

**Meeting 25: Foróige CABLE Youth Diversion Project, Money more**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

A presentation was given to members in relation to the New Choices Project, which works with 10-16 year olds who are out of, or at risk of dropping out of, school. This project was funded through the Community Safety Innovation Fund and was developed in response to action 5.5 of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan. An update was also given on the post of Early Intervention Worker, funding for which was requested in response to action 5.6 and endorsed by Drogheda Implementation Board.

A Project Implementation Group for a Trauma Informed dual diagnosis project to be delivered by DCU and the Recovery College has been established. The first Open Dialogue Community Forum, comprising all stakeholders that have a vested interest or are affected by dual diagnosis in the community including people with lived experience, family members, statutory services and community services, will be held in April 2024 in Drogheda.

The Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) initiative is operational with 4 participants. The partner agencies – Probation Service, An Garda Síochána and The Red Door Project (Prison Links worker) – anticipate that these numbers will double in the coming weeks and months.

An Garda Síochána continue to receive and respond to reports through the See Something Say Something freetext number (50555). These are particularly concentrated in specific areas of the town. Ongoing communication regarding this initiative will be key.

It was resolved to establish a subgroup of Drogheda Implementation Board consisting of members of the Policing and Drugs subgroup and the Family Support, Children and Young People subgroup to examine Planet Youth and review potential, and requirements, for delivery in this area.

A tender for architect led project management of the Money more Townland Community Hub is currently live with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> April. Project Implementation Team are continuing to meet on a fortnightly basis.

Connect Family Resource Centre's Footsteps Programme and Foróige's Turning Point project request for extension of funding to International Fund for Ireland was considered and endorsed.

The Drogheda Nurture Fund, which was established by Meath and Louth Local Enterprise Offices, through funding provided by the local authorities and managed by Louth County Enterprise Board, has microfinance funding available specifically for businesses in the Drogheda/East Meath area., [geographic area covered available to view here](#). Members of the Business, Employment and Enterprise subgroup have committed to promoting via their networks.

The Drogheda Digital Innovation Hub (DDIH) Programme Manager is in place and attended the recent meeting of the Employment, Business and Enterprise subgroup of Drogheda Implementation Board. A DDIH training programme will be launched in the coming weeks.