

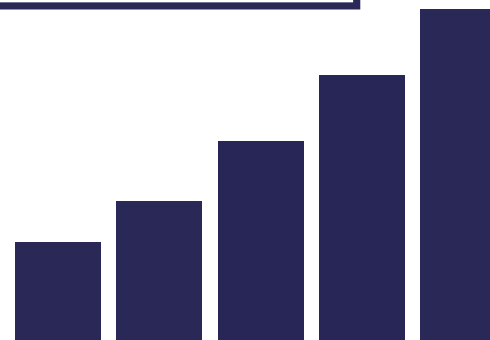
2025 Annual Report





Table of Contents

- 1. CEO Foreword**
- 2. Chairperson's Report**
- 3. STEAM Update**
- 4. Afterschool Update**
- 5. Leadership Update**
- 6. Fast Track Academy Update**
- 7. Partnerships**
- 8. Replication**
- 9. Highlights, Successes & Citywise Stories**
- 10. Climate, Science & Language Centre**
- 11. Financial Report**
- 12. Supporters 2025**



CEO Foreword



As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the continued progress of Citywise Education in delivering on our mission: ‘improving communities by working with young people to develop the whole person through academic support and personal development’. For over twenty-five years, Citywise has supported young people to reach their full potential through a combination of personal development, STEAM education, and academic programmes.

Our work complements and strengthens the efforts of schools, creating a community-based response to educational disadvantage. Throughout this time, we have remained responsive to the evolving challenges faced by our communities, adapting and growing in line with the ambitions of the young people we serve.

2025 was no different; it was a particularly significant year in our journey. We worked with 500 young people each week, delivering over 6,000 hours of programmes and supports throughout the year. Encouragingly, many young people engaged across multiple programmes, demonstrating the strength of the Citywise model in fostering long-term participation and holistic development.

A key highlight was the continued success of our Fast Track Academy (FTA). This comprehensive programme, combining tuition, mentorship, leadership development, and career guidance, continues to deliver exceptional outcomes. This year, 95% of our Leaving Certificate participants progressed to third-level education, not, in itself, the only measure of success, but an example of what is possible when opportunity and hard work meet talent.

Our STEAM programmes also continued to expand. Through initiatives such as STEAM Makers, young people engaged with cutting-edge technologies including virtual reality, robotics, and 3D printing, building essential 21st-century skills.

Our Afterschool and Leadership programmes further strengthened, including the continued development of our Engage model, which provides flexible, drop-in supports for harder-to-reach young people. This remains a critical part of ensuring inclusivity and broadening our impact.

Beyond direct service delivery, Citywise continued to grow its influence within the wider education and youth sector. We have strengthened our voice at both local and national level, contributing to advisory groups, government forums, and sector partnerships. Encouragingly, this growing recognition has also translated into increased state investment in our work, reflecting a deeper understanding of the long-term value and impact of the Citywise model.



A major milestone in 2025 was the advancement of our Climate, Science and Language Centre. Construction began in Q4, marking the start of a transformative development for Citywise and the wider community. This state-of-the-art, whole-life net-zero carbon facility will increase our capacity by 60%, enabling us to serve up to 800 young people each week once completed in 2027. Just as importantly, it represents our belief that young people in every community deserve access to world-class facilities and opportunities.

We also made meaningful progress in expanding beyond West Tallaght, growing our presence in Clondalkin, Crumlin, and Ballymun. Through partnerships with like-minded organisations, we have begun to replicate elements of the Citywise model in new communities, supporting others to adapt our approach while maintaining its core principles. This work lays the foundation for long-term national impact.

The year also marked the conclusion of our 2023–2025 strategic plan, which saw significant growth in both the depth and reach of our work. Building on this momentum, we have launched our new strategic plan for 2026–2028. This strategy sets out an ambitious path forward: expanding our reach to thousands more young people, strengthening the quality and consistency of our programmes, deepening our role as a leader in the sector, and progressing our model of replication in communities across Ireland. Central to this vision is the development of the Climate, Science and Language Centre as a national centre of excellence.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters. Most importantly, it is driven by the commitment and potential of the young people we serve, who continue to inspire everything we do. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Chairperson's Report



'The true measure of success is what you give, not what you have.'

At a recent event in Citywise, Áine Kerr, the award winning entrepreneur and broadcaster, spoke passionately about the responsibility of using the privileges we have in life to better the circumstances of others, and how Citywise was such a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

It was both a moving and very proud moment for me as Chair of the Citywise Board of Directors, as it has been the ultimate privilege for me to be part of such an incredible organisation for the past 30 years.

Citywise is about helping young people build lives of purpose, and this year we have witnessed ever-increasing recognition from public bodies, corporate partners and private funders of the impact Citywise is having on individual lives and communities. It is no longer just those involved who are shouting it from the rooftops, as 2025 has seen our work showcased on the local, national and international stage across radio, print and TV.

