

## **Start360-Putting YOU at the Centre**

**Start360 is Northern Ireland's leading provider of support services to young people, adult offenders and families in the community.**

We provide a range of services and interventions in the areas of health, justice and employability.

We have an excellent track record working with young people and adults in partnership with the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. Start360 supports people through an extensive range of skill-based programmes and services.

Start360 has continually developed its services to meet the changing needs of people in Northern Ireland. By holding true to our core vision, we continue to provide a range of innovative services focused on making a positive impact on their lives.

The organization has grown to be the one of the biggest youth organizations in Northern Ireland, working with almost 20,000 young people, vulnerable adults and their families in each year. We offer a diverse range of interventions from family support, counselling, mentoring, and advocacy through to group work and intensive residential experiences. In terms of the work our services provide this extends to supporting, encouraging and facilitating young people and vulnerable adults to overcome their difficulties in terms of mental health, substance use, offending behavior and other risk-taking activities. This work occurs in a variety of settings including the juvenile justice center, the young offender's center, the prisons, residential care, youth clubs, schools, the home and the community.

Start360 services are built on evidence-based practice. With support from our partners we believe we can develop new innovative ways of establishing and maintaining services that are available to address the complex and diverse needs of marginalized young people and vulnerable adults in Northern Ireland. Start360 continue to work with those whose opportunities in life are potentially materially restricted by their behavior or environment.

Start360 currently employs 113 people and has offices in Belfast, Derry, Ballymena, Lurgan, Omagh and Enniskillen. In addition, we have teams located in Hydebank Young Offenders Centre, Maghaberry and Magilligan Prisons.

**Cool Choices is a unique project funded by the Big Lottery Ideas Fund, delivered by Start360 in partnership with Cool FM.**

The Cool Choices programme supports young people aged 16-24 who are not in employment, education or training, to develop their broadcast, production and digital media skills whilst also providing the support necessary for them to reduce their barriers to employment. This 2-year pilot programme that runs over an intensive 15-week period. Participants enrolling will enhance their employment opportunities for the future. Participants will be supported to work towards gaining OCN qualifications across employability and personal development with transition choices, securing employment and further training along with alternative pathways and support.



Forum for Adult Learning

NI

ECORYS



Co-funded by the  
Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union