



CYPSC – GAISCE

Exploratory Workshop

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Today's presentation

- CYPSC infrastructure
- Participation Guidance
- CYPSC participation practice (snapshot)

Children and Young People's Services Committees

Local interagency structures to improve outcomes for children & young people

- Committees are responsible for **improving the lives of children, young people and families** throughout the county at local and community level
- **Age remit:** 0 – 24 years
- Bring together a diverse group of public and not-for-profit organisations in **local county areas**
- Engage in **joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people**
- First four Committees established in **2007**; now 27 committees across 26 counties or 31 local authority areas.

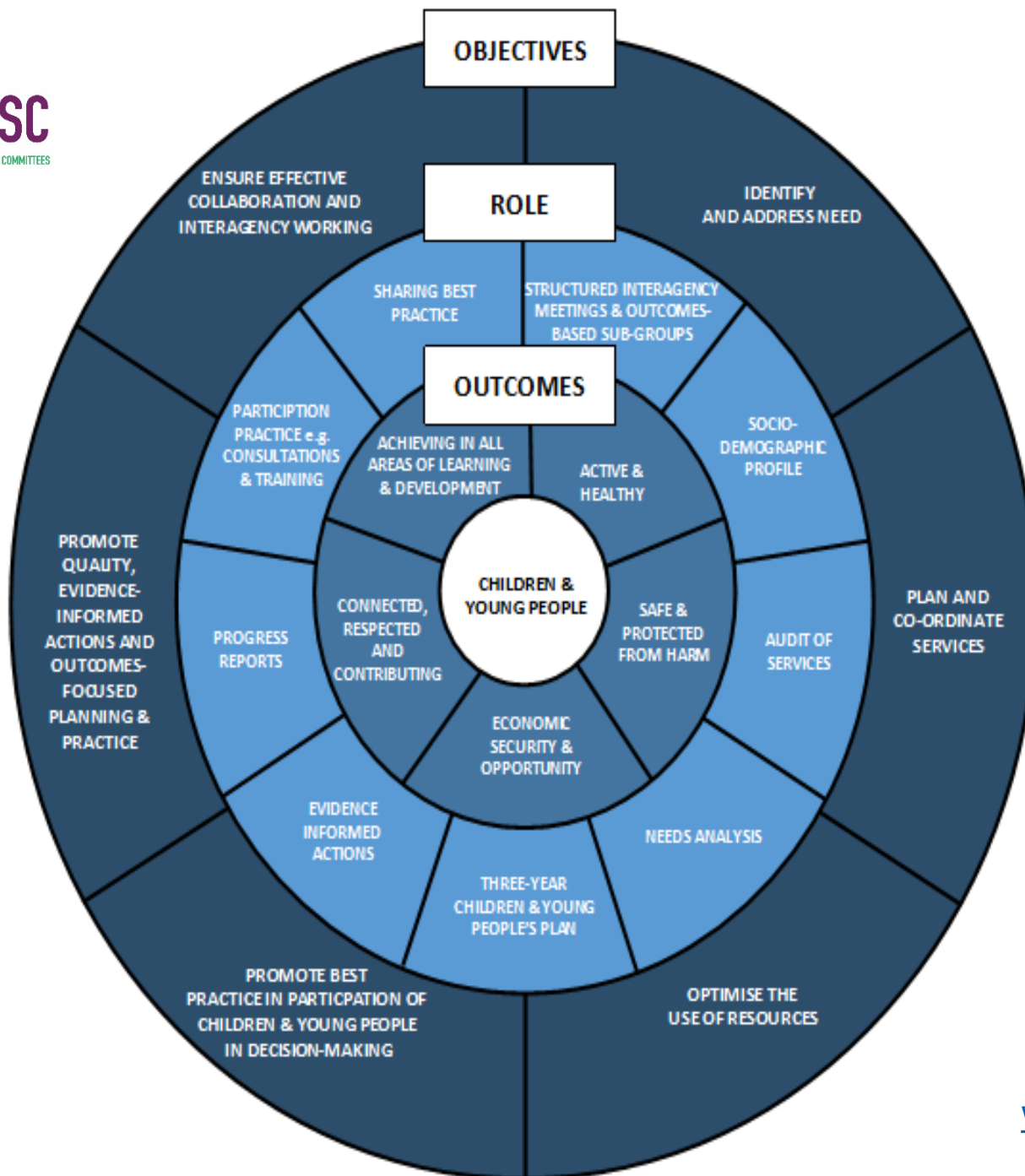
All counties in Ireland have a CYPSC. Visit www.cypsc.ie



