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## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE EXHIBITS IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

'POP up ART', a social enterprise that recycles, restores and revamps discarded or donated pieces of furniture, and through this activity seeks to teach people from disadvantaged backgrounds transferable work skills, showcased its innovative collection in the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings on Monday 23 November 2015

Junior Minister McCann and Minister Ford had the opportunity to meet participants from the Pop up Art programme as well as Eilish and Manus Teague, who run the programme.



Pictured at the POP up ART exhibition on 23 November:  
L – R Naomi Bailie – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Justice  
Minister David Ford, Eilish and Manus Teague – Pop up Arts, Junior  
Minister Jennifer McCann and Stephen McClelland – Hub Manager

During their time at the POP up ART Project at the South Eastern Social Enterprise Hub in Downpatrick participants learn craft, life and work skills, develop self-esteem, self-discipline and develop the confidence to enable them to become life and job-ready.

The South Eastern Social Enterprise Hub team has provided mentoring support and a workspace unit to pop up Art, giving them a space to produce and showcase products in a professional manner.

The South Eastern Social Enterprise Hub, which comprises Downpatrick and Lisburn premises, is one of eleven Hubs established across the nine Social Investment Zones under the Northern Ireland Executive's Delivering Social Change Framework.

With £4million of funding from the Executive's Delivering Social Change Fund, the Social Enterprise Hub Signature Programme tackles poverty, dereliction and unemployment by encouraging social enterprise business start-up within local communities.

**For further information about the Downpatrick Hub please contact Stephen McClelland on 028 4483 9532.**

## A DELIVERING SOCIAL CHANGE INVESTMENT IS UNDERPINNING THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW INTEGRATED PROCESS FOR ALL CHILDREN

Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP) is a Delivering Social Change (DSC) Signature Programme funded by Atlantic Philanthropies, the NI Executive's Delivering Social Change Fund and DSC and five Government Departments (DHSSPS, DE, DEL, DoJ and DSD). EITP aims to transform mainstream services by enabling a shift to early intervention and prevention through a greater use of evidence and focus on outcomes.



Of the 3 EITP Workstreams, EITP Workstream 1 seeks to equip, support and empower parents to provide their children with the best start in life. There are 3 Workstream 1 Project elements; *Getting Ready for Baby*, *Getting Ready for Toddler* and *Getting Ready to Learn*.

The Public Health Agency (PHA) leads on the *Getting Ready for Baby* Project which will transform universal antenatal care and education by providing antenatal care alongside the Solihull Antenatal Parenting Programme.

The PHA also leads on the *Getting Ready for Toddler* Project which will improve support for social and emotional development of pre-school children.

The Department of Education (DE) leads on the *Getting Ready to Learn* Project which seeks to support DE funded pre-school education providers to encourage and develop parental involvement in children's early learning to ensure maximum parental contribution at a crucial time in children's early brain development.

A review and analysis of how services are currently delivered pointed towards an opportunity to introduce a new integrated review for children aged 3-4 years in their pre-school year. The outcomes of the review will be service transformation; which will be delivered in 2 stages:

1. A named health visitor who will be aligned to every DE funded pre-school education setting;
2. An initial 10% of children will be offered an additional Health Review in the pre-school setting.

The integrated review will combine the health visitor's skills, knowledge and experience; the pre-school education practitioner's observations and detailed knowledge of the children in their day to day care; and parent's views and concerns on their child's progress and development.

Once the change is fully embedded it will be sustained by the mainstream services and become a part of the core service offering to all children.

# DELIVERING SOCIAL CHANGE DEMENTIA SIGNATURE PROGRAMME – UPDATE FROM THE DEMENTIA TOGETHER NI TEAM

## Delirium Collaborative Workshop – Think Delirium

This day promoted the work of the Regional Delirium Group and launched the pilot of the delirium bundle in 10 wards across the 5 HSC Trusts. This work is located under work stream 2 of the project.



*Nichola Cullen from Dementia Together NI delivering her presentation as part of the General Ward collaborative day at Mossley Mill on 25 November 2015.*

The event took place on 25 November at Mossley Mill and was attended by 86 acute hospital staff who provided comments on the proposed bundle and how they would use it to improve the identification, diagnosis and management of acute delirium in the general wards of the pilot. The pilot will commence at the end of November 2015 and the target by 2017 is to have 95% compliance with the delirium bundle across NI.



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## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF 3 SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND PROJECTS BY JUNIOR MINISTERS

November 2015 has been a busy month for Social Investment Fund (SIF) projects – Junior Ministers Emma Pengelly and Jennifer McCann have formally launched 3 projects worth around £5.8 million in the Belfast West, Belfast South and South Eastern SIF Zones. SIF is an £80million Executive Fund, aiming to improve life chances for those living in disadvantaged areas and these projects breathe life into this vision.

