

Meeting 16: Conference Room, Louth County Council Buildings, Fair Street, Drogheda

Friday 24th March 2023

Two presentations were received by Drogheda Implementation Board.

- Presentation by Emily Murray, CABLE Youth Diversion Project and Clíodhna Cunningham, Connect Family Resource Centre on progression in relation to Action 4.1, the development of Moneymore Townland Community Hub. Members reiterated their full support for the project and commended both presenters on the passion of their presentation and the value their services bring to the community in the area.
- Presentation by members of the Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroup of the Board – Gavin McGee, Louth ABC Programme Manager and Tanya O'Reilly, Principal St. John's N.S. Members resolved to:
 - o Officially endorse the prioritisation of early intervention as a preventative approach through the inclusion of a new action in the plan
 - o Support requests to prioritise Drogheda in the scaling up of national Early Intervention programmes / pilot sites

The proposed Drogheda Joint Agency Response to Crime initiative was approved by the Offender Oversight Management Group. An Garda Síochána, Probation Services, and the Red Door Project will progress the project in partnership with the Irish Prison Service

Responding to discussions at the Employment, Business and Enterprise subgroup Louth and Meath Local Enterprise Offices are resourcing a fund to support entrepreneurs and small businesses in the Drogheda area. The Fund will be managed by Louth County Enterprise Fund. This fund of €100,000 over three years will enable applicants who may not be eligible for state support or have had their applications rejected by mainstream institutions to access loan finance.

Louth and Meath library services have secured additional funding to deliver Crinniú na nÓg in Drogheda / East Meath as a result of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan.

The importance of positive messaging relating to Drogheda and the responsibility of all agencies and organisations in changing the narrative was highlighted at both Subgroup and Board level.

The HSE CHO8 have secured resources for Traveller Primary Healthcare Teams in Louth and Meath, including the establishment of a Team in Drogheda.

A Community Morning is planned for the Lourdes Community and Recreation Centre in Yellowbatter on Wednesday 5th April to showcase works carried out by Drogheda Implementation Board in partnership with LMETB and services available in the area to the community.

The Community Safety Innovation Fund is once again due to open for applications with a 50% increase in funding. The Board will encourage applications from the Drogheda area again.