

## Press Release

### **YAP Dublin to Launch the YAP Ireland 2013 Annual Report on 11<sup>th</sup> June**

YAP Ireland's Dublin project is delighted to launch the YAP Ireland Annual Report for 2013. YAP Ireland is regionally launching its Annual Report for 2013 and in Dublin the launch will take place at 2pm on 11<sup>th</sup> June in YAP Ireland Head Office, Meeting Room, Lower Ground Floor, Park House, 191-193A North Circular Road, Dublin 7.

The theme of YAP Ireland's Annual Report for 2013 is partnership which is fundamental to the success of the YAP Ireland model. YAP Ireland works in partnership with the Child and Family Agency in delivering services to young people and families and with other services such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health, schools and community and voluntary organisations; and most importantly, with the young people and families referred to the service.

NUI Maynooth completed their longitudinal evidence informed research into the impact of the YAP Programme on outcomes for young people and families in 2013 and found that the YAP programme achieves positive outcomes across a range of measures. YAP Ireland also undertook many partnerships with young people in 2013 and was successful in its application to become a member of Investing in Children evidencing "Dialogue leading to Change". The Youth CEO group formed this year following a recommendation from the Youth Forum and the group have continued to develop the role of the Youth CEO for YAP Ireland.

Speaking in advance of the launch, Tommy Linnane, Chair of the YAP Ireland Board stated: *"In 2013, YAP Ireland continued to provide and prioritise a high quality service, maintained existing services, strategically expanded services into new areas, generated income growth over the previous year, and increased the number of young people and families availing of its services nationwide. In 2013, YAP Ireland worked with 579 young people and their families overall for the year compared to 528 in 2012."*

Also speaking in advance of the regional launches, Siobhán O'Dwyer, CEO YAP Ireland said: *"Partnership is a fundamental principle of the YAP model and has been very valuable to us in a year which saw a lot of change for our primary funder, the HSE as TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency was being formed. We are now working closely with colleagues in the Agency as they embark on the exciting challenge of developing an agency with high quality services for children and families at the core. The young people and families are included in their service from the first meeting and are involved in setting their goals, assessing their outcomes and planning for their future goals and this inclusive, strengths based approach works."*

YAP Ireland also have outcomes data available for 2013 which show an ongoing improvement in the range of outcomes measured with young people, families, referrers and staff from Dublin. In 2013, YAP Dublin's projects in Dublin North City, Dublin North, Dublin South City and Dublin South West matched 137 young people and families and worked with 210 young people and families overall.

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