CYPSP
Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

DOWN LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP BACK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE TOOLKIT (2018)

Supporting Families Get Ready for the Back to School Season across the Down Sector!

5 June 2018

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If you have unwanted school uniforms and accessories that are in good clean condition then please donate to this initiative at one of our designated drop off sites by Thursday 5 July.

We are reaching out to families to encourage them to come along to one of our Back to School Fairs in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Ballynahinch

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APPENDIX 1: LETTER TO SCHOOLS TEMPLATE

Friday 3 May 2018

Request: Back to School Uniform Project – Downpatrick

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We have recently been in contact with your school to check if your school could get involved this year and also to explore the potential of using your premises as a uniform drop off site for families who have children attending your school. You may also wish to donate items of lost property that have been outstanding for some time.
We would like to request if your school can be used as a uniform drop off site for families attending your local schools between May and July 2018. If you wish to be involved in the project, a collection of the donated items will be arranged with your school reception at a time convenient for you between the 29 June and 3 July 2018 at the latest.

Please respond by contacting one of our project coordinators outlined below by Friday 11 May 2018

Primary Schools

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Post Primary Schools

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We look forward to hearing from you

Regards,

Noelle Hollywood,
Early Intervention / Locality Planning
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

14 May 2018

Request: Back to School Uniform Project – Ballynahinch

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Please respond by contacting one of our members outlined below by
Friday 18 May

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We look forward to hearing from you
Regards,
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Early Intervention / Locality Planning, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

CYPSP Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

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We look forward to hearing from you

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APPENDIX 3: BACK TO SCHOOLS FAIR PROMOTIONAL FLYER FOR FAMILIES

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HAVE YOU GOT SCHOOL UNIFORMS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership's Down Locality Planning Group with partners are supporting families in Downpatrick, Castlewellan, Newcastle and Ballynahinch to get ready for school and make this time of year a little less stressful for families!

If you have unwanted school uniforms and accessories that are in good clean condition we are asking you to donate your items to the Downpatrick School Uniform Project in one of our designated drop off sites.

Let's work together and find these clothes a good home!

WE WILL COLLECT

Primary and Secondary School Uniforms:

- Jumpers & Sweatshirts
- Shirts
- Trousers
- Skirts & Pinafores
- Coats
- Ties
- Blazers
- PE shorts, skorts, school sports tops, PE bags
- Schoolbags / Book Bags
- Shoes and P.E Shoes

CYPSP · Down SureStart · County Down Rural Community Network · CAP · South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust · Home Start · SERC · ymca · Action for Children

DROP OFF SITES

DOWNPATRICK

Down Sure Start

Ballymote Community Centre

Downpatrick Primary School

St Colmcille's Primary School - (Drop off at Ballymote Community Centre beside Supervalue only)

Our Lady's and St Patrick's Primary School

St Brigid's Primary School

De La Salle High School

St Mary's High School

St. Patrick's Grammar School (Red High)

Down High School (Green High)

Knockevin Special School - (Drop off at Ballymote Community Centre beside Supervalue only)

Blackwater Integrated College - (Drop off at Ballymote Community Centre beside Supervalue only)

CASTLEWELLAN / NEWCASTLE

St Marys Primary School

All Children's Integrated Primary School

Newcastle Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School Carnacarville

Newcastle Play Group

Castlewellan Primary School (by Friday 29 June only)

Annsborough Integrated Primary Schools (by Friday 29 June only)

Naoiscoil / Bunscoil Primary School

St. Malachy's High School Castlewellan

BALLYNAHINCH

Edengrove Church (Between 9am-5pm only)
Dromore Road, Ballynahinch, BT248H

Drumlins Primary Schools (Drop off at Edengrove only)

St. Patrick's Primary School

Ballynahinch Primary School

St. Colman's High School

The High School Ballynahinch

Assumption Grammar School

All donations should be left at one of our designated drop off sites **no later than 5 July 2018.**

Join us at our Back to School Uniform Fair to get your children ready for school!

