

Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Early Years Partnership
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	Social Affairs
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome) Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.	<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

Activity Summary in Period

(please state period you are reporting on)

(August – October 2011)

The Early Years partnership group known as Getting it Right in the Early Years (GIREY) is due to meet on the 27th of October. This group will be in a position through the aims of the group to meet the challenges of addressing the new Early years Challenge Fund. The Early Years Challenge Fund is currently being discussed with Scottish government and clearer guidance is required to ensure the implementation will allow local flexibility, allocation, use of resources , governance of the fund and measures of success.

Aims of Group

To build on and strengthen partnership working to deliver integrated services for children, young people and their families.

To implement key policy drivers eg The Early Years Framework; Curriculum for Excellence; GIRFEC, Equally Well and Achieving Our Potential and ensure appropriate guidance is formulated to assist integrated delivery and accountability.

To agree and integrated annual GIREY Strategy Plan which will identify the priorities from national policy which will be the focus for action and development across Argyll and Bute.

To commission integrated Early Years network groups to deliver on key priorities from the GIREY plan

To be responsible to reporting to Argyll and Bute's

	<p>children and the locality groups in progress related to GIREY</p> <p>To champion and promote integrated delivery in Early Years</p>
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<p>An Early Years Change Fund is to be established over the next 4 years which will allow local partnerships to develop early years intervention preventative spend model of service delivery. There has been no clear guidance or agreement of what this will look like in real terms and the detail needs to be established with Scottish Government. The allocation and use of the resources has not been clearly laid out although there is indication that a new group will be formed to oversee the change fund (the early years task force). There is discussion on make up of this group and the membership and role of COSLA within this group. If the Early Years Change Fund is to make a difference then it has to have a measure of success. It also requires to be sustainable for the future. The GIREY group will be a very effective and useful group for taking forward in Argyll and Bute the local challenges for the Early years Challenge Fund.</p>
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