

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND'S YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S STRATEGY



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A CONTEXT IN WHICH...



4 in 10 Children are 'very' or 'quite' worried about the environment.



In 2019 the most desired job for a 14 year old was to be a 'YouTuber'.

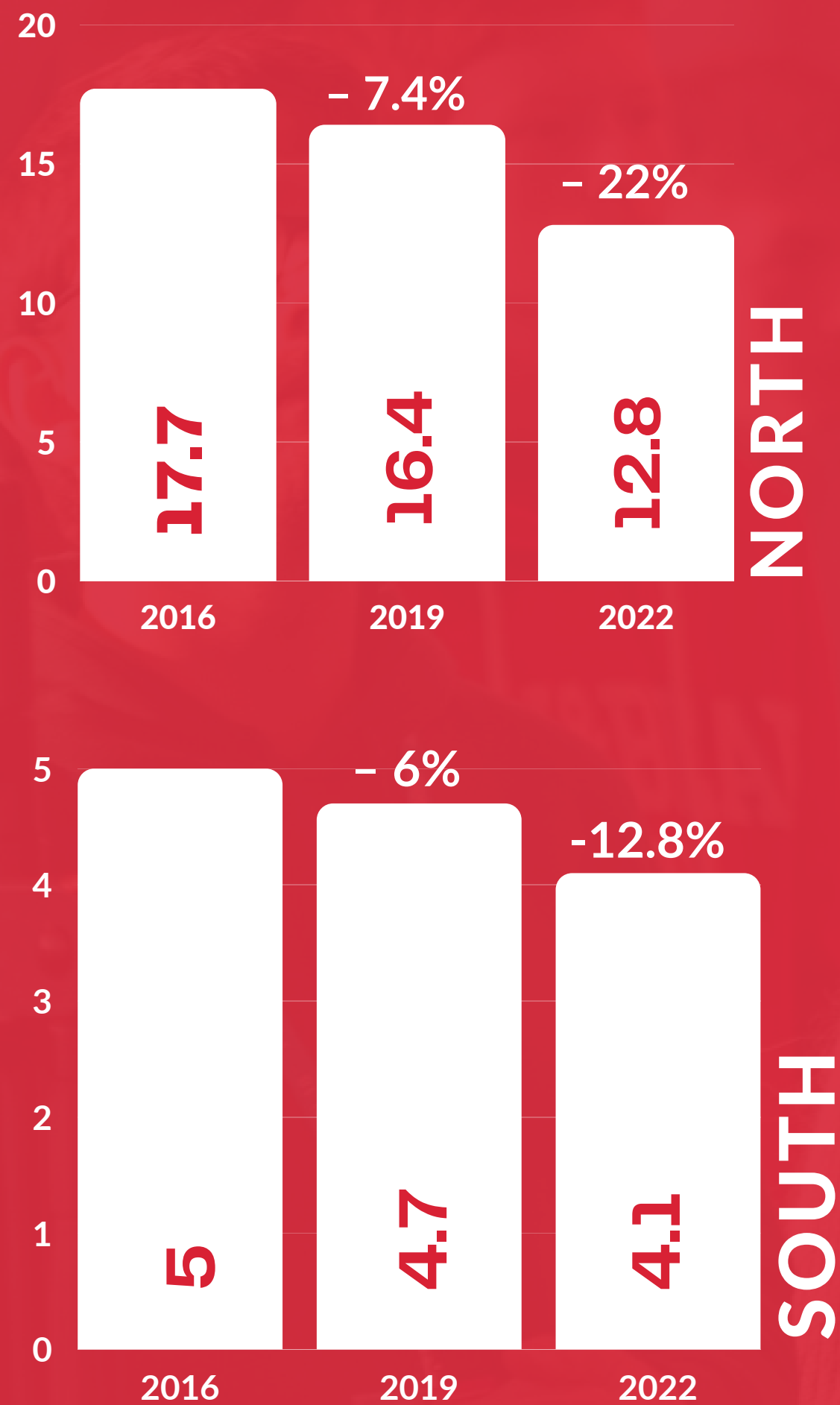


The top concern for 1000 young people surveyed in Ireland was Mental Health.

