

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING  
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2015  
AT 10.30AM IN LARNE TOWN HALL, LARNE**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	David McAllister	<i>Larne Borough Council</i>
	David Norris	<i>NEELB Youth Service</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Leigh Whittley	<i>NEELB Youth Service</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Yury Fleming	<i>NEELB (SAM Coordinator)</i>
	Hector Deane	<i>Ballymena Learning Together</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Gail Jackson	<i>NHSCT – Health Visiting</i>

**NEELB YOUTH SERVICE CONSULTATION**

Leigh Whittley and Davey Norris presented the NEELB Youth Service Consultation to those members present. Consultation forms were distributed with the aim to receive feedback regarding the Action Plan.

Davey provided information to the group of his role as a Youth Officer. As part of this role he has responsibility to put the plan together and ensure it is implemented. Numerous consultations have taken place with stakeholders and a number of other people identifying potential areas needing addressed.

## The Plan

Information was given on the plan and how the plan needs to take into account key government targets and policies. Davey noted he may have to make alternations to the plan which is a 3 year plan after feedback from various consultations. Priority of the youth 4-25 years is the key focus of this.

The key purpose of the NEELB Youth Service was explained. This is “To enable young people to develop holistically, working with them to facilitate their personal, social and educational development, to enable them to develop their voice/influence and place in society and to reach their full potential” (National Occupational Standards).

## Youth Service in the Larne Area

NEELB Youth Service presently in the Larne area was outlined.

- 1 Area Detached Worker (town)
- 1 Area Detached Worker (rural)
- 1 Building Set Aside Groups
- 1 Senior Youth Worker
- 1 Inclusion Worker (who covers Newtownabbey, Carrickfergus and Larne)

## Types of Provision

Targeted and Generalist types of provision were both explained to the group. There are currently 40 registered groups in Larne. A group of young people within Larne worked together and received funding of £1000 to run their own programmes within the area.

## Analysis of Larne

Leigh explained statistics from Larne Local Government District. These were based around key themes – education, health etc. Some statistics included:

- 20% of the Larne population is perceived as of having low income
- 4.19% are unemployed

- 6,004 of the population were aged under 16 years (2013)
- Craighill and Town parks ranked within the top 20/30% most deprived
- On Census day 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the population aged 16 years old and over, 40.40% had no or low (level 1) qualifications

Discussions took place regarding helping with youth provision in the areas of Craighill Hill and Antiville as they are huge areas for one youth worker to go into. Discussions also took place of the work already being done in these areas.

### Key Themes in Plan

It was noted 2942 young people have engaged with youth provision in this area and these young people are affected by what NEELB do. David noted he wants everyone to have a say in the consultation. He is looking to engage with young people and 8 young people in the new council by bringing them together. A consultation evening will be taking place next week.

Key themes from research and local knowledge that help underpin the plan were discussed. The 5 priority areas covered by the plan were outlined. Education has key objectives and associated targets of the 5 priority areas. The vision for NEELB Youth Service is for “every young person achieving his or her full potential at each stage of his or her development”.

2 of the key themes consulting on are raising standards for all and closing the performance gap / increasing access and equity. The 9 key areas for action under these key themes were explained and discussed. Members were asked to complete evaluations for this consultation. Forms will also be emailed to those who were not present at today’s meeting.

**Action: David / Leigh**

## **RELAX AND CHILLAX UPDATE**

Sandra provided information on Relax and Chillax which takes every Wednesday at lunch time from 12.50pm – 1.30pm in Larne High School. Sandra completed engagement on the onset of this initiative to identify what organisations the young people wanted there. These organisations along with others are invited and rotated on a weekly basis and attend with information for the pupils.

## **UPDATE – HEALTH FAIR**

A date has been set for a health fair to take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 in Larne Market Yard. Organisations will be asked to attend to provide information to families. A free BBQ will be provided for everyone and activities will be available for young people to take part in. Information will be circulated to all members when details are finalised.

David noted he will help coordinate the Larne Family Information Fair. He will distribute fliers to community centres etc. and will organise transport and get a group of young people to the event on the day.

**Action: Gemma / David**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015** at **10.30am** in **Sir Thomas Dixon Buildings, Larne.**

**Please note start time for future meetings will be 10.30am.**