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NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY 2015-2020



BETTER OUTCOMES
BRIGHTER FUTURES

National Youth Strategy

- ★ Launched October 2015
- Basis in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures, the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 - 2020
- Targeted at 800,000 young people aged 10 – 24 years of age (18% of population)
- ★ - Informed by 4,500 stakeholders, including 3,500 young people




BETTER OUTCOMES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

THE NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, 2014-2020

Aim of Strategy

*To enable all young people to
realise their maximum potential,
by respecting their rights and
hearing their voices,
while protecting and supporting them as they
transition from childhood to adulthood*



5 OUTCOMES

- 1 .active and healthy,***
- 2. achieving their full potential in learning and development,***
- 3. safe and protected from harm,***
- 4. have economic security and opportunity***
- 5. connected and contributing to their world'***

Minister James Reilly

10 objectives

Outcome 1:- Active and healthy

- 1** Enjoy a **healthy lifestyle**, in particular with regard to their **physical, mental and sexual health and well-being**.
- 2** Benefit from **involvement in recreational and cultural opportunities** including youth work, arts, and sports.

Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development

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| 3 | Core skills, competences and attributes are enhanced and promoted through accessible, responsive, formal and non-formal education and learning opportunities. |
| 4 | Benefit from strengthened transition supports at all levels as they move through the education system. |



Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm

5. Young people, and in particular vulnerable and marginalised young people, are **supported to feel safe at home, in school, in their communities and online,** and **empowered to speak out** when feeling unsafe or vulnerable.

6. **Safe places and spaces** to socialise and develop.



Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity


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| 7 | Better able to participate in the labour market through enhanced employability skills that complement formal learning and training qualifications and entrepreneurship opportunities. |
| 8 | Young people are a particular focus in policies addressing social inclusion and poverty. |




Outcome 5: Connected, respected and contributing to their world



9. Included in society, environmentally aware, equality and rights upheld, diversity celebrated and empowered to be active global citizens



10. Autonomy is supported, active citizenship fostered, voice strengthened through political, social and civic engagement.



Priority actions

- *Strategy shows how Gov., State agencies, and others are already working to achieve objectives*
- *Identifies more than 50 priority actions*
- Priority action for DCYA :- Reform of youth funding progs to ensure improved outcomes

DCYA priority actions

- Quality assured, online youth mental health services within youth work and education setting
- *A National Obesity Policy and Action Plan* focussing on prevention, treatment, research and consultation
- National system for recognition of non/ informal learning

Sample of DCYA Priority actions

- Innovative projects / initiatives at critical transitions
- Staying safe online, for young people, parents and others, joined up efforts in formal / non-formal educ.
- Supporting compliance with Child Protection Guidance and legislation. Embedding mandatory reporting and Child Safeguarding Statements by service providers

Sample of DCYA Priority actions

- Opportunities for young people furthest from the labour market eg. Youth Employability Initiative
- Youth entrepreneurship initiatives in schools and youth work
- Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation
- Developmental and volunteering opportunities internationally, eg. Erasmus+, Youth on the Move and UN Youth Delegate Programme.

Supporting and enabling implementation

- DCYA will provide leadership at national level, so that national policy connects with local implementation
- DCYA will lead on a number of enabling actions focussing on:
 - Quality services
 - Prevention and early intervention
 - Improving collaboration and coordination
 - Access to quality information

Through structures established for *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures*:

- Ensure effective connection between national policy and local planning and delivery
- Monitor and evaluate progress in 2017 to inform further action
- DCYA will est. **Lead Team**, drawing on DCYA and other experts