

**Young People's Regional Transition Group**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013**  
**Cookstown Leisure Centre**

The young people came together to recap on the previous meeting where they met with the Chairperson's of the CYPSP Sub Groups on Transition and Children with Disabilities. The group were also asked to share their views on the developments of the Young People's Passports.

As usual, before the session got underway, staff at DCYPPP helped the young people reflect on their work to date and then the group were reminded of the discussion they had at the last meeting with the Chairs of both Sub Groups. This was done by showing the graphics that were drawn on the day, during the discussion with both Chairs.

The group once again agreed that they would prefer that the Chairs of the Sub Groups come to the young people's meetings when necessary, rather than the YP attending the Sub Group meetings. DCYPPP will continue to advocate on behalf of the young people in the Sub Groups. This will be reviewed from time to time.

The group then began to work on their main task of the day – giving some feedback on the use of Passports. The group has done really well in their guidance of this work so far. The next step in the development of the Passports is to define their use.

The young people were asked to design their own, in the hope of finding out what information everyone thought a Passport should contain and how it should be used. Feedback was as follows:

A Passport should include:

- ✚ Name of young person
- ✚ Photo of young person
- ✚ Information on Emergency Contacts
- ✚ Types of food the young person likes/dislikes
- ✚ Information that lets someone know times when the young person may be happy, sad or annoyed and what triggers these emotions
- ✚ A Passport should have pictures and text






The Group had different ideas on what a Passport could look like, as follows:

- ✚ Ring-binded folder/Book
- ✚ Bank Card/Student Card size with just the relevant info
- ✚ Postcard size – that can fold out to be bigger (Accordion Style)
- ✚ Keyring
- ✚ Medallion

## Bracelet

The young people suggested they might use a Passport in Hospital, School/College and in work to alert friends/teachers/new employers/colleges of their disability or support needs.







The young people also came up with some possible names for a Passport or communication tool, because they thought the word Passport might be confused with the usual travel Passport. Suggested new names were:

-  DRI – Disability Recognition Information
-  IAM – Information About Me
-  AI – Awareness Information
-  CT – Communication Tool
-  FF - Fact File

The Group suggested that Passports should be available online to download as needed or through the Health & Social Care Board or relevant agency.

To end the session the Group were asked to give some feedback on how they felt about doing all this work

The Group was asked: “How do you feel about being involved in this work?” and feedback was as follows:

-  We feel good about it because we are making a difference.
-  Its good to know we are actually being heard
-  (We feel like) the work is important
-  It has helped me to be more confident
-  We have influenced the way the Sub Groups work (because they have used a PATH format like us)
-  When asked how they know they are making a difference young one young person said we get good feedback (from DCYPPP). The rest of the Group agreed with this.)

The final meeting Of 2013 will be held on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>.