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Glossary

AGM	Annual General Meeting
CYPP	Children and Young People's Plan
CYPSC	Children and Young People's Services Committee
DCYA	Department of Children and Youth Affairs
ETB	Education and Training Board
FRC	Family Resource Centre
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
JPC	Joint Policing Committee
HSE	Health Service Executive
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LECP	Local Economic and Community Plan
NCCA	National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
NUI	National University of Ireland
PPN	Public Participation Network
RSE	Relationships and Sexuality Education

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1 Introduction

The *Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund Annual Report 2019* provides an overview of Comhairle na nÓg's activities from January to December 2019.

The data and information presented in this report is based on the end of year annual reports submitted by each of the 31 Comhairlí na nÓg. Feedback from Comhairle na nÓg Participation Officers also provided additional insight into activities and developments during 2019.

Analysis of the 2019 annual reports is presented under the eight headings listed below:

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Comhairle na nÓg – membership and meetings
- Key topics identified by young people
- Raising awareness and promotion of Comhairle na nÓg
- Consolidating and influencing the status of Comhairle na nÓg in local strategies, structures and organisations
- Enhancing and managing the Comhairle na nÓg steering committee
- Comhairle na nÓg staffing
- Comhairle na nÓg administration support
- Income and expenditure report (January to December 2019)

This chapter begins with an overview of Comhairle na nÓg and the programme Development Fund, which is followed by some background context.

The appendices provide further detail in relation to local actions and financial expenditure in 2019.

1.1 Background

Comhairlí na nÓg (youth councils) give children and young people a voice in decision-making with regard to the development of local services and policies. They are recognised as the national structures for participation of children and young people in decision-making in all 31 local authorities.

Comhairle na nÓg allows young people's voices to be heard in two ways: (1) by working on topics of importance to young people and (2) acting as a consultative forum for adult decision-makers at a local level.

The Comhairle na nÓg Development fund is overseen and administered by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA). The Youth Reform, Strategy and Participation Unit within the DCYA has responsibility for ensuring that children and young people have a voice in the design, delivery and monitoring of services and policies that affect their lives, at both national and local level. The DCYA supports and sets standards for Comhairle na nÓg and funds three dedicated Participation Officers who are situated within youth organisations and provide support and training to local Comhairle na nÓg Co-ordinators.

The Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund is designed to assist local authorities to support the development of Comhairle na nÓg. The fund allocates up to €20,000 funding to each

local authority to run an effective Comhairle na nÓg. In addition to this fund, local authorities and relevant statutory and voluntary organisations in the city/county may provide funding and resources for Comhairle na nÓg at a local level.

Pobal has administered the Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund in collaboration with the DCYA since 2011. Pobal manages the transfer of payments, annual reporting and the funding request process. An online portal to support the Comhairle na nÓg administration process is also managed by Pobal. In addition, Pobal conducts a number of annual verification visits to ensure that the administration and expenditure of funding is in accordance with the fund criteria.

As part of their funding arrangement, all recipients of the Development Fund are required to report on activities and expenditure for the annual funding period to the Participation Officers. All annual reports are uploaded on to the Pobal portal for the Participant Officers to review.

1.2 Developments in 2019

Some key developments took place in 2019 which provide the context for this report and its findings.

1.2.1 National Executive 2018-2019

The Comhairle na nÓg National Executive 2018-19 commenced their term in February 2018. The National Executive is made up of 31 representatives – one from each of the Comhairlí na nÓg throughout the country. At the end of 2019, members from 30 Comhairle were represented on the National Executive. Members are facilitated and supported by the DCYA, and a participation team from Youth Work Ireland and Foróige.

For the last two years, this group worked on the theme of equality with a specific focus on equality in a school setting. The group focused on two key actions within this theme: 1) developing a toolkit with a set of guidelines for student voice *called Our Voices, Our Schools* and 2) a campaign on individuality in schools with the hashtag *#TeachMeAsMe*.

The *#TeachMeAsMe* campaign was launched by Minister Zappone in October 2019. This online campaign was designed to promote the importance of respecting individuality in schools. The idea behind the campaign came from members of the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive who wanted to create a positive campaign to inspire schools to improve the way they respect and celebrate individuality.

Our Voices Our Schools toolkit was officially launched in December 2019 in Dublin by Minister Zappone. The resource was created as a result of young people expressing concerns that there was inequality in schools in terms of involving children and young people in important decision making within schools. The National Executive developed this online tool for schools to allow students to have their voices heard and be included in decision-making in schools.

In 2019, the National Executive had ten full-group meetings, five sub-group meetings. There were also four meetings held with the National Executive Steering Committee. The following is a summary of the main meetings and events that the National Executive were supported to attend and present at:

- In January, two members participated in the Dáil 100 Ceremonial event in the Mansion House, Dublin.
- In May, two National Executive members presented an overview of their work and plans for the future to the adult organisers and coordinators of Comhairle na nÓg at their annual networking event.
- Four members of the National Executive were invited to an informal meeting with the Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs in May.
- Members of the National Executive were facilitated in the preparation of two presentations to government Ministers - the first meeting was with Minister Zappone in May with seven young people in attendance, and the second was a Joint Ministerial meeting in October with both Minister Zappone and Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh. Six young people attended.
- Three young people were also invited to present to the *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures* consortium in September.

1.2.2 Climate change

In early 2019, Comhairle members were invited to contribute to a nationwide note on the key issues of importance to young people. Climate change emerged as the winning topic with 53% of the votes, casted by 453 Comhairle members. This is also the first year climate change has been reported as a key topic by Comhairle na nÓg in the annual reports. Climate change will form the basis of the work of the incoming National Executive 2020-21 and was the topic under discussion at the three 2019 regional events which took place in September in Sligo, Limerick and Dublin.

1.2.3 Dáil na nÓg 2019

Dáil na nÓg 2019 will be remembered as an exceptional one. In celebration of 100 years of democracy in Ireland and the sitting of the first Dáil in 1919, this year's event took place in Leinster House. Dáil na nÓg is a biennial event, which in 2019 saw over 150 delegates attend from the 31 local Comhairle na nÓg. Delegates took up seats in the Dáil chamber for the first time and young people had the opportunity to cast their vote to set out a climate change agenda for the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive to manage over the next two years.

The opening ceremony was chaired by the Ceann Comhairle Seán Ó Fearghaíl. Two National Executive members had a key role to play in the ceremony, presenting their work progress and the development of key topics. Delegates worked in groups on the theme of climate change to agree actions which will form the basis of the work of the incoming Comhairle na nÓg National Executive 2020-21.

A tree planting ceremony also took place on the day. The closing ceremony was formally addressed by Minister Zappone.

2 The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each Comhairle is required to have an Annual General Meeting. This meeting allows for election of new members, the formation of committees and discussion around topics that Comhairlí decide to adopt as part of their work plan for the coming year. This section of the report provides details on the Comhairle na nÓg AGMs, such as attendance, preparation and promotion of the AGM.

Key findings

- In 2019, a total of 3,988 young people attended a Comhairle na nÓg AGM
- 87% of Comhairlí indicated that an AGM report was written and distributed.
- Comhairlí na nÓg spent a total of **€88,542.23** on the AGM in 2019. This represents the third highest spending category with 14.3% of the overall expenditure. This is an increase of 0.9% compared to 2018 spend (€87,758.93).

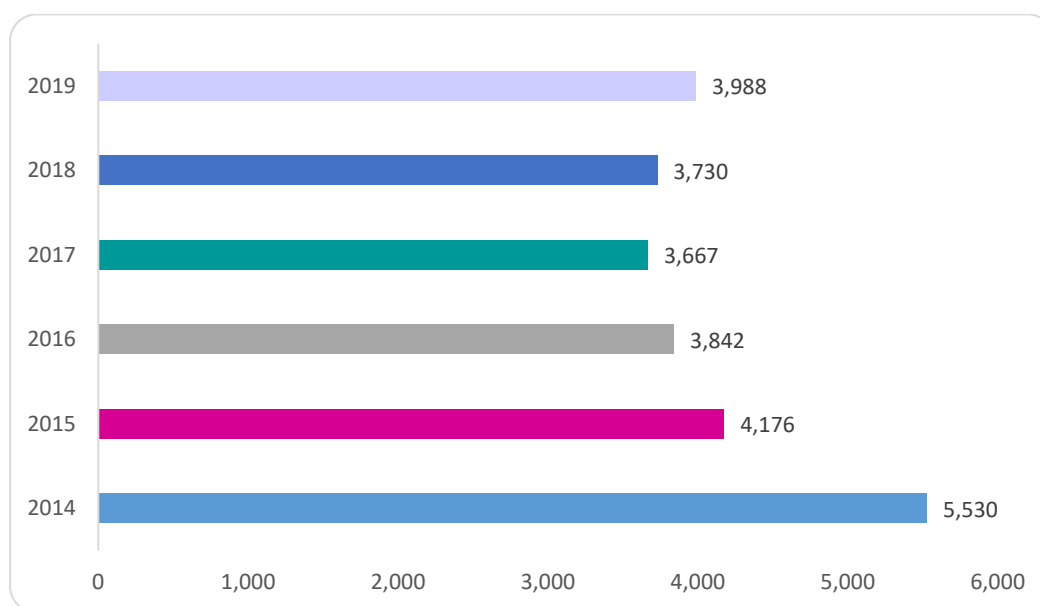
2.1 AGM

A total of 3,988 young people attended a Comhairle na nÓg AGM in 2019, representing an average of 129 attendees per Comhairle, see Table 2.1 for more details. This shows an increase, for the second consecutive year, in the number of young people attending the AGM. The number of attendees grew by 7% when compared with 2018 figures (3,730) and has been at its highest in the last four years, see Figure 2.1.

Table 2.1 Young people who attended the AGM

Young people who attended	Number
Total	3,988
Average	129
Maximum number of attendees at an AGM	320
Minimum number of attendees at an AGM	66

Figure 2.1 Number of young people attending the AGM (2014-2019)



The majority of Comhairle na nÓg AGMs were held in October 2019 (22 or 71%), while the remaining nine AGMs (29%) took place in November.

2.2 Planning and delivering the AGM

Comhairlí were asked to detail how existing members were involved in planning and delivering the AGM. Over half of all Comhairlí reported that their members planned/facilitated workshops/activities (including icebreakers) on the day. Many Comhairlí reported that their members performed as masters of ceremonies/chaired the event or organised all aspects of the event. A smaller number of Comhairlí reported that their members developed presentations/presented at the AGM, were assigned roles/volunteered, were involved in deciding the event format and content/agenda, held planning meetings, registered/greeted delegates and speakers, booked transport/venue, evaluated the AGM/workshops, selected/invited guest speakers/external facilitators or prepared/delivered speeches.

2.3 AGM preparation and promotion

Comhairlí were asked how they prepared for and promoted the AGM, what measures were adopted with schools to encourage students to attend the AGM and how they applied a particular focus on the 12-15 age group and seldom heard¹ children.

Many Comhairlí reported contacting schools and/or youth organisations by letter and email and made follow-up phone calls notifying them about the AGM. The communications also promoted the work of the Comhairlí and requested that young people from the specific age

¹ 'Seldom-heard' is a term used to describe children and young people who have fewer opportunities to participate and/or who encounter more obstacles when attempting to participate - e.g. Travellers, those from a minority ethnic background, those not in school, those living in rural isolation, those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, intersex or questioning, those in care, those living with mental health issues, and persons with a physical and/ or intellectual disabilities etc.

cohort of 12-15 year olds, or from both the junior and senior cycles, were encouraged to attend. Some Comhairlí also contacted/visited schools, youth clubs/projects encouraging them to nominate seldom heard young people to attend the AGM. In some cases, Comhairlí used social media or print media, such as local papers, to advertise their AGMs. A number of Comhairlí also sent out 'save the date' posters/emails or information packs to schools and youth groups in advance of the AGM. Comhairlí members also acted as ambassadors within their own schools and youth clubs by promoting Comhairle na nÓg to teachers and students. One Comhairle arranged for the Lord Mayor to launch and speak at the event.

2.4 Election of young people to the Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairlí were asked to describe the process undertaken to elect or select young people to the Comhairle na nÓg in 2019. In many cases young people expressed their interest at the AGM and some were invited to attend a meeting following the AGM and as such, the meeting was used as the vehicle for the recruitment of new members.

Some Comhairlí reported young people self-nominating and others reported having elections. Those interested in becoming committee members could highlight reasons for wanting to become members through an application form, or interview process. A number of Comhairlí mentioned making presentations at the AGM regarding the roles of Comhairle, their expectations or their own experiences of participating in Comhairle.

Some schools and youth organisations were invited to vote for members for the new committee prior to the AGM. If young people were elected directly, by the schools, this often reflected prioritising the membership for seldom heard young people or to ensure representation of a particular school in the area. Some Comhairlí divided their area into sub-areas or sought representation based on a geographical basis or constituency basis. Generally, young people were elected at the AGM or afterwards at a recruitment day.

2.5 Selection of AGM key topics

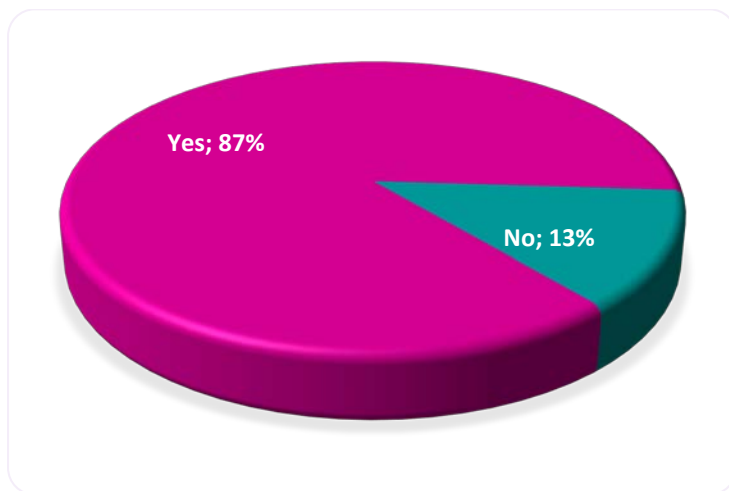
Comhairlí were asked to describe the methods applied to select the key topics discussed at the 2019 AGM. In some cases, topic options were discussed at meetings prior to the AGM and suggestions were brought forward through workshops or round table discussions. Some were discussed and chosen by the existing Comhairle members. Six Comhairlí mentioned using the World Café² method to discuss topics. Often, the Comhairle members either completed a survey or voted on the suggested topics by means of poll, some choosing to do so manually, by ballot card and others using 'Mentimeter' - an online voting tool that allows young people to vote directly from their phones.

² www.theworldcafe.com. 'World Cafe' is a methodology for enabling large groups of diverse people to consider potentially complex questions. It is based on rounds of conversations at tables of five people or so and it enables everyone's voices to be heard, relationships to be built and collective responses to emerge.

2.6 Written report of the AGM

Comhairlí were asked if a report from the AGM was written and distributed. A total of 27 Comhairlí indicated that a report was written and distributed (see Figure 2.2.)

Figure 2.2 Report of the AGM written and distributed



3 Comhairle na nÓg – membership and meetings

This section provides information on the membership of Comhairlí in 2019, including the:

- Number of members of each Comhairlí by local authority areas;
- Gender balance and age profile of members;
- Training received by members;
- Methods of communication used;
- Supports provided with other youth participation structures;
- Strategies used to encourage participation of seldom heard young people and young people aged 12-15.

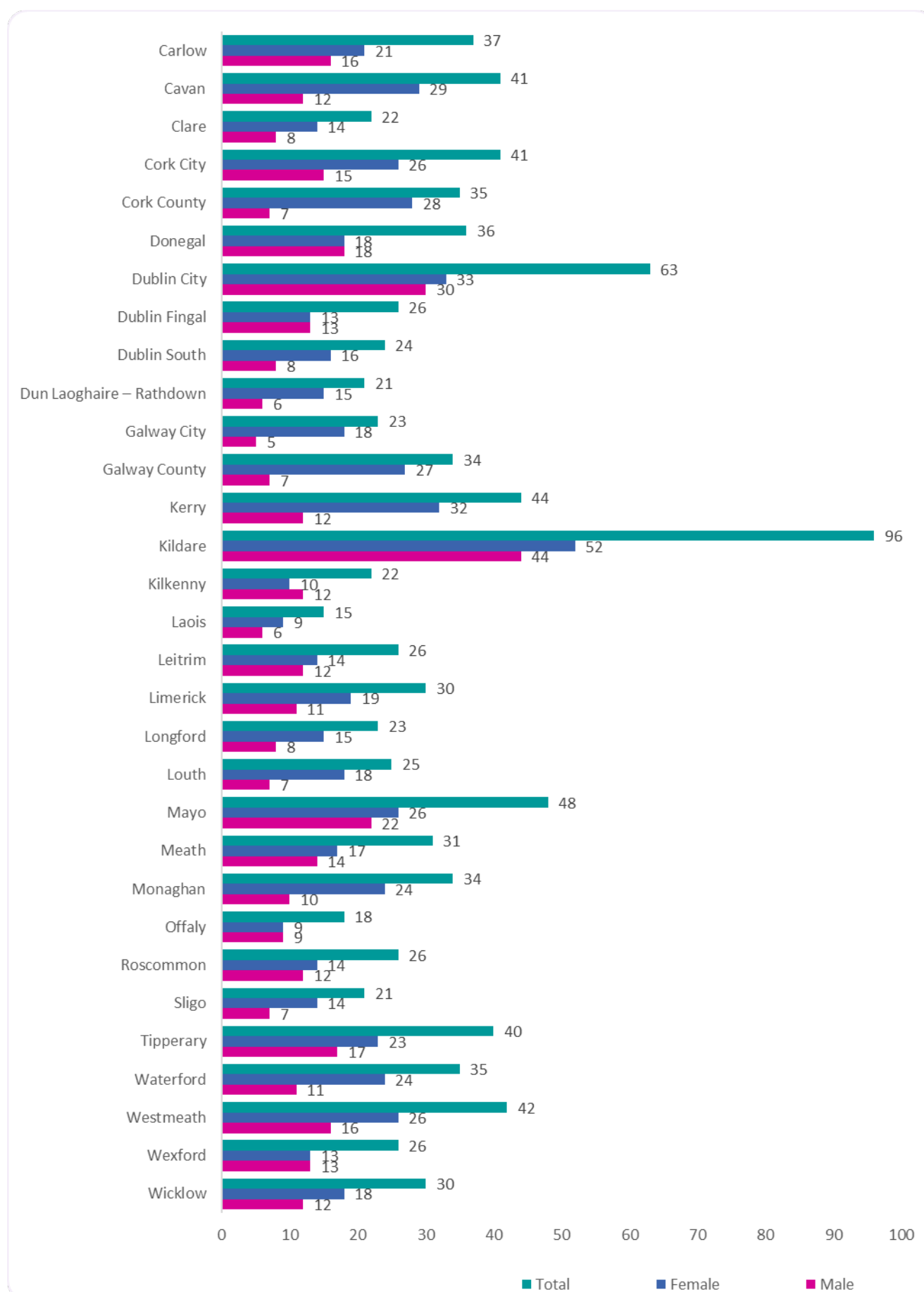
Key findings

- In 2019, the total national membership of Comhairle na nÓg was 1,035 with an average of 33 members per Comhairle.
- Females made up 61% of the overall membership of Comhairle na nÓg with the remaining 39% being male.
- 97% of Comhairlí provided some form of training to their elected members during 2019.
- Nationally, a total of €89,538.67 (14% of overall expenditure) was spent under the budget heading *Comhairle na nÓg*, which relates to the costs associated with the general operation of the Comhairle – particularly the costs of running regular meetings, i.e. venue hire, transport, food and refreshments, and materials and equipment.

3.1 The profile of Comhairle na nÓg membership

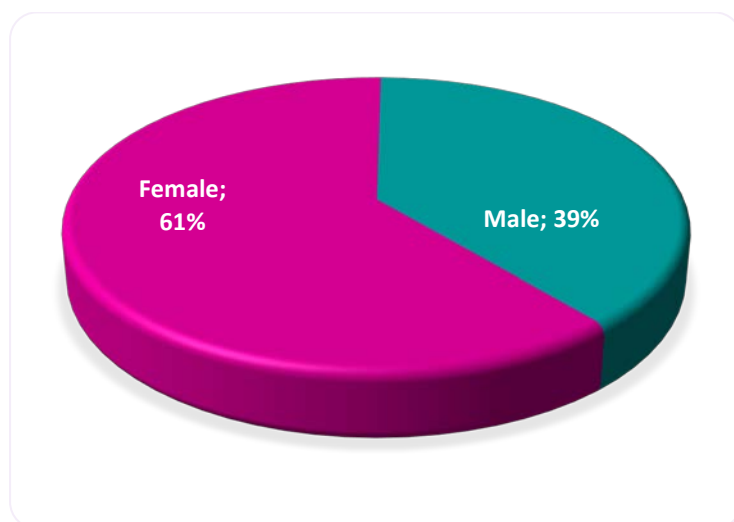
The total membership of Comhairle na nÓg nationally was 1,035 in 2019, which shows an increase of 0.1% compared to 2018 figures. The average number of members per Comhairle was 33. Membership by local authority area is presented in Figure 3.1.

Figure 3.1 Comhairle na nÓg membership by gender and Local Authority area



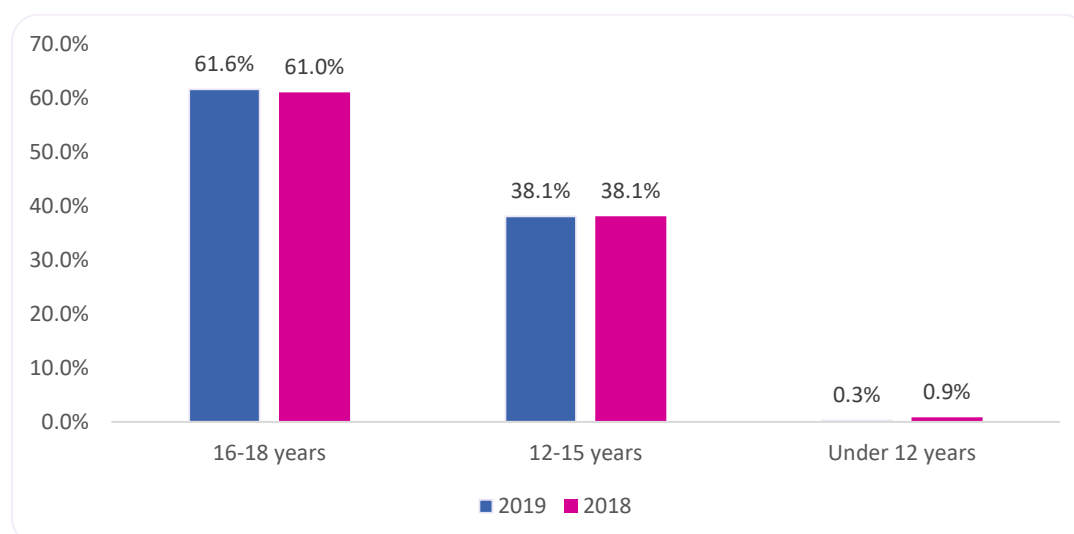
As shown in Figure 3.2, the gender breakdown of Comhairle na nÓg membership shows 61% of members were female and 39% were male in 2019. This represents a slight change in the male and female participation rates in 2018, when 60% of members were female and 40% were male.

Figure 3.2 Gender breakdown of Comhairle na nÓg membership 2019



Each Comhairle was asked to specify the age cohort of its members under three categories (see Figure 3.3): *Under 12 years old*, *12 to 15 years old*, and *16 to 18 years old*. Well over half (61.6%) of Comhairle na nÓg members were aged between *16 to 18 years*, 38.1% were 12 to 15 years old and the remaining 0.3% younger than 12 years old. The age breakdown of the membership was similar to that recorded in 2018.

Figure 3.3: Age breakdown of Comhairle na nÓg membership 2019 and 2018



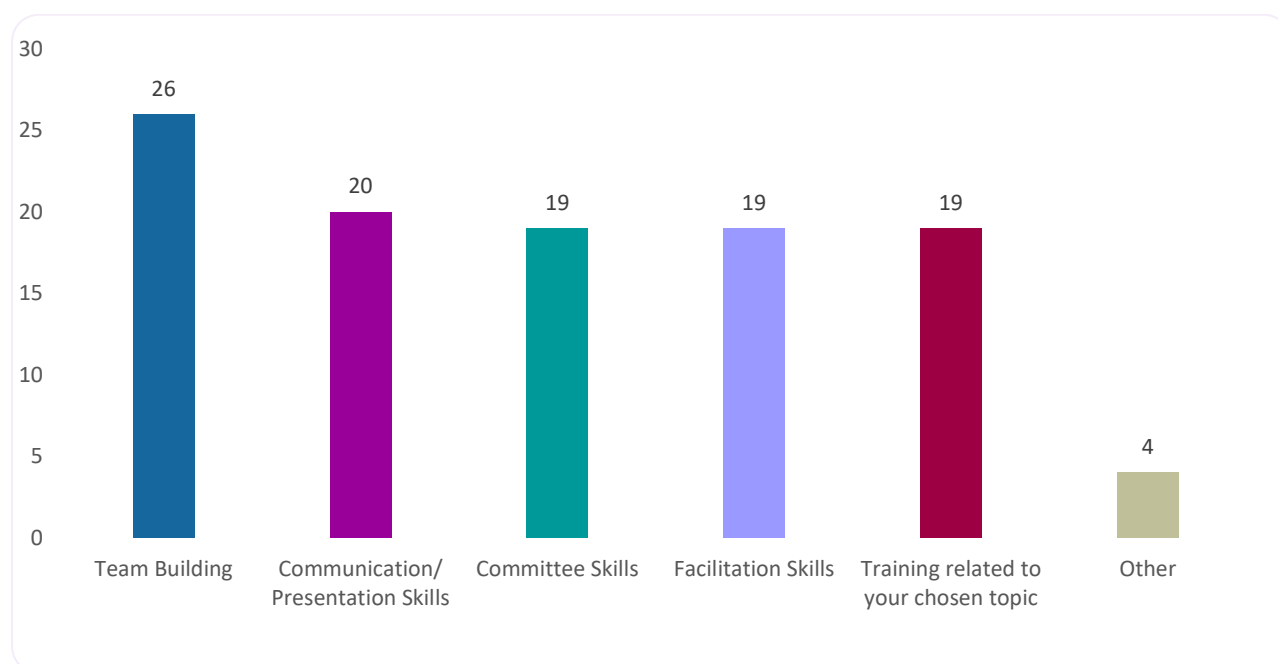
The total number of young people who regularly attended meetings during 2019 nationally was 731, with an average of 24 regular attendees per Comhairle. The number of young people who regularly attended meetings varied substantially across local authority areas from 10 regular attendees in Laois to 74 in Kildare³.

3.2 Training of elected members

A total of 30 Comhairlí (97%) reported that their elected members received some type of training during 2019. Comhairlí chose from a prescribed list of options within the reporting template. Figure 3.4 shows the type of training provided to members. The most common area of training was team building with a total of 26 Comhairlí undertaking training in this area. The next most popular training was communication/presentation skills undertaken by 20 Comhairlí followed by committee skills, facilitation skills and training related to a chosen topic undertaken by 19 Comhairlí in 2019.

In addition, a total of four Comhairlí listed other types of training in their annual reports. Examples of the topics of other training include: Leadership for Life training, Foróige's "Citizenship" training, Youth Leadership and basic film-making skills training.

Figure 3.4 Types of training for Comhairle na nÓg members in 2019



³ Data on regular attendees is derived from the question in the annual report: 'Of the total membership of the Comhairle na nÓg, how many regularly attended the Comhairle meetings?'

3.3 Comhairle na nÓg meetings

Comhairlí were asked to indicate how many full meetings and how many subcommittee or local meetings of Comhairle na nÓg took place in 2019. As shown in Table 3.1, there were 455 full Comhairle meetings and 334 sub-committee or local meetings, an increase of 1% and decrease of 12% (452 and 378) respectively on the number of meetings reported in 2018.

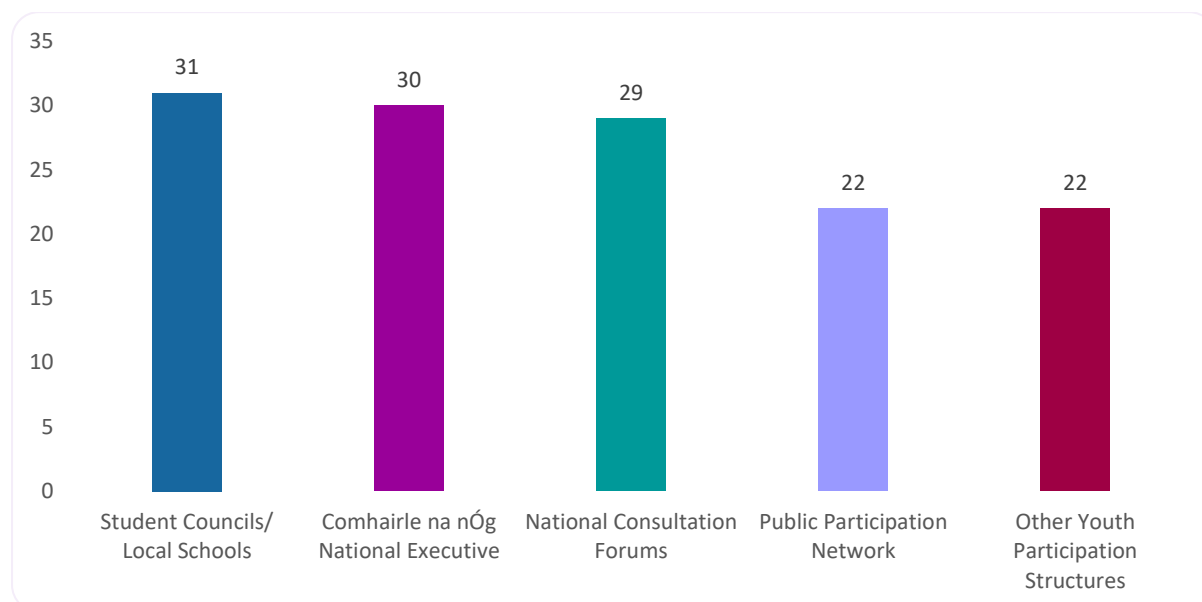
Table 3.1 Comhairle na nÓg meetings

Meeting	Number
Full ⁴	455
Sub-committee/local	334

3.4 Support for other youth participation structures

Comhairle na nÓg supports the work of other youth participation structures. Figure 3.5 shows the youth participation structures supported by Comhairlí in 2019, while the details of activities undertaken with each structure are provided below. There was a significant increase in the number of structures in one category: National Consultation Forums, which increased from 24 in 2018 to 29 in 2019 (up 21%).

Figure 3.5: Supporting the work of other youth participation structures in 2019



A total of 30 Comhairlí reported that the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive was supported (see Figure 3.5).

⁴ Full meetings involve all members of the Comhairle.

One representative from each of the 31 Comhairlí na nÓg is elected to the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive, which follows up on the recommendations from Dáil na nÓg to make changes for young people in those areas. Their role is two-fold: to represent their Comhairle at national level, and to report back to their local Comhairle on their work progress.

One Comhairle reported that members participated in the Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) Advisory Committee in preparation for the National RSE Consultation. Another Comhairle reported working, at a local level, with the National Executive member on promoting “Individuality in Schools” - the focus for the 2019 National Executive.

The ‘other youth participation structures’ category captures a variety of support/input provided to a number of participation structures. These include:

- Representation on and/or presentations to the Children and Young People’s Services Committee (CYPSC)
- Partnered with Downton Puppets. Continued ongoing partnership with ‘Breaking the Silence Cobh’, Samaritans, Pieta House, Childline, Connecting for Life, CYPSC and Jigsaw.
- Worked on advertisements for the promotion of Road Safety.
- Attended and presented at Council Meeting.
- Took part in consultation on the development of the Council's new Corporate Plan.
- Participated in Cruinniú na nÓg events in their local communities.
- Participated in the Young Social Innovators and attended the National Event in Dublin.
- Consultation with HSE and Kildare Youth Service, Youth Mental Health worker
- CYPSC coordinator facilitated a workshop with Comhairle members to get their opinions on some action plan. Comhairle members attended a CYPSC review of their plans for their three year plan. Here it was agreed that Comhairle members should sit on CYPSC subgroups.
- Worked with Child and Family Support Networks on Safeguarding in the Home, Family and School and SMILY on LGBTI needs in Leitrim.
- Involved in Healthy Limerick (Healthy Ireland) press events and launches.
- Worked alongside Longford CYPSC in the establishment of the first CYPSC Youth Forums.
- Communicated with Youth Work Ireland on Sexual Health.
- Continued good relations project with Local Community Guards.
- Work with University of Limerick, Department of Politics on *Tipperary Be Heard* project
- Submitted a proposal to Ferns Diocesan Youth Service for a new initiative and worked closely to develop this idea.
- Established new links with other Comhairle and the National Office for Suicide Prevention.

Members of the Comhairlí also support student councils and local schools, with 31 Comhairlí reporting being involved in this type of work in 2019. This work involves promoting the work of Comhairle na nÓg and increasing youth participation on their local committees. Comhairle members often sit on student councils to assist in the promotion of Comhairle information and to encourage attendance at the AGM. Members also made presentations to schools/link teachers, liaised with student councils re: *Use Your Brain Not Your Fist Workbook*, sent invitations for the AGM to schools, completed surveys with schools and included information on the AGM in school newsletters.

Members of Comhairle na nÓg were also active in creating linkages with national consultation forums. A total of 29 Comhairlí provided support through members participating in and facilitating events and campaigns such as:

- Mental Health Week
- Teaching Council Consultations and networking events
- Dáil na nÓg Steering Committee
- Youth Capital of Culture
- Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) consultation
- Reachout.com consultation
- RTÉ's National Youth Assembly on Climate Change
- Climate Action symposium
- Climate Strike
- National Youth Council of Ireland Sexual Health Conference
- Trocaire's National Leadership Advisory Panel Consultation and Training
- Heritage Council of Ireland Consultation
- Young Social Innovators Event
- PPN consultation on health and well-being in Cities
- Helped organise and facilitate face painting activities during National Recreation Week
- DCYA consultations with Teaching Council on Teacher Supply
- Active Schools Consultation
- Foróige Citizenship Awards
- HPV Campaign
- Road Safety Authority Show
- Garda Youth Awards

- Dublin Rape Crisis Centre workshop on Preventing Sexual Violence Among Young People
- DCYA Youth Forum LGBTI +
- Policing Authority seminar.

More than half of Comhairlí (22 or 71%) stated they were involved with Public Participation Networks (PPNs) in 2019. The purpose of this involvement is to promote the work of and enhance the participation of the Comhairlí with these networks. Examples of engagement included having a representative who attends PPN meetings or is a member of the PPN and in turn, a PPN member attending Comhairle Steering Committee meetings or AGMs, presenting to Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and engagement with PPN on survey for National Volunteering Strategy.

3.5 Improving participation of seldom heard young people

The 31 Comhairlí worked with several organisations to help improve the participation of seldom heard or hard to reach young people. The key organisations worked with were:

- Local youth services or projects (12 Comhairlí)
- Youthreach (11 Comhairlí)
- Organisations that support members of the Travelling Community (eight Comhairlí)
- Garda Youth Diversion Projects (five Comhairlí)
- LGBTI+ (five Comhairlí)
- CYPSCs (four Comhairlí)
- Foróige (four Comhairlí)
- Schools (four Comhairlí)

A number of other organisations were also named, such as Disability Projects, Partnership Companies, Crosscare, Community Training Centres, County Councils, Roma Health Project, YMCA and Youth Justice.

The main strategy used by Comhairlí to increase involvement among these target groups was to work with support organisations who could identify potential participants.

The key target groups mentioned by Comhairlí in 2019 included:

- Early (or potential early) school leavers (13 Comhairlí)
- Members of the Travelling Community (13 Comhairlí)
- LGBTI+ youth (five Comhairlí)
- Young people with a disability, special needs and/or learning difficulties (five Comhairlí)

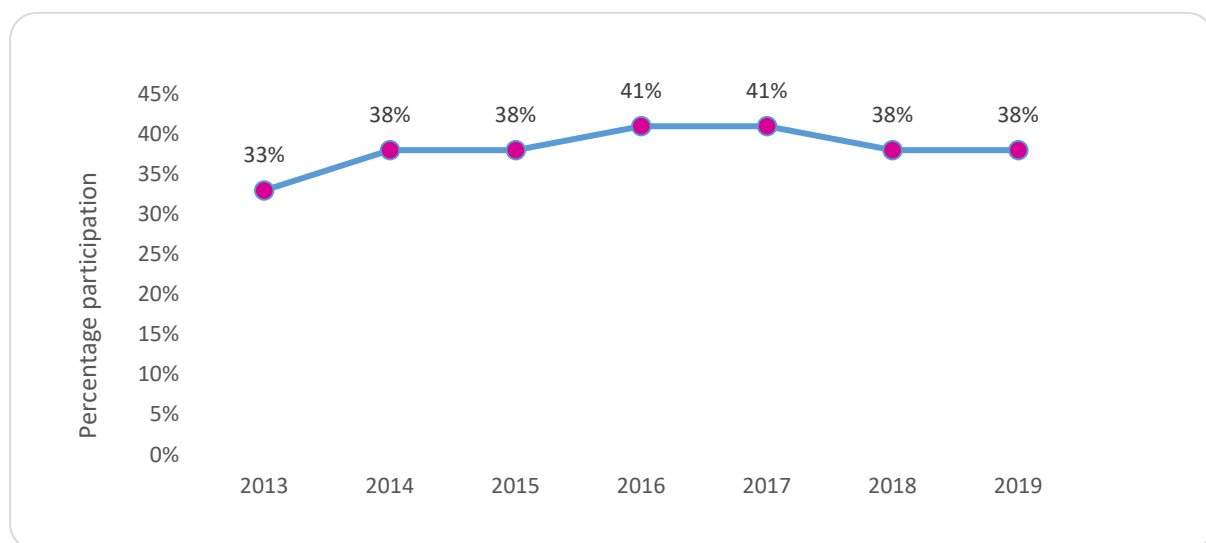
- Minority groups (four Comhairlí)
- Disadvantaged young people (four Comhairlí)

3.6 Improving participation of young people aged 12-15 years

In 2019, a total of 23 of the 31 Comhairlí (74%) reported that they worked with schools in their area to improve participation of young people aged 12 to 15 years of age. The strategies employed involved liaising with schools (including link teachers) to encourage participation from this age group to attend the AGM, by highlighting the benefits of doing so, promoting Comhairle na nÓg within schools, presentations and ongoing promotion of the work of the Comhairlí. Members represented Comhairlí in their own schools and some delivered presentations to their student councils. A further 14 Comhairlí mentioned both youth services and Foróige as organisations with which they worked to encourage the participation of this age group. A wide range of local youth organisations were also referred to, including CYPSCs, Crosscare and Jigsaw.

As can be seen from Figure 3.6, the level of participation of 12-15 year olds in 2019 has remained at the same level as recorded in 2018.

Figure 3.6: Participation of 12-15-year olds in Comhairle na nÓg from 2013-2019



4 Key topics identified by young people

This section provides an overview of the key topics chosen by Comhairle na nÓg in 2019 and the actions undertaken by Comhairlí to influence change in these areas.

Key findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 key topics were selected by Comhairlí in 2019. • Mental health was identified as the key topic by the majority of Comhairlí. • A total of 57 projects/initiatives across 16 key topics were delivered by Comhairlí. • Comhairle na nÓg spent a total of €62,268.23 addressing key topics in 2019. This represents 10% of the overall Comhairle na nÓg budget and the fourth largest spending category. The figure indicates a decrease of 14% in the proportion of the spend on addressing the key topics when compared to 2018.

4.1 Key topics prioritised by Comhairlí na nÓg in 2019

Every year, each Comhairle identify up to three key topics through consultation. The key topics are prioritised and action plans for the year ahead are developed. A key topic may be delivered for up to two years.

Similar to previous years, there was a wide variety of key topics reported by Comhairlí in 2019. A total of 16 different key topics were selected across all Comhairlí for progression, with 14 of these key topics chosen as the first priority.

The majority of Comhairlí (19 or 61%) selected two key topics to deliver throughout the year with a further nine Comhairlí selecting to progress three topics.

Mental health continued to be the most common topic amongst Comhairlí. Supporting mental health and wellbeing was selected as a first priority by six Comhairlí (19%) with a total of eleven (35%) Comhairlí choosing mental health and wellbeing as one of their three key priorities. Activities under this topic included the development of information materials, awareness raising activities and campaigns and suicide prevention workshops. A wide range of 'sub-themes' were identified under mental health, including suicide prevention, body image, confidence building, mental health education/promotion and bullying.

Issues relating to drugs and alcohol was a popular topic, with six Comhairlí (19%) selecting this for their top three priorities. It was a top priority for two of these Comhairlí. Various awareness campaigns on the effects of drugs and alcohol amongst young people were delivered throughout 2019. Two Comhairlí (7%) undertook research projects on young people's attitudes to drugs and alcohol.

Safe communities and safe socialising was the third most popular topic, with five Comhairlí (16%) choosing this theme as either their first or second priority. A focus on road safety featured significantly with Comhairlí working with local Gardaí and schools to promote awareness. Due to the success of these campaigns, much of this work will continue again next year.

Working to promote a positive attitude towards the Gardaí and encouraging positive changes in the perception of young people in their capacity to contribute to safer communities was also part of the work completed under this theme.

The top priority topics are outlined in the Table 4.1. The table is inclusive of first, second and third priorities selected by Comhairlí.

Table 4.1 Top key topics selected by Comhairlí

Key topic	Number of Comhairlí selecting topic as their <u>first</u> priority	Percentage of Comhairlí selecting topic as their <u>first</u> priority	Total number of Comhairlí selecting topic*	Total percentage of Comhairlí selecting topic
Mental health	6	19%	11	35%
Drugs and alcohol	2	6%	6	19%
Safe communities /safe socialising	2	6%	5	18%
Education	3	10%	4	13%
Health and wellbeing	4	13%	4	13%
Discrimination and equality	2	6%	3	10%
Relationships/sexuality	3	10%	3	10%

*Please note - a Comhairle may have selected the same topic for more than one of their priorities.

The remainder of key topics selected in 2019 are outlined below:

Table 4.2 Other Key Topics selected by Comhairlí

Key topic	Number of Comhairlí selecting topic as <u>one of their three priorities</u> *
Homelessness	4
Climate change	2
Cyber safety	2
Intergenerational initiatives	1
Enhancing the capacity/promoting Comhairle na nÓg	2
OPC	1
Supporting older people	1
Tourism	2
Rural transport	1
Young people's services	1

*Please note - a Comhairle may have selected the same topic for more than one of their priorities.

4.2 Actions and changes achieved in 2019

Comhairlí were asked to specify the actions/activities undertaken and the changes achieved in relation to their key topics in 2019. There was a varied range of activities undertaken by the Comhairlí to achieve their key topics. The 2019 annual reports show that Comhairlí delivered a total of 57 projects/initiatives consisting of one or more actions over the course of the year. Just over two-thirds (39) of the initiatives finished in 2019, while nine (29%) projects will continue into 2020.

Comhairlí played an important role in developing resources and disseminating information to young people on a wide range of issues. Examples include resource packs, information kits and reading materials. Carlow developed a youth mental health kit which was distributed amongst local schools. Both Cork County and Dublin City produced video resources on the issues of managing stress and education. Other Comhairlí (Offaly and Mayo) produced posters and information leaflets on important topics such as road safety and exam stress.

As in previous years, promoting awareness of particular topics was a key element of Comhairlí work in 2019. Many awareness raising campaigns were rolled out within schools, such as Louth's *Drugs End All Dreams* campaign and Clare facilitated resilience seminars targeting discrimination against the LGBT community for students across the county.

Activities related to research and analysis highlight Comhairlí commitment to identifying critical issues affecting young people. This was achieved through social media campaigns and school surveys on topics such as relationships, attitudes towards drugs and promoting positive body image.

Comhairlí considered the collaborations with strategic stakeholders within the wider community to be vital for progressing activities. Five Comhairlí (16%), Kildare, Laois, Limerick, Waterford and Wexford, worked with the HSE and the local authorities in helping to create awareness of key issues affecting young people during 2019. For example, Wexford, Waterford, Kildare and Laois developed supports in the area of mental health, building self-confidence and suicide prevention. Limerick worked with the HSE, Tusla, the Simon Community and the local County Council to highlight the issue of youth homelessness with a free summer camp for those affected by homelessness.

Comhairle na nÓg's innovative approach to addressing key topics continues to be recognised, with a number of Comhairlí receiving awards during the year. Wexford Comhairle won a Garda Youth Award in March relating to their contribution to the local community. The award also recognised their ability to accept one another within their group environment. An individual award was also presented to a member of Wexford Comhairle for their personal achievements in dealing with anxiety and depression and sharing those experiences in order to educate, inform and highlight difficult issues amongst young people in Ireland.

Monaghan Comhairle engaged with the ISPCC Childline to produce an anti-bullying policy. For their achievement, they were awarded the *Shield My Flag* Award from the ISPCC. Monaghan is the first Comhairle in the country to receive this award.

Table 4.3 outlines a sample of the actions undertaken and the changes achieved as a result of the initiatives. Given the variety of activities undertaken by the 31 Comhairlí, it is not possible to list all actions, however, this table offers a broad overview of the work conducted. As a number of key topics are implemented over two years, it may not be possible to report on outputs until 2021. Also, given the nature of awareness raising initiatives, not all changes achieved are quantifiable. However, where possible, outputs relating to the production of resources or other indicators of success are outlined. Appendix I provides an overview of the work undertaken by Comhairlí under each topic.

Table 4.3 Examples of actions and changes achieved in 2019

Key topic	Projects, actions and changes achieved
Promoting Comhairle na nÓg	Sligo increased their visibility through social media. A new Instagram and Snapchat account was established. The use of social media has also increased their links with local councillors.
	Dublin Fingal created a promotional video which included various topics for discussion, consultations and recruiting new members.
Cyber safety	Clare produced a teacher training module in mental health and cyber safety. The initiative was supported by National University (NUI) Galway and the Samaritans.
	Through working with Crosscare, Foróige and the local authority, Dublin South conducted a survey to raise awareness of the impact social media has on body image.
Health and wellbeing	Longford hosted a seminar addressing social, spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing. The seminar helped young people learn about the issues which can have a positive and negative impact on their health.
	Cork County produced a step by step guide to help young people to achieve change and to recognise and manage stress. An interactive video resource was also produced.
Mental health	Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown designed a poster and postcards entitled 'Say No to Peer Pressure' which was launched in local secondary schools.
	Laois delivered a workshop aimed at promoting positive body image and self-confidence for 12 to 17 year olds. The workshops aimed to teach young people facilitation skills. The workshop was reviewed by the HSE and feedback was given.
	Longford facilitated an intercultural event aimed at creating greater awareness of bullying. The Comhairle plan to record an anti-bullying songs to be used as an online campaign against bullying in 2020.
	Wexford continued its work on the 'Tea and Talk' initiative which focuses on the topics of suicide and self-harm prevention. Activities included a social media campaign, designing promotional materials and an out of hours service in three locations across the county. The initiative was supported by Wexford County Council and the HSE.

Key topic	Projects, actions and changes achieved
Homelessness	Louth held a sleep out event to raise awareness of young homelessness. The event was supported by the Louth local authority.
	Limerick's top three priorities for 2019 focused on homelessness. A three day summer camp took place for 21 under 12 year olds who were experiencing homelessness. The arts and sports camp were a great way for the children to make friends, have fun and get active. €300 was raised for Novas Limerick by hosting a lip sync fundraising competition. The Comhairle hosted a Q&A evening on youth homelessness attended by the Local Authority, Tusla, HSE and Novas.
Education	Dublin City launched an education resource <i>What school doesn't teach you</i> aimed at 12 year olds. The resource covers various topics from education, mental health, politics and finances. The publication was launched at their AGM.
	Longford organised a consultation with young people to provide feedback to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment on the pressures of studying for the Leaving Certificate. The feedback will inform the Leaving Certificate review.
Drugs and Alcohol	Monaghan worked with the Joint Policing Committee, Tusla and local youth organisations to develop a drug and alcohol programme for 12 and 13 year olds. The programme follows the findings of a local report <i>Developing a safe socialising message to 12 and 13 year olds in Co Monaghan</i> .
	Following the success of a series of workshops on substance abuse, Roscommon produced an information leaflet to raise awareness of substance abuse amongst young children. The workshops were facilitated by Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force and Alex's Adventures.

Key topic	Projects, actions and changes achieved
Promoting equality/ diversity	Tipperary raised awareness of discrimination and inequality within both the refugee community and LGBTQ sector. An event was held locally to highlight the various supports available in the area. This work will continue into 2020.
	Cork City have created an innovative way of supporting the inclusion and integration of new communities. The Comhairle is collaborating with a local puppet theatre to develop workshops to support members articulate their ideas more clearly on the topic of multiculturalism and diversity. The project will continue in 2020.
Safe communities/ safe socialising	Sligo continued its actions to highlight the importance of addressing preconceptions/stereotyping between young people and Gardaí in the context of safe socialising. Sligo participated in research training with UNESCO and have conducted a research survey with young people and Gardaí. Following the results, Sligo organised a team building sports event to build positive relations with the local Gardaí.
	With support from the Joint Policing Committee, local Chamber of Commerce and their local authority, Wicklow produced a poster campaign to promote positive changes in the perception of young people and their capacity to contribute to safer communities.
	Both Wicklow and Westmeath addressed the issue of road safety by creating information leaflet and booklets for local schools. Westmeath also hosted a road safety event in collaboration with local agencies that they hope to roll out each year.
Climate change	To promote greater awareness of climate change, Galway County worked with the Youth Council and a different theme was promoted at each event. Topics included zero waste, plastic free, fast fashion, food waste and transport. Galway County will continue to promote ways to reduce our impact on the planet in 2020.
	Taking action for climate justice was a topic supported by Cork County . Members took part in a range of events including <i>Our Ocean Wealth</i> summit in June, which included a Q&A session with An Tánaiste. The local events were facilitated by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Comhairle intends to participate in local events that will complement the National Executive's work in 2020 and 2021.

Key topic	Projects, actions and changes achieved
Relationships/ sexuality	Meath completed a survey of students on the issue of relationships and sexual education. The survey was delivered to the NCCA and DCYA to assist in the RSE curriculum consultation. This action will be delivered over two years.
	Through promoting positive relationships campaign, Monaghan completed a survey of over 500 young people from the county. The survey results allowed Monaghan to make further recommendations on how to promote greater awareness of healthy relationships amongst young people.
	Donegal worked with medical consultants to create better awareness of STDs and HPV and worked with professionals in the area to provide accurate information to young people. They will continue this work in 2020.

4.3 Trends and developments in 2019

As in 2018, Comhairlí activities continued to focus on a diverse range of interests in 2019. 16 key topics were selected for progression in 2019, slightly less than the 18 topics reported last year.

Mental health has remained the most common topic for the last number of years with the number of Comhairlí delivering mental health activities increasing from seven (23%) in 2018 to 11 (35%) in 2019.

Activities relating to drugs and alcohol were more popular this year than previous years and accounted for almost a fifth (19%) of all activities. This compares to 6% in 2018. The key focus of Comhairlí work was in raising awareness of drug and alcohol misuse among young people through surveys, workshops and school campaigns.

The level of activities supporting education rose considerably compared to previous years. Five activities were recorded under this topic across four Comhairlí (13%). Two Comhairlí (Longford and Offaly) focused on the issue of stress and anxiety within schools through mind coaching and offering video resources on exam stress to young people. This compares to three activities supporting education in 2018 and none in 2017.

The interest in equality and diversity topic has declined compared to last year, with only half of Comhairlí (3 or 10%) implementing these topics again in 2019.

Following the announcement last year by Minister Zappone to create a special fund for Youth Action on climate justice, two Comhairlí (6%) began working on activities to promote greater awareness of climate change and practical ways to reduce our negative impact on the planet. One Comhairle collaborated with the Department of Foreign Affairs to help drive the youth action on climate justice.

Road safety featured prominently under the safe communities/safe socialising topic. Of the six activities reported under this category, four related to creating awareness of road safety through poster campaigns, videos and information booklets.

There was a decrease in the number of Comhairlí working on cyber safety – from six Comhairle (19%) in 2018 to two Comhairle (6%) in 2019. Both Clare and Dublin South continued to deliver projects identifying key issues for young people in relation to cyber safety.

There were two Comhairlí (6%) who completed activities related to tourism/promoting the local area. Cavan and Mayo produced a guide book to promote tourism in the county. Cavan have visited over fifty visitor sites across the county in the preparation for the publication of the book *Fifty reasons to visit Cavan* in 2020. Mayo liaised with the Mayo Day committee and the online resource www.mayo.ie to produce their publication *Mayo in a nutshell*.

Comhairlí continued to use social media as an important platform to promote key topics and the work of Comhairle na nÓg. Both Kilkenny and Dublin South used social media as a platform for promoting their services and Sligo continued its 2018 action to build its presence on Snapchat and Instagram as means to increase membership.

4.4 Strategic collaboration on key topics

In 2019, Comhairlí continued to consult and work with a wide range of agencies, decision makers and local decision making structures and organisations in order to identify issues, progress actions and promote their projects.

The agencies/organisations most frequently engaged with continued to be:

- Schools
- Local authorities
- Mental health services/organisations
- Children's and youth services/youth work organisations
- Government services/agencies (e.g. HSE, Tusla, NCCA)
- LGBTI organisations.

There was a notable increase in the number of Comhairlí that worked with CYPSCs on actions in 2019 (15 or 48%) compared to 2018 (6 or 19%) in addressing key topics. While in the past, Comhairlí collaborated more frequently with LCDs, co-operation with these organisations remained low again in 2019 with no LCDs supporting activities in 2019 compared to nine in 2017 and two in 2018. One Comhairle engaged with a Chamber of Commerce in 2019, which was consistent with the trends of the last two years.

Engagement with local authorities across the key topics was reported for 23 actions in 2019, compared with 17 actions in 2018. The majority of actions delivered in collaboration with local authorities focused on advocacy and awareness campaigns.

Comhairlí continued to deliver their actions in collaboration with local community and voluntary groups, particularly on actions supporting mental health, drugs and alcohol, homelessness and targeting inequality and discrimination, see Table 4.4 for examples.

Table 4.4 Examples of strategic collaboration on key topics in 2019

Comhairle	Stakeholders	Activity and change achieved
Dublin Fingal	Jigsaw Public Participation Networks (PPN)	Delivered workshops at the Healthy Ireland Foróige Fitfest event. Consultations relating to healthy lifestyles awareness were completed.
Clare	Clare Sports Partnership	Clare Sports Partnership supported the Comhairle to deliver a wheelchair basketball tournament and helped promote health and exercise among young people.
Laois	HSE	Laois collaborated with the HSE to deliver practical workshops aimed at promoting positive body image and confidence.

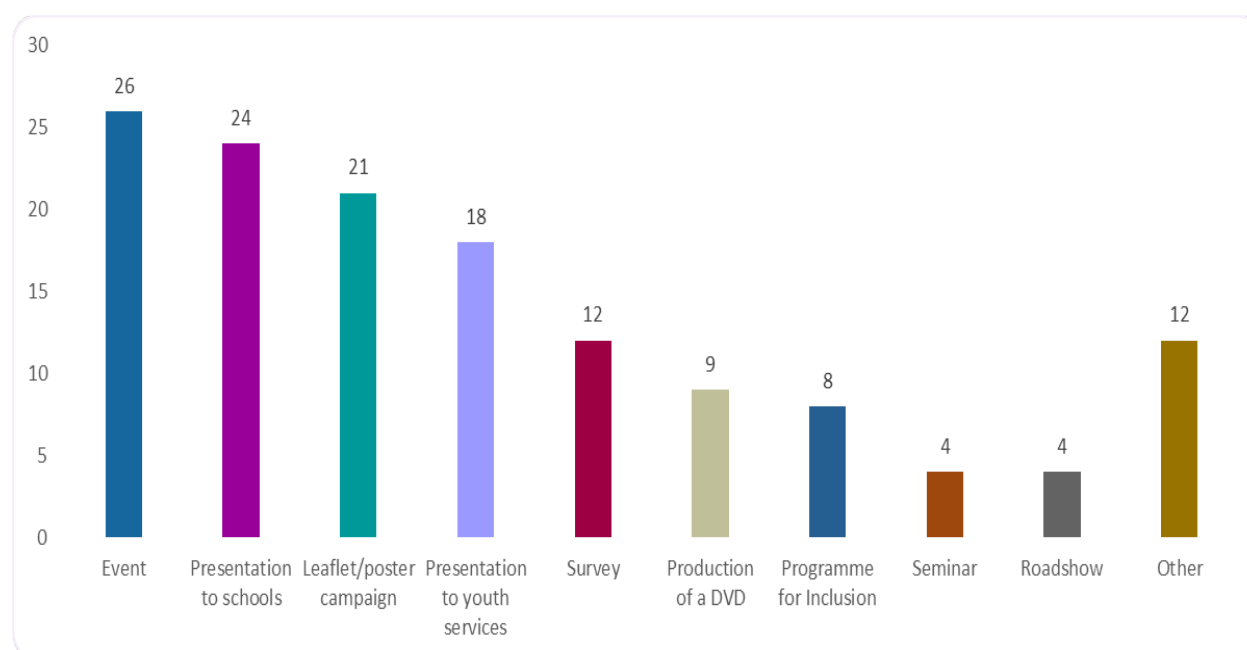
5 Raising awareness and promotion of Comhairle na nÓg

This section describes the methods used to raise awareness of Comhairle na nÓg in 2019.

Key findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional events were the preferred methods for raising the profile of Comhairle na nÓg. Nationally, a total of €21,624.34 from the Development Fund was spent under this heading, representing almost 4% of overall expenditure, the same as reported in 2018.

In 2019, Comhairlí continued to use a range of methods to raise their profile. As can be seen in Figure 5.1, events were most common (26 Comhairlí), followed by presentation to schools made by 24 Comhairlí. Leaflet/poster campaigns were produced by 21 Comhairlí, 18 Comhairlí gave presentations to youth services and 12 Comhairlí produced a survey.

Figure 5.1 Promotional methods used by Comhairlí



A variety of promotional activities were listed under an 'Other' category, including: social media campaigns on Facebook and/or Twitter, 'good luck' exam cards sent to schools, production of a book, pin of project logo attached to cards with details of Comhairle na nÓg, production of a website, skills sharing event, local and national media campaign (with one AGM featured on RTÉ *news2day*), production of a video on positive body image, newsletter and presentations to City/County Councils and CYPSCs.

6 Consolidating and influencing the status of Comhairle na nÓg

As a consultative forum, Comhairle na nÓg plays a vital role in representing the voice of young people in Ireland. This section of the report provides an overview of Comhairle na nÓg's role as a consultative forum for young people in a number of key areas:

- Participation in consultations
- Making submissions/presentations to key stakeholders/decision makers
- Representing young people on decision-making structures
- Other engagement with decision makers/stakeholders

Key findings

- Comhairlí na nÓg participated in approximately 66 consultations in 2019.
- Comhairlí delivered 30 submission/presentations to local and national decision makers.
- Members from 19 Comhairlí na nÓg sit on sub-committees of local decision making structures.
- Comhairlí na nÓg spent a total of **€3,633.96** on consolidating and influencing the status of Comhairle na nÓg in 2019. This represents the second smallest spending category with 0.6% of the overall expenditure. This is a decrease of 29% compared to 2018 spend of €5,112.91.

6.1 Participation in consultations

Comhairle na nÓg continues to actively engage and participate in consultations with a range of bodies. The level of participation in consultations has decreased slightly in the past year. In 2018, Comhairlí reported involvement in 71 consultations on policies, strategies or plans which were led by 64 organisations. In 2019, approximately 66 consultations were carried out with 61 organisations.

Types of consultations varied from informal discussions between organisations and Comhairle members to wider consultations where Comhairlí were one of the many stakeholders providing feedback. Comhairlí also hosted/facilitated consultations with young people on behalf of other stakeholders.

Table 6.1 Top five stakeholders/organisations consulting with Comhairle na nÓg in 2019

Stakeholders/organisations consulting with Comhairle na nÓg	Number of stakeholders	Number of consultations held
CYPSCs	15	16
City/County Councils and/or units within local authorities	11	14
Education and Training Boards (ETBs)	7	7
Joint Policing Committees (JPCs)	5	5
PPNs	4	4

6.1.1 Trends and developments in 2019

Comhairle na nÓg continues to support the voice of young people in a wide range of consultations with diverse stakeholders.

Comhairlí continue to report the highest level of engagement in consultations with CYPSCs. Seventeen Comhairlí consulted with CYPSCs in 2019, primarily in relation to the development of and contribution to Children and Young People plans and the CYPSC strategic plans. A small number of Comhairlí worked in consultation with CYPSC to deliver the first national youth forums. Whilst the focus, over the past number of years has concentrated on establishing working processes between the Comhairlí and CYPSCs, 2019 activities suggest a growing commitment from CYPSCs to involve the Comhairlí within their structures.

There was a slight decrease in engagement with City/County Councils from 16 consultations in 2018, to 11 in 2019. Activities with City and County Councils generally focused on consultations in relation to the development of County Councils various plans, such as Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown's 2020 corporate plan, Fingal's digital strategic plan and Wicklow's climate adaptation strategy. Dublin City Comhairle consulted with the Huge Lane Gallery and the local County Council to develop a new education programme for 4th year secondary students.

ETBs continue to recognise Comhairle na nÓg as a platform for promoting strategic engagement with young people, with a slight increase from five consultations in 2018 to seven in 2019. The majority of work relates to supporting the Youth Work plans and having a voice on various youth committees across the country.

The number of formal consultations with PPNs continues to grow each year from three consultations in 2018 to four in 2019.

Comhairlí also consulted with a number of other national organisations – NCCA consulted with two Comhairlí to feedback on changes required to improve the national RSE programme, while Longford engaged with An Garda Síochána in developing its Policing Strategy 2020. Five other Comhairlí (16%) consulted were facilitated by JPCs on policing strategies and work plans. This was a slight increase from three Comhairlí in 2018.

As with previous years, the issue of mental health and wellbeing was reported as the most common theme across the work of Comhairle na nÓg in 2019. A total of seven consultations were completed with both national bodies, such as Jigsaw, the Samaritans and Childline; and a number of local structures, such as mental health associations and sub-committees. Some examples of mental health structures include Carlow Mental Health Association, Wexford Youth People and Mental Health sub-committee and Wicklow Comhairle worked with the local Youth Mental Health sub-group to establish a Jigsaw resource in the county.

6.1.2 Examples of changes achieved from consultations

Some examples of consultations and outcomes are outlined in the table below.

Table 6.2 Examples of consultations in 2019

Comhairle	Consulting body/bodies	Consultations and changes achieved
Cork City	Cork City County Council	Reachout.com consulted with Comhairle members on aspects of their current services including web chat and navigating their website.
		Cork City Comhairle were in a strong position to help reachout.com with the content of their website particularly as their current topic relates to young people accessing mental health services.
Galway County	Galway County Council	Participated in consultative workshop on the development of arts plan for the county.
		Participated in consultative workshop on development of the Children and Young Peoples plan.
Kerry	Kerry Diocesan Youth Service (KDYS)	Kerry Comhairle were involved in the consultation on the development of Youth Cafe services in Tralee.
Laois	CYPSC	Consultation on the need for a sexual health and LGBT+ youth worker in Laois.
		Funding was successful for this role and a part time worker is now employed in the county.
Laois and Offaly	Laois and Offaly Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP)	Successful consultation with Creative Youth. Creative grants became available for current groups to engage in creative programmes and Creative pop up Hubs were developed where all young people had the opportunity to engage in creative activities.
Meath	Meath County Council	Consultation on the development of the new County Council chamber.
		Comhairle attending a workshop on the development and viability of a new county chamber.

Comhairle	Consulting body/bodies	Consultations and changes achieved
Tipperary	Tipperary ETB	Comhairle was involved in the youth work committee on the ETB, which gave a youth voice on the ETB yearly plan.
Westmeath	PPN	Westmeath Joint Policing Committee (JPC) Strategic Work Plan 2020-2025. Young people had the opportunity to get their voice heard and input into the five year strategic plan for the Westmeath Joint Policing Committee (JPC) on issues that will affect them and the communities of Westmeath.
Wicklow	Wicklow CYPSC	Engaged in the consultation for the Digital strategy for Wicklow. The Comhairle's own Cyber Bullying Charter has been included in the final publication of the Strategy.

6.2 Making submissions to decision makers/decision-making structures

Comhairlí also made a number of formal submissions and presentations to key stakeholders and decision makers at both a local and national level.

Presentations and submissions are broadly categorised under the following headings:

- Raising awareness of Comhairle na nÓg's role as a consultative body.
- Sharing learning from delivery of key topics.

A total of 30 submissions/presentations were made by Comhairlí in 2019 to 32 decision makers and decision making structures. In a small number of cases, more than one decision maker may have been present at the meeting which is why the number of decision makers is slightly higher than the total number of submissions/presentations made.

Table 6.3 Submissions/presentations by category in 2019

Submissions/presentations	Number of submissions/presentations made
Raising awareness of Comhairle na nÓg	13
Sharing learning from key topics	14
Other ⁵	3

⁵ 'Other' submissions refer to 1) the development of an anti-bully policy with ISPCC. The Comhairle members gave feedback on a workbook for young people experiencing domestic violence at home. 2) A panel of young Comhairle members presented their needs and supports to their local County Councillor. 3) Comhairle members participated in local discussions on Brexit.

6.2.1 Trends and developments in 2019

The majority of submissions/presentations were made to City/County Councils, with 14 Comhairlí na nÓg (45%) making presentations to their local City/County Council. Four Comhairlí (13%) also made five presentations/submissions to elected representatives (e.g. Councillors, T.D.s and Ministers). This is a decrease compared to 2018 when eight Comhairlí (26%) delivered 12 presentations to elected representatives.

The focus of presentations was quite varied with ten Comhairlí delivering a total of 14 presentations promoting Comhairlí's key topics. For example, Monaghan Comhairle presented the findings of their "*Lets Talk*" event and their key findings from their survey on young people and relationships to Monaghan County Council.

Five presentations focused on raising awareness of the work of the Comhairle and one Comhairle presented a series of issues facing young people due to Brexit to a Minister of State.

Submissions were also made to other local decision making structures. Seven Comhairlí (23%) made submissions/presentations to various national organisations during 2019. Examples include working with the ISPC on an anti-bullying campaign, submitting feedback at Tusla national workshops and one Comhairle engaged with students in the Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway, to promote the work of Comhairle na nÓg.

Five Comhairlí (16%) promoted Comhairle na nÓg in presentations to their local CYPSCs (compared to seven presentations in 2018). Presentations were also made to three LCDCs, one PPN and one ETB.

6.2.2 Examples of changes achieved from submissions/presentations

Table 6.4 provides a number of examples of the types of submissions or presentations made by the Comhairlí to the various key stakeholders and decision makers.

Table 6.4 Examples of submissions/presentations and changes achieved in 2019

Comhairle	Subject of submissions/ presentations and examples of changes achieved	Decision making body/ decision maker
Cork City	Presented a report to the National Office of Suicide Prevention (NOSP) on the need for the suicide awareness support <i>SafeTALK</i> for under 18's in Ireland.	NOSP
Dublin Fingal	Participated in strategic planning meetings. Presented at the PPN AGM. Guest speaker at the launch of the Integration and Cohesion strategy. Showcased at Zeminar 2019 as part of a Fingal County Council funded initiative.	Fingal County Council
Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown	Invited to attend and present their work to the County Council meeting during the year.	Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council
Louth	Comhairle participated in local discussions on Brexit with Minister Helen McEntee.	Local TDs
Monaghan	Monaghan Comhairle presented findings from a consultation held at their 2018 AGM - <i>The perspective of young people on getting a safe socialising message out to 12/13 year olds</i> . The presentation was given to members of the Joint Policing Committee.	Joint Policing Committee
Westmeath	Comhairle work was highlighted and showcased at the Gardaí Youth Awards.	Garda Youth Awards

6.3 Representing young people on decision-making structures

In 2019, members from 19 Comhairle na nÓg (61%) sat on 28 sub-committees/advisory panels of local decision-making structures.

Comhairle representation on decision-making structures shows some differences compared with last year. The number of CYPSCs with a Comhairle member represented on their committee/sub-committee has increased from 12 in 2018 to 13 in 2019. Similarly, representation on youth services committees and other committees rose from one in 2018 to four in 2019 for both. Membership of ETBs dropped to four (13%) in 2019 (from seven Comhairlí (23%) represented on committees/sub-committees last year). There were no memberships of PPNs reported in 2019 compared to one in 2018.

The three national agencies with Comhairlí representation included Youth Work Ireland, Healthy Ireland and Creative Ireland.

Table 6.5 Comhairlí represented on decision making structures

Organisation/decision making structure	No. of Comhairlí represented
CYPSCs	13
ETBs	4
Youth services	4
Other committees ⁶	4
National agencies	3

⁶ The four committees referred to here are 1) Wicklow County Council Strategic Policy Committee 2) Kildare County Council Strategic Policy Committee 3) Dáil na nÓg Steering Committee 4) NUIG Steering Committee.

6.4 Engagement with Children and Young People's Services Committees

Although there has been a slight decrease in the number of formal consultations since 2018, there is still a growing interest in promoting Comhairle na nÓg within local decision making structures. This is particularly evident with CYPSCs where 42% of Comhairlí now have a representative sitting on a CYPSC committee or sub-committee.

The focus of CYPSC consultations have progressed from establishing protocols for collaboration to more strategic consultations on the development of Children and Young People's Plans (CYPPs), corporate plans and longer term strategic plans. Nine consultations focused on the development of CYPPs or work plans. The remaining six consultations were focused on particular topics, such as education, health and wellbeing and establishing a youth voice within the CYPSC structures.

The annual reports also highlight that 13 CYPSC co-ordinators are members of Comhairle na nÓg steering committees.

Table 6.6 outlines other examples of engagement between Comhairlí and CYPSCs during 2019.

Table 6.6 Examples of other engagement between Comhairlí and CYPSCs in 2019

Comhairle and CYPSC	Engagement
Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown	CYPSC consulted with Comhairle on the issues concerning young people – for example improving their health, education and safety.
Longford	The Comhairle worked with CYPSC to establish the first national Youth Forums. This followed the successful Comhairle event titled <i>Shout out for Youth 2019</i> .
Galway City	The Comhairle worked alongside CYPSC and Galway City Partnership on the <i>Healthy City</i> programme and its campaign <i>Not around me</i> . The focus of the campaign is on young people and smoking.

6.5 Other engagement with decision makers and stakeholders

Comhairlí were also given an opportunity to report on other activities undertaken throughout the year. The annual reports showed that a wide variety of activities took place with widespread organisations and key stakeholders.

At a local and national level, Comhairle na nÓg actively participated in local forums and meetings with key stakeholders to address specific issues or to help promote the organisation's work.

A number of Comhairlí invited stakeholders and elected representatives to attend or participate in their AGMs. This activity appears to have been particularly successful in boosting the profile of Comhairle na nÓg and building relationships at a local level. For example, Galway City Comhairle invited the Deputy Mayor to its AGM to help raise the profile of Comhairlí locally. Sligo Comhairle took the opportunity to keep the LCDC informed on their activities by inviting the LCDC Chairperson to their AGM.

The table below presents a number of initiatives outlined in the annual reports relating to a range of collaborative actions that took place in 2019.

Table 6.7 Examples of other actions undertaken with key stakeholders/organisations

Comhairle	Stakeholder	Activities and changes achieved
Carlow	Mensana	Comhairle linked in with the Carlow Mental Health Association and Mensana to organise supports and events for young people throughout the county.
Clare	Clare County Council	Joint enterprise between the Comhairle and Clare County Council to bring the Jason Sherlock "Story of Resilience" to Glór Arts Centre for secondary school students from schools around the county.
Galway County	Kinvara Plastic Free Committee	Members of the Comhairle supported to ensure the local town of Kinvara, including the secondary school, committed to becoming entirely plastic free.
Kildare	County Councillor	County Councillor attended two Comhairle meetings to discuss with members how the voices of young people can be heard at a local council level and influence future policy within the county.
Mayo	Mayo County Council	Comhairle worked with the Older People's Council on an inter-generational project focusing on transport, safety and the environment.
Kilkenny and Waterford	Pride of Place awards	Comhairle members took part in the Pride of Place awards 2019.
Tipperary	Tipperary County Council	Two former Comhairle members elected in the local council elections and are now a valuable link between the Steering committee and the County Council.

7 Enhancing and managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee

This section provides an overview of Comhairlí engagement with Steering Committees during 2019.

Key findings

- 102 meetings of the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committees were held in 2019.
- 87 Comhairle na nÓg members held a place on their Steering Committees.
- 10 Comhairlí stated that members of their Steering Committee had undertaken training relevant to their role.
- This was the lowest expenditure area of the programme, with €1,501.99 or just 0.2% of overall expenditure being spent on enhancing and managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committees.

7.1 Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee

Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committees are in place to support the effective working of Comhairlí na nÓg. Steering Committee members typically include members of the Comhairlí, local authority representatives, Comhairle na nÓg Co-ordinators, local youth service representatives, ETBs, CYPSCs, and other local stakeholders who can support their Comhairle na nÓg to achieve its desired outcomes, impact and change. Additional members of the steering committee are drawn from organisations and bodies that are relevant to the topics being progressed by young people in a given year.

Comhairlí were asked to specify how many meetings of their Steering Committees were held in 2019. A total of 102 meetings had been held nationally with an average of three meetings taking place per Comhairle, the same average as reported in 2018 (see Table 7.1). Westmeath Comhairle held the most Steering Committee meetings (six meetings).

Table 7.1 Number of Steering Committee meetings held in 2019

Meetings held	Number
Total	102
Average	3
Maximum	6
Minimum	0

7.2 Steering Committee members

Comhairlí were asked to specify how many places on the Steering Committee were held by members of the Comhairle na nÓg. Table 7.2 shows that a total of 87 places on Steering Committees were held by members from 31 Comhairlí.

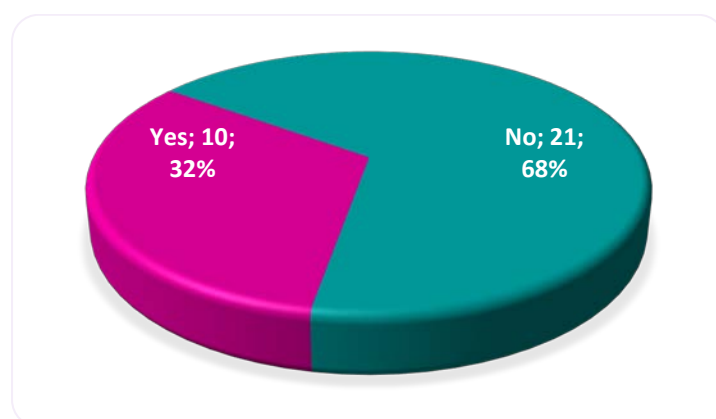
Table 7.2: Places held on Steering Committee by members of the Comhairle na nÓg 2019

Places held	Number
Total number of places held	87
Maximum number of places held on a committee	10
Average number of places held per committee	1

7.3 Training for Steering Committee members

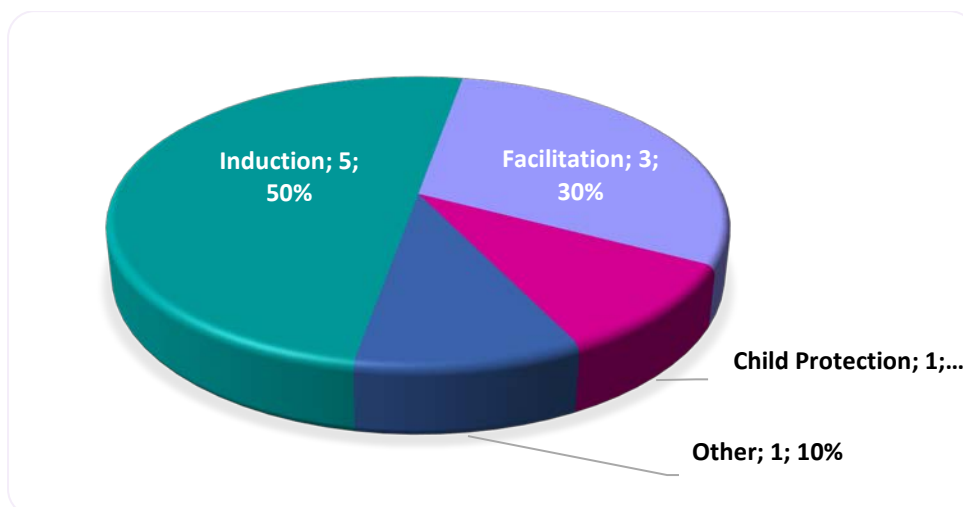
Comhairlí were asked to indicate whether members of the Steering Committee had undertaken any training relevant to their role in Comhairle na nÓg. As shown in Figure 7.1, almost a third of Comhairlí (ten Comhairlí) provided training for Steering Committee members. This marked a three point percentage increase on the number reported in 2018 (29% or 9 Comhairlí).

Figure 7.1 Steering Committees whose members were provided with training relevant to their role in Comhairle na nÓg



The types of training undertaken by Steering Committee members can be seen in Figure 7.2. Induction was the most common type of training, with five Comhairlí stating that members from their Steering Committee undertook training in this area. Facilitation training was listed by three Comhairlí and Child Protection, a declaration confirming that they comply with *Children First* is signed by all Comhairlí, was listed by one Comhairle in the report. Other type of training was listed by one Comhairlí which related to attendance at the National Training and Networking Event.

Figure 7.2: Types of training undertaken by steering committee members



8 Comhairle na nÓg staffing

This section provides an overview of staff members working on Comhairle na nÓg in 2019.

Key findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 staff salaries were contributed to from the Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund⁷ (an increase of five staff salaries compared to 2018). Nationally, staffing costs account for the largest area of spending, with a total of €323,255.59 or 52% of overall expenditure being spent in this area. The 2018 staffing expenditure was lower, at €304,811.60 (49% of overall expenditure). This marks a 3% increase of overall expenditure in this area on the previous year reflecting the increase in the number of staff salaries contributed to.

8.1 Roles of staff members

Where an allocation of the Development Fund was sought towards paid staff, Comhairlí were asked to outline the title/position and key responsibilities of staff members funded in relation to Comhairle na nÓg, see Figure 8.1 presenting type of positions funded. A total of 45 individual staff members were listed, which is an increase⁸ of 13% on 2018, when 40 staff members were reported. Dublin City was the only Comhairle that did not report any allocation of funding towards staffing. 20 Comhairlí reported having one paid staff member, eight reported having two paid staff members and three Comhairlí reported having three paid staff members.

Comhairlí were also asked to provide the same details in relation to staffing assigned through local authorities or other related agencies. Details on 37 staff were provided under this section by 31 Comhairlí. 25 Comhairlí reported having one staff member from the local authority or other related agencies, while six reported having two staff from local authorities and other related agencies.

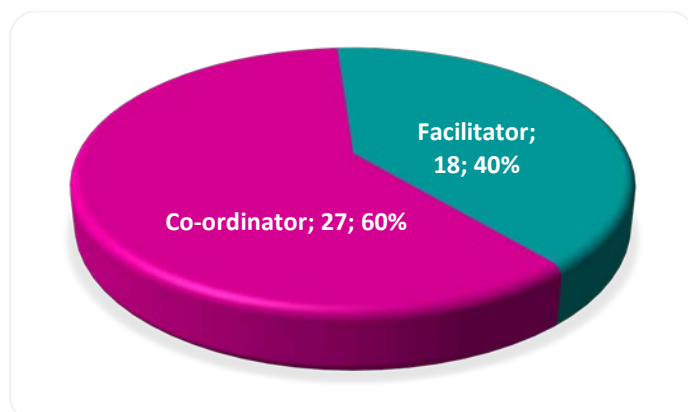
As can be seen from Figure 8.1, the position of co-ordinator continued to be the position funded most often (27 positions or 60%) amongst paid staff. Eighteen staff members (40% of positions) were facilitators.

Of the local authority staff working in the Comhairlí, the position of administrative officer or staff officer was the most prevalent staff position reported (7 or 19%), four staff members (11%) were co-ordinators. The remaining positions included amongst others: clerical officer, youth development officer, community development officer, liaison officer and programme manager.

⁷An additional 37 local authority staff members were reported as working in the Comhairlí in 2018.

⁸This increase refers to the number of individuals not Full Time Equivalents (FTEs). The data provides no information on the number of FTEs or the number of hours worked.

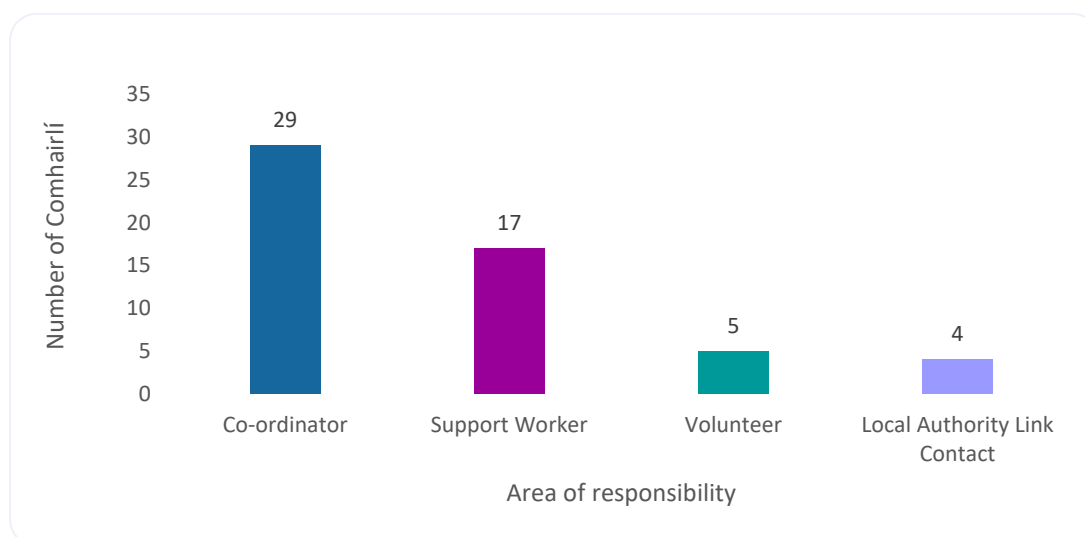
Figure 8.1: Staff member positions/titles (paid staff)



8.2 Areas of responsibility

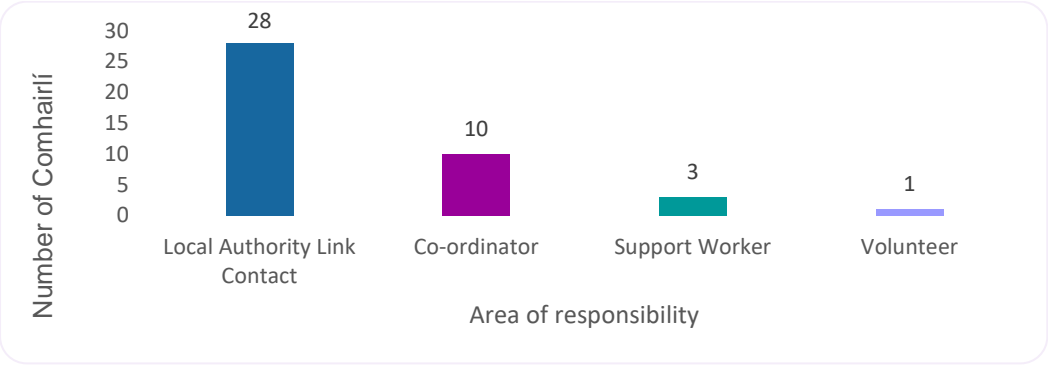
Comhairlí were asked to select the main areas of responsibility of each staff member from a list of prescribed headings. The most commonly cited areas of responsibility for paid staff were those relating to co-ordinator and support worker. These were followed by volunteer and local authority link contact (see Figure 8.2).

Figure 8.2: Main areas of staff responsibility in relation to Comhairle na nÓg



Comhairlí were also asked to select the main areas of responsibility of each of the local authority staff members. The most commonly cited areas of responsibility for these staff were those relating to local authority link contact and co-ordinator. These were followed by support worker and volunteer (see Figure 8.3).

Figure 8.3: Main areas of staff responsibility in relation to Comhairle na nÓg (local authority staff)



9 Comhairle na nÓg administration support

This section of the report provides a brief overview of the administrative arrangements in place to support the Comhairle na nÓg in 2019.

Key findings

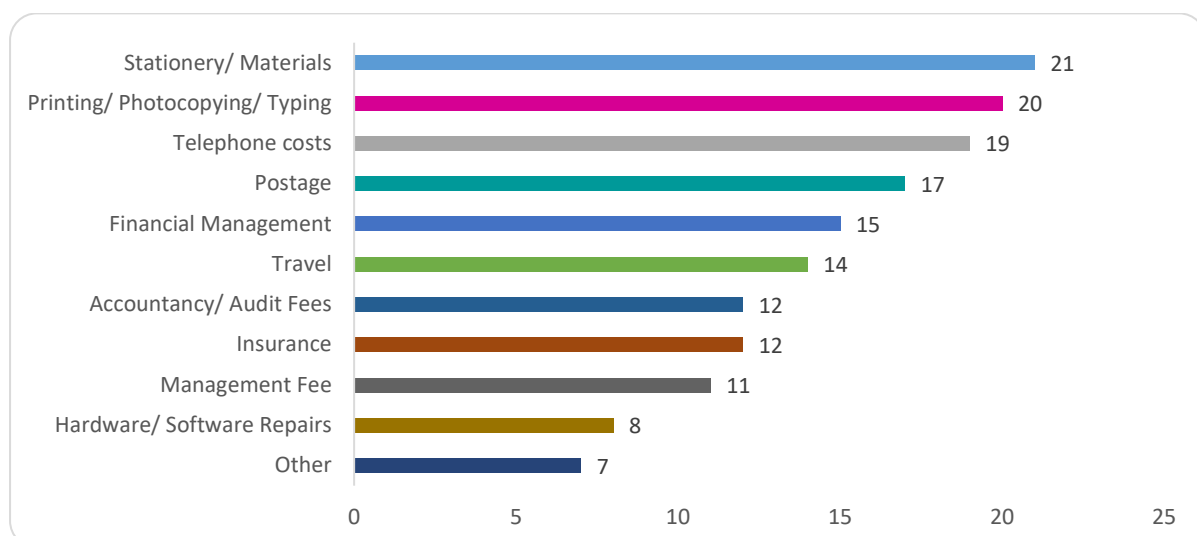
- Stationery/ materials was the most frequently cited administrative arrangement in place to support the Comhairle.
- Almost two thirds of Comhairlí (20 or 65%) sought an allocation of funding towards administration costs.
- Nationally, a total of €28,048.68 or 5% of the total expenditure was spent on administrative costs, which marks a 1% increase in the overall expenditure spent in this area in 2019.

9.1 Administration supports

Comhairlí were asked to provide the details of administrative arrangements in place (where an allocation of funding was sought towards administration costs). As can be seen in Figure 9.1, in 2019 of all Comhairlí, who sought the allocation of funding towards administration cost, 21 incurred administrative costs in relation to stationery/ materials. A further 20 availed of printing/photocopying/ typing supports, while 19 Comhairlí made reference to telephone costs. Postage also featured prominently on the list of items covered under administrative costs, with 17 Comhairlí making reference to this, and financial management was listed by 15 Comhairlí.

Comhairlí listed 'Other' costs which included: “*Child Protection & Safeguarding*” and “*vetting rooms*”. Of the 21 Comhairlí that allocated funding to administrative supports, one Comhairle reported zero spend against the category for admin costs.

Figure 9.1: Administrative arrangements in place to support Comhairle na nÓg



10 Income and expenditure report (January to December 2018)

This section of the report provides an overview of the Comhairle na nÓg 2019 income and expenditure in relation to the Development Fund, and a breakdown of expenditure by category as shown in Figure 10.1.

The analysis in this section is based on the annual reports submitted by the Comhairlí on or before 10th January 2020 reporting deadline. The figures do not include updates to the expenditure of two Comhairlí which, if included, would give a total underspend across all Comhairlí of €300.52.

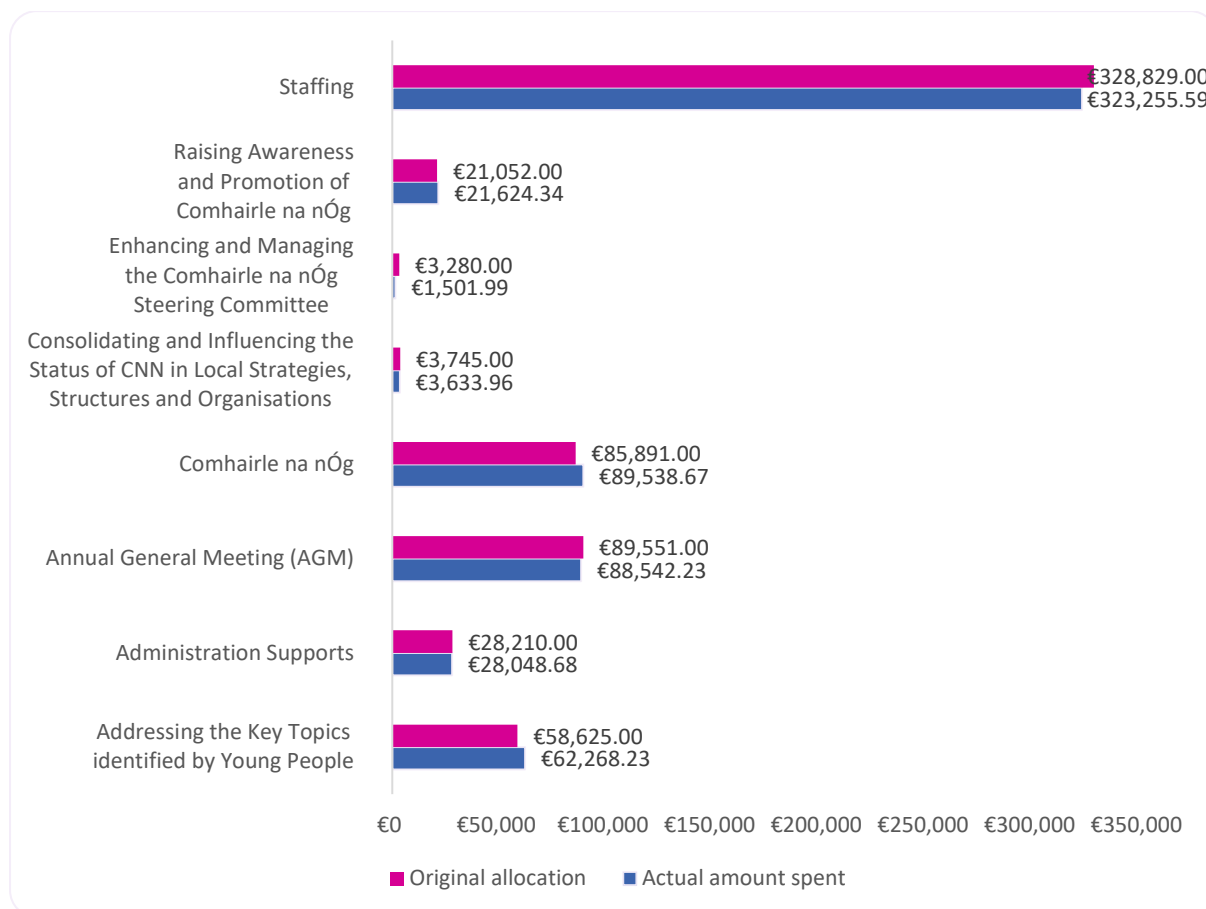
Key findings

- The total Development Fund allocation in 2019 was €614,549.57.
- Total expenditure was €618,413.69 (0.1% overspend on the allocated amount which was met by other sources of funds, such as from Local Authorities, Government Departments, Youth Services, or additional sources, in all but two cases.
- Staffing continued to be the single largest area of spend accounting for 52% of overall expenditure.
- Overall, the proportion of expenditure in relation to each category was fairly consistent with 2018 spending patterns.

As can be seen in Figure 10.1, the funding allocated by Comhairlí across all the actions saw three action areas where the amount spent was higher than what had been originally allocated: *Raising Awareness and Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg*, *Comhairle na nÓg* and *Addressing the Key Topics identified by Young People*.

In all other action areas the overall spend was lower than what the Comhairlí had originally allocated.

Figure 10.1: Allocation and expenditure by action area in 2019



10.1 Development Fund - income 2019

The 2019 annual report requested each Comhairle na nÓg to provide the balance carried forward from 2018 as well as the DCYA net approved funding amount under the Development Fund for 2018. The total amount that Comhairlí carried over from 2018 was €687.64 and the total net funding amount for 2019 was €617,840.12, consequently, the total Development Fund income, as reported for 2019, amounted to €618,527.76.

10.2 Development Fund - expenditure 2019

Overall, the total amount allocated to Comhairle na nÓg through the Development Fund was **€618,527.76** and the total amount of reported expenditure was **€618,413.69**⁹. This accounted for an underspend of 0.1% or €114.07¹⁰ of the total budget allocation. However, some individual Comhairlí reported overspends which were met by other sources of funds, such as

⁹ If the updated figures for the two Comhairlí that submitted after the report deadline were incorporated, this figure would total €618,227.24.

¹⁰ If the updated figures for the two Comhairlí that submitted after the report deadline were incorporated, this figure would total €300.52.

from Local Authorities, Government Departments, Public Participation Networks or additional sources¹¹. Overspend occurred under the following categories: *Comhairle na nÓg, Addressing the Key Topics identified by Young People* and *Raising Awareness and Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg*. The funding that the Comhairlí allocated across all the actions, was **€619,183** (which in some cases, includes the additional funding secured from other sources).

For 14 Comhairlí (45%) their overall expenditure was in line with their original spending projections. Seven Comhairlí (23%) spent slightly less than originally anticipated and a further ten (32%) spent marginally more than their original allocation.

Each year, Comhairlí have the option to submit a budget change request as required and, therefore, the final expenditure figures are likely to differ from the original projections under each action area.

Each Comhairle was asked to outline the original amount allocated and the actual amount spent under each of the eight areas of expenditure. In some areas more money was allocated than was actually spent, while in others the amount spent slightly exceeded the initial allocation. For example, while €3,280 was allocated under 'Enhancing and Managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee', the reported spend was 54% less, at €1,501.99. The next sections provide a brief analysis of the spending under each action heading as reported by the 31 Comhairlí.

¹¹ Two Comhairlí did not report how part of an overspend of €74.47 and €0.59 were met.

Table 10.1: Projected allocations vs actual spend – summary

Action area	Maximum % of allocation that can be spent on action area	Amount allocated	Actual amount spent	% difference	Average amount spent*	% of total expenditure
Staffing	75%	€328,829.00	€323,255.59	1.7%	€10,427.60	52.3%
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	15%	€9,551.00	€8,542.23	1.1%	€2,856.20	14.3%
Comhairle na nÓg	30%	€5,891.00	€9,538.67	-4.2%	€2,888.34	14.5%
Addressing the Key Topics identified by Young People	70%	€58,625.00	€62,268.23	-6.2%	€2,008.65	10.1%
Administration Supports	15%	€28,210.00	€28,048.68	0.6%	€904.80	4.5%
Raising Awareness and Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg	10%	€21,052.00	€21,624.34	-2.7%	€697.56	3.5%
Consolidating and Influencing the Status of CNN in local strategies, structures and organisations	15%	€3,745.00	€3,633.96	3.0%	€117.22	0.6%
Enhancing and Managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	5%	€3,280.00	€1,501.99	54.2%	€48.45	0.2%
Total		€19,183.00	€18,413.69¹²	0.1%	€19,948.83	100.0%

*Average amount spent based on expenditure of all 31 Comhairlí

¹² If the updated figures for the two Comhairlí that submitted after the report deadline were incorporated, this figure would total €18,227.24.

10.3 Staffing

Staffing continued to account for the highest proportion of spending under the Development Fund, with **€323,255.59** or **52%** of expenditure spent in this area. The actual expenditure came in just under 2% below the initially anticipated budget allocated under this heading. As outlined in Chapter 8, this funding contributed to the salaries of 45 staff members who have a role in Comhairle na nÓg (as reported by 31 Comhairlí). The average spend under this heading was €10,427.60 per Comhairle. 16 Comhairlí reported expenditure on staffing in line with their allocated amount, five Comhairlí spent more than anticipated and nine spent less than expected. One Comhairle did not allocate any money under this heading and therefore, reported no spend.

10.4 Comhairle na nÓg

The second largest spending category, with **€9,538.67** or **14%** of the overall expenditure, was *Comhairle na nÓg* (as reported by 31 Comhairlí). The average spend reported in this area was **€2,888.34**. A total of 10 Comhairlí (32%) reported that their spending on Comhairle na nÓg was in line with their expectations, with eight spending less and 13 spending more than originally anticipated. Overall there was a 4% overspend in this category.

The expenditure under this heading relates to the costs associated with the general operation of the Comhairle – particularly the costs of running regular meetings, i.e. venue hire, transport, food and refreshments, and materials and equipment. Some Comhairlí also allocated budgets to, for example, information video on Comhairle, team building, or residential planning weekend, etc.

10.5 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The total expenditure on AGMs amounted to **€8,542.23** or **14%** of overall expenditure. The average spend in this area was **€2,856.20**. Ten Comhairlí (32%) reported that their spending was in line with their allocated amount. Twelve Comhairlí reported underspends in this area, with a further eight reporting overspends under this budget heading. One Comhairle did not allocate any money under this heading and therefore, reported no spend. Underspend for this category was the most significant, with 39%, and has increased compared to 2018, when a 19% difference was reported.

10.6 Addressing the key topics identified by young people

Addressing the key topics identified by young people accounted for **€2,268.23** or **10%** of the overall expenditure. While other areas of expenditure also work towards progressing the key issues and concerns for young people, this category is specifically intended to fund activities associated with the key topics chosen.

Almost all Comhairlí (29) reported expenditure in this area (two Comhairlí did not allocate any money under this heading and, therefore, reported no spend). Overall there was just over 6% overspend in this category. The average spend was **€2,008.65**. A total of seven Comhairlí reported expenditure that was in line with their original budget allocation in this area with 11 spending less than anticipated and 11 spending more than planned under this budget heading.

10.7 Administration supports

A total of **€28,048.68** or **4%** of total expenditure was spent on administrative supports. Thirteen Comhairlí (32%) did not report any expenditure under this heading. Overall there was a 0.6% underspend in this category. In terms of reporting for those groups that do not have a specific allocation, feedback suggests that administrative costs are either covered by the local authority or other organisations, or are often subsumed into other categories of spending, such as staffing costs. The average amount of spending on administrative costs (from the Development Fund) was €904.80. A total of nine Comhairlí reported expenditure that was in line with their original budget allocation in this area with four spending less than anticipated and five spending more than planned.

10.8 Raising awareness and promotion of Comhairle na nÓg

The total amount of expenditure on actions aimed at *Raising awareness and promotion of Comhairle na nÓg* was **€21,624.34** or **3%** of the overall national spend. 21 Comhairlí reported spending on awareness raising while ten Comhairlí did not allocate any money under this heading and therefore reported no spend.

Of those reporting expenditure under this budget heading, eight Comhairlí reported expenditure that was in line with their original budget allocation in this area. Nine Comhairlí spent less than anticipated and four spent more than planned. Overall there was a 3% overspend in this category. One Comhairle did not allocate any money under this heading but expenditure was reported. Another Comhairle allocated money under this heading but expenditure was not reported. Overspend was covered by funding from other sources of funding carried over to next year.

Although 32% of Comhairlí did not report expenditure specifically related to raising awareness/promotion, all Comhairlí reported engaging in promotional activities to raise the profile of the Comhairle (see chapter 5). The average amount of spending on promotional actions was €697.56 per Comhairle.

10.9 Consolidating and influencing the status of Comhairle na nÓg in local strategies, structures and organisations

A total of **€3,633.96** or just **0.6%** of total expenditure was spent on activities relating to *Consolidating and influencing the status of Comhairlí na nÓg in local strategies, structures and organisations*. This remains a low expenditure area with only 12 Comhairlí (39%) reporting any spending under this heading. A total of 19 Comhairlí did not allocate any money under this heading and, therefore, reported no spend. One Comhairle received an allocation, but did not report any spend.

Overall, expenditure in this area was 3% less than allocated, whereas, in 2018, the expenditure was 1% more than allocated. The average spend per Comhairle under this heading was just €117.22. There was significant variance for some Comhairlí between allocations and actual expenditure in this category with one Comhairle reporting an underspend of 100% and another reporting an overspend of 161%.

As this area of expenditure relates to liaising and engaging with organisations and agencies (attending meetings, making presentations etc.), costs tend to be low and may be funded under other budget headings.

10.10 Enhancing and managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committees

A total of **€1,501.99** or **0.2%** of overall expenditure related to *Enhancing and managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committees*, making this, the lowest category of expenditure in 2019 (also in previous years). A total of 13 Comhairlí (42%) reported spending under this heading and the amounts were relatively low (ranging from €17.78 to €300.00). The average expenditure for this budget heading was just €48.45. Costs under this heading relate to meetings of the Steering Group, including transport and refreshments and similar.

18 Comhairlí (58%) did not allocate any money under this heading and therefore, reported no spend. Four Comhairlí received an allocation, but did not report any spend.

11 Appendices

Appendix I: Projects, actions and changes achieved in 2019

Key topic: Mental health				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Carlow	✓ Designed and distributed a youth mental health kit	✓ Greater awareness of mental health.		Yes
Donegal	✓ Rolled out the #MyWee5 campaign (connecting or life) to promote positive mental health with Jigsaw Donegal.	✓ Greater awareness of mental health		Yes
Dublin Fingal	✓ Facilitated Workshop at Healthy Ireland Fingal Foróige FitFest	✓ Workshop completed on the subject of peer pressure		Yes
Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown	✓ Managed a campaign to encourage young people to feel confident about Saying No to Peer Pressure.	✓ Researched, designed and created a poster and post card entitled Say No to Peer Pressure.		Yes
Kildare	✓ Peer education programme	✓ Increased awareness of mental health and wellbeing amongst young people		Yes

Key topic: Mental health				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Laois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle members developed a workshop that aims to promote positive body image and self confidence among young people aged 12 to 17 year olds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Workshop was completed. ✓ Young people learnt facilitation skills. ✓ Young people learnt skills to deal with body image and self-confidence. 	Workshops continued in January 2020.	
Longford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hosted intercultural event. ✓ Recording anti-bullying song in January 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Created greater awareness on bullying ✓ Implemented a creative methodology to deliver the anti-bullying message 	Participants to record song with an anti-bullying message in January 2020.	
Meath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Positive body image campaign launched through the Comhairle's annual 5km colour run. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Positive body image campaign was successful in 2019 and will continue into 2020. 	Yes	
Tipperary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle worked with Jigsaw across all its supports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jigsaw Tipperary will open in 2020 	Yes	
Waterford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Desk research completed. ✓ Production of a promotional video. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raised awareness amongst the young people of Waterford about the problems. 	Yes	

Key topic: Mental health				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Wexford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of the initiative 'Tea & Talk'. ✓ Design & printing of promotional leaflet detailing all relevant services for young people. ✓ Continued social media Hashtag campaign. ✓ Calendar produced featuring young people's artwork. Memorial/reflection space in community. ✓ Produced promotional video. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Out of hours services in the area of suicide and self-harm prevention in three locations across the county for young people to access. 		Yes

Key topic: Promoting Equality/Diversity				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Cork City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The need to support inclusion of new communities was highlighted as a priority by CCC. CNN is a strong example of integrating diverse communities and it hoped that embracing this new topic will continue to strengthen integration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Downtcha puppets will work with Comhairle in 2020. It is hoped that the creative methodologies implemented by Downtcha as part of these workshops will help members articulate their ideas more clearly on the topic of multiculturalism and diversity. 	Project will continue in 2020.	
Clare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed resilience seminar for students in the county. ✓ Facilitated general awareness workshop on discrimination. ✓ LGBTi Workshop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle is in a position to progress this topic in 2020. 	Yes	

Key topic: Promoting Equality/Diversity				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Tipperary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Event on gender equality rolled out in Clonmel. ✓ Comhairle linked in with the local refugee centre to create greater awareness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raised awareness of supports locally through the Comhairle website. ✓ Comhairle gave the local inclusion/refugee support organisations a voice. 		Yes

Key topic: Relationships / Sexuality				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Donegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assisted in rolling out HPV consultation in conjunction with professionals in the sexual health area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ HPV to create awareness and provide accurate information on the issue of sexual health. 		Yes
Meath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed a survey of students in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Delivered survey results to NCAA to assist in the national curriculum consultation on relationships and sex education. 		Yes

Action delivered by	Key topic: Relationships / Sexuality			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Monaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed survey on relationships developed by Comhairle members. ✓ Survey completed by over 500 young people from across Monaghan. ✓ Following survey results, a poster campaign was developed. ✓ Survey findings also presented to Monaghan County Council and to the CYPSC Sub Group 'Safe and Secure' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An awareness of the relationships young people face was highlighted. Recommendations on how to promote more awareness of healthy relationships for young people were made. ✓ Schools participated in allowing posters be displayed in schools. CYPSC interested in developing an action based on the findings of survey 		Yes

Action delivered by	Key topic: Physical health and wellbeing			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Clare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hosted wheelchair basketball tournament for mixed abilities. ✓ More exercise involved at the Comhairle meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Greater awareness of disability sports. ✓ Helped promote young people getting more exercise. 		Yes
Cork County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Building resilience around stress and pressure in young people ✓ Research carried out at Cork Summer Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Resource produced so that young people are equipped to achieve change: Step by step guide that helps young people to recognise and manage stress. ✓ The Comhairle completed a complimentary interactive video resource. ✓ Structures identified in association with Steering Committee and will be focus of work in Year 2. 	Yes	
Dublin Fingal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Facilitated Workshop at Healthy Ireland Fingal Foróige FitFest. ✓ Consulted with 4,000 young people at Zeminar using the Tree of Hope. ✓ Consulted with Jigsaw. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Greater awareness of healthy lifestyles amongst young people. 		Yes

Key topic: Physical health and wellbeing				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Longford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Event hosted addressing four elements of health including social, spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Young people on the day got to explore different areas of health and discussed things which may impact their health both positively and negatively. ✓ Young people demonstrated increased knowledge on the area of health. 	Yes	

Key topic: Cyber safety				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Dublin South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Survey was conducted ✓ Social media campaign and posters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Awareness raising regarding body image and social media. 		Yes
Cork County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 A Day model on cyber safety used all year. ✓ Organised the Onesie Run. ✓ McAfee Cyber Safety Programme completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teachers trained in Cyber Safety. ✓ Awareness of the importance of positive mental health. 		Yes

Action delivered by	Key topic: Safe communities/safe socialising			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Sligo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Promote the Garda Good Relations project. ✓ Carried out a survey on the attitudes of young people towards Community Gardaí and the Gardaí School Programme. ✓ Presented results to Community Gardaí ✓ Organised a team building sports event to build positive relations with the local Gardaí. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increased awareness of Community Gardaí and school programme. ✓ Reduced stereotypes & misconceptions of local Gardaí ✓ Increase approachability of local Community Garda. ✓ Involved young people from the local Garda Youth Diversion Project in Comhairle events. 		Yes
Leitrim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Organised Use Your Brain Not Your Fist Workshops. ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Youth user friendly workbook completed ✓ Promotional campaign on the educational programme completed. 	Yes	
Mayo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Produced a poster for their road safety campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Greater awareness of road safety on the community. 		Yes
Westmeath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative approach to the hosting of a road safety event targeting young people in the county. 22 organisations were involved in the planning & implementation of the event which was video recorded. ✓ Created a booklet on road safety and a video of the event which was distributed to Gardaí and schools for their schools programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 500 people participated in the event. ✓ Highlight the importance of road safety. ✓ Heightened relationships with front line services. ✓ Agreement by agencies to host event regularly 		Yes

	Key topic: Safe communities/safe socialising			
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Wicklow	✓ Print, promotion and distribution of Safe Zone signs.	✓ Positive change in the perception of young people and their capacity to contribute to safer communities.		Yes

	Key topic: Homelessness			
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Galway City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Delivered School Advocacy programme ✓ Developed a youth friendly budgeting workshop. 	✓ Raised awareness of homelessness through art.		Yes
Limerick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle members delivered summer camps for young people experiencing homelessness. ✓ Completed Lip Sync battle fundraiser for Novas Limerick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 21 young people attended a free 3 day summer camp and engaged in multiple activities. ✓ Lip Sync competition raised €300 for Novas Limerick 		Yes
Louth	✓ Comhairle members organised a sleep out fundraising event for the homeless.	✓ Greater awareness of young people who have to sofa Surf due to homelessness.		Yes

Key topic: Promoting Comhairle na nÓg				
Action delivered by	Action	Change achieved		Action completed
Fingal	✓ Produced promotional video including consultations and recruitment.	✓ Young people who watched the video had a better understanding of what Comhairle do.		Yes
Sligo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle worked towards increasing their use of social media to promote their services. ✓ Comhairle increased links with local councillors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Established new Instagram and Snapchat account. ✓ Comhairle chairperson was invited to attend a Sligo County Council meeting. 		Yes

Key topic: Education/Student Life				
Action delivered by	Project and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Dublin City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developed the education resource What School Doesn't Teach You for young people aged 12-15 years. ✓ The resources includes topics such as education, mental health, politics and money management. ✓ Comhairle produced four videos to be used as an information and education resource on Dublin City Comhairle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Resource completed and launched at the AGM. ✓ Videos completed and members consulted on regarding the video content. 		Yes

Action delivered by	Key topic: Education/Student Life			
	Project and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Leitrim	✓ Training workshops delivered to 86 young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Young people are more aware of other education options other than third level. ✓ Comhairle members learnt new skills such as research, communication, presentation and promotion skills. 		Yes
Longford	✓ Consultation completed at the Comhairle AGM, with local young people on the topic of education.	✓ Young people had the opportunity to provide feedback to the NCCI on the stresses of the Leaving Cert Cycle which will inform the national Leaving Certificate Review.		Yes
Offaly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leaflet produced and distributed at AGM. ✓ Mind coaching workshop provided at AGM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Information on mental health specifically targeting young people was distributed. ✓ Provided mind coaching for young people. ✓ Work on a video for young people in relation to exam stress and anxiety has started. 	Due to be completed in January 2020.	

Action delivered by	Key topic: Tourism			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Cavan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visited various tourist sites around Cavan. ✓ Comhairle have liaised with the County Council Tourism section to promote tourism in the county. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is Comhairle's plan to publish a book 52 reasons to visit Co Cavan in 2020. ✓ Increase tourism in the county. 	Yes	
Mayo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle members wrote a book 'Mayo in a nutshell' to promote the county. ✓ Comhairle liaised with the Mayo Day committee around project and Mayo.ie communications steering group for the annual Mayo Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle members developed new research and writing skills. ✓ Book completed. ✓ 		Yes

	Key topic: Intergenerational project			
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Roscommon	✓ Hosted the third annual 'Tea with Teens' event.	✓ Breaking down barriers and stereotypes between young people and older people.		Yes

	Key topic: Drugs/Alcohol			
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Donegal	✓ Comhairle members created a video on drugs and alcohol to highlight issues around the use of alcohol within young people.	✓ Video has been distributed to various schools and services ✓ Schools are showing the video to students to educate them in decision making and how to handle certain situations between themselves and older people.		Yes
Kildare	✓ In the process of developing a plan to highlight the issues of drugs and alcohol amongst young people Kildare	✓ The Comhairle county panel has begun to put together an action plan for 2020 to look at the topic	Yes	
Louth	✓ Comhairle launched a schools campaign called Drugs End All Dreams (D.E.A.D)	✓ Young people developed new skills knowledge and attitudes around drug use in their communities		Yes

Action delivered by	Key topic: Drugs/Alcohol			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Monaghan	✓ Comhairle members presented the findings of a survey <i>Developing a safe socialising message to 12 and 13 year olds in Co. Monaghan</i> to a sub group of the Joint Policing Committee (JPC)	✓ Collaborated with the JPC and other local organisations effectively to develop further drug and alcohol programmes in Co. Monaghan		Yes
Roscommon	✓ Comhairle members participated in substance misuse workshops by Western Regional Drugs, Alcohol Task Force and Alex's Adventure. Alex's Adventure workshop facilitated at AGM. ✓ Developed information leaflet on drugs and alcohol.	✓ Raised awareness of substance misuse among young people		Yes
Wicklow	✓ Completed research and discussions with stakeholders in the design of a drugs and alcohol survey. The emphasis on 'attitudes' was a very significant decision which will give particular insight when the results are compiled.	✓ The survey distribution is complete and data input will follow along with launch of results in Q1 2020. ✓ There is major anticipation in the sector for the outcomes.		Data input will happen in Q1 2020.

Action delivered by	Key topic: Climate change			
	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Galway County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Greater awareness of climate change and practical ways in which to reduce our negative impact on the planet. ✓ Topic of climate change was broken into smaller sections & each local area promoted one section: Zero waste, plastic free, fast fashion, food waste and transport. ✓ These sections were promoted during Youth Council Local Area events which supported the work of Comhairle at local level. ✓ Comhairle investigated and promoted ways to reduce our individual impact on the planet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle fed back to the National Assembly on Climate Change ✓ Comhairle increased interaction with local county council on issues that impact the climate. ✓ Anxiety related to climate change is increasing and Galway County will continue to work on this topic in conjunction with their new topic, mental health. 	Yes	
Cork County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Members took part in a number of events in 2019 including <i>Our Ocean Wealth</i> summit where members participated in Q&A with An Tánaiste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Members participated in local events, facilitated by Department of Foreign Affairs. ✓ Minister Zappone budget announcement included the priority to create a special fund for Youth Action on Climate Justice. 	Members intend to participate(in local events that will compliment National Executive's work for 2020-21	

Key topic: Rural transport				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Kilkenny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle promoted the services of <i>Ring a Link</i> through a social media campaign which highlighting the low cost routes available. ✓ Subsidised one off trips were also promoted to sport and youth clubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increased awareness of low cost transport options in rural parts of the county. 		Yes

Key topic: POC				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Mayo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle hosted a number of skill sharing days between young and older people in the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Older people and younger people learnt new skills. 		Yes

Key topic: Young people's services				
Action delivered by	Projects and actions	Changes achieved	2 year project?	Action completed
Kerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comhairle conducted a schools survey on improving facilities for young people in Kerry. ✓ Report presented to the local county council. ✓ Organisations invited to showcase opportunities and facilities for young people at the AGM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Panel discussion with Municipal District Reps at AGM ✓ Four organisations had information stands at the AGM 		Yes

Appendix II: Projected allocations Vs actual spend - by Local Authority breakdown (action areas 1-4)

	1. Enhancing and Managing the Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee			2. Comhairle na nÓg			3. Consolidating and Influencing the Status of CNN in local strategies, structures and organisations			4. Annual General Meeting (AGM)		
Local Authority	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference
Carlow	€200.00	€12.09	-6.0%	€1,000.00	€1,020.00	-2.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€2,000.00	€2,080.05	-4.0%
Cavan	€0.00	€0.00	-	€2,500.00	€2,645.49	-5.8%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€3,835.00	4.1%
Clare	€280.00	€96.62	65.5%	€2,700.00	€2,621.76	2.9%	€90.00	€6.80	92.4%	€3,970.00	€3,614.09	9.0%
Cork City	€0.00	-	-	€2,150.00	€2,331.02	-8.4%	€0.00	-	-	€650.00	€470.73	27.6%
Cork County	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,500.00	€4,151.56	7.7%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€2,163.00	€2,003.83	7.4%
Donegal	-	-	-	€2,460.00	€2,460.00	0.0%	-	-	-	€2,538.00	€2,538.00	-
Dublin - Dublin City	€0.00	€0.00	-	€6,000.00	€6,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%
Dublin - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	€300.00	€0.00	100.0%	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	-	€0.00	-	€3,000.00	€3,000.00	0.0%
Dublin - Fingal	€300.00	€300.00	-	€2,000.00	€2,745.00	-37.3%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%
Dublin - South Dublin	€240.00	€200.00	16.7%	€1,200.00	€1,403.00	-16.9%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€1,700.00	€1,400.00	17.6%
Galway City	€500.00	€0.00	-	€2,265.00	€2,171.21	4.1%	€155.00	€155.00	0.0%	€2,400.00	€2,549.42	-6.2%
Galway County	€500.00	€17.78	96.4%	€2,500.00	€2,600.15	-4.0%	€500.00	€600.30	-20.1%	€4,000.00	€3,759.35	6.0%
Kerry	€0.00	€0.00	-	€3,000.00	€2,654.85	11.5%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€1,500.00	€1,775.00	-18.3%
Kildare	€200.00	€178.50	10.8%	€3,000.00	€3,390.79	-13.0%	€400.00	€468.00	-17.0%	€2,250.00	€2,291.06	-1.8%
Kilkenny	-	-	-	€3,300.00	€3,381.92	-2.5%	-	-	-	€3,000.00	€2,900.07	3.3%
Laois	€0.00	-	-	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	€300.00	€300.00	0.0%	€2,200.00	€2,760.29	-25.5%
Leitrim	€120.00	€120.00	0.0%	€3,516.00	€3,516.00	0.0%	€600.00	€600.00	0.0%	€3,000.00	€3,000.00	0.0%

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Local Authority	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference
Limerick	€20.00	€0.00	100.0%	€2,800.00	€3,858.31	-37.8%	€150.00	€391.16	-160.8%	€3,180.00	€2,442.75	23.2%
Longford	-	-	-	€600.00	€441.00	26.5%	-	-	-	€2,000.00	€1,778.35	11.1%
Louth	€0.00	-	-	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	-	-	€3,500.00	€3,500.00	0.0%
Mayo	€0.00	€0.00	-	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%
Meath	€100.00	€0.00	100.0%	€2,000.00	€1,061.59	46.9%	€500.00	€360.36	27.9%	€4,000.00	€3,991.27	0.2%
Monaghan	-	-	-	€4,200.00	€4,200.00	0.0%	-	-	-	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%
Offaly	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€5,900.00	-47.5%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%
Roscommon	€100.00	€0.00	100.0%	€3,000.00	€3,892.43	-29.7%	€300.00	€0.00	100.0%	€3,200.00	€3,789.78	-18.4%
Sligo	-	-	-	€200.00	€400.00	-100.0%	-	-	-	€2,000.00	€1,800.00	10.0%
Tipperary	€120.00	€77.00	35.8%	€6,000.00	€6,048.37	-0.8%	€150.00	€152.34	-1.6%	€4,000.00	€4,017.05	-0.4%
Waterford	€100.00	€100.00	0.0%	€3,250.00	€3,250.00	0.0%	€300.00	€300.00	0.0%	€1,600.00	€1,600.00	0.0%
Westmeath	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	0.0%
Wexford	€0.00	€0.00	-	€6,000.00	€5,646.22	5.9%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€3,200.00	€3,026.14	5.4%
Wicklow	€200.00	€200.00	0.0%	€750.00	€748.00	0.3%	€300.00	€300.00	0.0%	€2,500.00	€2,620.00	-4.8%
Total	€3,280.00	€1,501.99	54%	€5,891.00	€9,538.67	-4%	€3,745.00	€3,633.96	3%	€9,551.00	€8,542.23	1%
Average Amount (based on 31 Comhairlí)	€105.81	€48.45		€2,770.68	€2,888.34		€120.81	€117.22		€2,888.74	€2,856.20	
Average Amount (based on number with allocation under heading)	€126.15	€65.30		€2,770.68	€2,888.34		€149.80	€151.42		€2,888.74	€2,856.20	

Appendix II (continued) Projected allocations Vs actual spend - by Local Authority breakdown (action areas 5-8)

Local Authority	5. Addressing the Key Topics identified by Young People			6. Raising Awareness and Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg			7. Staffing			8. Administration Supports		
	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference
Carlow	€800.00	€799.50	0.1%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€15,000.00	€15,000.00	0.0%	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%
Cavan	€2,000.00	€3,011.60	-50.6%	€1,500.00	€1,493.37	0.4%	€10,000.00	€6,007.27	39.9%	€0.00	€0.00	-
Clare	€1,250.00	€1,502.76	-20.2%	€210.00	€83.70	60.1%	€11,500.00	€12,621.25	-9.8%	€0.00	€0.00	-
Cork City	€700.00	€725.70	-3.7%	€755.00	€817.95	-8.3%	€13,645.00	€14,379.07	-5.4%	€2,100.00	€2,100.00	0.0%
Cork County	€0.00	€0.00	-	€1,337.00	€1,337.01	0.0%	€12,000.00	€11,999.00	0.0%	-	-	-
Donegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	€15,000.00	€15,000.00	0.0%	-	-	-
Dublin - Dublin City	€7,000.00	€7,000.00	0.0%	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%
Dublin - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	€1,500.00	€1,460.70	2.6%	€250.00	€250.00	-	€12,700.00	€13,289.30	-4.6%	-	-	-
Dublin - Fingal	€2,000.00	€2,215.68	-10.8%	€200.00	€200.00	-	€11,000.00	€11,000.00	0.0%	€500.00	€500.00	-
Dublin - South Dublin	€1,360.00	€1,497.00	-10.1%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€14,000.00	€14,000.00	0.0%	€1,500.00	€1,500.00	0.0%
Galway City	€2,550.00	€3,030.87	-18.9%	€2,000.00	€1,976.28	1.2%	€9,470.00	€9,470.00	0.0%	€660.00	€647.81	1.8%
Galway County	€1,000.00	€929.35	7.1%	€1,000.00	€1,702.82	-70.3%	€10,000.00	€10,000.00	0.0%	€500.00	€390.25	22.0%
Kerry	€1,500.00	€1,459.20	2.7%	€0.00	€0.00	-	€12,000.00	€11,999.80	0.0%	€2,000.00	€2,111.15	-5.6%
Kildare	€2,350.00	€2,391.73	-1.8%	€800.00	€770.00	3.8%	€10,000.00	€9,510.00	4.9%	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%
Kilkenny	€1,500.00	€1,472.87	1.8%	€200.00	€0.00	100.0%	€11,000.00	€11,000.00	0.0%	€1,000.00	€1,058.78	-5.9%
Laois	€4,500.00	€3,939.71	12.5%	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%	€9,500.00	€9,500.00	0.0%	€500.00	€468.75	6.3%
Leitrim	€1,655.00	€1,655.00	0.0%	€500.00	€500.00	0.0%	€7,609.00	€7,609.00	0.0%	€3,000.00	€3,000.00	0.0%
Limerick	€500.00	€502.65	-0.5%	€400.00	€313.65	21.6%	€11,800.00	€11,288.70	4.3%	€1,150.00	€1,173.56	-2.0%
Longford	€400.00	€420.95	-5.2%	-	-	-	€15,000.00	€14,645.72	2.4%	€2,000.00	€2,819.00	-41.0%

	5. Addressing the Key Topics identified by Young People			6. Raising Awareness and Promotion of Comhairle na nÓg			7. Staffing			8. Administration Supports		
Local Authority	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference	Original allocation	Actual spend	% Difference
Louth	€500.00	€500.00	0.0%	€0.00	-	-	€15,000.00	€15,000.00	0.0%	€0.00	-	-
Mayo	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	0.0%	€11,000.00	€11,000.00	0.0%	-	-	-
Meath	€1,650.00	€3,601.35	-118.3%	€500.00	€500.00	-	€10,000.00	€10,484.24	-4.8%	€1,250.00	€0.00	-
Monaghan	€3,300.00	€3,300.00	0.0%	€200.00	€200.00	0.0%	€10,300.00	€10,300.00	0.0%	-	-	-
Offaly	€4,000.00	€3,982.13	0.4%	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	0.0%	€6,000.00	€3,075.00	48.8%	€0.00	€0.00	-
Roscommon	€1,835.00	€1,147.16	37.5%	€400.00	€369.01	7.7%	€10,000.00	€9,522.24	4.8%	€600.00	€714.38	-
Sligo	€300.00	€300.00	0.0%	€0.00	€350.00	-	€15,000.00	€14,650.00	2.3%	€2,500.00	€2,500.00	0.0%
Tipperary	€4,000.00	€3,991.50	0.2%	€1,500.00	€1,491.73	0.6%	€3,830.00	€3,830.00	0.0%	€400.00	€400.00	0.0%
Waterford	€1,975.00	€1,975.00	0.0%	€800.00	€800.00	0.0%	€8,975.00	€8,975.00	0.0%	€3,000.00	€3,000.00	0.0%
Westmeath	€4,000.00	€5,230.00	-30.8%	€1,500.00	€1,500.00	0.0%	€6,500.00	€6,500.00	0.0%	€0.00	€0.00	-
Wexford	€1,600.00	€1,418.82	11.3%	€800.00	€668.82	16.4%	€6,000.00	€6,600.00	-10.0%	€2,400.00	€2,640.00	-10.0%
Wicklow	€900.00	€807.00	10.3%	€200.00	€300.00	-50.0%	€15,000.00	€15,000.00	0.0%	€150.00	€25.00	83.3%
Total	€58,625.00	€62,268.23	-6.2%	€21,052.00	€21,624.34	-2.7%	€328,829.00	€323,255.59	1.7%	€28,210.00	€28,048.68	0.6%
Average Amount (based on 31 Comhairlí)	€1,891.13	€2,008.65		€679.10	€697.56		€10,607.39	€10,427.60		€910.00	€904.80	
Average Amount (based on number with allocation under heading)	€1,954.17	€2,075.61		€725.93	€772.30		€10,607.39	€10,427.60		€1,085.00	€1,121.95	

Appendix III: Income and Expenditure 2019 by Local Authority

Local authority	Total allocation	Total spend	Amount difference	% Difference	% Total expenditure
Carlow	€20,000.00	€20,111.64	-€111.64	-0.6%	3.2%
Cavan	€20,000.00	€16,992.73	€3,007.27	15.0%	2.7%
Clare	€20,000.00	€20,546.98	-€546.98	-2.7%	3.3%
Cork City	€20,000.00	€20,824.47	-€824.47	-4.1%	3.4%
Cork County	€20,000.00	€19,491.40	€508.60	2.5%	3.1%
Donegal	€19,998.00	€19,998.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Dublin - Dublin City	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Dublin - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	€19,750.00	€20,000.00	-€250.00	-1.3%	3.2%
Dublin - Fingal	€20,000.00	€20,960.68	-€960.68	-4.8%	3.4%
Dublin – South Dublin	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Galway City	€20,000.00	€20,000.59	-€0.59	-0.003%	3.2%
Galway County	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Kerry	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Kildare	€20,000.00	€20,000.08	-€0.08	-0.0004%	3.2%
Kilkenny	€20,000.00	€19,813.64	€186.36	0.9%	3.2%
Laois	€20,000.00	€19,968.75	€31.25	0.2%	3.2%
Leitrim	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Limerick	€20,000.00	€19,970.78	€29.22	0.1%	3.2%
Longford	€20,000.00	€20,105.02	-€105.02	-0.5%	3.2%
Louth	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Mayo	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Meath	€20,000.00	€19,998.81	€1.19	0.01%	3.2%
Monaghan	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Offaly	€20,000.00	€18,957.13	€1,042.87	5.2%	3.1%
Roscommon	€19,435.00	€19,435.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.1%
Sligo	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Tipperary	€20,000.00	€20,007.99	-€7.99	-0.04%	3.2%
Waterford	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Westmeath	€20,000.00	€21,230.00	-€1,230.00	-6.2%	3.4%
Wexford	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
Wicklow	€20,000.00	€20,000.00	€0.00	0.0%	3.2%
	€19,183.00	€18,413.69¹³	€769.31	0.1%	99.9%

¹³ If the updated figures for the two Comhairlí that submitted after the report deadline were incorporated, this figure would total €618,227.24.