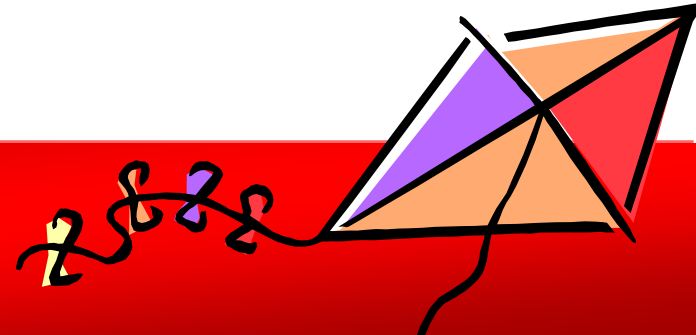


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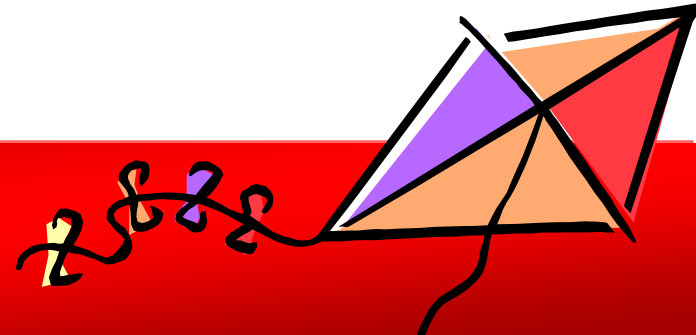


Presentation to Shifting Focus: From Criminal Justice to Social Justice
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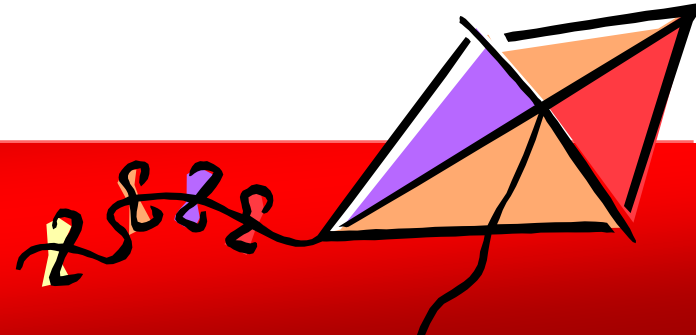
IAYPIC

- An independent, national association for children and young people currently in care or with care experience
- Set up in 2000
- 2004 – Became independent with charitable status, management committee formed, own premises
- 2005 – 2 Children’s Rights Officers appointed
- 2007 – Aftercare Advocacy & Support Coordinator
- 2009 – Research Officer
- 2009 – Advocacy & Policy Officer



Advocacy & Policy Officer - Key Policy Areas

- Policy Area 1 Advocacy
- Policy Area 2 Research
- Policy Area 3 Communication
- Policy Area 4 Governance

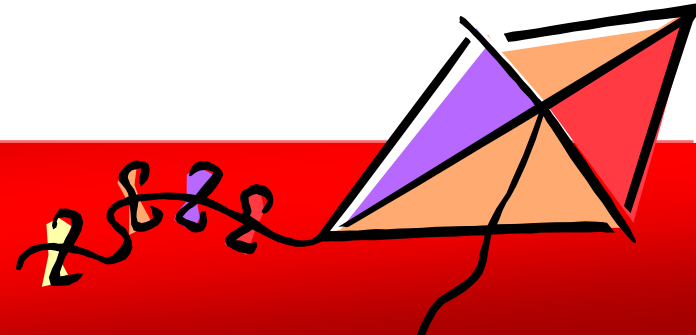


Research Officer Role

New role in IAYPIC

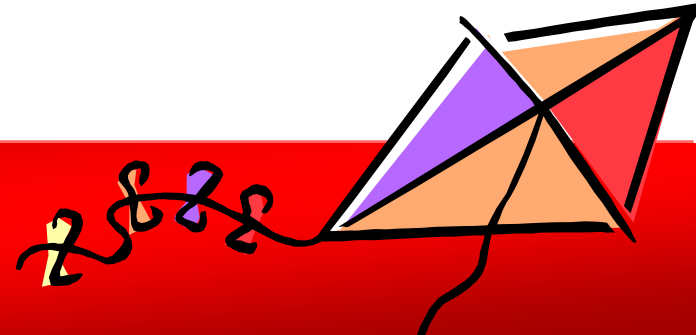
Primary responsibilities:

- Gathering information on young people's experiences of care using both primary and secondary sources of data
- Develop a better understanding of issues that affect young people in care
- Compile information to help inform the future development of IAYPIC services
- Promote the consultation and participation of young people in care in research
- Build links with voluntary organisations, statutory bodies and academic institutions – work together to raise awareness



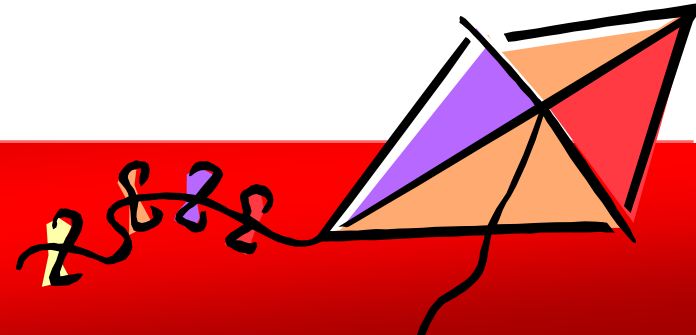
Children's Rights and Participation Project

- Independent advocate
- Inform young people of their rights
- Listen, support, advise
- Empower – promote participation
- Consult – carry out consultations
- Forum for Young People in Foster Care
- Meet with SW Teams / Residential staff team meetings & training / fostering training



Role of the Aftercare Coordinator

- Independent Advocacy
- Information, support and advice to young people in aftercare
- Aftercare Implementation Group
- Care Leavers Ireland Foundation
- Irish Network of Aftercare Workers (INAW)
- Trainees & Sessional workers
- Information and Advice to Social Work Teams, Carers and Aftercare Workers
- Provide training to Services
- Consultations
- Aftercare - IAYPIC Newsletter 'Here 2B Heard'



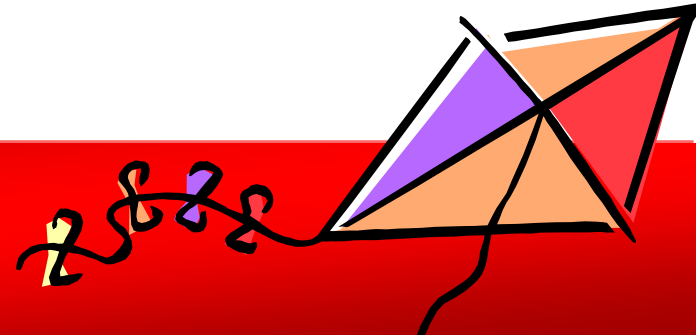
Trainee Project Workers

- Training
- Qualifications
- Work Experience
- Support to Professional Bodies
- Peer Support



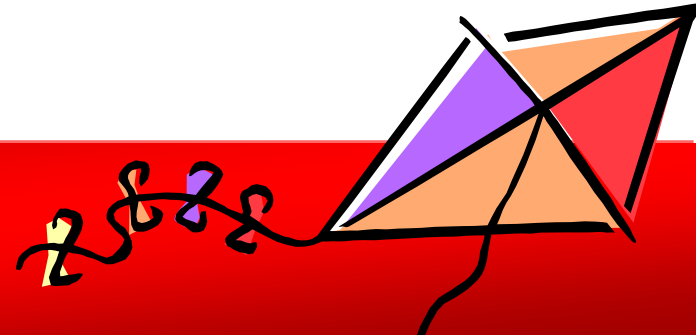
Current in care issues for IAYPIC

- Aftercare
- Care Planning
- Secure Care / Detention
- Foster Care
- Separated Children
- Social Workers
- GAL
- Young Parenthood
- Role of Inspectorate - development
- CYPs voice / participation – procedures in place for this to happen



National Advocacy Service

- Ryan Report
- Promotion of advocacy role by HSE, HIQA
- Resources
- Inquiries to IAYPIC
 - Jan to June 2010 – 590 inquiries
 - 21% (121) from young people
 - 37% (219) from practitioners
 - 22% (130) other professionals eg HIQA, HSE, OCO, IFCA
 - 108 related to advocacy
 - 201 seeking information
- Service Development



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