

YPAR | Young People at Risk Dublin North Inner City

Creating a place of hope, equality and opportunity where young people's dreams are realised

2018 Annual Report



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Introduction

YPAR (Young People at Risk) is an interagency initiative in Dublin North Inner City that works to support, facilitate and implement an integrated approach to meeting the needs of young people at risk and their families. YPAR defines a young person at risk as a child/young person aged 0 to 24 years experiencing significant personal, family, educational or social problems. Numerous government reports and policy documents over the last number of years have identified interagency working as a crucial element in improving the quality of services delivered to young people at risk. YPAR provides a model of how this policy commitment can be delivered at a local level in Dublin North Inner City. For the past year the YPAR network has been engaged with TUSLA Children Services as we continue to work to improve the lives of children and young people in the North Inner City of Dublin. The experience gained by the statutory, voluntary and community staff involved in the collaborative and interagency approach by YPAR provides a valuable resource pool and a vital platform as we endeavour to deliver the best possible social, economic, health and educational outcomes for children and young people in our community.

The persistent inequality and poverty in the North Inner City has led to intergenerational poverty in some areas of this community. This exclusion increases inequalities in education, health and income poverty; and is compounded by dysfunctional family living, homelessness, addiction, violence, crime and various forms of neglect, family breakdown and early school dropout. In addition the NEIC communities are still in the throes of a violent gangland feud that is affecting many families adversely. Together these factors continue to put children, young people and families at risk. Many children and young people are presenting to services with issues of trauma, toxic stress & anxiety or a combination of adverse childhood experiences (ACES). This in turn increases the demand on social services workers who become overwhelmed and find it difficult to cope.

YPAR continues to work with local statutory, voluntary and community services providers to break the cycle of poverty and inequality by working together to develop services, supports and interventions that will respond meaningfully to address both the causes and consequences and give real hope for a better life for vulnerable and at risk families, children and young people in the NIC.

YPAR, advocates for multiagency planning and is managed by an interagency Steering Committee made up of representatives from the following statutory, voluntary and community sectors:

HSE/TUSLA, Dublin City Council, an Garda Síochána, Probation Service, City of Dublin Youth Services Board, Education Welfare Service, Neighbourhood Youth Project 1, Neighbourhood Youth Project 2, Community After Schools Project (CASPr), Inner City Organisations Network, Ozanam House Resource Centre (SVP), Lourdes Youth and

Community Services, Hill St. Family Resources Centre Youth Workers, and Home School Community Liaison Teacher.

YPAR provides support and leadership in the drive towards improving the lives of young people and families at risk in Dublin North Inner City.

Many children in the NEIC are not achieving the 5 outcomes as set out in the National Policy Framework for children; ***Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures***;

1. Healthy, physically, mentally and emotionally
2. Supported in active learning
3. Safe from accidental and intentional harm
4. Economically secure
5. Connected, Respected and contributing to the world

Young people from the North East Inner City are at risk of being in social care, leave school early or forced on to reduced school timetables, become involved in crime and selling drugs and suffer from mental health difficulties homelessness and family breakdown. Young people from the area need to be offered better opportunities and pathways to a realistic and legitimate means to become successful and productive members of the community. Opportunities where they feel valued and rewarded for their endeavours. If not, they may turn to alternative means to achieve the materialistic lifestyles that are constantly presented to them through the various visual and social media. In the absence of positive and progressive alternatives they may be lured into a life of crime, substance misuse and gang culture.

YPAR Catchment Area

YPAR works primarily in the area of the north east inner city, with some elements of the work in the periphery or hinterland of that area. This area is from Dublin Bay to the east and Drumcondra Road/Dorset Street/Bolton Street and Arran Street East to the west. To the south the area is defined by the River Liffey, while to the north the border is a wide arc made up the Tolka River to the west and all East Wall. This is inclusive of all of Dublin 1 and parts of Dublin 3.

YPAR Vision Mission and Goals

Vision

Creating a place of hope, equality and opportunity where young people's dreams are realised

Mission

To promote and develop a principled and integrated approach to working with children, young people and their families that serves their needs and realises their potential.

Goals

1. *To establish an integrated, interagency structure for children and young people at Risk*
2. *To improve the quality and delivery of services for children and young people at risk*

