



## **Summary of YCNI advice to the Department of Education and the Education Authority on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

1. YCNI members noted, with regret the liquidation of YouthNet due solely to the crystallisation of large deficit in the organisation's Pension Fund with NILGOS.
2. YCNI advised that the closure of YouthNet will have a detrimental effect on the Sector which is comprised of independent 'charities' with their own unique 'ethos', governance and methods of working with young people, all contributing to Priorities for Youth.

YCNI advised that the regional voluntary youth sector should be supported financially to appoint, in the interim a consultant/Liaison Officer to be funded from the allocation made to YouthNet but paying regard to both the sensitivities of the independence of the sector and the legal requisites of EA.