



OPPORTUNITIES: Sinead Feerick, one of the participants in the Youth Work Programme; Umberto Scappaticci, Youth and Education Community Development Worker for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership; and Paula Quinn from Springboard

Youth get their chance

Opportunities on offer to work while seeing the world

YOUNG people from West Belfast are being given the perfect opportunity to travel.

The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is working with Springboard to encourage young people aged 18 to 28 from the Colin area to travel to South Africa, Canada, America and Europe in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn new skills and help those less fortunate than themselves.

An open night will be held tonight, Monday, in the Colin Youth Development Centre in Poleglass at 7pm to give the community an opportunity to hear more about the programmes on offer.

Springboard was established in 1992 and over the years has worked intensely to promote mutual understanding leading to sustainable peace and to build capacity within disadvantaged communities, particularly amongst young adults. Springboard has built up particular expertise in promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of diversity, contributing to peacebuilding and reconciliation and offering opportunities

for personal/professional development. All this within the context of both local and international delivery frameworks.

Umberto Scappaticci, Youth and Education Community Development Worker for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, said: "We would encourage young people to come along to the open night and hear the experiences of their peers who have come through the project. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to travel the world, pick up new skills and meet new people."

Paula Quinn from Springboard outlined the many programmes that they have to offer.

"Over the past 16 years Springboard has had over 4,000