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YAP helps Young People
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CREATION BY CITY TEENS TO BE EXHIBITED IN



Annual Report **2014**



YAP at a Glance 2014

84% IMPROVEMENT
IN SELF ESTEEM/
CONFIDENCE.

“Advocate is very good with (my daughter). We have been involved with lots of different services and YAP is the best as they seem to have the same attitude as the Young People and not the clinical attitude that some places have. She is really benefiting from the programme”

(YAP Parent)

23 AREAS OF SERVICE
PROVISION.

“I like that it gets my son out of the house and he really enjoys it. He gets on with advocate”

82% IMPROVEMENT
IN FEELING
WITHDRAWN OR
ISOLATED.

346 NEW YOUNG
PEOPLE & FAMILIES
MATCHED AND WE
WORKED WITH 569
OVERALL IN 2014.

77%
IMPROVEMENT
IN ATTENDANCE
AT SCHOOL/
EDUCATION/
EMPLOYMENT.

78% improvement in Social Supports/Family.

Acknowledgements

YAP Ireland wishes to sincerely thank the Young People, Families, Carers, staff, referral agencies, partners and members of the Board who gave their time to contribute to this Annual Report. Thank you in particular to all the Young People and Families that we worked with in 2014 – you welcomed us into your lives and worked with us to achieve the goals that you want to achieve and that is a privilege for all the staff of YAP Ireland that we really value. A huge thank you to our partners in TUSLA Child and Family Agency, in particular to the 271 Social Workers who referred Young People to YAP Services in 2014 and a big welcome to our colleagues in Disability Services and Irish Youth Justice who are also now referring to YAP Ireland. We would like to acknowledge those partners who attended YAP Events, assisted with Recruitment & Selection and who continue to champion the YAP Model within referral agencies to ensure that as many Young People as possible can access our service.

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VISION:

YAP Ireland’s vision is a society where Young People and Families are confident and connected with their communities.

MISSION:

YAP Ireland’s mission is to build partnerships between vulnerable Young People, their Families and communities to support their full potential through a community based, strengths focused, intensive support model which provides a more effective and economic alternative to society’s reliance on the direct provision of state institutions and out-of-home care services.

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Foreword



Tommy Linnane,
Chairperson YAP Ireland

It is my pleasure, in this my fourth and final year as chairman of YAP Ireland, to present the Annual Report for 2014.

The financial crisis of recent years and the resulting austerity challenges imposed as a consequence required a pro-active and adaptive response to protect the ongoing quality of our service delivery and provision.

Accordingly, in order to alleviate the consequences of this significant challenge, consolidate our existing intensive strengths based support model to our Young People and Families, and forward plan for future expansion of services, a major rationalisation programme of our management structure and cost base was implemented.

The Board of YAP progressed to the next stage of their ongoing corporate governance reform to ensure that their processes and structures are best positioned to advance the vision and mission of the organisation to impact positively on the biographies of more of our society's vulnerable Young People and their Families.

In 2014 YAP Ireland provided support programmes to 569 Young People and their Families across 23 areas of service delivery. Some of our staff have also been actively engaged in delivering training for a new YAP programme commencing in Sweden. An innovative pilot project in collaboration with Irish Youth Justice was also announced to commence early 2015.

This year also saw the retirement of Andrew O'Shaughnessy one of our longest serving Board Directors and the appointments of Vivian Sanks-King and Edel Quinn to the Board.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the ongoing constant work and commitment by the Advocates, Staff and Board of Directors in supporting the YAP model which has positively changed so many Young Peoples' lives both here in Ireland and abroad.

Introduction



Siobhán O'Dwyer
CEO YAP Ireland

2014 has been a very good year for YAP Ireland with Young People and Families receiving a high quality service leading to very positive outcomes for them and their communities.

Of course, without the hard work and commitment of the staff of YAP Ireland this would not be possible and they have maintained that commitment to the Young People and Families despite some major changes in the structure of the organisation and budget constraints – so thanks to all of you.

We have had a number of exciting developments this year with the Launch of the NUI Maynooth Evidence Informed Research into the impact of YAP Ireland that shows the positive impact the programme has on the wellbeing of Young People and Families; Building relationships with referrers in Disability Services and providing services to Young People with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome; Working with US Colleagues to introduce YAP to Sweden; The Youth CEO Group and the Youth Forum increasing their influence in YAP and wider society; The launch of YAP as an assessor for the Investing in Children Award and agreeing a pilot service for Young People in the Children Detention Schools with the Irish Youth Justice Service which will be in place in 2015.