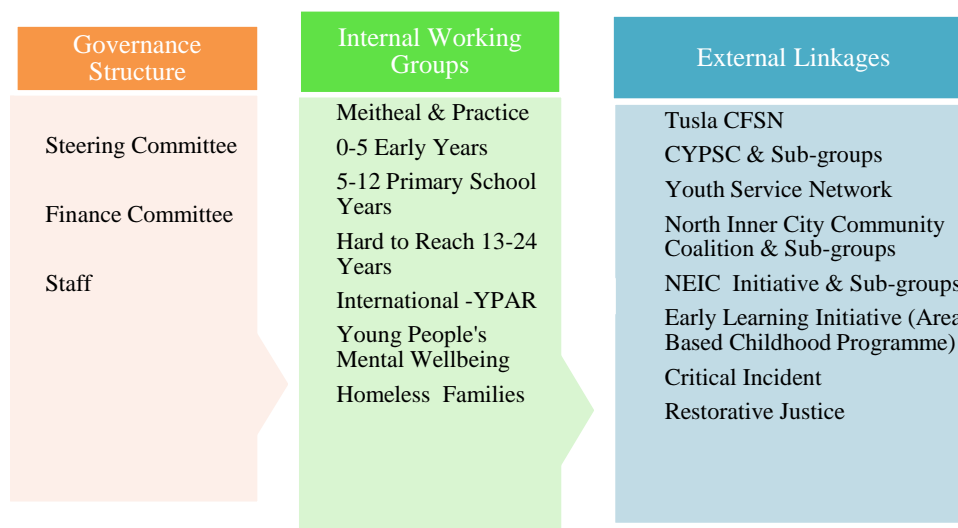
3. *To establish appropriate mechanisms to co-ordinate and integrate services for children and young people at risk*
4. *To support children and young people at risk in accessing services, education, training and employment*
5. *To ensure anti-discriminatory and accessible policies and practices are in place in services for children and young people at risk*
6. *To ensure the voices and views of children and young people at risk are heard and acted upon*
7. *To support children and young people at risk to develop the skills and capacities needed to become active members of the community*
8. *To develop policy for children and young people at risk and promote this through lobbying*
9. *To evaluate the intervention to monitor and measure progress and to learn what works and what doesn't.*

YPAR Operational Approach and Structure

The YPAR network and its partners continue to provide leadership through its local statutory, voluntary and community partners. YPAR's vision, ethos, beliefs, values and collective energies will continue to advocate and demonstrate the value of interagency cooperation and collaboration to improve services and quality of life outcomes to young people at risk in the North Inner City of Dublin.

YPAR offers a Community of Practice (CoP) approach that encourages agencies, services and peers with a common or similar professional purpose to work together to share information, build knowledge, develop expertise and solve problems. This CoPs approach is characterized by the willing participation of all children and family services workers to interact in developing common or similar work practices in order to achieve individual and collective objectives, targets or goals. CoPs supports an integrated process or learning forums where members teach and learn from each other. The approach enriches strategic facilitation to enhance service and development outcomes.

The YPAR infrastructure is governed by an interagency Steering Committee and operates through a number of age or themed specific working groups and involvement on relevant external linkages:



YPAR operates as the Tusla Family Support Network in the North East Inner City (NEIC). The YPAR age specific and themed Working Groups are the key mechanism in which the network delivers its Community of Practice. Bringing together the relevant interagency services providers in a supportive and safe forum where participants can speak their truth with courage, compassion and empathy as they network, share information, support peers, develop peer education and capacity by drawing on each other's expertise and talents, enabling solution focused problem solving and enhancing best evidenced-based and trauma informed practices in support of their work with children, young people and their families.

YPAR has taken the lead in several initiatives endeavouring to break the cycle of young people leaving school early to prevent their drift into crime, drug dealing and the associated violence. As a network of children services YPAR continues to play an important role in building and maintaining relationships within and between services to maximise their effectiveness to support vulnerable families to offer them and their children hope for a positive future in the north east inner city, the place they call home.

Partnership with Tusla (Child & Family Agency

YPAR continues to develop a special relationship with the Tusla management and staff and to support and actively facilitate the effective rollout of the various Tusla structures including to act as the Child and Family Support Network (CFSN) and participate in the Safe and Protected from Harm Sub-Group and the local implementation of the Tusla Meitheal; the national practice and prevention model for supporting children's welfare. The issues addressed for the young people and their families through the Meitheal include school attendance, lack of supervision, recreational needs, antisocial behaviour,

criminal behaviour, mental health concerns (both for parents and children), physical health, accommodation, parental addiction and domestic violence.

North East Inner City Initiative

YPAR through its members and network partners continue to play an active role in the development and delivery of innovative interventions through the North East Inner City (NEIC) Initiative. This initiative emerged as a result of the violent killings in 2015/16 and recommended by the 2016 Mulvey Report *Dublin North East Inner City - Creating a Brighter Future* which was commissioned and establishment by the then Taoiseach Enda Kenny. Subsequently it resulted in the setting up of a North Inner City Task Force and Programme Implementation Board (PIB) whose role is to develop alternative visions for the area that support its social and economic regeneration and combats the causes and consequences of the poverty and social exclusion that has blighted the lives of many children and families in the NEIC communities for decades. As a network, YPAR has been an active participant on the NEIC planning and implementation structures which has funded the development and delivery of some creative and innovative initiatives including:

- Fast track counselling for young people (over 90 families have benefited in 2018)
- Youth Leadership Training Programmes
- Outreach Street Workers to engage hard to reach young people
- Youth Staff Capacity Training
- Youth Training Bursary Initiative
- Research to identify the needs and support for Hard to Reach Young People
- Increase in flexible childcare places for children under 3 years
- After school support programmes.
- Critical Incident response
- A 'New (interagency) Way of Working'.

