

# Dublin City Children's Services Committee

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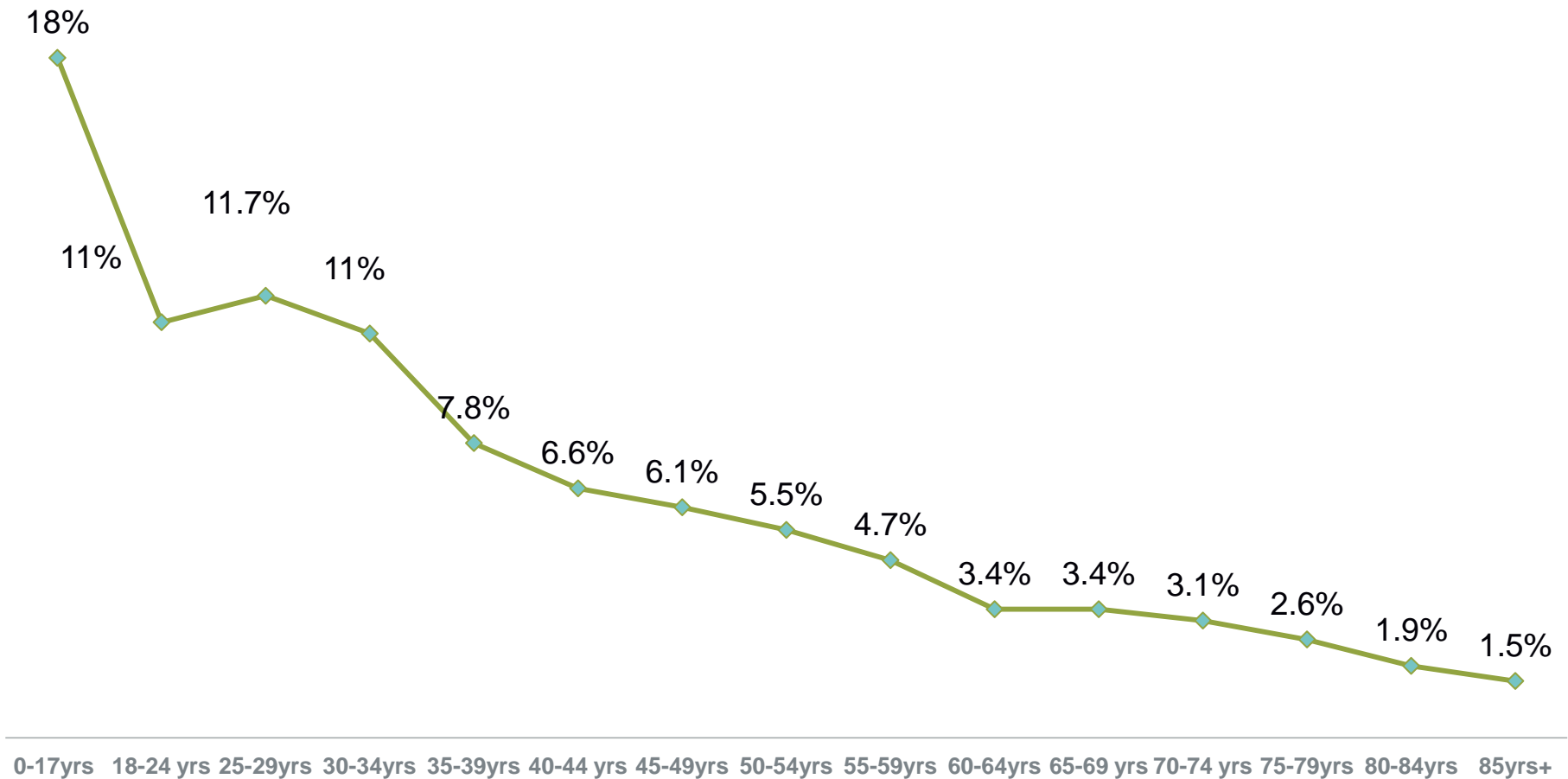
<b>Dublin City Population</b>	<b>527,612.</b>
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0-24 years	155,244
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25-54years	258,697
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55 years +	113,671
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# % of Population by age group



# Dublin City

## Children's Services Committee

- First convened in July 2007
- Committee Membership
  - *Barnardos*
  - *City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee*
  - *Dublin City Council*
  - *Dublin City Childcare Committee*
  - *Garda Síochana*
  - *Health Services Executive*
  - *Area Development Partnerships*
  - *National Education Welfare Board*
  - *Probation Services*

# Initial stages of the committee agreed

- *Vision*
- *Goals*
- *Values*
- *Terms of Reference*
- *Statement of Commitment to Interagency Cooperation*
- *Conducted an audit of services (Citywide), including existing models of Interagency cooperation*



## Dublin City Children's Services Statement of Commitment to Interagency Cooperation

The vision as set out in **Towards 2016** for children in Ireland is a society where children are respected as young citizens with a valued contribution to make and a voice of their own; where all children are cherished and supported by family and the wider society; where they enjoy a fulfilling childhood and realise their potential. Ireland has ratified the *UN convention on the Rights of the Child* and is committed to its implementation in our laws and policies.

The aim of the **Dublin City Children's Services Committee** is to achieve this national vision for children in Dublin City. Through our leadership role we commit to promoting the interest of the child and working together on policy development and delivery of services. We seek to remove unnecessary duplication and blockages to the delivery of child centred policies and services both within our organisations and in cooperation with other organisations. We will work in collaboration with other members of the committee through an agreed protocol when necessary for improved outcomes in delivery of services to children.

Barnardos

City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee

Dublin City Childcare Committee

Dublin City Council

Department of Education & Science

An Garda Síochána

Health Service Executive

National Education Welfare Board

Probation Services

Area Development Partnerships



# DC CSC Activities

1. Targeted actions in geographic 'Model area' of the City (South Inner City)
  - *Literacy & Numeracy*
  - *Health & Activity (from Obesity)*
  - *Childcare*
  - *Safety*
  - *Interagency Engagement*
2. Work Plan 2012 – 2014
  - *Template from DCYA*
  - *Each Committee member submitted actions to the work plan e.g. Dublin City Play Plan*
  - *Ongoing monitoring & evaluation*

# Dublin City Play Plan 2012-2017

## Background

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – Article 31
- National Action Plan for Social Inclusion, 2007-2016
- National Children's Strategy, 2000
- National Play Policy, *Ready Steady Play*, 2004
- National Recreation Policy for Young People, 2007
- Dublin City Development Board Plan, 2011-2017
- Dublin City Children's Services Committee Work plan 2011 - 2014
- National Annual Play Day (Dublin City)
- Dublin City Council Recreation Centres
- Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg
- *Years of advocacy* from DCC's former Play Development Officer !!!



# Activities

- Identified in City Development Board work plan 2009
- Interagency Steering Group established in 2009
- Consultation with children & young people citywide
- Consultation with Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg
- Draft document in 2010
- **Dublin City Play Plan May 2012 launched**

# Dublin City Play Plan: *Play here, Play there, Play everywhere*

**2012- 2017**





Play here...





Play there.....





Play everywhere.....

# Principles

1. Essential for social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional development
2. Creativity and imagination enhanced through enjoyment of play
3. Opportunities to play in a way that expresses mutual respect
4. Right to be seen, heard and to play in public spaces
5. Children and young people should be consulted
6. Working in partnership is key

# Play Plan Themes

1. Develop an awareness of play and promote its value.
2. Work together to ensure that Dublin is a child-friendly, playful city.
3. Create an effective city play infrastructure and improve the design of our play spaces.
4. Work in partnership to facilitate play in the early childcare and education sectors.
5. Support schools to facilitate the right of children and young people to play



NOW for the Messy stuff ...



# Continuing activities ...

- Engagement of Citywide steering group
- Interagency work on the themes
  - DCCC— quality in childcare - focus on play
  - DCC – internal/external commitment, support
  - Health Promotion – value of play
  - Schools – individuals & principals networks
  - Community/Voluntaries - support / collaboration



And remember as the Irish Playwright *George Bernard Shaw* once said,  
***“ We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we  
grow old because we stop playing”***

# For more information

Dublin City Children's Services Committee

[www.dublincitychildrensservices.ie](http://www.dublincitychildrensservices.ie)

Dublin City Play Plan

- <http://www.dublincity.ie/Community/childrensservicesunit/Pages/DublinCityPlayPlan.aspx>