

## Dungannon Locality Planning Group - Minutes

Thursday, 9 July 2015 at 10.00 am in Gardeners Hall, Dungannon

<p><b>Chair:</b> Joanne McCourt (Belfast Central Mission)  <b>Facilitator:</b> Annie Clarke (CYPSP Locality Development Officer)  <b>Attendees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Caroline McGahon (Mid-Ulster Women's Aid)</li> <li>- Celene O'Neill (Mid Ulster Council – PCSP)</li> <li>- Ciara Burke (Closing the Gap, MUDC &amp; ACBCBC)</li> <li>- Claire Jennings (EWS – Southern region)</li> <li>- Lorraine O'Neill (DELTA)</li> <li>- Marie Skelton (Suse+ Programme - South West College)</li> <li>- Nuala Haughey (CYPSP)</li> <li>- Rosie Carey (EA Youth Service – Southern Region)</li> <li>- Sinead Taylor (Community Family Support Programme)</li> <li>- Sharon Dillon (CAB, Mid Ulster)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anna Reid (Simon Community)</li> <li>- Sharon Watters (South West College)</li> <li>- Ros Ewing (Home-Start Armagh and Dungannon)</li> <li>- Jacqueline Connolly (Community Development Worker - SHSCT)</li> <li>- Pat McGeough (Barnardo's: Young People's Partnership, Armagh &amp; Dungannon)</li> <li>- Kristina McCoy - Probation Officer</li> <li>- Marie-Therese Cassin (Cedar Foundation)</li> <li>- Bronagh McCluskey (Southern Trust)</li> </ul>
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	<b>ACTION - BY WHOM</b>
<p><b>Welcome/ Introductions</b>            Joanne welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.</p>	<p><b>Members were asked to sign in.</b></p>
<p><b>Apologies</b>            A number of apologies were announced (as noted above).</p>	
<p><b>Previous Minutes</b>            Joanne worked through the actions of the previous minutes.</p> <p>Ciara announced that there is a Small Grants Scheme available for voluntary and community sector organisations. This non-recurring funding aims to address the themes of Mental Health &amp; Emotional Well-Being, Suicide Prevention and Self- Harm. This grant is being administered by the Clear Project.</p>	<p><b>Kristina McCoy (Probation Service) has agreed to join the group and will attend future meetings. Ciara to forward the information to Nuala and this will be circulated to the group. Please note the closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015.</b></p>
<p><b>Action Planning – Identifying and Agreeing Priorities</b>            Annie reiterated the plan for the group to identify and agree on 3-4 priority areas that can be taken forward over the next 12 months. The priorities, sent through from members of the group together with the key issues that were raised at the Dungannon and Rural Dungannon Stakeholder Event last year were posted up around the room and members were asked to examine them.</p>	

Discussion:

It was decided that “bullying” and “online safety” would be merged together as one priority. It was agreed to also merge the priorities – “support for families” and “support for BME families”.

The suggestion of a tooth fairy event was put forward and this is something with which Paul Morgan (Director of Children and Young People’s Services) could possibly assist. Arke Sure Start, Armagh are due to host a tooth fairy event this Autumn and Annie explained that with CYPSP involved in the planning of this event, areas can be included which do not fall under the Arke Sure Start remit.

Caroline from Women’s Aid highlighted some of the training courses which their organisation offers, including: “Social Guardian training” which focuses on healthy relationships. This training would fall under the pupils’ personal development education. Domestic Violence is on the increase and teenagers experiencing abuse within relationships is becoming more prevalent. Women’s Aid is inundated with referrals. Caroline stated that a refuge is something that is much needed within the Dungannon area.

Celene from PCSP discussed “anti-social behaviour” and “society’s perception of young people”. It would be important to improve the image of young people within our community.

Clare from Education Welfare Service stated that “more support for families” would be a key priority from her service’s perspective as mental health issues within families, for example, can impact upon a young person’s attendance at school.

Sinead Taylor from Community Family Support Programme (CFSP) stated that she works with young people who are NEET. The CFSP offers a family support and referral service to address family members’ health, social and economic needs.

There was agreement around the table that work is being done to help address the issue of 85% or less attendance at school. Claire Jennings made reference to puppets being used to inform the children about the importance of attending school and what one will miss out on if they don’t.

Attendees were then asked to choose their top three priorities.

The priorities to be taken forward by the group were agreed as follows:

- **Bullying**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Support for families (including BME Families)**

Attendees were invited to bring forth any ideas they may have to begin to address the new objectives.