Dublin's North Inner City is a community with a long history of resilience and rising to the challenge of tackling social and economic disadvantage and also with a strong history of community led collaborative and integrated responses to social and economic exclusion. The community response has been based on strong local and visionary leadership within its statutory and voluntary partners. Unfortunately, since 2008 there has been a hollowing out of some of the key community development programmes in the NEIC which has resulted in the loss of programmes aimed at developing community capacity and leadership. This is something that is needed more than ever if the community itself is to have the capacity and capabilities to sustain progressive changes for the community while challenging harmful and destructive behaviours from within the community. The community have many assets at its disposal and current mix and blend of community, voluntary and statutory provision

has provided an extraordinary level of knowledge, expertise, creativity and experience, enabling the community to develop innovative responses to produce better outcomes for children at risk and their families. YPAR will continue to play a leadership role in developing and coordinating these responses. However, there continues to be huge challenges for families, communities and services providers in endeavouring to deliver on YPAR’s vision of ‘*Creating a place of hope, equality and opportunity where young people’s dreams are realised...*

YPAR Funding

In 2018 YPAR received its core funding from TUSLA (€29,250), Probation Service (€20,000) and City of Dublin Youth Services Board (€17,000). This funding was used to maintain the work of the part time YPAR Coordinator and part time YPAR Meitheal and Services Support Coordinator. YPAR is also provided with a fulltime Administrator seconded from The Employment Network and funded under the Whole-Time Jobs Initiative.

YPAR 2018 Activities and Outcomes

The following section below sets out the objectives, inputs and outcomes from the YPAR 2018 programme of activities.

YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018		
Goal 1: To establish an integrated, interagency structure for children and young people at Risk		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote interagency cooperation and the effective delivery of the Meitheal Practice Model in the North East Inner City (NEIC) • Coordination of interagency services in the NEIC through the YPAR Working Groups, including; • 0-5 Early Years Working Group • 5-12 Primary Schools Working Group • 14-24 Hard to Reach Working Group • International-Young People at Risk Working Group (I-YPAR) • Youth Mental Wellbeing Working Group • Homelessness Children & Families Working Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convening over 79 Interagency YPAR working group meetings of services providers. • Coordinating joint proposal to address gaps and blocks in services such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Childcare ○ After Schools ○ Hard to Reach YP ○ International Young People ○ Mental Wellbeing Supports ○ Homeless Services • Identifying gaps and blocks in existing services. • Facilitating joint interagency planning and family supports. • Active involvement in the Child and Family Support Network and the Partnership and Prevention Subgroup of CYPSC • Working with Children services workers to promote and enhance their engagement in the Tusla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 700 services workers have participated in YPAR working groups and activities in 2018 • Over 75 local services have collaborated in YPAR activities and Working Groups • 22 Children benefiting from Meitheals • Over 88 Children have benefited by fast-tracking mental health and therapeutic supports • 20 young people have accessed training through bursary programme • Increased interagency collaboration in working with families. • Ongoing identification of needs of YPAR and their families. • Increased access to services for YPAR & their Families including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Childcare services ○ Respite for early years parents

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the NEIC to develop a ‘New Way of Working’ 	<p>Meitheal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation by frontline agency staff CFA, HSE, Schools, Garda Diversion Projects, Community children services and Youth Projects) • Working with the NEIC and the Limerick Leadership Programme to develop a ‘new interagency way of working’ that would have a lasting impact on services to children and families in the NEIC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health Services ○ Addiction services ○ Homeless services ○ Employment and Training ○ Primary Care Services ○ Income support ○ English languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to services for families and young people. • Peer support and enhanced knowledge, and improved involvement of service users. • Increased efficiency and reduced duplication of service provision between service providers.
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YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018		
Goal: 2. To improve the quality and delivery of services for children and young people at risk		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved access to childcare and early years supports • Improve services to support primary education and after school supports • Coordinate services to reach hard to engage young people • Coordination of Mental Wellbeing services. • Support the inclusion of International-YPAR • Coordinating Services providing support to homeless families and children • Providing interagency training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting collaboration between early years and preschool providers. • Producing collaborative proposal to support increase in access to childcare for vulnerable parents/families. • Supporting interagency actions to provide specific after school activities to children under 10. • Developing interagency responses to address the emerging needs of hard to engage young people between the ages of 14-24 • Enabling joint actions to support the social and economic inclusion of YPAR for new Irish communities • Developing joint programmes to support afterschool initiatives. • Coordinating collaborative actions to support mental health/wellbeing services access. • Coordinating the material and social supports to homeless families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a pilot interagency childcare programme for children under 3 years. This will provide flexible childcare of struggling parents. • Development of an afterschool research project to scope existing After School services and come up with a holistic after schools’ strategy. • Completed a research study into ‘Hard to Reach’ young people and producing a set of priorities actions to address gaps and block to young people’s engagement with services. • Ongoing engagement with International and minority ethnic young people and their parents to support their inclusion and address their service needs. • Delivering practical support for young people experiencing mental wellbeing difficulties including creating access to services for assessment and referrals to appropriate

