

**Armagh LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call**

<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Apologies</b>
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Adrian Hutchinson (EA YS)	Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Cillian O'Hagan (Start 360)	Raquel Rodrigues-Keenan (Volunteer Now)
Abbie Hayes (Women's Aid Armaghdown)	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)	
Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)	Helen McKenna (PSNI)	
Glenda McMullen (Armagh Foodbank)	Karen Ross (PSNI)	
Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	
Kirsty Richardson (ArKe Sure Start)	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)	
Lisa Daly (PIPS Hope & Support)	Nichola Lockhart (EY Toybox)	
Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)	Sophie Lester (ABC Council)	
Rhiannon Gallagher (Clanrye Group)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)	
Siobhan Brennan (PIPS Hope & Support)		

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action - By Whom</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 05/09/24</b>	Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>Self-Care Session</b>	<b><i>Supported by the PHA through the Clear Project.</i></b> Conversations on 'Connect' element of Take 5, in 3 Breakout Rooms. Members shared topics discussed, including: connecting over food, taking part in a physical activity as a group, adjusting to new ways of connecting in work post-COVID, giving back to yourself as well as giving to others, connecting with your community through volunteering, and isolation linked to working from home. Pre- & Post- Session Evaluations completed by	Inspire Take 5 'Connect' Worksheets to be sent by JP

<b>Self-Care Session</b>	all members via Survey Monkey. Two (fully-funded) in-person & online workshops (Self-Care and Empathy / Compassion Fatigue) for LPG members taking place in Jan. 2025.	Flyer to be circulated
<b>Action Planning 2024-27</b>	<p><b>Feel Good Armagh - Community Networking Event</b> Subgroup Meeting recently took place to review this year's event - General consensus was that footfall &amp; engagement with the public was improved upon in 2024. Two issues highlighted were timing and how the event was publicised, so a Survey Monkey was circulated by CYPSP to garner feedback/suggestions. 2025 Planning ongoing and to further discuss in new year.</p> <p><b>Group discussion on challenges facing statutory, voluntary and community organisations</b> on staff recruitment / retention / wellbeing and funding challenges took place. Michael, Mark, Caelan &amp; Joe met and there are specific elements which they have no power over changing, e.g. salary scales. Rolling out more youth work training across the ABC Council Area was discussed as a possible option, funding dependent.</p> <p>The <b>BSO Interpreting Service</b> have been considering how to overcome the language barriers and access to interpreting services across NI and are looking at piloting an initiative in the SHSCT Area to recruit more interpreters through schools, colleges and other local organisations. Online Briefing Session forthcoming.</p>	<p>MD to discuss with ABC Council and provide further update</p> <p>DC to provide further info., when available</p>
<b>FSH Update</b>	Ann-Marie ( <b>Barnardo's NI / FSH</b> ): Referrals to FSH increasing again and continuing to be more complex. Number of repeat referrals have been submitted. Encouraging families to work with the services provided to them and have reminded families that services are limited and in demand. Families often do not disclose if involved with other services such as Women's Aid, for a variety of reasons. Fortunate that the Hub members can share additional information at meetings.	
<b>Member Agency Update</b>	Sophie ( <b>ABC Council</b> ): Series of Connecting Rural Communities events taking place across ABC Borough offering rural practitioners and volunteers the opportunity to network and discuss local needs. See flyer in 'FYI'. The Council's Financial Assistance	JP to circulate all links after meeting +

	<p>Programme Call 1 will be opening on 4<sup>th</sup> November: if anyone working with groups or charities who might wish to apply for support, Sophie is happy to help.</p> <p>Mia / Kirsty (<b>ArKe Sure Start</b>): Currently in the process of moving services back into O’Fiaich Community Centre, as an outreach site.</p> <p>Abbie (<b>Women’s Aid Armaghdown</b>): One Stop Shop now available as a drop-in based in Newry City Library on the first Thursday of every month.</p> <p>Naj (<b>PIPS Hope &amp; Support</b>): Christmas Service of Remembrance Hope &amp; Healing will take place in Portadown Town Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Michael (<b>Youth Action NI</b>): Youth Start Employability Program is still being delivered. OUR Generation project will be starting soon with mentoring included.</p> <p>Glenda (<b>Armagh Foodbank</b>): Pantry opened in July and now sitting with 41 members who use the service every few weeks. Uptake in donations more recently due to Harvest services taking place locally in schools and churches.</p>	Relevant flyers to be included in next ‘FYI’
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Ygam Gaming &amp; Gambling Awareness Workshops</b> taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> (In-Person) &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> (Online) November - Register directly with Ygam using the link in the flyer.</p> <p><b>Parentline Pathways Booklet</b> launched by Parentline NI on Monday to coincide with Parenting Week 2024. Call 0808 8020 400 to request a FREE copy. Spread the word!</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to <b>confirm your membership of the Armagh Locality Planning Group</b>.</p>	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Dates for next year’s Armagh LPG Meetings proposed - Meetings to take place at 10am, with formats TBC in due course - Please complete corresponding member survey <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite