

Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: LCC-C170-LECP-6

Údar: Limerick Youth Service

Stádas: Submitted

Aighneacht:

LIMERICK YOUTH SERVICE SUBMISSION REGARDING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
PLAN (2023-2028) FOR LIMERICK

Comhairliúchán:

Local Economic and Community Plan for Limerick City and County
2023-2028

Opportunities Social/Education

Caibidil: Chapter 3 - Economic and Community SWOT
Analysis

Do you want to change any of the issues presented? Do you want to add new issues? Do you want to elaborate further on issues presented?

Yes

Findings from consultations with young people, stakeholders, volunteers and staff as part of LYS Strategic Plan 2023-2025 highlighted the debilitating impacts of an over-emphasis on academic success on young people, and the need to engage young people who are disengaging from mainstream education, LYS supports the development of 'Alternative Centres Of Education/Based Outside Of Mainstream Schools' as evidenced in a recent evaluation of Rethink Ireland's Education Fund (<https://rethinkireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Education-Fund-Evaluation-Results.pdf>).

This model would provide a unique alternative environment for education for children and young people who have disengaged or are at risk of disengaging from mainstream education. It would incorporate a one-to-one and small group learning environment with wraparound support and outreach service. It would offer innovative and flexible online and blended learning for early school leavers. It would emphasise holistic, as well as academic development. Personalised and online modalities of intervention would be provided to each student based on their needs, interests and abilities. It would be accessible, city centre-based and rooted within the local community.

Main requests:

Support alternative centres of education with an equal emphasis on holistic and academic development, flexible and innovative delivery, small group methodologies and wrap around supports.

Main reasons:

To ensure educational equity and inclusion.

Documents Attached: Níl