

Overview of the input by Norma Rea, Development Officer  
CRED Seminar, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Norma noted that YCNI welcomed the CRED Policy, and made particular reference to the following aspects of it:

Its vision to promote a whole organisation approach (para .6.6, p.22)

Its aim to encompass the good practice that already exists in many of our youth organisations, including that based in the JEDI model (p.12, p.15 etc.)

That it secures the 'vital' (and on-going) role to be played by Education in improving community relations (para 4.1 p14)

That it recognises work undertaken by, among others, voluntary and community organisations and anticipates that this will complement and in some cases support the policy objectives (5.8, p18)

She went on to

- Note that the seminar had been planned out of a desire to ensure the response to CRED by youth service, and in particular by YCNI on behalf of Regional Voluntary Youth Organisations, is tailored and appropriate to the needs of these organisations.
- Invite participants to consider their vision for the embedding of CRED within their organisation and their affiliated groups (and given the diversity of groups that come under the Regional Voluntary Youth Organisation heading, recognise this will differ for each individual context). With this vision mind, to move into small groups to discuss the arrangements that would best support the embedding process? Including giving some thought to:
  - The need for on-going support for meaningful interaction between young people.
  - Training and capacity building implications.
  - How existing expertise is harnessed/developed/disseminated?
  - Ensuring the response is sensitive to the needs of organisations whose voluntary ethos means that they are in contact with a large number of young people – but for whom, a large staff compliment is neither practical nor desirable.

To conclude, groups were invited to feedback

- One key response to be shared today?
- One key action to come out of today?