



**Craigavon Locality Planning Group
Brownlow Community Hub Craigavon
10th March 2015 at 10am**

Attendees:

Chair -

Diane Clarke (Craigavon Borough Council)

Bryan Gormley (SHSCT - YPP)
Cathy McAdam (SHSCT – Children with Disabilities Team)
Deborah Millar (Home-Start Craigavon)
Patrick Kelly (Belong)
Pauline Leeson (Children in Northern Ireland)
Tim Strain (Youth Justice Agency)

Guest speaker –

Donna Stewart (Volunteer Bureau)

Apologies:

Colette Murray (SELB Youth Service)
Fiona McDonald (Drumnamoe Nursery School)
Frances Haughey (Southern Group Environmental Health Committee)
Helen Clarkson (Barnardo's)
Karen Moore (Care in Crisis)
Kellie Lappin (SELB)
Sinead Doherty (CAPS Project)
Trevor McDaid (React)
Wanda Rea (Craigavon Council)

Not Present:

Sergeant Alwyn Peters (PSNI)
Sergeant Barbara McNally (PSNI)
Kevin Quigley (SELB)
Ian Liggett (Drop Inn Youth)
Lorraine O'Neill/Tina McVeigh (DELTA Parenting)
Sharyn Hopper (YMCA)
Patrick Mallon (St Anthony's Primary School)

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1.0	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Introductions Diane welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. A number of apologies were noted. There was a round of introductions.</p>	Members were asked to sign in.
2.0	<p>Previous Minutes Diane asked if anyone would like to raise anything regarding the previous minutes: Deborah Millar commented on the drama "Popping Candy" stating that it was excellent and really worth going to see. Patrick Kelly asked if there could be an update of the Super-Council at some stage in the meeting to which Diane Clarke agreed.</p>	
3.0	<p>Guest Speaker – Donna Stewart (Craigavon and Banbridge Volunteer Bureau) The Volunteer Bureau (VB) was established in 1993. It provides coordination and support to volunteering in the Craigavon and Banbridge areas. Further funding was secured recently. Volunteering can increase one's confidence, provide an opportunity to learn new skills, and may open up pathways to new employment. There is a wide range of volunteer opportunities available and people from every sector of the community are involved. The VB are also trying to open up opportunities for those individuals who have higher level qualifications or who are professionals in their field but who are unable to source employment. These professionals can help support people within various businesses, for example, using the skills that they have which is a bonus for the community. Donna explained that the VB were noticing that people with disabilities who wished to volunteer were facing difficulties in getting a placement. Diane put the question out there to the LPG – "how can we as a group link in with the VB?" Cathy McAdam commented on the barriers that young people with disabilities/high support needs face. There was a discussion around respite and how this can be such a huge relief for carers. Furthermore, it appears that placements for young people with disabilities have been even more difficult to source due to the recession as this has meant that businesses cannot afford to arrange a supervisor to look after the young person with a disability. It seems as though there is still a stigma attached to both physical disability and mental health issues. Tim Strain commented that he had been a volunteer with VB when he was younger and how this had been an amazing experience for him; full of learning opportunities. BME community – work in this area by VB has grown and much more work is taking place in schools. Patrick Kelly recommended CIP as a helpful resource for managing language barriers when working with</p>	Nuala to circulate Donna's information/presentation/crafts fair flyer once received by Diane.

	<p>BME families; as well as STEP translation service, Dungannon. Job substitution was discussed as a possible negative experience for some volunteers. In an effort to prevent this from happening, VB draw up a “Roles and Responsibilities” document with their volunteers and the placements as opposed to official contracts. Patrick Kelly queried if this could possibly work in the volunteer’s favour in that their volunteer role could act as a pathway to recruitment. Donna affirmed that this can quite possibly happen. Deborah Millar – more complex families are registering with Home-Start but for some volunteers the family’s needs are too complex for them to deal with. Donna Stewart highlighted that young people often find out that the reality of a job is very different to what they expect.</p> <p>Donna also informed the group that there is a Crafts & Cupcake Fair due to take place on Friday 27 March to help raise money for a group of young people who are going to work in an orphanage in Kenya.</p>	
4.0	<p>Update of CYPSP/CYPSP Consultation Document</p> <p>Pauline Leeson (CiNI) informed the attendees that interviews will take place for Julie’s maternity cover on Wednesday 18th March and appointed person will be expected to begin early April.</p> <p>The Consultation Document will be signed off in June and it will be sent out for consultation during the summer. Furthermore, Pauline Lesson provided an EITP update (Early Intervention Transformation Programme). It seems likely that this programme will involve a therapeutic service; however, many people argue that more practical, hands-on help is needed. 3 Workers would be employed for a 12 week programme on an open referral basis. Pauline confirmed that the LPG would be kept up dated on this.</p>	<p>Nuala will circulate this document for consultation once she receives it</p>
5.0	<p>Member Agency Update</p> <p><i>Diane Clarke (CBC)</i> – Super Councils are due to take over the current 26 councils on 1st April. Locally, the name for the Craigavon, Armagh and Banbridge council has been decided upon: Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ACBCBC). The new Corporate Plan will be based on 3 “P”s – Place (i.e. economic development), Position (i.e. community planning) and People (leisure and community), each of which will be managed by three different strategic directors (2 have been appointed) There has been a “Safe Place” designation area arranged by the Council (in partnership with the PSNI and Women’s Aid) within each Council facility to help protect victims of domestic violence.</p> <p><i>Deborah Millar (Home-Start)</i> – suggested the possibility of forming a class for young dads/dads in general as there seems to be plenty of mother and toddler groups and such classes for mums but</p>	<p>Diane is to check out “Men’s Shed” idea for the group’s</p>

	<p>nothing/very little out there for dads. This idea was discussed in terms of a neutral location/activities, etc.</p> <p>Cook-it programme update: Deborah commented that it would be full if there was a crèche available. Home-Start are trying to link out into the community so that when their services have come to an end with a certain family that there is awareness of other support that is available in the community for the family. Commented on the language barrier for many BME families.</p> <p><i>Cathy McAdam (SHSCT – Children with Disabilities Team)</i> – receiving a lot of referrals; highlighted the fact that young people with disabilities/high support needs/personal care issues are continuing to face barriers to accessing certain services.</p> <p><i>Tim Strain (JYA)</i> - informed us that there has been a change to their contact address as Craigavon office has closed. Business as usual; Tim is dealing with court orders and new placements in the community.</p> <p><i>Bryan Gormley (YPP)</i> – Taking referrals from Social Services and the Family Support Hub (FSH). Increasing referrals from the FSH. Working with young people who leave home. Bryan discussed briefly the “Ladybird” programme which is for teenage mothers.</p> <p><i>Patrick Kelly (Belong)</i> – A project that is running throughout localities is ‘Hear My Voice’; a programme that enables BME children to strengthen their understanding and knowledge of their Rights, Cultural Identity, Diversity Awareness and Anti-Racial Bullying. Patrick is currently working with Brownlow Youth Resource Centre to develop their charter. Children’s Court and creative Showcase - The new Northern Ireland Children’s Commissioner and the children in BELONG programme will hold this year’s Children’s Court in Armagh City Hotel on 18th April. The children will present their experience and perspective of Children’s Rights issues affecting their day to day lives.</p>	<p>information/Parenting NI - courses.</p> <p>Nuala to change YJA contact details on the Member Agency Information document and distribution list</p> <p>Patrick Kelly to send Nuala a Save the Date notice which will be circulated to the LPG re: Children’s Court Event on 18th April.</p>
6.0	<p>AOB:</p> <p>CIP Membership – Stephen Smith to send a representative to the LPG meetings in near future (awaiting funding application feedback). Training Courses delivered by the CIP – Child Sexual Awareness training (Patrick Kelly expressed interest in attending this course). Other training courses of interest to the group – nobody expressed interest in availing of other training at this time.</p>	<p>Diane and Nuala to arrange training course for group.</p>

Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting.
Next Date:
Tuesday 12th May at 10am in Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon

Diane mentioned that the September and November venues may need to be changed (possibly to the Brownlow Resource Centre) – members will be kept updated.