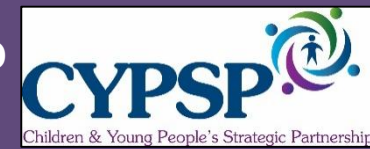


# Limavady Locality Planning Group: Western Area Outcome Group Funded Compassionate Connected Communities Event 26.03.26



## Background

The WAOG kindly awarded the Limavady LPG funding to support activity aligned with the four WAOG priorities. Through discussion, members identified a growing number of families experiencing a wide spectrum of challenges, including pressures linked to the rising cost of living, social isolation, and uncertainty about where to seek help for their children. In response, the group agreed to use the funding to deliver a local showcasing event centred on early intervention supports. This event highlighted the services connected to the Dry Arch Family Support Hub and demonstrated the breadth of practical, emotional, and developmental support available to families at an early stage.

The Compassionate Connected Communities event also strengthened collaboration across the sector by enabling local providers to learn about each other's work, build new connections, and enhance the collective capacity to respond to family needs within the Dungiven / Limavady area.



**COMPASSIONATE  
CONNECTED  
COMMUNITIES**

EARLY INTERVENTION  
FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

**DRY ARCH** **CYPSP**  
CHILDREN'S CENTRES Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

**HSC** Western Health  
And Social Care Trust

It takes a whole village.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
UPCOMING SHOWCASE EVENT**

The Early Intervention Family Support HUB & Locality Planning Group, supported by The Western Area Outcomes Group, warmly invite you to our upcoming showcase event.

📅 Date: Thursday 26th March  
🕒 Time: 10am – 12pm  
📍 Venue: Bethany Hall, Irish Green Street  
Limavady

☕ Refreshments: YES

We look forward to celebrating the incredible support offered across our community.



## How much did we do?

**Delivery of a local early-intervention showcase event** — the Compassionate Connected Communities event was successfully planned and delivered by the Dry Arch Family Support Hub and LPG members in Dungiven & Limavady, bringing together a wide range of statutory, community, and voluntary organisations.

**Participation from local service providers** — LPG member organisations connected alongside wider early-intervention and wellbeing services, presented information, resources, and referral pathways.

**Information and signposting materials produced** — families and practitioners received accessible information on supports available across the four WAOG priority areas and were each given a printed tote bag to carry leaflets in.

**Networking and cross-sector engagement** — the event created structured opportunities for providers to meet, share practice, and build new referral links.

**Awareness-raising within the community** — families were able to engage directly with services, ask questions, and explore supports in a welcoming environment.

## How well did we do it?

**Increased awareness of early-intervention supports** - Families reported a clearer understanding of the range of services available locally, particularly those connected to the Family Support Hub. This helps reduce uncertainty about where to turn when challenges arise.

**Strengthened pathways into support** By showcasing practical, emotional, and developmental supports, the event encouraged earlier help-seeking and reduced the risk of issues escalating before families access assistance.

**Improved collaboration among providers** Organisations gained a stronger understanding of each other's roles, leading to improved coordination, more informed signposting, and enhanced capacity to respond collectively to family needs.

**Reduced isolation for families** The event created a safe, community-based space where families could connect with services and with each other, helping to counter feelings of Isolation and disconnection. **Contribution to WAOG priorities** The activity directly supported WAOG's four priority areas by promoting early intervention, strengthening community connections, and improving access to support for children, young people, and families.



## Is anyone better off?

### Changes in Practice / Behaviour

The concept behind this event was to promote local supports. To assist with this funding was used to purchase linen tote bags that visitors could use on the day to carry all the support leaflets they were offered & after the event these bags are a useful reminder to the family and others that the community is compassionate & non-judgemental.

Also, some of the funding was also spent on popups for the Family Support Hub that Can be used at event to further advertise the brilliant support the Hub can offer.



### Recommendations moving forward

- **Build on the momentum of provider collaboration** The event highlighted strong appetite among local organisations to work more closely. Establishing short, focused follow-up sessions or themed networking opportunities would help sustain these connections and deepen shared understanding of referral pathways.
- **Create ongoing opportunities for family engagement** Families responded positively to the accessible, informal nature of the event. Offering similar drop-in style sessions throughout the year, potentially in partnership with local venues, would help maintain trust and reduce barriers to early help-seeking.
- **Explore targeted themes for future events** Based on emerging needs, future showcases could focus on specific issues such as emotional wellbeing, neurodiversity, financial pressures, or parenting support. This would allow deeper engagement with families and more tailored signposting.
- **Continue aligning activity with WAOG priorities** Future work should maintain a clear line of sight to WAOG's strategic aims, ensuring that early-intervention, partnership working, and improved outcomes for children and families remain central to planning and delivery.

# Compassionate Connected Communities Event Photos

