

MONTHLY UPDATE

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WHO WE ARE?

Monaghan Comhairle na nOg are made up of young people from all across County Monaghan. Members of Monaghan Comhairle na nOg come from secondary schools in Clones, Monaghan, Ballybay, Castleblayney and Carrickmacross and youth organisations such as Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan and Foroige.

If any young people would like to express an interest in taking part in Comhairle next year (from November 2019) please get in touch, contact details on second page.



WHAT WE DO?

Monaghan Comhairle na nOg are kept very busy throughout the year. We generally run from October to October of the following year. The following is just some of the work that we carry out:

Eleanor Murphy - Beech Hill Monaghan

- We discuss issues that are of concern or effecting young people in the County.
- We work on these issues during the year by developing projects
- We try to make a positive change or increase awareness about the issues.
- We try to get local decisions makers to promote our work.
- We are a consultation forum that gets young people's opinions voiced
- Local Councils and associations consult us regarding the development of services and policies



WHAT HAVE WE WORKED ON IN PREVIOUS YEARS?

Each year we work on a different topic, for example in the past we have worked on mental health and last year we worked on the topic of LGBT+

Katie Boyle - Largy College

We as a group decided to choose the topic of LGBT+ as our project as we thought it wasn't spoken enough about. At the start of the year we came up with a few ideas and went with them. We had a 5k colour run which was held in Rossmore Park and all the money raised went to local LGBT+ groups, total raised was €1000.

Everyone had a great day and there was such a good vibe about.

We also decided as a group that we wanted something hard hitting that the community could relate to, so we decided to do a speech on the positives and negatives that the LGBT+ community experience. We filmed the speech and so far it has gotten over 10,000 views. We were over whelmed with the response and everyone gave us good feedback. Overall we had a great year and met so many new people on the way.



Comhairle Members showing Minister Zappone the work they completed last year

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS YEAR?

Every year we hold an Annual General Meeting which gives young people from all across Country Monaghan the opportunity to voice their opinion on what topic Monaghan Comhairle na nOg should work on for the coming year. Some of the topics suggested were Mental Health, Irish Language, Climate Change and Promoting Positive Relationships.

Nadine O Reilly - Largy College Clones

At the beginning of the year (Comhairle Year-November) Comhairle members discussed in depth which topic, out of the suggestions from the AGM, to work on this year. Members from Monaghan Comhairle na nOg decided to raise awareness on Promoting Positive Relationships this year. We worked together over the past few months and came up with several ideas to shine a light on promoting positive relationships among young people, for example a flash mob, short films and posters. We have already received a talk from Siobhan Mckenna from Tearmann, an organisation that focuses on domestic abuse against women in the Monaghan and Cavan area. This year we aim to help educate young people on relationships and provide them with information around both positive and negative relationships.

Keep an eye out for more information on our work this year in the next newsletter!!!

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