A very special thank you to Katie, Teaghen, Georgina and Chelsey for being such brilliant Youth CEO's – your contribution made a huge difference to YAP Ireland and to me. I look forward to working with Young People, Families, staff, referrers, partners and the Board to ensure that YAP Ireland continues to put Young People at the centre of everything that we do.



Sophie Spence
YAP Patron

YAP Ireland are delighted to welcome Sophie Spence, Ladies Rugby Champion as our first ever patron. Speaking to Young People at the Youth Forum Sophie said:

“It is an exciting time to be asked to be a Patron for YAP as my whole career to date has been leading to helping Young People, and this program is another great way in which Young People can make changes to their lives for the better”.

We believe that Sophie will be a wonderful ambassador for YAP Ireland and a very positive role model for Young People and we look forward to growing our relationship with her in the future.

Board Members 2014

Tommy Linnane	<i>Chair</i>
Aidan Browne	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Dermot Walsh	<i>Company Secretary</i>
Andrew O'Shaughnessy	<i>Director, resigned 2014</i>
Claire Fitzpatrick	<i>Director</i>
Paula Cahill O'Sullivan	<i>Director</i>
Lynette Brown-Sow	<i>Director</i>
Vivian Sanks-King	<i>Director, joined 2014</i>
Edel Quinn	<i>Director, joined 2014</i>

Participation & Consultation 2014



Young People and Partners launching the 2013 Annual Report regionally in June 2014

Year on year we continue to increase our participation work as evident from the numbers of people involved in 2014. YAP Ireland undertook 48 Participation/Consultation events in 2014 with a total of 740 people in attendance. Attendees included Staff, Advocates, Young People, Parent/Carers, Board Members and invited professionals. The key achievements are highlighted below:

23 YOUTH PARTICIPATION EVENTS NATIONALLY

325 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

YAP Ireland Youth Forum

The Youth Forum was formed in January 2014 for Young People on the YAP programme or those who have recently finished. The group meets three times a year usually during school holidays. The forum is an opportunity for Young People to meet others from different programmes and encourage them to input into the YAP programme and wider issues. In 2014 Young People redrafted the Child Protection Policy into a plain language, clear A4 insert for all Young People coming on the programme as well as providing feedback to the Council of Europe on the Child Friendly Youth Justice Guidelines. They also drafted a job description for the Youth CEO and the nomination and election of person/s to go forward as Youth CEO's. Participants are encouraged to feed into articles for the newsletter, review brochures or publications and provide ideas and input for conferences and events.

YAP Youth CEO Group

The Youth CEO group is made up of a group of Young People who put themselves forward from the Youth Forum to act as Youth CEOs for YAP. In 2014 the Young People worked with Siobhán O'Dwyer, CEO, and developed their Terms of Reference and how they will be elected in the future to ensure that the group is representative and can feed back to the wider group of Young People in YAP. Members of the Youth CEO Group work with the CEO and speak at public events and contribute to discussions and policy and practice development.

March 2014 - NUIM Longitudinal Evaluation Launch

March 2014 - YAP Youth CEO Group help to Launch the NUI Maynooth Longitudinal Evaluation of YAP Ireland. To view the full report go to www.yapireland.ie.

"I would like to thank YAP for believing in me and giving me the courage to get up and openly admit my feelings." **Youth CEO**



April 2014 - Presentation to Pieta House "A Gift of Hope"

We asked a group of Young People to identify a service in Cork that they have access to that they would like to thank. They identified Pieta House in Bishopstown as they felt that this service had similar values to YAP and a lot of the Young People had personal experiences with depression, suicide and/or self harm. The following is an excerpt from a speech made by a young person Megan on the day and it summarises what the project meant to the Young People.

"The average person tells 4 lies a day, or 1460 a year, a total of 87,600 by the age of 60 and the most common lie of all is 'I am fine'. Both Pieta House and YAP know that sometimes you are not fine, and that is OK too, that is why they are here to help. Today as Young People involved in the YAP programme, we are here to present our art project called 'a Gift of Hope' to you. We chose to give this piece to Pieta House because suicide and self-harming is something that we are all aware of in our daily lives. We hope it brings you as much enjoyment as we had putting it together. This project has inspired hope in all of us and we hope it will do the same in its new home here with you, so I will leave you with this quote. 'Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow'."

