

**South Armagh LPG**  
**Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 10am**  
**Newtownhamilton Community Centre**

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome, Apols., Prev. Mins. 04/06/25</b>	Annie welcomed all to the meeting. Brief Introductions given. Apologies noted, per above. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
<b>Speaker</b>	Roberta Johnson ( <b>Playboard NI</b> ): 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'
<b>FSH Update</b>	Caroline ( <b>Bolster Community / FSH</b> ): 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.	

<b>Member Agency Updates</b> <i>*Update received via e-mail</i>	<p>Bronagh (<b>Volunteer Now</b>): Live volunteering opportunities include this Saturday's Newry Mela and Belfast Fleadh 2026 <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Dorethy (<b>SHSCT, MDT</b>): Autism Parent Support Group currently running in Warrenpoint.</p> <p>Sinead (<b>Advocacy VSV</b>): Info leaflet <a href="#">HERE</a>. Service &amp; self referrals both accepted.</p> <p>Caroline (<b>Bolster Community</b>): Tots &amp; Tea programme runs every Wednesday in Whitegates, Newry.</p> <p>Annie (<b>SHSCT</b>): Education Minister launched the first call for proposals for Locality Led Projects as part of the RAISE Programme. Organisations invited to submit project proposals addressing key objectives identified in Strategic Area Plans. Communities Leading Change Participatory Budgeting Initiative events soon to take place locally: Further details <a href="#">HERE</a>. NMandDD Council's Participatory Budgeting Initiative at Lislea took place, extremely well-attended - over 1,000 people voting. Newry Area voting to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September Gateway.</p> <p>Nicola (<b>SHSCT, EWTS</b>): Seasons Of Life programme did not receive additional funding to continue and will be a miss, especially given related demand for bereavement support amongst C&amp;YP.</p> <p>Caelan (<b>Youth Action NI</b>): Young men's work is back up &amp; running in the area and members are invited to further discuss opportunities for local groups / individuals.</p>	JP to circulate all links after meeting + Relevant flyers to be included in next 'FYI'  Apply <a href="#">HERE</a>  E-mail <a href="#">HERE</a>
<b>Action Planning 2025-28</b>	<p>Darren presented the <b>Southern Area LPG Action Plan 2025-28</b> to the group.</p> <p>Download the <b>CYPSP NI Children &amp; Young People's Plan 2025-2028</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Download the <b>Self-Care Programme 2025 Scorecard</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p><b>A sub-group is being formed to look at creative and effective ways to promote services to communities and schools</b> and is due to meet online next Monday, 3-4pm.</p>	E-mail Darren to join

<b>Discussion on Loneliness</b>	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.
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Online Parent Group for Emotionally Based School Avoidance</b>, supported by The Parent Participation Service, taking place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm-8pm, and open to parents and carers in the SHSCT Area.</p> <p><b>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop</b>, hosted by CYSPS and delivered by Inspire, taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 12pm - Flyer to follow.</p> <p><b>Cultural Competence Event</b>, hosted by the SHSCT &amp; CYPSP, taking place in the Armagh City Hotel on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 9.30pm to 3pm.</p> <p>It was remarked, by several members, that the recent <b>Baton Of Hope Event</b> hosted by PIPS Hope &amp; 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 &amp; reports to members</p> <p>See flyer in 'FYI'</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 10am, Venue TBC</b> (due to building works being carried out at Sure Start South Armagh).</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	Please accept Outlook Invite