

Comhairle na nÓg is an annual event and is organised by Cork City Development Board in conjunction with Ogra Chorcaí.

This year's Comhairle was held in the City Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 56 children. The topics for discussion were recreation facilities and drugs and alcohol. Children were assigned to facilitated workshops and discussed each of these issues in detail. They then fed their findings back to the wider group.

Everybody who attended the Comhairle was presented with a certificate of attendance signed by the Lord Mayor

4 Delegates were also elected to represent Cork City at the Dail na nÓg in Dublin on the 19<sup>th</sup> March

The objectives of the Dáil are to:

- Provide a place where children, who are representative of the average Irish Child, can raise and debate issues of concern to them;
- Act as a tool for children's concerns to be fed into the development of public policy making;
- Provide a model for children's participation which can be developed at local level with links to the national Dáil;
- Support civic, social and personal development in children;
- Provide a centre for children to hear and learn about the experiences of other children growing up in Ireland.