Launched on 11 November, was the **£2.2million EmployAbility Belfast South project** which is designed to develop the skills, confidence and work readiness of the long-term unemployed in the area. In practice this means that 375 participants can avail of training opportunities specifically linked to local employers' needs complimented by tailored support and advice from mentors. After completion participants will have 13-week paid work placements with a range of local employers including Allstate NI, Deloitte and Alliance Pharmacy. Ministers were impressed by the very practical dynamic approach to connect people with jobs taken by the Greater Village Regeneration Trust. They have developed and will manage the project on a day to day basis.



*Junior Ministers pictured at the launch with EmployAbility scheme participant, Preston Neill*

18 November 2015 was another busy day for SIF with the launch of Early Intervention - Transitions in the South Eastern Zone in the morning and Early Interventions in Belfast West later in the afternoon.

The **£2,600,000 Early Intervention - Transitions project** in the South Eastern SIF Zone is a programme of innovative, educational interventions (Incredible Years, Partnership with Parents and Mentoring for Achievement), designed to support children and their parents at key times in their young lives. It will be run by the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, which has a long and successful track record in the area of early intervention. Like all successful early interventions, community involvement is vital and so we are pleased that delivery is a collaborative effort between, Barnardo's, YMCA, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Resurgam Community Development Trust and many others.



*Junior Ministers Jennifer McCann and Emma Pengelly, pictured with (L-R) Gerard McKenna, Mark Copeland, Active Communities Network, and Jordan Beattie at the scheme launch*

The **£926,000 Belfast West Early Intervention project** designed and managed by Falls Community Council, recognises the need for local, positive interventions to divert local young people away from anti-social behaviour and low level petty crime. It is hoped that the targeted interventions can help inspire and promote citizenship, leadership, educational attainment, and enhance the future prospects of the nearly 900 young people involved over the life of the project. Active Communities Network together with local community/voluntary groups, all of whom have a long and proven track record in the West Belfast area, will deliver the project.



*Pictured (left to right) David Simpson, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Brendan Whittle, Director of Children's Services South East Trust, DCAL Minister Carál Ní Chuilín, Pauline McMullan, YMCA, Junior Minister Emma Pengelly, Mabel Scullion, Barnardo's, Ralston Perera, South East Trust, Adrian Bird, Resurgam Community Development Trust.*

Early intervention is a key theme throughout the Social Investment Fund and Ministers were impressed at both the day's events with the commitment of those involved to make the lives of young people better, raising their self esteem and self belief.

The formal commencement of these projects demonstrates how SIF is really beginning to provide opportunities and hope in local communities to deliver the social change intended and really improve people's life chances.



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE 'LIST OF ISSUES' IN RELATION TO THE UK GOVERNMENT REPORT ON THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

**\*\*Engagement period closes on Wednesday 16 December 2015 \*\***

The UK Government ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in December 1991 subject to a number of declarations and reservations. The Convention subsequently came into force within the UK on 15 January 1992. The UK is required to submit periodic reports on progress against the CRC to the UN Committee. The four UK jurisdictions contribute to this process.

The UK Government submitted its Fifth Periodic Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in May 2014 and is scheduled to be examined by the UN Committee in Spring 2016.

In October 2015, the UN Committee met with the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People, civil society organisations and children and young people from Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, who outlined their main concerns about children's rights.

The next stage of the reporting process is for the UK to provide a written response by 1 March 2016 to a List of Issues that the UN Committee published on 11 November 2015.

The Children and Young People's Unit (CYPU) in OFMDFM will engage with the UK Government and co-ordinate responses on behalf of the NI Executive. In taking this work forward, CYPU will be working closely with all key stakeholders and your views are being sought on the UN Committee's List of Issues to ensure our response is co-ordinated and fully reflective of the position in Northern Ireland in relation to children's rights.

The deadline for completing this exercise is extremely tight as responses to the UK Government on the List of Issues **must** be submitted by **11 January 2016**.

**To facilitate this exercise CYPU will be hosting a number of workshops with the first workshop scheduled to take place on the morning of Thursday 3 December at Castle Buildings, Belfast. If you wish to register to attend please contact the Children and**

**Young People's Unit by emailing: [equalityandHumanRights@ofmdfmi.gov.uk](mailto:equalityandHumanRights@ofmdfmi.gov.uk) or by using any of the following:**

**Telephone:** 028 9052 3423 or 028 9076 5785

**Textphone:** 028 9052 2526

**Or by writing to:** The Children and Young People's Unit, OFMDFM, Room E3.13, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SR

For those wishing to take part in this very important piece of work but unable to attend on 3 December, please contact CYPU as additional dates and venues will be arranged as deemed necessary.

