

Laois Offaly CYPSC 2025 ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Laois Offaly CYPSC Mission		To support children, young people and families at all stages through the network of services across counties Laois and Offaly.				
Laois Offaly CYPSC Statement of intent 2025		To sustain the work identified by the subgroups and good practice developed through Committee since the creation of the Laois Offaly CYPSC and highlight the ongoing under funding of Laois and Offaly CYPSC who are at a huge disadvantage for every DCEDIY fund that is channelled through the CYPSC entity.				
National Outcome 1 Active and Healthy, Physical & Mental Wellbeing						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYPP period	Action(s) 2025	HIF Actions 2025	Lead Agency	Partners
Child & youth infrastructure	Greater Capital investment in youth infrastructure	Secure a permanent space for youth in Portlaoise.	Ongoing meetings to try source funding for the building.		CYPSC Active & Healthy Sub Group	Laois County Council
Community-based therapeutic supports	Increase community-based therapeutic supports in the community.	Level of funding to Community services to try support their therapeutic practices	Sustain the Art therapy service for 2 days per week in Youth community service	Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing	CYPSC Active & Healthy subgroup	TUSLA PPFS, Youth Work Ireland Laois, Offaly Local Development Company
Develop Community interagency response to youth mental health issues	Reduced learned harmful behaviours through awareness	Increase in Youth Media Literacy in Laois/Offaly	Create Social Media Wellness Campaign		CYPSC Active & Healthy subgroup	Youth Work Ireland Laois, LOETB, Jigsaw, HSE, Foroige
National Outcome 2 Achieving Full Potential in all Areas of Learning and Development						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYPP period	Action(s)		Lead Agency	Partners
Training & parents supports	Provide Signposting information for parents and professionals on disability supports in Laois/Offaly	No. of updates to the directory, webpage hits to pdf online resource on openup.ie website	Editor to continue updates to the directory, subgroup members to promote the directory through flyer distribution		CYPSC Learning & Development subgroup	Inclusion Ireland
Community Supports for disabilities & lifeskills	Empower parents and children to learn and support additional needs vision planning	No. of families who attend trainings	Deliver PATH for Intellectual disability	Reduce anxiety around next steps for people leaving school	CYPSC Learning & Development subgroup	Inclusion Ireland, Barnardos

Community Supports for disabilities	Greater access to activity programmes	No. of participants attending programmes	Deliver inclusive physical activity programmes for people with disabilities	Reduce health inequalities	CYPSC Learning & Development subgroup	Offaly Sports Partnership, Laois Sports Partnership
After schools & lifeskills	Support for preschool ages & young people with next steps after school	No. resources distributed	Support childcare services and families	Reduce health inequalities	Youth Participation Subgroup	CYPSC Learning & Development subgroup, Youth Participation subgroup
National Outcome 3 Safe and Protected from Harm						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYP period	Action(s)		Lead Agency	Partners
Healthy Relationships Programme in Schools	Empower young people to make more informed decisions when it comes to relationships.	No. of workshops delivered, No. of requests for Workshops, Evaluation report of programme, infographic developed	Continue to inform young people on consent, sexual violence, healthy and unhealthy relationships and the law in relation to these along with sexual health. Provide young people with information on services related to the above through infographic development for distribution in schools, evaluation report carried out		Tullamore Rape Crisis Centre	1. HSE Sexual Health Clinic Portlaoise 2. Gardai Divisional Protective Services Unit Portlaoise 3. Laois Domestic Abuse Service 4. Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service 5. Tullamore Rape crisis6. SATU Sexual Assault Treatment Unit Mullingar
New Communities	Support those living in IPSS accommodation re. integration	No. of activities implemented , No. of long term engagements made, relationships with accommodation providers	A variety of actions for Laois and Offaly to be identified based on needs of residents		IPSS activities Working groups in Laois and Offaly	1. Music Generation Laois 2. Music Generation Offaly 3. Offaly Local Development Company 4. Laois Partnership 5. Laois and Offaly Libraries 7. YWI
Training & Parent Supports	Signposting of supports for parents through Parent Hub Year 2, Coordination of parent trainings through Parent Hub	Level of engagement of parents with the Parent Hub, Use of Parent Hub calendar on open-up.ie by service-providers	Continue to develop the Parent Hub with dedicated worker in 2025	Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in a Healthy Ireland	Barnardos	PPFS subgroup
Training & Parent Supports	Co-ordinate staff trainings in Laois and Offaly in 1 central place for improved support to parents	Deliver new trainings and parenting Programmes	1. Start from the Heart, 2. Infant Mental Health 3. Non-Violent Resistance	Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in HI	Barnardos, Parents First	PPFS subgroup

National Outcome 4 Economic Security & Opportunity						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYP period	Action(s)		Lead Agency	Partners
Young Carers	Provide a youth friendly space for young carers to meet and develop supportive peer friendships supported by Youth Workers	Number of Young Carers supported	Ensure this group of young people receive extra support and break away from everyday duties of caring for their family members.		Youth Work Ireland Midlands	
National Outcome 5 Connected, respected & contributing to their world						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYP period	Action(s)		Lead Agency	Partners
Youth & inclusion	Support youth wellbeing and coping mechanisms	No. of young people who attend, No. of programmes delivered	Wellness for teenagers programme focusing on outdoor activities	Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in HI	Youth Participation subgroup, PPFS subgroup	YWI Laois, PPFS, Laois Sports Partnership, Offaly Local Development
Youth Wellness	Develop supports for young people of school leaving age - young adults need support for anxiety with “next steps” – i.e., finishing school, accommodation, transport, jobs etc.	No. of resources shared	Disseminate existing resources and create complimentary resources		Youth Participation subgroup	Youth Participation subgroup, Learning & Development Subgroup
Youth Wellness	Youth friendly supports	Usage of Open-up.ie website, Update and promote the website	Engage and consult Young people on resource development		Laois & Offaly Comhairle	Youth Participation Sub group
Youth Wellness	Support young people experiencing Food Poverty	Increased awareness of young people to support services and highlight the need for support with food cloud organisations.	Poster resources for the services may be useful & the use of the Open-Up website for hosting these flyers/documents. Additionally, speakers from these organisations to speak to young people about the supports available to tackle food poverty.		Youth Participation subgroup	Foroige, YWI
Youth & Inclusion	Youth engagement	1 event	Youth worker and family support worker wellbeing and networking day	Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in HI Wellbeing factors	YWI Laois	Youth Participation subgroup

Change Management						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYP period	Action(s)		Lead Agency	Partners
Research, scalability & funding - CYPSC data & making competitive bids	Advocate for Services and supports in Laois Offaly	Increased funding for Laois & Offaly	Continue to liaise with DCEDIY to highlight that Laois and Offaly are 2 separate counties with only 1 CYPSC budget		CYPSC Committee	
Communications & social media	Better communications by promoting CYPSC activities on social media-Facebook, Twitter.	Interaction on social media, local press, Tusla Hub	Weekly updates on social media and sharing of good practice.		CYPSC Committee	