

## YPAR 14-24 Hard to Reach Young People Working Group

### Terms of Reference

September 2018

**Name of the Group:** Hard to Reach 14-24 YPAR Working Group

#### Overall Purpose of the Working Group

To developing an interagency response to appropriately engage with hard to reach 14-24 year olds in the North Inner City to offer them progressive options in relation to their personal, social and economic growth.

#### Specific Objectives

- Analyse the current, emerging and aspirational needs of hard to reach 14-24 year olds regardless of social and economic conditions. Identify gaps and blocks to their in engagement with services and supports
- Actively promote interagency cooperation in the effective delivery and implementation of services and supports to 14-24 year olds who are hard to reach.
- Support existing services and organisations in the implementation of their work with this group
- Advocate for changes in services and policy to ensure they are relevant to the needs of young people.
- Deliver a community of practice through undertaking research, capacity training, sharing of knowledge, skills and best practice in engaging hard to reach young people..
- Continue to enhance and develop effective service responses to 14-24 hard to reach young people.
- Monitor gaps and blocks in services and supports to the target group and bring these to the attention of the relevant agencies or fora.
- Ensure the voices of young people inform the work of the group

#### Membership

The group will be convened as a formal working group of YPAR and the membership will reflect the task and needs of the group. The list below includes some suggested agencies that might become part of the group:

- Youth Projects
- CTCs
- Employment services
- Social Protection
- CDET/B
- Garda Diversion Projects
- Schools
- Drug Projects (Talbot Centre etc.)
- Young People
- Parents
- ICON (SICAP/IC Co-op)
- DCC
- Community Policing Forum
- Mental Health Services
- Tusla
- Probation
- HSE.

### **Chairperson**

The Chairperson will be elected on an annual basis by the group, and represent it at the YPAR Steering Group meetings. Trina O Connor has agreed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson. This role will be reviewed in six months from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### **Meeting frequency and time**

- Every month for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months and thereafter every six weeks
- For a period of an hour and a half maximum.

### **Reporting**

- YPAR 14-24 Working Group will report and share information on the activities and outcomes of the group to the YPAR Steering Committee.

### **Review of the Group**

- The activities, outcomes and TOR of the group will be reviewed in six months.

### **Attendance at meetings**

- Participants will represent their parent organisation. Absence from three consecutive meetings without apology will result in a written request being sent to that member asking them to clarify their position with regard to their continued participation in the group.

### **Guiding Principles**

- To engage in consultation in order to ensure that the work of the group is complimentary to the work being carried out by YPAR and its partner organisations.
- Ensure that there is the relevant interagency representation on the group.
- Confidentiality must be adhered to at all times and the integrity of individual members and the group must be observed.
- Honour time limits; endeavour to arrive on time and only leave when the meeting has finished.
- Mobile phones are to be switched off, unless there is prior agreement made with the Chairperson, for the full duration of the meeting.
- Each individual should participate by sharing their own/agencies relevant opinions and experiences, and by listening to and considering the opinions of others.
- If an issue is being discussed where a conflict of interest for a representative/agency arises, that representative is expected to declare an interest and if appropriate leave the meeting for the duration of that discussion.