May 2014 - Ocean to City Race Cork

On the 31st of May in conjunction with Meitheal Mara, 8 Young People on the YAP Ireland programme in Cork competed in the annual International Ocean to City race. The group of Young People received all the necessary training to compete at this level, this included 8 weeks of expert training and information on safety requirements. The YAP group were competing against other youth services and a number of locally based schools.

"I feel like I am in the Olympics and so special" **Young Person Cork**



July 2014 - Charity Run County Cavan

In July Staff, Advocates, Young People and a dog from Cavan and Monaghan completed a 5 Mile charity run in Ballyhaise County Cavan.

August 2014 – Youth Forum Dublin Zoo

Almost 100 Young People and Advocates attended the Youth Forum Event in Dublin Zoo to elect a new Youth CEO Group. 14 Young People were elected as Youth CEO's and took over from the previous group in October. They chose as their priority the training of Young People to be part of Recruitment panels for YAP Ireland in 2015 and put in place a plan to make this a reality.



August 2014 – Limerick & Cork Young People climb Galtymore

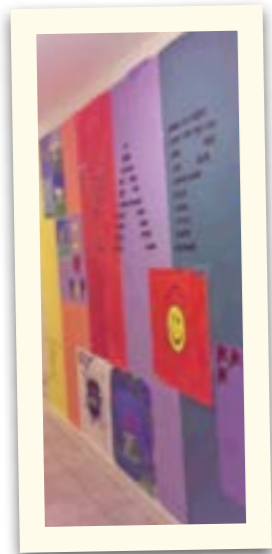
A group of Advocates and Young People from the Limerick and Cork projects came together to climb Galtymore, a 919 m mountain on the border between counties Limerick and Tipperary. It is the highest of the Galtee Mountains and the 14th highest peak in Ireland. The group was made up of boys and girls who were supported and encouraged all the way by their Advocates and the expert guides from Kilfinane Outdoor Education Centre. Considering that some of the Young People had never been on a mountain before it is a credit to them that they all made it to the top in 3 hours. A big 'thank you' to the Advocates and the Staff of the Kilfinane Outdoor Education Centre, especially Mary who cooked a big 'feast' for everyone on our return.



October 2014 – YAP Limerick Participation Group – Mural Project

YAP Limerick's participation group designed and created a Mural for the Limerick office wall. The group consisted of 7 Young People and their Advocates. The theme for the mural was "What YAP means to me".

Upon completion of the mural the Young People expressed how they felt about the project and the how they felt that interaction like this with other YAP participants was really valuable.



Debbie - "I enjoyed meeting new people and I feel that we really bonded throughout the few weeks that we spent there. It was fun and I looked forward to going in there every Monday."

Audrice - "Loved getting covered in paint and flicking it everywhere!"

Rhys - "Liked putting graffiti on the wall and messing about!"

Brendan - "Liked painting and meeting new friends!"

YAP International – Sweden

As part of YAP Ireland and YAP Inc's undertaking to assist services to set up the YAP model in their country, YAP Ireland Staff have been working with the Botkyrka Social Services in Stockholm over the last few years. In 2014 Siobhán O'Dwyer CEO and Joan King Service Manager from YAP Ireland travelled to Botkyrka, Stockholm, to assist with the recruitment of Managers, and later the Managers themselves came to Ireland to shadow our service delivery team here to support the start-up of YAP Sweden. The visits have been very productive and interesting as we got to hear how the Swedish staff work with Young People and their Families, and to see how the YAP model is a great fit. They have employed their Managers and advocates and will be ready to commence in 2015. So Congratulations YAP Sweden!!



YAP Ireland Investing In Children Membership Award Scheme



On 23rd September 2014 YAP Ireland in partnership with VOYPIC launched the Investing in Children Membership Award Scheme. The membership scheme recognises and celebrates examples of imaginative and inclusive practice and gives organisations the opportunity to award services that can demonstrate a commitment to dialogue with Young People that leads to change. Assisting with the launch on the day were Young People from the Youth CEO Group, Tanya Ward, CEO of Children's Rights Alliance and Liam Cairns, Director of Investing in Children, UK. YAP Ireland is now into the 2nd year of accreditation and has accepted an invitation to become an assessor for other organisations seeking to obtain 'Investing in Children' membership.

Investing in Children is a simple assessment of what you are doing to listen to Children and Young People who use your service and what changes have come about because of listening to them and leads to an external accreditation by Investing in Children.

Why would I/My organisation want to become a member?

- Children and Young People value being asked by an external agency about your service and feel respected and listened to when they are involved in the process. They are asked to agree the report and the recommendations prior to them being signed off by Investing in Children. Children and Young People often see simple, easy solutions that are easily implemented with

little or no cost, but that make a big difference to them and to staff, thereby improving the service, increasing engagement, motivating staff and encouraging ongoing dialogue and good practice. Investing in Children gives your service external recognition and accreditation for the good practice you have in place for listening to the voice of Children and Young People and how you value their input through changes you make. Investing in Children membership scheme recognises and celebrates examples of imaginative and inclusive practice and awards services that can demonstrate a commitment to dialogue with Children and Young People that will lead to change.

- Government Policy across all departments are emphasising the importance of participation and voice for service users from the HIQA standards to the recently published 'Better Outcomes Brighter Futures' (The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020, Department of Children & Youth Affairs).

What does it cost?

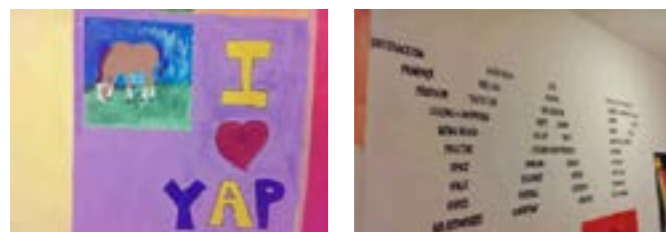
For the public sector including community and voluntary organisations the cost of evaluation is €590 + actual travel & subsistence and re-evaluation costs €465 + actual travel & subsistence. For the private sector, the cost of evaluation is €860 + actual travel & subsistence and re-evaluation costs €680 + actual travel & subsistence.

While initially the fact that you have to pay for the Investing in Children Membership Award may seem a negative, it is in fact a very small proportion of an annual budget and if you were to engage an external consultant to carry out similar work the costs will be much higher. Many organisations are trying to carry out participation and consultation with service users and the Investing in Children Membership Award is a very cost effective method of finding out where you are at now and how the processes can be improved with an external Award.

For further information please contact Andrew Chapple at info@yapireland.ie or on (01) 868 9180 or please visit www.yapireland.ie

Service Provision

In 2014, YAP Ireland worked in partnership with Young People, their Families and other professional organisations, both Statutory and Voluntary, to provide services to 569 Young People and Families. YAP Ireland increased its service provision to 23 areas in 2014. We created new referral relationships with referrers from Disability Services to offer the YAP Programme to more Young People.



Profile of Young People and Families

The information on the demographic profile of the Young People and Families we work with is important so that we can focus on the needs of our service users and to inform our advocacy work on policy and service change. At the end of 2014, the data related to the profile of 1210 Young People matched between 2011 and 2014 showed: 58% of the Young People we worked with were boys and 42% girls, with 19% aged -10-12; 56% aged 13-15 and 25% aged 16-18+. 88% described themselves as Irish, 6% from an Irish Traveller background, 3% African and 3% Eastern European which reflects an increase in ethnic minority Young People living in Ireland.

Care Status

76% were living at home while 24% were in the care system

Mental Health or Disability Diagnosis

66% of Young People did not have a diagnosis of mental health or disability. Of those who did, 36% were diagnosed with behavioural issues such as ADHD or ADD while 10% were on the autism spectrum and 7% were awaiting an assessment.

Safety and Offending Behaviour

73% of Young People had never been arrested. A family member had been convicted in 24% of Families while 46% did not have that experience.

Education Status

85% were in education or alternative education with a further 15% not in education, employment or training with 60% of those in education attending regularly.

Service and Community Links

41% of Young People were linking in with one or more other services per week while 59% were not. This shows the level of isolation often experienced by Young People and Families in difficulty, and is a primary focus of the YAP intervention to build long lasting positive community and social links - "A Hobby for Life."

