

## What is a 'Young Pioneer'?

A Young Pioneer is a person between the ages of 10 and 17 who pledges:

1. To abstain from alcohol until their 18th birthday
2. To abstain from harmful drugs for life
3. To pray for people who suffer owing to addiction.
4. To wear the Young Pioneer emblem as a reminder of God's love for everyone, and special concern for those 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.*



# Ballinasloe & District Pioneer Youth Club

Encouraging fun, faith, friendship, temperance and resilience among young people, 10-17 years, through shared social activities.



## For More Information

### Visit

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

or contact any of the following Club Leaders and Parent Representatives:

**Justin:** 087 617 1526

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### Please Note

While all young people willing to become Young Pioneers are welcome, our club can only accommodate 18 members at any given time.

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

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

## Club Membership

Our club is open to all young people between the ages of 10 and 17 willing to become Young Pioneers.

## Meeting Frequency

We meet fortnightly during the school year.

## When & Where?

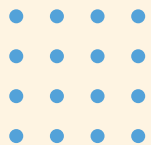
Usually on Friday evenings, 7 – 8.15 pm (juniors) and 8.15 – 9.45 pm (seniors), in: The Clonfert Family Centre, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59.

## Club Affiliation

We are affiliated to Youth Work Ireland Galway ([www.youthworkgalway.ie](http://www.youthworkgalway.ie)), operate under its governance and are committed to availing of the many supports it provides through key personnel, facilities and opportunities.

## Safeguarding

We subscribe to the Child Safeguarding Statement, policies and procedures of Youth Work Ireland Galway. All our Adult Volunteers are Garda Vetted, and all have undertaken Safeguarding Training accredited by The National Youth Council of Ireland ([www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie))



## Regular Meeting Activities

- **Bible story exploration & prayer**
- **Active Game Time or Workshop**
  - Workshops seek to encourage self-confidence and include Communications, Creative Arts, Dance, Drama, First Aid, Making of St. Brigid Crosses & Christmas Wreaths, Public Speaking and Story-telling
- **Game Time**
  - e.g. Uno, Chess, Scrabble, Lego, other board and card games, Jig-saw challenges, and in summer time, outdoor games such as Rounders, Frizbee games, and Dodgeball.

## Special Events, Outings etc.

Every term we try to do something special:

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

## 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. We also seek a **€30.00** contribution toward insurance once a young person opts to stay with the club.

## Please Note

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.