This is no coincidence and it is decades of hard work coming to fruition. The success of Citywise is a story of individual dedication, an incredible and relentless community spirit and an unwavering faith in human potential. I'd like to thank the team managing the building of the Climate, Science and Language Centre who continue to add to their decades of commitment to Citywise, and at this point recognise and thank Daire for his pivotal role as CEO in the growth of the organisation over this past year, and the ever-expanding reach within Tallaght and beyond as our programmes are replicated in communities across Dublin.

But alongside Daire is an incredible team of staff, volunteers, parents, leaders, funders and members who play just as important a role in building this organisation that we are so proud of. I have witnessed how each member of staff goes beyond the call of duty to ensure that every person who crosses the doorway has a warm, positive experience in Citywise, and for this generosity we thank you.

Citywise is fiercely proud of the young people of Jobstown, and at the 2025 Citywise Awards Night the pride our members have in their community, in Citywise and in themselves was palpable.

They have a great sense of hope for the future which is central to our mission and for me is evidence of the positive impact our staff and leaders are having on the young people.

It also highlights the hunger there is for what we provide, and the urgency for our expansion in Jobstown with the Climate, Science and Language Centre, and further afield in Knockmitten, Crumlin, Ballymun and beyond.

I'll conclude by thanking the Board of Directors for all of their commitment and dedication throughout 2025. They continue to contribute their time, experience and expertise, and are the invisible 'wind in the sails' of the organisation.

Go raibh maith agaibh,
Paul Whinnery



STEAM Update

Citywise has continued to deliver a broad range of STEAM programmes within the West Tallaght community, supporting young people in developing pathways towards careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Digital Arts, and Mathematics. In response to emerging research and evolving community needs, Citywise has further strengthened its STEAM initiatives over the past year.

Our flagship programme, formerly known as CS Makers, was renamed STEAM Makers in September 2025 to reflect a strengthened focus on integrating the arts into our STEAM education offerings. This change followed a significant expansion of arts-based learning across our programmes, recognising the important role creativity and artistic expression play alongside science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

One of the clearest examples of this development is our ITSO (*In the Style Of*) programme, which forms part of the broader STEAM Makers experience. Through this initiative, children select and recreate scenes from films or television shows using professional equipment, providing them with opportunities to develop creativity, storytelling, and digital production skills in a hands-on and engaging environment.



STEAM Update



Number of young people supported through STEAM programmes in 2025

428

Number of hours of STEAM activities in 2025

1,200+

Percentage of STEAM respondents who said that STEAM helped them improve their creativity

92%

We also strengthened our use of the hard sciences within all our STEAM offerings, but particularly STEAM Makers. STEAM Makers now includes three new modules focused on the hard sciences:

1. **Engineering:** This three-week module helps students develop their creativity, dexterity and problem-solving skills. They are tasked with creating structures following a short theory session (bridges, boats, towers, etc.).
2. **Climate Science:** This 3-week module sees the students explore the effort required to grow crops and plants and the impact that climate change has on this at personal, national and global levels. It involves microscopy, botany, agricultural science and sustainability.
3. **Chemistry:** This 3-week module sees the students take a hands-on approach to chemistry experiments, including:
 - Extracting DNA from fruit
 - Creating their own pH scale
 - Investigating invisible inks

STEAM Update

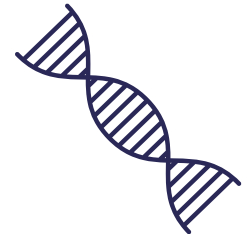


Alongside these creative opportunities, STEAM Makers continues to provide strong foundations in technology and digital learning. Local primary schools visit the Citywise centre weekly to participate in workshops focused on robotics, coding, multimedia, and design. Through these interactive sessions, young people gain practical experience with technologies such as Lego Mindstorms, micro:bit, Scratch, virtual reality, 3D printing and green screen technology.

A key element of the programme's success is its collaborative and peer-learning approach, supported by strong partnerships with local schools.

Citywise believes that access to engaging STEAM education can significantly enrich a young person's school experience. Research suggests that learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom environment can motivate attendance and improve pupils' overall engagement with school. Through the STEAM Makers programme, alongside other complementary initiatives, Citywise aims to support local efforts to address attendance challenges and contribute positively to the educational experience of children in DEIS schools across the community.

STEAM Update



91%

of STEAM respondents reported improved problem-solving skills.

83%

of STEAM respondents would like to continue participating in their programmes



STEAMETTES

Our STEAMettes programme participated in the ESB Science Blast, where participants explored the question, “*Why is the sky blue?*” This inquiry led them to research and develop a project using the scientific method, engaging with experts in the area and developing their presentation skills. We were extremely proud of the team who attended the RDS in March 2025 to showcase their findings at their stand.



LEGO ROBOTICS

Our Lego Robotics team also enjoyed another outstanding year, representing Citywise at the FIRST LEGO League Competition. Through dedication, teamwork, and months of preparation, the team once again achieved remarkable success and proudly brought home the Regional Core Values Trophy.

Their hard work was recognised at the regional finals, where they received an Innovation Award before progressing to compete at the FIRST LEGO League All-Ireland National Final in March 2025. With exciting plans already underway for the coming year, we look forward to seeing the team continue to grow and achieve even greater success.



