

# Newcastle Back to School Uniform Event August 2018

## Background

The CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group in partnership with the County Down Rural Community Network, Down SureStart, Homestart, YMCA, Action for Children, SERC & Newry Mourne and Down District Council hosted a **Back to School Uniform** event at the South Eastern Regional College Newcastle. 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. Newcastle was the second in a series of three events that have been hosted by the CYPSP Down Locality Planning Group, Downpatrick 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 beginning of August, 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](http://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



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## How much did we do?

- 9 Down Locality Planning Group members, SERC, 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 Health Development dept. & Community Dental, and Health and Social Care Trust worked in partnership to host the **Back to School Uniform Event**
- There was engagement with Primary Schools, and Post-Primary Schools
- Schools were from Controlled, Maintained, Special Needs and Integrated sectors.



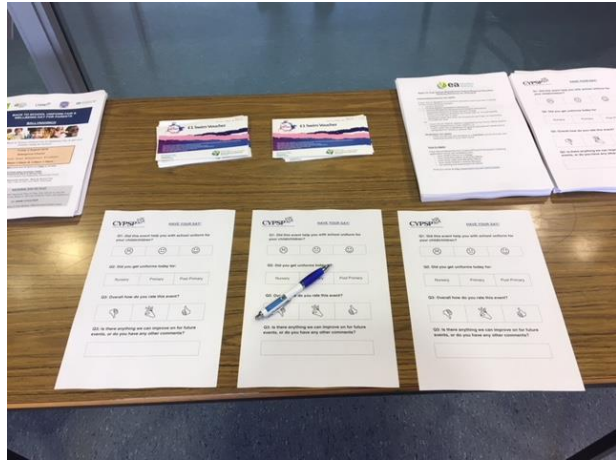
## How well did we do it?

- Room hire for the **Back to School Event** was donated by South Eastern Regional College.
- Over 145 individuals attended.
- 472 items were distributed
- Items were pre-loved and free with a notional value of items taken £4,255.00
- 14 volunteers from the Partnership staffed the event
- 50 Oral health packs were distributed
- 68 swim passes and 4 Family passes to Tropicana donated by MNADD Council were distributed.



# Is anyone better off?

- 63 of 64 participants who completed the event evaluation form of which equates to 99% of participants attending the event rated it as a helpful opportunity for families to prepare for the back to school season. Of the 64 families that attended the event there were;
- 8% of Parents of Nursery Pupils
- 64% of parents of Primary School Pupils
- 28% of Parents of Post Primary Students
  
- 50 oral health packs were distributed to families by the SEHSCT Dental Health Team who attending the event to promote positive oral hygiene
  
- 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?

This was a great event, thank you

Great help, thank you

Very good

Very welcoming, friendly event, massively helped with uniform.

Excellent idea and so helpful. Is there a possibility of including Dundrum School in future?

Great

Sister told me, great!!

Was just grand!