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**St Michael's Youth Centre
Belfast**

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH CENTRE, BELFAST

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection of St Michael's Youth Centre in January 2011 and evaluated the overall effectiveness of the provision to be satisfactory. After the original inspection the full-time worker was seconded, and the centre was designated as part-time provision. A follow-up inspection was completed in March 2013 and the provision remained satisfactory. The ETI carried out a further interim follow-up visit in October 2014 and a second follow-up inspection in January 2015. During the second follow-up inspection the part-time youth support worker-in-charge was absent.

The second follow-up inspection highlighted the following area to be improved:

- the ongoing development of robust evaluation processes at all levels to further improve the quality of the provision, including a focus on the impact and outcomes for the young people.

The ETI carried out a further interim follow-up visit in September 2015 and a third follow-up inspection in March 2016.

In the interval since the second follow-up inspection, the following important improvements have been effected:

- the part-time youth support worker-in-charge has developed appropriate evaluation processes that are agreed with the Education Authority and are well understood and implemented by the staff;
- the successful completion of the evaluation of the programme delivery agreement by the centre staff with the support of the Education Authority which captures effectively the planned programmes and outcomes for the young people;
- the effective process now in place for support and supervision of the part-time staff by the youth support worker-in-charge, to record and reflect on the specific outcomes for the young people;
- the significant increase in the quality of the individual programmes for the young people including an increase in the number of residential opportunities that enhance the experience and progression of the young people's skills and understanding;
- the flexibility in opening times in direct response to the well identified needs of the young people and the local community; and the increase in the number of older young people attending the centre regularly;
- the improved quality of programmes and outcomes for young people such as the opportunities to progress to leadership roles within the centre and the wider community; their developing skills to work effectively and communicate with others, testing their own values and beliefs and learning to respect the views of others; and
- the increase in the young people's aspirations and motivation to access further and higher education.

Conclusion

St Michael's Youth Centre demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor how the organisation sustains improvement.

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