		<p>services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased trauma informed practice awareness in schools, youth projects and other children services. • Delivering a coordinated support to homeless families to support their practical transition out of homeless accommodation, provided meals, homework spaces and laundry facilities.
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YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018		
Goal 3: To support children and young people at risk in accessing education, training and employment		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling parents return to work through flexible childcare. • Engaging with Pre-school, Primary and Post Primary School providers to support school transitions. • Identifying the needs of hard to reach young people from the NEIC. • Working with Community Training Workshops to support access to training for YPAR • Supporting collaboration of Youth Projects and Garda Youth Diversion Projects to support youth leadership & capacity development and education, training and employment pathways for young people at risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Pilot project to increase access to flexible childcare and respite for vulnerable families with children under 24 months. This is to enable parents to access employment. • Coordinating activities to support children’s transition from pre-school to primary school and from primary to post primary school. • Carrying out research to scope and identify the current after school provision and identify gaps and deficiencies with a view to planning a more cohesive and integrated provision of afterschool activities in the NEIC. • The Hard to Reach 14-24 age group bring together local services working with hard to engage young people to find collaborative and shared ways to support young people’s future aspirations and pathways to rewarding life and work practices. • Development of Youth Leaders programme to support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three local childcare providers are participating in the pilot under 3 childcare services. • Local services are collaborating to identify priority families for the new services. • New services expected to be up and running in September 2019. • Transition support protocols in place to support school transitions for vulnerable children. • Collaboration between primary and post primary school teachers to support the safe and comfortable transition between these schools. • Increased awareness between teachers on sharing information on the issues and needs of vulnerable and at risk children during school transition. • A robust research report on findings and recommendations on how to better engage hard to reach young people

	the capacity development of community youth leadership.	<p>between the ages of 14 – 24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants have been contracted to work with local youth services to develop a tailored youth leadership training programme for the 17+ age group in the NEIC.
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YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018		
Goal 4: To ensure anti-discriminatory and accessible policies and practices are in place in services for children and young people at risk		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the inclusion of International-YPAR • Coordinating services to support the social inclusion of I-YPAR • Actively supporting intercultural integrations and awareness. • Supporting the parents of I-YPAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Integration of I-YPAR through access to health, education and welfare services. • Over 50 young people participated in two residential trips from I-YPAR to Cavan Centre to support confidence and capacity building. • Supporting the local schools to organise specific meet and greet coffee mornings for international parents. • Organising meeting with policy official in Justice, Education and Social Protection. • Supporting the Saturday Morning International Youth Club. • Increased support for young minority ethnic women through the development extracurricular support in schools and local community youth projects. • Advocating for individual cases to support access to services for international families. • Coordinating services for homeless families many of which are from minority ethnic backgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness by international parents on their rights and entitlements. • Improved interagency supports for I-YPAR improving their access to education, health and welfare supports. • Over 20 parents participated in meet and greet coffee mornings in O’Connell’s and Rutland Street schools. • Improved access to English classes for both international young people and their parents. • I-YP have the confidence to seek support from health services, Gardai services and educational supports. • Increased number of young minority ethnic women participating in after school activities and local community youth services.

YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018		
Goal 5: To ensure the voices and views of children, young people and their families are heard and inform actions and support interventions for YPAR.		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing programmes that captures the voices and views of YPAR • Developing programmes that captures the voices and views of parents of YPAR • Promoting a culture of listening to YPAR. • Building a culture of resilience of YPAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating several Voice of the Child Workshops in the local primary schools. • In-depth consultation with young people through the YPAR Hard to Reach research. • Interactive residential with young people in the Cavan Centre • Roundtable workshop on the needs of parents. • Generic feedback from therapeutic counsellors on the general patters linked to young people’s anxiety and stress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 primary school children participated in Voice of the Child Workshops. Identifying issues such as safe play spaces, cleansing, access to play parks, support with homework and the lack of after school activities. • Young people have identified through the Hard to Reach research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homelessness and couch surfing ○ Difficulty in accessing mental health services ○ Being suspended from school ○ Racism ○ Aging out of services when they need them most. ○ Family disfunction ○ Toxic stress and anxiety ○ Anti-social behaviour and criminality. • Young people expressed the need to continue in school and get a good education. • Difficulty in school with some teachers • Lack of qualifications and employment opportunities. • Fear of the future and not having a home and a job • Lack of supports for minority ethnic YP particular if you do not have permits or are living in Direct Provision.

