

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
MINUTES OF BALLYMENA LOCALITY GROUP**

**THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2014 AT 2.00PM
ST. JOSEPHS SURESTART**

Attending:	Hector Deane	<i>Ballymena Learning Together</i>
	Anne McKinley	<i>Community Focus Learning</i>
	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Jayne McConaghie	<i>PHA</i>
	Julie Killen	<i>NHSCT Public Health Nursing</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Gerry McVeigh	<i>Start360</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Michelle Maguire	<i>NEELB Youth Service</i>
Apologies:	Leigh Stewart	<i>Hope Centre</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Pauline O'Reilly	<i>Dunlewey Substance Advice Centre</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Selena welcomed the group to the meeting today and invited a round of introductions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the meeting held on **Thursday 23rd October 2014.**

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

UPDATE – BELIVE IN YOUTH

Maurice McLaughlin did not attend today's meeting. However, the Ballymena Locality Group will be kept up to date on further developments regarding the Believe in Youth Project in this particular area.

FEEDBACK – BALLYMENA YOUTH FAIR

Hector coordinated with principals for the youth fair which was organised for Year 11's. 8 post primary schools agreed to be part of this and transport was provided to each school. A quiz was given to all pupils with a question to be answered on each stand there. A 1st and 2nd prize is being awarded to each school and prizes will be delivered this week.

The peer educators gathered feedback on the day of the youth fair on how they are able to make positive choices. 67 questionnaires were completed with pupils on the day and the information is being collated. Sandra is completing a piece of work for the engagement and putting together outcomes with a focus group pre and post the youth fair. This feedback will be shared when completed.

NEXT STEPS – DISABILITY EVENT

Selena provided information on this event that took place in June 2014. The need identified at this event was parents needing something post Surestart. This information was presented to the outcomes group with recommendations. Locality funding was submitted to take these recommendations forward. A directory of services will be completed before March 2015.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Application forms were emailed to all members regarding available funding due to the outcomes group having money remaining. 40 applications were received and confirmation has been sent to all who submitted an application. 2 projects will be running from January to March 2015 in the Ballee and Ballykeel area. An ASD project for parents will also be delivered and an evaluation will need completed as part of this. Selena noted it was positive to see these applications.

UPDATE JOINT BALLYMENA LEARNING TOGETHER YOUTH COUNCIL

Hector provided information on the awareness raising exercise which was carried out to allow young people get an overview of how local government operated. This was run as a pilot last year. This will be run again on 20th January 2015 with 100 young people from Year 11.

Discussions also took pace regarding the super councils.

UPDATE – BALLYMENA FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

Selena has met with Clare McKay, Family Support Hub Coordinator. Clare is hoping to send a member of staff to locality groups to feedback and keep each group updated. This will create the link to gather themes of referrals being received.

ACTION PLAN

Selena distributed the action plan to everyone present. Achievements to date were highlighted to the group. Discussions took place regarding key areas in the Action Plan for 2014/15. Members agreed to progress on actions from now to the next meeting.

Action: All members

MEMBER UPDATES

Jayne McConaghie – Public Health Agency

Jayne provided information on an online safety and risk taking behaviour event which is currently being organised for February 2015. Wayne Denner will be attending as a guest speaker among a number of others. The event will target those who work with young people and it is hoped 30-40 people will attend this. Jayne agreed to send information to Selena for circulating when the event is confirmed.

Clare McKay – NICMA

Promoting Positive Behaviours training was completed. Health and Safety training was delivered at the end of November 2014. Clare noted free core training for child-minders is coming to an end in January 2015. NICMA are looking at specific training for child-minders in relation to special needs.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26th February 2015** at **2.00pm** in **St. Joseph's Surestart**.