadh Youth Events Present...



Fleadh Cheoil SLIGO 2015

Date: 13th August
Time: 7.30-10pm
Under 18's only

TRAD DISCO



Taken from *Athnuachan*.

- ▶ Preparing for participation in SCT Exams, fleadhanna/concerts/branch exchanges/tours, etc.
- ▶ Participating in Scoraíocht and Pléaracha.
- ▶ Hosting Pléaracha/Scoraíocht Competitions, Ceol an Gheimhridh etc.
- ▶ Co-operating with local organisations in the promotion of our native culture.
- ▶ Organising special presentations of SCT certificates, prize winners' awards, etc.
- ▶ Arranging visits to the Cultúrlann, Regional Resource Centre, Fleadh Nua and other places of interest.
- ▶ All Officers and Members of Comhaltas are expected to use every opportunity to promote the Irish language, and every effort should be made to use Gaeilge at meetings, in minutes, on posters and in circulars etc.



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Activity

Place and order of priority, the youth events that could be organised and run within a branch by a branch Youth Committee.

(Assign each event a number, 1 having most priority, 10 having least priority)

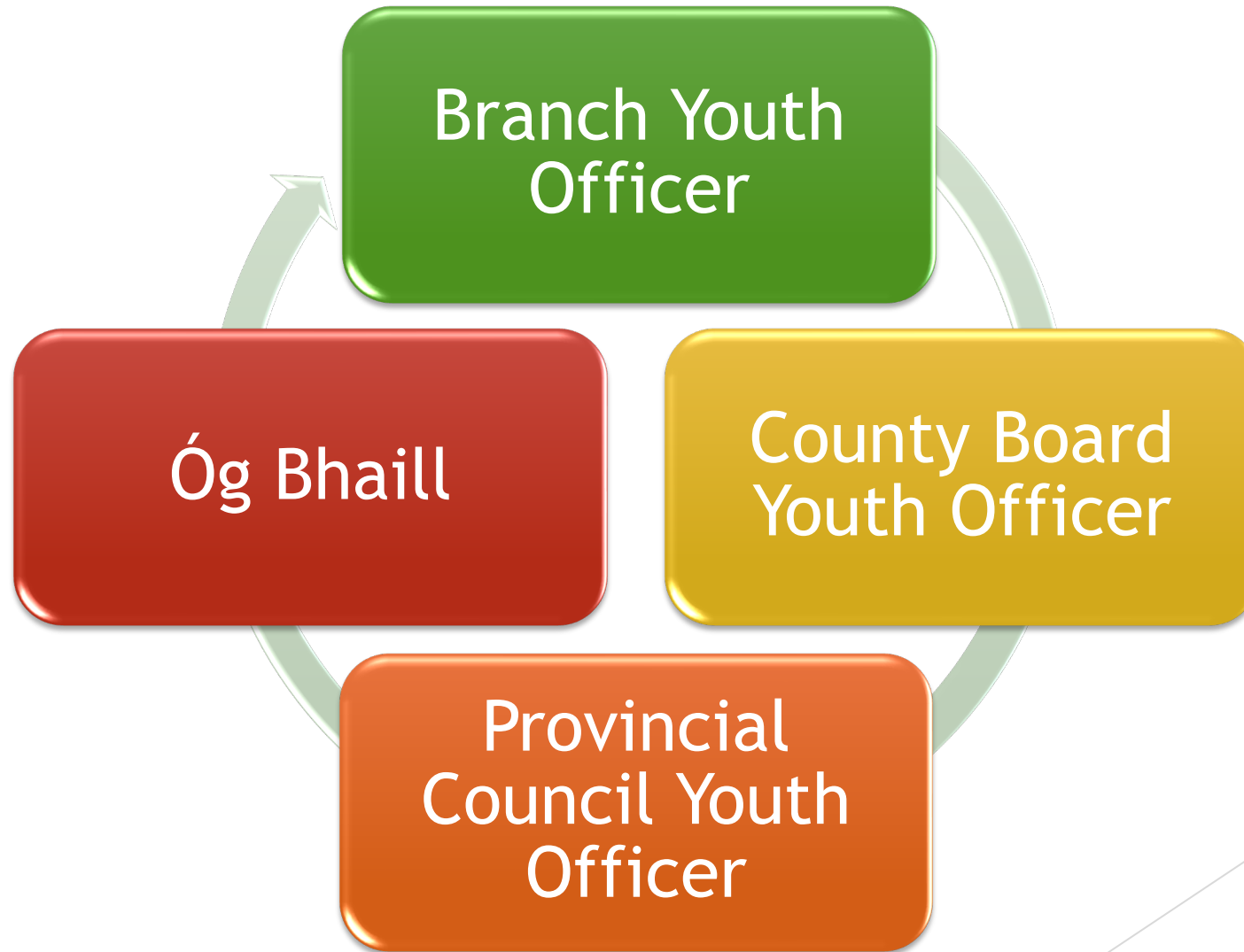


Part Three

Ré Nua na nÓg-
How does it work?



Structure



Why might a Sub Committee help us?

- ▶ Issue with youth officers either studying for exams, or away in college/work.
- ▶ Different aspects of culture/skills leads to different activities and events.
- ▶ Creativity is easier when more than one person is engaged.
- ▶ More heads are better than one!!



A Lesson in Democracy

Step 1 - Nominating

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NOMINATION FORM FOR YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

County: Leinster Branch: Piper's Club CCE

- All candidates should be nominated by another member.
- Please return this form by **01 / 05 / 2017**

CANDIDATE

Name: Sean O'Brien

Number: 083. xxx. xxxxx

Email: email@email.com



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Step 2 - Voting/Electing

BALLOT PAPER

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BALLOT PAPER FOR YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

Name: John Doe

Signature: *John Doe*

The position will be filled from the following group of candidates.
Note: Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Connelly, Joan</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Maguire, Mary</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Kelly, Thomas</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>O'Brien, Sean</u>



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Step 3 - Filling in an Agenda

AGENDA FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE

Date / / Meeting Venue _____

1. Welcome and introduction from the Chairperson
2. Sign the attendance sheet and note any apologies
3. Minutes from last meeting
4. Matters arising from minutes
5. Correspondence sent and received
6. Officer's Reports
7. Events
8. _____
9. _____
10. Any Other Business. (AOB)
11. Date, time and venue of next meeting



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Step 4 - Minutes

YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Unit: _____ Date: _____

Names Present: _____

Apologies For Absence: _____

Other Absences: _____



Step 5- Annual Plan



PLANNING ACTIVITIES

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Include samples in the event plan YES/NO</i>



