

DCYPPP Talk Transition at QUB

Barnardo's Disabled Children and Young People's Participation Project (DCYPPP) visited Queens University Belfast recently to celebrate the launch of a report on transition issues.

Young people from DCYPPP's 6th Sense Advocacy Group acted as advisors to the "Don't Box Me In: Disability, Identity and Transitions to Young Adult Life" research project undertaken by Dr Berni Kelly.

The research, which first started 10 years ago, has highlighted what life has been like for young people with Learning Disabilities as they have moved from childhood to adult life. 6th Sense compared the results of the research with their own experiences and agreed that most of the issues were the same for both groups.

The research findings were captured in a DVD format, which was shown at Queens on September 20th, as part of a bigger event to celebrate work carried out on transition issues from around the world.

As well as presenting the DVD, Teresa Stewart DCYPP and Iolo Eilian CYPSP spoke about the involvement of young people in the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and how they have helped shape the future of transition services in NI.

This was just one piece of work DCYPPP and 6th sense has been doing with QUB The event was one of a series of Seminars to look at children's issues and in particular issues faced by children and young people with disabilities. The next seminar is November 15th and DCYPPP will be representing the views of children and young people with disabilities on, "Keeping Us Safe". If you would like to share your views on keeping safe please do not hesitate to call Rosemary, Aoife or Teresa on 02837414541. There is much more to come so watch this space!