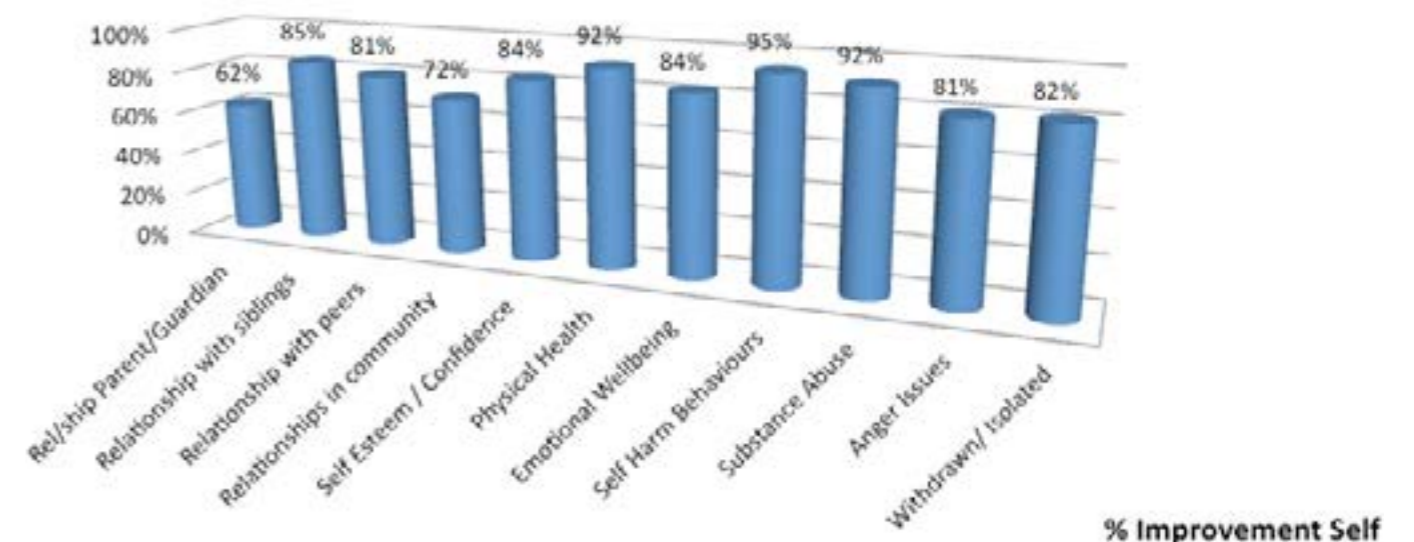
Family Background

53% are single parent households. 22% of primary Carers were in employment with the majority of the other primary Carers describing themselves as working full-time in the home. **51% of cases have a family history of drug or alcohol misuse. 60% of primary Carers had a full medical card**

