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Project Case Study: YouthPact Supporting Youth Work Leaders During COVID-19

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Children and Young People aged 14-24

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Ulster University,
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Bubble Up

In January 2021, YouthPact distributed a flyer and expression of interest form for a pilot 'Support Bubble Initiative.' It's anticipated these support bubble sessions, facilitated by YouthPact staff, will provide: a space for 8-12 Peace4Youth workers to meet for one hour each week over a period of five sessions; and an opportunity to further strengthen connections, discuss emerging issues, generate ideas and have conversations around relevant themes.

Online North South Youth Work Managers Workshop

On 9 February 2021, the Education Authority Youth Service and National Youth Council of Ireland held an online workshop for 87 Youth Work Managers, in collaboration with YouthPact, entitled: 'Where are we now?' The workshop provided managers with the opportunity to reflect upon the contribution of the youth work sector in supporting young people during the pandemic. Breakout sessions afforded more analytical discussions, with questions such as:

- What have been the key enabling factors for you and your organisation's work during the pandemic?
- What have been the major barriers and challenges for you, the workers you manage and your organisation?
- What have you heard today that resonates with you and your organisation?

The high attendance at the workshop demonstrates the level of interest and willingness to share practice in the sector. A summary report on the workshop will be compiled and circulated, including an outline of YouthPact's next steps. For more details please visit the YouthPact website.

"Thanks very much. It was a great event in all accounts, I was really impressed at how it was managed digitally. It's the best online event I've been to. So glad to have been there and have had the opportunity to contribute."