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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:

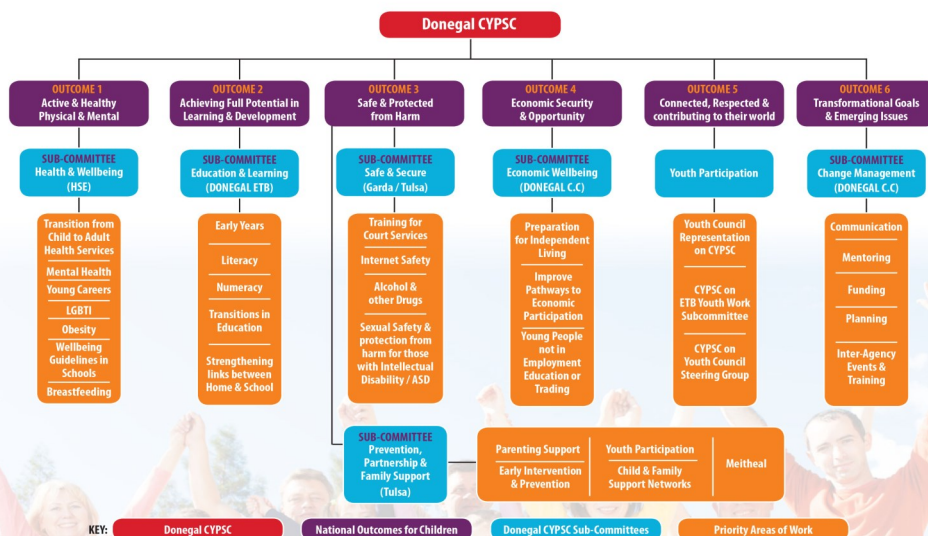
- *Active and healthy with physical and mental well-being
- *Achieving full potential in all areas of learning & development
- *Safe and protected from harm
- *Have economic security and opportunity and
- *Are connected, respected and contributing to their world.

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



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READ DL gearing up to celebrate 10th Anniversary



For 2020 the Read DL group have teamed up with the Laureate Na Nóg Sarah Crossan and her poetry project called #WeAreThePoets which will host a workshop for one lucky primary school in each Electoral District in the County. One school

will be selected from each municipal district and a poetry workshop will be delivered at the school. This lottery is only open to schools who will be participating in this year's Read DL (registration to open shortly) Participants in workshops will be

expected to read their poems to an audience at the closing ceremony which will take place on 26th March 2020 in The Balor Theatre Ballybofey. Read DL will be launched on 6th February.

Education & Learning Subcommittee Launch 'Babbling Babies'

At the launch, Maureen Kerr, Donegal Library Services said "I am delighted to launch this second edition of Babbling Babies. The first book proved so popular that had it not been given free, it would have topped the best seller list for several months following publication. The book is important for many reasons. It helps children develop language skills. When parents read to and teach rhymes to their children it enhances the bond between the

child and parent. The book in sharing nursery rhymes from around the world and honouring other languages helps promote inclusion. I thank all the Council's partner organisations for their hard work on bringing this lovely booklet to completion. I know it will be enjoyed by families throughout Donegal in the weeks and months to come." The Education & Learning Subcommittee have also introduced the Bookworm Babies library card for children 0 -3 years and the Word Monsters library card for children 4 - 6 years. The Lifelong Readers workshops were rolled out for Early Years Practitioners and Parent & Toddler groups.



Master Class Coercive Control & the New Domestic Violence

The CYPSC Safe & Secure Subcommittee in collaboration with MACE (Multi Adverse Childhood Experiences) held a briefing on the legal implications of the new Domestic Violence legislation for 26 attendees. Michelle Alonso from Fermanagh Women's Aid described the victims experience of coercive control. Garda Sergeant Paul Forrestal gave a detailed account of the changes the new Domestic Violence legislation has brought. Finally Dr. Marie Hainsworth, Donegal Domestic Violence Service brought attention back to the impact of coercive control on children in the home. 5Nov19

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News Flash!

'Making your organisation more Communication Accessible' will be run again on 27th

February 2020. This very practical workshop, will be facilitated by Alice Griffin, Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency. Contact

gearoid.horkan@tusla.ie to book your place.

