

Holiday Hunger

CiNI

Children **in** Northern Ireland

Context: Child Poverty

- The issue of child poverty is of major concern with over 90,000 children living in poverty in Northern Ireland.
- Child Poverty is a complex issue with many facets, one of those is holiday hunger.
- There are over 100,000 children entitled to free school meals, what happens during the holidays?
- Evidence suggests families are struggling to feed children during these periods -after all, those entitled to free school meals receive them because of low income.

Holiday Hunger Delivery Model

- We want to place our current working group up as a Task and Finish Group for the purpose of conducting an in-depth pilot project on holiday hunger.
- We have already delivered a pilot project in Kilkeel and are set to deliver another pilot in Portadown this summer.

Pilot projects

- Kilkeel
 - Delivered in partnership with CYPSP, Space, Pathway Activities NI and Mourne & Down District Council.
 - Outcomes in Physical Activity, Healthy Eating & Education
- Portadown
 - Will be delivered in Partnership with CYPSP, Intercultural Project Portadown, Pathways, local schools, Council and EA.
 - Outcomes expected in Physical Activity, Healthy Eating & Education.

Development of the Model

- Learning from Kilkeel
- Testing the learning with delivery in Portadown
- Refining the model
- Continue testing for a 12 month period
- Evaluating the model / Research /
Recommendations / Roll out