



Fermanagh Locality Planning Group

The Fermanagh LPG have met and selected their priorities. Below is an update of ongoing work.

Update and Future Planning of Subgroups of LPG

Youth Providers Subgroup

The Youth Providers Subgroup has met twice with very positive outcomes. The Early Intervention Transformation Project staff had attended one of the meetings to learn from the attendees what the situation and challenges were for youth work in Fermanagh. The Youth Providers Subgroup are presently feeding back to Helen O'Neil (Family Support Data Base) as to the local youth provision that may not presently be advertised on the Data Base and upcoming summer schemes. The YP Subgroup felt that the meeting was an opportunity to come together and discuss policy and practice and a forum to share learning and maybe resources. The Coordinator has joined the NEETS Forum to keep the link with the regional piece currently ongoing. A request is going to be sent to the new Children's Commissioner (NICCY) to request that she visits and meets with the providers and some of their young people.

Breast Feeding Subgroup

The Coordinator has been trying to find volunteers as the numbers in the Thursday's 'Breast Friends Group' remain incredibly high. She continues to liaise with members of this group for upcoming developments and to support any volunteers that might be interested in becoming a breast feeding mentor and to look for interventions that can be easily embedded within the community to promote mentoring through groups

Alcohol & Drug Subgroup

Kieran Downey, Chairperson of the Outcomes Group has requested that a mapping of services take place, to identify where the organisation geographically covers, who they target, where they get their funding from and how long their funding will last.

Poverty & Food Banks Subgroup

This subgroup has met to look at what was happening in Fermanagh with issues being raised such as the long term need for food banks and if more sustainable long-term support could be offered through the food banks to ensure that families did not become dependent on this.

Disability Subgroup

There has been a very brief initial meeting to establish if this subgroup is required and those present felt it should be widened out to the larger membership as it was a good way to bring the large variety of agencies together.

Parents Reference Group Subgroup

The Fermanagh Parent's Reference Group has been facilitated with Parenting NI & Maria Herron. The Coordinator attends their meetings and has made significant relationships with the parents, with the only challenge the geographical distance between where these parents live.

Early Years / Promoting Communication Subgroup

The Coordinator has been working with Mary Elizabeth Hagenson (Speech & Language) as to support the Outcomes Group bring Suzanne Zeedyke (Connect Baby) to visit for a conference which will take place in October targeted at parents, early years staff and frontline family support staff.

Other Meetings

The Coordinator continues to attend the Childcare Partnership meetings, Fermanagh Now You Are Talking Rask Group, NEETs Forum and the Education/ Health & Early Years subgroup meetings of Enniskillen NR.