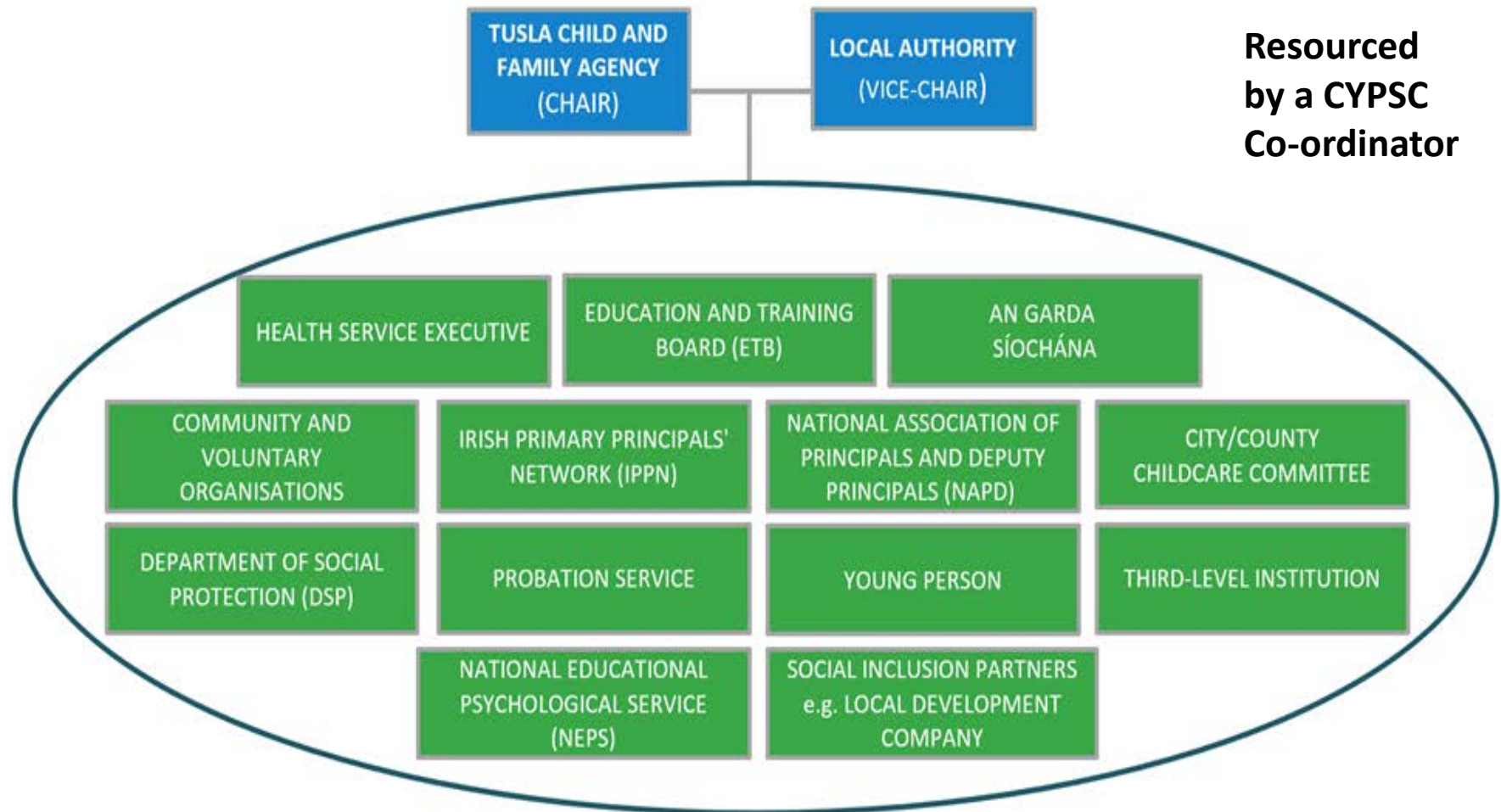
National picture

2009-2010 Phase 1
2010-2011 Phase 2
2011-2013 Phase 3
2014 Phase 4
2015 Phase 5
2016-2017 Phase 6

