

**FNYPAR Group Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 17th January 2012**

In attendance:

Fergus McCabe (NYP 2), Ciara Cunningham & Lorraine Keegan (SWAN), Michael Kilbride (OCS), Andrew Sexton, (CDVEC), Shelia O'Sullivan (Rosmini), Mary Collins (St Josephs CBS), Anne Walsh (NYCI), David Little (HSE), Peter O'Connor (CPF), Pat Gates & Mary Meehan (YPAR), Majella McEvoy (Marino).

Minutes 13th December 2011:

Agreed with no matters arising that were not coming up in the agenda

Inter-Cultural Training Schools:

Drawdown for funding from Multicultural Resource Centre has been agreed – Schools seeking to drawdown their allocated €200 should contact the YPAR Coordinator.

Each school should complete a short report at the end of their programmes.

International Youth Club:

- IYC continues and the participation is increasing. They had a good turnout (14) in the first session of 2012. Representatives from SWAN & NYP2 are happy to go to the local schools to promote the club. SWAN will organise to handout leaflets on the IYC at the conference on the 20th. Also, it was mentioned that there may be a need to do some work with parents in relation to getting their support for the IYC
- **IMPACT Funding:** There is some funding left from the IMPACT grant. This could possibly be used to organise some kind of local youth intercultural event around Easter.
- **Language training:** Some young people have expressed the wish to keep their mother language alive. It was suggested that perhaps this is something the IYC could explore. It would require tutors and O'Connell School is looking for funding to address this. Andrew Sexton will also check with the VEC to see if they have resources available for this.

Aftercare:

This remains a crucial issue for this working group. One student from O'Connell School has been transferred to Galway recently and there does not seem to be any compassion or flexibility in the state system when it comes to 'aged-out minors'. The issue of moving people is not conducive to the development of the young person and is contrary to their human rights.

Roma Children at Risk:

Pavee Point will produce a report on the recent meeting in relation to Roma children at risk. The FNYPAR working group will maintain contact and link in to support and resound as necessary.

FNYP Conference:

All preparations are in place for the FNYPAR conference on the 20th January. All speakers and politicians have confirmed. YPAR will have access to the building from 8.30. Drummers arriving at 9am, Choir at 10.45. Alan Taylor – The Sax/Music player will entertain during the lunch break.

A.O.B

- One-Book-One-Community: Will be launched January 19th to March 22nd in O Connell School

- Strengthening Families Programme is taking Referrals and will run for 14 weeks starting 21st February
- Multicultural Resource Centre announced the planning of a multicultural athletics event in Santry Stadium in May
- The new **Office for the Protection of Migrant Integration** has taken over a lot of the former integration department's role and it does provide some funding for integration initiatives even though this has been severely reduced. It was agreed that they would be invited to the conference and also the FNYPAR working group would seek a meeting with them. The YPAR Coordinator will follow up on this.

Next meeting of the FNYPAR Working Group is on Tuesday 6th March at 10am in Ballybough Community Centre