YPAR Monitoring Outcomes 2018

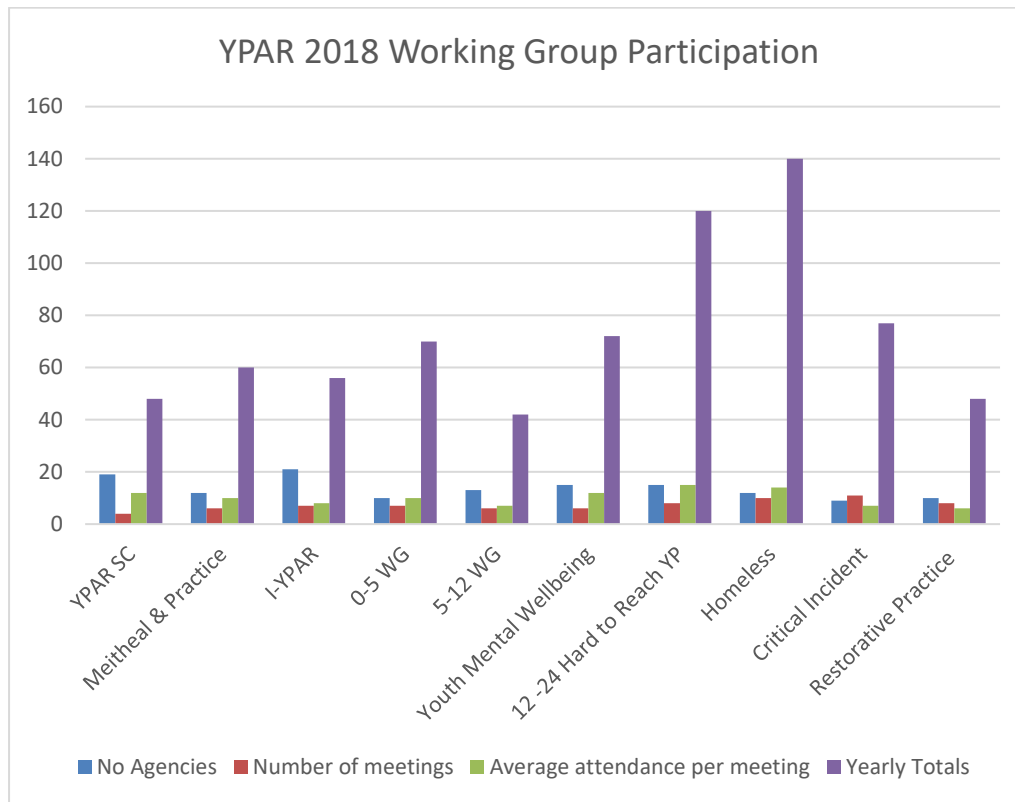
Goal 6: To develop policy for children and young people at risk and promote through lobbying		
Objectives	Activities/Inputs	Outputs & Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing evidenced informed policies and practices to support YPAR Meeting with the relevant and appropriate policy makers and agencies to lobby for informed responsive changes that will have a positive impact on young people and their parents/families. 	<p>Throughout 2018 YPAR has met with key policymakers and agencies to discuss how interagency working can be facilitated and supported both at a practical and a policy level.</p> <p>YPAR has been engaging with local services and state agencies to address the following policy issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to childcare for vulnerable parents and families Support for children with additional needs Supporting children's transition from pre-school to primary school to post primary school Lobbying for an effective after school supports for children between the ages of 5-10. Supporting access to mental health services. Supporting practical and policy development to support the social and economic inclusion of minority ethnic young people and their families. Advocating for homeless families and supporting interagency practical local solutions to alleviate their hardships. Developing and promoting trauma informed practices within and between agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YPAR are testing a new pilot childcare initiative for children under 3 years. 30 families will benefit from this programme Through lobbying YPAR has successfully supported the increase of access to additional services such are SNAs in the local schools and pre-schools. YPAR has been successful in securing funding from the NEIC Initiative to develop a strategy for after schools' activities in the NEIC There is better coordination of mental health services in the NEIC and YPAR have been successful in securing funding for a fast track access to therapeutic support for young people under 18. Over 100 families have benefited from this initiative. YPAR continues to ensure access to practical support for families in homeless accommodations through the coordination of interagency services to offer support with e.g., transport, counselling, toys, laundry and meals. YPAR continues to develop awareness on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and trauma informed practices.

YPAR's Quantitative Outputs/Outcomes

Working Groups Participation and Attendance

YPAR convenes 10 age and themed specific working groups (see Table 1). In 2018 there were 73 meetings attended by 136 different organisations with an average participation rate of 10 inter agency representatives per meeting.

Table 1



YPAR 2018 Training & Workshops Participation

YPAR organised 11 training programmes and workshops in 2018(see Table 2.), in which 181 agencies and 324 young people, parents and children services workers attended.

