



YOUNG SVP NEWSLETTER
SOUTH EAST REGION

FEBRUARY 2019



Hi guys!!! Welcome to the first edition of the Young SVP South East Region Newsletter. I'm going to use this space to highlight the fantastic work that you, the students and teachers, are doing in your Young SVP school conferences across the South East Region.

This newsletter will be sent to SVP members and schools and centres in the South East Region. If you would like to find out more about the programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

It is said that "young people are our future". In actual fact you are very much our present and this newsletter is a testament to that. Keep up the fantastic work!!

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ST. DECLAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE YOUNG SVP

KILMACTHOMAS, CO. WATERFORD



On Friday 12th October we did our first project, a bag pack in Dunnes stores in Dungarvan. Not only did we raise money for a worthy cause but we also helped people and showed kindness.

At the start of Transition Year, students were given the option of three new classes they could take. 15 students chose young SVP and that is where our journey began. We were visited by Debbie most Fridays who did workshops with us. In these workshops we learned what SVP is, who it helps and what it stands for. It not only helps poor and homeless families but fights social injustice. The workshops were informative and inspired us to take a stand and do something about the issues that surround us.

In the near future we plan on having a homeless awareness day where we will hold a colouring competition for 1st years and design a display about the lives of homeless people also.

All members of Young SVP in our school are enthusiastic about our upcoming projects and we are grateful for all the support Debbie has given us so far.



COLAISTE BRIDE

ENNISCORTHY, CO. WEXFORD

We have found so far that our school community has been very receptive to our conference, especially our first years. Through the conference we are now more informed on social issues, especially in the local area. We are very appreciative of Debbie's efforts throughout the year and we are looking forward to learning more from her.



We completed a 'Resilience Workshop' with our first years. We didn't expect the first years to respond so well to what we taught them, and also how well behaved they were! We have also learned a lot more about what the SVP do and what their aims are.



We also organised the SVP Food Drive just before Christmas as our 'fundraising' initiative. We were overwhelmed by the response of our school. We informed the student body of what they could bring in and made the presentation to our local members during our Christmas Carol Service.

Our next steps are to focus on social inclusion. We have decided to run a befriending project. We wanted to complete one that had a lasting impact, even when we stop with our St Vincent de Paul Conference.

We have decided to set up a 'games club' at lunch time so that students who feel lonely or isolated can join us and make a friend or two.



MOUNTRATH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS

Since that day in early October when Debbie first came to our school, we have been working very hard to try make the most out of this year's SVP group.

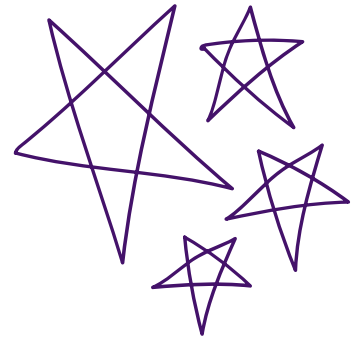
Being in fifth year, and not having much time to breath, what we have accomplished so far has been absolutely incredible.



The best thing about SVP so far has been everyone's input. We have all gained such independence as individuals so far and it's inspiring to see our young minds making an actual difference to society! I am very excited to see what else we can accomplish!

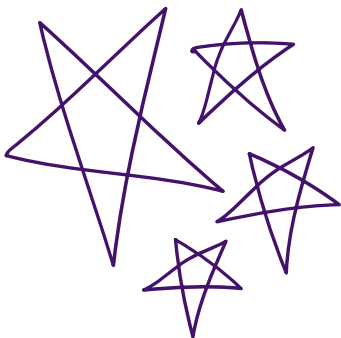
So far, we have held food appeals, fundraising activities, awareness raising activities; to name a few. In partnership with our local Tesco we collected over 2 trolleys full of donated food for people in need. The food was then made into hampers and distributed in our local SVP community. We have also raised awareness for people that don't enjoy Christmas as much as everyone else. We showed our school community that Christmas can be a hard and cold time for some people and as a symbol of this, we constructed a Tree of Remembrance in our canteen for the month of November to remember loved ones that were lost throughout the years.





YOUNG SVP SOUTH EAST
REGION

YOUTH DAY 2019



**THURSDAY MAY 2ND
9AM-3PM
WIT ARENA, WATERFORD**

ABBHEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FERRYBANK, CO. WATERFORD



We started our committee in late September and our first task was to make our SVP presence known in the school. We decided to hold a day all associated with SVP.

In the morning members decorated our school canteen and common areas with blue decorations and the SVP logo. Then at lunch time in our school members went around handing out lollipops and SVP stickers and merch that Debbie generously gave us. There was then live music held showcasing all the talent in our school supported by the SVP. It was a great day and svp was established in the school



For Christmas time we wanted to fundraise and also make our presence known in our community. The parish priest contacted Ms. Bolger and asked would we be interested in decorating the tree in the church. We gladly accepted and asked people in our school to bring in decorations. We then went down and decorated the tree and the priest and community were very happy with our work.



MEANSCOIL GHARMAN

ENNISCORTHY, CO. WEXFORD



We are a team of 22 T.Y students here at Meanscoil Gharman. We have planned and completed two projects to date.

We first planned a Christmas food collection for the locals in Enniscorthy who needed an extra hand this year. To do this we met up and planned the dates and what year was getting what food. We felt it was very important to get the rest of the school involved so they can also help others. Our food collection went better than expected, we packed and sent off two big boxes and three big shopping bags full of food to the local S.V.P in Enniscorthy.

Our second project was for the women's refuge in Wexford town. To make these packs we collected money by doing a colourful day in school, in order to wear your own colourful clothes you had to pay €2 to go towards these packs. Altogether we bought enough products to make 17 packs and one of our team members made bags to put the products in. In the packs there was: Toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitary products, deodorant, soap, hairbands/GOGOS, toothbrush and toothpaste for children, mints/hard sweets.

We have great fun in the workshops and find them very helpful. We are meeting very soon to discuss plans for 2019.

We had a great 2018 and can't wait to help more in 2019 :)

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

WATERFORD

We are the Young SVP group of Presentation Secondary School Waterford. We all are interested in helping our community to become a better place.



We engaged in direct aid during Christmas 2018, because we believe in making Christmas special and a loving moment for everyone. By donating toiletries to the McGwire men's hostel and offering toys to St. Vincent's De Paul.

We are also going to involve ourselves in befriending the Holy Ghost Residential Home by inviting them to our school musical, MARY POPINS as special VIP guests.



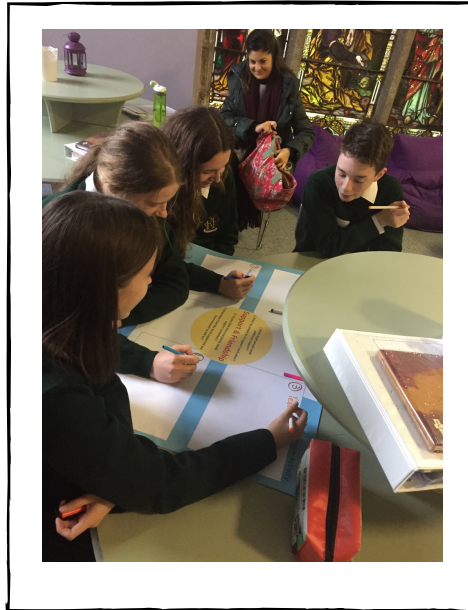
We will also be organising a Teachers and Nurse Appreciation Day, to acknowledge the great work these people do.

We are partaking in a social action by running a homelessness awareness programme with our school to raise awareness and make more people willing to donate to homelessness.

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ST. ANGELA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

WATERFORD

To kick off the Svp year at the Ursuline, we planned a fundraising Halloween disco for the first years to dance, dress up, and learn a bit more about Svp in our school. This was a huge success, which meant we could present the money raised to the two Svp conferences in Waterford.

We also held our annual crib collection which is always a major fundraiser in our school.

We have plans to organise bedtime bags (story books and teddy bears) for the children living in direct provision next to our school. We're also gathering supplies to treat our 6th years doing their pres to tea and biscuits :)

We've learned and grown so much this year and can't wait to continue as the year progresses :)



PRESENTATION COLLEGE CARLOW

CARLOW

Since starting up the committee this year, we've worked hard to achieve most of our goals. So far, we've raised €770 from bag-packing in aid of vouchers for teenagers in Carlow for Christmas. We then raised €300 carol singing. In November and December, we gathered food items for our food drive which we then packed into hampers along with other YSVP committees in Carlow. We also carried on the tradition of Blue Monday Treats for our local services.



Towards the end of January we aim to hold a mindfulness workshop. In February, we hope to put together a cook-book for sixth years transitioning into college. We also plan to carry on another one of our traditions in our school of taking St. Lazerian's bowling. In March, we hope to run a workshop for sixth class students in our past primary schools.

We found our workshops with Debbie very insightful, it taught our committee to work better as a team. During these workshops we realized how much work SVP puts into our society.

We would like to wish all of the other YSVP committees the best of luck with their work. We look forward to meeting you all at the youth day!

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

KILKENNY

In 2014 we set up St Canice's Conference in the Presentation Secondary School in Loughboy in Kilkenny.

This is a Youth branch of the St Vincent De Paul Society. We have an organising committee with a President Kaytlin O'Reilly Vice-President Neasa McGuire and Anna Mai Dwan . a secretary Ella Byrne. Treasurer Aitana Irving as well as a photographer and PRO's.



This year we decided to get involved in a few different areas in our school and local area. We decided to go large for our Christmas Food Appeal. We challenged every class in the school to bring in a set amount of food items. Each class prefect recorded the total every day and deposited the food in our food Depot. By the final day we had a mountain of Food!! We contacted a few of the local adult conferences and Kilkenny took 25 black sacks. Graignamanagh took Four bags and we gave a trailer load to Danesfort/Cuffesgrange/Kells. Overall we donated at least 50 sacks of food in our local area. We also did a bucket collection for SVP on Saturday Dec 23rd at the Kilkenny Design Centre and three cake sales in school.

The other project we are working on is our Integration project. We have conducted a survey in school and there are 23 different languages represented amongst our students. We want our international students to feel included so we put up messages in their languages along the corridors and we are holding a Food Fayre in February/March to showcase their cultures. We are also trialling a lunch club to get them together to chat/share traditions/play board games and get to know one another. We are hoping to show them a thing or two coming up to seachtain na gaelaige and maybe cupla foca!! If we have time we may expand our lunch club to a specific year group but at the moment we are trying to get it up and running and spread the word.

We will also do a random act of kindness for the exam classes doing their pre exams when they begin soon. Our thanks to Debbie for all her help and support this year.

LET'S REFLECT!!



SMALL PLACES, CLOSE TO HOME

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home-so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighbourhood he lives in; the school where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world"

Eleanor Roosevelt



HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CO. LAOIS

We have been very busy with Saint Vincent De Paul in Heywood Community School. For Christmas, we had our annual toy and food appeal and sent Christmas cards to residents of a local nursing home. We raised a lot of money selling lollipops and we made food hampers for those in need.

We plan to do a lot over the next couple of months. Our main aim is to do something to raise awareness for homelessness. We feel this is a major issue and we would really like to address it and hopefully make even a tiny difference.



Coming up, we will be writing inspirational quotes and putting them in the lockers of the students of exam years in Heywood. We feel this will give them a bit of motivation coming up to their mock exams.



SCOIL CHRIOST RI

PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS

So far as a part of our TY B SVP group we completed a hamper raffle which raised money for people in need over the Christmas period. Everyone in our form brought in makeup and beauty related products. We created 3 hampers and raised over €250. Announcements and posters around the school raised awareness of SVP. It was a great experience coming together and selling raffle tickets. Furthermore, there was great satisfaction in giving the hampers to the winners and seeing how happy they were receiving them.



In the upcoming term we plan to raise more money and awareness of SVP as well as helping our community. Firstly we have planned to have a bake sale to raise funds, we hope this will be a great success. Then we are planning a makeup demo for students in the school. With the money raised from these events, we will treat students in exam years and also donate more money to SVP. We also intend on organising a quiz for the second years and giving appreciation cupcakes to teachers, overall these will raise awareness of SVP and we hope to create a better atmosphere within our school community.

We are very excited and hopeful for the future of SVP in our school. Thank you,
TY B.

CREAGH COLLEGE

GOREY, CO. WEXFORD

For Christmas 2018, we decided to focus on homelessness as it is a such a big issue at the moment and we wanted to help support local shelters around Christmas time. We put out an appeal for the staff and students in the school to bring in non-perishable food items, clothing and toys. We also asked them to bring in any items that they would like to have at Christmas, for example selection boxes or tins of sweets. We collected these items over a period of about two or three weeks and when we had a substantial amount of items, we packaged them in boxes and they were picked up to be sent off to the local SVP organization so that they could then be distributed to local families to help them at Christmas.

Next we are planning to hopefully have a sleep out in the school to raise awareness of homelessness and hopefully raise some money to donate to the local charities and hopefully another fund raiser.



175 YEARS OF SVP IN IRELAND

Based on greater than anticipated calls in lead up to Christmas the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) expects no slowdown in the calls for help it will receive in 2019. Early in November SVP National President Kieran Stafford predicted that the Society would receive about 50,000 calls for help over the winter months. This will be exceeded in the new year as the Society has already received almost that number in November and December. Calls for help to the Society are now over 130,000 a year about 11% more than five years ago. Help with the costs of food, fuel, education and utility bills remain the highest number of requests from families struggling on inadequate incomes.

“We are also increasingly receiving calls for help from people unable to meet growing costs of private rental accommodation and being forced to make choices about the use of scarce income”, said Mr Stafford. “The improvement in our economy is very welcome but it has not improved conditions for everyone. “Our 11,500 members in every county in Ireland who visit families in their homes see the stark reality behind the statistics for thousands”, he said. Mr Stafford also said that people who struggle to make ends meet week in and week out are often chastised for their circumstances, particularly if they are homeless or out of work through no fault of their own. “We are a generous people, the support that SVP and many charities receive shows that. But often those who ask for help are viewed as somehow the cause of their own misfortune. Those who struggle to avoid or escape poverty deserve our support and empathy,” he said.

This year is the 175th anniversary of the foundation of SVP in Ireland. During that time it has provided help and support to those most in need through the Famine in the 19th century, two World Wars, an Uprising, a Civil War and cycles of economic austerity. In addition to providing direct assistance to those in need, SVP manages 10 hostels providing emergency beds, provides almost 1,000 units of social housing, operates 5 holiday homes, 7 Resource Centres, 4 prison visitor centres, 224 charity shops and other social support activities. It also has an active Young SVP programme in schools and third level colleges and universities.

SVP is also committed to identifying the root causes of poverty and social exclusion in Ireland. In solidarity with people experiencing poverty and disadvantage, it advocates and works for the changes required to achieve social justice and equality of opportunity for all citizens and to create a more just and caring society. Eleven years prior to its establishment in Ireland the Society was founded in Paris by Blessed Frederick Ozanam, then a 20 year old university student. He and six companions set up a 'Conference of Charity' visiting poor people, bringing food, clothing and friendship in a confidential non-judgmental spirit. They adopted St Vincent de Paul as their patron.

From the outset the Society favoured a practical, direct approach to dealing with poverty, an approach that remains to this day.. “The support and help we provide, financial, practical and emotional may not be exactly what Blessed Frederick Ozanam had in mind in Paris in 1833 but the spirit that drove him and his friends to serve those in need is exactly the same as that which drives our members and volunteers in Ireland today.” said Kieran Stafford.

FCJ SECONDARY SCHOOL

BUNCLODY, CO. WEXFORD

The young SVP has been beneficial for everyone in the committee and everyone in our school affected by our events. We have done a number of activities in our school and community under the 3 SVP pillars.



The Young SVP programme has taught us lots over the last year, and we hope as we continue to carry out other projects based around Befriending, Self-sustainability and Social Justice that we will continue to learn and help our community.

For Christmas, we went to first year classes and got them to make and decorate paper christmas decorations and paper-chains, then we got a donated christmas tree and gifted it to our local nursing home. We went there and decorated it and sang christmas songs with the residents. We have done other events, such as when we sold flapjacks for our launch day, in aid of SVP. We have also done workshops with younger year groups around SVP and plan to do more over the rest of the year.

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEXFORD

Hi! We're Presentation Wexford's Saint Vincent de Paul committee, a group of 12 girls in the southeast dedicated and working towards social justice within our school and wider community.



Our launch included having a bake sale in aid of the local women's refuge, which was very successful, as well as holding a quiz for all 2nd years in our school. This allowed us to raise much needed funds and awareness throughout our school for the refuge, and was very enjoyable

We then focused on our wishing tree, a tradition in our school. This entailed standing a Christmas tree decorated with lights and stars in our social area, with students bringing in presents to leave under it. The presents were later collected by our local SVP organisation.

We then began talks of a collaboration with the local boys school, CBS Wexford. We hope to bring in a speaker from White Ribbon Ireland to talk to both schools about ending violence against women before the end of the year, as well as holding a talent show for Presentation and CBS' Ty students.

Lastly we hope to hold a blue day in which all students wear blue clothes instead of uniform and donate to Saint Vincent de Paul.

ST LEO'S COLLEGE

CARLOW

We are the Young St. Vincent de Paul conference of St. Leo's College, Carlow. We are made up of a small group of nine senior cycle students led by our teacher Ms. Cradock. We meet every second Monday to discuss any upcoming events or plan events in our school.



Some of our conference members bought beautiful Laura Lynn Christmas Cards. In these cards, we wrote some festive messages and inserted the food vouchers.

These cards then went to the students whose families needed a bit of financial support during the busy season.

During the festive season, we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day where every student wore a Christmas jumper and brought in a small donation of €2. There were prizes for the best jumpers and students and teachers alike let their creativity shine in hopes to win a selection box. From the kind donations of our fellow pupils we raised €795.79 which we used for our food vouchers. At lunchtime that same day, we played Christmas music in the main hall and gave out candy canes to those wearing Christmas jumpers.

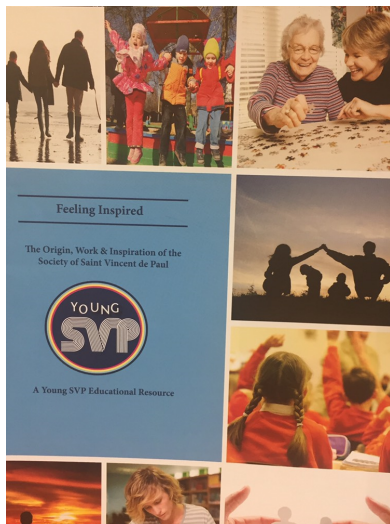
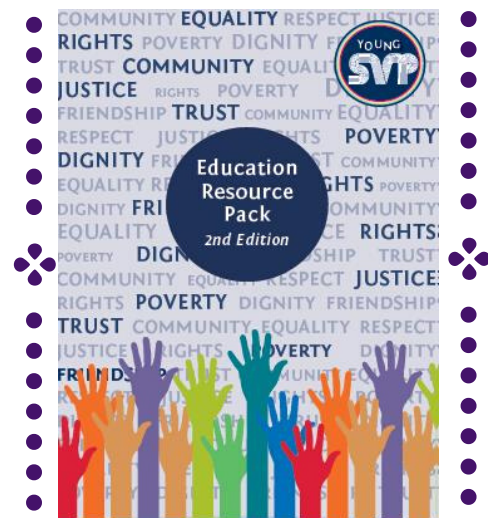
For our food appeal, we sent a message out to all students to bring in non-perishable food items and stationed collection points in the main areas of the school. We then brought the collected food a collection point at the other side town where we joined with the other conferences in our area to help in the packing of food hampers that would be distributed around the town.

We have so many new and exciting events planned for the coming year and we cannot wait to share them with you.
See you on Youth Day!

YOUNG SVP RESOURCES

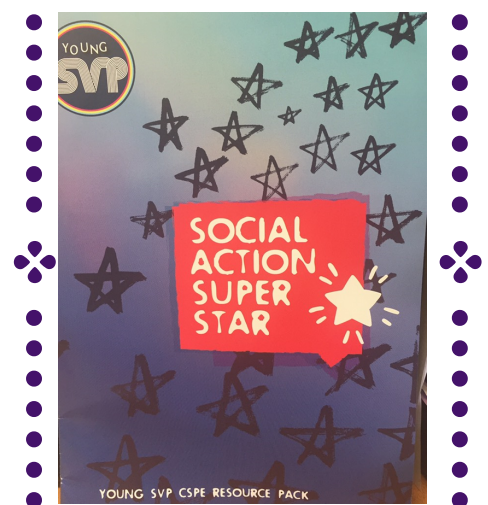
Young SVP Education Resource Pack- this pack is a resource for use with students of secondary school age.

There are seven core lessons within the pack that address and encourage exploration in the areas of poverty, social justice and social action; all key aspects of the work of SVP in Ireland and around the world. The lessons are designed primarily for use with Transition Year students and there are also clear links to junior cycle CSPE and Religious Education. The resource could also be useful for those completing LCA and LCVP.



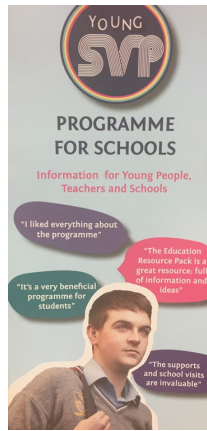
Feeling Inspired- this resource was designed to support teachers of Junior Certificate Religious Education to deliver Section A of the syllabus 'Communities of Faith'. Other syllabus links can also be drawn. It may also be useful for groups taking part in a Diocesan Award such as the Pope John II Award or as a starting point for students undertaking a project. The lessons are intended to facilitate an exploration of the ethos, vision & mission of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the key aspects of the work of SVP in Ireland.

Social Action Superstar- The activities in this resource will facilitate students to develop the following skills: Identification/Awareness, Analysis/Evaluation, Communication and Action. Students will also be encouraged to reflect on their attitudes and values. This resource will also make some suggestions for social actions to undertake. Where links can be drawn between the work of SVP and the core concepts of CSPE, these will be highlighted.

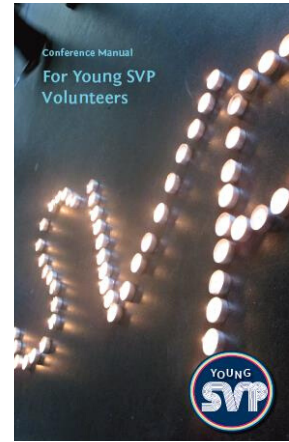


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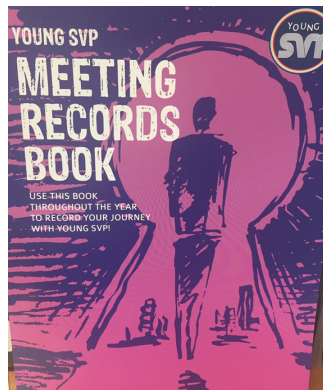
· Young SVP Information Leaflet- this leaflet provides an overview of the Young SVP programme for young people, teacher and schools



· Young SVP Conference Manuals- these manuals provide key information for young people, teachers and leaders on how to set up and run a Young SVP Conference.



