

DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL

02 JUL 2010

COMMITMENT

Castlecooley,
Burt,
Co. Donegal.
20/05/2010

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you with great concern on behalf of Donegal Youth Council (DYC). We are in danger of losing our youth council as funding for a co-ordinator comes to an end this June. This may result in no youth council for the future as it cannot continue without the presence, guidance and support of a co-ordinator.

We as members of DYC were elected to represent the young people of Donegal and embedded in our mission is to provide a voice for youth on identified issues and promote projects in response to young people's needs. We feel if we allow this to happen we are not fulfilling our role as elected youth councillors.

At the moment the management of DYC have appealed for an extension of the co-ordinator post for 6months from July. This time, if given, will be used to try and secure a permanent co-ordinator post. This permanent post is the only viable solution to the continuation of DYC.

We have requested to attend your next county meeting to show all elected councillors what we have achieved in such a short space of time and to show you how essential DYC is to the youth of Donegal. We hope to make a presentation to you on the progress of Donegal Youth Council 2008-2010.

We are asking you on behalf of the youth of Donegal for your support in lobbying to the government to ensure the rights of young people are looked after and we hope you can raise this concern with your colleagues so as Donegal can stand together on this issue.

Our slogan for Donegal youth council is 'shaping our future'. If there is no Donegal youth council how can we ensure young people that their future is worth looking forward to?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope you share our concerns and will help us to secure the future of Donegal youth council. If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 0864022018 or Laura at 0864096272.

Thanking you,

Mayor Enya Bonar, Youth Councillor Laura Buchanan