BIOTECHIES

2025 saw the return of the BioTechies programme, a Citywise initiative for TY students and above interested in pursuing careers in the biological sciences. The programme aims to educate and empower young people by exposing them to career pathways and opportunities in biotechnology and related fields.

Guest speakers included doctors, quality assurance specialists, laboratory technicians, bioengineers, and pharmacists. Students also had the opportunity to apply this learning through site visits to the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training in April and the Pfizer Grange Castle facility in October.

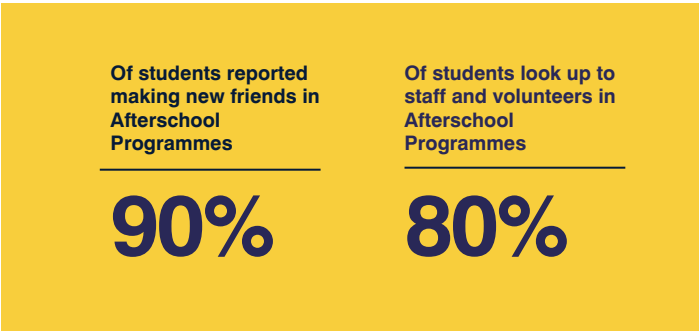
Afterschool Update



Citywise’s Afterschool strand offers a wide range of programmes for young people with the aim of educational development from a holistic perspective. Our clubs offer activities that allow young people to develop hard skills that develop through the programme, and the necessary soft skills (such as resilience, confidence and social skills) through various activities such as sports, games, outings, cooking and many other activities.



For our primary school students, our afterschool programmes—Athens and Brussels (boys) and Grenoble and Hamburg (girls)—continued to attract strong weekly attendance. Homework Club remained our most popular programme, engaging students from 3rd to 6th Class. Long-established clubs such as Art, Guitar, and Chess, all running for over five years, continued to grow and attract new participants throughout the year. We launched a new Irish-language group, Gaoth Dobhair/Conamara, designed to help our young people develop Irish skills through games, creative activities, songs, and other fun, interactive learning experiences.



Afterschool Update

For our secondary school students, we redesigned our Intermediate Fast Track programme, now under the new name of Secondary Sparks. This programme aims to ease young people into secondary school by mixing informal education and fun activities. They explore themes like social media, artificial intelligence, theatre, film, music, history and philosophy.

We continued our Creative Art Studio, which emerged from the Citywise Engage Project in 2022. This club gives young people the freedom to express their artistic interests, exploring new concepts as a collective group. This club was well positioned as a transitional club, allowing participants from Art Club to progress into a more senior space.

Creative Media



We also launched a new club called Creative Media Club. This club exists with the aim of having young people turn creative ideas into mini-projects. These projects include music videos centred around a specific theme, a whole fictional world designed from A to Z and a short documentary later. While partaking in these activities, they learn practical hard and soft skills, and gradually become camera and media experts. We have seen many successful media-focused projects since its inception.

Whisk & Weave



In 2025, we concluded our hugely successful pilot stage of a new programme called Whisk & Weave. This club provides young people with a space to learn how to bake and cook along with workshops on how to sew, knit and embroider. This club came from a petition started by a young person who saw a gap in our offerings and wanted to establish a new club. We have run multiple sessions since November, and our enrolments are already at 20 young people, with an expectation for growth in 2026.



Afterschool Update



SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAYS

679
Students



SEASONAL CAMPS

- * Six local schools participated in our Activity Days in May/June of 2025. Students from these local primary schools participated in a full day of sports, STEAM and engaging activities.
- * Our Easter and Summer Camps were once again action-packed this year! Over the Easter mid-term break, camps were delivered by our staff, volunteers and young leaders from our Leadership programme.
- * 2025 was one of our busiest summers to date. Our summer camps were packed with physical activities, arts and crafts, STEAM-specific programmes, fun off-site activities and outdoor trips.

Easter Camp
Participants:

115

Summer Camp
Participants:

645



SCHOOL REWARD DAYS

- * We continued our School Reward Days programme, strengthening partnerships with local schools by rewarding primary school students with positive behaviour and attendance through a day of fun and educational activities at Citywise.
- * The programme also introduces students to Citywise clubs and activities, providing an avenue for them to become enrolled in our programmes in the future.

Partner Schools:

4

Students Reached:

133

Afterschool Update

Our annual ice-skating trip returned in December 2025 and was once again one of the most memorable moments of the year. For the first time, Citywise booked out the entire ice rink, creating a memorable experience for all involved. Over 150 young people, leaders, volunteers, and staff took to the ice, making it one of our largest events of the year.

The trip brought together participants from across all our programmes to celebrate their achievements, enjoy time with friends, and mark the end of a busy and successful year. Filled with fun, laughter, and some slips on the ice, it was a fitting way to close out 2025 together.