· Young SVP Meeting Record Book- this resource supports students to record their meetings and plan actions they would like to take. It includes useful information on setting up and running a Young SVP Conference.



· Appropriate Activities Leaflet- this leaflet lists suggestions of appropriate activities for SVP members and volunteers aged under 18 and all those attending school.



Appropriate Activities for SVP Members and Volunteers aged under 18 and all those attending school

Email: youth@svp.in
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LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL

KILKENNY

We have started our conference as a class and so far it has been a really enjoyable experience. We first learned what SVP involved and its values and it has been amazing putting them into practice.

Our conference organised a lunchtime games club to help young people socialize who may find it difficult to make friends.

There are many games such as Just Dance, table tennis, and Twister. We hold it every Thursday and so far it has been a real success!



We are really looking forward to meeting all the conferences from other schools at the SVP Youth Day and bringing back lots of ideas for next year's conference.

We wanted to recognise all the hard work by the nurses and doctors in our local hospital so we put our heads together to organise a visit. We distributed jobs among each of the members to bake many sweet treats, and in no time we had twenty cakes boxes decorated with a thank you message and helium balloon. We arranged ourselves into groups of four to five and we were each allocated a department in the hospital. We thanked the nurses and doctors for all of their help and they were filled with joy. It was a great feeling to give back to the community for the work they do for us.



On Monday the 17th of December we held the annual SVP Hamper Appeal. We first allocated food we needed for the hamper appeal to each year group and a few days later we got into teams and collected the donations from each class. We filled the tables in the canteen with the many rows of food we had collected. We each took a box and began to fill them with a selection of food. When all the boxes were full we managed to close them and pack them into the SVP van, ready to be sent to the families in need. We really wanted to help this cause as we know Christmas can be a hard time for some families

ARDSCOIL NA MARA

TRAMORE, CO. WATERFORD

The first meeting we held as a group was to decide the roles of all the inner committee members - which we voted for as a group. We chose one president, two vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a team of PRO's, and two photographer.



As part of our role regular meetings are facilitated by the regional coordinator Ms. O' Halloran, where we discuss many topics such as poverty and homelessness in Ireland today, the role we as students can play in making a difference to these pressing issues.

We have held meetings to discuss our many ideas as a group. We first decided to hold an opening day for the SVP that doubled as a fundraiser. Our PRO's and a few helpers designed posters for this and put them up around the school. We decided to have a bake sale and a raffle to collect money. To do this we needed to visit local businesses in Tramore and ask for prizes for our raffle. We received many prizes due to the amazing support of our local community, one of which was a large hamper donated by Errigal. We also received donations from Red Lane, Boots, Urban Beauty, Beauté, The Lion Barber, Paper Rock, and Super Valu. We set up a stand to sell the baking that the members of the Young SVP supplied for the sale, and went around to classes to sell raffle tickets. We raised over €200

Upcoming events include befriending projects such as visiting local primary schools, also raising more awareness in our school. This means we meet regularly to decide how to proceed with our plans.



ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WATERFORD

We've had a really busy year and we're only four months in. Debbie visited us in October 2018 and we quickly got started. Our first job was to relaunch our SVP conference in the school. We did this by having a bake sale to raise funds for future ventures.



Our group also took part in a bucket collection for SVP in town. During the Christmas season we made 18 hampers and 131 families were helped in our community. Members from the SVP group also took part in the Big Deise Sleep Out and we did a cake sale to raise money towards that, we made €755 overall.

We recently made cupcakes with inspiring notes on them for our 3rd years as part of wellbeing week and to give them a positive mind set for their upcoming to the exams.

We have some exciting upcoming events like a SVP sing along in St Patricks Hospital that will be starting in February 2019. We have really enjoyed helping out and supporting SVP this term.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SAYING
"THANK YOU"

THANK
YOU



Thank you for supporting
the **SVP** Annual Appeal.

Thank you for helping save someone
from a life of poverty.