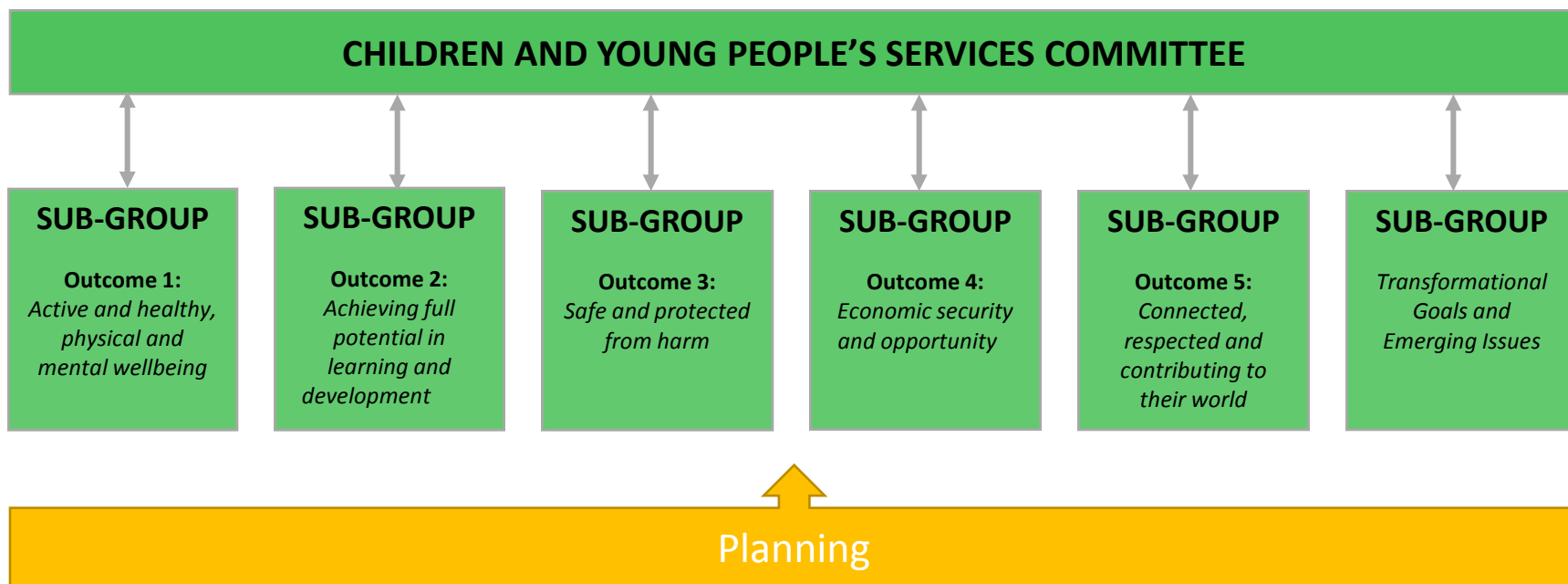




Local CYPSC Membership



Local structure



Children and Young People's Services Committees and National Outcomes

- Each Committee develops and implements an interagency 3 year Children and Young People's Plan for the County (CYPP), which is:
- Designed to improve outcomes for children and young people in their area
- Based on the 5 National Outcomes for children and young people in Ireland
- The CYPP includes:
 - **Socio-demographic profile** – how are our children and youth doing?
 - **Audit of Services** – what services are available in the county?
 - **Consultation** – what do children and young people think?
 - **Needs Analysis** – what does this information tell us about need in our county?
 - **Prioritisation** – what can we prioritise to work on together?
 - **Action Plan** – what are we committing to do together?
 - **Review and Monitoring** – how will we know we did it/did it work?

Children and Young People



- Consultation with children and young people is an integral part of the development of Children and Young People's Plans (CYPP)
- This is manifested through co-operative work with Comhairle na nÓg (Child and Youth Councils) and additional activities undertaken by a CYPSC and its members



- *National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making 2015 – 2020*
- [Guidance for CYPSC on participation by children and young people in decision-making](#) (DCYA, 2018)

How can CYPSC ensure children and young people have a voice in decision-making?

- **Representation by children and young people at CYPSC meetings**

At the discretion of each CYPSC, and upon full consideration, young people can be invited to sit on the CYPSC, one in the 18-24 age range and the other in the 12-17 age range. In such cases it may be open to seek representation from young people aged 18-24 who are members of local organisations, youth services, Youth Advisory panels, Student Councils or colleges (third level or further education). With regard to the young person in the 12-17 year old category these could be invited from the local Comhairle na nÓg.

