

Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 9th January 2025 at 10am
Tower Hill Boardroom, Armagh

Attendees		Apologies
Michael McKenna (Youth Action NI) - Chair	Adrian Hutchinson (EA YS)	Abbie Hayes (Women's Aid Armaghdown)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Alison Daly (SHSCT)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Edel Ferson (ABC Council)	Caroline Dawson (Youth Justice Agency)
Ann-Marie Baxter (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Mark Doran (ABC Council)	Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation)
Glenda McMullen (Armagh Foodbank)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA)	Eimer Trainor (Early Years Toybox)
Padraig McBrien (REACT)	Holly Magee (Ark Housing)	Eleanor Ellerslie (Cruse Bereavement)
Rebecca Simpson (BCM)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)	Emma Winter (NIACRO)
Stephen Harland (Ark Housing)	Mia Murray (ArKe Sure Start)	Gwen Bartley (ABC PCSP)
		Joyce Rainey (SENSE)
		Lisa Daly (PIPS Hope & Support)
		Michaela Murray (Youth Justice Agency)
		Naj Basketfield (PIPS Hope & Support)
		Raquel Rodrigues-Keenan (Volunteer Now)
		Siobhan Brennan (PIPS Hope & Support)
		Sophie Lester (ABC Council)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 24/10/24	<p>Michael welcomed all to the meeting. Brief introductions including achievement relating to work in 2024 shared by all Apologies noted, per above.</p> <p>One amendment to previous Minutes requested by ArKe Sure Start - Actioned by JP.</p> <p>Forthcoming meeting taking place between Youth Action NI & ABC Council, to discuss rolling out some Level 1 Youth Work Training in the area, funding dependent.</p> <p>BSO Interpreting Service Pilot discussions ongoing.</p>	<p>JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website</p> <p>MD to update</p> <p>DC to update</p>

Self-Care Session	<p><i>Supported by the PHA through the Clear Project.</i></p> <p>Discussions based on 'Take Notice' element of Take 5 took place in small groups. Members, collectively, shared things they are thankful for, including: basic needs; family; prioritising gratefulness; not taking health for granted; relaxing in the evenings; and how small things can spark joy in different people. It was recognised that Take 5 'Connecting' & 'Learning New Things' also came up in small group discussions. Pre- & Post- Session Evaluations completed by all members. Limited spaces still available on upcoming Introduction to Self-Care and (ii) Introduction to Compassion/Empathy Fatigue sessions.</p>	<p>Inspire Take 5 Booklet to be circulated by DC</p> <p>Flyer to be circulated by JP + E-mail CYPSP to register for session(s)</p>
Action Planning 2024-27	<p>Feedback from the Feel Good Armagh 2024 Survey Monkey shared by Darren - Plan is to hold both the Community Networking Day & Youth Event again in 2025. Less funding will be available, as Triangle Housing are finished in the area in March. Ark Housing are happy to continue to support the FGA initiative in 2025.</p> <p>CYPSP have been successful, through the SHSCT PWB Team, in obtaining more hard copies of all 'Take A Healthy Selfie' resources - E-mail localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk.</p>	<p>DC to send e-mail to Planning Group to arrange first mtg.</p> <p>Download resources HERE</p>
FSH Update	<p>Ann-Marie (Barnardo's NI / FSH): Past quarter referrals have increased to the FSH, with schools being the biggest referrer. Primary school children are the largest group, again re-iterating the need for therapeutic play. Requests for support for children waiting Autism/ADHD assessment have reduced. A lot of recent referrals appear to be above early intervention. There have been requests for additional and more complicated support for families. These have included alcohol safety in families. Requests for finance have also increased and, as before, the FSH has had to decline these, as it does not have access to funds/monies to distribute to families. Pat McGeough, FSH Coordinator, is retiring at the end of February. (Pat has been with the FSH from its inception.)</p>	<p>DC to link in with FSH</p> <p>Coordinators around therapeutic play</p> <p>Thanks & best wishes to be passed on to Pat on behalf of the group</p>

Member Agency Updates	<p>Stephen (Ark Housing): Watch the award-winning 'Listen Up' Video HERE, about suicide prevention, which Ark Housing were involved with. Littering is an issue in St. Malachy's Court - If anyone is aware of any diversionary activities for children & young people, contact Stephen. (The Epicentre & REACT Drop-Ins were both mentioned by Adrian & Padraig during the meeting - No referrals needed for either.)</p> <p>Mark (ABC Council): A limited number of Warm Pack are still available - Contact Mark, if you are aware of any local individual/families in need.</p> <p>Glenda (Armagh Foodbank): Various Christmas appeals were very well supported and there was a real surge in community spirit in the local area.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'</p> <p>DC to contact Hygiene Bank</p>
AOB	Darren & Valerie from CYPSP will be meeting with the relevant coordinators later this month RE: the RAISE Programme and will feed back to LPG members. Find out more about this new DfE initiative, which aims to raise achievement to reduce educational disadvantage, HERE .	DC to update post-meeting
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 6th March 2025, 10am, via Zoom.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite