

# NAVIGATING THIS TIME TOGETHER

*Republic of Ireland guidelines for  
youth and children's activities*

*(4th November 2020 update)*

## **UPDATED INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 5**

Please do read the below updates alongside the September Guidelines for Resuming Youth and Children's Activities Document for the Republic of Ireland, which can be found on the Irish Methodist Website:

<https://www.irishmethodist.org/covid-19>

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth have changed their guidance on youth work. Please see the full document here:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/58393-guidance-for-youth-organisations-on-resuming-full-services-after-covid-19/>

**They continue to emphasise strongly that the primary means of support to young people should be online, and physical gatherings must be kept to a minimum.**

However, they are now saying that those working with young people:

*“May operate groups of up to 6 indoors for the purposes of informal education.  
May operate groups of up to 6 indoors for the purposes of support to vulnerable or marginalised young people”*

If there is a group of young people that meeting in person would particularly benefit and the purpose falls into one of the above categories you can meet indoors – this number includes leaders. The outdoor number has been increased to 15. They emphasise that 'strict public health protocols' must be in place.

We want to emphasise strongly that this does not mean a return to normal, but it does give space for provision, if needed, to support young people at this time.

**If you have any further questions, please contact your District Superintendent or [gillian.gilmore@imycd.org](mailto:gillian.gilmore@imycd.org)**