

South Armagh LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 16th September 2025 at 10am
Newtownhamilton Community Centre

Attendees		Apologies
Annie Clarke (SHSCT) - Chair	Fiona Ferris (CCG Newry)	Charlene O'Hara (DfE, RAISE)
Roberta Johnson (Playboard NI) - Speaker	Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV)	Aoife McComiskey (NM&DD Council)
Darren Curtis (CYPSP)	Caroline Wilson (Sure Start SA)	Lizzy Smyth (SOPYC)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Nicola McCauley (SHSCT, EWTS)	Jayne Cully (CBITUK)
Caroline Potter (Bolster Community / FSH)	Dorethy Davidson (SHSCT, MDT)	Karen Donnelly (Education Welfare)
Bronagh Demelliers (Volunteer Now)	Katie Wilson (Early Years Toybox)	Bronagh Trainor (DfE, Careers Service)
		Caelan Donnelly (Youth Action NI)
		Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)
		Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parent. Partner.)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 04/06/25	Annie welcomed all to the meeting. Brief Introductions given. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
Speaker	Roberta Johnson (Playboard NI): Presented to the group on Playboard NI's Our Generation Spaces To Be Programme, focusing on 9-11 yrs in school/community settings offering training and facilitated play sessions. Our Generation Learning Lab is available offering a range of free training workshops for those working with 9-25 yrs.	Presentation to be shared by JP + See flyers in 'FYI'
FSH Update	Caroline (Bolster Community / FSH): Hub a little more quiet over summer with school break. Recent referral themes included autism support (pre & post assessment), bereavement support, kinship care and parental substance misuse. Increase in the number of families already supported by Women's Aid. Current gap: counselling for children & young people. Recently applied for some Buttle funding to support children's wellbeing, linking in with Women's Aid to provide support for children who have witnessed domestic abuse. Autism Services now sit on the Hub.	

Discussion on Loneliness	TILT work is ongoing with corresponding webpage still pending go-live. Ed Sipler workshops took place, focusing on workplace and carers with possibility of bereavement and sport being the focus of future workshops. Current focus on loneliness & students.	Further details to follow from AC.
AOB	<p>Online Parent Group for Emotionally Based School Avoidance, supported by The Parent Participation Service, taking place on Tuesday 30th September, 7pm-8pm, and open to parents and carers in the SHSCT Area.</p> <p>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop, hosted by CYSPS and delivered by Inspire, taking place on Wednesday 5th November, 10am to 12pm - Flyer to follow.</p> <p>Cultural Competence Event, hosted by the SHSCT & CYPSP, taking place in the Armagh City Hotel on Thursday 23rd October, 9.30pm to 3pm.</p> <p>It was remarked, by several members, that the recent Baton Of Hope Event hosted by PIPS Hope & Support, was well-supported, well-run and a valuable opportunity to connect with both service-users and local support organisations. It has also helped to open up conversations about suicide and mental health.</p>	<p>JP to circulate all links & reports to members</p> <p>See flyer in 'FYI'</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 18th November, 10am, Venue TBC (due to building works being carried out at Sure Start South Armagh).</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite