

# INCREDIBLE YEARS LIMERICK

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### Incredible Years Evaluation Report

In June this year a large crowd gathered in Our Lady of Lourdes National School for the presentation of the IY Evaluation Report. The evaluation was undertaken by the TED project, Mary Immaculate Collage on behalf of the IY Strategic Steering Group, and was conducted over the course of one academic year. The event was a huge success and highlighted the value of the Incredible Years programmes to the schools and communities where they run. The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald TD travelled down to launch the report. Representatives of the various people involved in delivery also spoke of their experience of IY, along with representatives from the HSE and Limerick Regeneration.

A big thank you to all those who took part in the evaluation process.

A summary of the report is available from the IY office or the full version can be downloaded from the PAUL Partnership website.



Brendan Kenny, CEO, Limerick Regeneration Agency, Sexton Cahill, Chairperson, PAUL Partnership, Marguerite O'Neill, Chairperson, Incredible Years, Limerick at the research launch.



Presentation of certificates to some of the Incredible Years Group Leaders who completed the groupwork and facilitation skills training in 2011

Welcome Back

All the team at IY Limerick would like to welcome you all back for another year working together.

We hope that despite all the rain you all enjoyed the summer break and we look forward to another incredible year. Fiona, Leona, Susan and Barry



### Puppet Workshop

Puppets are a very effective tool in communicating with children. The use of puppets is an integral component of both Dina in the Classroom and the Small Group Dina. To support the leaders who are running these IY programmes a puppet workshop has been organised for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 in Watchouse Cross Library, 3.00 – 5.00 pm, facilitated by Siobhán Prendiville. Places can be booked by contacting Susan Naughton 061 419388 or e-mail [snaughton@paulpartnership.ie](mailto:snaughton@paulpartnership.ie).



**Parent Programme Graduation – Corpus Christi NS Moyross, June 2011.**  
**Programme Group Leaders, Susan Naughton, IY Limerick, Ailish Penny, HSCL, Corpus Christi.**



**Our Lady Queen of Peace NS- Parent Programme, Graduation – June 2011.**  
**This Programme was facilitated by Kate Russell, HSCL, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Ellen Storan, LSSC.**

### New Brochures

IY Limerick have recently produced information brochures for parents on the INFANT & PARENT PROGRAMME, PARENT PROGRAMMES (toddler, pre-school age and school age), and the SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMME. These brochures can be used by community organisations and schools to provide information to parents on the IY Programmes. Brochures should be used in conjunction with your own local registration forms and programme details. Contact Barry or Leona for brochures if required.

### Graduation Celebrations

Every May and June most of the IY programmes come to an end and with the end of a programme come the graduation celebrations. This years graduations like all past ones proved to be very enjoyable events for all those who attended especially for the participants who took part in the programmes. At almost every graduation one of two of the participants spoke about their experience on IY, all the stories shared were inspirational and some very moving. The programmes continue to go from strength to strength thanks to the dedication and hard work of all those involved

### Group Leader Information Pack

In the next few weeks, IY Limerick will be delivering information packs to all group leader delivering programmes this autumn. These packs will contain information on IY policies and procedures, sample forms and templates and evaluation data.

If you do not receive your pack, contact Barry or Leona at 061 419388



Doras Luimni and LSSC Parent programme Graduation 2011. Group Leaders Jumoke Oyewo, Doras, Liz Dunworth, LSSC.



Louise Gilligan – Parent speaking at the launch of the IY Limerick Evaluation

### Facilitation Skills Training

IY Limerick are currently taking names for a possible course in Groupwork and Facilitation skills to be held this autumn.

The content of the course will include Facilitation practice & techniques, stages of group development, managing difficult group situations / behaviours, understanding group techniques such as ice breakers, role play, etc. and co-facilitation and agreement

It is likely the training will be run over three days. To include your name on the list, contact Barry at 061 419388, [iyadmin@paulpartnership.ie](mailto:iyadmin@paulpartnership.ie)

### New Website

During the summer months PAUL Partnership launched its new and improved website. There is now a dedicated IY section. This will be a very useful way to keep up to date with news and events including peer support, training and meetings as notice will be posted. If you have an event that you would like people to know about just send on the details and I will post it on the site. (Send to Barry @ [iyadmin@paulpartnership.ie](mailto:iyadmin@paulpartnership.ie))

### Parents Expo

The second annual Parents Expo is taking place on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Thomond Park Stadium from 9.30am to 2pm. The exhibition aims to provide parent with information on the supports and opportunities available in the city and county. There will be informational stands, workshops and events such as story telling on the day. IY Limerick will be hosting a stand. So come along and enjoy a family friendly day out.