Leadership Update



This year, our Leadership Programme continued to grow significantly, building on the success of our pilot initiative in Knockmitten. Alongside the continued delivery of programmes in Knockmitten Community Centre, we launched a new 15-week Leadership Programme in partnership with The Clay Youth Project in Crumlin. Across our three leadership hubs—Citywise, Knockmitten, and The Clay Project—we engaged and developed 110 young leaders.

We are excited to celebrate this achievement through our inaugural Leadership Graduation Ceremony in 2026, delivered in partnership with Trinity College Dublin and the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP). This will be a fantastic opportunity for our leaders to graduate with their Level 1, 2 & 3 certificates.

Within Citywise, our Leadership Programme continued to operate through weekly Tuesday training sessions, alongside practical volunteering opportunities throughout the week. This year, we introduced several enhancements to the curriculum, placing a greater emphasis on teamwork, collaboration, and peer-led learning.

Leaders worked together to design and facilitate monthly sessions for their peers, while additional hands-on activities helped prepare them for key roles during Summer Camps and Community Activity Days. Alongside these developments, participants continued to engage with our core leadership training programme.

**Leaders
Enrolled**

110

**Volunteering
Hours**

4,000



Leadership Update



Throughout the year, leaders explored a wide range of topics including online safety, character education, personal development, and the Citywise Way. Crucially, they were given opportunities to put these lessons into practice through meaningful service and volunteering. Leaders supported younger participants with homework and afterschool activities, assisted with fundraising initiatives, and played active roles in community events and activity days.

A highlight of the year was an overnight leadership retreat to Laurel Lodge in Ballyknockan, Co. Wicklow. During the retreat, participants took part in a variety of leadership development workshops, many of which were facilitated by senior leaders, providing valuable peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

Volunteering remains at the heart of the Leadership Programme. Whether collecting for the Citywise Draw, supporting Summer Camps and Activity Days, or assisting with the delivery of afterschool programmes, our leaders consistently demonstrate a commitment to serving others. Collectively, they contributed an outstanding 4,000 volunteer hours over the course of the year.



Leadership Update



Moyross Limerick Visit

Our leaders also had the opportunity to visit a youth centre in Moyross, Limerick. The visit provided valuable insight into how another organisation serving a similar community operates. Through shared activities, discussions, and observations, leaders learned new approaches to youth work and programme delivery while exchanging ideas and experiences.



Adrian Barry Guest Speaker

Throughout the year, leaders were inspired by a range of guest speakers and workshops. Highlights included a session with Adrian Barry from Off The Ball. Our leaders engaged in an insightful question-and-answer session and gained valuable perspectives on resilience, performance, and leadership.



James Lumumba Workshop

Our leaders also attended a thought-provoking values workshop delivered by life coach, James Lumumba. Through interactive discussions and reflective exercises, participants explored topics such as personal identity, purpose, integrity, and the importance of making values-driven decisions.

Leadership Update



An exciting international dimension was added to the programme through a Women in Leadership project delivered through an Erasmus+ KA-210 project in partnership with Fondazione Toscana Sostenibile in Italy. Following an initial visit to Dublin by the Italian delegation, a group of female leaders travelled to Italy to collaborate on a comparative case study exploring the challenges and opportunities facing young women in both countries. The project focused on themes including civic engagement, female empowerment, and addressing social issues. The experience proved both educational and transformative for participants, and we hope to build on its success by developing a similar international leadership opportunity for male leaders next year.



Fast Track Academy Update



Fast Track Academy continued to provide vital academic and personal development supports throughout 2025, helping 3rd, 5th, and 6th Year students prepare for their Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examinations. Since its launch in 2017, the programme has had a transformative impact on young people in West Tallaght, supporting them to achieve their educational goals and broaden their future study and career aspirations.

The programme is built around four key elements: additional tuition classes, supervised study, mentoring, and guest speaker sessions. Together, these supports help students develop the skills, confidence, and aspirations needed to succeed in education and beyond.

The ultimate aim of Fast Track Academy is to support young people in progressing to further and higher education pathways, including university, PLC courses, apprenticeships, and other post-secondary opportunities. In Jobstown and local cluster areas in West Tallaght, college progression rates are currently as low as 12%, in comparison to 29% in the wider Dublin-24 area (Higher Education Authority). Over the last number of years, Citywise has achieved transformative success in tackling these statistics. For example, in 2025 we achieved:

182

Young People

Enrolled in Fast Track Academy across 2025

95%

Progression Rate

Participants in 2025 who progressed to Further and Higher Education from FTA

10.2%

Growth Rate

Percentage increase of students enrolled in the programme from 2024

35

Weeks

Weeks of FTA additional classes and study hours

46

Classes

Across 2025, the average number of additional classes offered to students each week

