



CONSULTATION REPORT 2020

Improving the lives of children and young people across Donegal.
Donegal Children and Young People's Committee

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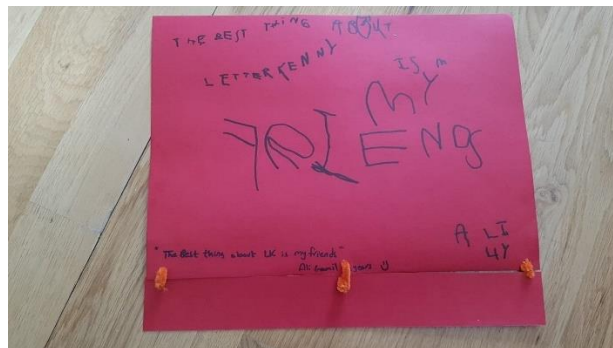
Consultation with young children



Through the Donegal County Childcare Committee early years providers were asked to invite parents in their services to submit words or a drawing from their child in answer to the questions ...

1. What is your favourite thing about where you live?
2. If you had a magic wand what would you change about where your live?.

The remote nature of the consultation and the timing in the early phase of the pandemic lockdown meant the response rate was low. Responses that came back are presented below and do indicate the thoughts and concerns of some of Donegal's youngest residents in relation to people and place. The process provides learning for future consultation activities with this sector.



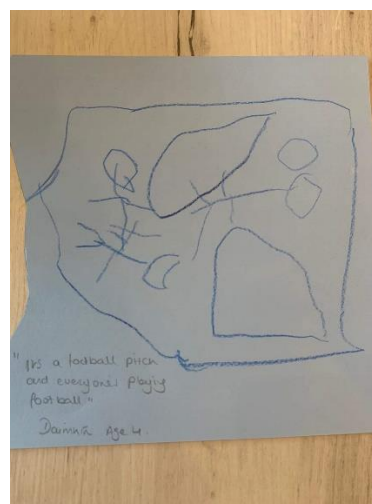
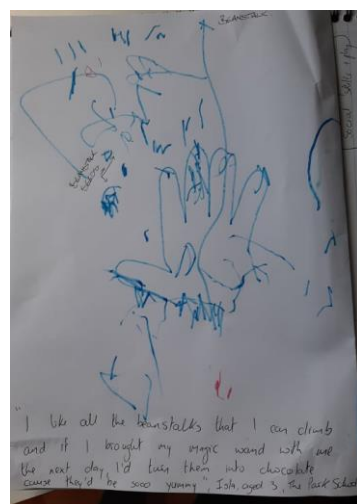
Q1- What is your favourite thing about the town/village or community you live in?

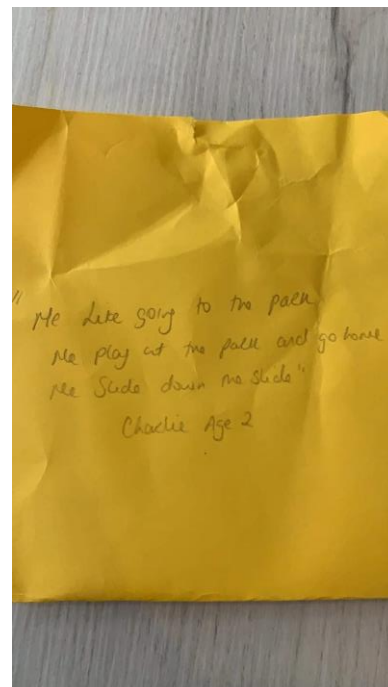
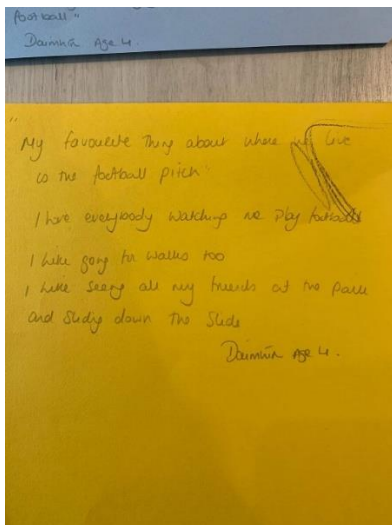
A- my favourite thing about my town is my school (Letterkenny Community childcare centre). I love to play with my friends. Leo always plays with the barbies with me

2- If you had a magic wand, what would you change about where you live?

A- I would magic the shops open for all the children, because we are not allowed to go to the shops because of the sick (Covid 19)





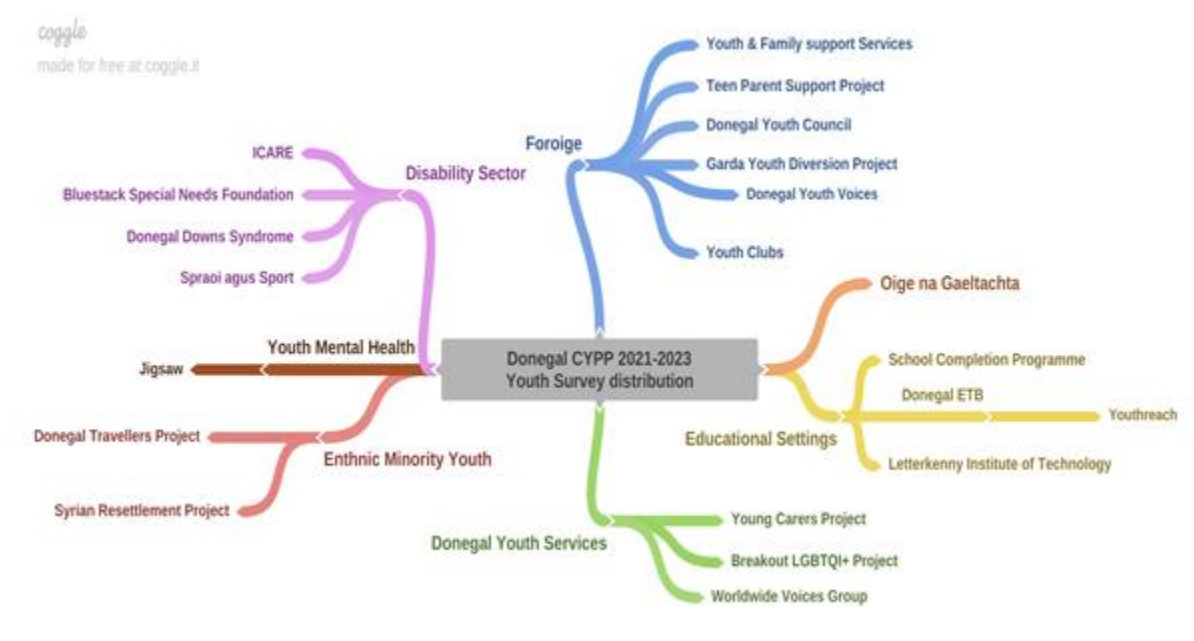


Consultation with Children and Young People

An online survey was developed in collaboration with young people and those working with them exploring:

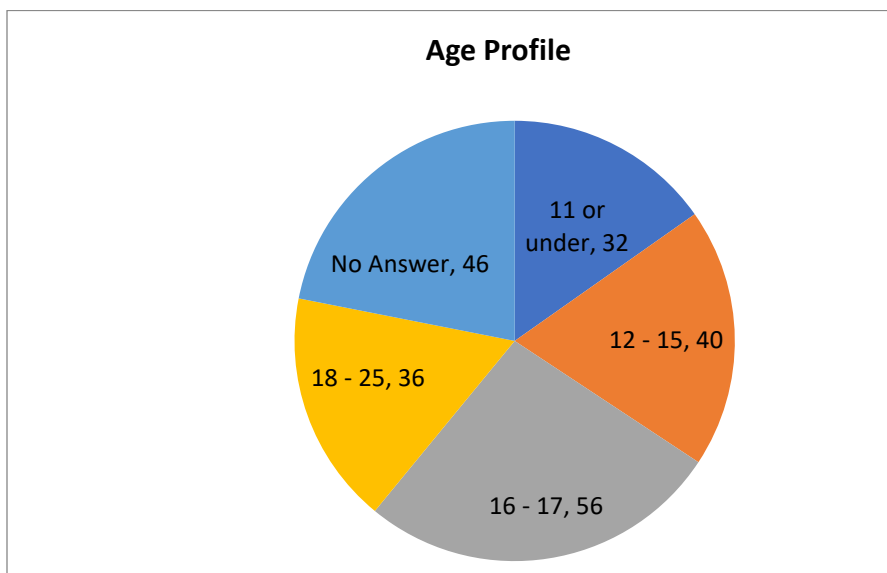
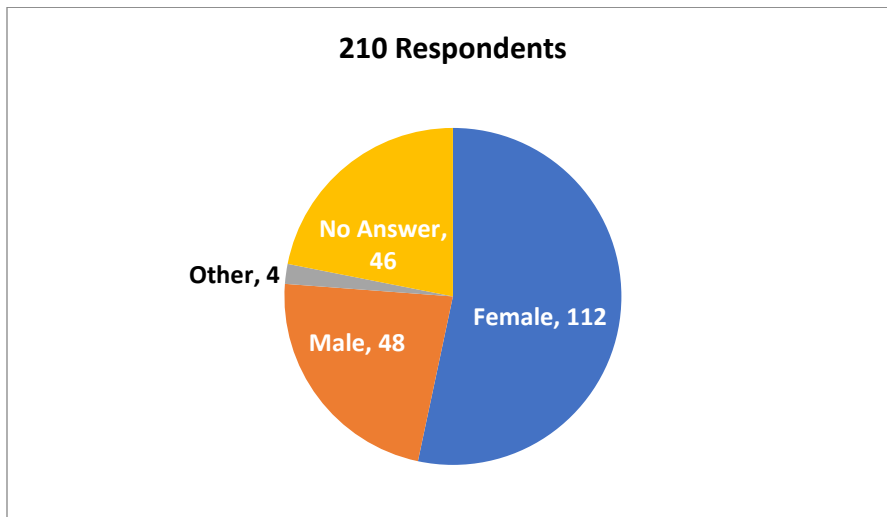
- The experience of being young in Donegal
- Involvement in youth services.
- Information on services
- Personal experiences of key outcome areas.
- Impact of Covid-19

This survey was distributed via the agencies listed below who were invited to issue the survey from their organisation to young people and/ or parents who they are in contact with.



Profile of Respondents to Child and Youth Consultation

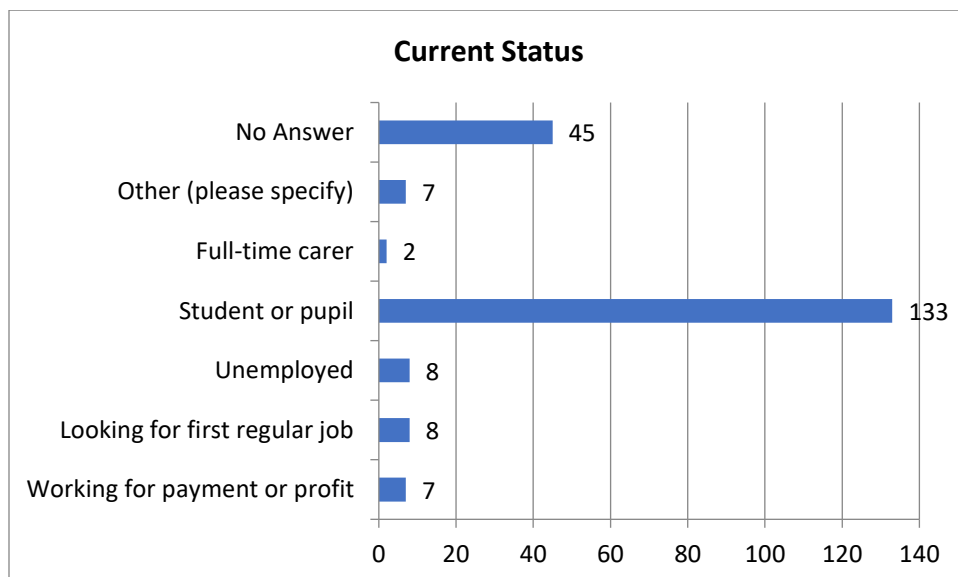
Gender and age



Disability

Living with Disability	Number
Have illness/disability	34
Caring for other with illness/disability	20

Education and Employment Status

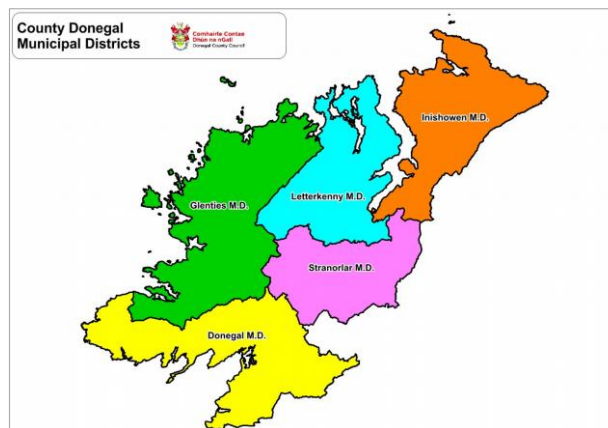
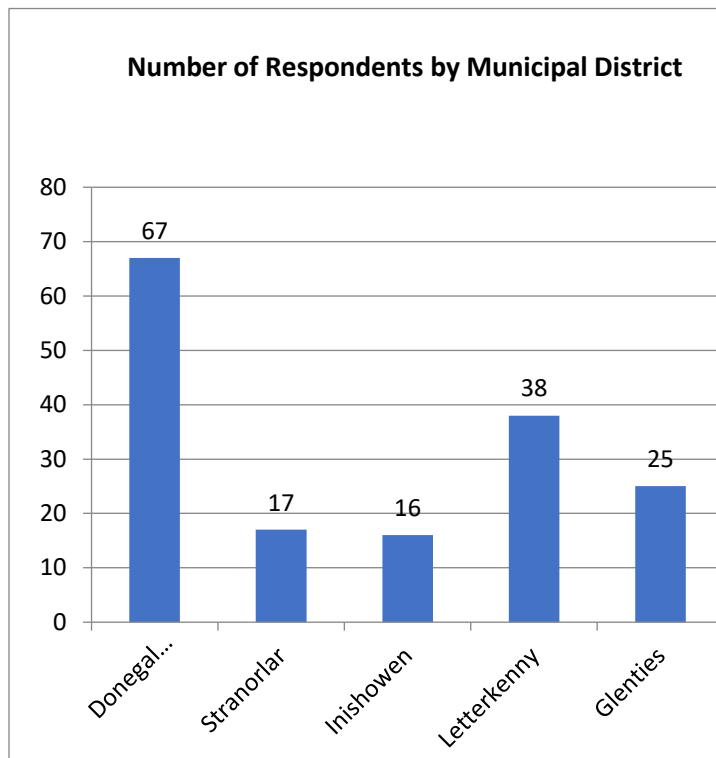


