



'Guiding support for family carers'

Young Carers In Ireland

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Care Alliance Ireland - About Us

- ‘Guiding support for Family Carers’
- 85 Members
- Collaboration
- Policy Submissions and Position Papers
- Research
- Information Dissemination
- National Carers Week

The National Carers' Strategy

Recognised, Supported, Empowered



Irish Context – First Ever National Carers Strategy – Published July 2012

- ‘in recent years, increased attention has focussed on children and young people who care for a family member. This role can have adverse impacts on their social, educational, emotional and health needs, and on their future life opportunities.’(P6)
- ‘the particular situation of children and young people with caring responsibilities was also highlighted as an area that required specific attention.’(P7)

National Carers Strategy

- **1 of 9 priority areas;**
- Children and Young People with caring Responsibilities

- **Objective 2.2 :**
- Support children and young people with caring responsibilities and protect them from adverse impacts of caring responsibilities

National Carers Strategy

- Ensure that carers' needs are considered in the development of any policies that might affect them (such as the Review of Disability Policy (DoH), the National Positive Ageing Strategy (DoH, forthcoming) and the **Children and Young People's Policy Framework 2012-2017 (DCYA, forthcoming)**)

2011 - Census Figures

- 4,228 carers <15 years of age
- 1,838 <9
- (4,244 15-19 years)

- Function of reporting- self (adult) reported -

Some Young Carer Initiatives to Date

- **Research**

- 2004 DFI/Barnardos (2002 Census)
- 2009 – NUI Galway
- Imminent - HSE/Roscommon
- (International – Becker et al.)

- **Awareness**

- 2008 onwards – Young Carer of the year award
- 2010 – RTE Documentary – Children in Charge
- 2010 - Carers Association Conference

Some Young Carer Initiatives to Date (cont.)

- **Services**

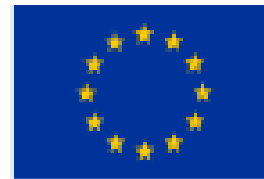
- 2010 – Secondary Schools -Crosscare/CDVEC
- April 2012 – First Ever Outreach Worker Employed – Gary Rutherford
- (Other Local Initiatives – Tallaght Drugs Project, MS Ireland, HSE/Roscommon, Cork City Partnership,)
- Imminent – Launch of www.youngcarers.ie

- **Collaboration**

- Initial Collaborative Meetings – 3 Carer organisations
- Sept 2011 – Seminar (40 participants)
- July 2012 – Secured Funding for European Exchange Project.(Detailed later)
- Sept 2012 – Seminar (70 participants, Mandy Bell)
- Nov 2012 – Inaugural International Seminar – London/The Childrens' Society



- 6 EU Carer Organisations
- 2012-2014
- Share Ideas, experiences, good practice
Spur on local initiatives
- Website, exploratory research, handbook,
final report



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

Care Alliance Ireland – Specific Role in Project

- To lead on undertaking an investigation that looks at the impact Informal/Family Caring has on young adult carers participation in third level education and their experiences of this.

Links/Resources

- www.carealliance.ie/publications_youngcarers
- www.carersireland.com/Young-Carers-Conference.php
- www.youngcarers.ie
- www.youngcarer.com
- www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/census/documents/census2011profile8/Profile%208%20Press%20Release%20Our%20Bill%20of%20Health.pdf

Thank-You

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