Step 6- Event Plan



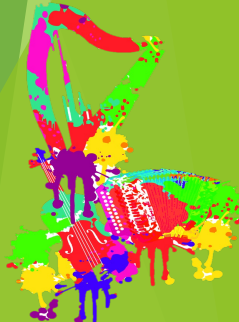
EVENT PLAN

Title of Event _____

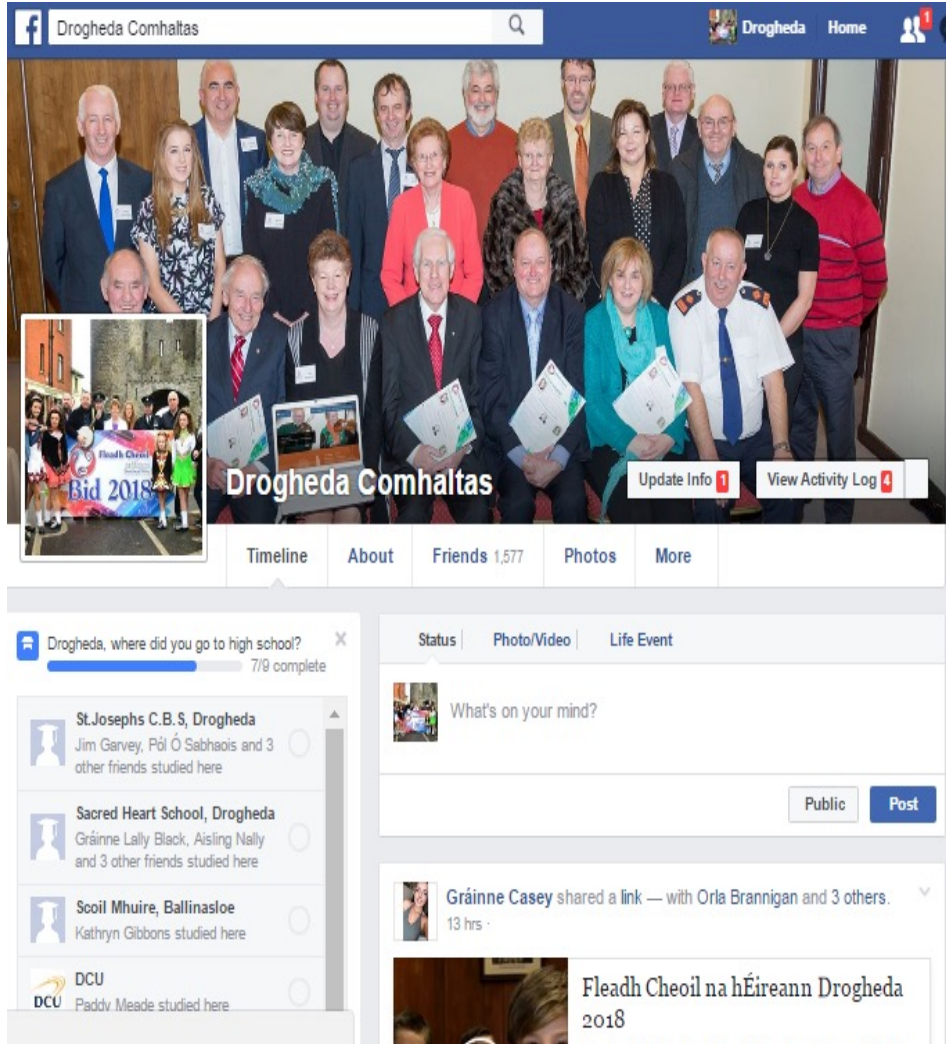
Date / / Venue _____

Note: All actions that need to be carried out to