

Newry & Mourne LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 10am
Newry Youth Resource Centre, Newry

Attendees		Apologies
Karen Clarke (N&M Home-Start - Chair)	Lauren Mack (The Prince's Trust)	Amanda Kirkpatrick (Action Trauma)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes)	Louise Quinn (Crisis Café)	Blanaid Bruce (Radius Housing)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Gemma McKeown (Magnet YAC)	Joyce Rainey (Sense NI)
Andrew Briggs (The Prince's Trust)	Mairead Hearty (Women's Aid A.D.)	Maria Hamill (Newry ALC)
Anne-Marie Sutherland (SHSCT)	Mary O'Hanlon (SHSCT)	Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group)
Clara O'Callaghan (Volunteer Now)	Maureen O'Gorman (EA Youth Service)	Mark Fell (The Prince's Trust)
Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation)	Patrice McCrory (Arbour Housing)	Paddy Hughes (EA / FLARE)
Ellie McKenna (NICMA)	Pauline Hunter-Graham (Mae Murray)	Tracy McFarlane (SHSCT)
Emily Tinnelly (SHSCT)	Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)	Annie Clarke (SHSCT)
Hannah Roberts (Youth Justice Agency)	Seán Maguire (Newry CC)	
Karen Sands (Newry Sure Start)	Teresa Kearney (Magnet YAC)	

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Welcome, Apols., Mins. 05/06/24	Karen welcomed all to the meeting. Introductions given, as new members present. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload to CYPSP website
Member Agency Updates	Louise (Crisis Café): Range of individual & group activities based on identified needs. Social Café continues with young people as peer mentors. Young Advisory Group plan activities and Young Ambassador Group lead on youth matters. Drop-in available for individual support: referral form available. Training workshops forthcoming on SBNI Online Trauma Toolkit. Mairead (Women's Aid Armaghdown): New 3-year project started in Sept: "Become Connected, Become Empowered", 1-to1 wellbeing support offered. WA Armaghdown	JP to circulate links after meeting. Flyers included in next 'FYI' Please share widely.

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Member Agency Updates	<p>Community Networking Event in South Armagh Area on 19th Nov. Members invited to have an info. stand. Women invited to get involved in volunteering in partnership with Volunteer Now. Planning a Community 5K for International Women's Day 2025.</p> <p>Karen S. (Newry Sure Start): Continue working with families, from pregnancy until school age. Various community locations around Newry: Altnaveigh House, Derrybeg, Fiveways, Warrenpoint. Operating a Peer Support Group with experienced staff member. Seeking applicants for Multi-Cultural Parents Forum. Adapting programmes to suit parent availability and to avoid clashes with other local programmes.</p> <p>Clara (Volunteer Now): Looking for groups of young volunteers to assist at the Footsteps in the Forest Festival at Slieve Gullion Forest Park, 21-29 Oct, 4.30-9.30pm. Newry Newcomers Forum are seeking ESOL-trained volunteers to teach English.</p> <p>Dan (Cedar Foundation): New referral form available for ADHD & ASD Support in the SHSCT Area.</p> <p>Andrew / Lauren (The Prince's Trust): Face-to-face & virtual Training Programme ongoing along with CV Review Service & Development Awards. Contact Lauren and Andrew if a specific need for in-person programme for local young people. Working with a lot of refugees & asylum seekers. Also work with 16-30 to develop skills & confidence. The organisation is re-branding to The King's Trust imminently.</p> <p>Hannah (Youth Justice Agency): Continuing to work with young people aged 10-18.</p> <p>Ellie (NICMA): Low provision of childminders in the Mournes Area, so they are actively promoting childminding as a career in the region.</p> <p>Maureen (EA Youth Service): Working in Newry High School & St. Joseph's, focusing on racism and harm against women & girls. Programmes becoming very oversubscribed. Worked with Children With Disabilities Team in the summer. Disability Youth Voice programme starting soon. Halloween focused ASB work now taking place across the area. Generic & targeted work with 9-25 year olds continues.</p>	Contact Clara to discuss both

