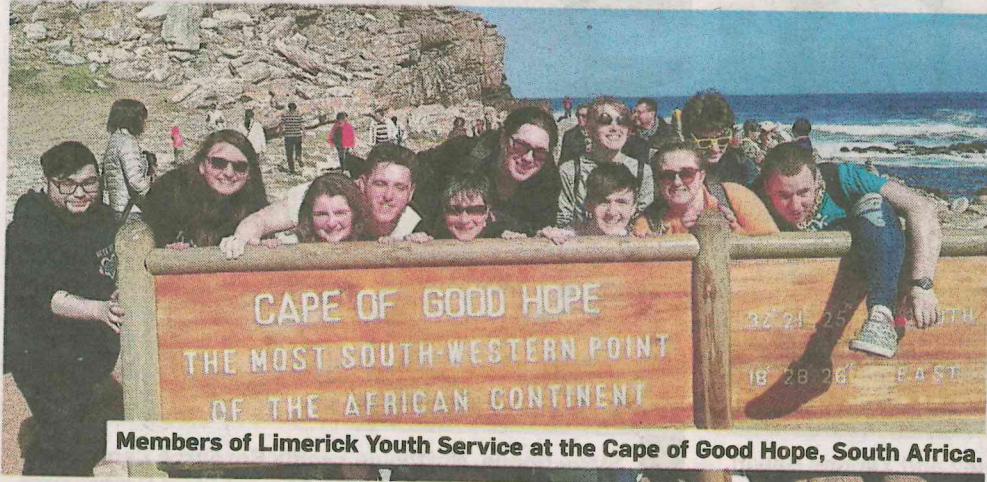


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Limerick voices heard in Africa



Members of Limerick Youth Service at the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

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LIMERICK teens who are members of the Limerick Be Heard group had no problem speaking up when they visited South Africa recently to take part in a Youth Global Awareness Programme in Cape Town.

The young people were there as guests of their sister group Cape Town Be Heard. Limerick Be Heard is a collaborative group consisting of Limerick Youth Service (LYS), the University of Limerick (UL) and Limerick Comhairle na nÓg.

Created in 2016, Limerick Be Heard aims to increase the political participation and civic engagement of groups whose voices are rarely heard in mainstream electoral discussions.

"The Youth Global Programme was hosted and organised by the International Federation of Worker's Education Association (IFWEA) an

international Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) dedicated to community and worker education. We discussed ways to increase participation in politics in a way that is inclusive, creative, subversive, diverse, and respectful," said UL Politics Professor Maura Adshead.

As part of the week long programme, participants shared their experiences of promoting youth issues and discussed the challenges of encouraging young people to engage in the democratic process. They also went on field trips to tourist sites and spent some time in the Townships.

"Our visits to the 'Townships' were incredibly moving. We visited schools and spoke with local students. The conditions were eye-opening, we learned that many of the areas had their water supply turned off after 6pm and had limited access to Wi-Fi, things that we take for granted," said Limerick Youth Service representative, John Real.



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