To celebrate the National Day of Play on 1 August 2017 families that attend the Back to School Uniform Fairs will receive a

£1 SWIM VOUCHER

For all leisure centres in the Newry, Mourne and Down Area

APPENDIX 2: PRINT BRIEFING TO LOCAL PAPERS (Pre Back to School Fairs)

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APPENDIX 4: PARENT SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1: Did this event help you with school uniform for your child/children?

Q2: Did you get uniforms today for:

Nursery	Primary	Post Primary

Q3: Overall how do you rate this event?

Q3: Is there anything we can improve on for future events, or do you have any other comments?

APPENDIX 5: SAMPLE REPORT CARDS FROM 2017 & 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVES

CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group
Downpatrick Back to School Initiative
April - August 2017

Background

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Down Locality Planning Group recently hosted a Back to School Initiative in the Downpatrick area to support families prepare for the school season. The group has spent a number of months understanding children, young people and family's needs across the Down area. In undertaking this task, members including colleagues working directly with families have identified through statistical data analysis with local knowledge and experience that over the last five years the percentage of children living in absolute low income poverty after household costs has remained the greatest in the Down area in comparison to other areas of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.

The CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group coordinated the Back to School initiative from April to August 2017. The project encouraged families in Downpatrick to donate school uniforms that were still in good condition such as school blazers, shirts, ties, trousers and PE items. Four local primary schools, five post primary schools and two community centres supported this initiative in Downpatrick over recent months. These items were then available for no cost at the two fairs that were hosted locally.
The event was organised with in conjunction with the Lisburn YMCA, Bryson Group, Down Sure Start, County Down Rural Community Network, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and the Health and Social Care Board.

Contributing to the following NI High Level

- All Children and Young People experience economic and environmental wellbeing

Contributing to the NMDDC Community

- Increase the level of social connectivity
- Increase the quality of school life
- Increase the level of wealth
- Increase the level of civic leadership

CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group members supporting families at the Ballymote Back to School Fair, July 2017

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How much did we do?

- A partnership between 7 locality planning group members; Lisburn YMCA, Down Sure Start, Bryson, County Down Rural Community Network, NMDDC, SEHSCT, HSCB
- Engagement: 4 primary schools, 5 post primary schools & 2 community got involved through promotion with families via schoolbag leaflet drops and operating as donation sites
- 743 items of school clothing including blazers, trousers, shirts, skirts, ties etc. were donated
- 2 Back to School Uniform Fairs - 27 July, in Ballymote Centre & 16 August 2017 in Downpatrick Leisure Centre
- 2 press releases, reached 3468 on Twitter and 625 on Facebook

Hundreds of donations were contributed to this project from April to July 2017 from families and schools

Lisburn YMCA and Bryson supported families attending the fairs to prepare to return to school

How well did we do It?

- The total cost of the programme was £180. The room hire for both 'Back to School' events were contributed in kind by NMDDC and Ballymote Community Centre.
- Over 126 families attended the Back to School events in that were held locally in the Ballymote Community Centre on 27 July and Downpatrick Leisure Centre on 16 August 2017.
- Over 455 school items from a total of 743 items were obtained by families who attended the Back to School Fairs
- All items were given out at no cost. To reflect on the average cost of a school uniform to families, the Back to School Initiative supported over 126 families with a cost savings of approximately £2,900 of which estimated at £31 per child.
- A total of 45 attendees completed an evaluation form of which;
  - 98% said the event helped parents with school uniform for their child/children
  - 100% rated the Back to School Fairs as excellent

126 families attended the Back to School fairs.
One parent said 'This is a brilliant idea and has been a fantastic help! I am very happy today!'