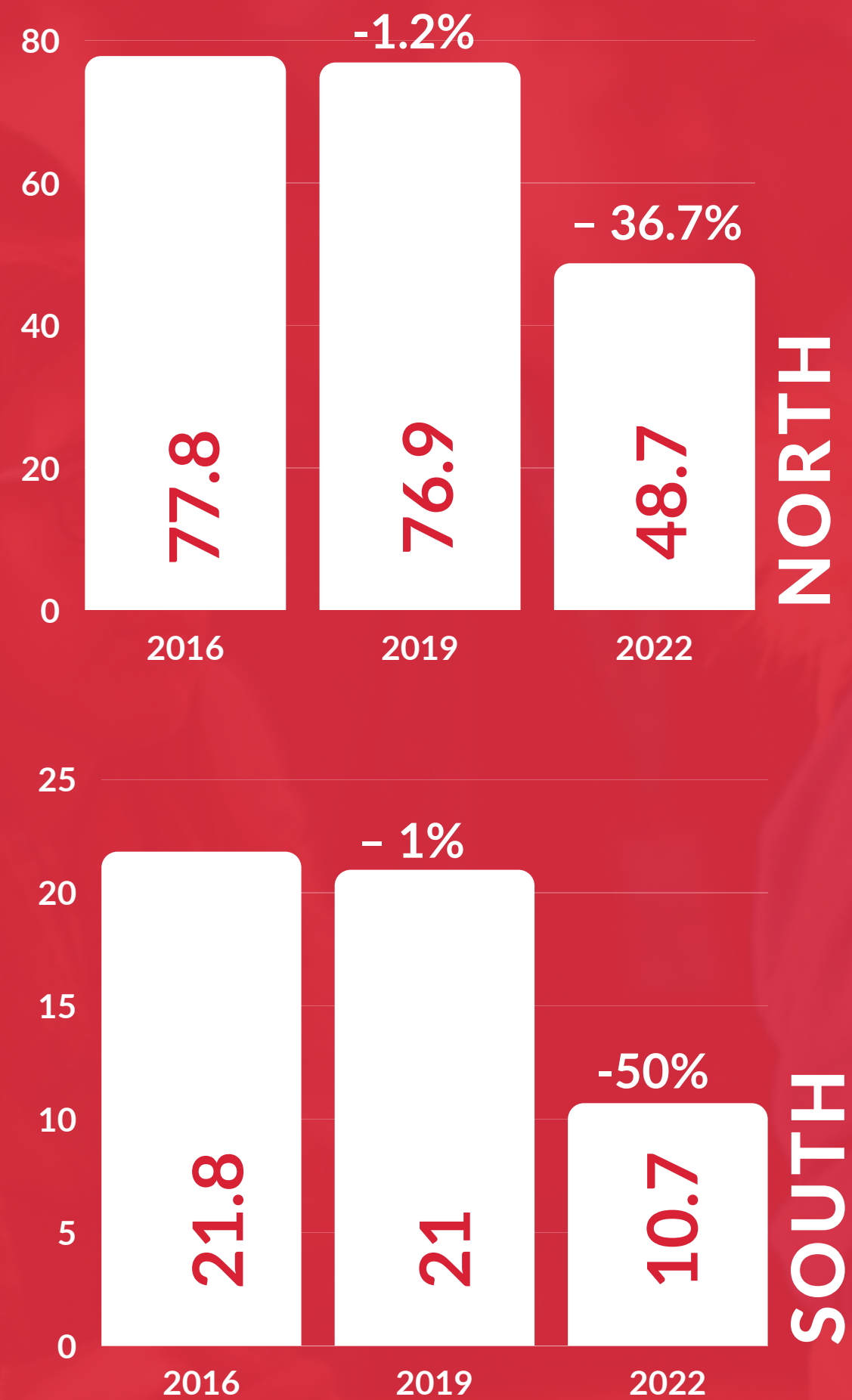


1 in 9 Children have low well-being.

VOLUNTEERS



YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASKING...



IRELAND DEMOGRAPHICS



1,301,211
TOTAL POPULATION
(10-24 YEAR OLDS)



410
TOTAL NUMBER OF
YOUTH WORKERS



5664
TOTAL NUMBER OF
CHURCHES



**1 Youth
Worker**
FOR EVERY 82
CHURCHES

PROVINCIAL POPULATION (10-24 YRS)

PER CHURCH-BASED YOUTH WORKER

ULSTER



417,507
YOUNG PEOPLE

LEINSTER



521,224
YOUNG PEOPLE

CONNACHT



109,036
YOUNG PEOPLE

MUNSTER



253,444
YOUNG PEOPLE



CHURCH BASED YW
1 YW to 2,821 Youth



CHURCH BASED YW
1 YW to 22,662 Youth




CHURCH BASED YW
1 YW to 15,577 Youth



CHURCH BASED YW
1 YW to 21,120 Youth



84% of young people who choose to follow Jesus do so before the age of 25



**"Children and Young People matter.
We love them, we have a heart for them and we
carry a mission imperative to engage them."**



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"By 2028 there will be a substantial increase in the numbers of young people who are wholehearted followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world."



