

County Wicklow Public Participation Network

Representative Reporting Template

Name of Committee: CYPSC Wicklow

Name of Representative(s): Yvonne Murray

Date of Meeting Attended: 20th September

Most important actions or issues to emerge from a County Wicklow PPN perspective:

- Presentation from The County Childcare Committee on the new National Childcare scheme.

The scheme will offer financial support to parents in employment or education for Afterschool childcare supports based on a means testing of earning.

A big discussion took place around the 3rd strand of this funding for At risk children who's parents are not in employment or education.

How will this scheme support the current After school services that they avail of. The committee raised a number of concerns as the directive from DCYA is that there will be a Sponsoring scheme set up for selected agencies to sponsor an at risk child to avail of the funding for After school provision for these sponsored children. It was strongly felt that more clarity is needed from DCYA in regards to the scheme.

- CYPSC Wicklow will put together a statement on how this new scheme will impact the children in Wicklow and we will raise it at all platforms to voice our concerns.
- New Children's and Young person's plan for CYPSC Wicklow is currently nearing the last stages of its development. Sub group are working to develop actions under the 5 outcome areas for Youth and Children. All subgroups will come together on the 8th November to view the plan to date.
- A sociodemographic profile of Wicklow has been developed. Some changes need to be made. On receipt of the final version it will be circulated to all members.

Date of Next Meeting: 8th November for CYPSC Committee member and Sub-group members