

Annual
Report





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Chairperson's Report

As a membership organisation, Children in Northern Ireland works with the evolving needs of the children's sector to improve outcomes for children and young people.

This annual report shows the dedication and culture of teamwork of all staff at CiNI in the pursuit of a shared vision to make Northern Ireland a society where all children are valued, are treated fairly and are able to flourish.

As Chairperson, I am particularly proud of our Holiday Hunger campaign. The campaign is about ending holiday hunger in Northern Ireland by ensuring all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every single day of the year.

This campaign has unified policy and practice within the organisation. It is a particularly important aspect of our work and which will take us through the next number of years as we try and make a greater impact on child poverty through the Holiday Hunger project and campaign.

In a country where there is so much instability at present, Children in Northern Ireland recognises the need for working in collaboration with members and others. We believe this will stand us in good stead as we take on new challenges that await us.

I thank you for your continued support of Children in Northern Ireland and I wish to extend my gratitude to the staff and my fellow board members for their work and continued support. I look forward to the exciting journey ahead.

Marie Cavanagh
Chairperson

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Chief Executive's Report

I am delighted to share with you the progress we have made this year. It has been incredible.

Of course, like so many of you we have suffered from inadequate resources, but that has only made us determined to make an even greater impact on improving the lives of all children and young people.

Challenge inequality and facilitate the participation and inclusion of all children and young people

This year our focus has been on ending Holiday Hunger. We launched a campaign and delivered a Holiday Hunger project in Portadown. Many children and young people who rely on free school meals struggle to get enough to eat during the summer months. Our campaign is about ending holiday hunger in Northern Ireland by ensuring all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every single day of the year.

Our mission: no child should go hungry during school holidays in Northern Ireland.

Children in Northern Ireland is working with key partners from statutory bodies, community and voluntary sector, government and private business providing an innovative solution to end holiday hunger. We will continue to work in partnership to implement solutions to improve the well-being of all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

We work at both a local and regional level to shine a light on the crisis of holiday hunger in Northern Ireland. We build partnerships and advocate for policy changes needed to achieve the goal of ending holiday hunger.

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Advocate and influence for positive and lasting change

A major part of our work is responding to consultations and influencing policy. Our work continued this year with engagement with all government departments.

We were delighted to host a breakfast meeting for our members with the then Education Minister, Peter Weir. It was an excellent opportunity for the Minister to hear about the fantastic work being undertaken by our membership. We hope to continue these breakfast meetings once the Northern Ireland Executive is up and running again.

Build capacity within the children's sector through our regional learning and development programme

We were delighted to welcome Ciaran Traynor as the Learning and Development worker to the team.

Highlights this year included our Cyber Safety workshops which were delivered to over 500 parents throughout Northern Ireland in partnership with the Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland and PSNI. We also continue to see a significant increase in demand for all our training courses.

Illuminate the issues and identify evidence-informed solutions

I am delighted to report that we have continued to respond to policy consultations across a wide range of government departments.

We continue as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Children and Young People. In June 2017, the All-Party Group on Children & Young People held an Evidence Session in Stormont to provide an opportunity for various organisations to give evidence around holiday hunger so the All-Party Group could gain a deeper understanding

of the context of this problem as well as its impact on children's development and to make recommendations for its prevention. Evidence was provided by The Detail, Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership, the Public Health Agency, Oasis Youth, Pathways, and SPACE Newry.

We will continue to advocate and influence government as well as working with individual MLAs and MPs to change policy by listening to and embedding evidence within our work.

Develop networks to share knowledge and collectively achieve positive social change for all children and young people in Northern Ireland

This year CiNI continued to share knowledge and work collectively. As co-chair of the Children with Disabilities Strategic Alliance we worked with the Department for Communities to provide feedback in relation to children with disabilities.

As a member of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership we established a Task and Finish group on Holiday Hunger to develop a model which could be replicated across Northern Ireland.

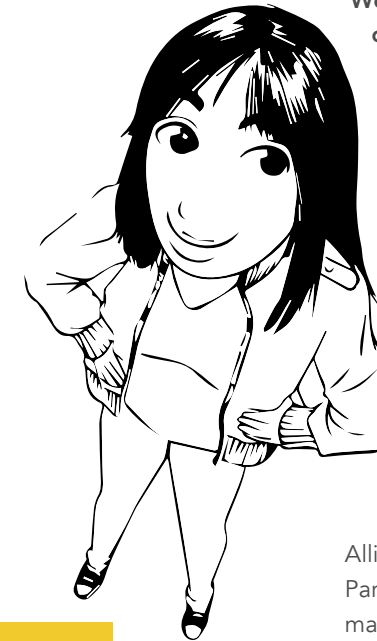
Work in partnership with others to achieve our mission and vision

This year we have continued to foster and nurture the relationships we have built up over the years. We were delighted to be part of the Westminster All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger, attending an event at Westminster to highlight the issue of holiday hunger.

We also continued working with the statutory sector, our membership, the community and voluntary sector, members of the Child Poverty Alliance, All Party Group on Children and Young People, Children's Disability Strategic Alliance, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, Pathways Activities, Councils, and many others.

It has been my privilege to work with a fantastic board and staff team, who continue to rise to the challenges we face, with hard work and commitment. I would like to thank them all.

Pauline Leeson
Chief Executive



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Learning & Development



85
WORKSHOPS

OVER
1600
TRAINEES

TRAINEES
FROM OVER
230
ORGANISATIONS



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GREAT BALANCE OF LISTENING TO TRAINER AND GROUPWORK TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM AND KEEPING IT INTERESTING. HELPED TO PUT VARIOUS SCENARIOS INTO CONTEXT WHICH I WILL REMEMBER GOING BACK TO WORK.

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Trainer was very knowledgeable, was able to give examples and scenarios for any given issue or question - thank you!

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“Excellent delivery of all course content, made very interesting by trainer - thank you!

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Thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. Brilliant refresher for my knowledge. Great delivery of content, explanation throughout was very powerful

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Content, delivery and materials all very relevant, effective and helpful - thank you it was enjoyable!”

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Many thanks for what can only be described as a fantastic training session on Designated Officer Roles. Feedback from all who attended is very positive, and I believe that we may have more staff who will wish to avail of this training in the future

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“Fantastic training, approach and delivery was encouraging and informative. The trainer's ability to make a difficult subject entertaining and enjoyable was a pleasure.

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Influencing & Collaboration



Advocacy engagement with Governmental Bodies

- » Department of Education
- » Education Authority
- » Department for Communities
- » Department of Health
- » Health & Social Care Board
- » Public Health Agency
- » Executive Office
- » RQIA
- » Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture & Tradition
- » Department for Justice

Child Policy Information Service

26 E-BRIEFS
sent out to 400 individuals & 147 CiNI members.



4896
followers



2765
follows



1637
views

Holiday Hunger

We launched a campaign this year to deal with the issue of holiday hunger. We want to ensure all children and young people get the healthy food they need and deserve every single day of the year.

Children in Northern Ireland is working with key partners from statutory bodies, community and voluntary sector and government as well as private business providing an innovative solution to end holiday hunger. We work in partnership to implement solutions to improve the well-being of all children and young people in Northern Ireland.

We are working at both a local and regional level to shine a light on the crisis of holiday hunger in Northern Ireland. We are building partnerships and advocating for policy changes needed to achieve the goal of ending holiday hunger.

We have delivered two holiday hunger schemes this year in Killeel and Portadown with the support of Brakes and Almac.



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91
YOUNG PEOPLE
TOOK PART



21
PEER
MENTORS

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A HOLIDAY.

 I pledge to end holiday hunger for all children & support the CiNI campaign.

CiNI
Children in Northern Ireland

The following Outcomes were achieved



Improved mental health and wellbeing for young people



Improved nutrition during summer holidays



Improved educational achievement and no loss of educational memory



Increased confidence and skills



Reduced poor health through nutrition and exercise



Improved employment prospects and progression (OCN qualification)



Potential to reduce anti-social behaviour in the summer



Higher levels of social interaction and participation



Increased confidence, health and wellbeing



Coffee Morning

We were delighted to host a coffee morning with all proceeds going towards our holiday hunger project.

Evidence Session on Holiday Hunger

In June 2017, the All-Party Group on Children & Young People held an Evidence Session in Stormont to provide an opportunity for various organisations to give evidence around holiday hunger so the APG could gain a deeper understanding of the context of this problem as well as its impact on children's development and to make recommendations for its prevention.

Organisations who gave evidence at the event and who also provided written evidence:

- » Andrew McCreery & Gordon Woolsey, Community Intercultural Programme, Portadown
- » Caroline Bloomfield, Health & Social Wellbeing Improvement Senior Manager (Belfast & South-Eastern Area), Public Health Agency
- » Christians Against Poverty
- » East Belfast Community Development Agency
- » Employers for Childcare
- » Fionnuala McAndrew, Director of Social Care & Children, Health & Social Care Board
- » Jacinta Linden, Chief Executive & Allison Slater, Operations Manager, SPACE Newry
- » Lindsay Fergus, The Detail
- » Neal White, Youth Engagement & Events Manager, Pathway Adventure Activities
- » St Vincent de Paul
- » The Family Fund

Members of the All-Party Group on Children and Young People:

- » Steven Agnew, Green Party, Chairperson
- » Chris Lyttle, Alliance Party, Vice-Chairperson
- » Roy Beggs, Ulster Unionist Party, Secretary
- » Nichola Mallon, SDLP, Treasurer
- » Kellie Armstrong, Alliance Party
- » Clare Bailey, Green Party
- » Paula Bradley, Democratic Unionist Party
- » Mark Durkan, SLDP
- » Carla Lockhart, Democratic Unionist Party
- » Daniel McCrossan, SDLP
- » Mike Nesbitt, Ulster Unionist Party

We are building partnerships and advocating for policy changes needed to achieve the goal of ending holiday hunger.



Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership Holiday Hunger Task & Finish Group

The CYPSP received a presentation on the pilot holiday hunger project delivered by Children in Northern Ireland and partners during a CYPSP meeting on 24th May 2017. The presentation outlined the issue of holiday hunger within the context of child poverty. At this meeting a Task and Finish group was approved with membership sought from the Education Authority and the PHA to complement the existing working group of community, voluntary, NGO, CYPSP and Family Support Hubs.

The core membership of the Task and Finish Group is as follows:

- » Pauline Leeson, Children in Northern Ireland (Chair)
- » Ellen Finlay, Children in Northern Ireland
- » Darren Curtis, CYPSP/ Children in Northern Ireland
- » Maurice Leeson, CYPSP/ Health and Social Care Board
- » Stephanie Thompson, CYPSP/ Health and Social Care Board
- » Brian Sykes, RFCA NI
- » Neal White, Pathways
- » Andrew McCreery, Oasis, Portadown
- » Gordon Woolsey, Oasis, Portadown
- » Laura Taylor, Public Health Agency
- » Kieran Shields, Education Authority
- » Helen Dunn, Family Support Hubs
- » Pauline Brown, St Vincent de Paul

Locality Planning Groups

There are six Locality planning groups working across the Southern Area including: Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Dungannon, South Armagh and Newry.

	What?	Where?	Who?	How Many?
1	CYPSP Systems Mapping Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	6
2	Child Protection Refresher Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	11
3	Disability & Diversity training	Armagh LPG	Young people	16 trained 5 delivered training
4	Mood & Food Workshop	Craigavon	Practitioners	22
5	Keady Engage Youth – KEY Project	Armagh	Young people	19
6	Funding Fair	Armagh	Community Associations	10 individuals (6 Associations)
7	CYPSP Systems Mapping Training	Banbridge LPG	Practitioners	13
8	Milk Shake & Maths	Craigavon LPG	Young people	8
9	Portadown Gets Active Peer Mentor Training	Craigavon LPG	Young people	21
10	Portadown Gets Active 3 Discovery Days	Craigavon LPG	Young people	60 children 21 young people (peer mentors)
11	Portadown Gets Active 6 x days	Craigavon LPG	Young people	60 children 21 young people (peer mentors)
12	Newry Young Men's Mental Health Conference	Newry LPG	Young people Practitioners	350 50