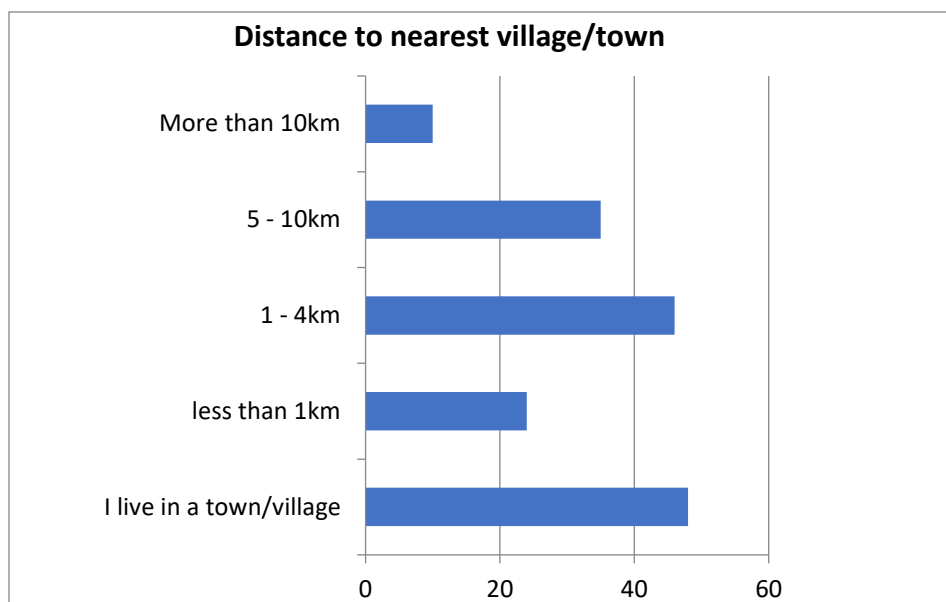
Current Status	Number
Full Time Education	
– School	125
– Youthreach	5
– Further Education or Training	6
– Higher Education	7
Unemployed	35
Working Part-time	12
Working Full-time	4
Unable to work due to illness/disability	5

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number
White Irish	142
Any other White background	12
Black or Black Irish	6
Asian or Asian Irish	2
Middle Eastern	1
White Irish Traveller	1
Not answered	36

Geographical Location





Being Young in Donegal

Positive and negative aspects of being young in Donegal

Respondents were asked what they enjoy about being a young person in Donegal. People and place were the main themes in their responses. The main themes from their answers are detailed below with examples of some of the quotes from young people.

Enjoy ...	Number
Socialising with friends	29
Beautiful scenery and landscape	24
Community spirit	15
Outdoor activities	15
The freedom and safety	14
The friendly Donegal people	11
Sports clubs and facilities	12
Leisure facilities	6
Having family close by	5

“All the opportunities I have to have fun and hang out with my friends”

“Being able to be with your friends in a quiet place rather than walking in a busy city”

“Everyone is so friendly, and it feels like a big community”

“I think the general public in Donegal are so warm and accepting and I believe this is what gives my county such character”

“I love the natural beauty of Donegal”

“Being able to do so many outdoor activities”

“I enjoy being able to feel safe and protected when out with my friends”

“I enjoy growing up in a more rural area that has Gaeltacht areas etc that give you freedom while also having more built up areas like Letterkenny, experiencing both”

Respondents were asked what found difficult about being a young person in Donegal. Facilities and services were the main themes in their responses. The main themes from their answers are detailed below with examples of some of the quotes from young people.

Don't Enjoy	Number
Lack of facilities and services	45
Lack of public transport	25
Isolation	24
Lack of opportunities	21
Judgement/discrimination	18
Pressure from others	6
Traditional mindset of older people	4
Poor internet connection	5

“you sometimes feel isolated because you can't just up and visit friends in another town”

“Outside of sports and Foroige there's not much for my age”

“There are barely any social facilities for teenagers who are not interested in sport or drinking alcohol”

“The lack of things to do and it's very expensive to get transport to places that have activities for young people”

“Not fitting in and feeling judged”

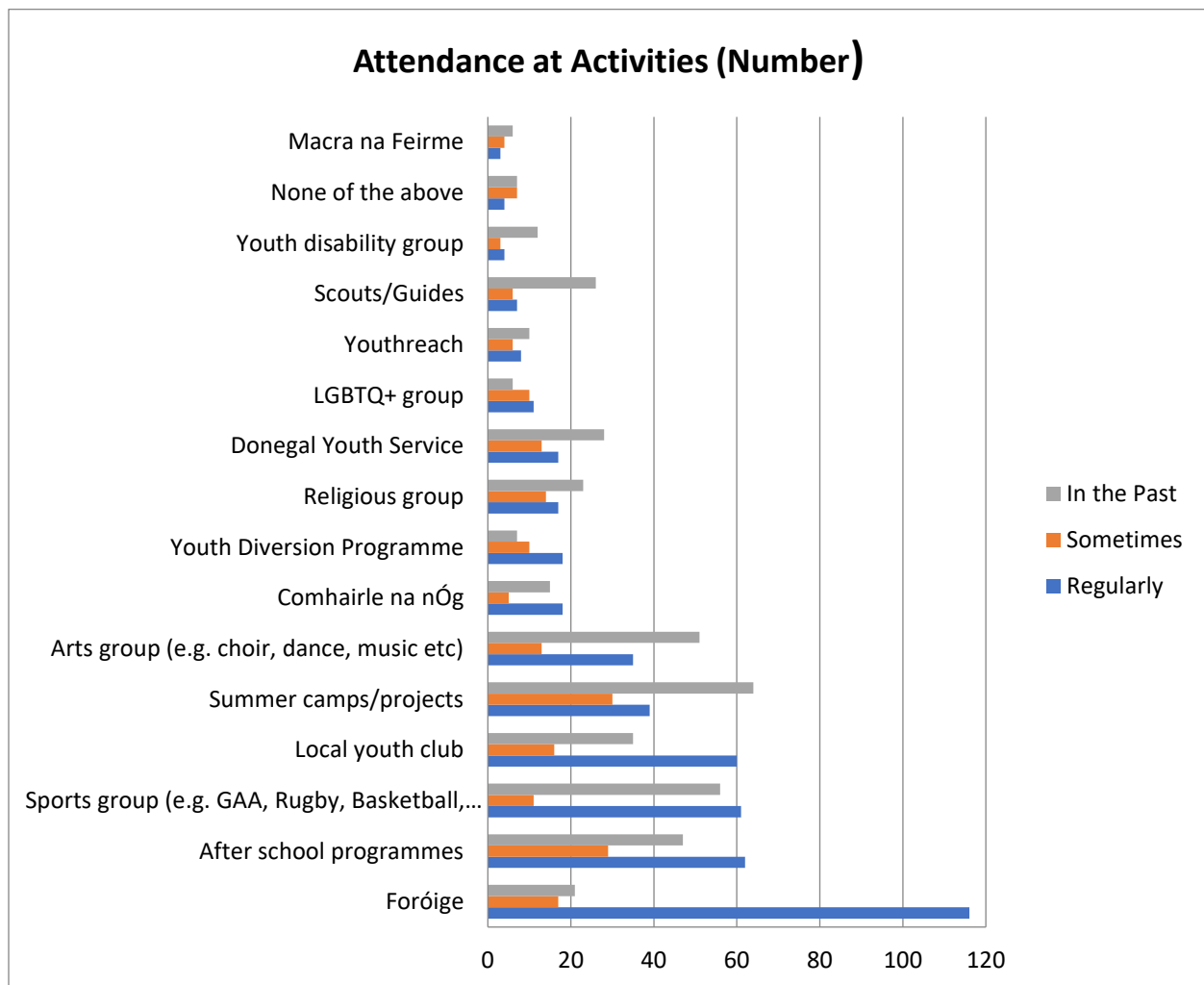
“It's a very small place so it's easy for stories spread around about us”

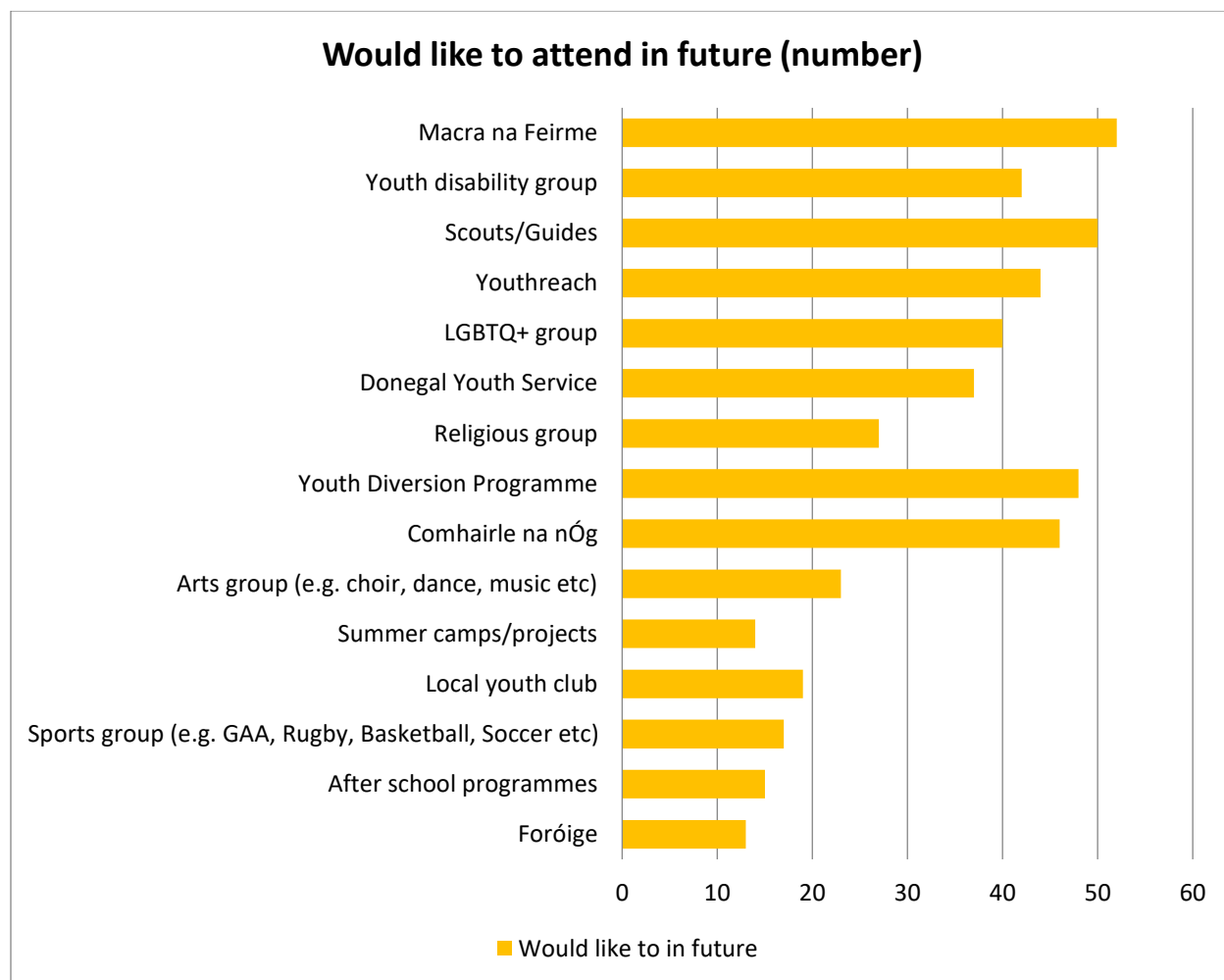
“Lack of transport. I cannot drive yet, and it's difficult to rely on others for lifts - even to go out socializing, I always worry that I might miss the bus home and be stuck”

“Even to get back from college can be a bit tricky because of the lack of transport to more rural parts of Donegal”

“I think that bus fares are ridiculously overpriced and have impractical schedules; the buses are also always late, or they don't show up”

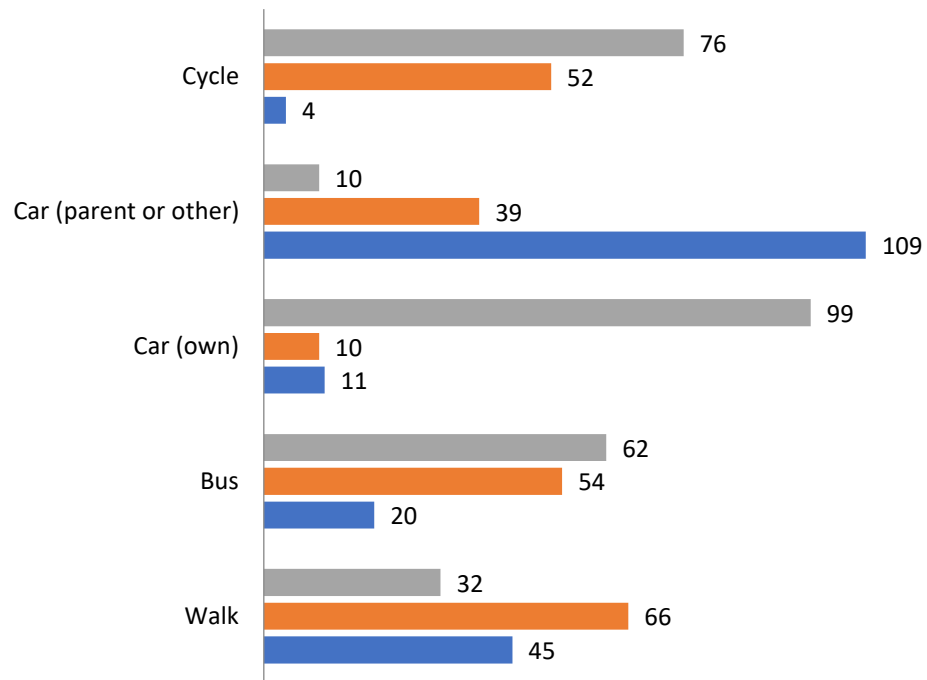
Participation in Activities



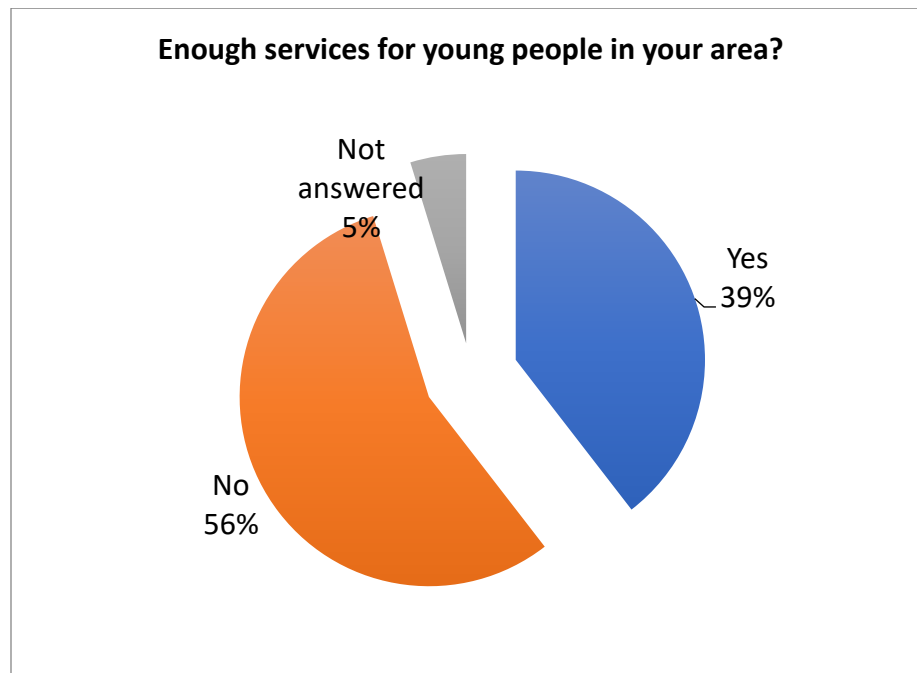


Travel to activities

■ Never ■ Sometimes ■ Most of the time



Perspectives on Services

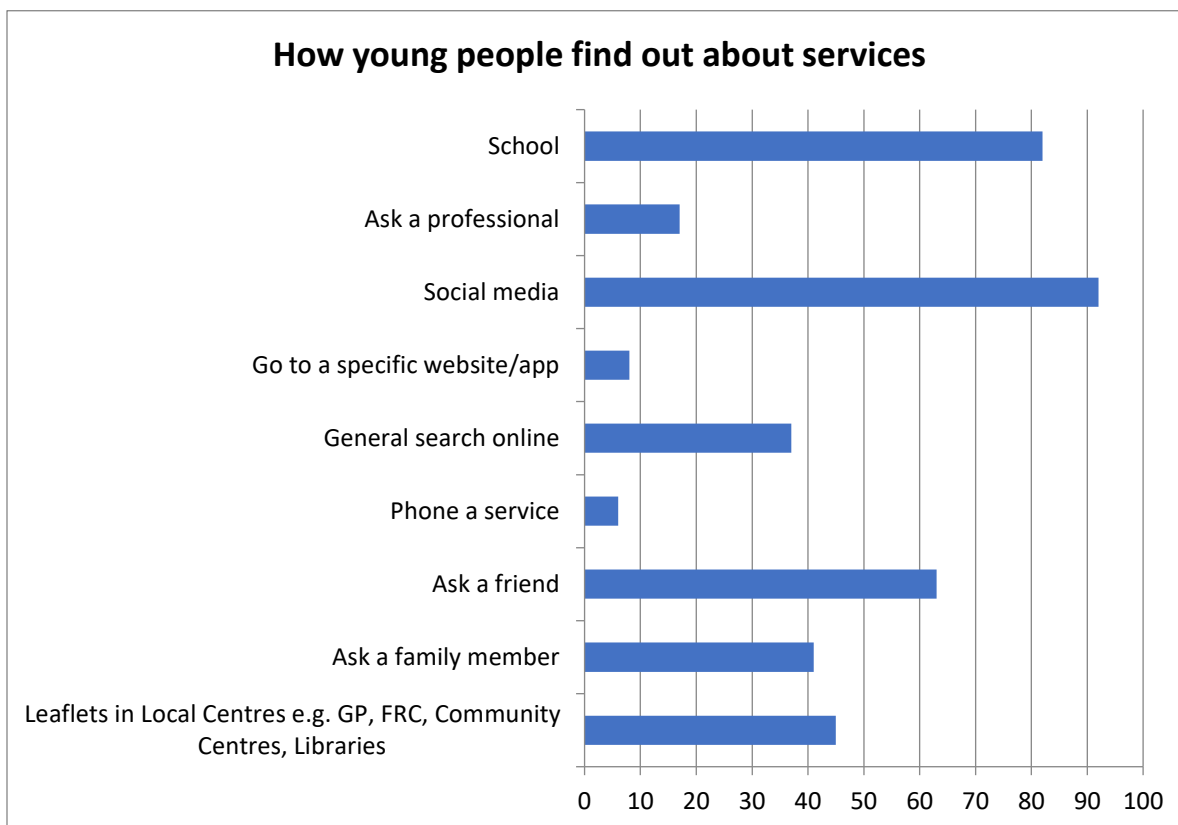


Do you think there are enough services for young people in your area?

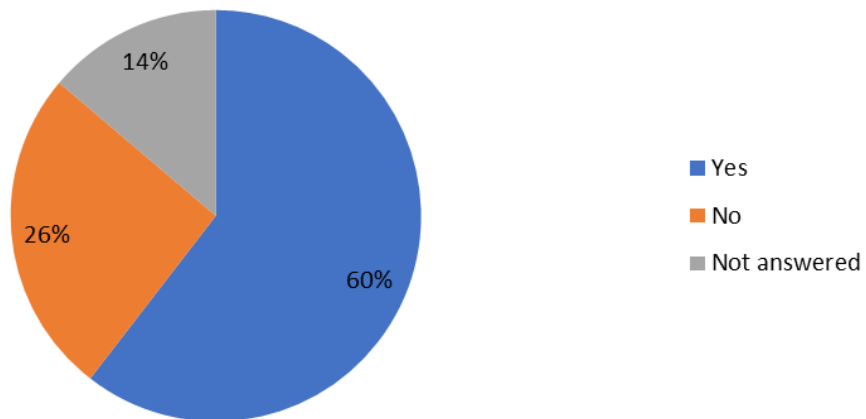
	Donegal Town	Glenties	Inishowen	Letterkenny	Stranorlar	Total
Yes	27	14	3	19	6	69
No	40	11	13	19	10	93
Total	67	25	16	38	16	162

What respondents believe would make it easier to take part in youth services	Number
Improved transportation services	25
More activities / trips away	12
More advertisement of services	10
More online resources for young people	9
More drop-in services locally	8
More friends attending	8
Youth groups catering for older ages	4
More social facilities	4
More after school services	3
	83

What Services/things respondents would like to have access to	Number
Recreational facilities	21
Mental health services	11
Art, drama, and music groups	11
Social facilities for young people	9
Better public transport services	9
Drop in services	8
After school groups	4
Young parent groups	3



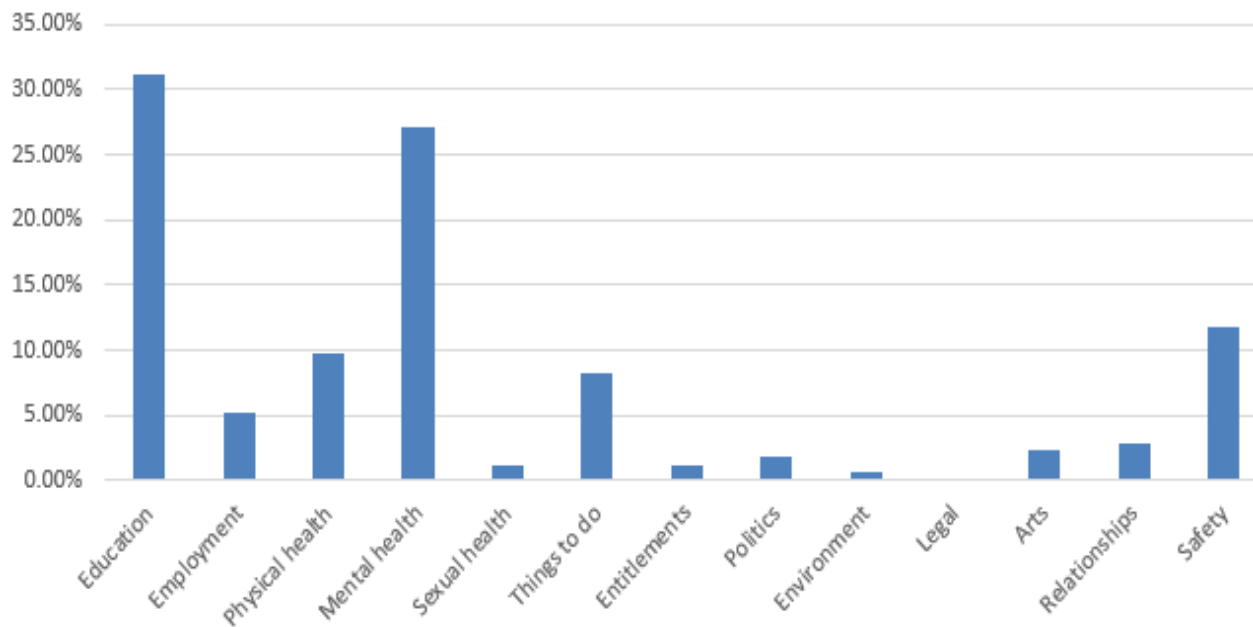
Access to good quality wifi at home (N = 210)



Do you have easy access to good quality wifi at home?

	Donegal Town	Glenties	Inishowen	Letterkenny	Stranorlar	Total
Yes	51	16	9	22	15	113
No	16	9	7	16	2	50
Total	67	25	16	38	17	163

What Sort of Information is Important to You?



Suggestions on how information on services for young people could be improved?

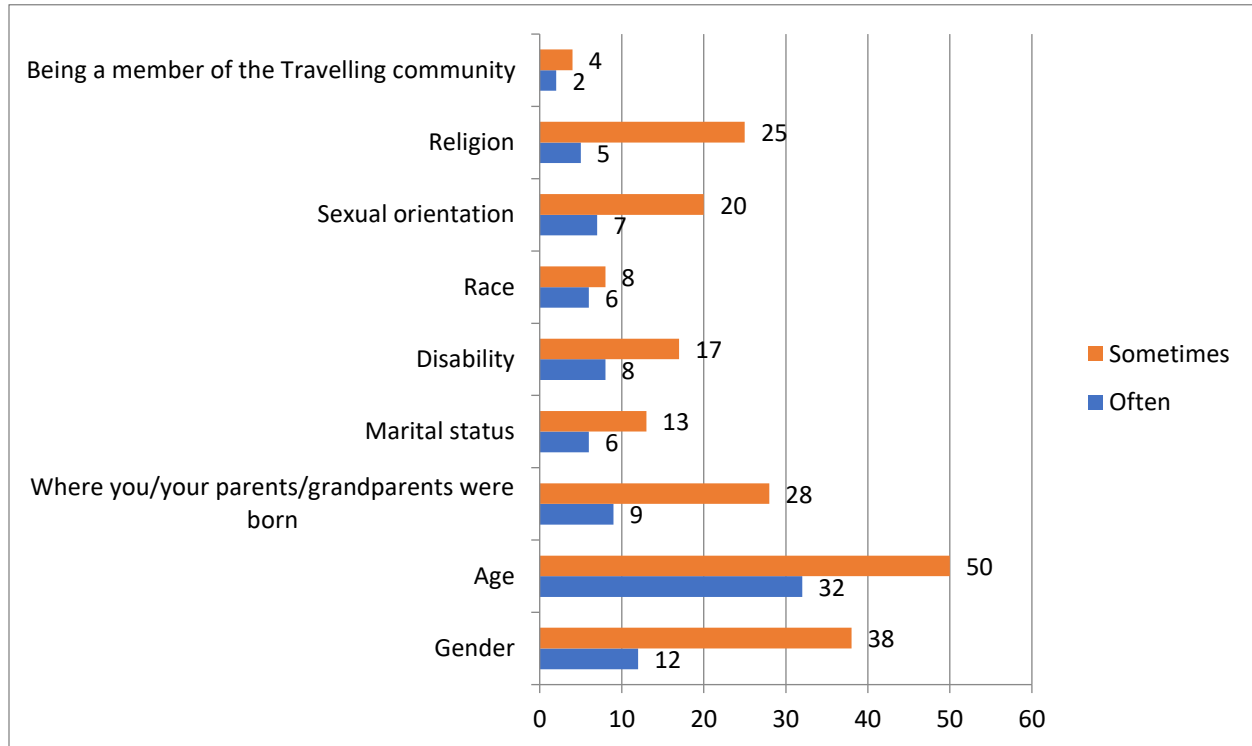
- More advertisement on popular social media platforms (32)
- More advertisement in schools (21)
- Talking to young people and taking their wishes and concerns into consideration (5)
- Having more drop-in services for all ages (3)
- More confidential mental health services (2)

Experience of Outcome Areas

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I have safe public places where I can hang out	28.07%	36.26%	17.54%	14.62%	3.51%
I have access to healthy food every day	53.22%	35.67%	8.77%	1.75%	0.58%
Harmful substances are easy to access in my area	17.16%	31.36%	30.77%	14.20%	6.51%
I have a caring adult I can tell anything to	55.56%	34.50%	7.02%	2.92%	0.00%
I feel valued and respected as a person	28.07%	40.94%	23.39%	7.02%	0.58%
There are enough training and employment opportunities in my area	8.24%	27.65%	31.76%	24.12%	8.24%
I make a positive contribution to the world	22.81%	41.52%	28.07%	5.26%	2.34%
I can get enough physical exercise every day	33.92%	46.20%	12.28%	7.02%	0.58%
I have access to quality education supports	33.33%	43.86%	14.62%	5.85%	2.34%
I have access to quality health services	29.41%	44.12%	20.00%	5.29%	1.18%

Experience of Discrimination

Respondents were asked if they felt they had every been treated unfairly or negatively because of a range of factors. The chart below indicates the numbers who felt they had been sometimes or often.



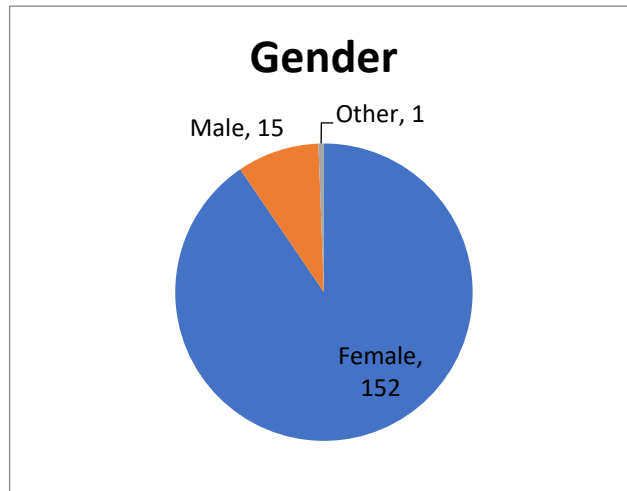
Impact of Covid-19 on Young People in Donegal

Impacts of Covid-19	Number
Missing family and friends	37
Increased mental health difficulties	19
Struggling with online school workload	16
Increase in exercise	11
Stress due to uncertainty of the Leaving Cert	10
Poor internet connection	9
Missing sports	7
Bonding more with the family	5
Financial difficulties at home	4

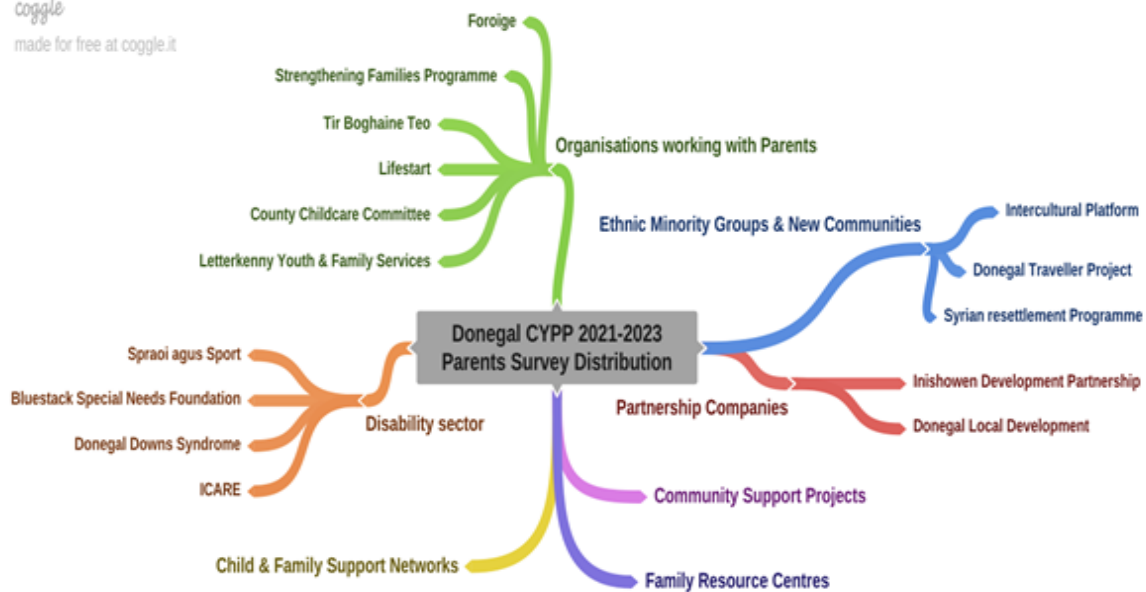
What respondents believe would help deal with some of the negative impacts of Covid-19	Number
More mental health support services	23
A safe place to meet up with friends	18
Online resources for activities / learn new things	12
Access to improved wifi	9
More sports	4
More physically active groups to keep healthy	3

Consultation with Parents

An online survey was distributed to parents in Donegal via the agencies outlined below:

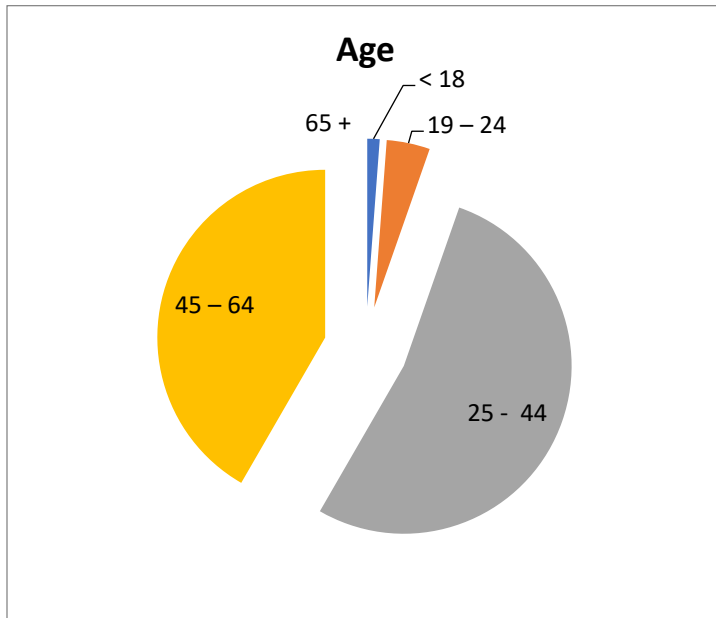


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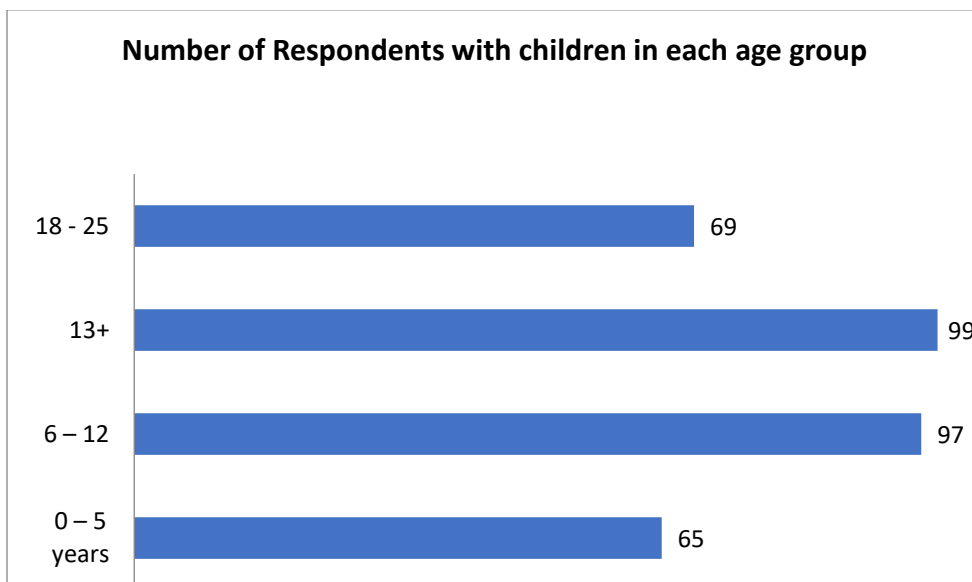


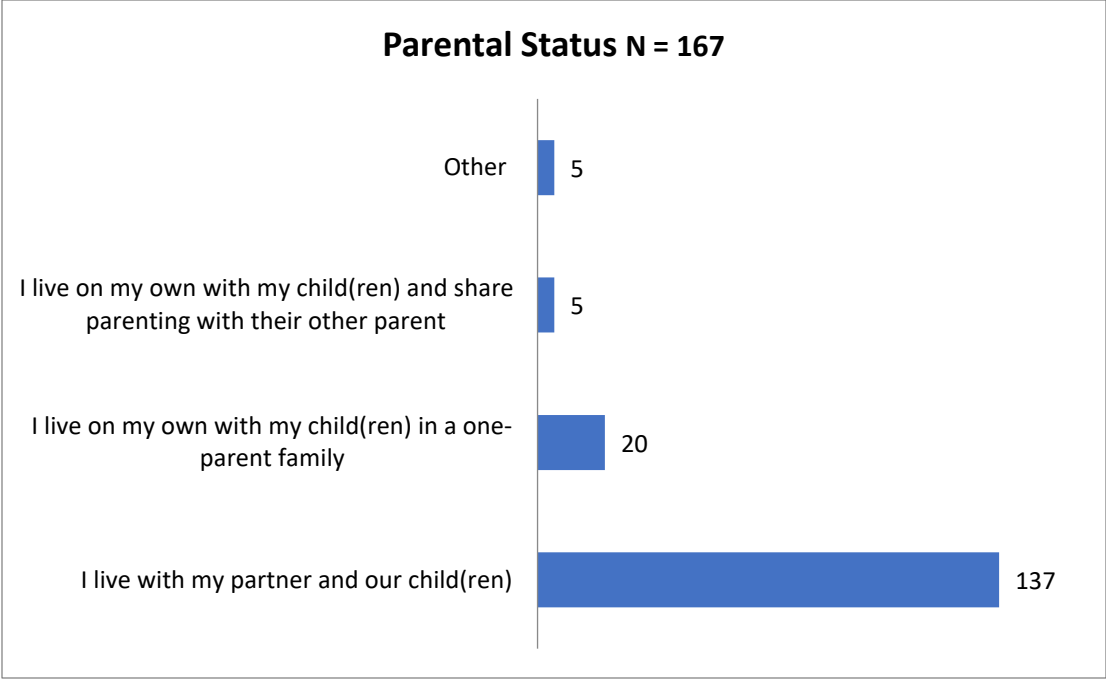
Profile of Parents

Gender and Age

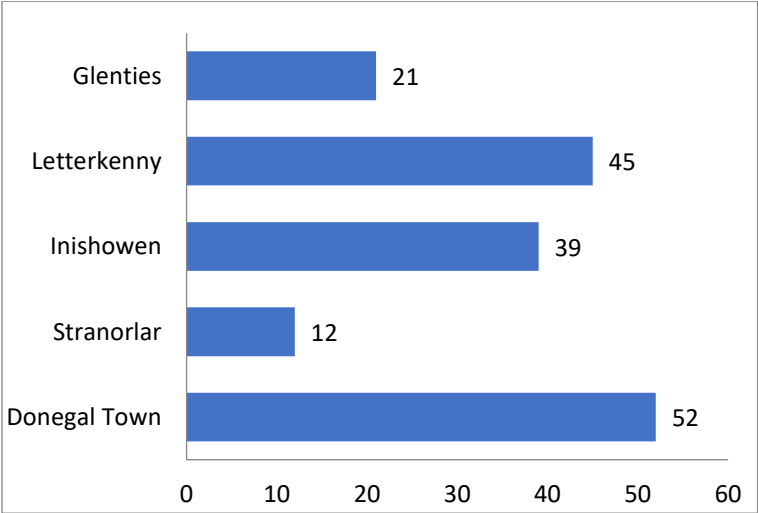


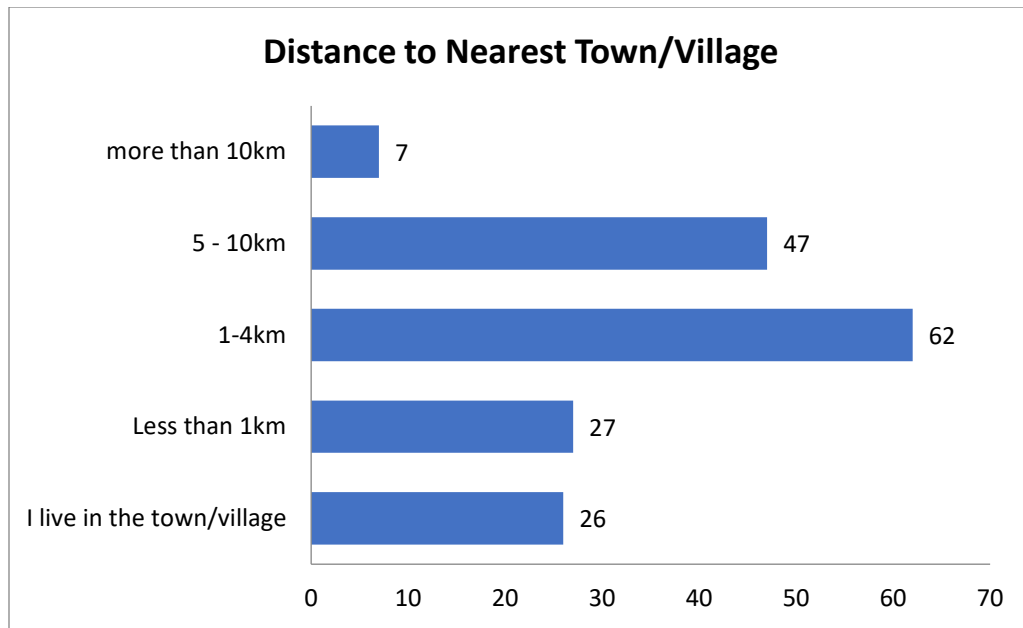
Family Composition



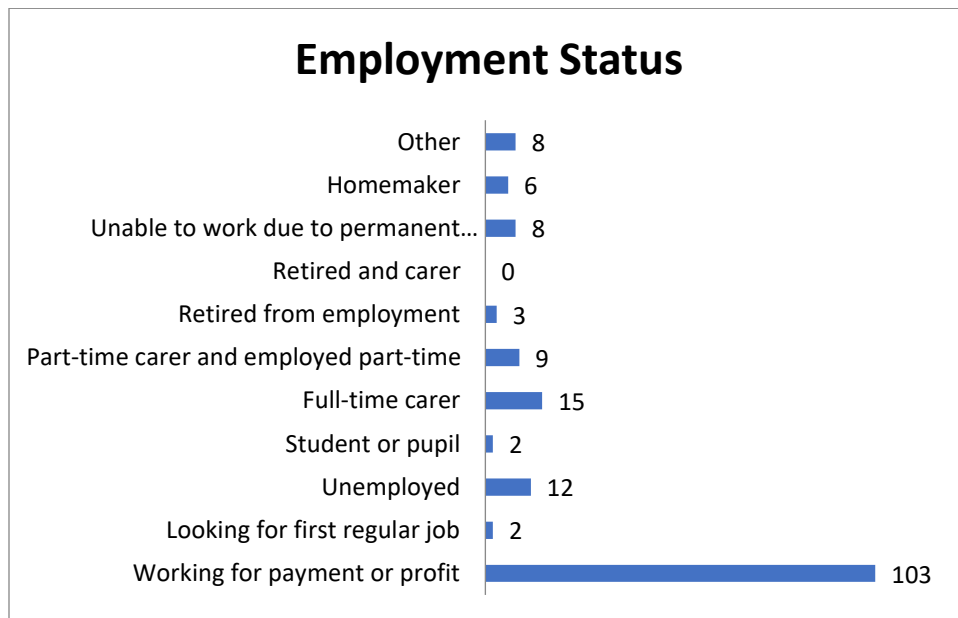


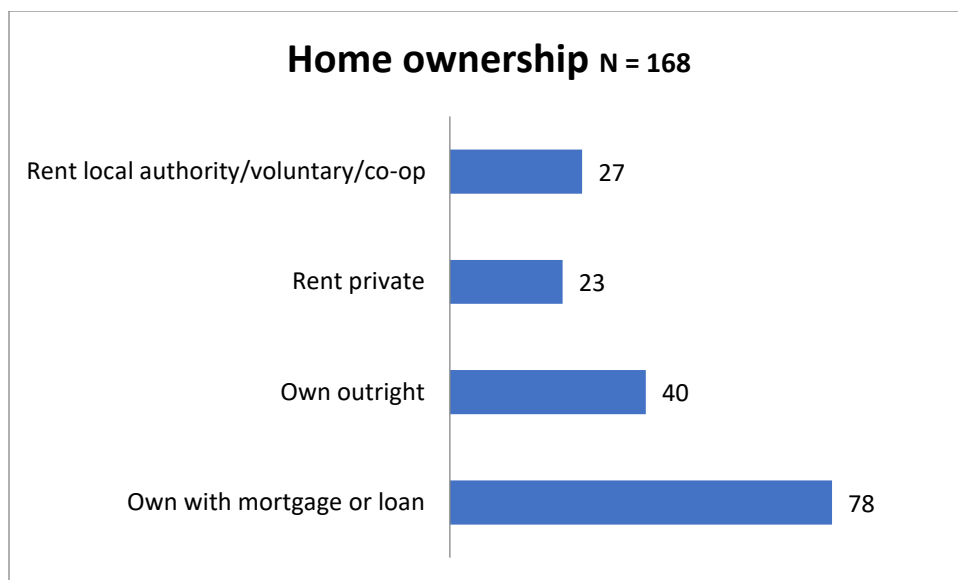
Geographical Location





Employment and Home Ownership





Disability

	Number
Household with children with special needs	36
Households with adults with special needs	12

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number
White Irish	148
Any other White background	13
Black or Black Irish	2
Asian or Asian Irish	0
Middle Eastern	3
White Irish Traveller	0
Other	1
Not answered	65

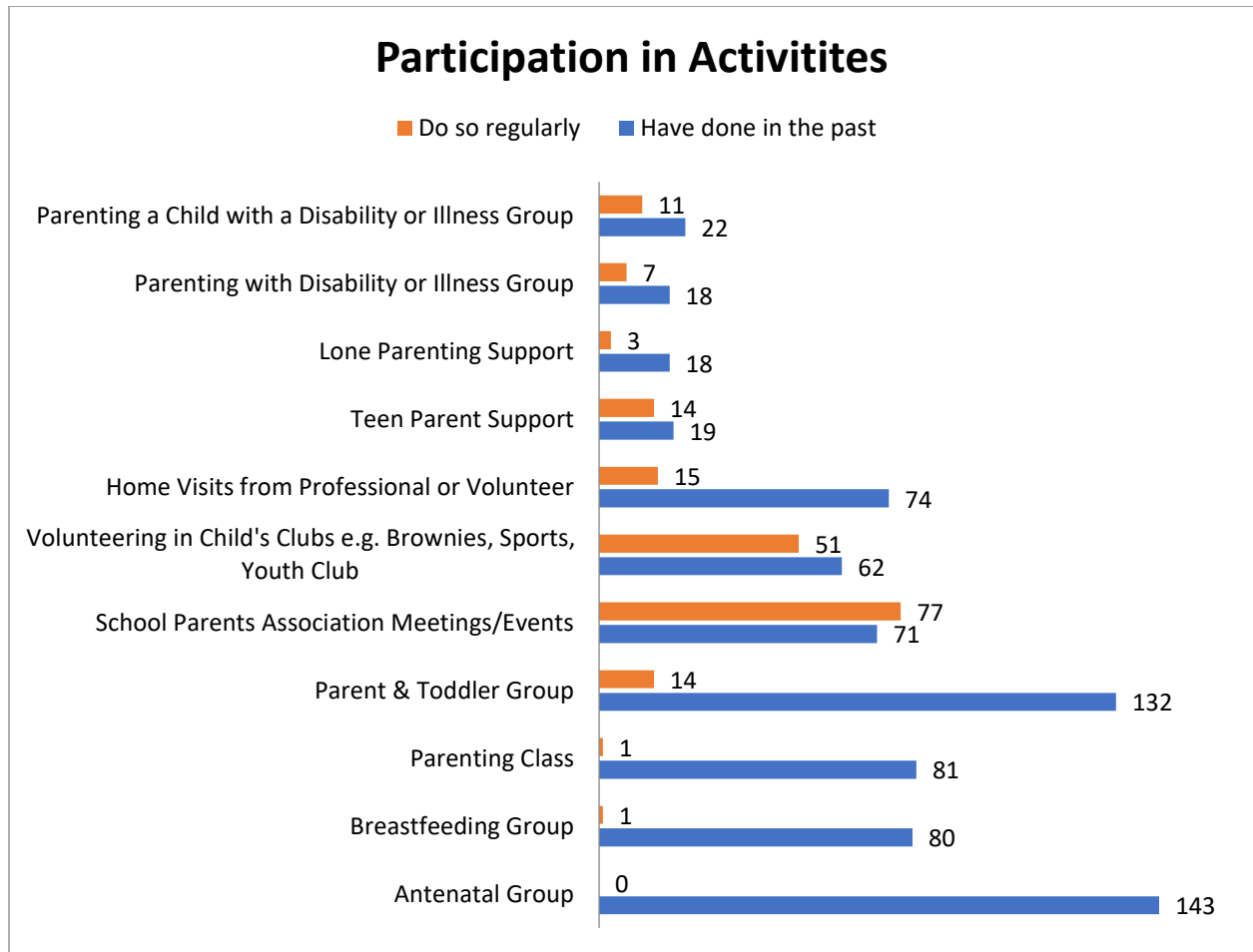
Being a Parent in Donegal

Positive and negative aspects of being a parent in Donegal

Enjoy Most	Number
Range of outdoor activities available for children	45
The freedom the children have	38
Beautiful scenery and landscape	34
Community spirit and support	26
Safe place to raise children	25
The Donegal people	17
Having family and friends nearby	16
Services available to children	15
The slow pace of life	12
Rural living	11
Good schools for children	9
Family supports available	9

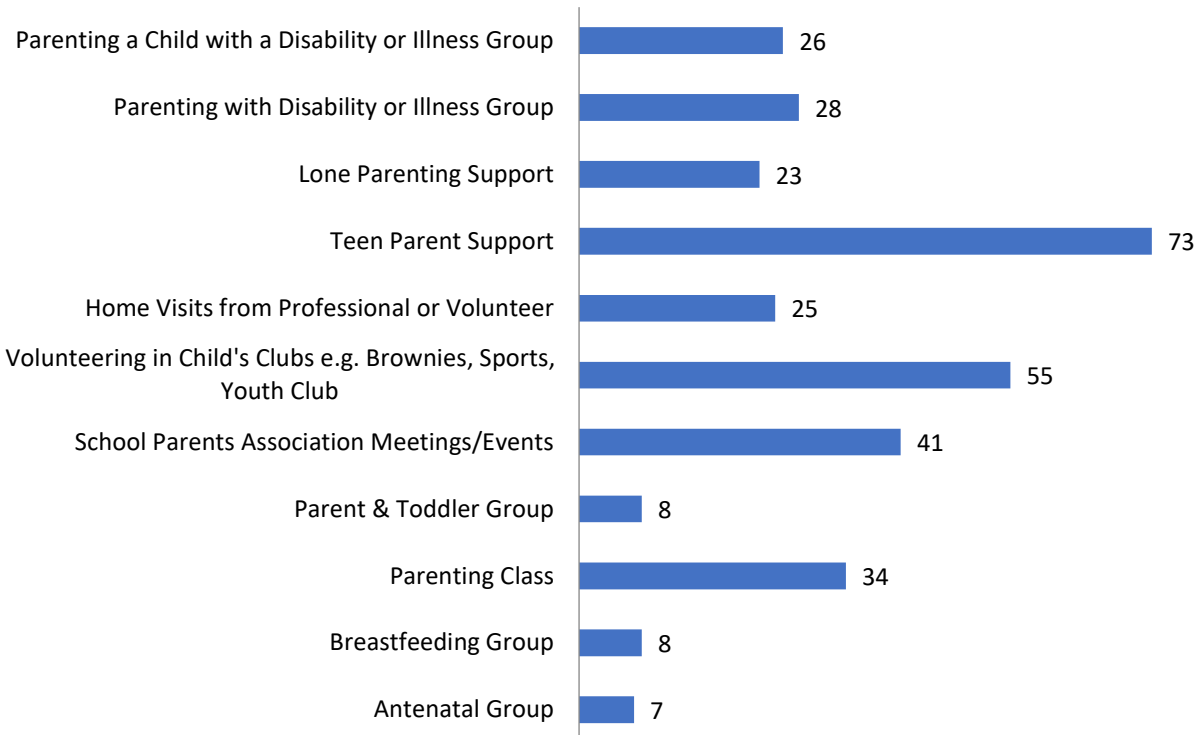
Find most difficult	Number
The long distance to travel to access activities, services and third level institutes	61
The lack of leisure facilities for children	26
Lack of public transport	24
Lack of job opportunities	14
Financial stress	13
Inaccessibility to health care	11
Isolation	7
Lack of infrastructure	7