run the event should be included in the Event Plan

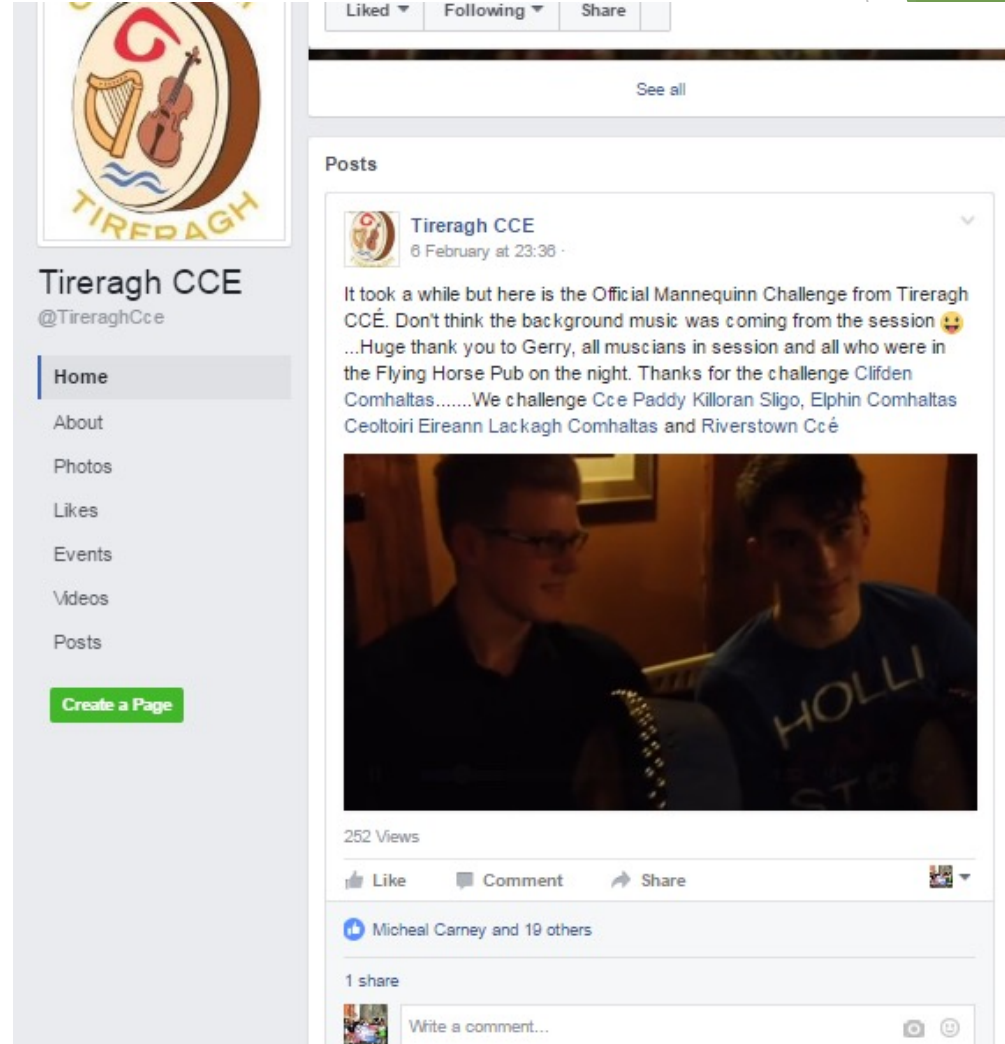
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Action/Person responsible</i>	<i>Action/Date of fulfilment</i>



Social Media/ Newsletter



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Drogheda Comhaltas. The cover photo is a large group of people, many in formal attire, holding certificates. Below the cover photo is a smaller photo of a group of people holding a banner that says "Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Drogheda 2018". The page has 1,577 friends and includes navigation tabs for Timeline, About, Friends, Photos, and More. A search bar at the top contains the text "Drogheda, where did you go to high school?". Below the search bar, there are suggestions for schools and colleges where friends studied, including St. Josephs C.B.S., Sacred Heart School, Scoil Mhuire, and DCU. The main content area shows a status update with a photo and a link shared by Gráinne Casey.



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Tír na nÓg. The cover photo is a circular logo featuring a harp and a violin. The page name is "Tír na nÓg" with the handle "@TirnaNog". The page has a navigation menu with options: Home, About, Photos, Likes, Events, Videos, and Posts. A green "Create a Page" button is visible. The main content area shows a post from "Tír na nÓg" dated 6 February at 23:36. The post text reads: "It took a while but here is the Official Mannequinn Challenge from Tír na nÓg CCE. Don't think the background music was coming from the session ...Huge thank you to Gerry, all musicians in session and all who were in the Flying Horse Pub on the night. Thanks for the challenge Clífdén Comhaltas.....We challenge Cce Paddy Killoran Sligo, Elphin Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Lackagh Comhaltas and Riverstown Ccé". Below the text is a video thumbnail showing two young men. The post has 252 views and 19 likes.



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Conclusion





Working in Partnership

In any Comhaltas Unit, young people adults should work in partnership with each other, in a way that is respectful to both partners.

It is important to involve all Officers at all levels in Comhaltas discussions. (A Youth Officer is primarily interested in how young people can contribute to the work programme and on the possible impact of their participation)

Views should be accurately captured so that they can have influence.



GETTING FEEDBACK

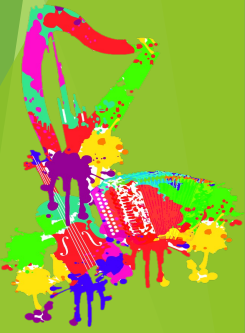


- ▶ Youth Officers should get regular and timely feedback from their peers, subcommittee and unit committee.
- ▶ Members should be informed of the next steps, especially in a Motion to Congress such as a change to Rialacha Fleadhanna Cheoil that may take a long time.





Questions?



Go raibh
míle maith
agaibh.



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