	What?	Where?	Who?	How Many?
13	Banbridge Lads & Dads	Banbridge LPG	Parents Young people Practitioners	70 90 20
14	NSPCC Cyber Safety Presentations	South Armagh LPG Craigavon LPG Dungannon LPG	Practitioners Practitioners Practitioners	12 16 16
15	I-CAMHS Awareness Presentation	Craigavon LPG	Practitioners	12
16	Scorecard Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	16
17	School Uniform Fair	Dungannon LPG	Parents Young People	6 6
18	PSNI Cyber Awareness Presentation	South Armagh LPG	Practitioners	12
20	Eglish Rural Activities	Dungannon LPG	Parents	8
22	Directory of summer activities for children and young people with a disability	Armagh LPG	Programmes advertised Services/organisations advertised	35 9
23	Barnardos NOVA Trauma Service Presentations	Banbridge LPG Craigavon LPG	Practitioners Practitioners	10 12

228
PRACTITIONERS

677
YOUNG PEOPLE

6
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS
(10 individuals)

84
PARENTS

995
TOTAL

Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)

The CYPSP is a multiagency strategic partnership, consisting of the leadership of all key agencies across statutory, voluntary and community sectors who have responsibility for improving outcomes for all children and young people in NI. We are a core member of CYPSP.

The CYPSP has been developed and supported by HSCB to support the Children's Services Planning process. The Children (1995 Order) (Amendment) (Children's Services Planning) Order 1998-

"Requires every Health and Social Services Board to prepare and publish plans for the provision of children's services within its area and to keep those plans under review. In preparing or updating its plans, a Health and Social

Services Board is required to consult Health and Social Services trusts, education and library boards, district councils, certain voluntary organisations, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland, the police and other relevant bodies. The Department of Health and Social Services may require a Health and Social Services Board's plan to be submitted to it at any time"

The guidance to the legislation requires that 'as part of the process of consultation' the HSCB should 'establish an area Children and Young Peoples Committee (CYPSP) chaired by the Director of Social Services who will have overall responsibility for producing the Children's Services Plan'.




The current plan can be accessed at:
www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/cypsp_plan_14_17.pdf




The Partnership is chaired by Hugh McCaughey, CEO, South Eastern HSC Trust and has agreed to meet on three occasions each year. This was achieved in 2016/17.

Meeting	1	2	3
CYPSP	20 April 2016	21 September 2016	23 January 2017

The Partnership supports



27
Locality Planning Groups



29
Family Support Hubs

The location of the Hubs/Locality groups is set out below.

	Northern Area OG	Southern Area OG	Belfast Area OG	South Eastern Area OG	Western Area OG
Locality Planning Groups	7	6	4	4	6
Family Support Hubs	5	3	10	3	8



There were 587 organisations involved in the Hub network, including many from the voluntary and community sector, and the annual member's survey feedback confirmed the success of Hubs in:



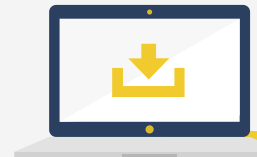
Improving access to early intervention services



Improving collaboration across service providers



Assessing unmet need



Survey Feedback:
www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Family-Support-Survey-2016-Final.pdf



In 2016/17 the CYPSP worked on:

a. Interfaces with other planning processes

(Making Life Better and Community Planning). CYPSP support team have facilitated 11 meetings with local government community planning teams to improve the linkages between CYPSP structures and community planning that relates to the children's sector. The CYPSP support team have also been attending community planning workshops led by local government across NI to share the role of CYPSP. Full representation from community planning teams in councils has been incorporated onto CYPSP outcomes groups and locality planning groups this year..

b. The development of the new Children's Strategy with DE.

A series of consultations and meetings took place with the children and young people's unit from DE over the 2016/17 period to facilitate the development of the new NI Children and Young People's Strategy, agree a consistent set of indicators in line with Programme for Government and incorporate the CYPSP interactive mapping system.



c. Impact of Children's Services Cooperation Act.

On-going work on implementation of Act.

d. Potential new arrangements for Children's Planning being developed by DoH.

Involvement with consultation structures related to Adoption and Children's Bill.

e. Developing a single monitoring tool for Outcomes Groups commissioned services

Currently working on using the Outcomes star.

f. Refreshed terms of reference for Outcomes Groups/Locality Groups/Regional Subgroups.

These were agreed by CYPSP.

g. Supporting Information and Monitoring Requirements of EITP.

The information tam have developed and continue to provide a series of OBA Report cards for the EITP Projects.

In terms of effectiveness the following report cards are accessible from the CYPSP website.