**Joanne McCourt to contact Siobhan Wallace at Dungannon & Coalisland Sure Start re: Tooth Fairy Event**

**Joanne and Celene agreed to link in with each other.**

**Annie to send out the Dungannon information booklet that she pulled together with statistics and graphs to members.**

<p>Annie informed the group that there is training on the <b>Interactive Mapping System</b> available which Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP Information Officer) is facilitating. This will also provide a networking opportunity for attendees, and it will be particularly useful for those who deal with funding applications.</p>	<p><b>Annie/Nuala to keep group informed about the upcoming training on the Interactive Mapping System.</b></p>
<p><b>Member Agency Update</b></p> <p><b>Rosie (EA Youth Service – Southern Region):</b> Youth Intervention Programmes taking place in Moy, Dungannon and Coalisland. Summer Schemes are on-going. St Macartan’s Youth Club Summer Scheme Augher: 6<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 10am – 1pm (Ages 5 -16 years). Contact Mary Wray on 028 8554 9508; Fivemiletown Scheme finishes tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup> July). The molly and Mia Foundation, Eglisli: 27<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> August, 9am – 5pm. Contact Diana Millar on 077 486 333 17.</p> <p><b>Sinead (Community Family Support Programme):</b> Sinead is a Family Liaison Officer. The aim of the CFSP will be to support families with a high level of need to develop their capacity to reach their full potential by addressing the employment, educational, training, health, social and economic issues that impact on their daily lives. Each family participating on the programme <u>must have a young person aged 16 to 24 years in the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) category.</u></p> <p><b>Ciara (Closing the Gap):</b> A Cook – it programme has been arranged within the Clonoe/ Washing Bay area for which 12 places are available. Alice at Clonoe Rural Development Agency is handling registration. A Mother and Pram fitness class has been arranged also for this area. There may be information talks on Domestic Violence and other issues taking place over an 8 week period. This plan is still in progress. The PHA Stop Smoking Challenge is due to begin mid/late August. This programme will also highlight the damage for expectant mothers who smoke. Ciara highlighted the online safety event which took place in Clonoe on Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup> May), with Clonoe GAC taking steps to raise awareness of online safety for young people and the wider community.</p> <p>A query was raised around the Parenting NI Research that took place at the Family Fun Day in Clonoe – has there been any information sent out?</p> <p><b>Sharon (CAB):</b> Currently firming up the referral procedures. Sharon is based in the Dungannon and Cookstown offices. Drop-In sessions are held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the Dungannon office from 9am – 12pm. An outreach service is also available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sharon made reference to the Welfare Reform and its potential impact on families, especially those who are already struggling.</p> <p><b>Celene (PCSP):</b> Budget cuts are having a huge impact on the work of the PCSP. There is no funding for</p>	<p><b>Nuala/Annie to follow up on the Parenting NI Clonoe research.</b></p>

events at present, other than those that have already been organised. Road Safety/Stranger Danger event has taken place, with 800 children attending. There is an upcoming road safety road-show for young drivers and an event around perceptions of young people and anti-social behaviour.

**Lorraine (DELTA):** staff are term-time; Incredible Years programme is due to begin on the third week of January 2016.

**Caroline (Mid-Ulster Women's Aid):** Fun days/Day trips for the children to take place over the summer. A Domestic Violence Awareness session including a tour of the refuge takes place on the last Friday of every month - contact the office to book a place. They have recently recruited new volunteers.

**Marie (South West College) –** On the 1st July 2015 South West College launched its new and innovative Employment Solutions Programme SUSE+. Funding secured through European Social Fund and Department for Employment and Learning will be used to provide support, guidance and qualifications to help unemployed and economically inactive adults (aged 16+) to progress into sustainable employment. SUSE+ will work in partnership with the Health and Education Trusts, Councils and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development across Cookstown, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Magherafelt and Omagh. Marie also mentioned their Peace Champions Project which is running at end of August and transport is available for this.

**Joanne (BCM) –**67 people on floating support; funding for parent support runs out in January 2016. Days out are being organised for the children and young people to Slieve Gullion Park and Portrush. A question and answer session with the Health Visitor Team Leader and parents took place recently which was an insightful session. A healthy relationship workshop has also taken place. Work is being done with families who are located in rural areas and visits have been made to the local library. Lorraine at Delta offered to do a programme in the Clonoe area. Two upcoming courses in the local area include Child Safety in the Home – Armagh area on 15<sup>th</sup> September, and Older People's Safety in the Home – Dungannon on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**Annie (CYPSP):** Dungannon has its own webpage on the CYPSP website and members are welcome to send in information on their upcoming activities and events to Nuala/Annie for advertisement on the webpage.

**Nuala to forward information sent from Marie at South West College to the group regarding the Suse+ Programme and the Peace Champions Project.**

**Joanne to email information to Nuala for circulation on the upcoming courses**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date: Thursday, 10 September 2015**

**Time: 10.00am**

**Venue: Gardeners Hall, Dungannon**

*Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting*