

**MINUTES OF LARNE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM  
IN SMILEY BUILDINGS, LARNE**

<b>Attending:</b>	David McAllister (Chair)	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
	Lynn McKenzie	Streetreach/YMCA
	Paula Martin	Action for Children
	Fiona Stanton	Action for Children
	Aideen Johnson	PHA
	Deirdre Marley	Princes Trust
	Andrew Woodside	NRC/Princes Trust
	Joanna McCammon	AEL
	Victoria McGookin	M-Power YMCA Ireland
	Paul Eaton	YMCA Outreach
	Bernie McGarry	NHSCT
	Lynsey McVitty	NHSCT

**Apologies:** Denise McVeigh Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Wednesday 5 June 2019**.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Some background information was given around the plans for CYPSP groups in the Northern Trust area and the proposed amalgamation of Larne and Carrickfergus CYPSP groups.

### **DRAFT PRIORITY AREAS 2019/2020**

Draft action plan for the East Antrim Area discussed and themes of childhood aspirations and Take 5. The Chair suggested, as not everyone was available to attend the planning workshop, he would like to set aside some time at the next meeting to look at the action plan and do a scoping exercise to identify possible needs in the area.

Chair and Bernie to discuss the best way to conduct the scoping exercise at the next meeting.

Budget: The Larne and Carrickfergus CYPSP group have £2,500 to spend before the end of March. They can spend the money their own way.

### **MEMBER UPDATES**

#### Lynn McKenzie – Streetreach Project for YMCA

Youth at risk funded program focusing on a weeklong event 1-5 July 2010 with 500 young people from across NI and international will register for teams and take part in community projects in partnership with host groups in Carrick and Larne.

OCN2 creating active citizens January – July 2020

Recruiting host groups Carrick and Larne to formulated community projects – fun days, clean ups, bonfire detached work etc. [lynn@streetreach.co.uk](mailto:lynn@streetreach.co.uk) 07793548908

#### Paula Martin – Family Support Hub, Action for Children

Action for Children were awarded the new hub contract from 1 July 2019, this is for 2 years and 1 year.

There are now four hub areas:

- Larne/Carrick/Newtownabbey
- Magherafelt/Cookstown
- Antrim/Ballymena
- Coleraine/Ballymena/Moyle

In the Larne area in particular we have noticed there is a demand for a counselling service for young people. We are keen to promote the Family Support Hub and have attended events recently and looking to explore further.

### Deirdre Marley - Prince's Trust

We were delighted to run our first 'Get Started with Football' programme in Larne in July. Programme began with 16 young people and finished with 14. Looking forward to further opportunities in Larne in the future.

Have nationwide retail programmes upcoming with New Look and Tesco. Taster days are 24 September and 16 October.

Contact: [Deirdre.marley@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:Deirdre.marley@princes-trust.org.uk)

### Andrew Woodside – NRC/Prince's Trust

We are running Prince's Trust team programme beginning 23 September 2019 at NRC Newtownabbey campus. We will cover travel costs and childcare costs during the programme. It is 12 week, personal development programme and involves a residential, a community project, work placement and a team challenge. Aimed at NEETs aged 16-24.

Contact: [Andrew.woodside@nrc.ac.uk](mailto:Andrew.woodside@nrc.ac.uk)

### Joanna McCammon – Access Employment Ltd

AEL supports people in the Mid & East Antrim Area who experience social disadvantage.

Transitions – 15-24 year olds work experience, socialisation for young people exiting children's services and entering adult services

HOT – Range of short burst OCN L1/L2 in vocational programme courses such as hair & beauty, childcare, catering etc.

Support in employment and progression into volunteering.

### Grace McCann – Family Links NIACRO

Previously the project was CHIP but in April/May 2019 it was merged within an existing project called Family Links. Focus of support remains the same – 0-18 years across NI if the child/young person has a parent/sibling/close family member in custody. Support is tailored to the needs of the family, but can include 1:1 work with children/family sessions/group activities. Children do not need to be in contact or visiting the family member and we also provide family support if the children are not aware that the individual is in custody, but know they are 'away'.

Contact: [grace.mccann@niacro.co.uk](mailto:grace.mccann@niacro.co.uk)

### Victoria McGookin – M-Power Project, Larne YMCA

26 week personal development project. First cohort group wrapping up on 31 October. New group to start on 4 November. Program runs 3 days a week. 12 hours at Larne YMCA. Young people have access to OCN qualifications, good relations activities, citizenship projects and outdoor learning. Aimed at 16-24 year olds on benefits or not (Unsure of future directions). Residentials to Newcastle Co Down and North Coast. Project is inclusive and open to all people from different backgrounds. Incentive payment of £8 per day if eligible.

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Lynsey McVitty - Northern Trust

- Parents Plus- New Parents of teenagers and Teenagers programme training available. Workshop to learn more about the programme is being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October in Holiday Inn, 2-5pm. For more information & to register contact: Health & Well Being Team, NHSCT on 028 2563 5575
- Database mailing list – let Bernie know if anyone else is to be added. Send any updates want shared to group to Bernie
- Stoptober

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am in Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, Smiley Buildings, Victoria Road, Larne, BT40 1RU.