



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.

CYPSC News



CYPSC Steering Group

The national CYPSC Steering Group met three times in 2015. This year focussed on group formation and began the process of developing a work plan for 2016 into 2017. A lively, planning workshop was held by the Group in December 2015.

[Click here](#) to read more about the CYPSC Steering Group.



Heartfelt Thanks

Chairperson of the national CYPSC Steering Group, Dr. Sheelah Ryan, is stepping down from her chairing role. We express our appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Ryan who took on leadership of the Steering Group in 2012, providing continuity through a period of extensive and continuous change.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Appointing CYPSC Co-ordinators

Following a successful recruitment campaign Tusla the Child and Family Agency has established a CYPSC Co-ordinator Talent Pool and has begun to appoint CYPSC Co-ordinators where vacancies arise.

[Click here](#) for more.

Project Support Recruitment Now On

The Centre for Effective Services are recruiting for the role of Project Support, including supporting the CYPSC programme. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 29th March at 12 noon.

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

Engaging Children and Young People Through CYPSC

Ever wanted to know how CYPSC can make a difference? We have started to gather 'CYPSC Stories' so that we can let everyone know how working together is changing peoples' lives for the better.

Our first two stories explain how CYPSC interagency work is supporting families in the here and now; and how CYPSC consultation with children and young people in rural Ireland can lead to big changes at community level.

[Click here](#) to visit CYPSC Stories or take a quick look at the Interagency Working and Participation stories below.



Interagency Working

Practical family support designed through interagency working

The Homemakers Family Support Service is a really practical prevention and early intervention service that helps parents in their own homes. It came about when Limerick CYPSC identified that there were no services in Limerick providing practical, home-based supports on a preventative basis.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Participation

Rural youth working with the local police force to improve their relationship

Galway CYPSC partnered with young people, FORUM Connemara, and an Garda Síochána to organise a family bubble soccer playoff in Clifden Co. Galway. This event was the result of consultations by Galway CYPSC with local young people that identified a negative relationship between young people and the Gardaí (police).

[Click here](#) to read more.

Local CYPSC News



The Sligo Leitrim Directory www.sligoleitrimdirectory.ie

The Sligo Leitrim Directory is a new website which provides official listings of over 110 services for children, young people and families in Sligo and Leitrim. The website was launched on 13th January 2016 at the Sligo County Council Offices.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Taking Steps to Curb Domestic Abuse in Louth

Dundalk Institute of Technology have launched an accredited Certificate in the Fundamentals of Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse. The programme was launched on 14th January 2016 and is the first of its kind in Ireland, accredited in Ireland.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Meath

LGBT Youth Support

A safe space where LGBT teens can socialise, take part in programmes and access information has 40+ young people involved. Meath CYPSC identified a lack of support services for LGBT young people in Meath. Youth Work Ireland Meath in association with Outcomers established a support service.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Kerry

#Connected Respected

Kerry CYPSC launched their '#Connected Respected' Social Media Campaign in January 2016. Young people are being asked to post pictures and comments on social media. The campaign seeks to hear the voice of young people in Kerry in order to better inform the work of Kerry CYPSC.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Kildare

Tackling Youth Unemployment

The County Kildare Youth Unemployment Steering Group is a new inter-agency group established in County Kildare to develop a co-ordinated approach to support young people who are currently unemployed. To date, the group has met twice and agreed to support a number of new actions.

[Click here](#) to read more.

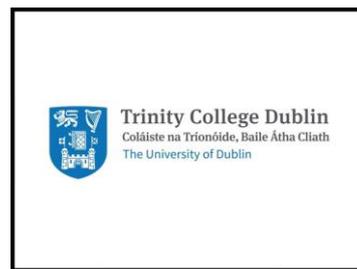
CYPSC Making the Connections



Certificate in Child Protection and Welfare

The National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees provided an input into the National Youth Council of Ireland's Certificate in Child Protection and Welfare in early 2016.

[Click here](#) for more information.



The Science of CYPSC

In April 2016 the National Co-ordinator for CYPSC and CES colleagues will be discussing policy implementation with students on Trinity College's Post Graduate Certificate in Implementation Science. This year's students come from a range of backgrounds including Child and Family Services, Education, Health and Early Years.

[Click here](#) to read more.

We would like to keep in touch with you or your organisation. If you have a website please include a link to www.cypsc.ie on it. If you have an ezine, newsletter, magazine or other communications tool we can provide an article for you about CYPSC. Get in touch with the National Co-ordinator for CYPSC by visiting the [Contact Us](#) page and tell us where you are and your ideas for collaboration.

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