

# YOUTH INSPECTION



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Saints Youth Centre,  
Twinbrook, Belfast

Report of a Follow-up Inspection  
in May 2018



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## **FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF THE SAINTS YOUTH CENTRE, TWINBROOK, BELFAST, MAY 2018**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out a follow-up inspection<sup>1</sup> of the Saints Youth Centre in January 2017, which concluded that the youth centre needed to address the following important area for improvement in the interest of all the learners:

- to improve the quality assurance of the provision, including the action planning by the staff and management.

The centre's action plans were adjusted and updated appropriately in light of the feedback given by the ETI.

The ETI carried out an interim follow-up visit in November 2017 and a second follow-up inspection in May 2018.

In the interval since the second follow-up inspection, the following actions or changes which affect the work of the centre have taken place;

- new members of the management committee have been appointed and an Annual General Meeting has taken place;
- sub-groups have been established by the management committee, including one focussing specifically on quality assurance;
- additional support from an external consultant on quality assurance has been received;
- the Education Authority has provided on-going support and advice, including the introduction of the target monitor system;
- the voice of the senior and junior members has been strengthened through junior and senior youth committees and the attendance of young people at management meetings; and
- the young people state that they are more involved in determining and planning their own programmes.

### **Key findings**

The standards and achievements remain good. The senior and junior member committees continue to be active in the life and work of the centre and are well involved in the planning and the development of new programmes.

The quality of the provision remains good. The staff manage their roles and responsibilities with confidence and enthusiasm and now have a stronger focus on the impact of their work on the young people's learning and how they can support them to overcome barriers to learning.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.etini.gov.uk/sites/etini.gov.uk/files/publications/follow-up-inspection-saints-youth-centre-belfast.pdf>

The quality and effectiveness of leadership, management and action to promote improvement is now good. The action planning and quality assurance of the provision by the staff and management has improved; in particular, there is a clearer understanding of how to continue to improve the provision to more effectively reflect the needs of the young people. The management committee are well involved in the life of the centre and seek and listen to the views of the young people on a regular basis. Young people state that they are more purposefully involved in the governance of the centre.

### **Overall effectiveness**

Saints Youth Centre demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor how the centre sustains improvement, in particular, how the management continue to reflect and build on the impact of the youth work provision on the young people's learning experiences.

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