

Minutes from Banbridge Locality Planning Group Meeting
Friday, 4 September 2015 at 10am
REACT Office, Banbridge

<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Andrew Bell (Banbridge High School)</p> <p>Colette Ross (EA Youth Service)</p> <p>Kevin Duggan (Star Sure Start)</p> <p>Gillian McAllister (Women's Aid Armagh-Down)</p> <p>Thérèse Gorman (Women's Aid Armagh-Down)</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Annie Clarke (CYPSP Locality Development Officer)</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cathy McAdam (SHSCT – Children with Disabilities Team)</p> <p>Eileen Murphy (Women's Aid Armagh-Down)</p> <p>Dympna Maguire (Pips Newry and Mourne)</p> <p>Ryan Donaghey (REACT)</p> <p>Alison Beattie (PCSP)</p> <p>Michaela Murray (Youth Justice Agency)</p> <p>Nuala Haughey (CYPSP)</p> <p>Donna Neill (Home-Start Banbridge)</p> <p>Frances Haughey (Closing the Gap Project: Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council)</p> <p>Rachael Power (Simon Community)</p>
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<p>WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>Annie welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.</p>	Members signed in.
<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were noted</p>	
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Minutes were agreed
<p>Action Plan –Taking this forward</p> <p>Annie highlighted the difficulty in trying to have an impact on a large number of priorities, especially given the huge demands on resources and time. At the last meeting, it was agreed to examine the qualitative and quantitative data to identify the top three priorities to be taken forward by the Locality Group over the coming 12 months.</p> <p>Annie invited members to explore the range of data which had been displayed around the room and to provide feedback on the issues and data available.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	

<p>Impact of Cyber-bullying on young people, particularly around suicide etc. With Social Media being 24/7 young people and children are not able to escape the bullying. Need to raise awareness around bullying and in particular cyber bullying e.g. how to restrict access, different types of social media etc.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the need to develop resilience within children and young people – not only in terms of bullying but in all aspects of their lives. Empowering Children and young people with the confidence to say no, or to stand up to others.</p> <p>The need to provide more services for fathers/men was discussed. Often services target mothers, with little focus on encouraging fathers to participate. It is important that organisations and agencies are more positive about the role of fathers – the need for a cultural change towards looking at fathers as having a greater caring role within the family.</p> <p>Andrew eluded to work on-going within Banbridge High School that focused on improving the emotional literacy of boys – enabling boys to express their feelings and concerns.</p> <p>Kevin agreed to send through a presentation from an event he recently attended which looked at the increasing role of men in providing caring responsibilities.</p> <p>Gillian and Thérèse highlighted the programmes delivered by Women's Aid including 'Heading for Healthy Relationships' within secondary schools. This programme focuses on developing healthy relationships among young people.</p> <p>Importance of providing advice support on volunteering opportunities and career guidance. Explore opportunities such as volunteering fairs to build on the work undertaken within schools around career guidance. Developing young people's confidence, importance of gaining invaluable life experience to enhance their chances at successfully gaining training/employment. Inviting a local past pupil to speak about their experience, pathway they took and how they overcome disappointment to excel within their area of work.</p> <p>After discussions it was agreed that Annie would send the Qualitative and Quantitative information to members, to allow all members to examine the information prior to agreeing the top 3 priorities to be taken forward by the Locality group.</p>	<p>Annie agreed to look into the availability of statistics on services offered and participation levels of fathers – Parenting NI, Family Support Hubs</p> <p>Kevin to send presentation to Nuala for distribution to group members.</p> <p>Information on Women's Aid programmes to be forwarded to group members</p> <p>Annie to explore previous event held in Banbridge and how we can build on this.</p>
<p>Member Agency Update</p> <p>EA – Youth Service (Colette Ross) Bann Youth Camp was held in Shannaghmore, Newcastle during the summer. This was very successful with a number of young people from the Banbridge area participating on the camp. An evaluation of the camp will be undertaken in the coming weeks. Six young peer leaders also participated on the camp. It is hoped that similar events will be held next year (subject to funding). The camp explored and raised awareness of different cultures.</p> <p>Youth Council – new people will be invited to become members later this month. Dromore Locality Group are organising a number of events particularly in Ferris Park to enable the local community to take ownership of these spaces. Drug taking within Ferris park is becoming a major issue.</p> <p>Gimme 5 – Working with young people on the 5 ways to well-being programme.</p>	

<p>Information pack will be distributed to local Youth workers on this programme. Learning together Programme – works with Year 11 and Year 12 students and provides 10 modules which are the equivalent to a grade B at GCSE level.</p> <p>Transition support is very important especially at this time of year. Working with Year 13 pupils on a peer mentoring programme, who will support Year 8 pupils. Previously there was no qualification for this programme; however Year 13 pupils will now be able to receive an OCN qualification for this. This is being undertaken within Banbridge High School and St Patrick's College, Banbridge.</p> <p>Women's Aid Armagh – Down (Gillian McAllister and Thérèse Gorman) Worked with Schools on Healthy Relationship and Helping Hands programmes. Trained a number of teachers who can deliver the Helping Hands programme. Colette was interested in whether youth workers could avail of this training – Gillian and Thérèse will liaise with Colette on delivering this programme with youth groups and potential of delivering training to Youth workers. Annie indicated that it may be training that could be organised through the Locality group (if identified as a need).</p> <p>Banbridge High School (Andrew Bell) Banbridge High together with St Patrick's College and New-Bridge Integrated College have secured funding from OFMDFM through the Shared Education Programme to work in partnership in relation to Community Relations (CRED) and sharing resources, teachers etc. (3 year project).</p> <p>Star Sure Start (Kevin Duggan) Star Sure Start will celebrate their two year anniversary this month. They have a full programme of services. Star Sure Start is very well received within the community. There are issues around identifying families in the area.</p> <p>CYPSP (Annie Clarke) Banbridge Locality Group has its own webpage on the CYPSP website and members are welcome to send in information on their upcoming activities and events to Nuala/Annie for advertisement on the webpage. Annie informed the group that there is training on the Interactive Mapping System available which Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP Information Officer) is facilitating. This will also provide a networking opportunity for attendees, and it will be particularly useful for those who deal with funding applications.</p>	<p>Gillian and Thérèse to liaise with Colette regarding delivering programmes to Youth Groups/Youth workers</p> <p>Annie/Nuala to keep group informed about the upcoming training on the Interactive Mapping System.</p>
<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>To enable the Banbridge Locality Group to move forward with agreeing the priorities and actions to address these priorities, it was agreed to reschedule the next meeting for early October 2015.</p> <p>The next meeting for the Banbridge Locality Planning Group is:</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: TBC</p> <p><i>Thank you for attending and for your contribution</i></p>	<p>Annie/Nuala to send out a date for the next meeting in early October.</p>