



# 2018

ANNUAL REPORT



## VISION

Children in Northern Ireland's vision is to make Northern Ireland a society where all **children** are **valued**, are treated **fairly** and are able to **flourish**.

## MISSION

To put **children** at the **centre** of policy making in Northern Ireland.



We will achieve our vision and mission through our five pillars:



Influencing



Learning



Collaboration



Sustainability



Effectiveness



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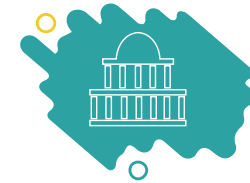
## Chair & CEO Report

**IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE THE DIFFERENCE A YEAR CAN MAKE!** THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY CHALLENGES FOR US ALL FROM BREXIT TO THE LACK OF DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT AT STORMONT SINCE OUR LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

It has been a year of change and with these new developments we have increased our efforts to ensure that the voice of children, young people and their parents are heard and they continue to have a say in the policy decisions which affect their lives.

This has required an additional focus on working at Westminster, together with our ongoing engagement at local Council and Stormont. While these have been challenges as a membership organisation we have evolved and continue to evolve to meet those challenges head on and continue to provide a range of services to our members.

This report highlights the work we have undertaken during the past year. We would like to thank our funders, members, board members and staff and all those we work with in the sector for your continued support.



### INFLUENCING

We continue to respond to policy consultations and prepare briefings for our members. We were delighted to host an afternoon tea for our members with Michelle Gildernew, MP and Gavin Robinson, MP. This represents an additional element in our advocacy and influencing work by connecting at Westminster and bringing our work full circle through all government levels.

Our work as Secretariat of the All-Party Group on Children and Young People continues. We hosted an event in the Long Gallery on Holiday Hunger, Summer Learning Loss and the importance of Summer Clubs in tackling these phenomena. Our key note speaker was Professor Greta Defeyter from Northumbria University.

Following the event, we worked with Professor Defeyter to examine the location of holiday hunger clubs in Northern Ireland.



## LEARNING

We were delighted to secure our training contract from the Health and Social Care Board. Our range of learning and development courses continues to expand to meet demand from our Child Protection training through to Paediatric First Aid.

We also secured funding from the Education Authority to deliver safeguarding training for youth clubs. Training was also delivered to NI Libraries staff on Safeguarding after a successful tender.



## COLLABORATION

Working in partnership and collaboration is the only way to ensure the best outcomes for children and young people. A highlight this year has been working with a wonderful group of like-minded partners for the Children's Future Food Inquiry at Westminster.

This Parliamentary Inquiry into Children's Future Food has the support of a cross party group of 14 parliamentarians and two All Party Parliamentary Groups. This support reflects the growing concern across the UK of the impacts of poverty on the diets, health, development and wellbeing of children. Until now children's own experiences and perspectives have been largely absent from policy thinking and political discourse about food and poverty. The Inquiry will address this critical gap.



## SUSTAINABILITY

The challenge for the sector as a whole is to ensure that resources are directed towards activities and services that maximise benefits for all children, young people and their families. This has been extremely challenging with a lack of an Executive.

Our approach to our programmes this year has been to look beyond government and work with the business community to support the sector. This has so far proved fruitful with a number of companies supporting our Holiday Hunger project and working with other organisations in supporting those children who are vulnerable.



## EFFECTIVENESS

Children in Northern Ireland continues to adapt to the changing environment and to use the right approach to achieve impact and change for children, young people and their families in Northern Ireland.

The annual report this year reflects the work that has gone in to ensuring Children in Northern Ireland remains effective.



**Marie Cavanagh**  
Chairperson



**Pauline Leeson, CBE**  
Chief Executive

# Learning & Development

**165**  
WORKSHOPS

**Great** location, great venue, great facilitator & great course. Thanks.

**“Brilliant** trainer! So easy to listen to and knowledgeable.”

**“Fantastic** training, Ciarans approach and delivery was encouraging and very informative.”

Over  
**2400**  
TRAINEES

The facilitator Ciaran Traynor was **outstanding** his humour and delivery made a very serious subject easy to learn.

