



Youth Justice Agency

An Ghníomhaireacht um Cheartas i leith an Aosa Óig

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CHILDREN'S DIVERSION FORUM

GUIDE FOR CHILDREN, PARENTS AND CARERS

MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER BY HELPING
CHILDREN TO STOP OFFENDING

What is a Children's Diversion Forum?

It is a meeting between people who work for the Police, Social Services, Education Welfare, Youth Service and the Youth Justice Agency to look at how they can work together to help children stay out of trouble with the law.



Why have I/ My child been asked to become involved with a Children's Diversion Forum?

If the Police or someone from Social Services, Education Welfare, Youth Service or the Youth Justice Agency is worried that you/your child is involved in or is becoming involved in offending, they might suggest that they discuss this at a Children's Diversion Forum. This will only happen if you agree to it.





**What happens
at a Children's
Diversion
Forum?**

1

Police, Social Services, Education Welfare, Youth Service and the Youth Justice Agency share what they already know about you and try to figure out how best to help you and your family.



2

This might include you doing some work with one of these organisations, or the forum suggesting you go to another service for help.

3

A plan about how to keep you away from further trouble is then shared with you and you can decide with your parent/carer if you want to agree to it or not.

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When you have become involved in whatever service you have agreed to, the Children's Diversion Forum will finish its involvement with you.





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This leaflet was created in
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carers, children and young
people in YJA