

Developing Support Services for Young Carers

Annual Carer Consultation Forum

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Background



- **Child Welfare**
- **Evidence of Prevalence and Impact**
- **Recent Irish Research (NUI Galway, UCC, Masters Student)**
- **Media Coverage**

Initiatives to Date – (i)

- **2009/2010 - Young Carers – theme of 2010 Carers Association Annual Conference**
- **2010 - Carers Association – Funding Application for projects (Nat. Lott. and other Dept.)**
- **2010 - HSE NW Carers Dept – Collaborative project (Educationalists/HC professionals – workshops/seminar)**
- **Q 3 2010 - Impact Union – Article in Magazine**
- **Q4 2010 – Prime Time Investigates**

Initiatives to Date – (ii)

- **2010 - Crosscare – collaborative project with school**
- **2010-Cork City Partnership – collaborative pilot project with Comm. Worker/PC SW**
- **Q2 2010 - Invitation to Youth and wider NGO sector (Article inClár na nÓg andActivelink) to express interest.**
- **2011- EU Project Proposal – Exchange (Leargas/Gruntvig)**
- **2011- UCC Masters Proposal (R.Flynn) - Investigate caregiver burden and coping strategies in young carers of parents with early onset dementia (EOD),**
- **2011 -Open Meeting – Jan 2011**

Jan 2011 Open Meeting (i)

- **Co facilitated by Care Alliance and Crosscare**
- **10 organisations attended**
- **Reviewed Saul Beckers Research and NUI Galway Research**
- **Lengthy discussion about issues and current supports – MS Ireland, Headway, share experiences and good practice**
- **Crosscare project presented**

Jan 2011 Open Meeting (ii)

- **Issues/Dilemmas**
 - **Identification –family privacy, gatekeepers, s.w priority, stigma**
 - **Engaging youth services – mainstream/dedicated**
 - **Having a champion in the organisation**
 - **Primary/secondary carers?**
 - **Resources**
 - **Collaboration**

Outcomes from January 2011 - Meeting

- **Deeper understanding of service delivery challenges**
- **Agree to share contact details**
- **Care Alliance/Crosscare to engage more directly with NGOs; Barnardos, ISPCC, Open(One parent Families), Youth Sector, Disability specific organisations.**
- **Approach key Govt. Depts. – Education, Health, OMC**
- **Meet again in Sept. 2011**
- **Invite presentation of models of good practice (NB-NI) and other projects currently at planning/funding bid stage.**

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