

Downpatrick Back to School Uniform Event July 2018



Background

The CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group in partnership with the County Down Rural Community Network, Down SureStart, Homestart, YMCA, Action for Children, Newry Mourne and Down District Council hosted a **Back to School Uniform** event at the Ballymote Centre Downpatrick. The event provided free pre-loved uniform to families preparing to return to School.

The **Back to School Event** was piloted in Downpatrick last year as a result of the expressed needs from the community, it was well attended and feedback from the participants was very positive. Downpatrick was the first in a series of three events that have been hosted by the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group, Newcastle and Ballynahinch also hosted events.

The partnership met in the Spring to plan the event and reflected on the valuable lessons learned from last year. Parents and Schools were encouraged to donate clean good quality uniforms, the uniforms were sorted and presented to families at the end of July, a time parents begin to prepare for Back to School.

Find Out More:

For more information on the role of the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group please visit www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/down-locality-planning-group

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CYPSP's Strategy for NI High Level Outcome Contributions

All Children and Young People experience economic and environmental wellbeing.

All Children and Young People live in safety and stability

All Children and Young People Learn and Achieve

Contributing to the Newry Mourne and Down Community

All people in Newry Mourne and Down enjoy good health and wellbeing

All people in Newry Mourne and Down fulfil their lifelong potential

How much did we do?

- 8 Down Locality Planning Group members, County Down Rural Community Network, Lisburn YMCA, Down SureStart, Action for Children, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, and Health and Social Care Trust worked in partnership to host the **Back to School Uniform Event**
- There was engagement with 4 Primary Schools, and 6 Post-Primary Schools
- Schools were from Controlled, Maintained, Special Needs and Integrated sectors.



How well did we do it?

- The room hire for the **Back to School Event** was provided in kind by County Down Rural Community Network.
- Over 171 individuals including children, young people and their parents attended the full day back to school fair in Downpatrick.
- 1055 items were distributed during the event
- Items were pre-loved and free with a notional value of items taken £7,455.00
- 11 staff / volunteers from the member organisations contributed their time to support the delivery of the event. This included Lisburn YMCA, Down Sure Start, CDRCN and Action for Children.
- 75 swim passes donated by MNADD Council and distributed to children and families attending the back to school fair to increase opportunities for families to partake in keeping active during the week of celebrating national day of play on 3 August 2018



Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants at the event rated the event helpful for School Uniforms with smiley faces
- 13% of Parents of Nursery Pupils
- 63% of parents of Primary School Pupils
- 24% of Parents of Post Primary Students
- 75 swimming passes were distributed to families
- 100% of families rated the event with 'thumbs up'



Uniform presented for the **Back to School Event** Ballymote

Is anyone better off?

Fantastic and very appreciated

Perfect and helped a young mum out

Great help, thank you

Perfect, got what I needed

Lovely people, felt totally happy

This was so good, was able to get all grandkids sorted, great thank you.

Brilliant event, essential for communities, thank you

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