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EVERY CIRCUIT STRATEGY

Accompanying every circuit as they develop a strategy to enable them to be intentionally discipling and actively reaching young people and their families.



NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Pioneering new faith communities, whose primary goal is to reach young people and their families.



LEADERS WHO ARE YOUNG

Intentional passing on of leadership, engaging and releasing the under 25's into leadership that shapes the Methodist Church in Ireland.



THEOLOGICAL RESOURCING

We will be a church that is engaging and informing on cultural issues, so that young people have safe spaces to process the issues and questions relevant to their world and stage of development.

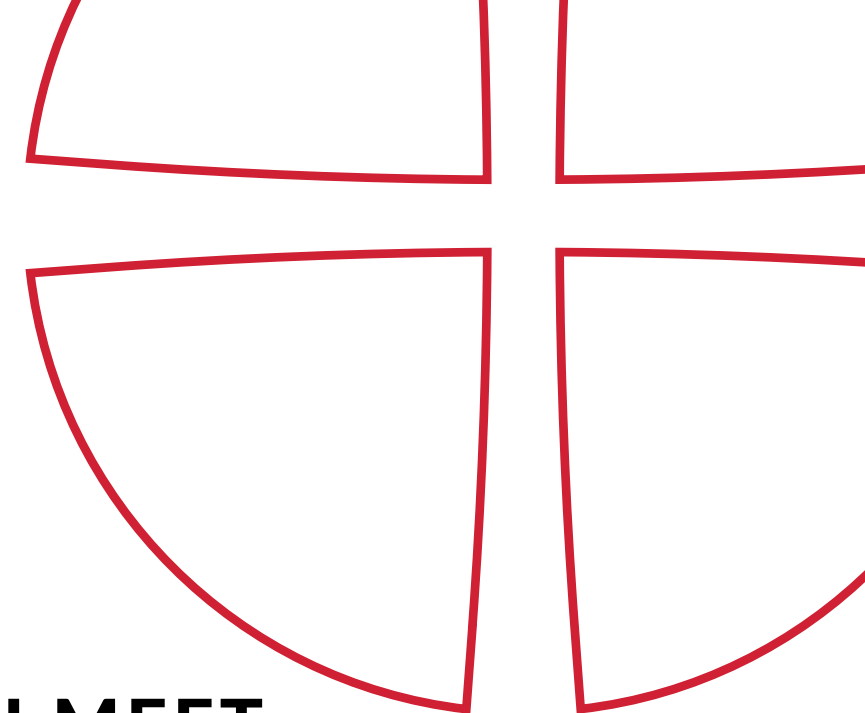




**This part of God's mission
requires us all.**



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HOLY SPIRIT, WHO SPEAKS GREAT TRUTH THROUGH THOSE YOU MEET.

**YOU'VE USED YOUNG PEOPLE TO BRING YOUR WORD TO RICH AND POOR,
YOUNG AND OLD, PRINCES, PRIESTS AND PROPHETS.**

**THE SERVANT GIRL SPOKE OF YOUR HEALING POWER TO
NAAMAN AND BECAUSE HE LISTENED TO HER HE WAS HEALED.**



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**SAMUEL HEARD YOUR VOICE IN THE NIGHT AND HID NOTHING
OF THE TRUTH TO ELI.**

