

**Newry & Mourne LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 10am**  
**Newry Youth Resource Centre**

Attendees		Apologies
Karen Clarke (Home-Start N&M - Chair) Joanne Patterson (CYPSP - Minutes) Darren Curtis (CYPSP) Maria Keenan (Clanrye Group) Sarah Kane (Youth Action NI) Maureen O'Gorman (EA Youth Service) Caroline Potter (Bolster Community / FSH) Bronagh Trainor (DfE, Careers Service) Dan Greenaway (Cedar Foundation) Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteer Now)	Grainne Graham (Crisis Café) Nicola McAuley (SHSCT, EWTS) Seán Maguire (Newry CCG) Mark Fell (The King's Trust) Maria Hamill (Newry ALC) Ryan Duffy (PSNI) Charlene O'Hara (DfE, RAISE) Katie Wilson (Early Years Toybox) Eimer Trainor (Early Years Toybox) Hannah Roberts (YJA)	Ellie McKenna (NICMA) Niamh Quinn (Advocacy VSV) Annie Clarke (SHSCT, PWB) Philip Batt (PAPYRUS)

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<b>Welcome, Apols., Mins. 04/12/24</b>	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
<b>Self-Care Session</b>	<b><i>Supported by the PHA through the Clear Project.</i></b> Discussions based on 'Take Notice' element of Take 5 took place in small groups. Members, collectively, shared things they are thankful for, including health, family, friends, pets, work colleagues, helping others through your job role, basic needs being met, job/housing security, safe commuting, our venue for today's meeting and coffee! All Introduction to Self-Care and Introduction to Compassion/Empathy Fatigue in-person sessions have now taken place.	Inspire Take 5 Booklet to be circulated by DC

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<b>FSH Update</b>	Caroline ( <b>Bolster Community / FSH</b> ): A busy Jan. & Feb. Current referral themes: parent support, emotional wellbeing, accessing services for neurodivergent children, anxiety around school, school refusal and bereavement (direct & indirect).	
<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Ryan (<b>PSNI</b>): Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to find out more about the recently launched PSNI Power To Change Initiative which focuses on EAWG and challenges related attitudes &amp; behaviours click <a href="#">HERE</a> to download the corresponding Advocacy Toolkit. The subject of EAWG will be talked about at the EA Youth Voice Conference taking place in the Burrendale next week.</p> <p>Seán (<b>Newry CCG</b>): N MandDD Council's Call 1 Financial Assistance 2025-2026 closes on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 midday. There is a dedicated EAWG funding opportunity included (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for further info.).</p> <p>Caroline (<b>Bolster Community / FSH</b>): Current programmes include Friends Resilience &amp; Parents Plus ADHD Children's. Everyday Heroes Conference taking place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the Canal Court Hotel - See flyer in 'FYI'.</p> <p>Sarah (<b>Youth Action NI</b>): Going live with Our Generation Project (1-to-1 mentoring possible but typically involves group work) and Shared Agenda For Peace Project imminent. Planning on running a Young Parents Event in the Magnet Centre in partnership with the DfE Careers Service. Continuing to offer/use 'Turn The Light On' (14-25 year old) programme and 'Lifemaps' Resource.</p> <p>Bronagh (<b>DfE, Careers Service</b>): All-age guidance service but bulk of work focuses on Yrs 10 &amp; 12. Based in local Job Centres. Keen to do more intervention work in community.</p> <p>Grainne (<b>Crisis Café</b>): 'Reaching Out' targeted intervention programme for 11-13 year olds starting soon, taking place on Thursdays, focusing on building social confidence.</p>	<p>JP to circulate links after meeting</p> <p>Flyers included in next 'FYI' - Please share widely</p> <p>Further info. to follow</p> <p>Contact Bronagh to discuss further</p>

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<b>Member Agency Updates</b>	<p>Charlene (<b>Department of Education, RAISE</b>): Parent &amp; Youth Consultations taking place imminently via Stranmillis College, Parenting Focus and RAISE themselves Charlene will keep LPG members updated on progress.</p> <p>Maria (<b>Newry ALC</b>): Recently linked in with Jacqueline Masterson in the Emotional Health &amp; Wellbeing Task &amp; Finish Group and also working to connect other ALCs into the same.</p>	
<b>Action Planning 2024-27</b>	<p>Darren is due to meet <b>Children In Need</b> this afternoon, as they have recognised gaps in funding in the Newry Area. Feedback was taken from various LPG members, to be shared and discussed accordingly. CiN have been linking in with RAISE to ensure there will be no duplication in funding.</p> <p>Consultation on the <b>Draft Northern Ireland Children and Young People's Plan 2025-2028</b> now live - Deadline for responses is 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p>	<p>DC to request that CiN speak at a future meeting</p> <p>JP to circulate e-mail</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>'Strong Foundations' Southern Area Annual Men's Health Seminar</b> taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre - See flyer in 'FYI.</p> <p>Upcoming event on <b>School Avoidance: Moving On Together</b>, hosted by the Parent Participation Service, taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. (Listen to the <b>Parentline NI 'Managing Anxiety Based School Avoidance' Podcast Episode <a href="#">HERE</a></b>.)</p> <p><b>NMandDD Council EAWG Stakeholder Conference</b> taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, in the Canal Court Hotel - See 'FYI' for further info.</p> <p>Thanks expressed to Maureen and the EA Youth Service for hosting today's meeting.</p>	JP to circulate all links & reports to members
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 10am, via Zoom.</b></p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite