



Wexford Childcare | Preschool Consultation

Wexford Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

NEEDS YOUR SERVICES HELP

What is the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee?

The Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) is a county-wide committee that includes representatives from all of the main statutory, community and voluntary agencies and organisations working locally on behalf of children and young people (aged 0-24 years) in Co. Wexford. Wexford County Childcare Committee is only one organisation that is involved, others include TUSLA, an Garda Síochána, Wexford Local Development and Wexford County Council.

What is the aim of the Committee?

The committee is responsible for improving the lives of children, young people and families in Wexford through better co-ordination, planning and service delivery.

The committee also ensures that professionals and agencies work together to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services in Wexford. The overall purpose of the CYPSC is to ensure better outcomes for children and young people in Wexford.

Why do we need your help?

The Committee is now in the process of developing a **Children and Young Peoples Plan** for County Wexford. The plan will detail how children and young people (aged 0-24 years) will be supported. This plan will not be valid unless it has the voices of children and young people – their issues and needs included in it. We need your help to include these voices. CYPSC has asked Wexford County Childcare to seek the voices of the ECCE or 3-5 year age cohort. If you wish to include younger children we would be delighted also. We want to know what is good and bad in children's communities and what would make life better.

What is involved?

We have 3 questions we need help with. How you consult with the children is open to you, you know the children best and what their level of understanding is. It might be a circle time discussion, an art activity, or a small group discussion, or you might have another innovative way of consulting that we would love to hear about, as we know consultation is a big part of Early years practice. The aim is to make the discussion relevant to the children, so therefore unless you have discussed the concept of 'community' with them, then this word might not make sense so you might say 'town' or 'village' or name the area like 'Curraclloe', whatever way you feel it will make more sense. You might also want to set the scene and discuss what is available in the town etc.

Consultation Template for Children and Young Peoples Services Plan

Preschool

The Children and Young Peoples Services Committee would really appreciate your participation so that the plan is meaningful, it also might be a nice end of year activity plus it links to Siolta (e.g. Standard 14 identity and belonging) and Aistear (links to all 4 themes)😊. We would be delighted if you would explain to the children that we need their help and what the plan is about, and also that you will be taking notes if it is ok with them to pass on to the committee.

The responses can be inserted on the sheets to follow (pages 3-6) and any additional pages you need and returned in the stamped addressed envelope provided by **Monday June 27th**. If you wish to provide art work that can be included in the plan, we would be delighted but do let us know as the postage provided may not be sufficient to cover the cost. If you take pictures of the activity (with no faces shown or identifying features) that we could include in the plan please contact us and we will send you a consent form for the parents. This would really enhance and add to the plan.

Contact person in Wexford County Childcare Committee

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<h2>Service Details</h2>	
Name of Service	
Name of person (s) carrying out the consultation	
Age range of Children Consulted	
Number of children consulted with	
Describe the method of consultation used	
Town/Village/area(s) children are from – This is really important as it will give an idea of where the communities are	



What is your favorite thing (s) about your community (town)?

Is there anything you don't like about your community (town)? What is it?

If you had a magic wand what would you do to make things better?
(This question is really asking how the children would improve their local community and indeed their lives living there).