

Press Release

9th July 2013

Councillor Ríoghnaigh Bracken to launch YAP Ireland photography exhibition in Naas Library on 9th July at 7pm

Photographs taken by eight young people on the YAP Kildare Programme will be displayed in a photography exhibition in Naas Library from 9th – 11th July. The launch of the photography exhibition will take place on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm to 9pm in Naas Library. The theme of the exhibition is capturing in pictures past and present changes in the local area and community. The photography exhibition will be launched by local Cllr. Ríoghnaigh Bracken.

YAP Ireland is a leading provider of intensive support programmes for young people and families. It uses a strengths based, family focused approach to deliver a one-to-one service for up to 15 hours per week over 6 months to young people with complex needs. In 2012, YAP Ireland worked with 528 young people and families overall.

The group of 8 young people, a mix of boys and girls aged from 12 – 16yrs, each focused on historical sites in their area for the project. Speaking in advance of the photography exhibition, Iain McGuinness, Case Manager with YAP Ireland said: *“All of the young people have been instrumental in putting forward the ideas for the project and exhibition. The young people involved in this project have invested a lot of time and put a huge amount of effort into working on this project over the past number of weeks. The young people have shown enormous creativity and talent in their work.”*

Also speaking in advance of the event, Greg O'Reilly, Service Manager YAP Ireland said: *“We are delighted the young people in YAP Kildare have the opportunity to showcase their talents with the wider community. They are proud of their work and are keen to share their achievements with the local community in Naas.”* The project was done to coincide with the EU theme of Citizenship for 2013.

To attend the event, please RSVP to imcguinness@yapireland.ie

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