



Children and Young People's Services Committees CYPSCine June '17

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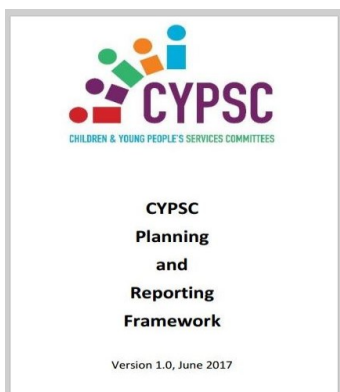
National CYPSC News



CYPSC Learning and developing together

There are now twenty-six local CYPSC Co-ordinators supporting the implementation of 27 CYPSC across Ireland. CYPSC are inter-connected through a national network of CYPSC Co-ordinators. The CYPSC Co-ordinators' National Network role and purpose is to support the strategic and operational development of CYPSC by bringing CYPSC Co-ordinators together to share information on practice, learning and national and local developments. Since 2011 the Network has enabled CYPSC staff dispersed across Ireland to connect in with each other and with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs who provide the policy and strategic lead for the CYPSC initiative.

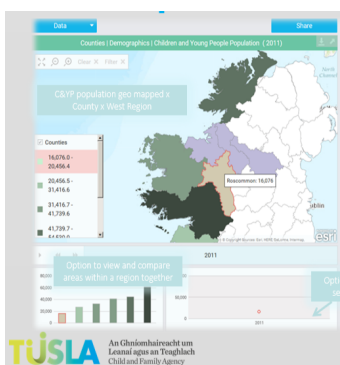
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Planning and Reporting Framework for CYPSC

On the 1st June 2017 the CYPSC National Steering Group adopted a new framework to shape CYPSC Planning and Reporting. It is an overarching guide for all CYPSC stakeholders on the CYPSC planning and reporting cycle, supporting the CYPSC Initiative to realise its core objectives and to achieve Government commitments pertaining to the CYPSC Initiative set out in national policy. The Framework was developed through a consultative process and will be implemented in the second half of 2017. It is available to download from www.cypsc.ie

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Interactive, on-line data for everyone

TUSLA the Child and Family Agency in conjunction with the Policy Innovation Unit, Department of Children and Youth Affairs announced the establishment of a new project, *The Outcomes for Children, National Data & Information Hub*. This project will build an interactive, area based, geo mapping system to provide information for policy makers, service providers, TUSLA management, practitioners, information managers and local communities so that planning and delivery of services are informed by the best available data. Eleven CYPSC have been identified to take part in phase 1 of the project.

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Local CYPSC News



Snuggle Stories

An initiative of the Waterford CYPSC Family Support Sub group the “Snuggle Stories” programme encourages parents and children to cuddle up and get comfortable reading and rhyming together.

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Mind, body and soul

A key element of good emotional wellbeing is having a “Voice” and being heard. Cork CYPSC spoke with children and young people at West Cork’s Youth Mental Health Day about participating in decisions that affect them, about the benefits of this and how being heard can build self confidence, feeling valued and good mental health.

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Parental health : Family wealth

Limerick CYPSC and its partners reminded parents of the importance of taking the time to look after themselves as well as their family members. The message that parents need to mind themselves so that they can mind their children was coupled with ideas on how to be kind to yourself and benefit your family too.

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The power that a symbol can have

Display the symbol and apply the code of practice was the call to action in Roscommon at the launch of an initiative to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people in the County. Businesses, service providers, community groups and sports club all have a role to play and they now have the tools and backing to get going.

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Making radio waves in Mayo

Mayo CYPSC took to the radio waves of Mid-West Ireland to discuss the development of Mayo CYPSC; raising awareness about their local consultation process, Ireland's five national outcomes for children and young people and the development of Mayo's Children and Young People's Plan. You can listen in.

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Wait a minute... where's me jumper?

A “Discussing the Disco” leaflet providing practical information and discussion tips for parents on how to ensure their child is safe and protected from harm on a night out has been developed by Monaghan Youth Networks Sub-group with support from the Monaghan Joint Policing Committee and funding from Monaghan Children and Young People Services Committee.

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Strong CYPSC support in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

TUSLA Child and Family Agency's Area Manager and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's Chief Executive addressed over sixty senior managers and leaders from child, youth, family and community services at a large CYPSC stakeholder event.

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Wicklow keeps up to date

The newly re-designed online Wicklow Community Directory is now the go-to place for anybody who wants to know what's going on in County Wicklow. New features like location maps, events listings and a wider range of search categories have been added.

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Donegal celebrates their 10-year story so far

"The journey that we are on is one where we need to support each other in achieving each other's aims and in doing so achieve our own; and then the ultimate beneficiary will be our children and young people." These are the words of Donegal CYPSC Chairperson at the 'Celebrating Achievement Event' marking ten years inter agency co-operation and collaboration.

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CYPSC Making the Connections



Child health can determine adult health

A new report from the Faculty of Public Health Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland links childhood health with adult health outcomes and notes CYPSC as an inter agency initiative that health sector workers need to engage with.

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A pathway to good health

The National Youth Health Programme at the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) has developed a Youth Mental Health Signposting Tool. It provides information on available youth mental health services, training programmes, community supports and children's rights. The tool will be a support to the work of CYPSC around the country, particularly Child and Youth Mental Health Sub groups.

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