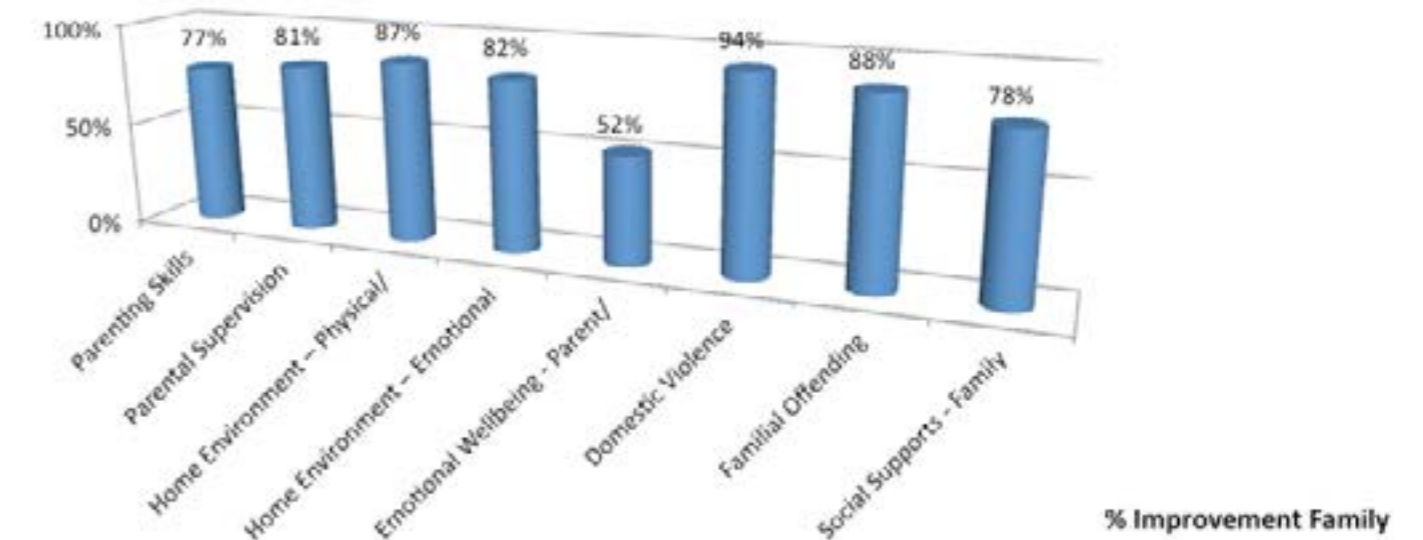
Service Evaluation - Outcomes

The cohort is 1049 Young People with 418 girls (40%) and 631 boys (60%). Ages of Young People: 21% aged 10-12; 55% aged 13-15; 24% aged 16-18+. The gender and age profile has remained consistent over the past number of years.

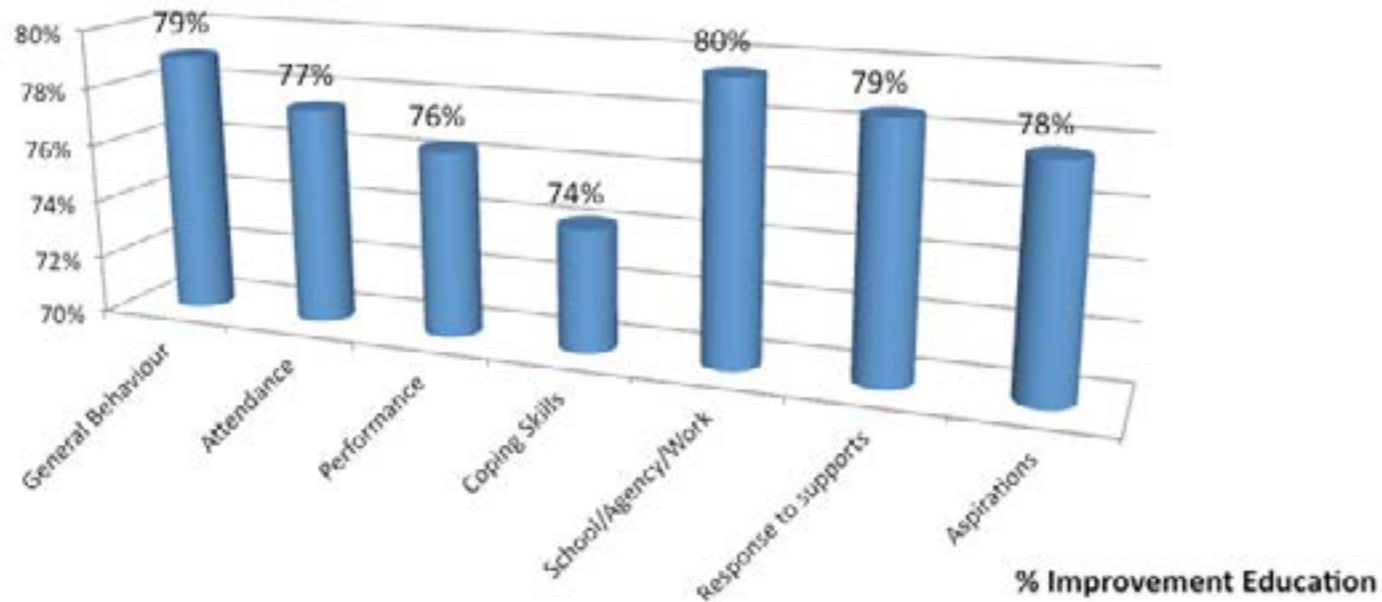
This table shows the % improvement in those who presented with significant risk at referral, in areas such as Self Esteem, Physical Health and Relationships, and who subsequently showed less risk at programme completion.