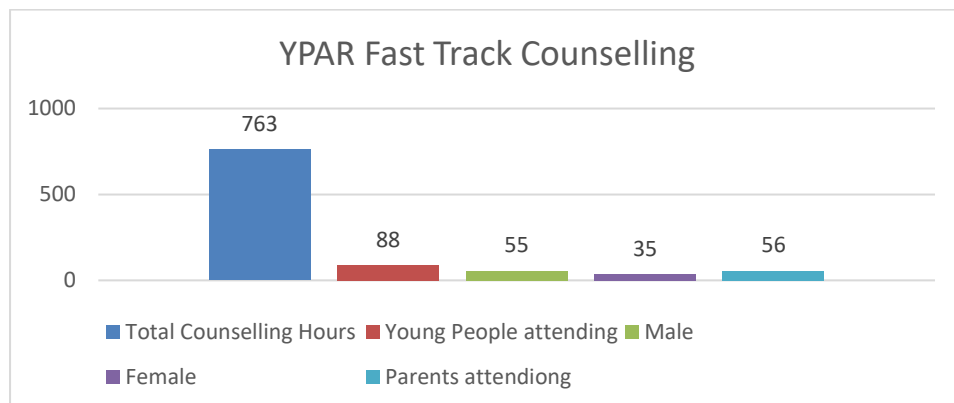
Table 2.



YPAR Fast Track Counselling for Young People under the age of 18.

In 2018, the NEIC Initiative invested €42,000 in 763 counselling hours to young people under 18-years and their parents. This initiative has enabled young people and their parents from the NEIC to fast track counselling and therapeutic services. In 2018 88 young people and 56 parents have benefited from the counselling services (see Table 3.).

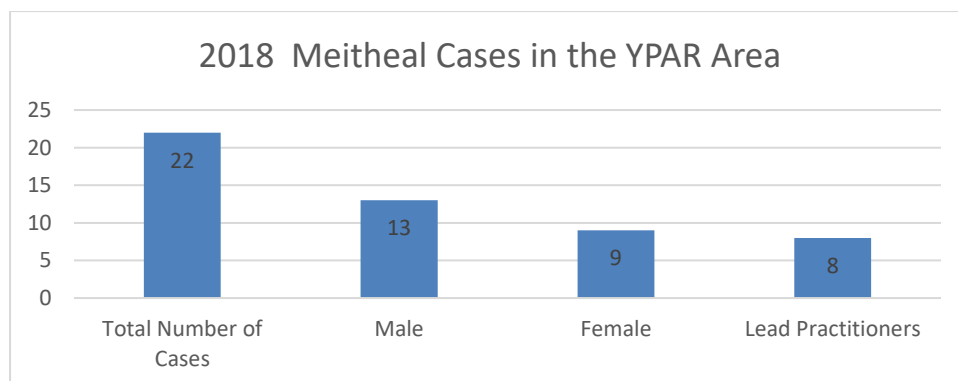
Table 3



Meitheal Cases in the YPAR Area

In 2016 the roll out of the Tusla National Meitheal and Practice model which replaced the YPAR Protocol has been facilitated by YPAR. This interagency early intervention and prevention model supports the welfare of children at risk. In 2018 22 cases were opened in the YPAR area and were lead by practitioners from eight different agencies (see Table 3.).

Table 3.



Other YPAR Activities

Interagency ‘Brown Bag Lunch’

YPAR continues to deliver Brown Bag Lunch workshops for workers from the different agencies in north inner-city children's projects and services. In 2018 over 120 local project workers attend BBL programmes. The Brown Bag Lunches provide the opportunities for agencies to network; share information, offer peer support and provide best practice case studies.

ABC Programme

Members of the YPAR network have participated in the development of the Docklands/NIC Area Based Children's Programme Consortia. The Consortia continue to successfully implement the programme in the area. The consortia will continue to implement its action plan in 2019.

Response to Homelessness

During 2018 YPAR's Interagency Homeless Working Group has continued to work to address the difficulties being experienced by children and their families living in the NIC area. YPAR has continued to work in close partnership with the Children and Youth Action Group (CYAG) in Dublin's North West Inner City, as many families are required to move between accommodation centres and the range of supports offered through YPAR and CYAG together is enhanced. With the exception of a small number of specialist 'hubs', Families in Emergency Accommodation continues to experience; overcrowding, no or limited access to laundry/cooking facilities, accommodation is often a long distance from schools, no space for homework, no family space or teenagers to have friends over, carrying the burden of travel costs between different accommodations or in their moves to a permanent home, eating in fast food restaurants to name a few. YPAR and CYAG's Homeless Working Group provides a forum where workers share information, pool resources and access information in relation to the needs of children and their families living in emergency accommodation. Supports identified were primarily offered by YPAR members agencies and groups to the staff working directly with families in emergency accommodation-Focus Ireland, Crosscare and the Simon Community, TUSLA as needed. The responses from services have included transport, food, clothes, toys, and information.

YPAR Network Hub

YPAR also provides a Central Hub for young people, parents and local children services. It operates as a one-stop-shop in which various individuals, groups and services can avail of:

- Information exchange and knowledge sharing of practical services and supports.
- Coordination of services
- Connecting and referrals to appropriate services

- Practical support for families in emergency accommodation etc. (Beds, transport, toys, respite etc..), provided by the groups/services in Dublin 1,3 and 7 in response to the housing and poverty crisis.
- Peer to Peer support and training for workers in all services.
- Providing an area/community induction to new workers (walking tours of services & Brown Bag Lunches).
- Advice and consultation on matters of concern from workers in all services.

Monitoring and Evaluation of YPAR Activities

As part of YPAR's person centred and learner centred approach to capturing the positive or negative outcomes of its approach, YPAR continues to develop ways to involve its stakeholders particularly young people and their families who are engaging in YPAR to feedback their views to help the organisation in its critical analysis of the strengths and weakness of the YPAR interagency model.

The aim of YPAR is to improve the outcomes for young people at risk. Therefore, it is essential YPAR collect the evidence that shows whether its work is bringing about improved outcomes for the young people in the first instance but also for services workers and their agencies. The YPAR Co-ordinator and Meitheal and Services Support Co-ordinator will continue to implement monitoring and evaluation procedures which it is hoped will allow YPAR to capture both the learning and outcomes from the YPAR interagency process and activities and enable it to share this learning to inform future policy and practice.

YPAR's Qualitative Outcomes

When we look at the Outcomes it is difficult to assess the long-term qualitative impact of YPAR's work. We can count the number of people that participate in our working groups and our training programmes or workshops. We can get good feedback from young people, parents and workers on the benefits they feel they get from the programmes and interventions, but we rely on national statistics to give us the information of the long-term changes in relation to the five National Outcomes as set out in the Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures policy document;

1. Healthy, physically, mentally and emotionally
2. Supported in active learning
3. Safe from accidental and intentional harm
4. Economically secure
5. Connected, Respected and contributing to the world

There are so many factors in the NEIC that influence people's lives and so many factors that undermine the positive interventions by statutory, voluntary and community agencies and their

frontline practitioners. This community still experiences high levels of anxiety, stress, criminality, drug selling, poverty, homelessness, family breakdown, mental health, poor living environment and housing conditions social determinant that continue to work to undo the progressive work by many agencies operating in the community.

However, it is important that we do continually endeavour to measure and evaluate the outcomes from our work. YPAR will continue to record, collate and analyse information & feedback from services, services users and our statutory, voluntary and community partners. The evidence is that the YPAR network does make a difference and have a positive impact through our interventions which;

- Increase collaboration, cooperation and the more effective and efficient use of resources
- Enable joint interagency planning and development
- Increase peer to peer learning, sharing and support.
- Enhance professional capacity development
- Provide a safe independent forum to enable deliberative dialogue between frontline children services
- Improved family communication and relationships
- Addressed unresolved and complicated grief and loss
- Improved parental listening and coping mechanisms
- Increased use of restorative practices to resolve/reduce family tensions
- Increases an understanding of the root causes of issues such as stress, anxiety, anger, isolation and alienation.

Conclusion

YPAR continues to consolidate its core work and even develop new initiatives by drawing on the generous and collaborative interagency support of statutory, community and voluntary children and family services practitioners. In 2018 YPAR continued to develop a community of practice by bringing together service providers, services users and community support organisations to develop a safe and confidential way of interagency working that enables multi-agency supports to address the service needs of vulnerable children and young people. YPAR staff and Partners have been proactively involved in supporting the development of a local mechanisms to enhance integrated services delivery based on mutual respect, trust and parity of esteem.

YPAR has also worked at several levels to support and develop youth and family participation through local neighbourhood and community youth projects, engaging with the schools and pre-schools and seeking the active involvement of young people in YPAR structures and activities. YPAR continues to recognise the additional problems facing local minority ethnic young people and their families and will continue to provide supports and responses to their needs. YPAR will continue to

respond to new and emerging needs such as youth mental health, anxiety and trauma and work with its partners to develop innovative and trauma informed approaches to support youth justice and anti-social and harmful behaviour. YPAR will also continue to respond to children and families that are homeless and living in emergency accommodation.

Many positive initiatives have been developed and delivered through additional investment from the NEIC Task Force in 2018. However, since 2008 there has been a hollowing out of community development structures in the NEIC and this has weakened the empowerment and capacity development supports in the community which has impeded the ability of the community to develop the next generation of community leaders. Many social support services are under enormous strain and have large waiting lists. YPAR will continue to provide leadership in partnership with its local statutory, voluntary and community services in the NEIC to address both the causes and consequences of intergenerational social exclusion. The YPAR Network's vision, belief, commitment and collective talents will continue to advocate and demonstrate the value of cooperation, collaboration, the pooling and sharing of resources at local level to improve the quality of life outcomes to young people at risk and their families in the North Inner City of Dublin.

