



New Parent Reference Groups to be set up in Northern Ireland

See below for details

Calling on parents to join new Parents' Groups linked to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and its Planning Groups

Parents are the most important people in children's lives. Last year a new Northern Ireland partnership was set up to improve outcomes for children and young people across Northern Ireland. This partnership is called the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, and it oversees a number of planning groups across Northern Ireland. One of the mechanisms needed for the planning process to work will be the participation of parents in the planning processes. The active involvement of parents in planning is essential to ensuring that the plans are right.

To ensure their voice is heard in the planning processes, Parenting NI is currently recruiting parents to join the following various Parent Reference Groups:

Parent Reference Groups

- ❖ Regional group for parents who have a child with a disability
- ❖ Regional group for parents who come from an ethnic minority community
- ❖ Parents from across Northern Ireland to join a general group depending on where they live

Who are we looking for?

- ❖ Have you something to say about **issues affecting your child(ren)?**
- ❖ Would you like the opportunity to **share your experiences and opinions?**
- ❖ Would you like the opportunity to **make a difference** to how people view / think about parenting and the issues and needs which are important to children?

The time commitment....

To come to a two hour meeting 3 times a year.

If you answered yes then you could be who we are looking for: individuals who have a little time, a lot of interest, a willingness to share their views and ensure that the voice of parents is heard. We are seeking nominations from parents across Northern Ireland in both rural and urban areas, and from all backgrounds. **We will cover Childcare of up to £20 per meeting and any travel costs you may incur.**

Interested....

If you are interested in finding out more, or being nominated, download a form from our website www.parentingni.org or telephone **028 9031 0891** for a nomination form. (Referees required on the form may be friends, colleagues etc and are not required to be professionals). In the event that we receive too many nominations, an independent group will carry out selection of members.

If you have any queries, then please feel free to contact:

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