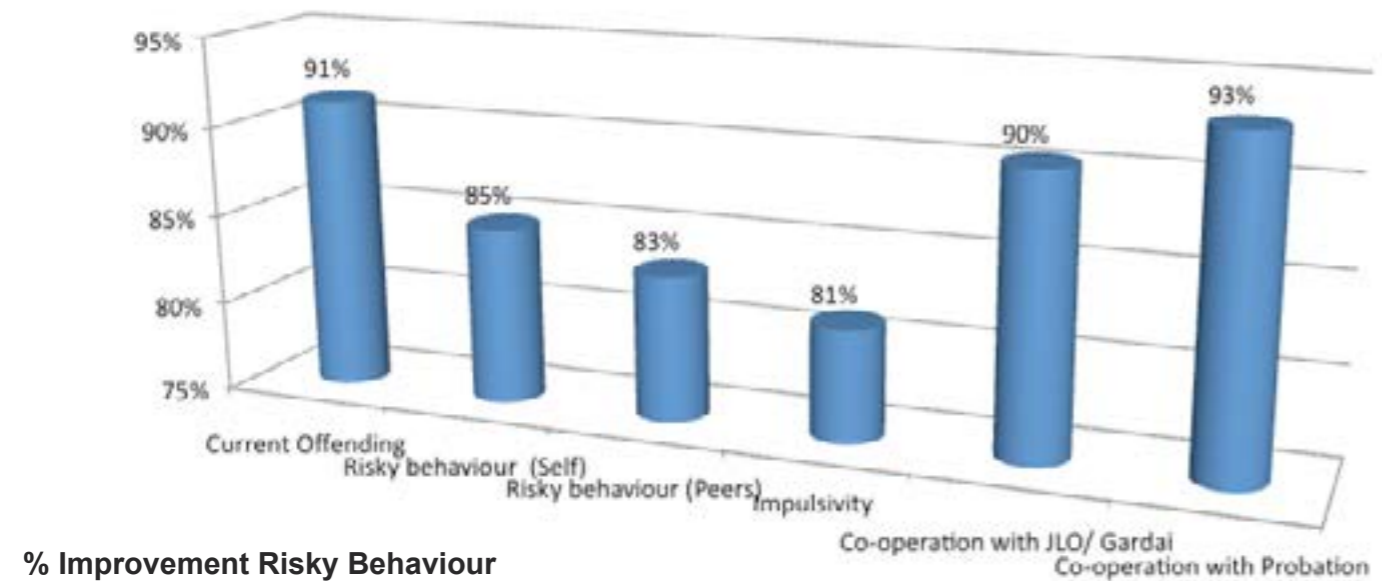
This table shows the % improvement in those who presented with significant risk at referral, in areas such as Parental Skills, Home Environment and Domestic Violence, and who subsequently showed less risk at programme completion.



This table shows the % improvement in those who presented with significant risk at referral, in areas such as Education, Aspirations and Coping Skills, and who subsequently showed less risk at programme completion.



This table shows the % improvement in those who presented with significant risk at referral, in areas such as Risk Taking, Offending and Impulsivity, and who subsequently showed less risk at programme completion.



Assessment/Effectiveness

YAP IRELAND MONITORING SYSTEM

YAP Ireland gives Parents/Carers the opportunity to have their say about how their involvement with YAP is progressing and to input into service development and improvement. In 2014, a total of 124 Parent/Carers agreed to complete the YAP Monitoring questionnaire. 92% resulted in positive feedback from Parent/Carers and 88% felt that they were well informed and involved in their Young Persons YAP Programme. 71% of participants gave YAP a satisfaction level score of 4 or more out of 5.

Some quotes from Parents/Carers in 2014

“Great programme, they are great friends, they have great craic, when they are together I hear roars of laughter coming from the sitting room”

“(She) is happy. Once she’s happy I’m happy”

Somebody else to confide in, she doesn’t tell me much

YAP was a lifesaver. My son wasn’t in school and it was very difficult, so YAP was brilliant. He really enjoyed it and it helped us. It was a godsend”

“YAP is great Advocate is doing a great job. I’ve seen a big change in my child. Of all the services we’ve been offered YAP is definitely the best”

Finance

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

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(Deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation for the financial year	(26,424)
(Deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation for the financial year	(26,424)
Retained (deficit) for the financial year	<u>(26,424)</u>

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activities of the company are to benefit the community, by providing an alternative to the institutionalisation of vulnerable young people, through the operation of integrated, family and community based programmes of support services for Young People and their Families who are in need or at risk. Youth Advocate Programmes Ireland provides intensive one to one support for up to 15 hours a week for Young People and Families, who are at risk of entering the care system or custody.

Key Achievements in 2014 include:

- We provided services to 569 Young People and Families in 2014. We achieved this despite further budget cuts by growing the service into new areas funded by the Child and Family Agency.
- We have continued to diversify funding streams by expanding the service to direct referrals from HSE Disability Services and agreement to pilot a service to the Children Detention Schools which will start in 2015.
- We have continued to implement the Corporate Plan 2013 - 2018.
- The Profile of Young People referred to YAP Ireland remains consistent with 76% living at home in the community and 24% in the care system. We are seeing a small increase in the number of ethnic minority Young People referred to YAP which reflects the increase in diversity within Irish society as a whole.
- The Outcomes for 1049 Young People worked with since 2011 continue to show major improvements in all the domains in line with the YAP Model and the NUI Maynooth Research (2014).
- The Youth CEO group and Youth Forum prioritised Young People being part of the recruitment of staff in 2014 and have worked towards this with staff. This will be implemented in 2015.

GOVERNANCE

The Board is committed to maintaining the highest standards of Corporate Governance and has determined that the organisation should comply with the principles outlined in "The Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations" (as produced by the Corporate Governance Association of Ireland, in association with various voluntary and charitable organisations).

Board Members, all of whom are non-executive, are drawn from diverse backgrounds in business and their professions and bring a broad range of experience and skills to Board deliberations.

There are clear distinctions between the role of the Board and the Executive Management Team to which day to day management is delegated. Matters such as Policy, Strategic Planning and Budgets are prepared by the Executive Management Team for consideration and approval by the Board, who then monitor the implementation of these plans. The members of the Board cannot, under the governing documents, receive remuneration for services to the organisation and may only be reimbursed for incidental expenses claimed.

The Board in 2014 reviewed its performance in line with the Governance Code and the introduction of the Charity Regulator. The Board will continue to develop in line with the changes expected by the Charity Legislation.

POLITICAL DONATIONS

There were no political contributions in 2014 and as a result, no disclosures are required under the Electoral Act, 1997.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

To continue to achieve the objectives as outlined in the Corporate Plan including:

- To continue to expand the service into new counties in partnership with the Child and Family Agency.
- To provide services to Young People with a disability or mental health condition in partnership with the HSE Disability and Mental Health services.
- To implement the Pilot Programme for Children Detention Schools successfully and agree future funding for this service.
- To continue to review Board performance and structures in line with the expectations of the Charity Regulator and Legislation.
- Ensure that Young People and Families have the opportunity to influence YAP services and policies as well as other agencies and in particular, the Child and Family Agency. The Youth CEO group and Youth Forum will be active and influential.
- Continue to diversify funding streams and capitalise on new opportunities for funding.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In common with many charities in Ireland, the principal risk and uncertainty of Youth Advocate Programmes Ireland Limited relates to the ability of the company to obtain funding to support its operations.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

Operating results for the year were as anticipated by the directors. The directors are of the opinion that the company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

IMPORTANT EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operation of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in financial years subsequent to the financial year ending 31 December 2014.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital, therefore the directors do not hold any beneficial interests at the balance sheet date.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in Ireland.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2013. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BOOKS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The directors are responsible for ensuring that proper books and records, as outlined in Section 202 of the Companies Act, 1990 are kept. The directors through the use of appropriate procedures and systems and the employment of competent persons have ensured that measures are in place to secure compliance with these requirements. These books and records are maintained at the company's registered office.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Roberts Nathan have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 160(2) of the Companies Act, 1963.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMMES IRELAND LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Youth Advocate Programmes Ireland Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act 1990. Our Audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 16, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the Financial Statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited Financial Statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

OPINION

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its deficit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2013.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY THE COMPANIES ACTS 1963 TO 2013

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

- In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company.
- The Financial Statements are in agreement with the books of account.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the Financial Statements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2013, which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

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Brendan Kean
For and on behalf of,
Roberts Nathan,
Chartered Certified Accountants
& Statutory Auditors,
First Floor,
10/11 Exchange Place,
IFSC,
Dublin 1.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
	€	€
INCOME	3,979,089	4,121,175
Administrative expenses	<u>(4,005,513)</u>	<u>(4,170,064)</u>
(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	(26,424)	(48,889)
BEFORE TAXATION		
Tax on (deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(26,424)	(48,889)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>447,644</u>	<u>496,533</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>421,220</u>	<u>447,644</u>

Continuing Operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

Total recognised gains and losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

The board have approved extracts from the Financial Statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
	€	€
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	<u>37,137</u>	<u>60,120</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	221,295	231,913
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>309,217</u>	<u>406,860</u>
	<u>530,512</u>	<u>638,773</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors	<u>146,429</u>	<u>251,249</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>384,083</u>	<u>387,524</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>421,220</u>	<u>447,644</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Accumulated surplus	<u>421,220</u>	<u>447,644</u>

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