+1500

Study Hours

Number of study hours completed by FTA participants in 2025

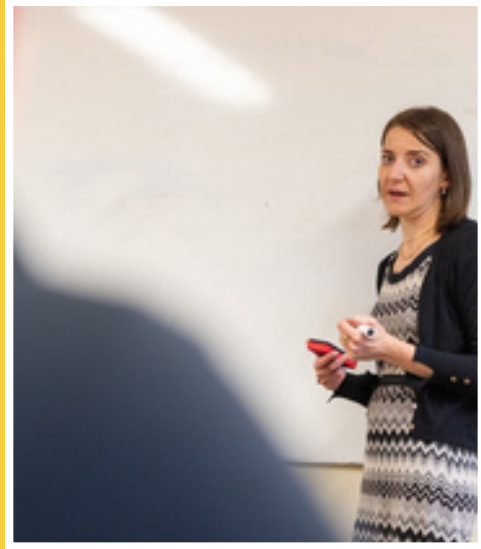
Fast Track Academy Update

Pillar 1:



Supervised Study

Pillar 2:



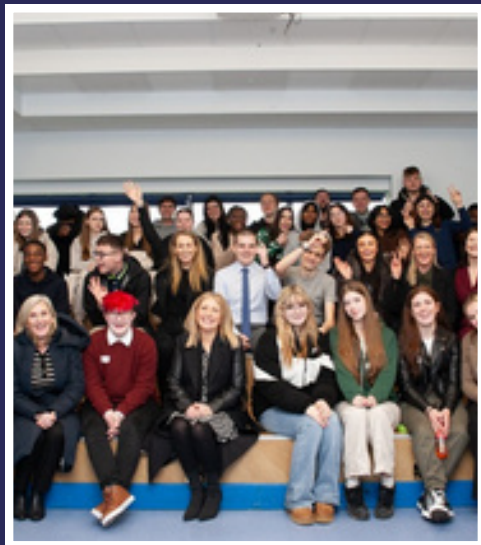
Additional Classes

Pillar 3:



Mentorship

Pillar 4:



Guest Speakers

Fast Track Academy Update



SUPERVISED STUDY

Our supervised study spaces continued to support 3rd, 5th, and 6th Year students from the local area, with our boys' and girls' study rooms open for over **25 hours each week**, Monday to Saturday. A key element of the programme, these spaces provide a quiet and supportive environment for study, with dedicated volunteers regularly assisting students with homework and exam preparation. Study facilities also remained open during midterm breaks and throughout the state exam period in June.



ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Additional classes remained a cornerstone of Fast Track Academy in 2025, delivered by more than **40 volunteers** each week, including returning volunteers, new recruits, and programme alumni. A total of **1,564 classes** were delivered across a wide range of subjects, including **Maths, Science, Languages, English, Irish, History, and Geography**. In response to growing demand, additional Maths classes were introduced, while new one-to-one language supports in **Italian, Spanish, German, and French** were launched by European volunteers. Additional classes also ran during school breaks, including popular Maths and Science revision blitzes.



MENTORSHIP

Mentoring remained a key element of Fast Track Academy in 2025, providing students with **one-to-one support from Citywise staff and volunteers**. These sessions helped young people navigate Junior and Leaving Certificate challenges, explore further education and career pathways, and make informed decisions about their future. Particular support was provided around **CAO applications**. Additional mentoring opportunities included **CV and interview workshops** delivered by KPMG, alongside guidance counselling sessions in Citywise, helping students develop the confidence and skills needed for life after school.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speaker sessions continued to broaden students' horizons in 2025, with highlights including two successful **Careers Evenings** featuring professionals from **finance, engineering, politics, trades, science, healthcare, and business**, as well as Fast Track Academy alumni. Additional sessions focused on alternative education and career pathways, including apprenticeship opportunities with **AWS in Data Technician and Buying & Merchandising roles**. Students also heard from elite athlete **Daniel Wiffen through a partnership with Deloitte**, alongside a range of professionals who shared insights into their careers, studies, and personal journeys.

Fast Track Update

Junior Fast Track

In 2025, Junior Fast Track students engaged with a wide range of research topics, including world cultures, space exploration, Language Week, and inspirational figures. Through creating posters, presentations, artwork, and group projects, participants developed their research, teamwork, creativity, communication, and presentation skills while building confidence in sharing their ideas with others.

A particular highlight of the year was a pen-pal project with students from Sworld in Vietnam. Before beginning the exchange, students took part in workshops exploring Vietnamese culture through traditional stories, art, and dance. They then exchanged letters, postcards, and videos with their peers, learning about each other's schools, daily lives, and cultural traditions. The project concluded with a live video call, providing a unique opportunity for students to connect with young people from across the world.

Students also participated in an annual service-learning initiative focused on tackling food poverty. As part of this project, they researched the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the goal of Zero Hunger, and delivered presentations on the issue. They then put their learning into action by preparing sandwiches and snack bags for donation to a local food drive in Tallaght.



Bridge 2 College Update



Bridge to College is a collaborative programme delivered by Citywise Education in partnership with Trinity Access Programmes (TAP). The two-week programme takes place across both the Citywise campus and Oriel House in Dublin City Centre, providing students with an engaging introduction to college life and the skills required to succeed in higher education.

