



Press Release

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Tribute paid to No Name Club volunteers

On the eve of the launch of the European Year of Volunteering, No Name Club Chief Executive Officer Con Nolan has paid tribute to the dedication and commitment of the 2,000+ volunteers who are working with the national youth organisation.

The European Year of Volunteering will launch with an opening ceremony on February 12th in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin, with Patron for the Year President Mary McAleese in attendance.

More than 400 adult No Name Club members around the country work with teenagers on a voluntary basis to provide them with much needed social and recreational outlets that are removed from the influences of alcohol and other drugs. The No Name Club has over 40 clubs around Ireland that have teenage hosts and hostesses running events and activities with their adult committee leaders. Around 2,000 teenagers act as hosts and hostesses within the clubs, carrying out voluntary work within their towns to deliver valuable services for their peers and young people within their communities.

“The role of volunteerism within the No Name Club ensures thousands of teenagers in towns and communities across Ireland are provided with recreational and social outlets that

would, in many cases, be missing at community level,” Con Nolan, No Name Club CEO explains. “The No Name Club embodies all that is good about volunteerism: people within towns coming together to respond to needs at community level. The services the adults and young people deliver are providing thousands of teenagers across the country with fun events and activities that are free from the influences of alcohol or other drugs and providing them with valuable social outlets. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our adult volunteers and our teenage hosts and hostesses for making the effort on a weekly basis to make very important and valuable contributions to the organisation and their communities.”

*Hosts and hostesses are teenage male and female members of No Name Clubs and develop their leadership and confidence skills thru their involvement with the national youth organisation. They work with adult committee members to run activities and events that bring benefits to the wider community.

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Note for the Editor

No Name Club is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation founded in 1978 and has 40+ clubs throughout the country. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years + who come together in a safe and lively environment where there’s fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs. No Name Clubs were founded to provide an alternative to pub culture for young people in Ireland. They demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen as unnecessary to the enjoyment of a happy, cheerful and fulfilling social life for young people. Over the last 30 years, thousands of young people have valued their involvement in a programme of activities that allow them to enjoy themselves socially with their peers in a safe and friendly environment, free from the dangers and influences of alcohol and drugs. At present there are over 15,000 young people involved with No Name Clubs throughout the country.