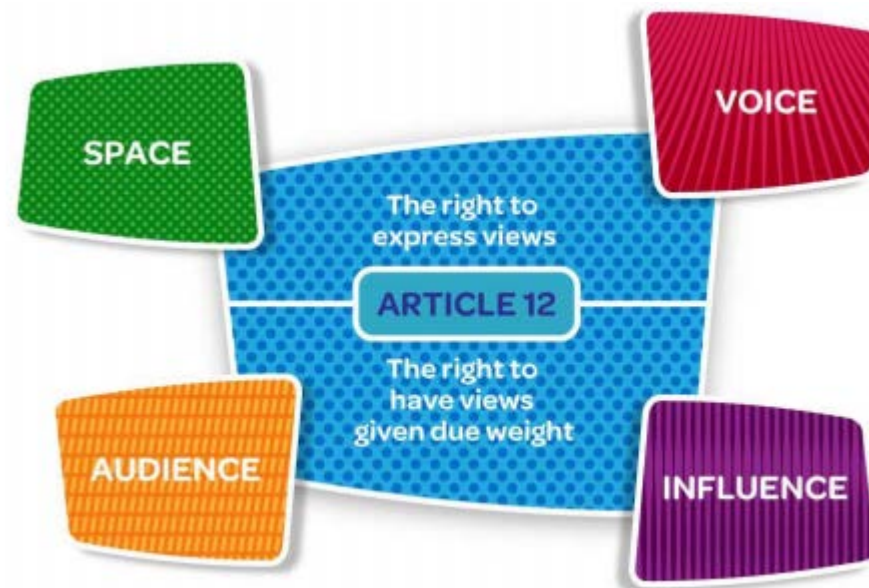
These young people could bring a personal youth perspective to the work of the CYPSC, but would not be expected to represent all young people. However, they could advise the CYPSC on issues of concern to young people that have arisen in the Comhairle na nÓg or other youth group/initiative. Support for these young people should be provided by the nominating body (e.g. the Comhairle na nÓg, the nominating Education and Training Board, or nominating College etc).

Encourage your young people to seek a place on the CYPSC Steering Group

Two young people, aged 18-24, will sit on the CYPSC National Steering Group for a 2-3 year term. These young people will be selected from all young people on local CYPSC who put their name forward for the National Steering Group and who are nominated by the local CYPSC Co-ordinator. These young people will be supported to link with youth representatives in local CYPSC to discover issues of importance around the country. The role of the young people will be to bring youth issues arising at CYPSC and a personal youth perspective to the work of the Steering Group.

- *Guidance for CYPSC on participation by children and young people in decision-making, page 5*

Lundy Model of Participation



CYPSC practice plotted to the Lundy Model (2016)

SPACE
HOW: Provide a safe space for children to express their views.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comhairle na nÓg – workshops, questionnaire, dialogue at AGM • Youth clubs • Afterschool clubs • Youth mental health group • Children in care fora • Link with ISPCC Children's Advisory Committee • Schools • Youthreach • Teen parent groups • Students union (FE and HE) • Pre-schools • Direct provision centres • Targeted focus groups with children and young people from minority groups: disabilities, migrants, Travellers, LGBT

CYPSC practice plotted to the Lundy Model

VOICE

HOW: Provide appropriate information and facilitate the expression of children's views.

- Video booth
- World café with Comhairle na nÓg
- Questionnaires / Surveys
- ABC creative consultation with under 6s
- Mosaic project 0-3 years
- Chalk Cloth 7-10 years
- CYPSC Co-ordinator displayed rights of child information in all Tusla centres
- Focus groups with wide range of children and young people across age ranges and Socio Economic profiles
- Local research reports

CYPSC practice plotted to the Lundy Model

AUDIENCE
<p>HOW: ensure that children's views are communicated to someone with responsibility to listen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and or recommendations from consultations tabled at CYPSC meetings • Consultation feedback into CYPSC Needs Analysis • Comhairle na nÓg attend CYPSC to present their workplan • Youth Participation Sub Group in CYPSC infrastructure • Children's rights agenda item at CYPSC meeting • Emerging youth issues brought forward by CYPSC to relevant agencies responsible for a response • CYPSC Sub Groups established based on most prominent themes from children and young people consultations • Youth participation representative on every CYPSC Sub Group

CYPSC practice plotted to the Lundy Model

INFLUENCE
<p>HOW: Ensure that children's views are taken seriously and acted upon, where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people consultation findings with seldom heard young people used in the local CYPSC submission to the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) • Young people designed sibling support leaflets via CYPSC Drugs and Alcohol Sub Group • Young people worked on LGBT leaflet on coming out to parents and professionals • Youth Participation Strategy for CYPSC in development • Young people input to the research, development and design stage of local CYPSC outputs e.g. health information booklets, conferences, social media campaigns



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