Built around the themes of teamwork, project management, communication, and social development, the programme brings together students from 16 schools across Tallaght and surrounding communities. Participants are placed into mixed-school teams, encouraging them to build new relationships, broaden their perspectives, and develop confidence working with unfamiliar peers.

Throughout the programme, students complete a series of collaborative projects, with a new challenge introduced each day. Teams work together to plan, manage, and deliver their projects before presenting their work to the wider group. Activities include producing short films, creating marketing campaigns to promote colleges in Ireland and abroad, and designing and delivering short lessons on randomly assigned topics.

By the end of the programme, participants have strengthened their communication, leadership, and presentation skills, while gaining confidence and a greater understanding of the opportunities available through higher education. In May 2025, the B2C cohort graduated in Trinity College Dublin with their peers from other schools.

236

Young people
participating in
Citywise



Partnerships



A key element of our strategic plan includes an emphasis the replication of our programmes to other organisations and communities. In 2025, we built on the success of our pilot initiatives in 2024. This has been a key focus of the organisation in 2025 and we have been delighted to work with a number of organisations to begin the roll-out of replicating our programmes. We are thrilled to now be working in 3 new communities on a weekly basis.



Tricks of the Trade

Citywise has delivered weekly classes/workshops in maths to support those interested in pursuing a trade to meet the minimum maths entry criteria. Across the programme, we worked with two groups over a 10-week period. One cohort met in Citywise with the second group meeting in the Dublin South City Partnership learning space in Crumlin.



Fast Track Academy - Crumlin

In conjunction with Dublin South City Partnership, we have fully implemented our Fast Track Academy programme this year in Crumlin. After last year's pilot phase success, Citywise have implemented core aspects of the programme in a second location in Crumlin to over 40 young people in 2025.



Partnerships



This expansion has allowed us to share our experience and proven programme models with new partners while adapting delivery to meet the needs of each local community. Through ongoing collaboration, training and support, we are helping to build local capacity so that more young people can access high-quality educational and youth development opportunities. As we continue to learn from these partnerships, we are strengthening our replication model and laying the foundations for further expansion in the years ahead.



The Plough - Ballymun

Citywise has begun delivering afterschool programmes in a premises in Ballymun called 'The Plough'. During this project, we endeavour to replicate our afterschool programmes for primary school students. As of the end of 2025, we were engaging with over 60 young boys and girls on a weekly basis. We hope that this replication is a catalyst for further success in Ballymun.



Knockmitten Youth & Community Centre

In 2025, Citywise successfully expanded its Leadership Programme to Knockmitten Youth & Community Centre. Building on work that began in 2024, Citywise staff and young leaders supported the development of a local leadership programme emulating the Citywise model. Knockmitten leaders are now on track to graduate alongside their peers from Crumlin and Jobstown at Trinity College Dublin in 2026.



Partnerships



The CLAY Youth Project - Crumlin

In 2025, we successfully expanded our Leadership Programme to Crumlin through a new partnership with the CLAY Youth Project. Building on the success of our replication work in Knockmitten, Citywise staff and young leaders delivered training, workshops, and mentoring to establish a leadership programme rooted in the Citywise model. The partnership has already proven highly successful, supporting 16 young people to develop their leadership skills, confidence, and capacity for community engagement. These leaders are now on track to graduate alongside their peers from Knockmitten and Jobstown at Trinity College Dublin in 2026, marking another important milestone in the growth and impact of the programme.

Citywise
Operating In

4

Communities

Young People
Supported

150+

Across our 3 new partners

Programmes
Replicated

6

Afterschool, Leadership &
Fast Track Academy



Replication



During 2025, much of our replication activity focused on scaling out our model through the delivery of in-person programmes with partner organisations, while also advancing a systems change agenda centred on person-centred learning and youth development. Building on these foundations, we are now entering a phase of scaling deep, working closely with our partners to introduce selected new programmes that respond to the specific needs, interests, and aspirations of young people within their communities.

This approach prioritises depth of impact alongside growth, ensuring that Citywise's values, methodologies, and outcomes are embedded sustainably within each local context.



Highlights & Successes



New Solutions Funding

In late 2025, Citywise were announced as a successful awardee of the New Solutions Social Innovation Fund by Minister of State Jerry Buttimer. This has been a great step forward for Citywise in unlocking increased state support.

Halloween 2025

We were thrilled to host our annual Halloween Fun Day in 2025 over the October mid-term break. We were so impressed by all of the costumes from our young people, leaders and staff!



The 'Citywise EU Story' Launch

In 2025, support from the Department of Foreign Affairs Communicating Europe Initiative enabled us to produce a short film celebrating the impact of our long-standing relationship with the European Union.

Deloitte x Meta Hackathon

In partnership with Meta and Deloitte, Citywise participated in the 2025 "Llama for Good" Hackathon, exploring innovative ways AI can improve efficiency and enhance educational outcomes for young people.



