

South Tipperary Disconnected Youth Working Group

County Chamber, County Hall, Thursday 3rd of April, 2008

Present:, Pat Holland C+E, Maria Buckley Pathways, Lisa Kavanagh VEC, Gráinne de Stafford Spafield FRC, Damian White NEWB, Sheila Goggin NEWB, Josephine O'Connor Clonmel Garda Youth Diversion Project, Amy White Carrick on Suir Youth Diversion Project.

Apologies Jarlath Fallon DES, Kathleen Prendergast, Suzanne Walsh CCP, Fionuala McGeever, Tina Kennedy, Cora Horgan, Tadg Brown, John Lonergan, Sinead O'Mahoney, Phil Shanahan CCP, Sheila Comerford, SCP Clonmel.

- 1) A summary report on the progress of the Pathways project was received. Some 51 clients had been identified and there was now a more balanced distribution across the serviced area
- 2) Recommendations from the Pathways meeting, as follows, were agreed:
 - a. Funding for more Gateway programmes was a priority
 - b. There is a need for additional training spaces in the county, perhaps as satellites of other projects
 - c. Transport to training opportunities is an issue
- 3) A paper from Cora Horgan on 'What additional services do we need for Early School Leavers and Disconnected youth in the county' was read and it was agreed that it was an excellent summary. The author was to be asked to consider the following additional points:
 - a. Item no.15 Waterford Youthreach also caters for the traditional Leaving Cert
 - b. Item no 15 CYTE has offered non-traditional Leaving Cert in the past
 - c. Item no. 20 There are sanctions against parents re non-attendance at school but many cases are held in camera and not reported publicly
- 4) A paper from Maria Buckley 'Transport, Gaps and Assets' was discussed and again commended. The author was asked to consider the following additional points:
 - a. There is no early bus service to the county town
 - b. There is a rail car service but it is very early

It was suggested that the core of the Buckley paper could be added to the Horgan paper to form a discussion/issues paper to be ratified by the group and sent on to SIM if thought appropriate.

Updated Action Plan

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Leader(s)</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>KPI</i>
Additional Services/Progression options	Members to list gaps and assets	Cora Horgan as above	For next meeting	List of gaps and assets
Transport Data (gaps and assets)	Sheila and Maria to gather	Maria Buckley as above	For next meeting	List of gaps and assets
Young people aged up to 15 y. o.	Discuss	Chair	At next meeting	On agenda
Data collection	Ask CCP to consider data project in rest of county	Suzanne to ask Phil S. re: this	Report at next meeting	Decision by CCP
Gateway project in Suir Valley Area	Endorsement	Group	Done	Project endorsed
Rest of county service	Discuss	Chair	Next meeting	On agenda
Membership of group	Seek HSE and Barnardos members	P Holland	Next meeting	

Date of next meeting: 11.30am Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel, Thursday 15th of May, 2008 (preceded by Pathways meeting at 10am in the same venue and tea/coffee in the Council Canteen 10.45-11.30)

Agenda: Introductions, Meeting Report, Matters Arising, Action Plan Review, AOB, Date of next meeting.