Participation in Activities for Parents

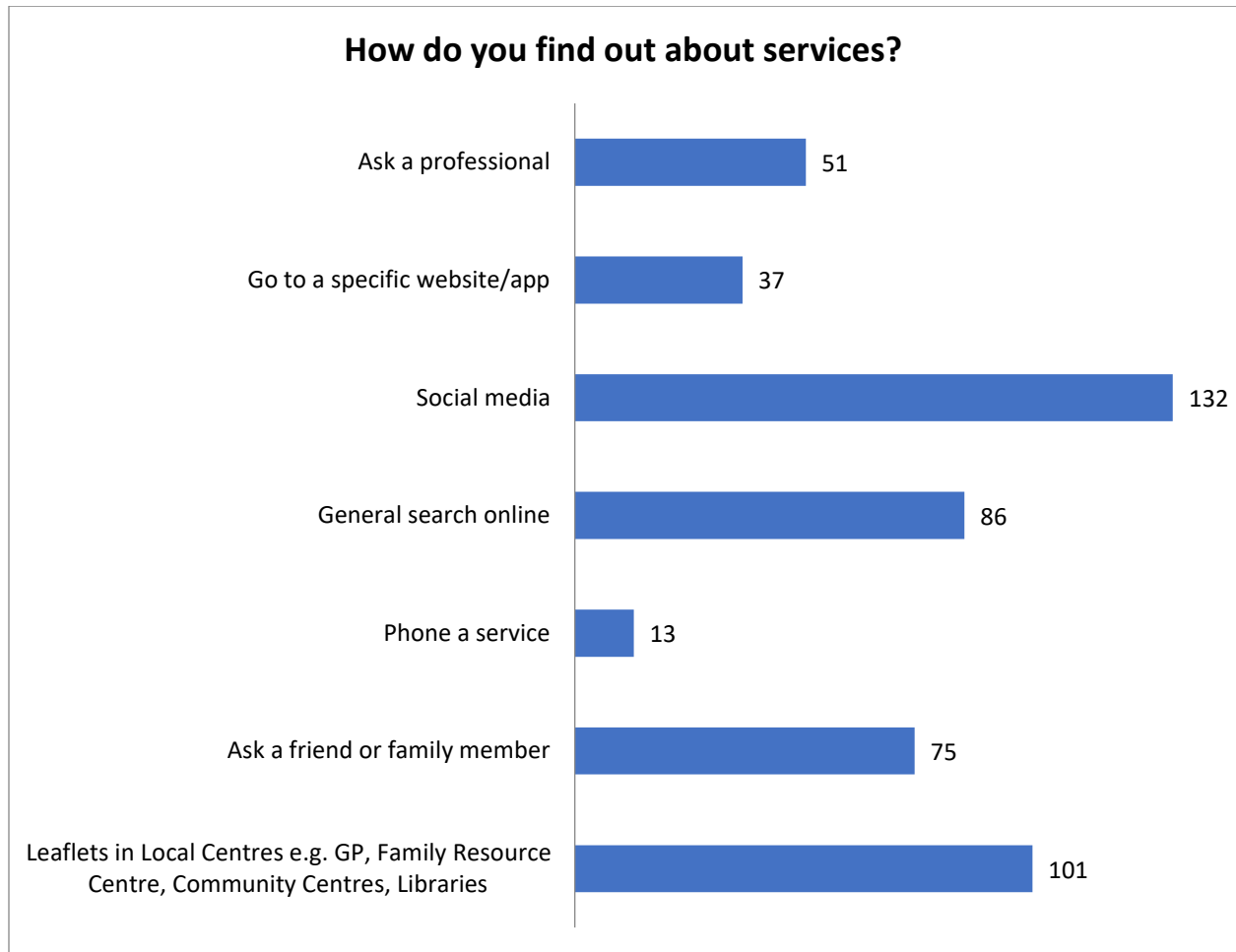


Participation in Activities

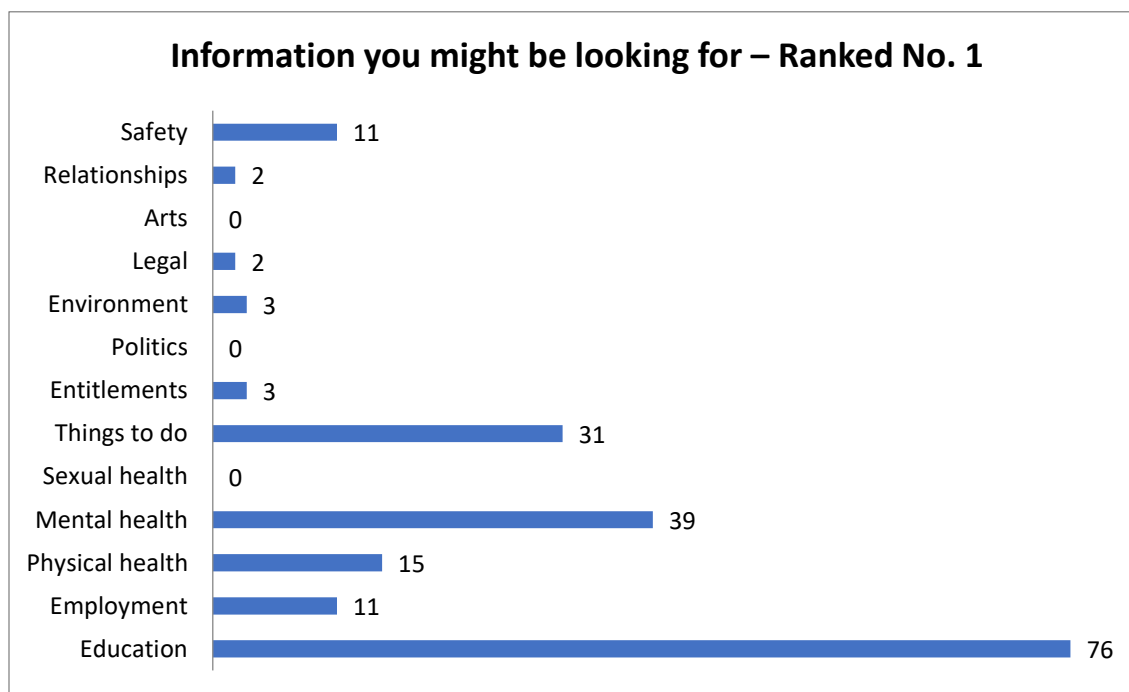
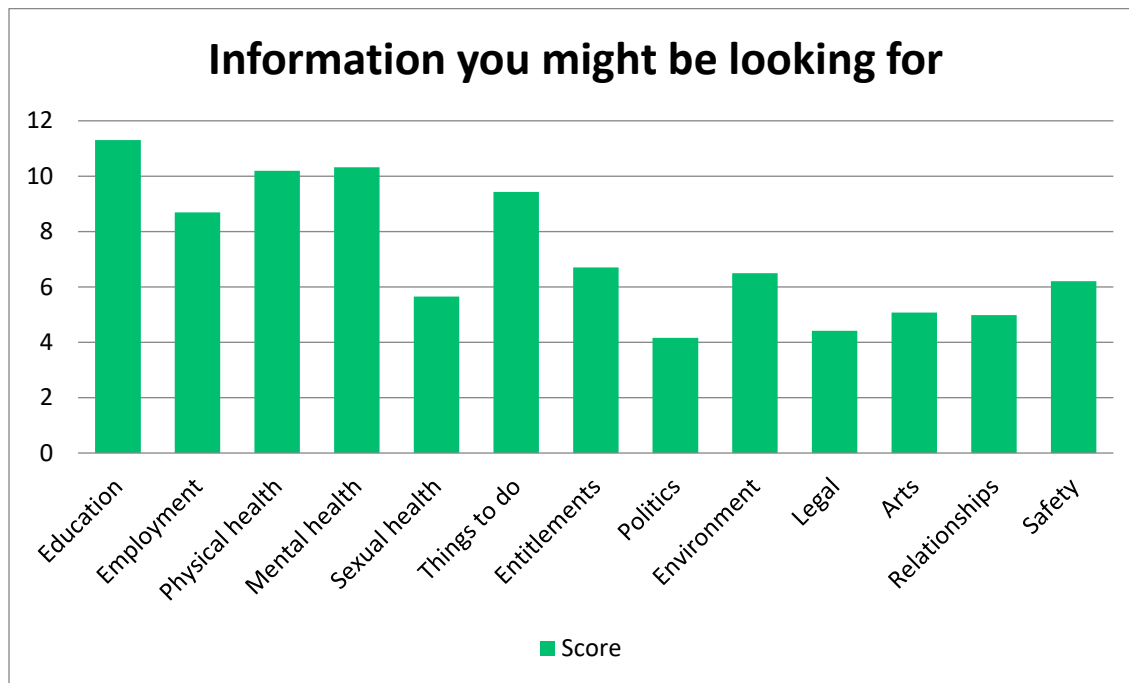
■ Would like to in the future



What parents believe would make it easier to take part in activities?	Number
More flexible opening hours	42
More supports available locally	37
More advertisement of supports	19
Better transportation	12
More supports available online	9
Childcare provided	7
Having more confidence	4

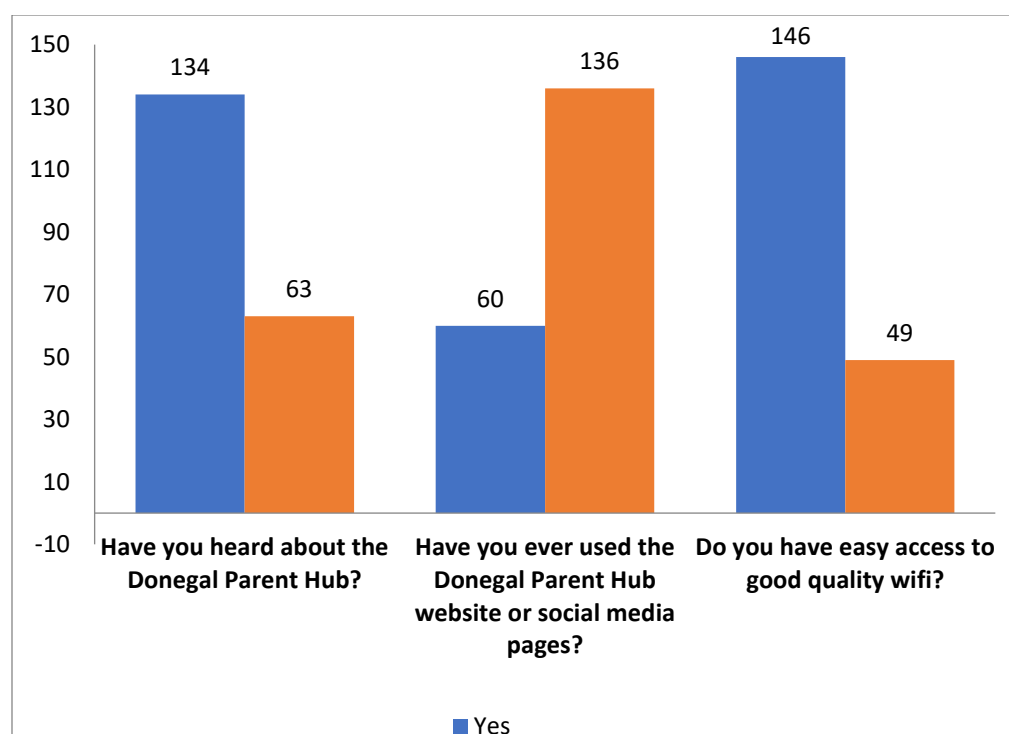


Participants were asked to rank in order of importance the type of information that they might be looking for.



Respondents suggestions for how information on services could be improved	Number
More social media / online advertisement	19
More advertisement in shops and on radios	17
Booklet / leaflet of information on services	10
Information about services distributed through schools and hildcare settings	8
Over the phone one to one support / drop-in services locally	8
More information on services through email	7

Awareness of the Donegal Parent Hub



	Ever heard about the Donegal Parenting Hub		Total
	Yes	No	
Inishowen	29	10	39
Donegal Town	30	22	52
Letterkenny	34	11	45
Glenties	14	7	21
Stranorlar	10	2	12
Total	117	52	169

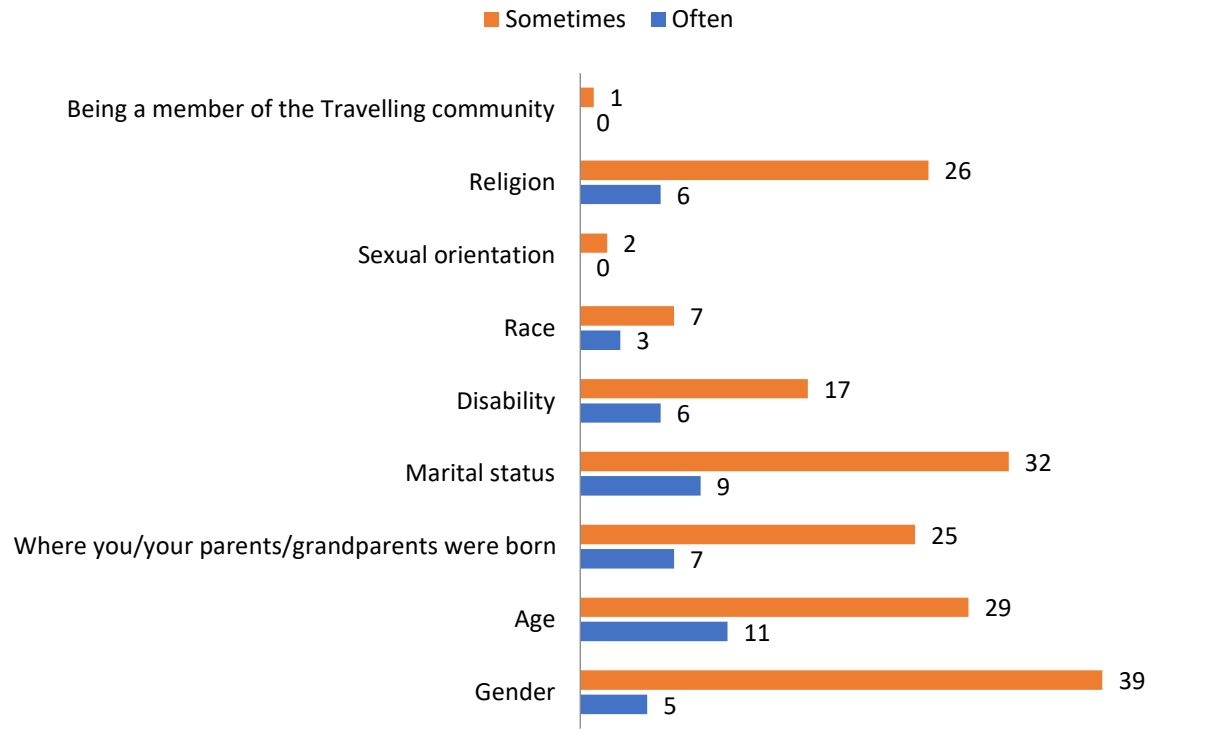
	Ever used the Donegal Parent Hub		Total
	Yes	No	
Inishowen	15	24	39
Donegal Town	10	42	52
Letterkenny	20	25	45
Glenties	9	12	21
Stranorlar	1	11	12
Total	55	114	169

Experience of Outcome Areas

Statement	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Neither %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %
Where I live is a safe place to raise children	61	31	4	3	1
My family has access to healthy food every day	70	26	3	1	0
Harmful substances are easy to access in my area	20	36	30	8	6
I have a someone I can tell anything to	52	31	8	6	3
I feel valued and respected as a person	35	39	18	5	2
There are enough training and employment opportunities in my area	3	17	27	40	13
I make a positive contribution to the world	31	49	17	3	1
My family can get enough physical exercise every day	44	47	6	3	0
All my children have access to quality education supports	39	37	16	7	1

Where I live is a safe place to raise children						
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Inishowen	25	11	1	2	0	39
Donegal Town	29	19	3	1	0	52
Letterkenny	22	16	4	2	1	45
Glenties	18	3	0	0	0	21
Stranorlar	6	5	0	1	0	12
Total	100	54	8	6	1	169

Ever Treated Unfairly or Negatively because of ...



Impact of Covid-19 on the family

The following are the main themes arising from what parents identified as being the impact of Covid-19 on their family.

- Missing family and friends (33)
- Difficulty and stress of home-schooling children (32)
- Has brought family closer together (25)
- Increased mental health difficulties in children and parents (24)
- Concerned for grandparents and feeling helpless (18)
- Difficulty working from home (17)
- Lost job / financial difficulties (16)
- Feeling isolated (12)
- Difficulty looking after a child with a disability / long term illness (9)
- Poor WIFI (4)
- No family supports available (4)

When asked what would help to address those impacts parents's responses fell under the following themes:

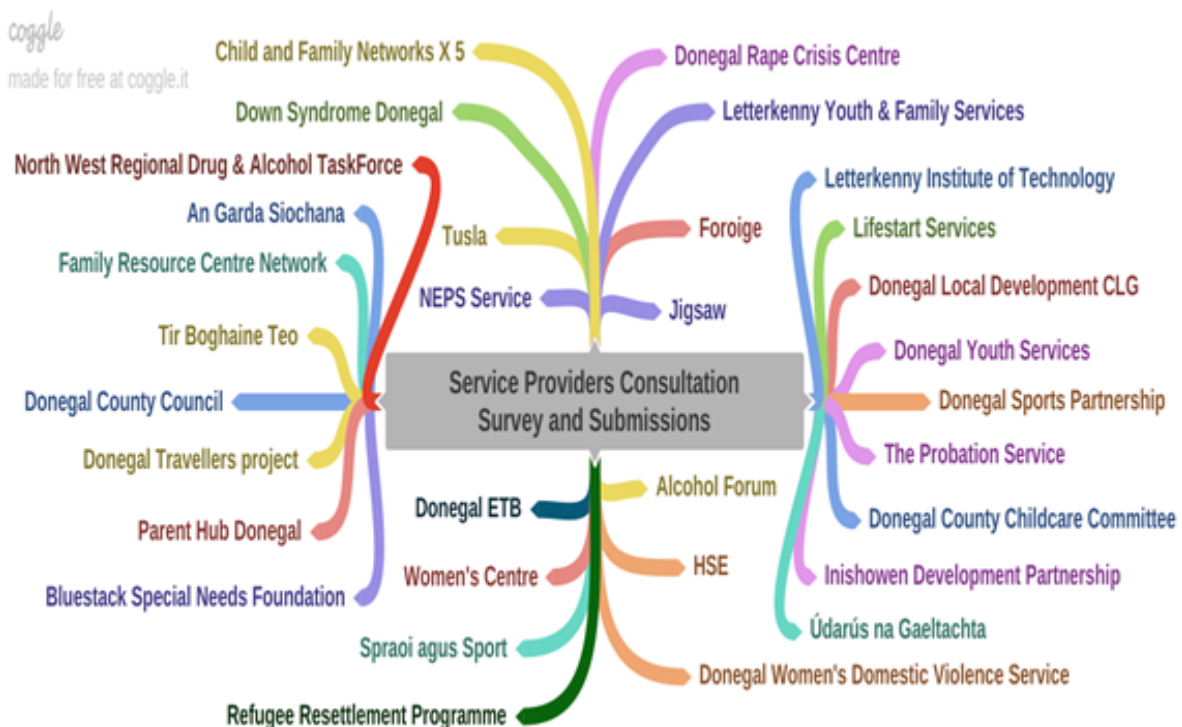
- Better communication from teachers about schoolwork (17)
- Easing / lifting restrictions (16)
- Online group supports (14)
- Better WIFI (9)
- Having accurate advice and information (9)
- Supports with childcare (8)
- More things to look forward to / outdoor activities for kids (8)
- Safe place to meet with friends (7)
- Financial support (5)
- More advice on coping mechanisms (4)
- Reduce time spent on social media (4)
- Additional comments (Q26)

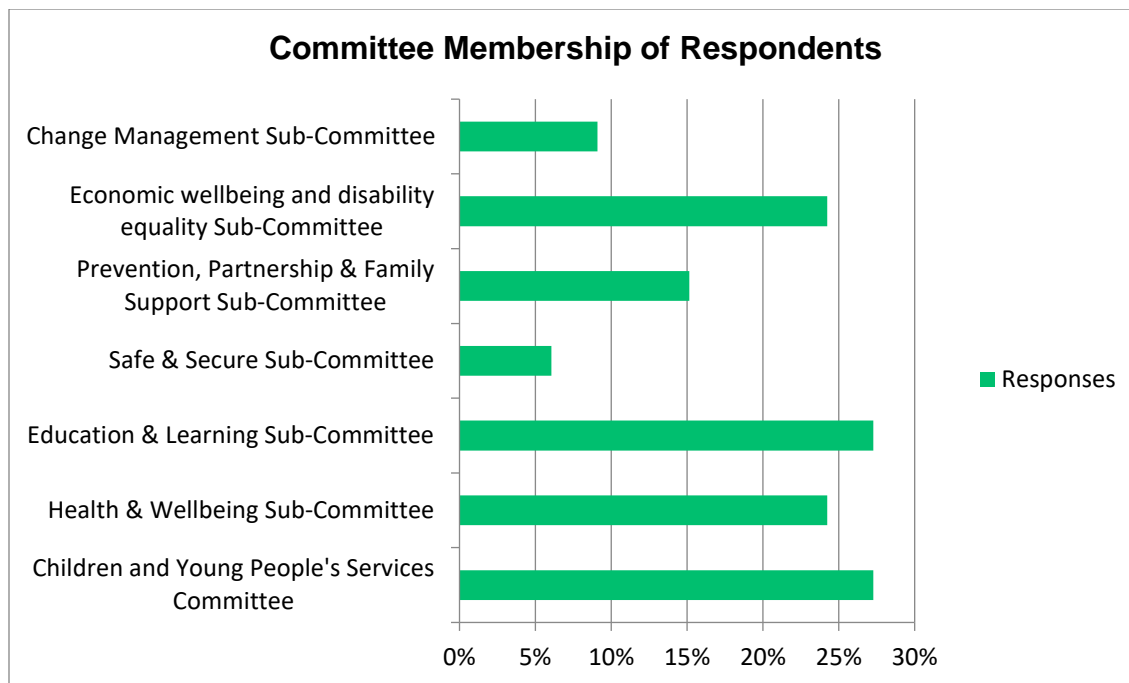
Stakeholder Survey

Donegal CYPSC member organisations and other relevant groups were invited to participate in an online survey to consider the priorities for the new CYPSC plan. Below is a profile of respondents. 36 people completed the survey.

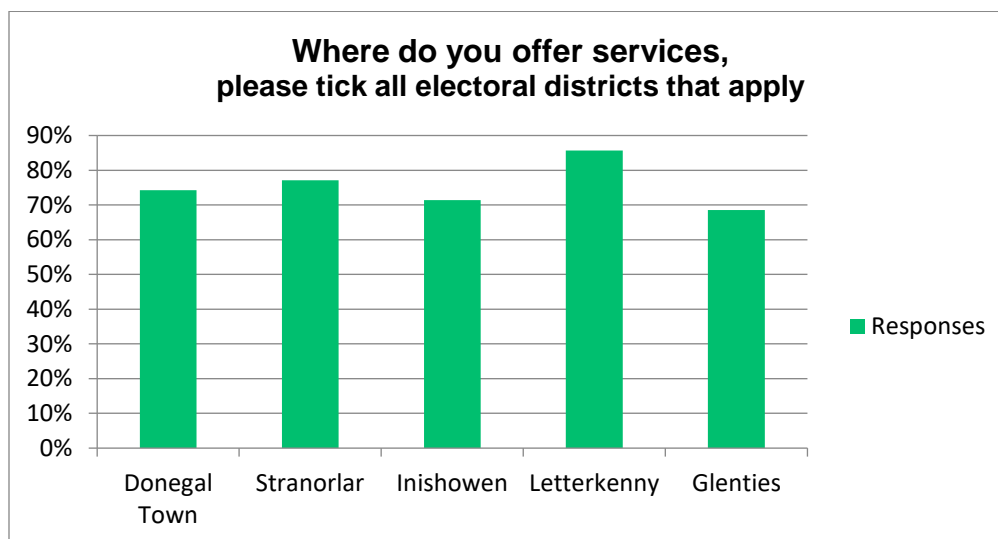
Profile of Stakeholders

Organisations involved in Donegal CYPSC Stakeholder Survey



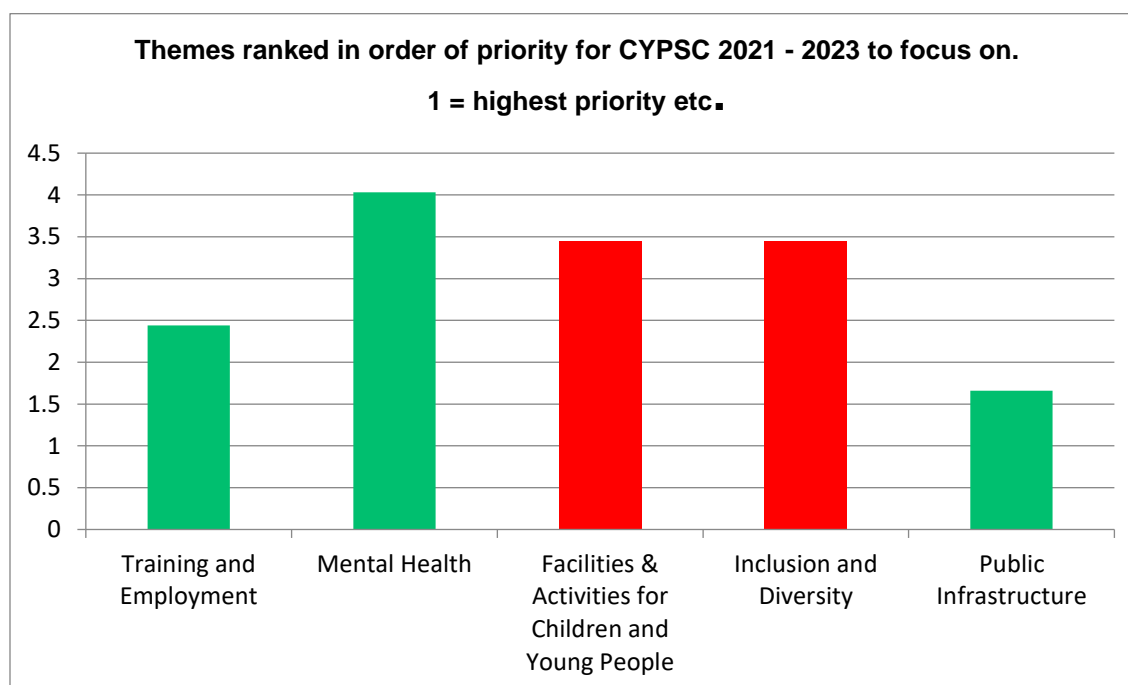


Respondents were asked if they felt there was a need for a Sub-Committee for Connected, Respected & Contributing as is the case in many CYPSCs. 18 felt that there should, 6 felt there shouldn't with others feeling that it wouldn't be needed as long as it was a theme in all sub-committees and a smaller number felt they would need more information be able to answer the question.



Agencies
Alcohol Forum
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation
Donegal Childcare Committee
DLDC
Donegal County Council
Donegal ETB
Donegal Travellers Project
Donegal Youth Service
Foróige
HSE
Lifestart Services CLG
Letterkenny Youth and Family Service
Mental Health Ireland
Family Resource Centres
National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)
Tusla (including PPFS, SCP, & Educational Support)

Priority Areas for Donegal CYPSC Plan 2021 - 2023



Ranked 1st Priority

Mental Health	46.9%
Facilities & Activities for Children and Young People	18.8%
Inclusion and Diversity	18.7%
Training and Employment	9.7%
Public Infrastructure	6.5%

Examples of Interagency work

Respondents were invited to describe interagency work that they had become involved in as a result of participation in Donegal CYPSC. These can be themed as follows:

- Events e.g. Disability and Inclusion Fair
- Training e.g. Intercultural
- Early Years Literacy Initiatives
- Promotion of other agencies initiatives
- Guides/booklets e.g. Going to Court
- Parent support e.g. Parent Hub
- Meitheal
- Interagency communication, Referrals, Contacts, Networks
- Research
- Healthy Ireland
- Practical support to families

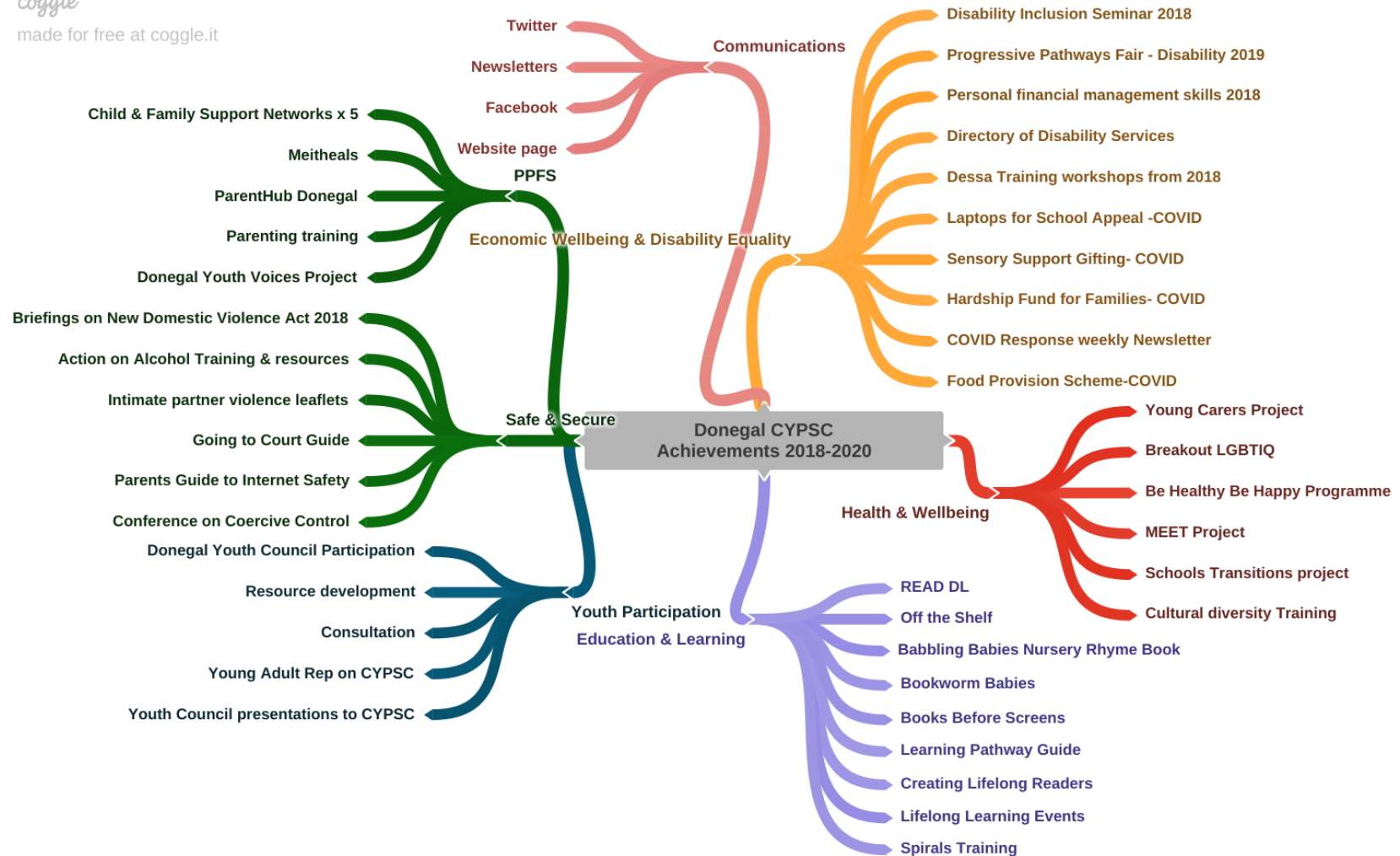
The diagram below summarises all the activities that Donegal CYPSC has been involved in over the last three years.