Highlights & Successes



Summer Camp 2025



Highlights & Successes



Summer Camp 2025



Highlights & Successes



Climate, Science & Language Centre - Phase 1 Launch



Citywise Stories



Hannah's Story

Citywise Staff Member | Student at Marino
Institute of Education

Citywise has played a huge role in shaping the person I am today. I first joined at 8 through the summer camps, before becoming involved in Junior Fast Track, Grenoble, and Hamburg. As someone who was once very shy, these groups helped me grow in confidence and make lifelong friendships. In secondary school, I joined the Leadership Programme, where I discovered a real passion for working with children.

This later led me to work in Citywise as a Fast Track intern, giving me the chance to grow professionally while giving back to the community that supported me. Throughout my Junior Cert and Leaving Cert years, Fast Track Academy supported me with extra classes, mentoring, and a quiet place to study. It also helped me find and gain a place on my dream college course. Citywise gave me confidence, helped me believe in my ability to achieve my goals, and inspired a career path I'm truly passionate about.



Aaron's Story

Citywise Staff Member - Degree in History
and Classics

When I first came to Citywise, I was shy, quiet, and curious. I joined after visiting with my primary school, then came back for Summer Camp and after-school clubs. Over time, Citywise helped me grow in confidence, make friends, and feel like I belonged. Later, I joined the Leadership Programme and the Fast Track Academy, where I got support with study, exams, and planning for university.

After graduating, I came back as a volunteer, and now I'm a staff member, helping young people in the same way others once helped me. My story is one of many. Citywise is a community that believes in young people and helps them believe in themselves.



Emily's Story

Citywise Staff Member | Student at TUD
Tallaght Campus

I was nine when I first came to Citywise. I came on a school trip and have never really left since. After that first visit, I joined the summer camps and after-school groups all through primary school. As I got older, I became part of the Leadership Programme, where I gained important life skills, grew in confidence, and made lifelong friends. I also joined the Fast Track Academy, which gave me support and encouragement throughout my studies.

Through Fast Track Academy, I was fortunate to receive the Matt Moore Bursary, which helped me cover the costs of attending college.

After finishing secondary school, I began an internship in Citywise, where I got the opportunity to become the kind of leader and role model I always looked up to when I was younger. Looking back, Citywise has shaped so much of who I am today. It gave me support, opportunities, confidence, and a community that always believed in me. I will always be grateful for everything Citywise has done for me and for the person it helped me become.

Citywise Stories



Chloe Rose's Story

Citywise Member | Primary School Student

I have been in citywise for 3 years and it has been the best 3 years ever. I joined Citywise through the summer camp and we did lots of fun activities, like football, basketball and clay. In citywise right now I do junior fast track, Grenoble and Hamberg and homework club with all my friends

I was very shy at first, but I gained a lot of confidence since. I love citywise and I try to come as much as I can because I love spending time with all the leaders and staff. At the awards night last Wednesday I done Irish dancing in front of a huge group of people and everyone loved it, this was a really big step for me. I have been to all of the summer camps and easter camps and I love them.



Janessa's Story

Citywise Alumni | Project Manager - Visual Inspection

I wouldn't have achieved my grades without the help of Citywise. Having extra classes and a quiet place to study made such a difference, especially with a busy household at home. I was never confident in languages, but with support from Citywise, I got the Irish grade I needed to go to college.

I went on to study Engineering at TUD Tallaght before starting my career with PM Group as a Project Manager. Today, I work around the world designing and building large-scale manufacturing facilities.

I still help out in Citywise whenever I can, and recently I returned to speak to students about women in STEM.



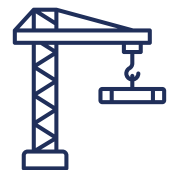
Blake's Story

Citywise Member | Primary School Student

I first joined Citywise when I was 8 years old. I started in the boys group, Athens and Brussels. I was nervous when I first started but after my first day I knew I could come ever since.

I've came to Citywise everyday I can. I've also done every Easter Camp and Summer Camp since. Citywise has helped my confidence, and made me more social. I also now go to 4 Citywise groups and I'm there every day from Monday to Friday. I can't wait to join Leadership next year and become a Citywise leader and get my green hoodie.

Climate, Science & Language Centre Project



The Vision

Citywise Education is developing a state-of-the-art centre to power the next phase of its growth. The Centre will deepen our focus on science and technology, prepare young people to work confidently and ethically with AI, strengthen career guidance, and increase progression and retention in further and higher education. It will expand our membership participation from 500 to 800 young people locally and serve as a national hub for five satellite communities serving similar numbers, while addressing key capacity gaps. The estimated reach will be 4,000 students across 20 schools.