Appendix 1

YPAR 2018 Programme Costs Income & Expenditure

YPAR 2018 Programme Costs Income and Expenditure													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Running Totals
Income Programme Costs													
Brought Forward Programme Costs		7,195.00	6,325.00	33,165.00	29,955.00	39,394.39	26,589.39	24,464.39	37,894.39	28,878.78	41,283.78	57,313.78	
Impact	700.00								400.00			1,000.00	2,100.00
NEIC Critical Incident Initiative											17,340.00		17,340.00
NEIC Initiative Counselling Hours (B/F)	3,755.00				14,000.00			14,000.00		14,000.00			45,755.00
DCC NEIC PIB Hard to Reach Research (ICON)			27,800.00										27,800.00
NEIC Integrated Service Development												4,845.00	4,845.00
Integration Funding (B/F)	4,500.00												4,500.00
Total Income	8,955.00	7,195.00	34,125.00	33,165.00	43,955.00	39,394.39	26,589.39	38,464.39	38,294.39	42,878.78	58,623.78	63,158.78	102,340.00
Expenditure Programmes Costs													
Child Counselling	1,060.00	450.00	960.00	3,210.00	2,505.00	8,805.00	2,125.00	570.00	6,700.00	1,595.00	1,310.00	7,690.00	36,980.00
5-12 Interagency Discos (IMPACT)													
Cian Finn (Hard to Reach Researcher)						4,000.00			2,715.61			9,711.60	16,427.21
Integration Fund	700.00	420.00			2,055.61								3,175.61
Critical Incident													
Total Expenditure	1,760.00	870.00	960.00	3,210.00	4,560.61	12,805.00	2,125.00	570.00	9,415.61	1,595.00	1,310.00	17,401.60	56,582.82
Balance	7,195.00	6,325.00	33,165.00	29,955.00	39,394.39	26,589.39	24,464.39	37,894.39	28,878.78	41,283.78	57,313.78	45,757.18	45,757.18

Appendix 2

YPAR 2018 Wage & Overheads Income & Expenditure

YPAR 2018 Wage & Overheads Income and Expenditure													
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Running Totals
Income Overheads Costs													
Running Balance B/F	16,875.71	62,624.10	57,663.79	52,690.90	47,946.30	41,055.16	36,179.21	45,338.22	40,560.48	53,640.62	48,155.38	42,879.64	16,875.71
Department Justice & Equality (Youth Probation) (ICRG)	20,000.00								20,000.00				40,000.00
CDYSB (B/F) (ICON)	17,000.00											17,000.00	34,000.00
Child & Family Agency (CFA)	14,625.00						14,625.00					24,876.00	54,126.00
Total Income	68,500.71	62,624.10	57,663.79	52,690.90	47,946.30	41,055.16	50,804.21	45,338.22	60,560.48	53,640.62	48,155.38	84,755.64	145,001.71
Expenditure Salaries													
YPAR Coordinator	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	32,400.00
YPAR Protocol Coordinator	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	26,000.00
Expenditure Over Heads													
Rent												840.00	840.00
Phone	205.31	44.49	45.24	44.60	42.74	47.58	179.69	42.74	43.05	42.74	42.74	319.75	1,100.67
Stationary						40.47			9.31		100.00		149.78
Furniture													
Room Hire						45.00	255.00		195.00				495.00
Members Expenses/Thank you Dinner		90.70	184.40		108.00		97.60				133.00	268.32	882.02
Tea/Coffee/Sandwiches											300.00	650.00	950.00
IT							233.70						233.70
Audit									1,476.00				1,476.00
Petty Cash										100.00			100.00
Training & Workshops													-
Bank Charges (ICRG)		35.12	27.35			26.10		35.00	30.60			28.80	182.97
Bank Charges (ICON)			15.90			16.80			15.90			16.90	65.50
Conference Cost/Graphic Artist/Vox Pop	672.00											960.00	1,632.00
Activlink - Research		90.00											90.00
Staff Training/Transport					40.40				450.00				490.40
Repayment of undespended to Pobal	299.30												299.30
YPAR Insurance										642.50			642.50
Total Expenditure	5,876.61	4,960.31	4,972.89	4,744.60	6,891.14	4,875.95	5,465.99	4,777.74	6,919.86	5,485.24	5,275.74	7,783.77	68,029.84
Balance	62,624.10	57,663.79	52,690.90	47,946.30	41,055.16	36,179.21	45,338.22	40,560.48	53,640.62	48,155.38	42,879.64	76,971.87	76,971.87

Appendix 3

YPAR Steering Committee Members 2018

Name	Organisation
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Margaret Hayes	City of Dublin Youth Services Board
Paul Flynn	Crosscare Aftercare Services
Sarah Kelleher	Lourdes Youth Community Service (LYCS)
Seanie Lambe	Inner City Renewal Group
Sile Loughery	Probation Services
Trina O Connor	Dublin City Council Community Criminologist
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Teresa Nyland	TUSLA (Manager Partnership Prevention and Family Support Services)
Tony Rock	Ozanam House Resources Centre (SVP)

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