This is then followed by the specific activities that participants identified

Overview of Achievements of CYPSC 2018 - 2020

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Suggested actions for inclusion in CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan

Respondents were asked to identify specific actions that they would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for each outcome area. Respondents were advised that the actions should involve interagency working and not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and not duplicate. The main themes emerging are presented below. The detail of the actions are available from the CYPSC Co-ordinator and were available to CYPSC and CYPSC Sub-Committees in their deliberations on this plan.

Active and Healthy

- Accessible and inclusive initiatives
- Intercultural awareness training
- Accessible and appropriate information and services
- Integrated/holistic health and wellbeing
- Other areas including– parent and toddler, diversity & inclusion in early years, gender identity, volunteering, domestic violence

Achieving Full Potential in all areas of learning and development

- Early years literacy
- Literacy and numeracy
- School retention and participation
- Options and alternatives
- Home school liaison, language support
- Intercultural training

Safe and Protected from Harm

- Culturally appropriate services, training
- Address impact of domestic violence on children
- 'knowing what it means to feel safe' – online, drugs, sexual relationships
- Interagency communication

Economic Security and Opportunity

- Job readiness
- Pathways and options to education, training & employment
- Entrepreneurship
- Independent living
- Diversity training for all stakeholders including business community
- Food poverty

Connected Respected & Contributing

- Youth Participation – getting all voices heard
- Public & all agency cultural awareness and anti-racism
- Active citizenship/volunteerism/youth leadership
- Inclusive practices
- Arts/creativity

Appendix 1 Online Consultation Surveys

- 1. Children and Young People**
- 2. Parents**
- 3. Stakeholders**

Your Future in Donegal

Being Young in Donegal

If you are a young person in Donegal between 12 and 25 we would love to hear from you. This is a chance to shape the future of services for children and young people in your county.

Your responses are completely anonymous and cannot be traced back to you.

1. What do you enjoy most about being a young person in Donegal?

2. What do you find most difficult about being a young person in Donegal?

3. Tell us about your involvement in youth services in Donegal.

	Attend Regularly	Attend Sometimes	Have attended in the past	Would like to attend in the future
After school programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comhairle na nÓg	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local youth club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Macra na Feirme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scouts/Guides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer camps/projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports group (e.g. GAA, Rugby, Basketball, <input type="radio"/> Soccer etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Arts group (e.g. choir, dance, music etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTQ+ group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Diversion Programme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth disability group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youthreach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Donegal Youth Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Foróige	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of the above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)				
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4. Do you think there are enough services for young people in your area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. What would make it easier for you to take part in youth services?

6. What additional services or things to do, if any, would you like to have access to?

Your Future in Donegal

Information on Services

7. How do you find out about services in Donegal?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets in Local Centres e.g. GP, Family Resource Centre, Community Centres, Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a specific website/app |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone a service | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General search online | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name any places, websites or social media that you find particularly helpful | |

8. What sort of information is important to you? Rank in order of importance 1 = most important.

-

Education

-

Employment

-

Physical health

-

Mental health

-

Sexual health

-

Things to do



Entitlements



Politics



Environment



Legal



Arts



Relationships



Safety

9. Do you have easy access to good quality wifi at home?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Have you any suggestions on how information on services for young people could be improved?

Your Future in Donegal

Your Life

11. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I have safe public places where I can hang out	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have access to healthy food every day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harmful substances are easy to access in my area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a caring adult I can tell anything to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel valued and respected as a person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are enough training and employment opportunities in my area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I make a positive contribution to the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can get enough physical exercise every day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have access to quality education supports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have access to quality health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Where you have disagreed, please tell us more about that

12. Tell us a little about your experience of being young in Donegal. Have you ever been treated unfairly or negatively because of

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Gender	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Where you/your parents/grandparents were born	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marital status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Race	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a member of the Travelling community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other reason (please specify)

13. If you answered yes to any of the above, please tell us more about that.

Your Future in Donegal

Impact of Covid-19 on your life

14. Tell us a bit about how Covid-19 has impacted on you, for example, education, health, family, social life, hobbies.

15. What would help you deal with some of the negative impacts of Covid-19? For example it might be types of advice, services or supports.

Your Future in Donegal

Background Information

The following questions are to help us profile the needs of young people in Donegal. Your responses are completely anonymous and cannot be traced back to you. Your responses are combined with those of many others and summarised in a report to further protect your anonymity.

16. To which gender do you most identify?

☐ Female

☐ Male ☐

Other

17. Age group

☐ 11 or under

☐ 12 - 15

☐ 16 - 17

☐ 18 - 25

18. How would you describe your present main status?

☐ Working for payment or profit

☐ Looking for first regular job

☐ Unemployed

☐ Student or pupil

☐ Full-time carer

☐ Part-time carer and employed part-time

☐ Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability

☐ Other (please specify)

19. If you are in full-time Education are you attending:

- ☐ School
- ☐ Youthreach
- ☐ Further Education or Training (e.g. PLC)
- ☐ Higher Education (e.g. IT or University)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. If you are not in full-time education are you

- ☐ Working full-time
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Unable to work due to illness/disability
- ☐ Other (please specify)

21. Ethnicity, Do you identify as:

- ☐ White Irish
- ☐ White Irish Traveller
- ☐ Any other White background
- ☐ Black or Black Irish
- ☐ Asian or Asian Irish
- ☐ Other (please specify)

22. Where do you live – nearest electoral district

23. To nearest kilometer, what distance do you live from your nearest town or village?

24. How do you usually travel to activities/services?

	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never
Walk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car (own)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car (parent or other)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Do you have any long term illness, disability or additional needs? Please give some details.

26. Are you involved in caring for anyone who has a long term illness or disability?

Your Future in Donegal

Let us know if there is anything else you would like to add.

27. Any other comments.

Your Future in Donegal

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Your Family's Future in Donegal

Being a Parent

Are you a parent or guardian living in Donegal? If so, this is your chance to shape the future of services for children and young people.

Your responses are completely anonymous and will not be traced back to you.

1. What do you enjoy most about being a parent in Donegal?

2. What do you find most difficult about being a parent in Donegal?

3. Tell us about what parent supports you attend or would like to attend?

	Have done in the past	Do so regularly	Would like to in the future
Antenatal Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Breastfeeding Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parenting Class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent & Toddler Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School Parents Association Meetings/Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteering in Child's Clubs e.g. Brownies, Sports, Youth Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Home Visits from Professional or Volunteer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen Parent Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lone Parenting Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parenting with Disability or Illness Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parenting a Child with a Disability or Illness Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

4. What would make it easier for you to take part in the supports you ticked above?



Your Family's Future in Donegal

Information on Services

5. How do you find out about services in Donegal? Please tick all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflets in Local Centres e.g. GP, Family Resource Centre, Community Centres, Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a friend or family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a specific website/app |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone a service | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General search online | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name any places, websites or social media you find particularly helpful | |

6. What sort of information might you be looking for? Please rank in order of importance to you. 1 = most important.

Education

Employment

Physical health



Mental health



Sexual health



Things to do



Entitlements



Politics



Environment



Legal



Arts



Relationships



Safety

7. Getting information

	Yes	No
Have you heard about the Donegal Parent Hub?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you ever used the Donegal Parent Hub website or social media pages?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you have easy access to good quality wifi?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Have you any suggestions on how information on services for parents could be improved?



Your Family's Future in Donegal

Raising a Family in Donegal

9. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Where I live is a safe place to raise children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My family has access to healthy food every day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harmful substances are easy to access in my area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a someone I can tell anything to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel valued and respected as a person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are enough training and employment opportunities in my area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I make a positive contribution to the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My family can get enough physical exercise every day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All my children have access to quality education supports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Where you have disagreed, please tell us more about that

10. Tell us a little about your experience of being a parent in Donegal. Have you ever been treated unfairly or negatively because of

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Being a member of the Travelling community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other reason (please specify)

11. If you answered yes to any of the above, please tell us more about that.



Your Family's Future in Donegal

Impact of Covid-19 on your Family

12. Tell us a bit about how Covid-19 has impacted on your family.

13. What would help your family deal with some of the negative impacts of Covid-19?



Your Family's Future in Donegal

Background Information

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14. To which gender do you most identify?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other

15. Age group

- ☐ < 18
- ☐ 19 – 24
- ☐ 25 - 44
- ☐ 45 – 64
- ☐ 65 +

16. How would you describe your present main status?

- ☐ Working for payment or profit
- ☐ Looking for first regular job
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Student or pupil
- ☐ Full-time carer
- ☐ Part-time carer and employed part-time
- ☐ Retired from employment
- ☐ Retired and carer
- ☐ Unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. Ethnicity, Do you identify as:

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Car (parent or other)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. My children - how many in each age group?

0 – 5 years	<input type="text"/>
6 – 12	<input type="text"/>
13+	<input type="text"/>
18 - 25	<input type="text"/>

22. Which of the following best describes your parental status

- ☐ I live with my partner and our child(ren)
- ☐ I live on my own with my child(ren) in a one-parent family
- ☐ I live on my own with my child(ren) and share parenting with their other parent
- ☐ Other (please specify, e.g. separated but still living together)

23. Number of children in house with special needs.

24. Number of adults in house with special needs.

25. Do you own or rent your accommodation?

- ☐ Own with mortgage or loan
- ☐ Own outright
- ☐ Rent private
- ☐ Rent local authority/voluntary/co-op



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Let us know if there is anything else you would like to add.

26. Any other comments.



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CYPSC Donegal Plan 2021-23 Stakeholder Survey

This is your opportunity to have an input into the new three-year plan for Donegal Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC).

This information will be used to ensure the plan builds on the work of CYPSC and its member organisations and also informs how we will work together over the coming years. The material will be used in the plan as a generic response from CYPSC members, no individual person or organisation's answers will be identifiable in any published information. Raw data will be available to the CYPSC Chairs Working Group for planning purposes.

It should take about 15 minutes to complete.

1. Profile Information

Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Job Title	<input type="text"/>
Town	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. Are you a member of... (please tick all that apply)?

- ☐ Children and Young People's Services Committee
- ☐ Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee
- ☐ Education & Learning Sub-Committee
- ☐ Safe & Secure Sub-Committee
- ☐ Prevention, Partnership & Family Support Sub-Committee
- ☐ Economic wellbeing and disability equality Sub-Committee
- ☐ Change Management Sub-Committee

3. There is currently no dedicated Sub-Committee for Connected, Respected & Contributing. Do you feel there should be? Please comment on your answer.

4. Can you give an example of interagency work that you have become involved in as a result of participation in Donegal CYPSC?

5. The following themes have been identified in conjunction with children, young people and parents and from the socio-demographic profile.

Please rank in order of priority for CYPSC 2021 - 2023 to focus on.

1 = highest priority etc.

-

Training and Employment

-

Mental Health

-

Facilities & Activities for Children and Young People

-

Inclusion and Diversity

-

Public Infrastructure

6. Please list **your top priorities** that can be addressed by CYPSC's work for 2021 - 2023 (you can choose from the list in Q 5 and/or add others).

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

7. Please identify **specific actions** that you would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for **ACTIVE & HEALTHY PHYSICAL & MENTAL WELLBEING**. Remember actions should

- involve **interagency working** and
- not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and **not duplicate**

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

8. Please identify **specific actions** that you would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for **ACHIEVING IN ALL AREAS OF LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT** . Remember actions should

- involve **interagency working** and
- not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and **not duplicate**

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

9. Please identify **specific actions** that you would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for **SAFE AND PROTECTED FROM HARM**. Remember actions should

- involve **interagency working** and
- not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and **not duplicate**

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

10. Please identify **specific actions** that you would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for **ECONOMIC SECURITY & OPPORTUNITY**. Remember actions should

- involve **interagency working** and
- not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and **not duplicate**

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

11. Please identify **specific actions** that you would like to see included in the CYPSC 2021-2023 Plan for **CONNECTED, RESPECTED & CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR WORLD**. Remember actions should

- involve **interagency working** and
- not be individual organisation's 'business as usual' i.e. should enhance and **not duplicate**

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

Suggested Action

12. Can you identify any specific interagency work that you would like to become involved in with Donegal CYPSC 2021 to 2023?

13. Name one thing you would like to see carried over from the current Donegal CYPSC plan into the 2021 - 2023 plan?

14. Name one thing you would like to see NOT carried over from the current Donegal CYPSC plan into the 2021 - 2023 plan?

15. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please feel free to add any further comments here.

16. Where do you offer services, please tick all electoral districts that apply

☐ Donegal Town

☐ Stranorlar

☐ Inishowen

☐ Letterkenny

☐ Glenties