Comhairle na nÓg:
An introduction

Our Local Ask:
For you to become engaged with your local Comhairle.
How you can do this:
- Share your ideas, views and concerns with your local Comhairle.
- Attend local Comhairle meetings.
- Support your local Comhairle by volunteering your time and skills.

Our National Ask:
To participate in the work of Comhairle on nÓg both at the local and the national level.
How you can do this:
- Attend the annual conference for Comhairle on nÓg.
- Join the Network of Children and Young People's Councils (NBYPC).
- Participate in the National Variables among Children and Young People (NVCP).

And what do we do?
We follow up on recommendations from the 2016 report and try to make changes for young people in these areas.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to attend our presentation.

What we're all about:
Comhairle na nÓg are youth councils in all 32 local authority areas of the country.

So where can you find us?
Comhairle na nÓg are available in your local schools, community centres, and local authority offices.

Who are the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive?
The National Executive is made up of young people from all 32 local authorities.

Children and young people will have a voice on issues that affect their lives.
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Comhairle na nÓg was established by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs under the National Children's Strategy (2000). The strategy is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

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Our Local Ask:
Can you do business up to talk with your local Comhairle?

How you can do this:
- Attend your local Comhairle meeting.
- Offer a follow-up meeting later in the year.

Our National Ask:
To incorporate the work of Comhairle na nÓg into the business of the Dáil and theSeanad.

How you can do this:
- Attend the input of the National Comhairle on youth issues related to Comhairle as a regular basis.
- Set up an annual roundtable where the National Comhairle can meet to highlight issues.
- Attend the Comhairle na nÓg National Conference.

Who are the Comhairle na nÓg, National Executive?

- The National Comhairle is a forum of elected and supported by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.
- The National Comhairle is a forum of elected youth representatives of the young people's national voluntary organisations in Ireland that young people get the opportunity to engage with appropriate representatives, policy-making bodies, Government agencies and other decision-makers.

So where can you find us?

And what do we do?

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They were set up to give children and young people a voice in the development of local services and policies.
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So how do Comhairle na nÓg get their voices heard?

- By working on young people’s topics.
  
  This involves:
  - Getting the views of other young people
  - Doing background research & developing surveys
  - Meeting with local decision makers
  - Producing promotional materials

- By consulting with decision makers

  - Conferring with local agencies & policy makers on the development of relevant services and policies.
  - Taking part in public consultations.
So where can you find us?
Who are the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive?

- We are the representatives from each of the 31 Comhairlí around the country.

- The National Executive has a term of office of two years and meets once a month in Dublin.

- The National Executive is facilitated and supported by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Foróige and Youth Work Ireland. These organisations ensure that the young people get the opportunity to engage with appropriate Ministers, policy-makers, Oireachtas Committees and other decision-makers.
And what do we do?

We follow up on recommendations from Dáil na nÓg and try to make changes for young people in those areas.
Comhairle na nÓg
Young Voices. Local Issues.
Your Comhairle needs you!
Our National Ask:
To incorporate the work of Comhairle na nÓg into the business of the Dáil and the Seanad

How you can do this:

Safeguard funding for the Comhairlí

Look for the input of the National Executive on youth issues relevant to Comhairle on a regular basis

Set up an annual session where the National Executive can meet TDs and Senators

Attend the Comhairle na nÓg National Showcase biennial event
Our Local ASKS:

For you to become up-to-date with your local Comhairle’s work

How you can do this:

Attend your next local Comhairle meeting

Attend a follow-up meeting later in the year

Network with other TDS and Senators who are working on similar topics

Follow your local Comhairle on Social media networks
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