Progress

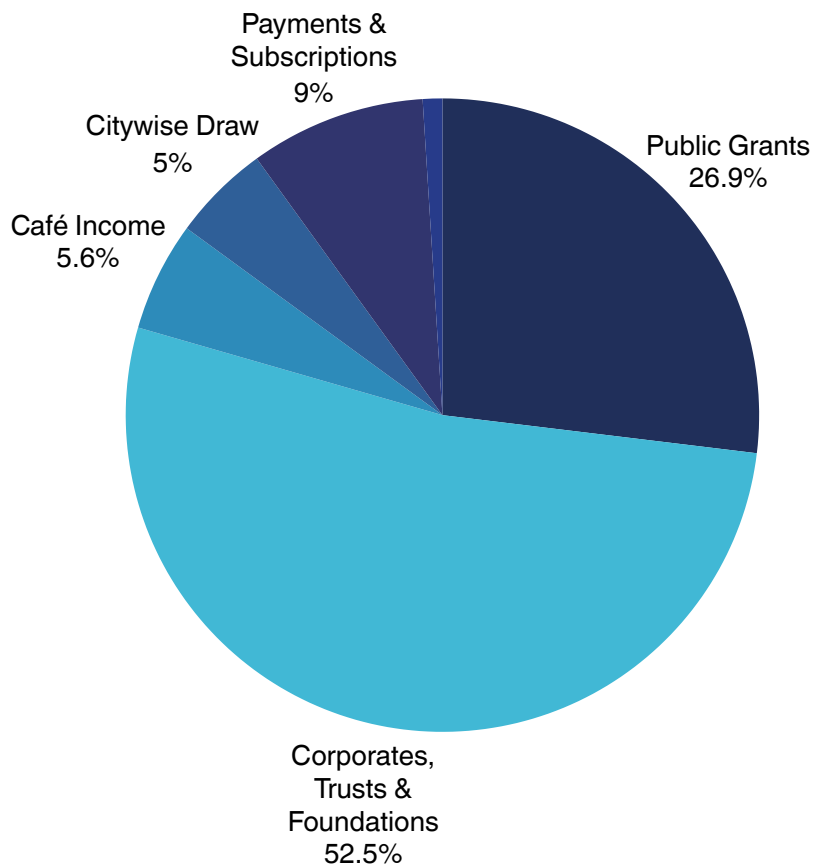
In 2025, Citywise officially launched Phase 1 of our new Climate, Science and Language (CSL) Centre, marking the first step in a transformative development that will relocate our outdoor facilities to a new multi-use games area (MUGA) on the eastern side of the campus. The MUGA is scheduled for completion in late 2026, with construction of the CSL Centre set to follow shortly thereafter.

The launch also provided an opportunity to celebrate 25 years of impact, reflect on the thousands of young people supported through Citywise, and share our vision for continued growth, innovation, and expansion.

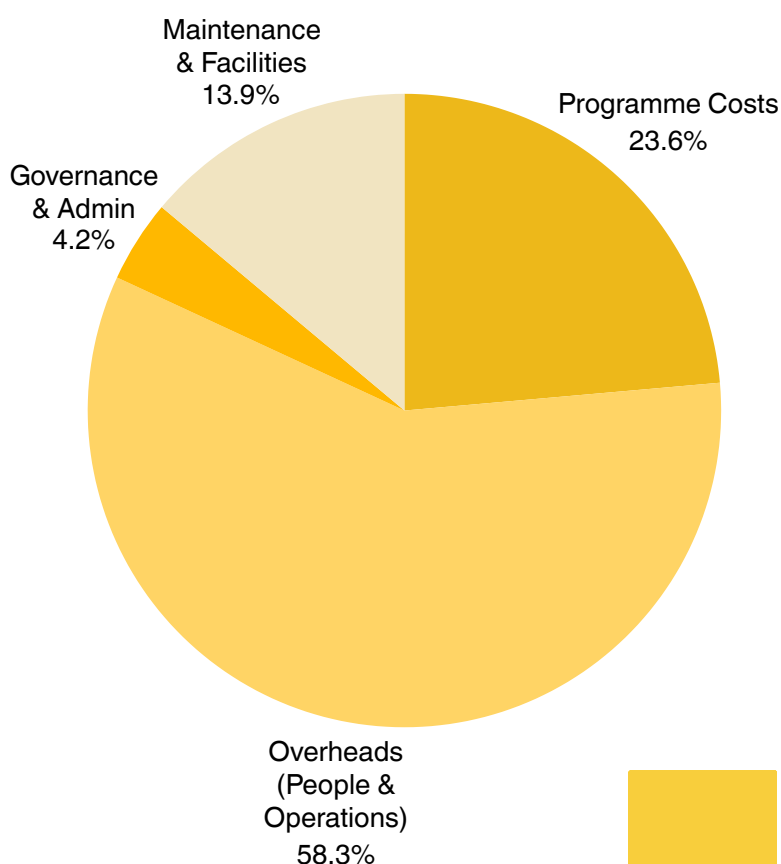


Financial Report

**Total income
for 2025:
€971,750**



**Total
expenditure
for 2025:
€908,430**



Link: [2025 accounts](#)

Supporters 2025



Citywise Education would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our corporate sponsors, partners, individual donors, trusts, and foundations who supported us throughout 2025. Your generosity has enabled us to keep our doors open, strengthen and expand our programmes, and continue providing vital support to young people in our community. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and the lasting impact your support has made.



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice



Energy for
generations



Website: www.citywise.ie CHY: 17653

Phone: 01 404 9736 RCN: 20066130