



Children and Young People's Services Committees **CYPSCine**

Interagency working to improve the lives of children, young people and families in Ireland

Welcome to the CYPSCine where we provide a round-up of what's happening across the country in relation to Children and Young People's Services Committees.

Achieving together for children and young people

A bhaint amach le chéile do leanaí & do dhaoine óga



SEMINAR REPORT

CYPSC National Seminar

The CYPSC National Seminar took place on the 18th June 2015. Many thanks to all that attended and made this event so successful. On the day Minister for Children and Youth Affairs James Reilly TD formally launched two important CYPSC developments, and practitioners, service managers and policy makers met together to hear about local and national implementation, and to discuss real issues and real solutions.

[Click here](#) to read more about the CYPSC National Seminar and to download the Seminar Report.

Blueprint for the Development of CYPSC

A 'Blueprint for the development of Children and Young People's Services Committees' has been developed by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) and was formally launched at the CYPSC National Seminar by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs James Reilly TD. It sets out the policy direction for the development of CYPSC over the next number of years.

[Click here](#) to read more about the 'Blueprint for the development of Children and Young People's Services Committees' and to download it.





Local Implementation - Increasing Play Infrastructure in County Wicklow

This presentation at the CYPSC National Seminar related how play and recreation was identified as a priority area in Wicklow CYPSC's work plan 2013 - 2015 with the objective of ensuring that there would be adequate play and recreation infrastructure for children and young people in the county.

[Click here](#) to view the Wicklow presentation.

[Click here](#) to view the Tipperary presentation.



Local Implementation - Celebrating and Supporting Young Carers

This presentation at the CYPSC National Seminar described how Donegal's Young Carers Project addresses the needs of seldom heard young people. It seeks to give them a voice to identify their needs and to raise awareness with key agencies and organisations that could support them.

[Click here](#) to view the Donegal presentation.

[Click here](#) to view the Kildare presentation.

Local CYPSC News



Strategic Plan for Kildare

Kildare CYPSC launched their new three year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) in May 2015. Their aim is to improve the quality of life for children, young people and families in county Kildare. CYPPs outline local priorities that CYPSC have agreed to address and include detailed action plans of activities which will be undertaken by the CYPSC and its sub-groups to make impact across the county on their priorities.

[Click here](#) to read more and download the plan.



Wexford Asks

Wexford CYPSC is currently in the process of developing its Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). To ensure that the voices of children and young people are included in the plan, Wexford CYPSC is consulting with children, young people and families in a variety of settings over the coming months.

[Click here](#) to read documents on the consultation.

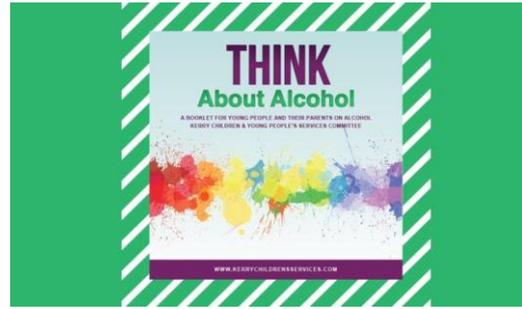
[Click here](#) to learn more about Wexford CYPSC.



Local Economic and Community Plan for Wicklow

Wicklow CYPSC have made a submission to Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to inform the development of Wicklow's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Wicklow CYPSC hope that this submission will enable the CYPSC and LCDC to work together in the development and implementation of the LECP for Wicklow.

[Click here](#) to read more.



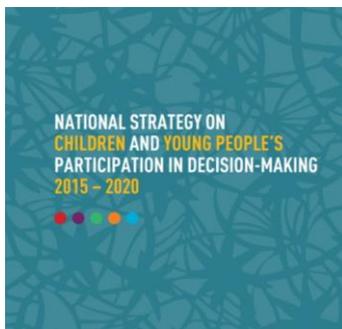
Kerry CYPSC Launch the THINK About Alcohol Booklet

Kerry CYPSC Drugs and Alcohol Working Group launched the '*THINK About Alcohol* booklet' in September. The booklet provides information for young people and their parents on alcohol, and issues relating to alcohol use, in order to help them to discuss alcohol openly and honestly.

[Click here](#) to read more.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Kerry CYPSC.

Other CYPSC News



Involving Children and Young People

In developing their three-year strategic plans CYPSC undertake to consult with children and young people. This happens in a variety of ways across different counties and includes work with each county's Comhairle na nÓg (Child and Youth Council). The role and involvement of children and young people in CYPSC is to be strengthened and developed going forward.

[Click here](#) to read how.



CYPSC National Steering Group

The CYPSC National Steering Group was reconfigured in 2015, with a view to ensuring its effectiveness in terms of size, representation of interagency stakeholders, and alignment with the implementation infrastructure for '*Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 - 2020*'.

[Click here](#) to see membership and to learn more.



National Youth Strategy 2015-2020

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs will launch the National Youth Strategy 2015 - 2020 on the 8th October. The development of the Strategy has been informed by extensive consultation with young people, those working with young people & key stakeholders. The Strategy has its basis in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures* and in particular its youth-specific commitments.

[Click here](#) to read more.

CYPSC Making the Connections



#LetsTalkWellbeing

The Irish Primary Principals' Network and the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals will host a symposium on the 4th November titled '*Emotional Wellbeing at the heart of school communities*'. The event is setting out to challenge the current thinking on how emotional wellbeing is handled in the education sector and look at how to embed a culture of wellbeing in our schools.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Community Food Initiatives

Healthy Food for All (HFfA) is an all-island charity addressing food poverty by promoting access, availability and affordability of healthy food for low-income groups. A core part of it's work is to support the development of Community Food Initiatives (CFIs). Healthy Food for All see CYPSC as a key structure to support the development of Community Food Initiatives.

[Click here](#) to read more.

YNOW Magazine

YNOW magazine is aimed at youth work staff, volunteers, members of youth projects and clubs, and those in related services. The latest edition carries an article on Children and Young People's Services Committees. Also in this issue read about the '*Value for Money and Policy Review of Youth Programmes*', developing the National Youth Strategy, LGBT Traveller and Roma young people and much more.

[Click here](#) to read YNOW.

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The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) provides policy and strategic leadership for Children and Young People's Services Committees and the implementation of CYPSC is led by the Centre for Effective Services.

