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## **Education and Training Inspectorate**

### **Area-Based Inspection**

### **West Belfast Area Project**

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## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - WEST BELFAST AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an area-based inspection of the West Belfast Area Project within the overall Youth Service provision during March 2009.

### **Strengths include:**

- the good quality of planning to deliver youth provision in response to the identified needs of the community and the young people which also reflects the corporate plan of the Belfast Education and Library Board;
- the good range and quality of relevant programmes and opportunities for the young people in a range of settings; including specific transition programmes delivered through 'Youth Work: A Model for Effective Practice'; and
- the very good quality of the care, guidance and support for young people.

### **Areas for improvement are the need to:**

- deploy youth workers in schools more strategically; and
- demonstrate and record the effectiveness of the Youth Service in supporting young people through key transition stages.

The overall composite report for the area-based inspection raises some important recurring areas for improvement. While these are not applicable in all the individual organisations, they are nevertheless important to address across the West Belfast area.

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