

Outcome 1, 4 & 5

Background

Carrickfergus Locality Planning Group along with Carrickfergus Raising Attainment Group hosted the 7th Annual Youth Fair on Tuesday 7th February 2017.

Prior engagement completed by Young People highlighted a need to inform young people about support services available to them. The Youth Fair provided Year 11 pupils with valuable information on organisations they can approach for help, advice and support.

Students from Carrickfergus College, Carrickfergus Grammar, Downshire School and Ulidia Integrated College attended the Youth Fair.

The Outcomes of the day were to:

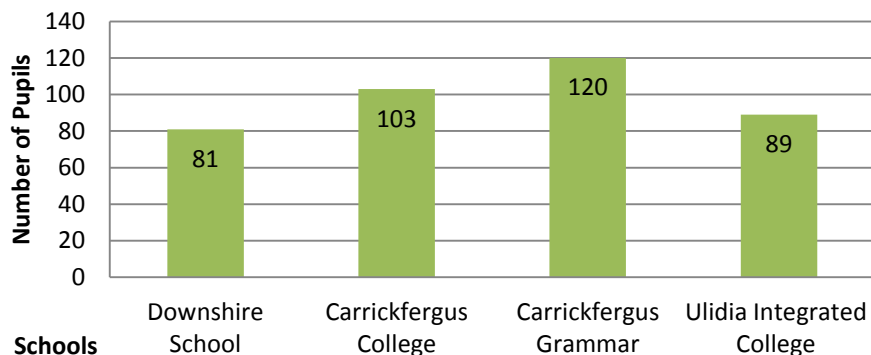
1. Highlight services available to young people as well as organisations having the opportunity to ask what issues are of concern, and explain how to access necessary support.
2. Strengthen the relationships between organisations working in the area.
3. Help strengthen the relationships between Schools and agencies in order to ease any barriers to provide further support to pupils.

- Children and Young People and their parents will have the support they need with regard to their emotional wellbeing, mental and physical health.
- Children with disabilities have access to practical social and emotional support services.
- All children and young people will enjoy good relationships/equality and diversity.



How much did we do?

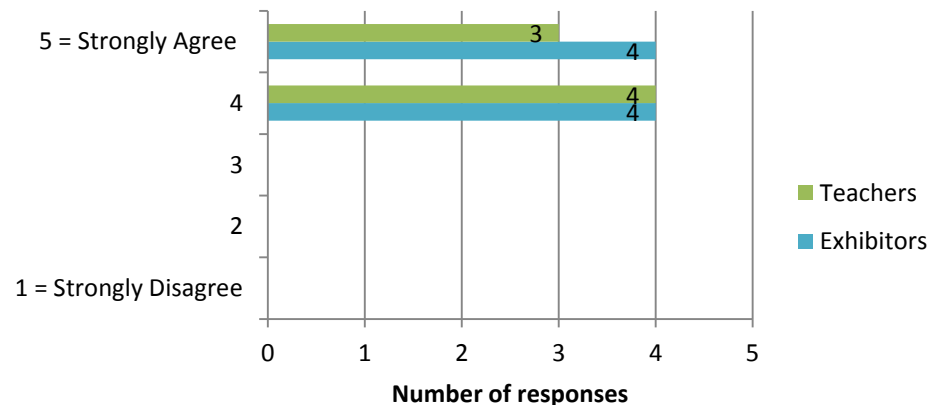
Youth Fair Attendance



Information on support services and activities in the local area were provided to approx. 393 Year 11 pupils who attended from the 4 Post Primary Schools.

How well did we do it?

Increased knowledge of support services as a result of attending the Youth Fair

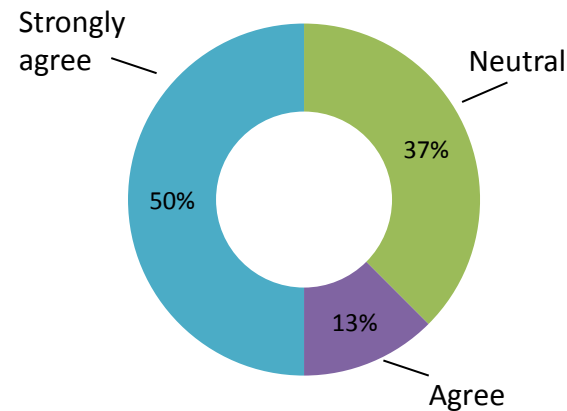
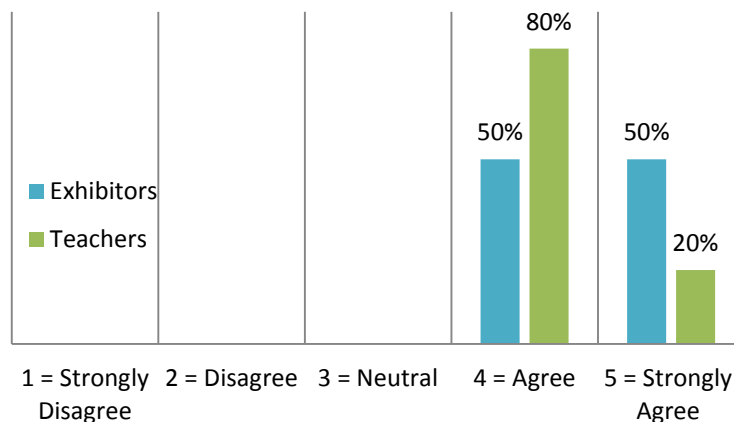


Is anyone better off?

Pupils were surprised and amazed by the amount of organisations ready and willing to help and support them.

Almost 400 15-16 year olds have been engaged with as a result of the event

Improved information sharing and communications across organisations



Improvement of exhibitors understanding of the needs of young people from attending Youth Fair