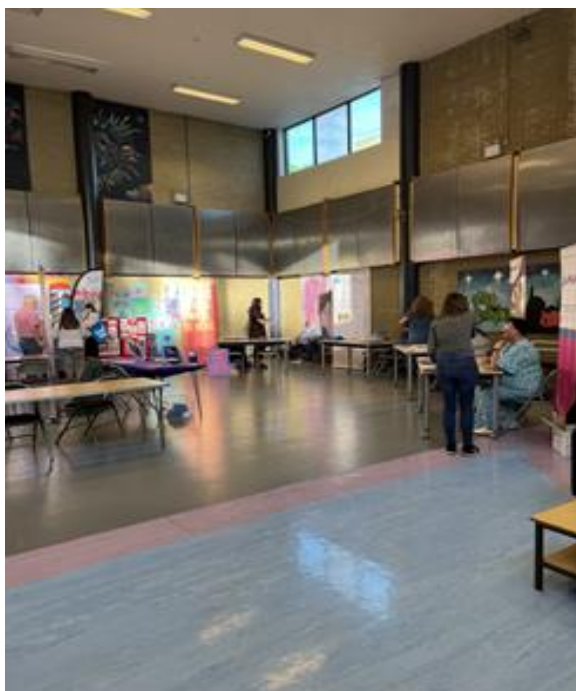


# Omagh Youth Networking Event 17.06.25

## Background

Included in the LPGs Action Plan is the action for more awareness of youth supports as members identified that this form of support was across a very diverse landscape due to funding streams delivered right across statutory community and voluntary sectors. Members also identified that the uniformed, arts and interest groups which exist in the community have so much to offer that families / practitioners may not be aware of and can assist in involving a young person in the life of their community and all the benefits this can bring.

To bring this action to life a Youth Network Event in Omagh was planned.



## How much did we do?

### Range of Organisation Invited to Attend

52 organisations invited both local & regional; from statutory, community & voluntary sectors including uniformed, arts, sport and interest groups.

## How well did we do It?

### The 24 Organisations / groups who contributed / presented at Omagh's Youth Network Event

Common Youth	EA Youth Service	Youth Action
YGAM	PCSP	Youth Sport
WHSCT Family Response Team	Rio Ferdinand Foundation	Young Carers Project Barnardos
NOW Group	SWC Going Places	Our Generation
Peace of Mind	SWC Careers Team	SWC Youth Scape
Omagh FamilySupport Hub	Action for Children Floating Support	Action Mental Health
NI Libraries	Papyrus	Youth Link
16+ Housing Support Service	PSNI	GKS Youth Club

## Is anyone better off?

- Participants reported having not only the opportunity to share what they do but, they learnt so much from other participants about local opportunities to share resources, training, outings and even some participants thought they would definitely consider linking up to apply for joint funding.
- There is now a current list of the services / supports being delivered in Omagh area and their contact details.
- There was a bringing together of youth providers and their employees/ volunteers had an opportunity for some much needed peer support and reflection on their roles.
- Organisations who are working with young people at higher levels of need such as the Family Response Service and within Residential settings (RESET Team) were able to meet with community organisations / groups such as running / football groups and EA Youth Service and make those links which they can use for their young people going forward, thus getting their young people connected into local community.
- Papyrus were able to network with local organisation to understand better were they need to deliver their next funded training and include local organisations who would like to build on this training.

## Recommendations moving forward

- Event planned for Fermanagh early Autumn
- Time will be spent linking people together and particular into local Hub, LPG and Family Support Panel.
- Link with more groups / organisations who are led by volunteers e.g. Scouts, Girls Brigade, disability young peoples groups.
- Request for an online resource of all the participants that attended with what they can provide and contact details.