- a. The Hub annual Report Card can be accessed here and the members survey accessed here <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Family-Support-Survey-2016-Final.pdf>
- b. The annual Information Report Card can be accessed here <https://tinyurl.com/yc64sr8q>
- c. The annual Communications Report Card can be accessed here
- d. The work of the Outcomes Groups can be accessed here <http://www.cypsp.org/outcomes-groups/>
- e. Plans for all the Regional CYPSP groups are available at <http://www.cypsp.org/regional-subgroups/>
- f. Details of the work of the Locality Planning Groups can be accessed here <http://www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/>

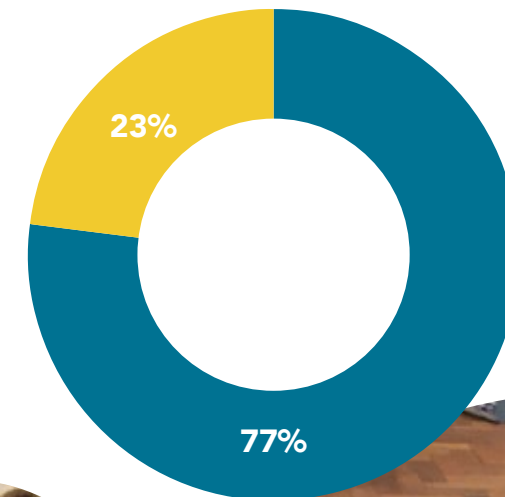


Finances

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2017

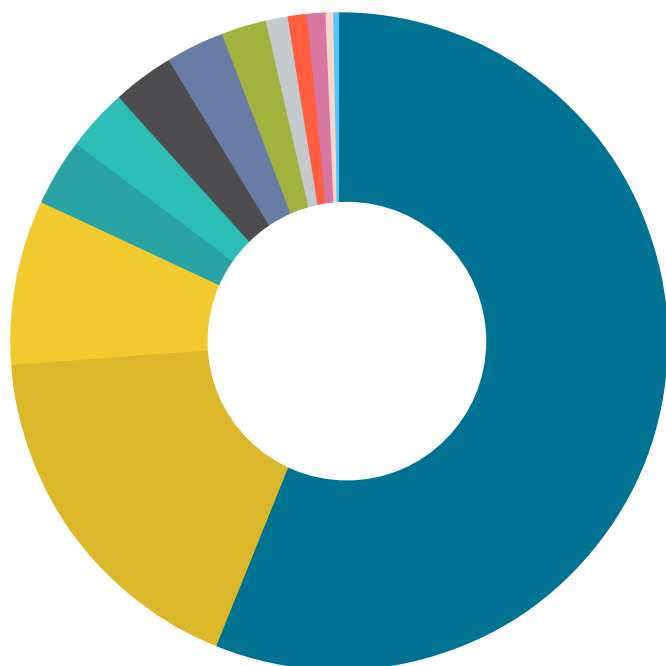
INCOME	AMOUNT
● Grants	£325,160
● Other Income	£97,172
Total Funds	£422,332



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for the year ended 31st March 2017

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Salaries, Pensions & Social Security	£200,634
Legal, Professional & Audit	£63,462
Property Rent & Upkeep	£28,955
Room Hire & Catering	£11,789
Utilities	£10,968
Publications & Promotion	£10,769
Stationery, Printing & Postage	£10,303
Travel Expenses	£7,929
Sundries & Other	£3,845
Subscriptions & Resource Materials	£3,378
Admin & Finance Support	£3,198
IT Expenses	£1,366
Training & Recruitment	£1,037
Total Expense	£357,633
Net Income	£64,699



CiNI Staff & Board of Directors 2016

CiNI STAFF

Pauline Leeson CBE	Chief Executive
Ciaran Traynor	Learning & Development Officer
Ellen Finlay	Policy Officer
Roger Gowdy	Finance & Office Manager
Julie Bolton	Locality Development Officer (maternity leave)
Darren Curtis	Locality Development Officer (maternity cover)
Melissa Adair	Children's Services Training Coordinator (p/t)
Avril McLoughlin	Children's Services Training Coordinator (p/t)
Danielle Thompson	Children's Services Training Coordinator (cover)
Arlene Keyes	Volunteer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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