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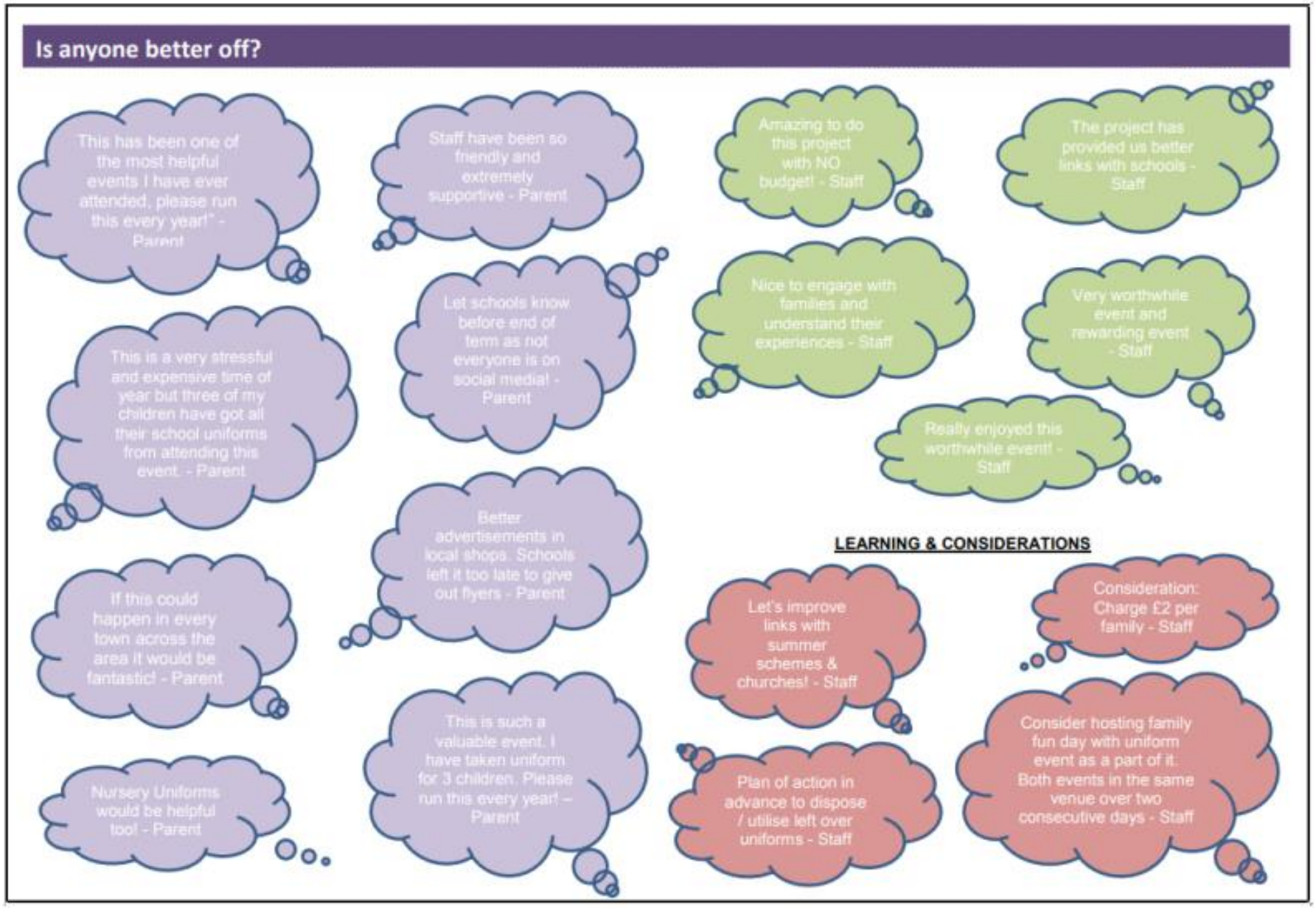
Is anyone better off?
This has been one of the most helpful events I have ever attended, please run this every year!" - Parent
Staff have been so friendly and extremely supportive - Parent
Amazing to do this project with NO budget! - Staff
The project has provided us better links with schools - Staff
Let schools know before end of term as not everyone is on social media! - Parent
Nice to engage with families and understand their experiences - Staff
Very worthwhile event and rewarding event - Staff
This is a very stressful and expensive time of year but three of my children have got all their school uniforms from attending this event. - Parent
Really enjoyed this worthwhile event! - Staff
Better advertisements in local shops. Schools left it too late to give out flyers - Parent
LEARNING & CONSIDERATIONS
If this could happen in every town across the area it would be fantastic! - Parent
Let's improve links with summer schemes & churches! - Staff
Consideration: Charge £2 per family - Staff
This is such a valuable event. I have taken uniform for 3 children. Please run this every year! – Parent
Consider hosting family fun day with uniform event as a part of it. Both events in the same venue over two consecutive days - Staff
Nursery Uniforms would be helpful too! - Parent
Plan of action in advance to dispose / utilise left over uniforms - Staff

Ballynahinch Back to School Uniform Event August 2018

Background
The CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group in partnership with the Ballynahinch Community Collective, CAP (Christians against Poverty) County Down Rural Community Network, Homestart, Lisburn YMCA, & Newry Mourne and Down District Council hosted a **Back to School Uniform** Fair at the Edengrove Church Ballynahinch in August 2018. The event provided free uniforms to families preparing to return to school.

The **Back to School Event** was piloted in Downpatrick last year as a result of the expressed needs from the community. The Downpatrick Back to School Project engaged with over 126 families locally over the course of the project with 96% of families reported the positive benefits of the events. This year, the project extended to the wider Down sector. Ballynahinch was the second in a series of three Back to School Fairs hosted by the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group, Downpatrick and Newcastle also hosted events.

The partnership met in the spring 2018 to plan the events and reflect on the valuable lessons learned from last year. Parents and schools were encouraged to donate clean good quality uniforms, the uniforms were sorted and offered to families at the beginning of August, a time parents begin to prepare for Back to School.

Find Out More:
For more information on the role of the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group please visit: www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/down-locality-planning-group

Contact Us:
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CYPSP's Strategy for NI High Level Outcome Contributions

All Children and Young People experience economic and environmental wellbeing.

All Children and Young People live in safety and stability

All Children and Young People Learn and Achieve

Contributing to the Newry Mourne and Down Community

All people in Newry Mourne and Down enjoy good health and wellbeing

All people in Newry Mourne and Down fulfil their lifelong potential

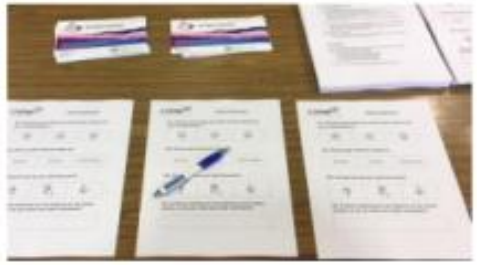
Ballynahinch Back to School Uniform Event August 2018

How much did we do?

- A partnership of 7 Down LPG members; Ballynahinch Collective, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), County Down Rural Community Network, Lisburn YMCA, NMDDC, SEHSCT and HSCB worked in partnership to host the Back to School Uniform Event alongside 19 volunteers who contributed their time to the project
- 3 Primary Schools and 3 Post-Primary Schools participated on the project
- Over 300 items of school clothing including blazers, trousers, shirts and skirts were donated to the project in Ballynahinch
- 1 Back to School Uniform Fair held over one full day with a number of additional local events contributing to the project
- Over 1000 flyers were distributed to schools, churches, parents groups, community centres prior to the events, 1 press release published in the Down Recorder and a social media reach of over 1770 individuals via Twitter and 2,239 individuals via Facebook.

How well did we do It?

- The project was delivered in kind; contributions included room hire and catering by the Edengrove Church, printing of project flyers by Ballynahinch Community Collective, swim passes by NMDDC and dry cleaning via Lisburn YMCA.
- Over 49 families attended the Back to School fair in Ballynahinch of which 96% of families reported the events helpful for their children. 4% of families reported the event was not helpful. This was due to their school's uniform not being present at the fairs or unavailability of uniform sizes.
- A total of 140 items were given back out to families at no cost.. An approx. total of £1,800.00 savings to families was reflected on the day with an approx. £37 saving per family.
- 40 swim passes to swimming facilities across the NMDDC area were provided to families



Families that attended the event completed a short evaluation on how helpful the events were

Is anyone better off?

26 evaluation reports of the 49 families attending the event were completed during the back to school fair of which the results demonstrated the following;

- 96% of families attending the Ballynahinch Back to School Fair rated the event helpful and were able to get suitable uniforms and school items including lunch boxes, school bags, coats and health and wellbeing information

- The most popular age range of school uniforms from the fair were;
  - 3% of parents were able to avail of nursery school uniform items
  - 47% of parents were able to avail of primary school uniform items
  - 50% of Parents were able to avail of post primary school uniform items

- A total of 10 healthy tooth brushing packs were distributed to families by the SEHSCT Dental Team and healthy lunch box information was provided to all 49 families

Ballynahinch Back to School Fair providing health and wellbeing information and support to families

Is anyone better off?