Your generous support enables us to provide food, heat and other
practical assistance to homes throughout Ireland this winter.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a registered charity - CHY6892

Thank you: two small words that, put together, are one of the most important messages a charity can share with its supporters.

Not only does saying thank you show you value them, but it can make all the difference if you need to ask for support again.

If your fellow students/teachers/local community have helped you with one of your projects, please make sure you have sent a note of thanks!!!



RAMSGRANGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CO. WEXFORD



Our team from left to right: Mickey, Joshua, Emma, Latisha, Molly, Anna-Mai, Paloma, Sophia, Brianna and Siobhain.
(Missing from Photo – Adam and Stephen)

We are the Ramsgrange Community School SVP Conference. We got together during the first term. We have met with Debbie a number of times now and we really look forward to her visits.

We are working on a number of projects this year, many of them are awareness raising. Our first project was focused on the mental health of students. We decided to create information notices for the student toilets. These notices had important contact numbers that students might need; such as Pieta House, the Samaritans, LGBT Support groups etc, etc.

During February we are going to celebrate St Valentine's day in the school by giving everyone in the school a Rose (Chocolate, not flower)!! We also plan on masking a hamper of treats for the nurses and staff of the local nursing home as a token of our appreciation for the work they do.

In March we plan to do the exercise "I am Muslim" in the central area of the school at lunch time, we are really looking forward to this activity. Finally in May we are going to do workshops with the first year class groups to teach them about SVP and the work SVP does.

We are really looking forward to the regional SVP day in Waterford where we will meet with all the other groups.



ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEW ROSS, CO.WEXFORD

On the 4th of December 2018, we made sock cupcakes to bring on our trip to the day-care centre. Everyone brought in a pair of fluffy socks, which we rolled up and put into bun cases. We then decorated them with cellophane and a bow.

On the 11th of December 2018 12 students travelled to our local elderly day care centre. We sang Christmas carols to them. They really appreciated us coming down to visit us and we made them very happy



This year, for our annual Christmas hamper competition, we decided to focus more on the food rather than the presentation. We filled the boxes and donated them to the SVP and meals on wheels. We wanted to help people struggling around Christmas time by giving them food and other necessities.



For the preparation for the mocks, we have decided to make stress balls for the 3rd years and brownies for the 6th years. To make the stress balls, we need balloons and flour. We doubled up the balloons and filled them with flour. Hopefully these will aid with the exam students stress 😊



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So far for the young St Vincent de Paul project we have done many activities and carried out many tasks to do our best to help.



We have enjoyed this programme since the start and are looking forward to doing more in the future!

Our first activity was a non-uniform day in our school where each student was asked to wear something light blue in colour to raise awareness within the school about the young SVP project. We also made posters to inform people that there is a young SVP in our school. Students were asked to bring in 2 euro which went to our local St. Vincent de Paul group. In total we raised 500 euro..

Our second and third activity linked in together. We done a food appeal for Christmas hampers. We asked each student to bring in at least one non-perishable food item while trying to keep variety. We then got cardboard boxes and wrapped them with Christmas wrapping paper with helped from our English teacher Ms. Kinsella and her 6th year LCVP class.

The second part of this activity was that we joined the 3rd years bake sale and set up our own stall of cakes and buns that we sold for 1 euro each. The money made from the bake sale was used to buy vouchers to put into the Christmas hampers

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We gave out cookies and brownies to the 6th Years in October. About 9 people both in the committee and in our year contributed to making the brownies. The 6th years were delighted to get an unexpected treat. The next thing we did was in November, we hosted a bake sale in order to raise money, so that in our future SVP projects we would have money to buy stuff we needed for certain events.

In December a group of us hosted a movie afternoon for the second years. They bought lots of sweets and treats for the girls and that was enjoyed by both the 2nd years and the TYs as well..

For the exam students we are giving out tea and biscuits as a treat as we know from experience that any time exams are going on can be very stressful. We think giving them this treat, will hopefully take away some of the stress they put on themselves.



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