Alternatively, you can submit your views in writing to:

[equalityandHumanRights@ofmdfmi.gov.uk](mailto:equalityandHumanRights@ofmdfmi.gov.uk) or by writing to the address above.

The UN Committee full List of Issues is available at:

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CRC/Shared%20Documents/GBR/CRC\\_C\\_GBR\\_Q\\_5\\_22\\_065\\_E.docx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CRC/Shared%20Documents/GBR/CRC_C_GBR_Q_5_22_065_E.docx)

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## **EXECUTIVE STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Work continues to move forward on the Co-Design process for the development of the new Executive Strategy for Children and Young People. To date there have been two well attended workshops and we would like to thank all those who have taken part. If you and the young people you represent are interested in taking part in the co-design process and have not yet been in touch please see the contact details at the bottom of this update. If you have not yet sent back your feedback from the workshops please do so as soon as possible to: The Children and Young People's Unit, OFMDFM, Room E3.13, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SR.

A project board has been established consisting of a range of Departmental officials and the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY).

In designing this new strategy we wish to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, but primarily children and young people, to gather their views on the issues important to them. A number of NGO organisations have already come forward and agreed to facilitate this participation. Again, if you are keen to provide a voice for the young people you work with please get involved by speaking to us using the contact information below.

Feedback received from the co-design launch with the NGO's in September has been collated and analysis will inform how we move towards the identification of thematic issues to consider. (11 responses received).

A series of meetings are planned with the NGO's who have already expressed an interest in contributing to the development of the strategy. Focusing on those children and young people who are harder to reach requires expertise and specialist knowledge and we would like to extend our thanks to representatives and organisations who are participating in this complex area. Work is also underway with the other Departments, Statutory Agencies and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership to identify the linkage with other strategies which impact on the lives of children and young people in order to determine how this can be addressed and managed utilising a more outcome-based integrated approach.

*'Thank you'* to **Children in Northern Ireland** for facilitating an initial discussion between the OFMDFM, Children and Young People's Unit and their member organisations on the 19 November.

Further workshop dates will be announced shortly. We welcome your contribution and urge anyone who is interested in this work area to please get in touch with the **Children and Young People's Unit**, OFMDFM by emailing [alistair.carroll@ofmdfmi.gov.uk](mailto:alistair.carroll@ofmdfmi.gov.uk) or by telephone: **028 9052 3423**.



## **APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) is seeking to appoint a new Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland to champion the interests of older people. The appointment will be a full time position and will be for a four year term, which may be renewed once and, subject to satisfactory performance.

This is an independent, high profile, and influential position. The successful applicant will demonstrate strong leadership ability with excellent communication and presentation skills. Applicants must have a thorough understanding of the needs of older people living in Northern Ireland today and be able to show a commitment to the interests of older people as well as demonstrating effective advocacy and negotiating skills.

**Information on the appointment process is available on the NICS Recruitment website:**  
**[Appointment of a Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland – appointment process.](#)**

Closing date for applications is: **12 noon on 7 December 2015.**

**Further information on the Commissioner for Older People can be found at**  
**[www.copni.org](http://www.copni.org).**

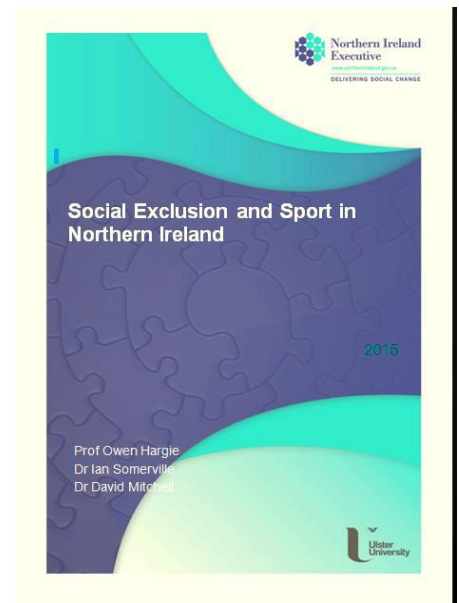
## SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND SPORT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Ulster University will publish a report entitled "Social Exclusion and Sport in Northern Ireland" on 2 December 2015. The report was funded by OFMDFM Statistics and Research Branch, and explores public perceptions on a range of issues as they relate to sport, including: peace building and cross-community engagement; flags, anthems and venues; gender, LGB and transgender; and age, disability, socio-economic status and minority ethnic participation.

The full report, along with an Executive Summary will be published on the University of Ulster website:

<http://www.socsci.ulster.ac.uk./comms/sesni/>.

**For more information, please contact Matthew McFarland on 028 9052 8200.**



**This is the final update of 2015. We hope you have found the Delivering Social Change updates issued during 2015 useful and informative.**

**We wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2016!**

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