



**Strabane Locality Planning meeting
Wednesday 5th November 2014
10.30am Alley Theatre**

Attending: Patricia Houston WELB
Bronagh Donnelly CYPSP
Mustpha Ben Hassine Family Support Hub
Aodhan Harkin Strabane Sigersons GAA
Cathy Mc Closkey Early Years Organisation
Jarlath Mc Nulty Strabane Community Rep

Apologies: Chris Mc Daid Extern
Yvonne Tracy Rainbow SureStart
Eilish Mc Closkey WHSCT
Cathy Mc Closkey Early Years Organisation
Moira Mullan PSNI
Julie Connolly North West Volunteers
Janine Sayers Citizens Advice Bureau
Gerard Mc Fadden Strabane District Council

Welcome and Introduction:

Bronagh welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried out a round of introductions

Members update:

Every member gave a quick update on the work they were currently involved in and discussion occurred on how links between each service could be strengthened which led onto the next agenda item.

Results from mapping exercise:

Bronagh gave members a synopsis of the recent mapping survey that was carried out on behalf of the locality planning group. Although response was limited members agreed that it gave a snap shot of what service provision

was currently being delivered in the area and what programmes, training and workshops were planned for the next 6 months, the main points raised were:

- Community events calendar
- What events were planned and currently funded
- Monthly/quarterly bulletin or newsletter
- Central website for Strabane service providers
- Social media training
- Online localised database

Further discussion occurred as to what was feasible for the locality planning group to take forward and it was agreed that the LPG and the family support hub would collaborate and devise and distribute a quarterly newsletter to all service providers in the area. The newsletter would allow service providers to detail what their service is delivering and publicise any events, training, workshops that they would like to highlight. A discussion also occurred around distributing the newsletter wider to children, young people and families and it was agreed that Bronagh and Mustapha would discuss further and link with schools and local health outlets about getting the newsletter distributed wider. The first edition will hopefully be distributed end of January following the holidays.

A community events calendar was discussed in detail and the feasibility of keeping the calendar up to date and who would be the host agent, although no definitive conclusion was reached it was the consensus of the group that the idea of a community events calendar is a good one and should remain on the agenda as a possible piece of work for the future.

Western Outcomes Group:

Bronagh informed the group that the WAOG had been cancelled and therefore there was nothing to update the group on, Bronagh did inform the group that the next WAOG is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17th December and the focus of the meeting would be on their action plan and the group would receive it once it is completed

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 26th January 2015 at 10am Rainbow SureStart
Castlederg