Limited places available



Enthusiastic Response to the First Training, Careers and Lifestyle Fair dedicated to young people with disabilities or additional needs

The Future is bright for Young People with Disabilities in Donegal. LYIT was a bee hive of activity on Saturday 16th November, full of excited young people with disabilities and their families visiting the 'Inclusive Careers Training and Lifestyle Fair' to explore different options to achieve their career dreams and ambitions and sporting & recreational opportunities.

To help them on their way 45 different service providers gave their Saturday to share their expertise, information and guidance, through information stands and presentations on the supports their organisations provide in areas such as education and training, recreational activities and lifestyle, careers options, funding supports, independent living supports and more. All participants

received a copy of the 'Donegal Directory of Disability Services'.

The voice of young people took center stage at this event. There were a number of short video screenings that captured what real life experience of young people with disabilities and what it means to them to be included in social events and community activities and to be treated just like everyone else.

John Wallace and Jack Campbell described their experience of being part of the workforce in a local business, Kelly's Diner & Mountain Top Centra; how having a job can be life changing by increasing confidence, self esteem and allowing them to play their part in the everyday life of their local community. How being given a chance by an employer had opened up so many options for them and allowed them to progress in

life, just like their peers.

There were loads of goodies, a Saturday Club, curtesy of the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation, while the Donegal Youth Council provided some fun through their pop up career photo booth.

This event was organised by the Disability Inclusion Working Group of the Donegal Children and Youth People's Services Committee (CYPSC), which is a partnership of 50 organisations working to deliver better outcomes for children and young people of Donegal. Photos on Facebook! **Thank You All**



Children & Young People's Plan 2021-2023—Tender Process

2020 marks the final year of the current Children & Young People's Plan. Donegal CYPSC are seeking a consultant to support the development of the Children & Young People's Plan 2021-2023. **If you have relevant experience and expertise, and are interested in tendering for this contract Please contact Anne on 0873527651 or email anne.timonymeehan@tusla.ie to receive the Tender Document.**

The Tender Document details aims, objectives, tasks, methodology, outputs and timescale of this contracted piece of research

as well as details of the process of assessment of Tenders which will be carried out by the Change Management Subcommittee. Donegal CYPSC hopes to have the Tendering process completed before Christmas to allow the selected candidate to begin the work early in the new year.

Donegal CYPSC is required to develop and deliver on a 3 year Children & Young People's Plan (CYPP) for the county. This plan details how children and young people in the county are doing (a socio demographic profile); describes what services, supports and groups are currently available

in the county for children and young people (an audit of services); identifies gaps and provides direction as to what the county can do better to improve services and improve outcomes for children and young people (a needs analysis); sets out what the CYPSC will do over a three-year period to improve outcomes under five national outcomes for children and young people (an action plan) and outlines how the CYPSC will monitor and evaluate its work so that it knows what has been achieved i.e. what is working and what the impact of that work has been for children and young people.

Minister Zapone launches 'Shared Visions, Next Steps' 2019-2024

'Shared Vision, Next Steps 2019-2024' provides road map for further development of CYPSC initiative over the next five years. There are 27 CYPSC established nationwide co-funded by DCYA, Tusla and the Healthy Ireland Initiative - total budget for

CYPSC in 2019 is €4.6 million. Minister Zapone said "I am confident that both now and in years to come, the impact of these initiatives will be significant, as it will support children and young people, their families, their communities and vulnerable groups



who are experiencing difficulties in their lives."

A sincere Thank You!

Thank you to all the organisations who shared their time, knowledge and expertise and played an active part in collaborative work supporting Children & Young People in our County.

A very special thank you to all the young people who shared their thoughts and concerns, took part in events, contributed to resource development and helped make this a most meaningful, inspiring experience.

Special thanks also to the magnificent CYPSC Disability Inclusion Working Group who made the First Inclusive Training, Careers and Life style Fair such a great success.

Special thanks to LYIT for hosting the CYPSC Meetings, Donegal ETB, Tusla, HSE, Donegal County Council & Tusla, a huge thank you for co-funding the CYPSC Admin post.

Donegal Youth Council who work closely with CYPSC and their facilitator Shauna Hoey. Looking forward to working with you in 2020. Finally, to Donegal County Council & Tusla, a huge thank you for co-funding the CYPSC Admin post.

Wishing you a Wonderful Christmas, Every Success Health and Happiness in the new Year.