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Member Agency Updates	<p>Karen C. (N&M Home-Start): All service very busy, waiting lists operating. Currently recruiting volunteers with parenting experience. Unmet Need: Referrals from families with pre- or recently diagnosed ASD and not a lot of specific support available locally.</p> <p>Teresa & Gemma (Magnet YAC): Work with 15-25 yrs. Music & Meda section longest running programme. Young people to be elected onto Management Committee at upcoming AGM. All groups co-designed with young people. NIYF Homelessness Project has highlighted issues with sofa-surfing and newcomers unaware of their rights. Higher no. of young people gambling. Youth Engagement Service based in Magnet. Working with Bolster on Autism Connect programme. Youth Action programmes include Girls Allowed & Peace Summit. Lack of activities/support for young people aged 11-13 in Bessbrook area, working with EA to address. Haunted House Halloween Event coming up organised by the young people in the centre - flyer in 'FYI'.</p> <p>Seán (Newry CCG): Continuing to work with local community groups. Difficulty getting youth support for groups in the area. New Children In Need funding process is a lot more complex and more challenging to secure mid/long term funding. CCG are available to assist local groups with funding applications.</p> <p>Anne-Marie / Mary / Emily (SHSCT, Children With Disabilities Team): Busy summer and grateful of partnership with the EA Youth Service. Programmes delivered in Newry, Annalong & Crossmaglen. More 12-17 year olds seeking social activities. Planning to run their own group for those known to the Community Access Team.</p> <p>Patrice (Arbour Housing): Social Housing Landlord for Belfast Road Shared Housing, currently delivering on 5-Year Plan which assists in funding local projects. (Not a funder, but happy to work in partnership to support relevant local initiatives.) Members of the LPG are invited to attend their Local Advisory Group Meeting before Christmas.</p> <p>Philip (PAPYRUS): Offer support to young people up to 35 yrs struggling with thoughts of suicide, primarily through their helpline (Hopeline), which can also be accessed by concerned others and professionals (guided support & debriefing service available).</p>	

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Member Agency Updates	<p>Various languages available, website is neurodiverse offering different ways of engaging with the service. Emerging Needs: Rural community, increase in females taking their own lives. Active Schools programme operating. Seasons For Growth programme to be trialled in NI. Engaging with IFA, GAA & Ulster Rugby. Accredited CPD training available. Free 30 min sessions available to community/youth groups.</p> <p>Pauline (Mae Murray Foundation): Member-led organisation for all abilities. Cranfield Beach is main venue. Ran several summer events which were open to all. Talking to Newry Leisure Centre about their Adapted Gym project and how that might look, with the aim of leaving a pathway for staff to continue the work they initially carry out.</p>	
FSH Update	<p>No representation from Bolster Community at meeting.</p> <p>View 2023/24 Annual FSH Report Cards: HERE (NI-Wide) & HERE (Southern Area)</p>	
Action Plan 2024-27	<p>Darren presented the Southern Area Outcomes Group Plan 2024-27 - Final version to follow. Working in collaboration will be key to outcomes as will availability of funding. School disruption/avoidance is a key priority.</p> <p>Application to Clear Funding was successful for self-care workshops/activities for LPGs - Darren to provide further update at next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on potential amalgamation of the Newry & Mourne and South Armagh LPGs, but consensus that there are localised issues/needs specific to rural areas (initially raised by MH). SM stated that N&M alone is a huge geographical area. TK suggested one joint meeting per year to discuss themes relating to both LPG areas.</p>	<p>DC to forward draft Plan on a Page via e-mail</p> <p>DC to organise one joint meeting in 2025</p>
Feedback on Action Plan 2021-24	<p>‘Take a Healthy Selfie’ Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Resource Launch digital & hard copy versions still available - E-mail HERE to request hard copies.</p> <p>CYPSP are collaborating with Ygam to offer members the opportunity to attend a fully-funded Gaming & Gambling Harm Prevention Workshop - Register directly with Ygam using one of the following links: Face-To-Face (6th Nov) & Online (14th Nov)</p> <p>Download the Final Report of the Southern Area LPGs 2021-24 Action Plan HERE.</p>	<p>Click HERE to download digital versions</p>

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Feedback on Action Plan 2021-24	<p>Darren presented the 2023 Southern Area LPGs Standards Report, which will be available to view on the CYPSP website in due course.</p> <p>Various CYPSP Groups continue, as follows: Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Sub-Group (focusing on 13-16 year olds, piloting in Newry), Disability Sub-Group, Ethnic Minority Inter-Agency Group, Youth Voice Task & Finish Group.</p>	JP to forward report
AOB	<p>Click HERE to find out more about the National Lottery Community Fund's new funding programme for Northern Ireland, 'It Starts With Community', which prioritises those experiencing poverty, discrimination and disadvantage, and preventing problems before they arise.</p> <p>A new Department of Education initiative has been launched, which aims to raise achievement to reduce educational disadvantage - Find out more about the RAISE Programme HERE.</p> <p>Download the 'FYI' Newsletter Feedback Survey 2024 Scorecard HERE.</p> <p>Click HERE to confirm your membership of the Newry & Mourne LPG.</p>	Charlene O'Hara to be invited to next meeting
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 4th December 2024, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>2025 LPG meeting dates & formats will be proposed/discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite