

Meeting 6: 25th March 2022 in Boomerang Youth Café

The recent Department of Education announcement of extension of the DEIS Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools programme was discussed. Members raised concerns that schools named in action 6.1 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan were not included in the Urban DEIS 1 status list. While it was noted that the additional allocation of teaching resources to these schools for the 2022-2023 academic year has been confirmed by the Department of Education it was agreed that support would be provided by the Implementation Board to the schools in their request for DEIS Urban 1 status.

All subgroups met since last Board meeting and detailed updates were given on their activity.

A request for endorsement of a pilot educational intervention programme for 12-15 year olds at risk of dropping out of school, to be delivered in St. Olivers Community College initially with a view to expanding across Drogheda, was considered and supported by the Board.

A draft version of second quarterly/first biannual report on the delivery of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan was discussed and approved for submission to Department of Justice.

A request for Councillor representation on sub-groups of the Board was considered and a follow up meeting requested.

The publication of the results of the [Westgate Vision public consultation](#) was noted and it was agreed that a submission would be prepared by the Drogheda Implementation Board to future consultations on same.

Chair and Coordinator of the Board have been meeting with a variety of stakeholders over the past number of weeks. Coordinator is available to give presentations to and/or speak to community members on the work of the Board.