

Background

Armagh Locality Planning Group (LPG) was established in 2010. Membership of the group include a range of community, statutory and voluntary organisations with a remit for children and young people in the area. The group aims to improve the well-being of children and young people through a multiagency planning approach.

The group set their four priority areas for 2015-2017; one of them being to support services for children with disabilities and their families. Emotional well being support needs of young people with disabilities. Alongside, challenging attitudes and informing people of disability through awareness raising sessions.

The group decided that they wanted to increase the opportunities for young people with a disability to have fun and make friends in a Youth Club setting .

The outcome of the Youth Club was :

1. Reduced social isolation and it provided respite for parents/carers and promoted wellbeing.
2. Provided a great opportunity for participants to enjoy Youth Club activities.

Outcome 3 (SOG Action plan)

Children and young people will experience good relations/equality and diversity



How much did we do?

- In total, 21 referrals, 19 attended the youth club
- Youth Club ran each Friday evening from 7-9pm from September 2016 to February 2017

How well did we do It?

- 3 Local Volunteers supported the young people to enjoy project activities
- Project cost was just over £4400
- Partnership working between EA Youth Service, Enable NI, The Clear Project and CYPSP

Is anyone better off?

The Youth Club was aimed at young people aged 14 to 25 years old with a learning disability.

Activities provided by the Youth Club;

- The young people enjoyed centre based activities
- Visits from facilitators such as Circus Skills Training and PCSP
- There were monthly trips out to the cinema and bowling.
- 12 participants attended a weekend residential at Killowen Outdoor Education Centre in February.