Thank you. Very informative and engaging. Ciaran is easy to listen to and very **knowledgable** about the subject.

Ciaran was an **excellent** facilitator, who ensured he used different delivery techniques. He was really knowledgeable.

Really great training. I definitely feel more informed and able to speak with people on the issue and signpost to other places too. Thanks.

**Fab day!** Ciaran was a pleasure to listen to and made a difficult subject enjoyable and entertaining.

Very **enjoyable** training, great for own personal development and very applicable to own practice.

This was a very useful course the trainer was interesting, engaging and **enthusiastic** about the training. Excellent thanks very much.

Our trainer was brilliant. Really **engaging** and made the topics interesting with his wealth of knowledge and wit :-) thanks Ciaran!

# Influencing & Collaboration

## ENGAGEMENT WITH:

- » Department of Health
- » RQIA
- » Public Health Agency
- » Health & Social Care Board
- » Department for Communities
- » Education Authority
- » Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
- » All Party Group on Children & Young People
- » All Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger & Food Poverty (Westminster)
- » All Party Parliamentary Group on Food (Westminster)

### CHILD POLICY INFORMATION SERVICE



26 e-Briefs sent out to members



5603 followers



2884 followers



5134 views



## HOLIDAY HUNGER

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

**Our campaign:**  
to end 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.

We work with key partners from statutory bodies, community and voluntary sector and government to provide an innovative solution to end holiday hunger.

We will work at both a local and regional level to shine a light on the crisis of holiday hunger in Northern Ireland.

This summer our holiday hunger project **"Gets Active"** ran in Portadown and Carrickfergus.



# PORTADOWN GETS ACTIVE

FOOD ★ FUN ★ LEARNING



## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

93

ATTENDED

110

BREAKFAST & LUNCHES PROVIDED

15

SESSIONS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

18

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

27

SESSIONS ON HEALTHY EATING, EDIBLE GARDEN, ART, BAKING, JEWELLERY MAKING, DRUMMING

## PEER MENTORS

20

ATTENDED

100%

GAINED OCN LEVEL 1 IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP



PARTICIPATED IN SESSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER



## PARENTS/CARERS

All participated the following sessions:



POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH (TAKE 5)

CHI ME

HEALTH CHOICES

This is an excellent programme, very **friendly** people, many time outside, many activities.

Leaders **listened** to my opinions and I get treated equally as everyone else.

They came home talking about **healthy** eating and being creative with food.

My child now knows why **healthy** food is important to her.

**Fantastic** programme...kids excited for next week.

# CARRICKFERGUS GETS ACTIVE

FOOD ★ FUN ★ LEARNING



## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

836

ATTENDED

1496

LUNCHES PROVIDED

## PARENTS/CARERS/ CHILDREN

472

PARTICIPATED IN THE FAMILY PROGRAMME

## VOLUNTEERS/LEADERS

188

LEADERS TOOK PART IN THE PROGRAMME OVER THE 24 DELIVERY DAYS

## FAMILY PROGRAMME

Children & parents participated in

### OUTINGS TO:

- ✓ Bentra Mini Golf
- ✓ Londonderry
- ✓ Carrickfergus Castle & Bangor

### COOKING SESSIONS:

- ✓ Forage in the Forest
- ✓ Community Chef Cooking Skills

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS:

- ✓ Forest Fitness
- ✓ Dancing
- ✓ Mini Golf
- ✓ Table Tennis

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

Children participated in:

### ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Shooting competition
- ✓ assault course
- ✓ ball pit
- ✓ table tennis
- ✓ dancing
- ✓ football
- ✓ bungee run
- ✓ ice skating

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ health & safety
- ✓ learning to fish
- ✓ cookery skills
- ✓ Stormont trip
- ✓ Carnfunnock Country Park



We have come **out of our shells** with this programme.

I **loved** the summer scheme and had an absolute ball.

I have grown in **confidence** + learning to be part of a team.

**Thank you** very much for all you do for me.

# Locality Planning

Locality planning groups focus on need at local community level with a specific role in engaging communities in discussion about how organisations can work together to more effectively address need at a local level. There are 6 Locality Planning Groups across the Southern Area including Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Dungannon, South Armagh and Newry.

What?	Where?	Who?	How Many?
CYPSP Systems Mapping Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	6
Child Protection Refresher Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	11
Disability & Diversity training	Armagh LPG	Young people	16 trained 5 delivered training
Mood & Food Workshop	Craigavon	Practitioners	22
Keady Engage Youth – KEY Project	Armagh	Young people	19
Funding Fair	Armagh	Community Associations	10 individuals (6 Associations)
CYPSP Systems Mapping Training	Banbridge LPG	Practitioners	13
Milk Shake & Maths	Craigavon LPG	Young people	8
Portadown Gets Active Peer Mentor Training	Craigavon LPG	Young people	21
Portadown Gets Active 3 Discovery Days	Craigavon LPG	Young people	60 children 21 young people (peer mentors)
Portadown Gets Active 6 x days	Craigavon LPG	Young people	60 children 21 young people (peer mentors)
Newry Young Men's Mental Health Conference	Newry LPG	Young people Practitioners	400 30

What?	Where?	Who?	How Many?
Banbridge Lads & Dads	Banbridge LPG	Parents Young people Practitioners	20 30 20
NSPCC Cyber Safety Training	South Armagh LPG Craigavon LPG Dungannon LPG	Practitioners Practitioners Practitioners	12 16 16
South Armagh Employability Fair	South Armagh LPG	Young people	40
I CAMHS Awareness Training	Craigavon LPG	Practitioners	12
Scorecard Training	Dungannon LPG	Practitioners	16
School Uniform Fair	Dungannon LPG	Parents Young People	6 4
PSNI Cyber Awareness Training	South Armagh LPG	Practitioners	12
What's for Youth Event	Armagh LPG	Young people	20
Risk Taking Survey - Vaping	Craigavon LPG	Young People Practitioners	20 50
English Rural Activities	Dungannon LPG	Parents	8
PGA Young People's Residential	Craigavon LPG	Young people	60

**296**  
PRACTITIONERS

**745**  
YOUNG PEOPLE

**6**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS  
(10 individuals)

**34**  
PARENTS

**1085**  
TOTAL

**THE CYPSP IS A MULTIAGENCY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, CONSISTING OF SENIOR LEADERS OF ALL KEY AGENCIES ACROSS STATUTORY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTORS THAT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NI.**

The CYPSP has been developed and supported by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) to support the Children's Services Planning process (CSP).

CiNI supports the work of CYPSP.

The CSP Guidance (July 1998) notes that the process is concerned with children who are in need in the community and is designed "to promote collaboration and coordination between agencies in the planning and delivery of services for vulnerable children and in so doing so builds upon the Children (NI) Order 1995" (1.1).

The current CYPSP structure comprises-

1. One regional **CYPSP**.
2. There are **5 Outcomes Groups** focussing on need in specific geographic areas. The purpose of Outcomes Groups is to act as coordination and planning space for early intervention family support developments in their area.
3. **29 Family Support Hubs** offering coordination and signposting to early intervention services
4. **26 Locality planning groups** focusing on need at local community level with a specific role in engaging communities in discussion about how organisations can work together to more effectively address need at a local level.
5. **Regional Task and Finish Groups** focussing on addressing cross cutting issues for vulnerable children and young people.
6. **CYPSP subgroups** focussing on the needs of specific groups of Vulnerable Children. These are LAC, Disability, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties, LGBT, Young Carers, Children Young People and Offending and Think Family. Details of their work can be found at <http://www.cypsp.org/regional-subgroups/>



The Children's Services Planning Guidance (1998) noted that it was intended "to promote collaboration and coordination between agencies in the planning and delivery of services for vulnerable children and in so doing builds upon the Children (NI) Order 1995"

The Children's Services Co-Operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 states in 2 (1) that "Every Children's authority must, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of its children functions, co-operate with other children's authorities and with other children's services providers in the exercise of those functions"



**Details of the work of CYPSP subgroups can be found at [www.cypsp.org/regional-subgroups/](http://www.cypsp.org/regional-subgroups/)**



The CYPSP is supported by HSC as required under the guidance to the legislation. 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 2017/18.



**CYPSP FOCUS IN 2017/18 WAS ON;**

- a. Improving governance:**  
The CYPSP agreed new terms of reference for the Outcomes Groups, Locality Planning Groups and Regional Subgroups
- b. Planning:**  
Five new Outcomes groups Plans were agreed and initial work began on a new Children's Services Plan
- c. Outcomes Measurement:**  
Agreement of movement towards use of Outcomes Star to measure impact of Family Support Services
- d. Regional 'Task and Finish' Groups:**  
Established in respect of Holiday Hunger, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and SEN
- e. Development work on new Outcomes database:**  
This will be completed in 2018/19
- f. Engagement with other planning processes:**  
On-going work with Community Planning

The CYPSP supports an early intervention infrastructure of Family Support Hubs and Locality Planning Groups.

In the year 6681 families were referred to the Family Support Hubs. This represented a 10% increase on the previous year. Further details can be found on <http://www.cypsp.org/family-support-hubs/>. There are currently 684 organisations involved in this network.

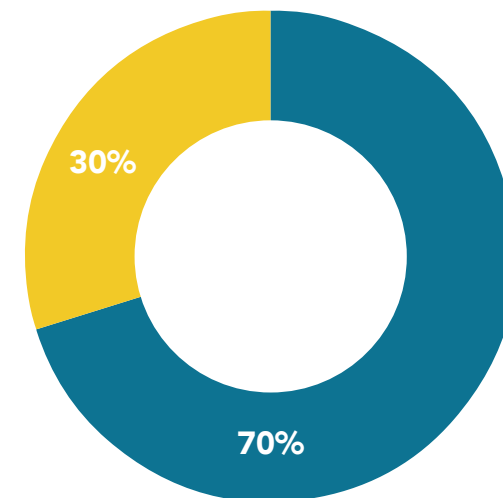
The work of the Locality Planning Groups continued to develop and specific details can be found on <http://www.cypsp.org/locality-planning-groups/>. A Locality Planning survey will be carried out in 2018 to explore the effectiveness of the approach. There are currently 530 organisations involved in this network.

## Finances

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

INCOME	AMOUNT
● Grants	£297,054
● Other Income	£126,146
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>£423,200</b>

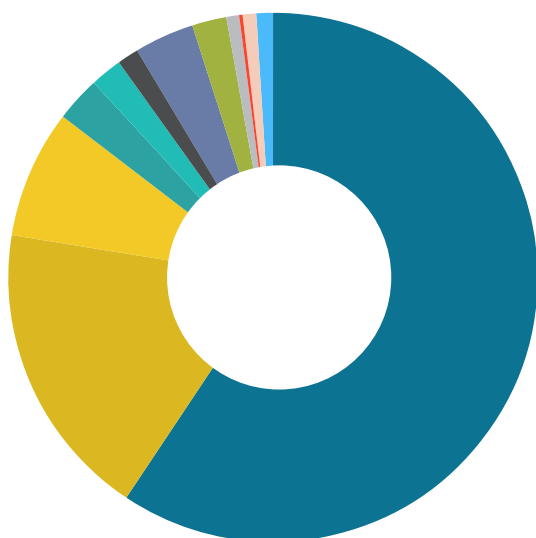


# Finances

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Salaries, Pensions & Social Security	£238,617
Legal, Professional & Trainers	£73,204
Property Rent & Upkeep	£31,539
Room Hire & Catering	£11,084
Utilities	£7,829
Publications & Promotion	£5,249
Stationery, Printing & Postage	£14,701
Travel Expenses	£8,446
Sundries & Other	£3,168
Subscriptions & Resource Materials	£722
Admin & Finance Support	£204
IT Expenses	£3,224
Training & Recruitment	£4,068
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>£402,055</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£21,145</b>



## CiNI Staff & Board of Directors 2017/18

### STAFF

Pauline Leeson CBE	Chief Executive
Ciaran Traynor	Learning & Development Officer
Ellen Finlay	Policy Officer
Roger Gowdy	Finance & Office Manager
Melissa Adair	Children's Services Training Co-ordinator (left June 2018)
Darren Curtis	Locality Development Officer
Kerry O'Hagan	Locality Development Administrator (p/t)

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