PRESS RELEASE PICK UP's

Appeal for school uniforms that are no longer needed - Mourne Observer – 6 June 2018

Down Locality Planning Group members at the launch of the Back to School uniform initiative.

Mourne Observer

Wednesday 6 June 2018 9

Appeal for school uniforms that are no longer needed

A HIGHLY successful Downpatrick-based scheme to help parents ease the financial burden of buying school uniforms is to be extended to other local areas.

The Downpatrick Back to School initiative was launched in the county town last year and helped well over 100 families by distributing uniforms that had been donated by families who had no further use for them.

The scheme was set up by the Down Locality Planning Group of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership which is a partnership of community, voluntary and statutory sector members who meet to address the emerging needs of local communities.

Towards the end of 2016 it was realised that for many families in Downpatrick, the cost of school uniforms was placing significant stress on their budgets.

In December the group launched the Back to School initiative, asking for donations of school uniform items which would then be distributed among other families.

The scheme was a huge success with hundreds of items from various primary and post primary schools being donated which directly helped 120 families in the town. The items were given out at two uniform fairs in Downpatrick which brought a total saving to the families of around £3,000.

As a result of the success of the initiative it will now be extended to include Castlewellan, Newcastle and Ballynahinch and is being supported by 27 local schools.

Three Back to School fairs will be held over the summer to distribute uniforms to families and an appeal is now being made for uniforms that can be distributed at these fairs.

This year 14 primary schools and 13 post primary schools have got involved with the initiative, alongside a range of partner agencies including Lisburn YMCA, County Down Rural Community Network, Ballynahinch Community Collective, Lecale Learning Community, Down Sure Start, Newry, Mourne and Down Council, Action for Children, Newcastle Home-Start, the South Eastern Health Trust and the Health and Social Care Board.

Anyone with unwanted school uniforms and accessories that are in good, clean condition can donate to the initiative at one of the designated drop-off sites by Thursday, July 5.

The drop-off points are: Downpatrick – De La Salle High School, St Mary's High School, St Patrick's Grammar School, Down High School, St Brigid's Primary School, Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School, Downpatrick Primary School, Ballynoe Community Centre and Down Sure Start, St Colmcille's Primary School and Knockevin Special School are also involved in the scheme but their drop-off point is Ballynoe Community Centre. Blackwater Integrated College has yet to be confirmed as a drop off point.

Newcastle – St Mary's Primary School, All Children's Primary School, Newcastle Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacavill, Newcastle Play Group.

Castlewellan – Castlewellan Primary School, Annsborough Integrated Primary School, Naiscoil/Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche and St Malachy's High School.

Ballynahinch – St Patrick's Primary School, Ballynahinch Primary School, St Colman's High School, Ballynahinch High School, Assumption Grammar School and Edenagrove Church, Drumlins Primary School is also involved but the drop-off is at Edenagrove Church.

The uniforms will be distributed at Back to School fairs in:

Downpatrick: July 30 in Ballynoe Community Centre from 10am-1pm and 3pm-7pm.

Newcastle: August 1st in South Eastern Regional College, Castlewellan Road, from 10am-12noon and 4pm-7pm. This fair is for schools in Newcastle and Castlewellan.

Ballynahinch: August 9th Edenagrove Church from 10am-1pm and 3pm-7pm.

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Down Locality Planning Group members at the launch of the Back to School uniform initiative.

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Find out more about the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group at http://www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/down-locality-planning-group/

Useful Web Links

2017 Projects

http://www.cypsp.org/down-sector-back-to-school-uniform-initiative/

2018 Projects

Ballynahinch Back to School Project:

http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ballynahinch-Uniform-Event-2018-report-card.pdf

Downpatrick Back to School Project:

http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Down-Uniform-Event-2018-report-card-1.pdf

Castlewellan / Newcastle Back to School Project:

http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Newcastle-Uniform-Event-2018-report-card.pdf