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The Donegal Children & Young People's Committee (CYPSC) aims to improve outcomes for children and young people aged 0-24 years in County Donegal.

The purpose of CYPSCs are to bring statutory, community and voluntary agencies providing services to children and young people together to cooperate and plan and work in a coordinated way. CYPSC's are funded through the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Chaired by Tusla. The local authority holds the position of Deputy Chair. They work to support children, young people and their families to achieve the five national outcomes set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020.

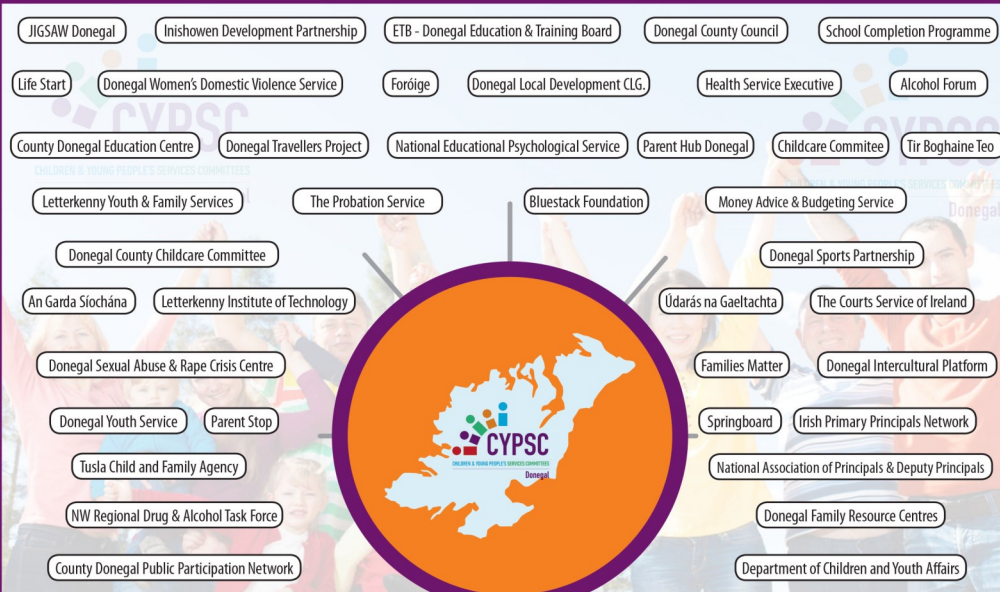
The national outcomes are that Children & Young People are:

- *Active and healthy with physical and mental well-being
- *Achieving full potential in all areas of learning & development
- *Safe and protected from harm
- *Have economic security and opportunity and
- *Are connected, respected and contributing to their world.

Over forty organisations across Donegal work in partnership to achieve these outcomes.



An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs



Together, we are Donegal Children
& Young People's Services Committee

Is Coistí Na Seirbhísí Do Leanaf & Do Dhaoine
Óga Dhún na nGall muid i gcuideachta le chéile



DONEGAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Is CYPSC Dhún na nGall muid i gcuideachta le chéile

NEWSLETTER

Quarter 3 2019

Donegal CYPSC Disability Inclusion Workshop

This full day Disability Inclusion Workshop on 7th October 2019 is part of Social Inclusion Week. This event will be kindly hosted by Finn Valley Family Resource Centre, Stranorlar.

This is an initiative of the CYPSC Disability Inclusion working group, facilitated by Alice Griffin CEO, Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency (DESSA) and will focus on 2 key areas - Accessible Communication and Youth Participation. Target audience is staff and volunteers working in both Statutory and Community & Voluntary Agencies across all sectors. CYPSC member organisations are encour-

aged to send representatives of their staff to attend.

This will be a very practical day to develop our Communication and Consultation skills and will cover the following: The morning session will focus on good practice in ensuring your organisation is Communication Accessible. This will support staff to be confident and skilled in responding to different communication requirements and needs. After a break for a light lunch the workshop will explore creative inclusive consultation strategies to ensure that children & Young people with disabilities are enabled to participate to have their voice heard.



Members of the CYPSC Disability Inclusion Working Group with Alice Griffin CEO DESSA front 2nd from left.

Limited places available so Booking is essential. Please Contact CYPSC on

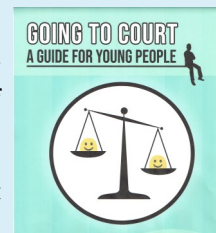
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Light lunch provided

Coming Soon: Going to Court Guide for Young People

The 'Going to Court Guide for Young People' is an initiative from the CYPSC Safe & Secure Subcommittee led by Donegal Youth Service with the participation of young people. It covers topics such as types of courts, what happens after

someone commits a crime, being called as a witness or as a victim of crime or as a defendant. It covers legal terms, giving evidence, who will be in the court room and what they do. The Going to Court Guide is funded by the Better Outcomes Brighter Futures CYPSC Fund.



NEWSFLASH!