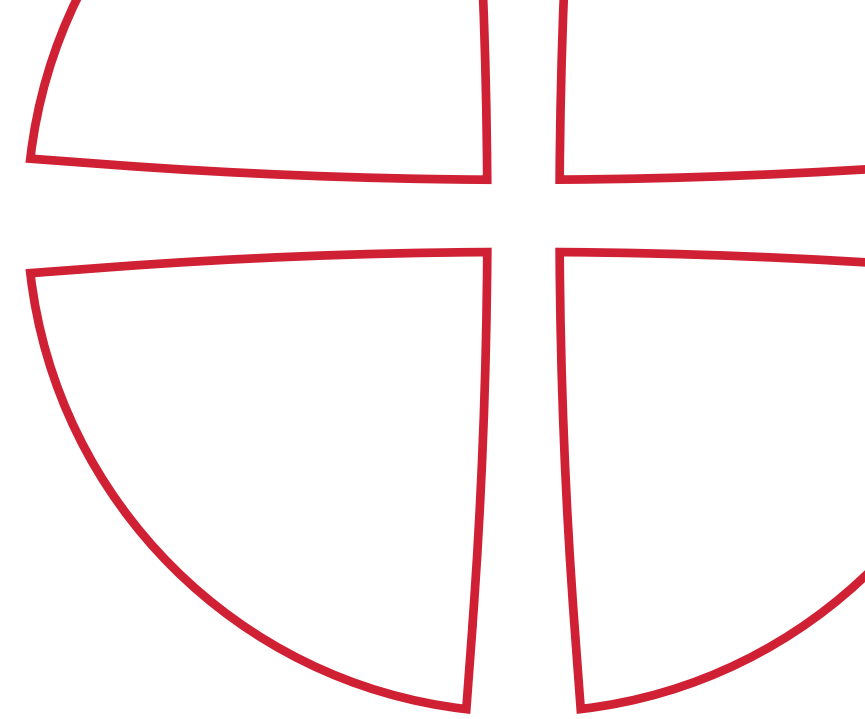
**THE APOSTLE PAUL ENTRUSTED TIMOTHY TO SPEAK TO YOUR PEOPLE
AND LEAD THE CHURCH FORWARD.**

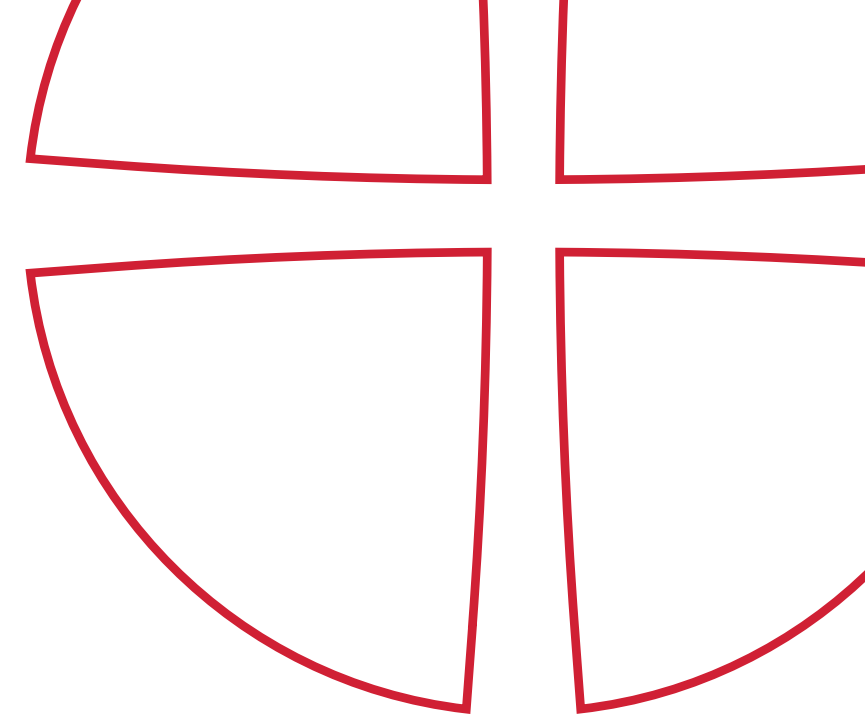
**HELP US TO LISTEN TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES WHOSE FAITH IS OFTEN
MORE COURAGEOUS THAN OUR OWN.**

MAY YOU INTERVENE IN OUR LIVES THROUGH THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

**MAY WE TOO SEEK TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCHES,
OUR SCHOOLS, OUR DROP-INS.**

**GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE WORDS YOU WISH FOR US TO HEAR AND GIVE US
ATTENTIVE EARS TO RECEIVE THEM.**





BECAUSE YOU SPEAK AND WE WANT TO LISTEN.

AMEN

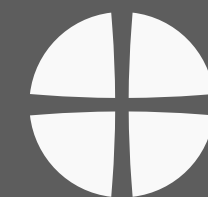


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- **WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THIS?**

- **WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE CHALLENGING?**



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