

## What is a 'Young Pioneer'?

A Young Pioneer is a person between the ages of 11 and 18 who pledges:

1. To abstain from alcohol until their 18th birthday
2. To abstain from harmful drugs for life
3. Who is willing to offer their abstinence as a spiritual sacrifice for the recovery of problem drinkers and victims of substance abuse.

S/he also commits to praying daily for people who suffer owing to addiction, and to wearing the Young Pioneer emblem as a sign of their care for all who battle addiction.

## Young Pioneer Daily Prayer

*Lord, for your sake, for the recovery of problem drinkers and victims of substance abuse, to make amends to your Sacred Heart for the intemperance in all our lives,*

*I promise not to take alcoholic drink until I am at least 18, and to keep off drugs for life. Amen.*

## For More Information

### Pioneer Association

[www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

### Ballinasloe & District Pioneer Youth Club

[www.creideamh.ie/youth-club](http://www.creideamh.ie/youth-club) \*

or contact any of the following club leaders & parent representatives:

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### Please Note

While all young people willing to become Young Pioneers are welcome, our club can only accommodate 20 members at any given time.

### Places awarded on a first-come basis.

\*Our thanks to The Creideamh Network and St Grellan's Council of The Knights of St. Columbanus for gifting our club this web space and sponsoring this leaflet.



## Ballinasloe & District Pioneer Youth Club

Encouraging fun, faith, friendship, comradery and resilience among young people, 11-16 years, through shared social activities.



## Club Membership

Our club is open to all young people between the ages of 11 and 16 willing to become Young Pioneers, and who, along with their parent(s) / guardians, are accepting of our Christian ethos.

## Meeting Frequency

We meet fortnightly during the school year.

## When & Where?

Usually on Friday evenings, 8 – 9.30 pm, in: The Clonfert Family Centre, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59.

## Safeguarding

In keeping with the demands of our parent association, i.e. The Pioneer Association ([www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)), we meet all requirements of The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland ([www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)).



## Regular Meeting Activities

- **Prayer time with a bible story**
- **Workshop with guest presenter**
  - e.g. Alcohol & Drug Misuse Awareness, Creative Arts, First Aid, Making of St. Brigid Crosses etc., Pioneer Witness Workshop, Quiz tips, Dance, Drama and Lego Workshops.
- **Game Time**
  - e.g. Uno, Chess, Scrabble, other board and card games, Jig-saw challenges, and in summer time, outdoor games such as Rounders, Frizbee games, Hide & Seek and Dodgeball.

## Special Events, Outings etc.

Every term we try to do something special and share many such events etc. with club members' families and friends. These have included:

- **Bowling Night Out**
- **Cinema Night Out**
- **Trip to the theatre**
- **Summer outing to Clonmacnois & Athlone Castle**
- **Drumming Workshop**
- **Quiz Night with other clubs and schools**
- **June and Christmas Masses and Gatherings with Adult Pioneers.**

## Cost

Members contribute **€2** at the beginning of each meeting, and contribute separately toward costs of special events they choose to participate in, e.g. Summer Outing, Cinema Night Out etc. This will remain the expectation while our Club is successful in accessing sponsorship and Youth Club Grants.

## Please Note

Adult Leaders are very reliant on parent support. We ask that all new members be accompanied by an adult family member for their first two meetings ... and for longer if that is the preference of their young family member.