Donegal CYPSC welcomes Gearóid Horkan to the team. Gearoid took up his post as Donegal CYPSC Administrator in

August. We wish him well in his new post. A sincere Thank You to Donegal County Council and Tusla Donegal, who co-fund this post. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Training, Careers & Lifestyle Fair for Young People with a Disability or Additional Support Needs

Save the Date—16th Nov 2019, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, 12pm— 4pm

This event is to support Young people with disabilities or additional needs & their families, who are interested in progressing to further education, training or employ-

ment or are looking for Sport & Recreational activities. Information Workshops throughout the Day include: Training Options, Assistive Technology, Rights and Entitle-

ments, Supports to Work, Sport and Recreation opportunities. More Info to follow. This is an initiative of the Disability Inclusion Working group of the Economic Well being Subcommittee. Contact CYPSC Gearoid on gearoid.horkan@tusla.ie



Outcomes for Children Data Hub <https://outcomes4children.tusla.ie/>

The Outcomes for people. It has been developed by Tusla, in conjunction with the Department of Children & Youth Affairs funded mapping outcomes and indicators for children and young is accessible to all and

provides a web based platform to visualise published data sets. It facilitates practitioners & service providers access to data to aid in service planning, design and delivery. Check it out!

A user guide is available from Donegal CYPSC.

Contact Gearoid gearoid.horkan@tusla.ie



— Save the Date — Coercive Control Conference — 11th Dec 2019 —

The Coercive Control Conference is a collaborative initiative between the cross border MACE Project and Donegal CYPSC Safe & Secure Subcommittee. Statutory and Community & Voluntary Agencies and organisations are encouraged to send representatives of their staff to attend. Attendees will gain an understanding of the lived experience as

described by Marilyn O'Connor, Survivor and Filmmaker, Luke Hart, Survivor, son & brother of Claire & Charlotte Hart. This Conference will feature Key note Speakers covering relevant areas such as the New Domestic Violence Legislation with a particular emphasis on Coercive Control; How to recognise the signs of Coercive Control; The Impact on Children & Young People and the Agencies response

when identified. Contributors include Michelle Alonzo Women's Aid, Marie Hainsworth Donegal Domestic Violence Service, An Gardaí Sochana Domestic Violence Division, PSNI Commander & Superintendent Clive Beatty and Tusla. There will also be an opportunity to avail of dedicated training on Coercive Control early in the new year.

SAVE the DATE
Coercive Control
Conference

11 Dec 2019

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Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (MACE) Project is a Cooperation and Working Together (CAWT) initiative funded by the European Regional Development Fund



CYPSC Project Funds Update



DCYA Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures Funding:

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs granted €28,000 to each CYPSC to support the Implementation of their Annual Action Plan 2019. Donegal CYPSC is funding the following activities across the CYPSC Subcommittees:

Actions under the Disability Inclusion Project, Inclusion Workshop, Progressive Pathways Fair and the printing of the Donegal Disability Services Directory 2nd Ed. led by the recently established Disability Inclusion Working Group.

A Youth Conference supported by the Tusla Alternative Care 16+ team and the CYPSC Economic Well-being Subcommittee

A Homework Support Project supported by Donegal Traveller & Roma Project and the CYPSC Economic Well-being Subcommittee

The Young Carers Project for Outreach to Donegal supported by Donegal Youth Services and the CYPSC Health & Well-being Subcommittee.

A Residential event following participation in the 'Be Healthy Be Happy' Programme supported by Foróige CYPSC Health & Well-being Subcommittee.

Mindfulness workshops for Adolescents in the Raphoe area supported by Raphoe FRC & the CYPSC Health & Well-being Subcommittee.

A Strategic review of Parenting

Supports led by ParentStop and supported by the CYPSC Prevention Partnership & Family Support Subcommittee

Resources to Early Years initiatives, Creating Lifelong Readers, Babbling Babies and the Off the shelf project supported by the CYPSC Education & Learning Subcommittee

Briefing on the new Domestic Violence Legislation for Court Services, Solicitors and related staff supported by the CYPSC Safe & Secure Subcommittee.

A Conference on Coercive Control and the New Domestic Violence Legislation. This is a collaboration between CYPSC Safe & Secure Subcommittee and the cross border MACE Project (MACE—Multiple Diverse Childhood Experiences) Further details will be circulated as available.

Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3:

Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) Round 3 will run from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021. Donegal CYPSC has been allocated €96,000 to implement a programme of work under HIF during the 2 year period. This is a joint application with Donegal Local Community Development Committee which will receive a separate allocation of funds. This Joint CYPSC/LCDC HIF application can be used to support 10 actions. (5 CYPSC actions / 5 LCDC actions) Total funding allocation to Donegal is €280,000. Criteria apply.

Donegal CYPSC sought Express-

sions of Interest from all Subcommittees. 8 excellent proposals were received and these were assessed by the CYPSC Change Management Subcommittee according to the HIF / CYPSC criteria and 5 selected and recommended. This was a really difficult task as all the proposals had great merit. The successful proposals will form part of the HIF Round 3 application. Change Management Subcommittee brought its recommendations to CYPSC at their July meeting and these were agreed. The selected proposals will complete the Action plan template as part of this HIF Joint Application. Final submission date September 2019.

The Department of Health's Mental Health Unit has designed a new one-off programme to support local level initiatives that promote and enhance mental health and well-being. The Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) has an allocation of €2.79m and is being made available to support actions to improve the mental health and well-being of people in the community and to co-ordinate and implement related activities in local community settings nationally. Donegal CYPSC has been allocated an additional €32,050 for ring-fenced activity under this additional HIF mental health theme. Each Local Authority will receive a separate allocation of €62,050.

Details of the CYPSC Projects in receipt of this funding will be included in the Newsletter Quarter 4 2019.