

National Parents Council post primary

“Going Forward After 25 Years”

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Vision

NPCpp aims to provide a forum that actively supports parents and guardians in their parenting role and to interact effectively with schools and other education partners on issues that impact on the education, development and general well-being of young people within the post-primary education system.

Mission

- Have an effective Parents Association in place in every school
- Communicate with all parents and guardians of young people in post-primary education
- Support parents and guardians in being active partners in education
- Challenge parents and guardians to participate
- Provide a structure through which parents and guardians can inform and influence policy development
- Take an active role in influencing policy at a national level
- Build strong partnerships with key stakeholders

Background

- Education Act 1998
- Roles and responsibilities
- Bottom up approach
- Commendations of Partnership

National Organisation

- NPCpp structure
- Range of sectors
- Acknowledge past 25 years
- Cohesive organisation with a plan

Strategic Plan for NPCpp

- 2007
- Presented to
 - » Minister
 - » DES
 - » Management Bodies
 - » Teacher Unions
- Volunteers

Plan of Action

- *“Sit on our hands and wait for better times”*
or
- Implement Phase Project
- Focus of NPCpp
 - » Communication
 - » Training for Parents
 - » Affiliations

Future Structures

- Professional Representation
- Training / Communication
- Resourcing
- Affiliations

Education for Future

- P/T ratio; subject choice
- Moratorium; school management
- Junior Cycle; review 2010
- Programme Choice; restriction
- Head Shops, Third level fees, etc.

Parent – what can I do?

- Role of Partners – PPEF
- Support of Parents for Parents

“Never underestimate that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed it’s the only thing that ever has”