

**MINUTES OF ANTRIM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019, 2PM  
IN ANTRIM HOMESTART**

<b>Attending:</b>	Mervyn Rae	<i>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey Council</i>
	Karen Sykes	<i>Princes Trust</i>
	Mary O'Connell	<i>Homestart</i>
	Kelly Forsythe	<i>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey Borough Council – Health &amp; Wellbeing</i>
	Sinead Tumelty	<i>Parenting NI</i>
	Andrew Millar	<i>Start 360</i>

<b>Apologies:</b>	Jennifer Todd	Oasis
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mervyn welcomed everyone to the meeting today. It was noted that there is no formal agenda and lack of attendance/apologies. No reminder of meeting had been received.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 4 December 2018**.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Youth Fair Antrim – no date confirmed, it is hoped to be before Easter. Information to be circulated to Niamh Neeson in relation to event for distribution to Local Planning Group members.

## **UPDATE – FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS**

No update noted.

## **MEMBER AGENCY UPDATE**

### Sinead Tumelty – Families Together Project – Parenting NI

Project running in Ballycraigy, Parkhall, Six Mile Integrated, Greystone and St Joseph's Primary Schools with New Life Counselling. Six elements.

1. Wee workshops – delivered within the schools
2. Time for parents – counselling available to all parents in Antrim Area
3. Time for children – counselling available to children in the core schools
4. Time together – in core schools
5. Time to talk – Sinead available to chat to any parent in Antrim Area.
6. Parenting apart – due to begin again in Home-Start on 8 May for 6 weeks.

### Andrew Millar – Northern Connections (Start 360)

Feel Good February – we will be hosting a Clubbercise event on 22 February in Studio 365 in Ballymena at 2.30pm. If anyone would like to attend, email – [wendy.burgess@start360.org](mailto:wendy.burgess@start360.org)

We are still able to offer any drug and alcohol awareness raising sessions to workforces and sports clubs – Feel free to get in contact if we can help with anything like that or help support any health & well being events.

We will also be organising the Antrim Youth Fair for Selena – still trying to get a date agreed with George Beattie and the schools but will let everyone know when we do.

### Karen Sykes, Princes Trust

Programmes coming up:-

Enterprise – 6 March, Belfast

Get Into Security – 5 March, Antrim

Get Into Retail with Lidl – 19 March

Event in Holiday Inn Antrim – possibly 29 March – invites to follow.

Kelly Forsythe, Health & Wellbeing, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Home Safety & energy Efficiency visits still taking place. Very limited Keep Warm Packs left.

Working through Age Friendly work – this will be linked into intergenerational work.

Rolling out Breastfeeding Welcome Here and also working on Community Resuscitation Action Plan.

Bee Safe happening in Antrim & Newtownabbey in April/May for all P7 children.

Mary O'Connell, Home-Start Antrim

Successful Christmas Appeal – 61 families received support through hampers, toys food and energy vouchers.

Recruitment campaign launched to recruit new volunteers – 7 currently training.

Referrals coming in regularly – 12 in January. Volunteers are all currently supporting families.

Incredible Years commenced again in January due to complete May.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mervyn enquired about a replacement for Selena and when this is likely to take effect.

Ask Niamh Neeson to send reminder of meeting prior to date.

Mervyn noted that we need to be constructive, working together to keep the Locality Group going, it would be a shame to see it disappear after all the hard work which has gone into getting it going.

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed. Andrew Millar to confirm the date of the Fair and then organise a meeting the week beforehand.