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## Biography

Mark is a Lecturer in Community Youth Work, based in Belfast. He has worked in the youth work sector for 18 years, in the community voluntary sector. Prior to joining the team as Lecturer in 2017, Mark worked for Youth Initiatives NI and East Belfast Mission. Mark studied at UU as a postgraduate student from 2007 - 2009 and has since gone on to complete his MSc and PhD here at UU.

Mark is currently the Year Head for the year one, full time BSc students. He also coordinates Assessed Practice for levels 4 - 7 and the recruitment for the BSc Full Time Community Youth Work programme.

Mark currently represents the School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences on the Faculty Employability Committee and represents the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on the University Employability Committee. He is currently undertaking his MEd in Higher Education Practice as part of the Centre for Professional Practice Enhancement at UU and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

## Qualifications

PhD, Sacred Space, An Exploration into the Distinctiveness of Faith-Based Youth Work from a Christian Perspective in Northern Ireland

Award Date: 11 Dec 2023

Master, Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice

Award Date: 1 Jul 2019

Fellow, Higher Education Authority

Award Date: 12 Feb 2019

Master, MSc in Community Youth Work

Award Date: 6 Jul 2010

Master, Postgraduate Diploma in Community Youth Work

Award Date: 8 Jul 2009

## Employment

### Lecturer in Community Youth Work

Lecturer

School of Applied Social and Policy Sc.

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

1 Aug 2017 → present

### Lecturer

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

1 Aug 2017 → present

### Doctor of Philosophy, PhD AHSS PT

Doctor of Philosophy, Sacred Space

An exploration into the Experiences of Faith-based Youth Work from a Christian Perspective in Northern Ireland.

School of Applied Social and Policy Sc.

Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

19 Sept 2016 → present

**External Examiner Mentor**

University of East London  
United Kingdom  
1 Jan 2023 → present

**External Examiner**

Newman University  
United Kingdom  
1 Jan 2021 → 1 Jan 2022

**President**

YMCA Ireland  
Ireland  
1 Nov 2020 → 1 Nov 2022

**External Examiner**

University of East London  
United Kingdom  
1 Oct 2020 → present

**Board Member**

Streetbeat Youth Project  
Northern Ireland  
1 Jul 2020 → present

**External Revalidation Panel Member**

Newman University  
United Kingdom  
1 Sept 2019 → 1 Sept 2019

**External Revalidation Panel Member**

University of East London  
United Kingdom  
1 Jan 2019 → 1 Jan 2020

**Research outputs****Book Review: Australian Evangelical Perspectives on Youth Ministry: Identity, Church, Culture, and Discipleship, edited by Ruth Lukabyo**

McFeeters, M., 12 Sept 2024, (Published online) In: Journal of Youth and Theology. p. 1-3 3 p.

**Reflection on Practice. Cross the Line, European Youth Work for Future Youth Workers**

McFeeters, M. & Smith, G., 2024, (Published online) Critical Voice NI.

**Christian Faith-Based Youth Work: Systematic Narrative Review**

McFeeters, M., Hammond, M. & Taylor, B., 2022, In: Journal of Beliefs & Values. 43, 4, p. 448-460 13 p.

**Finding Relevant Research in Youth Studies: Case Study on Christian Faith-Based Youth Work**

McFeeters, M., Hammond, M., Knox, J. & Taylor, B., 2022, In: Journal of Youth and Theology. 43, 1

**An Evaluation: East Belfast Race Relations Project**

McFeeters, M., Mar 2021, 32 p.

### **Working with Young People in Faith Settings**

McFeeters, M., Jun 2019, (Published online)

### **Dreamscheme: A Review of Youth Work**

McFeeters, M., Nov 2018

### **A Day in the Life Of**

McFeeters, M., Oct 2017, The Youth Work Magazine.

### **From The Horses Mouth**

McFeeters, M., Oct 2017, The Youth Work Magazine, 11.

### **Squeezed Out: The Value of Stories in Youth Work's Growing Measurement Landscape**

Gareth Beattie, Jonny Luke, McFeeters, M., Mc Ardle, E., Neill, G. & Erwin, D., 1 Sept 2017, (Published online) Critical Voice NI.

### **Spirituality and Youth Work in Northern Ireland**

McFeeters, M., 2016, The Youth Work Magazine, 3, 24.

### **Mark McFeeters**

McFeeters, M., Feb 2015, Agenda NI Magazine.

## **Activities**

### **Sacred Space; An exploration into the Distinctiveness of Faith-based Youth Work from a Christian Perspective in Northern Ireland**

McFeeters, M. (Speaker)

4 Sept 2024

### **University of East London**

McFeeters, M. (Visiting lecturer)

2023 → ...

### **The Link Family and Community Centre (External organisation)**

McFeeters, M. (Member)

Oct 2022 → ...

### **Faith-Based Youth Work in Northern Ireland**

McFeeters, M. (Speaker)

13 May 2022

### **Journal of Youth and Theology (Journal)**

McFeeters, M. (Reviewer)

2021

### **Newman University**

McFeeters, M. (Visiting lecturer)

2021 → 2022

### **Youth Work Educator's Forum (External organisation)**

McFeeters, M. (Member)

2021 → ...

**YMCA Ireland (External organisation)**

McFeeters, M. (Chair)  
Nov 2020 → Nov 2022

**Streetbeat Youth Project (External organisation)**

McFeeters, M. (Member)  
Jul 2020 → ...

**The Community Development Podcast**

McFeeters, M. (Contributor)  
26 Feb 2020

**University of East London**

McFeeters, M. (Visiting lecturer)  
2020 → ...

**Newman University**

McFeeters, M. (Visiting lecturer)  
Sept 2019

**Reflective Practice Sessions**

McFeeters, M. (Consultant)  
Jan 2019 → Mar 2019

**University of East London**

McFeeters, M. (Visiting lecturer)  
2019 → 2020

**Critical Voice NI (External organisation)**

McFeeters, M. (Member)  
2017 → ...

**Prizes****Academic Excellence for BSc Hons in Community Youth Work (Team award)**

Hammond, M. (Recipient), Mc Ardle, E. (Recipient), Mc Feeters, M. (Recipient), Morgan, S. (Recipient), Scott-Mckinley, A. (Recipient), Neill, G. (Recipient), Friel, B. (Recipient) & Hamilton, A. (Recipient), Nov 2019

**Student theses****Sacred space: an exploration into the distinctiveness of faith-based youth work from a Christian perspective in Northern Ireland**

McFeeters, M. (Author), Hammond, M. (Supervisor), Killick, C. (Supervisor) & Hamilton, J. (Supervisor), Jul 2023