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## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform commissioned the Centre for Social and Educational Research, Dublin Institute of Technology, to compile an directory of crime prevention measures operating in the State.

This directory aims to provide an outline of projects, programmes and agencies that:

1. Either intend to reduce offending and/or victimisation; or
2. Carry out work that otherwise may contribute to the reduction of offending and/or victimisation.

The information contained in this publication, while offering a National overview of crime prevention activities, is by no means an exhaustive collection of projects and research material that is available in Ireland.

The information that has been gathered will be stored centrally in a database in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, and it is envisaged that it will be updated at regular intervals, circulated among service providers and available to the public.

## Methodology

It was agreed by the Advisory Committee<sup>1</sup> that a key objective of the project was that the directory be inclusive rather than exclusive of projects and that any definition would have to reflect this. For the purpose of this project, crime prevention has been defined broadly and in line with the European Council decision (2001: 3) stating that, crime prevention

covers all measures that are intended to reduce or otherwise contribute to reducing crime and citizens' feeling of insecurity, both quantitatively and qualitatively, either through directly deterring criminal activities or through policies and interventions designed to reduce the potential for crime and the causes of crime. (European Council, 2001: 3)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Advisory Committee comprised of, David Walker, Crime 1 Division, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, and Mary Burke, National Crime Council.

<sup>2</sup> Official Journal of the European Communities, (2001) *Council Decision, of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2001 Setting up a European Crime Prevention Network*, L153/1 (2001/427/JHA), 8<sup>th</sup> June 2001

## **Collection of the Data**

Project information was collected by means of a postal questionnaire and follow up telephone calls to Government Departments, organisations, and projects. Respondents could also receive the questionnaire on request via email. Questionnaires were then returned to the Centre for Social and Educational Research via post, fax and email. Current directories/available databases<sup>3</sup>, link pages on organisations' web sites and word of mouth was used to gather details of projects.

Respondents were asked to complete the questionnaire in relation to any existing, ongoing or planned initiatives/programmes and/or research projects run or sponsored by them that may impact on crime or offending. The information gathered from the projects included, contact information, project details and details of evaluations, publications, and resource material. Respondents were also requested to contact the Centre for Social and Educational Research with contact details of any further projects of which they were aware, that should be included in the directory so that a questionnaire could be forwarded to them.

## **Organisation of the directory**

The directory is divided into nine sections and entries are listed alphabetically within each section. Projects were organised on the basis of their aim, for example, prevention of drug use, reduction of offending behaviour, or support for families and children<sup>4</sup>. Each entry details contact information, project details and details of evaluations, publications and resource material. Projects entries are also listed; a) alphabetically; b) by county; and c) by source of funding.

In addition and in line with the current desire that policies, programme design and planning are informed by evidence, a collection of research studies/publications, policy papers and legislation relevant to crime prevention in the State are included. Existing

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<sup>3</sup> Current directories/available databases consulted include the Dublin City Development Board community database, available at [http://www.dublin.ie/our\\_community\\_database.asp](http://www.dublin.ie/our_community_database.asp); the Citizen Information Database, covering all aspects of civil and social rights and entitlements in Ireland, and available at <http://www.cidb.ie/live.nsf>; and the Voluntary Sector Database, hosted by the department of Library and Information Studies, University College Dublin and available at <http://www.volsec.ie/index.php3>

<sup>4</sup> Additionally projects were classed under 'youth' if the any part of their target group was under eighteen years, for example, a project with a target group 14 – 25 years, was classed as 'youth', whereas a project with a target group of 18 – 25 years was not.

evaluation reports and publications by individual projects are also included in each project description.

### **How to use the directory**

Projects can either be located in the relevant section, alphabetically in the project index, or by county. So for example, Awareness Finglas /Cabra (Awareness FC) is a youth drugs awareness programme, and is listed:

1. As a full entry in Section 1.1.5 Drugs/Youth/prevention;
2. Alphabetically in the project index; or
3. Under Dublin in the County index.

## National Age Card

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** Community Relations, Harcourt Square, Dublin 2, **Telephone:** 01 6663818/387, **Facsimile:** 01 6663827, **Email:** [agecard@iol.ie](mailto:agecard@iol.ie), **Homepage:** [www.Garda.ie](http://www.Garda.ie)

**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** An Garda Síochána

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, youth diversion, education, and prevention of underage drinking.

### Aim

To promote the use of age cards and reduce underage drinking

### Objective

Ongoing contact and consultation with all organisations and bodies who have an interest in or an association with young people and the Age Card Scheme, from those involved in the drinks industry, such as, the Vintners' Federation of Ireland, the Licensed Vintners' Association, the Cider Industry Council, NOFFLA etc., through to the Department of Health and Children, the Health Boards, Schools and Youth Associations.

### Additional Information

The Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988 (Age Card) Regulations 1999 were made under the provisions of Section 450 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988 and provide for a voluntary national age card scheme. The cards can be obtained by persons who have reached 18 years of age in order to confirm that they have attained the legal age for purchase of alcohol.

Every age card shall show:

- The name of the applicant;
- The date of birth of the applicant;
- A photograph of the applicant; and
- Security features.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Any person over the age of 18 years and the drinks industry. (The initiative also targets those under 18 years to raise awareness of the dangers of underage drinking in conjunction with the Garda Schools Programme).

**Gender breakdown:** Of the 48,199 cards issued by the end of 2001, 44% were issued to men and 56% issued to women

**Age group:** 18+

**Application Information:** Formal application by standard form: The applicant shall present his/her application in writing on the designated application or, to the Garda station for the area in which he/she resides. The application form must be accompanied by:

- the applicants birth certificate;
- at least one other document confirming identity;
- two recent identical passport sized photographs; and
- the prescribed fee of €6.

If all above are correct, the application form shall be forwarded to Garda Community Relations.

# Talbot Centre

*Address: 29 Buckingham Street, Dublin 1, Telephone: 01 8363434, Facsimile: 01 8553910*

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**Body responsible:** North Inner City Drugs Task Force and the Northern Area Health Board.

**Programme focus**

*Primary:* Family support, drug use, and prevention.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, education and anger management.

**Aim**

To provide drugs awareness training for local agencies

**Objectives**

To provide drugs awareness training through a community development approach.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, counselling, family therapy, group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Principal target group:** Children and young people up to the age of twenty and their families

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** Up to twenty years of age and their families

**Application information:** Formal application process, informal procedures, prison visits and self referral

## 1.1

## Alcohol and Drugs

### 1.1.2 Alcohol and Drugs/Education/employment

# Drugs Awareness Programme Crosscare (D.A.P. Crosscare)

*Initiative Established 1984*

*Address: Drugs Awareness Programme, Crosscare, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3. Telephone: 01 8360911, Facsimile: 01 8360745, Email: [info@drugsawareness.ie](mailto:info@drugsawareness.ie), Homepage: <http://www.dap.ie>*

**Core funder:** Crosscare Diocese of Dublin

**Additional funding:** Northern Area Health Board

**Body responsible:** D.A.P. Crosscare

**Type of body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

#### **Programme focus**

*Primary:* drug use, alcohol use, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, education, peer education, suicide prevention, youth work, gender, parenting skills, prevention, and counselling.

*Secondary:* crime and anger management.

#### **Aim**

To deliver a high quality drugs education service to individuals and groups in the community, voluntary and statutory sectors.

#### **Objectives**

To train and empower individuals and communities so that they can play a central role in the prevention of drug misuse and in tackling associated problems arising from drug misuse.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, and set programmes.

**Programme duration:** The length of the programme is contingent on the training needs of the participants

**Principal target group:** Those who work or are in contact with individuals and/or groups who are using drugs or at risk of using drugs.

**Who can attend** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 50%, female 50%

**Application information:** Informal procedures

## Arrest Referral Scheme

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: Arrest Referral Scheme, Dun Laoghaire Garda Station, 34-35 Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Telephone: 01 6665080, Facsimile: 01 6665041*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** An Garda Síochána/ Dun Laoghaire Garda Station

**Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use/treatment

**Aim**

To exploit a window of opportunity presented by the psychological impact of arrest to encourage an individual to confront their drug use and to seek help in response.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Those arrested on drug-related charges and brought to Dun Laoghaire Garda Station

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Unknown

**Core capacity:** Arrest dependent

## Aiseiri

*Initiative Established 1987*

**Address:** Roxborough, Wexford, **Telephone:** 053 41818, **Facsimile:** 053 46004, **Email:** [aiseiriwexford@eircom.net](mailto:aiseiriwexford@eircom.net), **Homepage:** [www.aiseiri.ie](http://www.aiseiri.ie)

**Core funder:** Centre Receipts

**Additional funding:** Probation and Welfare Service, South Eastern Health Board

**Body responsible:** Aiseiri Ltd

**Type of Body:** Limited company/voluntary agency/registered charity

**Committee:** Board of Directors

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, family support, drug use and counselling.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour and gambling addiction.

### Aim:

To provide quality drug free treatment for alcoholics, gamblers and other chemically dependent people, assistance to families, education and information services.

### Objectives:

1. To promote the philosophy and values of the 12 steps of AA total abstinence programme through the use of the Minnesota Model;
2. To foster the dignity, self worth and spiritual development for each individual;
3. Promote co-operation by working as a team that really care for each other in a friendly atmosphere of trust in a comfortable family environment; and
4. Staff the project with comprehensively trained addiction counsellors and facilitators who continuously upgrade their knowledge.

### Methods used:

Family group conferencing, counselling, family therapy, group work, and individual/one-one. The twelve step programme of A.A. through use of Minnesota Model. Two year aftercare group meetings (2 hrs per week) and one-to-one counselling with counsellor after treatment (at least 3 sessions).

**Programme duration:** 4 weeks and two days, 3 day residential programme and 2 year aftercare outpatient programme (2hrs per week)

**Principal target group:** Persons over 20 years old

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 73.5%, female: 26.5%

**Age group:** 20-70 years

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Other details:** Screening interview with client and family member. If considered suitable by counsellor date of admission assigned

**Referral criteria:** Must be drug free on admission (i.e. clear urine) and have family involvement.

### EVALUATION

*date of completion July 1994*

*Courage to Change - An Evaluation of an Irish Addiction Programme* published by the Social Policy Unit University College Cork.

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- An internal report on para-suicide;
- Brochures advertising the range of services; and
- Manual of policies and guidelines.



# Aiseiri

*Initiative Established 1983*

**Address:** Aiseiri Treatment Centre, Townspark, Cahir, Co Tipperary, **Telephone:** 052 41166, **Facsimile:** 052 42250, **Email:** [aiseiri@eircom.net](mailto:aiseiri@eircom.net), **Homepage:** [www.aiseiri.ie](http://www.aiseiri.ie)

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**Core funder:** Self-funding

**Additional funding:** Probation and Welfare Service: South Eastern Health Board, Mid Western Health Board, fundraising, individual donations.

**Body responsible:** Aiseiri Ltd

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency, Corporation

**Committee:** Board of Directors/Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, family support, drug use, prevention and counselling

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, education, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, violence and prevention.

*Additional focus:* Gambling, extended care, rehabilitation, referral to other agencies

## Aim

The treatment of persons who are chemically addicted including (but not limited to) alcoholics, drug addicts and gamblers

## Objectives

1. The establishment of a drug free centre for the rehabilitation, treatment and care of such persons and their families;
2. The provision of educational information services;
3. The carrying out of research into all aspects of chemical dependencies and addictions, including the treatment;
4. Rehabilitation and continuing care for individuals who need it; and
5. Intervention with families and companies.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, counselling family therapy, group work and individual/one-to-one.

**Programme duration:** Thirty days followed by a two year after care service. There are ongoing: renewal weeks, family residential weeks, and a family out patients programme.

**Principal target group:** Addicts and Families (Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling)

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 70%, female: 30%

**Age group:** 20 years and over

**Core capacity:** 12 beds

**Application:** Standard form

**Referral criteria:** Drug/alcohol free on admission and family participation. Exceptions to this criteria are when there is severe mental or physical illness (requiring medical attention).

## EVALUATION

*date of completion July 1994*

*Courage to Change - An Evaluation of an Irish Addiction Programme* published by the Social Policy Unit University College Cork.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Brochures advertising the range of services; and
- Manual of policies and guidelines.

# Coolmine Therapeutic Community

*Initiative Established 1973*

*Address: Coolmine House, 19 Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2, Telephone: 01 6794822, Facsimile: 01 6793430*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding sources:** Northern Area Health Board, Social Welfare

**Body Responsible:** Coolmine Ltd.

**Type of Body:** Limited company/voluntary agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, family support, accommodation/housing, education, anger management, peer education, drug use, prevention, counselling, crime, and employment.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, homelessness, suicide prevention, gender, parenting skills, violence, prostitution, gangs, racism, and children's rights.

*Additional focus:* Regular group work, workshops covering personal development, life issues and addiction and recovery issues.

## Aim

To provide drug free day and residential programmes to drug addicts.

## Objectives

1. Return clients to society as responsible and productive people;
2. Help clients to work through personal issues with a view to resolution and closure;
3. To provide a healthy and safe environment for all; and
4. To help reduce the incidence of drug related crime.

## Additional Information:

Coolmine operates a day programme for both male and female clients, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm. It is a group orientated programme comprising of;

- conflict resolution groups;
- life story groups;
- weekend planners and review groups; and
- workshops on personal development and relevant issues.

This daily attendance programme usually lasts for nine months after which clients will seek full time employment or educational courses and attend an aftercare programme. The residential programmes offer a similar structure with clients living in. The residential programme is more intense than the day programme and there is a greater sense of the community pulling together to help one another.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one; set programmes/regular workshops/seminars; and family therapy

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Substance abuse users and their families

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 70%, female: 30%

**Age group:** 18-45 years

**Core Capacity:** 75

**Application information:** Formal application, referrals, walk-ins etc by appointment. Assessment and induction over 3/4-week period.

**Referral criteria:** The client must be drug free before entry and have a desire to maintain a drug free lifestyle, have a fixed abode and social welfare entitlement.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2002*

An evaluation is in the process of being carried out by an independent consultant.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Leaflets brochures and booklets

# SAOL Project

*Initiative Established 1995*

**Address:** 58 Amiens Street, Dublin 1, **Telephone:** 01 8553391/3393, **Facsimile:** 01 8553395, **Email:** [saol@saolproject.ie](mailto:saol@saolproject.ie), **Homepage:** [www.iol.ie/~saol](http://www.iol.ie/~saol).

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding:** Northern Area Health Board, FÁS, Probation and Welfare Service

**Body Responsible:** SAOL Project

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency/community development project

**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Education, drug use.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, family support, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, parenting skills, violence, prostitution, prevention, counselling, and crime.

## Aim

The SAOL Project is a community-based programme for women in treatment for drug addiction. It aims to facilitate the participants to take a healthy role within their community and operates through development work and capacity building.

## Objectives

1. To raise self esteem and confidence and promote personal and social integration;
2. To provide a process where participants can gain rhythm and structure in their lives;
3. To provide second chance accredited education, development and training through an adult education and community development experience;
4. To provide training and education for the women to take an active role in their community;
5. To develop methodologies for rehabilitation and inform long term policies on drug treatment and rehabilitation;
6. To engage in practical advocacy for the participants within services, local community and business and social institutions;
7. To develop and maintain a system of advocacy that ensures the real inclusion of the voices of women in treatment for addiction in developing social, health and economic policies;
8. To work towards improving the economic circumstances of the participants;
9. To work towards meaningful and satisfying outcomes which could include personal, developmental, educational, health and vocational gains;
10. To liaise with other agencies to facilitate progression routes for the participants;
11. To address the social and economic context in which the programme is delivered;
12. To maintain and further develop an inter-agency approach to the work;
13. To develop realistic and valid measures for evaluating outcomes in keeping with the ethos of the project;
14. To work collaboratively with health care agencies towards the health gain of participants; and
15. To analyze and evaluate existing family and social supports, both professional and non professional with a view to examining strengths and weaknesses in these systems and to facilitate participants in increasing their informal sources of support.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes: U.C.D Women's Studies certificate, Junior Certificate, NCVA level one child development and play

**Programme duration:** Two-year programme

**Principal target group:** Women drug users from the north inner city primarily Dublin 1

**Who can attend:** Female

**age group** 21 years and over

**Core Capacity** 16 women

**Application information:** Formal application process, referral form, individual interview and group interview

**Referral criteria:** Must be on a methadone treatment programme and linked into the services

## EVALUATION

*Date of Completion:* 1996

An evaluation was carried out by an external independent consultant. This report is published and available from the project.

#### **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Peer health education booklet: *Look and Learn*
- Interim reports

# SOILSE

*Initiative Established 1992*

**Address:** 6/7 North Fredrick Street, Dublin 1, **Telephone:** 01 8724586, **Facsimile:** 01 8724586, **Email:** soilse@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding:** Northern Area Health Board, VEC

**Body Responsible:** Northern Area Health Board

**Type of Body:** Statutory Body

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Addressing addiction (all mood altering substances including alcohol/drugs) in the context of an adult learning approach, additional focuses include, the community, offending behaviour, education, prevention and employment.

*Secondary:* Accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth work, violence, prostitution, counselling and crime.

## **Aim**

To rehabilitate former and current drug abusers.

## **Objectives:**

1. To address the addiction;
2. To break the spiral of dependency by proffering new skills;
3. To use an adult educational approach; and
4. To move the person from dependence to independence.

## **Additional Information:**

Soilse has worked with many other addiction projects and services in Ireland and abroad and acknowledges the socio-economic disadvantage that nurtures addiction and tries to holistically address this with a broad programme meeting identified needs. The project contributes to communities and research where applicable and has served on management committees particularly on new innovative projects.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Group work, individual/one-to-one, adult learning methodology, facilitation, role plays, creativities (arts/drama/video/photo/sound/music/dance), exchanges, field trips, health promotion.
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Eight-week induction period followed by a sixteen week programme
<b>Principal target group:</b>	People suffering addiction
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male and female
<b>Gender breakdown:</b>	Male: 60/65%, female 30/35%
<b>Age group:</b>	18 years and over
<b>Core Capacity:</b>	90 full time per annum.
<b>Application information:</b>	Formal application process and standard form
<b>Referral criteria:</b>	Assessment, pre-entry group, urinalysis, case management.

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 1994/1996/2000/2001*

In addition to a number of external evaluations (published and available from project) the project also carries out ongoing internal evaluation. The following evaluations on various parts of the programme have been carried out:

- (1994) Project evaluation;
- (1996) Career Guidance needs;
- (2000) Hyper youth programme;
- (2001) Arts Programme; and
- (2001) Soilse Partnership with the Rutland Centre.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Evaluations as above
- Hyper Magazine: addiction prevention

# Tabor Lodge

*Initiative Established 1989*

**Address:** Addiction Treatment Centre, Belgooly, Co Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4887110, **Facsimile:** 021 488737, **Email:** [tabor@indigo.ie](mailto:tabor@indigo.ie), **Homepage:** <http://indigo.ie/~tabor/>

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**Funding sources:** Probation and Welfare Service, Southern Health Board, Department of Social and Family Affairs.

**Type of Body:** Limited company and voluntary agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Drug use, alcohol, family support, education, peer education and counselling.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, suicide prevention, violence, crime, employment and children's rights.

## Aim

To provide a twenty eight day residential treatment programme for addicted people.

## Objectives

1. To help people recognise their problem and to see that they can cope with it constructively;
2. To help people recognise what they need to change in order to live clean and sober lives;
3. To help people put this understanding into action; and
4. To care for families of addicted people.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, family group conferencing, counselling, peer support, education, and 12 step meetings.

**Programme duration:** Four-week programme

**Principal target group:** Addicted people

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, female: 40%

**Age group:** 18 years and over

**Core capacity:** 18 beds

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Criteria for diagnosing a person addicted to chemicals.

## EVALUATION

An external financial audit is completed annually in June.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Various brochures;
- Annual reports; and
- A newsletter

## Awareness Finglas/Cabra (Awareness FC)

*Initiative Established 1998*

**Address:** Awareness FC, Finglas Youth Service, Unit 2 Mainstreet Finglas Village, Finglas, Dublin 11,

**Facsimile:** 01 8341437, **Email:** [info@fys.ie](mailto:info@fys.ie), **Homepage:** [www.cyc.ie](http://www.cyc.ie)

**Core funder:** Drugs Task Force

**Body responsible:** Catholic Youth Care/Finglas Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Drug use, alcohol use, education and prevention.

*Secondary:* Youth work, HIV awareness, self-esteem decision making and correcting misinformation.

### Aim

To increase participant's awareness of drugs and drug related issues, discuss self esteem among participants and encourage them to make informed decisions, and to highlight the need for drug awareness education.

### Objectives

1. Assessment of participant's knowledge of drugs and related issues;
2. Correcting mis-information;
3. Looking at drugs and related issues within participants peer group;
4. Exploring choices and risks and consequences of drug use; and
5. Challenging the attitudes and behaviour of participants and including parents and community.

### Methods used:

Group work and summer programmes

### Principal target group:

Children in 6th class National Schools (A pilot secondary schools follow-up programme will commence in November 2002 for first years 13-14 years of age)

### Programme duration:

Term time and summer programme

### Who can attend:

Male and female

### Gender breakdown:

The programme is currently in six girls schools, seven boys schools and two mixed schools.

### Core capacity:

Approximately 700-800 children participate in the seven week programme per school year.

### EVALUATION

Dr. Mark Morgan carried out an evaluation of the Awareness F/C Drugs Prevention Programme.

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Awareness FC Course Programme, Facilitators notes etc, Colma Nic Lughadha, Catholic Youth Care

# Ballymun Youth Action Project Ltd (YAP)

*Initiative Established 1981*

**Address:** 1A Balcurris Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11, **Telephone:** 01 8428071, **Facsimile:** 01 8621025,  
**Email:** [byap@iol.ie](mailto:byap@iol.ie), **Homepage:** [www.byab@cjb.net](http://www.byab@cjb.net)

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**Funding sources:** Northern Area Health Board, Probation and Welfare Service, Dept of Education and Science, Local Drugs Task Force and Fundraising

**Body responsible:** Ballymun Youth Action Project Ltd/Community Project

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Community Group

**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, family support, education, peer education, drug use, prevention and counselling.

*Secondary:* School attendance, auto crime/joyriding, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, violence, prostitution, crime and employment.

## Aim

A community response to drug/alcohol abuse, offering a wide range of services.

## Objectives

1. To develop a community response to drug abuse;
2. To provide information, advice and a support service for people caught in the cycle of drug abuse and their families;
3. To develop preventative services particularly in relation to young people at risk or vulnerable to drug abuse;
4. To engage in community education in drug abuse; and
5. To work closely with other voluntary and statutory groups providing communities services.

**Methods used:** Counselling, family therapy, individual/one-to-one, and group work. The project also uses its own drug/alcohol awareness programme.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Ballymun and surrounding areas

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, female: 40%

**Age group:** 6-80 years and over

**Application information:** Informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Drug and alcohol related issues

## EVALUATION

An internal evaluation has been carried out by the project.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Annual Reports,
- Movers and Shakers
- CASC



# Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Drugs Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Drugs Project, Hollyhill Shopping Centre, Hollyhill, Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4303902, **Facsimile:** 021 4399550

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body Responsible:** Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Youth Project

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/ Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use

## **Aim**

The aim of the project is to cater for those young people who may be either currently experimenting/addicted to drugs or who may be at risk of experimenting or becoming addicts.

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual/one-to-one and group work

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people between 10-18 years of age

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Informal procedures

## **EVALUATION**

An independent evaluation was carried out by Peadar King in 2000

*date of completion 2000*

# Mahon Action for Youth Drugs Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Mahon Action for Youth Drugs Project, Blackrock Garda Station, Mahon, Cork, **Facsimile:** 021 4357374

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige/MAY Project

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drugs and youth.

## **Aim**

To provide family support and outreach addiction counsellors to drug users and families in their own homes

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one

**Programme duration** ongoing

**Principal target group** Young people aged 10-20 years and their families

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 10-20 years

**Application information** Informal procedures

## **EVALUATION**

An independent evaluation was carried out by Peadar King in 2000.

*date of completion 2000*

# Mayfield Youth Drugs Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Mayfield Youth Drugs Project, Mayfield Garda Station, Cork City.

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Ógra Chorcaí Ltd

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use

## **Aim**

The Project aims to raise awareness levels of young people, parents and other interested groups with regard to the issue of drugs.

## **Objectives**

To develop initiatives and programmes that are educational and preventative in nature for young people at risk of drug use and misuse.

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual/one-to-one and group work

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people in the Mayfield area

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Informal Procedures

## **EVALUATION**

An independent evaluation was carried out by Peadar King in 2000

*date of completion 2000*

# Neighbourhood Policing Unit, Cork City

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Neighbourhood Policing Unit, J.L.O Office, Anglesea Street Garda Station, Cork City,

**Telephone:** 021 4313031, **Facsimile:** 021 4313222, **Homepage:** [www.gov.ie/garda](http://www.gov.ie/garda)

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**Core Funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/An Garda Síochána

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use

## **Aim**

The aim of the project is to divert young people away from the drug scene into healthy activities. To this end a fund has been established to run Garda/Community based activities throughout the city.

**Application Information:** Completion of standard form

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2000*

Evaluation of the project carried out by Peadar King an independent consultant.

# Togher Link-up Ltd Drugs Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Togher Link-up Ltd Drugs Project, Togher Garda Station, Togher, Cork City, **Telephone:** 021 4962611, **Facsimile:** 021 4961229

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use

## **Aim**

To co-ordinate a multi-agency approach to reduce the demand for drugs in Togher and surrounding areas, including the creation of a forum within the communities for discussing drug issues and the provision of outreach and services.

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual/one-to-one and group work.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Local community, primarily parents, teachers and young people

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Informal procedures

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2000*

An evaluation of the project was carried out by Peadar King in 2000

# Working to Enhance Blanchardstown (WEB Drugs Project)

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: WEB Drugs Project, Blanchardstown Youth Service, Main Street, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15*

*Telephone: 01 8212012/2077, Facsimile: 01 8211144, Homepage: [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body Responsible:** Foróige/Blanchardstown Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Drug use

## **Aim**

The project tries to engage with young people at risk and involve them in constructive activities, and supports other community based activities aimed at its target group.

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual one-to-one and group work

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people 10-16 years

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 10-16 years

**Application information:** Informal procedures

## Aislinn

*Initiative Established 1998*

*Address: Adolescent Addiction Treatment Centre, Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny, Telephone: 056 33777,*

*Facsimile: 056 33780, Email: [aislinnhope@eircom.net](mailto:aislinnhope@eircom.net), Homepage: [www.aislinn.ie](http://www.aislinn.ie)*

**Funding Sources:** Health Boards, Probation and Welfare Service, fundraising, contributions and trustees.

**Body responsible:** Aislinn

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors and Trustees

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Drug use, alcohol use, family support, education, peer education and counselling.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, anger management, suicide prevention, mediation, gender, parenting skills, violence, prostitution, prevention, gangs, racism, crime, employment and children's rights.

### Aim

To provide residential drug free treatment to adolescents, female and male, aged between 15 and 21 years, with alcohol and drug addiction.

### Objectives

1. To provide quality treatment for persons between the ages of 15 to 20 years; and
2. Restoring to young addicted people their vision and dreams of a future that is meaningful and life giving

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, counselling, family group conferencing, family therapy, psychodrama, art therapy, recreation/leisure activities, and education

**Programme duration:** 6 weeks

**Principal target group:** 15-21 years, male/female, addicted to alcohol/drugs

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 15-21 years

**Core capacity:** 12 beds

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Primary alcohol/drugs problem.

### EVALUATION

A Child Care Inspectors Report is available from South Eastern Health Board and the Addiction Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin is in the process of completing an evaluation of the project.

# Crinian

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**Core funder:** Northern Area Health Board  
**Additional funding sources:** Probation and Welfare Service  
**Body responsible:** City of Dublin Youth Service Board  
**Type of Body:** Community group  
**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Family support, drug use and counselling.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, anger management, suicide prevention, mediation, parenting skills, violence, prostitution and children's rights.

## Aim

To provide a drug treatment service for under 21 year olds that offers medical, therapeutic and social educational support.

## Additional Information

The project focus is on detoxification but this is paced to fit the needs of individual young people.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Counselling, family therapy, individual/one-to-one and set programmes
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Daily programme, 7 days a week 10-5 pm (young people attend 12-4 pm)
<b>Principal target group:</b>	14 -21 year olds North Inner city, Dublin
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male and female
<b>Gender breakdown:</b>	Male: 60%, female: 40%
<b>Age group:</b>	14-21 years
<b>Core capacity:</b>	25 participants
<b>Application:</b>	Formal application
<b>Referral criteria:</b>	Problem drug use and under 21 years

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Leaflets;
- Annual report; and
- An action based research report examining the effectiveness of the social/educational component and how it fits with therapeutic/medical model



## Ballybane Family Services (BFS)

*Initiative Established 1999*

*Address: Lynne House, Oldenway Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway, Telephone: 091 773577, Facsimile: 091 773582*

**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** Western Health Board

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Family support, education, parenting skills, prevention and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, youth diversion, anger management and peer education.

### Aim

Ballybane family services recognises that all families need support at certain times in their life and aims to support children and young people within their families and community in order to reduce stress and facilitate them in reaching their full potential.

### Objectives

1. Provide an intensive family support programme to between 10-15 families identified as experiencing difficulty. The support and assistance will be suitable to their needs in order to enable them to overcome difficulties and function better as a family;
2. To provide lower levels of support to another 20 families each year
3. To work with local agencies and groups to integrate various levels of family support interventions in the community;
4. To provide information to families on support services available in order for families to access these services; and
5. To work with family members to empower them to identify and access their own natural supports in order to reduce dependency on professionals.

**Methods used:** Primarily individual/one-to-one and group work, in addition to family group conferencing, and set programmes (Positive Parenting). The project also holds family meetings and has support teams e.g. in the school system. Participation in the programme is voluntary.

**Programme duration:** As the need dictates

**Principal target group:** Families in Ballybane area

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Adults: male: 10%, female: 90%,  
Young people: male: 50%, female: 50%

**Age group:** 0-18 years with particular emphasis on the 0-12 years age group and their families

**Application information:** Formal application process, standard form, informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Living in the Ballybane area

### EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001*

An independent evaluation was carried out in 2001 and is available from the Government Publications Office.

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Internal leaflet on the project; and
- Review of pilot project

# Cherry Orchard Family Support Project - Springboard

*Initiative Established 1998*

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding sources:** South West Eastern Health Board

**Body responsible:** Barnardos/Cherry Orchard Family Support Project (Springboard Initiative)

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, family support, parenting skills, prevention, crime and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Education, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth work, drug use, gender, violence, counselling and racism.

*Additional focus:* Self-esteem and confidence building, inclusion of all children and parents (e.g. hiring a sign language interpreter/language interpreter where appropriate).

## Aim

The project aims to work with vulnerable families in the community and reduce neglect or abuse and promote the personal and social development of the children.

## Objectives

1. To work with vulnerable families in the community so that they can provide a supportive caring and risk free environment where their children can avail of developmental opportunities in education and other social activities;
2. To work with families using various strategies including preventative work and building resilience;
3. To develop models of work to address early school leaving;
4. To work in a consultative way with families, children and other agencies; and
5. To advocate for rights on behalf of children and families, encouraging and enabling them to have a voice.

## Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one, and counselling. Home based practical support is also offered to families through a family support worker. This support includes addressing issues of health and hygiene in the home environment and linking the families into other agencies such as the money advice. The project also uses set programmes for example, 'Parents Plus', 'Copping On', and 'Teen VIP'.

## Programme duration:

Most group work programmes run in line with the school year. Individual work commences when the need arises and may be ongoing. The summer programme includes a continuation of some group work, individual work and also facilitates many family outings, sports days and community outings. All referred families are worked with for as long as their needs are presenting.

## Principal target group:

Vulnerable families in the Cherry Orchard area with at least one child aged 7-13 years

## Who can attend:

Male and female

## Gender breakdown:

Male 48%, female 52% (children only)

## Age group:

main target age of young people is 7-13 years

## Core capacity:

25 families

**Application information:** Formal application process with a standard form.

**Referral criteria**

Where children in the family are deemed to be at risk in some or all of the following ways: at risk of

- Neglect or abuse in the home;
- Educational underachievement and/or early school leaving;
- Isolation within their peer group and/or community;
- Involvement in anti-social and/or criminal activity; or
- Homelessness

Families must be resident in the Cherry Orchard area, and have children in the family aged between 7-13.

**EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

McKeown, K (2001) *Springboard: promoting family well-being through family support services*

Available from: [www.doh.ie/publications](http://www.doh.ie/publications)

# Leanbh Project

*Initiative Established 1997*

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**Core funder:** Voluntary contributions

**Additional funding sources:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC)

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** Family support, homelessness, youth justice work and children's rights.

## **Aim**

The Leanbh project aims to work with both children who are sighted begging and the parents of these children in order to reduce the incidence of child begging.

## **Methods used:**

A broad based assessment of the child's needs is carried out through contact with the child and parents. Following this, an individual programme plan is prepared, and these needs are met through therapeutic intervention in the child's home/place of residence.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Children begging on the streets of Dublin, either with their parents or on their own

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 60%, Female 40%

**Age group:** average age 12-13 years

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

An independent evaluation was carried out by the Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin and is available from the project

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

Hickey, C., Hogan, D., Humphries, N. and Gilligan, R. (2001) *Responding to child begging: An evaluation of the ISPCC Leanbh service*. Dublin: ISPCC and Children's Research Centre, Trinity College.

# Muirhevnamore Springboard Initiative

*Initiative Established 1999*

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**Telephone:** 042 9351680, **Facsimile:** 042 9351683, **Email:** alicemalone@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** North Eastern Health Board

**Committee:** Management committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Family support, parenting skills, prevention and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, education, drug use, violence, counselling and crime.

## Aim

To provide an integrated and co-ordinated response to the needs of families within the Muirhevnamore area with particular focus on the well being and development of children with priority to work with families, with children aged 0-10 years.

## Objectives

1. To respond in a supportive manner to families where children's welfare is under threat;
2. To address current problems being experienced by children and families;
3. To develop existing strengths of parents/carers and children who are under stress;
4. To provide an accessible, realistic, integrated and user-friendly service; and
5. To connect families with supportive networks within the community.

**Methods used:** Family therapy, group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes

**Programme duration:** Undetermined

**Principal target group:** Families with Children aged 0-10 years

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** children aged 0-10 and their parents

**Core capacity:** 30 families per year

**Application information:** Standard form

**Referral criteria** Families with children aged 0-10 years, living within the target housing estate. Where there are issues of neglect or child protection. The more vulnerable families within the estate who have not or will not engage with other services.

## EVALUATION

An external evaluation has been carried out and is available from the project.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Annual Reports

# Naas Child and family Project (NCFP)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** 1 New Road, Newbridge Road, Naas, Co Kildare, **Telephone:** 045 898623, **Facsimile:**

**Email:** ncfp@gofree.indigo.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding sources:** South Western Area Health Board

**Body responsible:** Kildare Youth Services in partnership with South West Area Health Board

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors, Management Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** School attendance, family support, peer education, youth work, parenting skills, prevention and children's rights.

**Secondary:** Offending behaviour, accommodation/housing, education and employment.

## Aim

To strengthen families by enhancing parenting capacity, preventing children going into crime, helping children remain in school, and by reducing anti-social behaviour.

## Objectives

1. To provide intensive family support to families most at risk in the community;
2. Respond in a supportive manner to families where children's welfare is under threat;
3. Develop existing strengths of parents and children under stress;
4. Connect families to supportive networks in the community; and
5. Provide an accessible, realistic, integrated and user-friendly service.

**Methods used:** Family therapy, individual/one-to-one, group work, sensory work programme, Marte Meo, family meetings, practical supports, home management, budgeting, hygiene and shopping.

**Programme duration:** The Homework club and play group operates during the school term. The transition programme operates during the summer months, and the IT Club is ongoing. The duration of family work is according to the needs of the children and families most at risk in the community.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 20%, female 80%

**Core capacity:** 16 families

**Application information:** Formal and informal application process. Families that are referred are processed through a referral committee. The project also operates open access programmes where young people are targeted through community contacts.

**Referral criteria** Child protection issues, child neglect, poor school attendance, involvement in petty crime, behavioural difficulties, or domestic violence.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001 and 2002*

The project was evaluated externally as a part of a national evaluation of the Springboard Initiative. The project has also been evaluated independently by the Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Family Support in Practice
- Evaluation Report, Children's research Centre, Trinity College Dublin

# Navan Springboard Company

*Initiative Established 1999*

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding sources:** North Eastern Health Boards

**Body responsible:** Navan Springboard Company Ltd

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Family support and parenting skills.

*Secondary:* School attendance, education, prevention and counselling.

## **Aim**

Springboard (Navan) Ltd is an integrated community based project working in an innovative and holistic way with families, particularly the 7-12 year olds of these families.

## **Objectives**

1. To promote the welfare of young people and their families in innovative and challenging ways;
2. To work and liaise closely with families and other involved agencies as a way of discussing issues then developing an integrated strategy to address them;
3. The purpose of the project is to act as a catalyst of the inter-agency and community process addressing mutually relevant issues afflicting families and resulting in a model that will challenge and overcome disadvantage; and
4. To influence national policy in developing new and alternative approaches and models of working with families.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one, group work, homework clubs, and breakfast clubs

**Programme duration:** Ongoing (some programmes are time limited e.g. Parents Plus)

**Principal target group:** young people 7-12 and their families living in Navan at risk of leaving school early/going into care or those who are coming to attention of the Gardaí.

**Who can attend:** Male and Female

**Age group:** 7-12 year olds and their families.

**Core capacity:** This changes depending on activities or project needs

**Application information:** Formal application process with a standard form

**Referral criteria:** Young people at risk of going into care/leaving school early/coming to attention of criminal justice agencies.

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

The project was involved in an external evaluation of entire Springboard Initiative. This report is available from the project

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Numerous Publications available from Springboard,
- 3 Annual Reports on the work of the project

# Southside Family Support Project

*Initiative Established 1999*

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** Barnardos

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* school attendance, offending behaviour, family support, education, peer education, parenting skills and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, suicide prevention, mediation, violence, counselling, racism and employment..

## Aim

To respond in a supportive manner to families and children experiencing difficulty maintaining welfare and development.

## Objectives

1. Prevent avoidable entry of children into care system;
2. Develop and nurture family coping skills and strengths;
3. Connect families/children to supportive local networks; and
4. Provide direct and group programmes and services to children.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Children: male 60%, female 40%,  
Adults: male: 10%, female: 90%

**Application information:** Formal application process with the use of referral form.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001*

Continuous and ongoing internal evaluation. All individual and group programmes include an incorporated evaluation for service user feedback. The project also incorporates team reviews, practice reviews, user audits and interagency reviews into its work.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

The project has a variety of reports from the Mid Western Health Board and Department of Health and Children (policy, guidelines, manuals produced within the Health Board).



# Springboard Family Support Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: Springboard, 8 Laurel Avenue, Ballybrack, Co Dublin, Telephone: 01 2814934/935*

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** East Coast Area Health Board

**Type of Body:** Community based project

**Committee:** Steering committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Family support and parenting skills.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour and counselling.

## **Aim**

To support children and families in the home, school and community.

## **Objectives**

1. Address current problems being experienced by children and families through direct work/counselling;
2. Develop existing strengths of parents through individual group work;
3. Provision of services to support children in school, (in partnership with schools) and community; and
4. Connect families with existing supportive services in the community.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one

**Programme duration:** Dependent on the needs of the family

**Principal target group:** Vulnerable children and families

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 30%, female: 70%

**Age group:** 0-18 years

**Core capacity:** approximately 20 families

**Application information:** Standard form and informal procedures. Agencies are required to complete a referral form. Families are able to self refer informally.

**Referral criteria** Families must be living in Ballybrack or Loughlinstown with children under 18 years

## **EVALUATION**

The project is in the process of being evaluated.

*date of completion June 2003 (estimated)*

# Step by Step Project (S.B.S.)

*Initiative established 1998*

**Address:** George's Hill National School, Dublin 7, **Telephone:** 01 8788155, **Email:** stepbystep@dublin.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science

**Additional funding:** Through the NICDTF

**Body responsible:** Department of Health and Children

**Type of Body:** Limited company and community group

**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme Focus

*Primary:* Prevention, youth work, family support and youth diversion.

*Secondary:* Children's rights, racism, mediation, drug use, peer education, anger management, education, school attendance and alcohol use.

## Aim

Step by Step aims to provide a range of social, recreational and educational activities for children aged 6-12 years.

## Objectives

1. To promote the child's development assisting them to develop new skills;
2. Aid the child to grow in self confidence within their family and community;
3. To provide a positive learning experience for children; and
4. To work in partnership with the community, voluntary and statutory sectors in the NWIC.

## Methods used:

Children referred to Step by Step benefit from small group work in a stimulating creative environment. They are encouraged to develop peer relationships and are provided with opportunities for educational, recreational and social development. The work of the project with children includes, group, individual, family, and community work and family visits.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Children aged 6-12 years in the markets area of Dublin 7.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 65%, female: 35%

**Age group:** 6-12 years

**Core capacity:** 20 families

**Application information:** The project operates a formal application process whereby children can be referred by any individual/agency known to the family/child.

**Referral criteria:** The child should be living or attending school in the markets area of Dublin 7.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2000*

Following an external evaluation conducted by Dr. Mark Morgan for the National Drugs Strategy in 2000 the project was recommended for mainstreaming.

# Tullamore Family Support Project

*Initiative Established 1999*

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**Core funder:** Midland Health Board

**Additional funding:** Allied Irish Banks, School Mates Programme

**Body responsible:** Barnardos

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Family support, anger management, peer education, youth work, mediation, parenting skills, prevention, counselling, racism and children's rights.

*Secondary:* School attendance, alcohol use, offending behaviour, youth diversion, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, suicide prevention, youth justice work, drug use, violence, prostitution, gangs, crime and employment.

## Aim

To work with families in the community to help them cope with the difficulties they face in family life, and to support them in finding positive ways of caring for their children.

## Objectives

1. Provide information and advice on child related issues, parenting and all aspects of family life;
2. Provide services for the wider community through group work, e.g. young parents group, after schools groups, parenting programme, drop in activity days etc; and
3. Provide direct support to children, young people and families.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, family therapy, individual/ one-to-one and group work, set programmes and counselling.

**Programme duration:** The project is ongoing but the set programmes run for a limited time, i.e.:  
'Personal me' programme: six weeks  
'Lets Co-operate': four weeks  
'Social Skills': six weeks  
Parenting programme: six weeks

**Principal target group:** Lone parents and young parents, Travellers, and children 'at risk' of leaving school early, anti-social behaviour or entering the care system.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 50%, female: 50%

**Application information:** Formal application process with standard form in addition to informal procedures.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion November 2001*

An independent evaluation was carried out by Dr Kieran McKeown in 2001 as part of a national Springboard Evaluation.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Barnardos, 'Guide for Parents/Carers'; and
- All publications, guidelines, standards, training, policies and reports available from Barnardos.

# Westside Family Services - Springboard

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** Westside Resource Centre, Seamus Quirke Road, Galway, **Telephone:** 091 585011 **Facsimile:** 091 585139

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**Core funder:** Department of Health and Children

**Additional funding sources:** Western Health Board and DHC

**Body responsible:** Department of Health and Children/Western Health Board

**Type of Body:** Community based family project

**Committee:** Advisory committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, family support, accommodation/housing, education, anger management, drug use, parenting skills, violence, prevention, counselling and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, peer education, youth justice work, mediation and employment.

## **Aim**

The focus of the project is that the families have within themselves the ability and power to solve their own difficulties, and the project is there to help them to use these strengths. The project aims to work intensively in an early intervention and preventative manner with a number of families and children and to address any difficulties families are experiencing by supporting and strengthening the family unit.

## **Objectives**

1. Provide intensive support to families, primarily those whose children are seen to be most at risk;
2. To provide less intensive support to families through accessing existing services;
3. To contribute to the models of good practice and pool of knowledge and resources in the provision of family support;
4. To develop partnership between families and service providers;
5. To establish collaborative structures between statutory and voluntary agencies and local community, in order to enhance a community based response; and
6. To build trust between the state agencies and families in the area and the community in general.

## **Methods used:**

Family group conferencing, counselling, family therapy, individual/one-to-one and group work. The project uses the following approaches and models of work:

- An outreach approach with home visits at flexible times which facilitate the family, operating both during and out of office hours;
- Acting as a liaison between members of the community and any services they wish to access;
- Social network analysis, solution focused practice contract work with families, and Western Health Board Family Support Model; and
- Use of creative and innovative models of work, linked to a theoretical framework which responds to needs of children and their families.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing  
**Principal target group:** Families in the Westside area experiencing difficulties and in need of assistance and/or families who have had difficulties engaging with other agencies in the past but still identify a need for support.  
**Who can attend:** Male and female  
**Gender breakdown:** Male 37%, female 63%  
**Core capacity:** Caseload of 25  
**Application information** Standard referral form to be completed by referring agency  
**Referral criteria** Families resident in the Westside area experiencing difficulties and in need of support.

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

The project has been evaluated by an independent consultant, and a published report is available from the project.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

McKeown (2001) *Promoting family well-being through family support services, a guide to what works in family support services for Vulnerable Families*, Dublin: Springboard

## Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP)

*Initiative Established 1992*

*Address: 19 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Telephone: 01 6602189, Facsimile: 01 6680050*

*Email: GMHPI@eircom.net, Homepage: [www.gayhealthnetwork.ie](http://www.gayhealthnetwork.ie)*

**Core funder:** Eastern Area Health Board

**Body responsible:** Eastern Area Health Board

**Type of Body:** Community Development Project

**Committee:** Multi-disciplinary Team

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Peer education, prostitution, HIV and STD prevention, sexual health awareness, homophobia training/heterosexism, counselling, referral of clients, information on alcohol and drug use, and research on alcohol and drugs in the context of sexual activity

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, homelessness, suicide prevention, youth work, drug use, mediation and violence.

### Aim

To provide a sexual health service, physical and emotional well being to Gay, Bi -sexual men and other men who have sex with men.

### Objectives

1. STI Clinic, sexual health clinic;
2. Outreach, making contact with men on and off the scene particularly young males in prostitution and who are homeless;
3. Provision of a free counselling service; and
4. Carrying out relevant research and evaluations;
5. Delivering training on homophobia, heterosexism to staff, agencies, community groups; and
6. The provision of personal development courses.

### Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one, counselling and outreach work, motivational interviewing, group work development courses, interagency work, homelessness, youth groups and networks.

### Programme duration:

Eight week ongoing facilitated group work and self-development. Homophobia and heterosexism awareness training workshops from three hours to four days.

### Principal target group:

Gay, Bisexual men and other men who have sex with men 17 years and older, agencies and community groups.

### Who can attend:

Male and female

### Age group:

17 years and over

### Core capacity:

18 participants

### Application Information:

Formal and informal application processes by telephone, email and waiting list

### Referral criteria:

Gay/Bi-sexual male non active hard drug users (i.e. IVD)

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Gay Health Network/Sigma (2002) *Vital Statistics Ireland – Findings from the all Ireland gay sex survey 2000*
- Eastern Health Board (1992) *Sexual behaviour of Gay and Bisexual Men in Dublin*
- Gay Men's Health Project/East Coast Area Health Board (2002) *Personal Development Courses Report,*
- Quinlin, M./East Coast Area Health Board (2000) *HIV Testing in Europe – Country Report Ireland, Policy and practice*
- Gay Men's Health Project/Eastern Health Board (1997) *Men in Prostitution*
- East Coast Area Health Board (2001) *Such a Taboo – service need and provision for males in prostitution*

## 1.3

## Men

### 1.3.2 Men/Violence prevention

## Men's Helpline

*Initiative Established 1999*

*Address: PO Box 8852, Dublin 7, Telephone: 1850 323233, Email: mensline32@hotmail.com,*

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**Core funder:** Administrative support from Aoibhneas

**Body responsible:** Aoibhneas

**Type of Body:** Limited company

**Committee:** Board of directors, management committee

### **Programme focus**

Violence prevention and prevention of male domestic violence against women

### **Aim**

To eliminate male domestic violence

### **Objectives**

Provide a helpline for abusive men

**Methods used:** Telephone counselling and referrals where possible

**Principal target group:** Abusive men in the domestic setting

**Who can attend:** Male and female callers

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 95%, female: 5%

**Core capacity:** The helpline presently operates for five hours per week



## CCTV (Galway)

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: Director of Services, Galway City Council, City Hall, Galway, Telephone: 091 536400,*

*Facsimile: 091 567493, email: chayas@galwaycity.i.e., Homepage: [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie)*

**Core funder:** Department of the Environment and Local Government

**Additional funding:** Local Authorities

**Body responsible:** Galway City Council/Housing Department

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Accommodation/housing, prevention and crime

*Secondary:* Environmental improvements

### Aim

To install CCTV in Local Authority Estates

### Objectives

To reduce crime, vandalism and illegal dumping

### Additional information:

Other Environmental crime prevention measures engaged in: Closure of back alleys, installation of traffic calming measures. Also Interagency linkage;

- a) The Council is involved in improving relationships with other agencies through the City Development Board on which the Galway City Council are represented and on its numerous co-ordinating groups, and
- b) The Council participates in a 'Business Watch' Group organised by the Gardai to address issues in the City Centre area

### Methods used

Installation of CCTV

### Principal target group

Local Authority Estates

### EVALUATION

An ongoing internal evaluation is in the process of being carried out.

# Central Dun Laoighaire Community Development Co Ltd (C.D.C.D.C.L.)

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: Park House, Library Road, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin.*

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**Core funder:** Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council

**Additional funding:** Southside Partnership

**Type of Body:** Limited Company; Community Development Project

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Youth diversion, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, family support, education, drug use, parenting skills, violence and gangs.

*Additional focus:* Support and information for the elderly.

## **Aim**

To establish, promote and operate a community development programme which will act as a focus and catalyst for community development for the community of Dun Laoghaire.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide facilities for the cultural, educational and economic advancement of the community;
2. To ensure the economic growth of the centre so as to facilitate continual development of the programmes;
3. To promote and stimulate growth of responsibility and stability among the young people; and
4. To ensure the provision of suitable social and educational activities for the elderly.

## **Additional information**

This resource centre is run by a group of local volunteers with the support of the Community Affairs Unit of the local authority and the Community Garda. The Family Resource Centre is a new centre in a Codan area with a large number of elderly and one parent families in the catchment area.

**Methods used:** Group work, set programmes, counselling, cultural and social activities for the elderly. Social activities for adolescents with an emphasis on physical activity and social education.

**Programme duration:** 6-8 weeks.

**Principal target group:** Elderly, pre-teens and adolescents

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Elderly: 100% female;  
pre-teens: male: 50, female: 50; and  
adolescents: male: 40%, female: 60%,

**Age group:** 65 years and over, 8-11 years and 12-15 years

**Core capacity:** 30+ participants

**Application Information:** Informal procedures

# Know Racism Campaign

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** 43-49 Mespil Road, Dublin 4 **Telephone:** 01-6632694/6632695 **Facsimile:** 01-6670366 **Email:** [info@antiracism.gov.ie](mailto:info@antiracism.gov.ie) **Homepage:** [www.knowracism.ie](http://www.knowracism.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Committee:** Steering Committee

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** Racism, peer education, offending behaviour and prevention.

## **Aim**

To contribute to creating the conditions for building an inclusive and inter-cultural society where racism is effectively addressed and cultural diversity valued.

## **Objectives**

1. To act as a catalyst to stimulate public awareness of racism and to contribute to a commitment to addressing racism in Ireland;
2. To affirm cultural diversity as a value in society;
3. To help create the conditions that make it more difficult for racism to exist; and
4. To contribute to a range of policies that create an inclusive approach to minority ethnic groups including refugees and asylum seekers.

**Methods used:** Set programmes, conferences, administering information and grant schemes.

**Programme duration:** Three-year campaign

**Principal target group:** General public, particularly those with an ambivalent attitude to racism.

## **EVALUATION**

An independent evaluation of grant schemes in 2001.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Information leaflets;
- Homepage [www.knowracism.ie](http://www.knowracism.ie); and
- General information on the programme and racism.

# Laois County Development Board

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** County Hall, Portlaoise, Co Laois, **Telephone:** 0502 64223, **Facsimile:** 0502 22114

**Email:** ymurphy@laoiscoco.ie, **Homepage:** [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie)

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**Core funder:** Laois County Council

**Body responsible:** Laois County Development Board

**Type of Body:** Government body/Community Development Project

**Committee:** Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, Management Committee

## **Aim**

Development and implementation of the *Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development* of Co Laois

**Programme duration:** 2002-2012

**Principal target group:** Socially excluded groups

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation will be carried out in 2007 and 2012

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

Laois County Development Board Strategy '*Realising Our Potential*'

# Limerick City Development Board (LCDB)

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: The Granary, Michael Street, Limerick, Telephone: 061 312988 Facsimile: 061 312985*

*Email: limerickcdb@eircom.net,*

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**Core funder:** Local Authority

**Body responsible:** Limerick City Development Board/Community and Enterprise Limerick City Council

**Committee:** City Development Board

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, youth work, drug use, racism and crime.

## **Aim**

To assist in the implementation of an integrated strategy for the economic, social and cultural development of Limerick City.

## **Objectives**

By observing the spirit of partnership and principles of sustainability the Limerick City Development Board will endeavor to enhance the lives of all sections of the community through the promotion of balanced and sustainable economic, social and cultural development.

## **Additional information**

The strategy for Limerick is a ten-year vision for the City.

**Principal target group:** Statutory sector, voluntary sector, community groups and business sector

# South Tipperary County Development Board

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** South Tipperary County Council, County Hall, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, **Telephone:** 052 34597  
**Facsimile:** 052 34455, **Email:** [dce@southtippcoco.ie](mailto:dce@southtippcoco.ie), **Homepage:** [www.southtippcdb.ie](http://www.southtippcdb.ie)

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**Core funder:** South Tipperary County Council

**Body responsible:** South Tipperary County Council

**Type of Body:** County Development Board

**Committee:** Inter-agency Board

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Family support and education.

## **Aim**

The development and implementation of a ten year strategy for South Tipperary

## **Objectives**

1. Establish integrated services to encourage social inclusion; and
2. Enhance the quality of life of the people of Tipperary.

**Methods used:** Inter-agency action with specified target groups

**Programme duration:** Ten year strategy

**Principal target group:** Population of South Tipperary with emphasis on the socially excluded.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

City Development Board South Tipperary County Strategy

# Forensic Science Laboratory

*Initiative Established 1975*

*Address: Garda Head Quarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8. Telephone: 01-6662900 Fax: 01-6662929*

*Email: Jdonovan@fsl.gov.ie*

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**Core funder:** Government

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform

**Type of body:** Government Department/An Garda Síochána

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, drug use, violence and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use.

## **Aim**

To help Gardaí in crime investigation by providing a scientific analytical service.

## **Objectives**

1. To train Gardaí to know what can be done; and
2. To provide scientific analysis e.g. drug and DNA analysis

**Methods used:** Scientific analysis

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Serious criminal activity

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 10% rape victims, Female: 90% rape victims

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation has been carried out by a Management Consultant and Laboratory Accreditation has been introduced.

## Community Alert Programme

*Initiative Established 1985*

**Address:** Muintir Na Tíre, Canon Hayes House, Tipperary, **Telephone:** 062 51163, **Facsimile:** 062 51200, **Email:** muintirtipp@tinet.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** Muintir Na Tíre (Voluntary agency)

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Crime prevention.

### Aim

To improve the life and security of people in rural areas who are vulnerable, especially the elderly.

### Objectives

1. Reduce opportunity for crime;
2. Give crime prevention advice;
3. Reduce fear of crime; and
4. Facilitate Garda contact with the public.

**Methods used:** Primarily group work, in addition to individual/one-to-one work.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Vulnerable people, especially the elderly in rural areas.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Informal procedures

### EVALUATION

*date of completion 1999*

An independent evaluation of the community alert programme was carried out by McKeown and Brosnan in 1999.



# Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, (NW)

*Initiative Established 1985*

**Address:** Garda Community Relations Section, Dublin Metropolitan Regional Headquarters, Harcourt Square, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, **Telephone:** 01 663830, Facsimile: 01 6663801, **email:** [agecard@iol.ie](mailto:agecard@iol.ie),  
**Homepage:** [www.gov.ie/garda](http://www.gov.ie/garda)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/An Garda Síochána, Community Relations/Community groups.

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Crime prevention.

## **Aim**

The aim of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is to act as a crime prevention programme for urban areas.

## **Objectives**

1. To reduce opportunity for crime prevention;
2. To give crime prevention advice;
3. To reduce fear of crime; and
4. To facilitate Garda contact with the public

**Methods used:** Primarily group work, in addition to individual/one-to-one.

**Application details:** Formal application process

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 1999*

An evaluation of Neighbourhood Watch was carried out by an Independent consultant and completed in 1999.

## 1.6

## Offending

### 1.6.1 Offending/Miscellaneous Projects

## Bridge Project

*Initiative Established 1991*

**Address:** 125 Parnell Street, Dublin 1, **Telephone:** 01 8780901, **Facsimile:** 01 8780896, **Email:** bridge@iol.ie,

**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Irish Youth Foundation, VEC, FÁS

**Body responsible:** Bridge Project

**Type of body:** Limited company

**Committee:** Board of Management/Management Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, drug use, violence, gangs, counselling, racism, employment and children's rights.

### Aim

To provide a realistic community based alternative to imprisonment and prevent re-offending by young adult offenders who would otherwise serve substantial prison sentences.

### Objectives

1. Reduce the incidence of criminal behaviour by participants; and
2. Help participants become reintegrated into their communities.

### Additional Information:

Models are designed by reference to evidence based practice in relation to all programme content. These modules reviewed regularly and updated.

**Methods used:** Primarily group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes, in addition to counselling

**Programme duration:** Phase 1: Orientation, six to eight weeks;  
Phase 2: Group work modules and intensive one-to-one, fourteen weeks; and  
Phase 3: Implement personal action plans, six months.

**Principal target group:** Young adult male offenders on supervision who want to make a positive change in behaviour and lifestyle.

**Who can attend:** Males

**Gender breakdown:** The majority of the participants are male with one programme per year catering for eight female participants.

**Age group:** 18-30 years

**Application Information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria** Age, history of offending, motivation to change, stability in relation to any drug dependency.

### EVALUATION

Research is currently being undertaken by the Institute of Criminology University College Dublin.

# Churchfield Youth Community Trust

*Initiative Established 1994*

*Address: 109 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork, Telephone: 021 4210348 Facsimile: 021 4210348*

*Email: cyct109@hotmail.com,*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding sources:** Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund, FÁS, Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs

**Body responsible:** Religious Communities/Presentation Brothers, Presentation Sisters, Christian Brothers

**Type of Body:** Limited company, voluntary agency, community group,

**Committee:** Management Committee and Trustees

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* To establish a relationship with the young men based on respect and acceptance.

*Secondary:* Re-offending, auto crime/joyriding, family support, education, anger management, suicide prevention, youth justice work, drug use, parenting skills, violence prevention and counselling.

## **Aim**

To help young men at risk and ex-offenders to be effectively integrated into their local community.

## **Objectives**

1. To counteract the outcomes of early school leaving;
2. To counteract the unskilled and unemployed situation of young men;
3. To counteract low self-esteem; and
4. To counteract the destructive effects of a drug culture.

## **Additional information**

The project works from a relationship model with six people at a time. It began as a voluntary response to young people at risk in the locality and was funded in its pilot phase by three religious congregations and later by Cork City Urban Ltd. The project is now funded by Probation and Welfare and the Young People's Facilities and Services Fund.

## **Methods Used:**

Group work, individual/one-to/one, set programme and counselling. The project operates a person centered programme, it offers training in woodwork, horticulture, painting, computers, cookery, metalwork, literacy. Participants choose a personal plan from a range of models. The main emphasis is on taking responsibility for their actions and the consequences of these actions.

**Programme duration:** Two-year placement with the programme operating throughout the year.

**Principal target group:** 18-30 year old men who have offended or who are at risk of offending

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 100%

**Age group:** 18-30 years

**Core capacity:** 6-8 participants

**Application information:** Formal referral process through Cork Prison, the local community and the Probation and Welfare Service

**Referral criteria:** 18-30 year old men from the local area who have offended or who are at risk of offending and who are willing to make positive changes and are committed to taking steps not to re-offend.

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation was carried out by the Young Peoples Facilities and Services fund in summer 2002.

# Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT)

*Initiative Established 1994*

**Address:** Swanbrook House, Bloomfield Ave, Dublin 4 **Telephone:** 01 6680072, **Facsimile:** 01 6607925,  
**Email:** [info@penal-reform.ie](mailto:info@penal-reform.ie), **Homepage:** [www.penal-reform.ie](http://www.penal-reform.ie)

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**Core funder:** Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

**Additional funding:** Allen Lane, Atlantic Philanthropies and individual donations

**Body responsible:** Irish Penal Reform Trust

**Type of Body:** Limited company/Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, anger management, youth justice work, violence, racism in prisons, crime, the practice of human rights standards and rehabilitative practices in prison, and lobbying for the national implementation of restorative justice.

*Secondary:* accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, suicide prevention, drug use and employment.

## **Aim**

To create a more rational and humane penal system.

## **Objectives**

1. Increase community sanctions; and
2. National implementation of restorative justice.

**Methods used:** Advocacy and public awareness via research, reports, conferences and lobbying

**Principal target group:** General public and government

**Application information:** Standard application form

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

Irish Penal Reform Trust, *Out of mind, out of sight*

Irish Penal Reform Trust *Politics of prison medicine, a call for action*

(see also [www.penal-reform.ie](http://www.penal-reform.ie), for more information)

# PACE Priorswood House (PACE)

*Initiative Established 1969*

*Address: Priorswood House, Clonshaugh Avenue, Dublin 15, Telephone: 01 8474296, Facsimile: 01 8474296*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Body responsible:** PACE

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, accommodation/housing, homelessness and crime.

*Secondary:* Drug use.

## **Aim**

Provide supported accommodation for homeless ex-offenders

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Who can attend:** Female

**Age group:** 18 years and over

**Core capacity:** 22 participants

**Application information:** Formal Application process

**Referral criteria:** Participants must be drug free and the project does not work with arsonists or sex offenders.

## **EVALUATION**

Internal evaluations have been carried out on the project.

# Priorswood Task Force on Joyriding

*Initiative Established 1998*

**Address:** Community Development Project Priorswood, The Outreach Centre, Clonshaugh Drive, Priorswood, Dublin 17, **Telephone:** 01 8486458, **Facsimile:** 01 8671182, **Email:** colette.outreach@oceanfree.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Department of Health and Children

**Body responsible:** Community Development Project Priorswood

**Committee:** Steering Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Auto crime/joyriding.

## **Aim**

To identify the main features of the joyriding problem in the area in order to provide a basis for the development of a strategy for reducing the scale of the problem.

**Programme duration:** Pilot programme for two years (2002 and 2003)

**Principal target group:** Those engaged in 'joyriding'

**Who can attend:** Male and female

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

An evaluation 'Joyriding: A local Response' was carried out by Dave Farrington, an Independent consultant.

## All Hallows Training Workshop in Horticulture Ltd

*Initiative Established 1982*

*Address: Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9,*

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**Funding sources:** The Probation and Welfare Service, VEC and FÁS

**Body responsible:** All Hallows Training Workshop in Horticulture Ltd

**Programme focus**

*Primary:* Education, early school leaving and personal development.

**Aim**

To use basic training in organic horticulture as a means to enhance confidence and bring out the potential in people who might otherwise lack development in their social and vocational skills.

**Methods used:**

The core activity at the workshop is a course in basic organic horticulture, literacy and numeracy are provided, creative writing, pottery, day trips, visits to adventure centres, swimming, work camps and work experience.

**Programme duration:**

One year

# Blanchardstown Offenders for New Directions Project (BOND)

*Initiative Established 2002*

**Address:** 37A Coolmine Industrial Estate, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, **Telephone:** 01 8208414, **Facsimile:** 01 8208446, **Email:** [info@bondproject](mailto:info@bondproject), **Homepage:** [www.bondproject.com](http://www.bondproject.com)

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**Core funder:** The Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** Young Peoples' Facilities and Services Fund, VEC, BAP, EQUAL Community Initiative, and RECITE: Edge Cities (EU)

**Body responsible:** Blanchardstown Area Partnership and Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Community Group

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, youth diversion, accommodation/ housing, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth justice work, government department, drug use, mediation, violence, prevention, gangs, counselling, racism, crime and employment.

*Secondary:* School attendance, motor project, youth work, gender, parenting skills, prostitution, exchange programme and children's rights.

## Aim

To assist young offenders to stop re-offending, and rehabilitate them via support in accommodation, education and training and to reintegrate young people leaving prison by focusing and directing them into appropriate supports in the community.

## Objectives

1. Reduce the likelihood of re-offending;
2. Re-integration in the community;
3. Providing education; and
4. Providing individual needs analysis intensive personal support, programmes, personal plans, information and advocacy.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, family group conferencing and set programmes.

**Programme duration:** Three phases:  
*Getting Out*, programme introduced whilst in custody;  
*Just Out*, immediate adjustment on release; and  
*Staying Out*, creating a framework to avoid re-offending

**Principal target group:** Young offenders aged 18-25 leaving prison

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 18-25 years

**Application Information:** Informal procedures comprising of weekly visits to prison targeting people living in the Blanchardstown area.

## EVALUATION

An external evaluation has been carried out on the project

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- New Directions Report
- Research on Needs of Young Offenders in Dublin 15



# The Linkage Programme

*Initiative Established 2000*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** National Development Plan

**Body responsible:** Business in the Community Ireland

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency/community group

**Committee:** Steering committee and management committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, crime and employment.

## Aim

To develop the Linkage programme as the leading organisation offering quality personalised access to training education and employment opportunities for all offenders living in their community or due for release.

## Objectives

1. To offer quality services to clients;
2. To recruit, train and retain high calibre personnel;
3. To provide opportunities to employers to recruit appropriately qualified ex-offenders and act as support during initial placement if required;
4. Optimise the professional relationship between the Linkage programme and Probation and Welfare Service;
5. Optimise the professional relationship between the Linkage programme and other agencies;
6. Develop a public relations and marketing strategy for the promotion of the Linkage programme and to engender a positive image to both potential employers and the community on the benefits of having offenders employed; and
7. To resource, administer, account, report and evaluate the programme to the highest standards and practice.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** All offenders referred to the programme by the Probation and Welfare Service

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 90%, female: 10%

**Age group:** 16 years and over

**Application information:** Participants are referred from the Probation and Welfare Service.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

The project annual reports are available for 2001 and 2002.

# Tivoli Training Centre

*Initiative Established 1984*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** FÁS and Dun Laoghaire VEC

**Body responsible:** Tivoli Training Centre

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Community Group

**Committee:** Board of directors/Management Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Employment, crime, racism, counselling, gangs, prevention, violence, parenting skills, drug use, youth work, youth justice work, suicide prevention, peer education, anger management, education, youth diversion, auto crime/ joyriding, offending behaviour, alcohol use, health and fitness, diet and personal development.

**Additional focus:** The project responds to the needs of the individual and the focus of the work done in the project is dependent on those needs.

## Aim

The aim of the centre is to provide training, personal development and work experience for young people with a variety of social and training needs and prepare them for employment, further training and a fuller and more satisfying life in the community.

## Objectives

1. To prepare trainees for employment through the training package,
2. To provide practical, quality training in skills linked to the individual's capabilities;
3. To help trainees to develop self-awareness, identify strengths, build self-confidence and improve their life and communications skills; and
4. To foster their personal and social growth.

## Methods used

Family group conferencing, counselling, individual/one-to-one and group work. Set programmes used by the project include: F.E.T.A.C., Foundation modules ECDL, City and Guilds, and I.A.S. Training standards

**Programme duration:** The programme operates for forty eight weeks a year with annual certification and ongoing intake of participants.

**Principal target group:** 15-20 year olds involved in, or at risk of offending behaviour or 'at risk' socially.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 65%, female: 35% (this ratio is constantly changing as intake is ongoing through the year)

**Age group:** 15-20 years

**Core Capacity:** 20 participants

**Application information:** The project operates a formal and informal application process. Completion of a standard form is followed by verbal contact, interview, application form, and centre tour. Each participant completes an induction programme prior to the start of training.

**Referral criteria:** The centre caters primarily for early school leavers and those experiencing learning and social problems. Those referred to the project usually present various social or behavioural needs. Those attending may be referred by the Probation and Welfare Service, FÁS, and Social Welfare Service or by other trainees.

## EVALUATION

An external evaluation has been carried on the project, and F.E.T.A.C., CERT, City and Guilds evaluations are also carried out.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Project annual reports.

# Training for Employment Project (PACE)

*Initiative Established 1985*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Services

**Additional funding:** VEC and FÁS

**Body responsible:** PACE

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, education, crime and employment.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use and drug use.

## **Aim**

To provide education and training to offenders and ex-offenders.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 95%, female: 5%

**Age group:** 18 years and over

**Core capacity:** 25 participants

**Application Information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Participants must be drug free or stable. The project also does not take those with convictions for arson or sex offences.

## **EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation has been carried out on the project.

## 1.6

## Offending

### 1.6.3 Offending/Programmes operating in prisons

## Alcohol Awareness Course

*Address:* Probation Service, St Patrick's Institution, N.C.R, Dublin 7, *Telephone:* 01 8062941, *Facsimile:* 01 8301261.

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**Core funding:** Department of Justice

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice

#### **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, peer education and crime.

*Secondary:* Family support, education, violence and counselling.

**Methods used:** Group work and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Six, two-hour sessions run over a two-week period.

**Principal target group:** Interested and motivated inmates of St. Patrick's Institution

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** Males 100%

**Age group:** Sixteen to twenty years olds

**Capacity:** Ten to twelve participants

**Application information:** Formal application process with standard form.

#### **EVALUATION**

Internal evaluation available from the project

# Anger Management Skills Programme

*Initiative Established 1998*

*Address: Education Unit, Fort Mitchel Prison, Cobh, Cork, Telephone: 021 4378223, Facsimile: 021 4378223*

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**Core funding:** VEC

**Body responsible:** Education Unit, Fort Mitchel Prison/VEC

**Type of Body:** Statutory

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Anger management, alcohol and drug use, offending behaviour, homelessness, peer education, gangs, crime, prevention and mediation.

*Secondary:* School attendance, auto crime, education, suicide prevention, counselling and employment.

## **Aim**

The Anger Management Skills is an experiential/educational programme targeted at making participants knowledgeable and aware of the effects anger has on their lives and the effects their anger has on others.

## **Objectives**

1. To make participants aware of the power they possess to control anger; and
2. How to channel the energy of 'anger' in a constructive way.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes and counselling.

**Programme duration:** The programme runs for eight to ten weeks, with one two hour session per week during the school term

**Principal target group:** Inmate population

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 100%

**Age group:** 16 years and over

**Core capacity:** six to eight participants

**Application Information:** Completion of a standard form, placement on a list followed by three interviews

**Referral criteria:** Commitment to participation

## **EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation has been carried out and is available from the programme

# Caring For Children

*Initiative Established 2002*

**Address:** Education Unit, Fort Mitchell Prison, Cobh, Co Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4378223, **Facsimile:** 021 4378223

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**Core funding:** V.E.C

**Body responsible:** Fort Mitchell Prison /V.E.C

## ***Programme focus***

*Primary:* Family support and parenting skills.

## **Aim**

To introduce inmates to the idea of how to deal with the practical aspects of childcare.

## **Objectives**

1. Positive childcare;
2. Understanding safety issues; and
3. Communicating with children.

## **Additional information**

The course is N.C.V.A accredited.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Group work and set programmes
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Six weeks, one two-hour session per week
<b>Principal target group:</b>	Inmate population with family
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male
<b>Gender breakdown:</b>	Male 100%
<b>Age group:</b>	Sixteen plus
<b>Core Capacity:</b>	Six participants
<b>Application information:</b>	Informal procedures
<b>Referral Criteria:</b>	A willingness to participate

# Connect

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: Connect Programme, Irish Prison Service, Monastery Road, Dublin 22, Telephone: 01 4616153, Facsimile: 01 4616153*

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**Core funder:** Exchequer

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/Irish Prison Service

**Type of Body:** Government Department

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Employment.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour.

## **Aim**

To improve the future job prospects of prisoners in Mountjoy Jail and its Training Unit.

## **Objectives**

1. Participants undertake a pre-vocational training course to assess their strengths and examine their employment options; and
2. Participants can then take part in programmes which identify needs such as compensatory education and provide support towards long-term career goals.

## **Additional information**

Following a review of the workshops in Mountjoy, certified training is being introduced in a number of areas ranging from computers to confectionery. The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform is making arrangements to extend CONNECT to every prison nationwide by the year 2006.

### **Methods used**

Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

### **Programme duration**

Annual and ongoing, duration is typically one year but this is quite flexible for each individual.

### **Principal target group**

People in custody in prison.

### **Who can attend**

Male and females

### **breakdown**

Male: 95%, female: 3-5% (determined by the prison population)

### **Application information**

Formal application process

### **Referral criteria**

Interested in participating and commitment to engage in the programme.

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation of the pilot project 1998/2000 is available

# Connect Project/Dochas Centre

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: Dochas Centre, Connect Project, North Circular Road, Dublin 7, Telephone: 01 8858934, Facsimile: 01 8858932*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/Irish Prison Service

**Type of Body:** Government Department

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Employment, anger management and peer education.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, alcohol and drug use, school attendance, auto crime, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, suicide prevention, mediation, gender, parenting skills, violence, prostitution, prevention, counselling and racism

## **Aim**

To improve the future job prospects of prisoners in the Dochas Centre.

## **Objectives**

1. Participants undertake a pre-vocational training course to assess their strengths and examine their employment options; and
2. Participants can then take part in programmes which identify needs such as compensatory education and provide support towards long-term career goals.

## **Methods used**

Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes, family group conferencing, counselling and family therapy

## **Programme duration**

Ten week programme run on an ongoing basis.

## **Principal target group**

Women in custody in the Dochas Centre

## **Who can attend**

Females

## **Age group:**

All ages

## **Core capacity:**

Twenty seven on the programme at the one time with six in each group

## **Application information**

Formal application process with standard form

## **Referral criteria**

Those motivated to make changes in the problem areas of their lives with a view to employment and training.

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation is available from the project.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Story of Success Irish Prisons  
Connect Project 1998-2000



## 1.6

## Offending

### 1.6.4 Offending/Programmes operating in prisons/Youth

## Drugs Awareness Programme

*Initiative Established 1995*

*Address: Education Unit, Fort Mitchel Prison, Cobh, Co Cork, Telephone: 021 4378223, Facsimile: 021 4378223*

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**Core funding:** V.E.C.

**Body Responsible:** The Department of Education, V.E.C.

### **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, drug use.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour.

### **Aim**

To create a safe environment and to offer people an opportunity to discuss drug/alcohol use.

### **Objectives**

1. To encourage people to look at other methods of dealing with life issues without resorting to drug/alcohol use; and
2. To encourage participants to discuss life issues which they may not have addressed previously in a safe environment; and
3. To offer a safe environment to discuss drug/alcohol use and address issues related to this that may not have been addressed previously.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one and group work,  
**Programme duration:** 10-weeks/one two-hour session per week.  
**Principal target group:** Voluntary inmate population  
**Who can attend:** Male  
**Gender breakdown:** Male 100%  
**Age group:** 16 years and over  
**Core capacity:** Eight to ten participants  
**Application Information:** Informal procedures  
**Referral criteria:** Willingness to attend

# Gaisce President Award (St Patrick's)

*Initiative established 2002*

**Address:** St. Patrick's Institution, North Circular Road, Dublin 7, **Telephone:** 01-8062896

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**Core funder:** Irish Prison Service and Gaisce

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/ St. Patrick's Institution Dublin

**Type of body:** Statutory/Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, youth diversion, peer education, government department, mediation and employment.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, family support and suicide prevention.

## **Aim**

To focus the offender by taking part in the Awards programme for a period of six months.

## **Objectives**

1. To get offenders to think about helping themselves;
2. To get more from the offender than they thought they had; and
3. To help offenders become more resilient.

**Programme duration:** 7 months (26 weeks)

**Principal target group:** Young offenders

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** 100%

**Age group:** 16-21 years

**Application information:** Formal application process

# Independent Living Skills

*Initiative Established 1997*

*Address: Education Unit, Spike Island, Cobh, Cork, Telephone: 021 4378223, Facsimile: 021 4378223,*

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**Core funding:** Cork VEC

**Additional funding sources:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** The Prison Education Unit/County Cork VEC

**Type of Body:** Statutory body

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, alcohol and drug use, youth diversion, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, peer education, violence, prevention, gangs, crime, employment and contact with outside agencies.

*Secondary:* Youth work.

## **Aim**

To stop people re-offending.

## **Objectives**

To equip participants with the knowledge and skills to survive independently.

## **Additional information**

A three-part programme was devised locally with one session devoted to outside agencies, one to N.C.V.A. work preparation and one to addressing the offending behaviour of participants and steps necessary to avoid re-offending.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes and counselling
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Eight weeks, with one two hour session per week during the school term
<b>Principal target group:</b>	Those in the inmate population nearing their release date
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male
<b>Gender breakdown:</b>	Male: 100%
<b>Age group:</b>	16 years and over
<b>Core capacity:</b>	eight - ten participants
<b>Application Information:</b>	A standard form and two interviews
<b>Referral criteria:</b>	Those due for release showing a willingness to participate

## **EVALUATION**

An informal external evaluation has been carried out.

# Positive Sentence Management

*Address: Positive Sentence Management Team, St. Patrick's Institution, North Circular Road, Dublin 7,  
Telephone: 01-8062912*

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**Core funder:** Irish Prison Service

**Body responsible:** St. Patrick's Institution

**Type of body:** Statutory

**Committee:** Advisory and management committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, education, anger management, government department, drug use, parenting skills, violence, prevention, counselling and employment.

## **Aim**

To provide Positive Sentence Management for all inmates in St. Patrick's Institution

## **Objective**

1. To provide a range of services to maintain an inmates well-being both physical and mental;
2. To prepare inmates for release; and
3. To lessen the detrimental experience of prison.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Programme duration:** On-going/duration of inmates sentence

**Principal target group:** All inmates in St. Patrick's Institution

**Who can attend:** Male

**Age group:** 16-21 years

**Capacity:** 30

**Application information:** Standard form

## **EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation is currently being undertaken.

# Somerset Thinking Skills Pilot Programme (S.T.S.C.)

*Initiative established 2002*

**Address:** Education Unit, Fort Mitchell Prison, Cobh, Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4378223, **Facsimile:** 021 4378223

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**Core funder:** VEC

**Body responsible:** Prison education service/County Cork VEC

**Type of body:** Statutory body

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Youth diversion, mediation, peer education and employment.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour and youth justice work.

## **Aim**

To improve thinking skills in an education and training context

## **Objectives**

1. To enhance self esteem;
2. To develop awareness and control over problem solving processes;
3. To facilitate the ability to transfer and generalise ideas across many different contexts; and
4. To transform passive recipients of information to active searchers and generators of ideas

**Methods used:** Group work and set programme

**Programme duration:** Twenty six weeks, with one two hour session per week during the school term (the programme duration can depend on the inmates sentence)

**Principal target group:** Educationally disadvantaged

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender Breakdown:** Male: 100%

**Age group:** Sixteen years and over

**Core capacity:** Ten participants

**Application information:** Informal procedures and interview process

**Referral criteria:** Term of sentence, amenability, suitability and interest

## **EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation has been carried out

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Training manual are supplied by:  
Nigel Blagg Associates,  
39 Staplegrove Road,  
Taunton,  
Somerset,  
TA1 1DG,  
England

## Copping On

*Initiative Established 1996*

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science

**Additional funding sources:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and FÁS.

**Type of body:** Copping on is a joint initiative between the Department of Education and Science, FÁS and the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

**Committee:** Steering Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Training, communication, offending behaviour, education, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Anger management, youth justice work, drug use, parenting skills, violence, racism and children's rights.

### Aim

Copping On aims to provide a comprehensive crime prevention and awareness programme, with appropriate supports, for those working with young people

### Objectives

1. A forum for networking between the various agencies working with young people and an opportunity to identify methods of co-operation;
2. Discussion of and agreement on appropriate methodology and underlying principles in preventive work with young people at risk;
3. An opportunity to experience activities from the resource pack and reflect upon ways to adapt the programme to suit the needs of particular groups;
4. A place to identify potential issues for staff in implementing the programme and an awareness of the need to develop and clarify local policy; and
5. To enhance facilitation skills and share good practice.

**Methods used:** Group work

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Adults who work with at risk and disadvantaged young people

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 25%, female: 75% (estimate)

**Age group:** 18 years and over

**Core capacity:** Maximum of twenty five per training session.

**Application information:** Standard form available from the project

**Referral criteria:** Adults who are working with young people at risk.

### EVALUATION

*date of completion 1998*

Bowden, M. (1998) *Review of the Copping On Crime Awareness Initiative*, Dublin: Children's Research Centre

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Copping on Resource Pack
- Copping on Junior Resource Pack

# Breaking through LTD

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** Westside Centre, 51 Main Street, Unit 1, Leixlip, Co Kildare, **Telephone:** 01 6060858, **Facsimile:** 01 6104417, **Email:** [info@breakingthrough.org](mailto:info@breakingthrough.org), **Homepage:** [www.breakingthrough.org](http://www.breakingthrough.org)

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**Core funder:** Peace and Reconciliation

**Additional funding sources:** Department of Education and Science and the Northern Ireland Office

**Type of body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Steering Committee, Board of Directors and Regional Committees

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Working with young people at risk, offending, crime, young people and educational disadvantage.

## Aim

To facilitate links through local, regional and cross-border networks.

## Objectives

1. Promote partnership and cross-border networks;
2. Collate, document and share good practice;
3. Provide informal support for practitioners, within an atmosphere of mutual respect; and
4. Influence policy and programme development.

## Additional Information

Breaking Through is a cross-border initiative and is open to individuals and organisations working with young people. The Network is run by a committee representing seven regions, north west, north east, midlands, Dublin and surrounds, south west, south east and west. The Committee members are drawn from voluntary and statutory agencies. Currently, an administrator is employed to work two days per week.

**Methods used:** Group work, regional meetings, conferences and workshops.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Practitioners who work with young people (primarily young people 'at risk')

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** working with young people

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001*

An evaluation on the Network was carried out by an Independent consultant and is available from the project: Canning Associates, *Canning Evaluation and Strategic Plan*

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Journal/Newsletter;
- Conference Report; and
- Annual Report.

# Irish Association for the Study of Delinquency LTD

*Initiative Established 1996*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Irish Association for the Study of Delinquency LTD

**Type of body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Crime

## **Aim**

The IASD aims to contribute to the development of the criminal justice system by providing a forum for discussion.

## **Objectives**

1. Provide a forum where experienced personnel from various parts of the criminal justice system can discuss problems and ways of working in an informal setting;
2. Promote study and research in the field of criminal justice;
3. Promote the highest standards of practice by professionals working in and associated with the criminal justice system; and
4. Build links with similar professional organisations at home and abroad.

**Methods used:** The IASD holds regular meetings on criminal policy research. They also hold regular seminars and an annual conference

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Newsletter; and
- Reports on annual conferences



## Exchange House Travellers Service

*Initiative Established: 1980*

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**Core funder:** South Western Health Board

**Additional Funding:** City of Dublin Youth Services Board, Department of Education and Science, Department of Social and Family Affairs, FÁS and C.D.V.E.C.

**Body Responsible:** Exchange House Travellers Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Steering committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, family support, education, youth work, drug use, parenting skills, prevention, counselling, racism, employment children's rights and after schools programmes.

### Aim

Exchange House is an organisation of Travellers and settled people working together to provide a range of services to the Travelling community in the Dublin area.

### Objectives

1. To provide family support, social work, welfare rights and community development services;
2. To provide money advice and budgeting services;
3. To provide a Travellers Youth Service; and
4. To provide a range of educational interventions.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and counselling,

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Principal target group:** Travellers in the Dublin region

**Age group:** All ages

**Application information:** Informal procedures

### EVALUATION

*date of completion 1995*

An evaluation commissioned by the Eastern Health Board was carried out on the project

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- 'Hard to credit it', document; and
- Annual reports

# Pavee Point Mediation Service

*Initiative Established 1999*

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**Telephone:** 01 8780255, **Facsimile:** 01 8742626, **Email:** mediation@pavee.iol.ie, **Homepage:**  
www.paveepoint.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Pavee Point Travellers' Centre

**Committee:** Advisory Committee, Management Committee and Co-ordinating Group

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Mediation communication, conflict transformation

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour, accommodation/housing, violence, prevention, anger management, racism and crime.

## **Aim**

To support better relations between Travellers and members of the majority population through conflict transformation initiatives and to enhance Travellers capacity to develop new ways of dealing with conflict in their lives.

## **Objectives**

1. To develop a climate in which mediation and creative non-violent approaches are seen to be relevant to transforming conflict between Travellers and settled people;
2. To enhance relationships between Travellers and the settled population through the direct involvement in negotiation of all parties;
3. To enable Travellers to develop the skills required to use alternative techniques to resolve disputes;
4. To strengthen relationships between Travellers and state authorities, such as An Garda Síochána, local authorities, etc.
5. To help secure reasonable outcomes from the task force report (e.g. in supporting better relationships between the Traveller and the settled communities, in the provision of adequate and appropriate Traveller accommodation and in the equitable provision of services);
6. To help build local capacities by providing training and educational workshops which contribute to a greater awareness of conflict transformation options; and
7. To create an environment which enhances work already taking place with Travellers in the areas of health, community development, education, training and broad socio-economic development.

## **Additional information**

The Mediation Service is available to people who would like to try to resolve their conflict and improve relationships through a process of mediation. Participation is voluntary. The Service offers to facilitate mediation processes primarily within the greater Dublin Area.

In attempting to address the conflictual nature of relations between Travellers and members of the majority population it is important to take into account the wider context of racism and power differentials between various groups and sectors in society. While the mediation approach recognises that everyone involved in conflict has a role to play in its resolution, it acknowledges that the playing field may not be level and that it is essential to address power imbalances in the pursuit of just solutions.

There are limits to mediation at a micro level in that inequalities at the heart of the wider social system continue to sustain conflict relations. Transformation of conflict relations between Travellers and the majority population requires structural changes also at a macro level. An integral part of the work of the Service involves building bridges with key sectors that are capable of taking a leading role in improving the relationship between Travellers and settled people in the wider society. This involves building trust and understanding. The Mediation Service engages in a variety of initiatives with a view to building relationships with An Garda Síochána, the Church, local authorities and trade unions.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Mediation, individual/one-to-one and mediation
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Principal target group :</b>	The Mediation Service is available to individuals, groups and agencies from both the Traveller community and the majority population who wish to find a solution to their conflict through a process of mediation.
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male and female
<b>Age group:</b>	Primarily adults
<b>Application Information:</b>	Individuals requesting mediation services can phone, write or contact the Service in person.
<b>Referral criteria</b>	Referrals come from a variety of sources including: individuals (Traveller and settled), Traveller organisations, other organisations and agencies (e.g. local authorities, An Garda Síochána and Health Boards)

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 1997*

Both internal and external evaluations have taken place and service users are also invited to evaluate the project. Evaluations are available from the project.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- 'We Can Sort It Out: An Introduction to Skills for Conflict', Training Manual; and
- 'Mediation Service', Information leaflet

## Victim Support Youth Awareness Programme (V.S.Y.A.P.)

*Initiative Established 1985*

*Address: Haliday House, 32 Arran Quay, Dublin 7, Telephone: 01 8780870, Facsimile: 01 8780944*

*Email: [info@victimsupport.ie](mailto:info@victimsupport.ie), Homepage: [www.victimsupport.ie](http://www.victimsupport.ie)*

**Core funder:** Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Department of Social and Family Affairs and Anti Racism Grant

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Crime prevention.

### Aim

Provide a long-term solution to crime by empowering young people as partners against crime.

### Additional Information

The Youth Awareness Programme is a positive and pro-active response to the increase of violent crime in society among young people. This programme is driven by the belief that by empowering young people as partners against crime it provides a longer-term solution.

### Objectives

- 1 To inform young people about the work of Victim Support;
- 2 To educate young people as to the effects of crime; and
- 3 To focus student's minds on their personal decisions and consequences of their actions.

**Methods used:** Oral presentation with video and group discussions

**Programme duration:** School terms only, double class period

**Principal target group:** Transition year students

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 15-17 years

**Core capacity:** Approximately 30 participants at a time

**Application information:** The project contacts the transition year co-ordinators in secondary schools

### EVALUATION

*date of completion 2002*

An internal evaluation has been carried out on the project and was completed in 2002

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Victim Support Video 'The Impact of Crime- People's Lives'

# National Domestic Violence Project

*Initiative Established 2002 (Background work 2001-2002)*

**Address:** National Domestic Violence Project, c/o Women's Aid, Everton House, 47 Old Cabra Road, Dublin, **Telephone:** 01-8684721 **Facsimile:** 01-8684722, **Email:** [D.Charlton@womensaid.ie](mailto:D.Charlton@womensaid.ie), **Homepage:** [www.womensaid.ie](http://www.womensaid.ie)

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**Body Responsible:** Women's Aid

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Steering Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Domestic violence, victim's safety and protection.

*Secondary:* Gender and counselling.

## Aim

The aim of the programme is to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence and reduce the recidivism rate of domestic violence.

## Objectives

1. To ensure that all actions increase victim safety at all times and in all interventions;
2. To protect the victim by bringing the perpetrator into the judicial system through reducing the screening out of cases and by offering a graded level of sanctions to the perpetrator including a perpetrator intervention programme which will report to the court regularly;
3. To increase the information available to the courts by tracking cases through the civil and criminal justice system and by gathering and co-ordinating interagency information flow;
4. To protect the victim by providing access to support services, safe housing, legal advocacy and education;
5. To evaluate the impact of the programme from the standpoint of the safety of victims and domestic violence.

## Additional Information

The National Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (NDVIP) is an integrated approach to domestic violence, co-ordinating the work of the civil and criminal judicial systems, perpetrators programmes, support programmes and other key agencies (i.e. Probation and Welfare, Gardai, locally based groups and agencies). The project aims to increase the protection available to victims of violence in intimate relationships. It also evaluates the work of the legal system in protecting victims of domestic violence and offers support to the victim who is trying to access protection. The project also aims to set up and provide a re-education programme for perpetrators linked to the legal system and work towards introducing graded sanctions for re-offending behaviour.

**Methods used:** Group work and individual support to victims of domestic violence

**Programme duration:** The pilot programme will run for 3 years in 3 locations (Dublin, Dundalk and Clare)

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Application information:** Victims of domestic violence are supported on request and perpetrators will be mandated to attend through the courts.

## EVALUATION

The NDVIP had a feasibility study carried out prior to commencement and the programme will be evaluated during the pilot period to assess the impact that it is having on victim safety and perpetrator recidivism.

## **PACE Women's Project (PACE)**

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: 7 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4, Telephone: 016881890*

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Body responsible:** PACE

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors

**Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, homelessness and crime.

*Secondary:* Drug use.

**Aim**

Provide supported accommodation for homeless women who have offended.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Who can attend:** Female

**Age group:** 18 years and over

**Core capacity:** 13 women

**Application Information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Participants must be drug free or stable. The project also does not take those with convictions for arson or sex offences.

**EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation has been carried on the project

# Women Reviewing Equality Networking Standards (W.R.E.N.S)

*Initiative Established 2002*

**Address:** W.R.E.N.S, Killinarden Enterprise Park, Killinarden, Tallaght, Dublin 24, **Telephone:** 01 4664275, **Facsimile:** 01 4664291, **Email:** kdppg@oceanfree.net,

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Body responsible:** Killinarden Drug Primary Prevention Group

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Community Development Project

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, family support, education, anger management, drug use, parenting skills, prevention, gangs, counselling and crime.

*Secondary:* Suicide prevention, violence and racism.

## **Aim**

To empower women to become pro-active and skilled in the management of their families and to practice actively in their community.

## **Objectives**

1. To reduce anti-social and offending behaviour in Killinarden;
2. To undertake outreach work with women in their homes and to provide one to one support;
3. To raise awareness of the service; and
4. To advocate on behalf of women and to encourage them to assert themselves.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Marginalised women

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 10%, female: 90%

**Age group:** 22 years and over

**Core capacity:** 15 participants

**Application Information:** Informal procedures,

**Referral criteria :** Participants must live in the area or be part of a locally based group. The project accepts referrals from school principals, home school liaison teachers, the Probation and Welfare Service and Traveller groups

## Ruhama Women's Project

*Initiative Established 1987*

**Address:** Senior House, All Hallows College, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, **Telephone:** 01 8360292 **Facsimile:** 01 8360268, **Email:** admin@ruhama.ie, **Homepage:** [www.ruhama.ie](http://www.ruhama.ie)

**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** East Coast Health Board, Equality for Women Measure and charitable donations

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/Limited Company

**Committee:** Management Committee

### Programme focus

**Primary:** Violence prevention and the trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and prostitution.

**Secondary:** Education, homelessness, racism and employment.

### Aim

Ruhama addresses the reality of women who engage in prostitution by reaching out to help them realise their dignity.

### Objectives

1. To offer an enabling and befriending service to those involved in prostitution;
2. To support women who wish to follow an alternative lifestyle;
3. To provide educational training programmes and opportunities for personal development; and
4. To strive to influence the attitudes, prejudices and structures in society that oppress women.

### Additional information

Ruhama is a non-governmental organisation which has been working within the Dublin area since 1987. There are three strands to Ruhama's programmes:

1. The outreach service takes place in the street, prisons, health clinics, wherever there are women who are working in the sex industry;
2. Development programmes are individually tailored to reach women and can involve literacy programmes massage, counselling and computers; and
3. Awareness raising includes influencing policy, talks and seminars to groups or individuals, supporting students and researchers.

The project also offers support in accessing services.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and counselling. The project also uses the 'Next Step Initiative'.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Women involved or at risk of being involved in prostitution

**Who can attend:** Female

**Gender breakdown:** Female: 100%

**Age group:** 18-50 years or over

**Core capacity:** As required

**Application information:** Informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Any women who is or has been involved in prostitution, the sex industry or at risk of becoming involved.



## National Steering Committee on Violence Against Women

*Initiative Established 1997*

**Address:** Secretariat to the National Steering Committee on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 72-76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, **Telephone:** 01 6028217/6028491  
**Facsimile:** 01-6028512, **Email:** [betty\\_p\\_griffin@justice.ie](mailto:betty_p_griffin@justice.ie)

**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Type of body:** Governmental and non Governmental Organisations working with victims

**Committee:** Steering Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Violence prevention.

### Aim

The aim of the National Steering Committee (NSC) is to provide a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency and cohesive response to female victims of violence. The aim of the public awareness campaigns undertaken by NSC is to generate a wider public debate on the issue of violence against women.

### Objectives

1. To heighten awareness of the issue of violence against women, including domestic violence, rape and sexual assault;
2. To provide information to victims of violence, including domestic violence, rape and sexual assault; and
3. To highlight to:
  - the victim that there is help available
  - the perpetrator that violence is a crime and it must stop
  - the public generally that they should support the victim and not marginalize them further; and
  - the service providers, i.e. medical practitioners, Gardaí, legal profession etc. that they need to be aware of the problem and provide a sensitive, comprehensive and informed response to women.

### Methods used:

The undertaking of public awareness campaigns, including the production of information leaflets, posters, and a specially designed emblem to be worn to show support for women affected by domestic violence.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** The general public, victims and perpetrators

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 20%, Female: 80%

## Candle Community Trust

*Initiative Established 1977*

*Address: Candle Community Trust, PO Box 1145, Lynch's Lane, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, Telephone: 01 6269111/2, Facsimile: 01 6269379*

**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** FÁS and City of Dublin Youth Services Board

**Body responsible:** Candle Community Trust

**Body responsible:** Community Development Project

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/Community group/Community Development project

**Committee:** Management Committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, education, youth work, prevention, counselling, crime, employment and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, auto crime, family support, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth justice work, drug use, mediation, gender, violence and gangs.

### Aim

To provide a context for alienated adolescents to grow and develop physically, emotionally, mentally, aesthetically and spiritually in the community.

### Objectives

*Personal Development;*

1. To provide a contact point and safe environment for young people;
2. To have an all active, warm, friendly environment conducive to grow;
3. To provide basic education, open new horizons and offer an experience of different ways of being;
4. To enliven creativity and enable young people to relate to their spiritual roots; and
5. To help people to make moral decisions.

*Social/Political development:*

1. To provide learning opportunities;
2. To make facilities available for hygiene;
3. To actively involve family, voluntary leaders, and wider community;
4. To liaise with statutory and voluntary agencies; and
5. To provide role models and support young people in effecting change in their lives.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes

**Other Methods:** Booklet of programmes available

**Principal target group:** Young people at risk

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 80% female 20%

**Age group:** 15-22

**Core capacity:** 20 workshops, 40 per session in day centre

**Application Information:** Formal application process with completion of a standard form

**Referral criteria:** Those at risk, early school leavers, marginalised, and those referred by relevant agencies

**EVALUATION**

Internal, weekly staff meetings, monthly management meetings, evaluation and training days, period review of all systems and structures by management committee

**PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- AGM Report 2000,
- Programmes and activities

# Circles and Peer Education (CAPE)

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** CAPE, c/o Galway Youth Federation, 7 Francis Street, Galway, **Facsimile:** 091 534475, **Email:** [karendunne72@hotmail.com](mailto:karendunne72@hotmail.com), **Homepage:** [www.gyf.ie](http://www.gyf.ie)

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**Core funder:** Galway VEC

**Body responsible:** Galway Youth Federation

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Charity

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** Alcohol use, peer education, youth work, drug use, prevention and developing life skills in young people

**Secondary:** Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, anger management, racism and crime.

## **Aim**

To develop peer educators and to provide an interesting programme of activity based learning for young people in their late teens which will meet their personal and social developmental needs.

## **Objectives**

The participants will:

1. Be provided with an opportunity to become aware of themselves and others;
2. Explore their values and consider how their values and others influence decision making;
3. Become aware of their existing relationships and explore the skills involved in making and maintaining those relationships;
4. Recognise the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and increase their awareness of drug related issues;
5. Devise and implement a community action project that will enhance their team work skills and benefit the local community; and
6. Develop the skills necessary to run a session as peer evaluators.

## **Methods used:**

Group work and set programmes: 'Copping On', 'Walk Tall' and 'On my own two feet'. Outdoor education is used as a tool to develop life skills.

## **Programme duration**

Undetermined

## **Principal target group**

15-25: peer education, 15-18 circles

## **Who can attend:**

Male and female

## **Gender breakdown:**

Male: 40%, female 60%

## **Age group:**

15-25 years

## **Core capacity:**

8-10 participants per group

## **Application information:**

The project takes referrals from the youth service and operates an informal application process and distributes information leaflets, holds information nights.

## **Referral criteria**

Participants must attend voluntarily and show commitment.

# Muckross Venture Centre

*Initiative Established 1975*

*Address: Muckross Village, Killarney, Co Kerry, Facsimile: 064 31254*

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**Funding sources:** Committee Fund Raising, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and income from youth groups using the centre.

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/Community Group/Community Development Project

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Youth diversion and youth work

*Secondary:* Family support and youth justice work.

## **Aim**

To take youth groups on week/weekend holidays.

## **Additional information**

The centre sub leases an old church building to youth groups of all ages. These groups provide their own programmes and their own leaders. The committee is then responsible for keeping the centre in good order and taking the bookings for these groups. The main groups that use the centre include the Girl Guides.

**Methods used:** Group work and individual/one-to-one

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** "Walk Talk" 15 -25 age group

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 50%, female: 50%

**Age group:** 14-50 years

**Core capacity:** 40 participants

**Application Information:** Standard Form

## **EVALUATION**

Evaluation is ongoing and available from project.

# Pavee Point Youth Work Programme

*Initiative Established 1983*

**Address:** Pavee Point Travellers Centre, 46 North Great Charles Street, Dublin 1, **Telephone:** 01 8780255, **Facsimile:** 01 8742626, **Email:** [pavee@iol.ie](mailto:pavee@iol.ie), **Homepage:** [www.paveepoint.ie](http://www.paveepoint.ie)

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**Core funder:** City of Dublin Youth Service Board

**Additional funding:** Irish Youth Foundation

**Body responsible:** Pavee Point Travellers Centre

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Youth diversion, education, peer education, youth justice work, youth work, gender, prevention, racism, children's rights, informal education and recreational activities.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, family support, drug use, exchange and employment.

## Aim

To enhance the lives of young people in the Traveller community

## Objectives

1. Directly providing comprehensive and culturally appropriate programmes of personal development and social education; and
2. Playing advocacy, liaison and resourcing role in relation to decision makers and service providers whose policies and programmes affect the lives of Traveller Youth

## Additional information

Although the programme does not directly focus on crime prevention this would be a secondary implicit aim of the programme.

### Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

### Programme duration:

Programmes run in blocks from September-June and summer projects take place in July.

### Principal target group:

Young Travellers 12-17 years old

### Who can attend:

Male and female

### Gender breakdown:

Male, 40%, female 60%

### Age group:

12 - 17 years

### Application information:

The project operates informal application procedures. Young people are recruited via outreach work with youth workers.

### Referral criteria:

Participants must be 12-17 years old and the project is specifically targeted at young Travellers

## EVALUATION

Both young people and youth workers evaluate the programmes. Planning and evaluation by the youth team takes place at the end of each block

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Video: "Young Pavee Voices"
- Various evaluation reports and Newsletters

# St Helena's After School Project

*Initiative Established 1983*

*Address: St Helena's Family Resource Centre, St Helena's Road, Finglas South, Finglas, Dublin 11,*

*Telephone: 01 8343558, Facsimile: 01 8343872*

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**Core funder:** Northern Area Health Board

**Additional funding:** Dublin City Council, Finglas/Cabra Partnership

**Body responsible:** Northern Area Health Board (Community Care Area 6)/St Helena's Family Resource Centre

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/Community Group/Community Development Project

**Committee:** Board of Directors/Community Group

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, drug use, parenting skills, prevention, gangs, counselling, crime and children's rights.

## **Aim**

To give children the opportunity to relax and unwind after a day at school, and provide for the needs of children including play, new experiences, and social development with an emphasis on fun.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide a safe environment and child centred meeting place for children;
2. To provide a place where children are listened to and can make new friends; and
3. To help develop a child sense of belonging and to build on his/her confidence and self-esteem.

## **Additional Information**

The project is open to all children. Those facilitating the after school groups in St Helena's Family Resource Centre are taking part in a F.E.T.A.C. (Further Education and Training Awards Council) training programme level 2, "After School Support Skills".

**Methods used:** Group work, family group conferencing, activity based programmes, arts and crafts, cookery and games.

**Programme duration:** Four eight to ten week terms per year during the school term.

**Principal target group:** 7-13 year olds from the Finglas Community.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 50%, female: 50%

**age group:** 7-13 years old

**Core Capacity:** 12 participants per group.

**Application information:** Formal application process.

**Referral criteria:** The after-school group co-ordinator meets with the Home School Community Liaison Officer to pick participants.

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

An internal report/evaluation has been carried out for the school term for 2001.

# St Helena's Family Resource Centre

## Teenage Health Initiative

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: St Helena's Family Resource Centre, St Helena's Road, Finglas South, Finglas, Dublin 11,  
Telephone: 01 8343558, Facsimile: 01 8343872*

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**Core funder:** Northern Area Health Board/Women's Health Section

**Body responsible:** Northern Area Health Board (Community Care Area 6)/St Helena's Family Resource Centre

**Type of Body:** Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

### **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Prevention

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, education, peer education, youth work, drug use and children's rights.

### **Aim**

To help young people to understand and develop friendships and relationships, promote an understanding of sexuality, a positive attitude to one's own sexuality and in one's own relationship with others.

### **Objectives**

1. To develop a positive self image and the skills for building and maintaining self-esteem;
2. To help young people to understand physical and emotional changes they are experiencing;
3. Value life and appreciate the responsibilities of parenthood; and
4. Understand human physiology with particular reference to reproductive cycle, human fertility and sexually transmitted diseases.

### **Additional Information**

In St Helena's Family Resource Centre, those facilitating after school groups in the Centre are taking part in a F.E.T.A.C. (Further Education and Training Awards Council) training programme level 2, "After School Support Skills".

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one and group work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Principal target group:** St Helena's R.S.E. Programme..

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 25%, female: 75%

**Age group:** 12-21 years

**Core Capacity:** 20 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Young people at risk of teenage pregnancy, young people whose parents may have substance abuse issues, and young people who have self-esteem issues.

### **EVALUATION**

An internal evaluation has been carried out on the project

### **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Relationships and sexuality education resource material published by the Department of Education and Science.



# Youth Action Project (YAP)

*Initiative Established 1988*

**Address:** Youth Action Project, 7 Francis Street, Galway City, **Facsimile:** 091 561737, **Email:** [youth.action@gyf.ie](mailto:youth.action@gyf.ie), **Homepage:** [www.gyf.ie](http://www.gyf.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science

**Body responsible:** Galway Youth Federation/Youth Action Project

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency, Charity

**Committee:** Advisory Committee, Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, family support, youth diversion, peer education, youth work, parenting skills, prevention and children's rights.

## Aim

To develop and implement programmes for young people from Westside Galway City.

## Objectives

1. To develop responses to the needs of young people who are marginalised;
2. To train and support community adults to enable them to respond to the needs of young people who are marginalised;
3. To promote through partnerships an integrated approach to the needs of young people in Westside Galway; and
4. To increase young people's awareness of the workings of the political system.

## Methods used:

Group work, youth clubs, homework groups, drama and variety groups, young women's group, after school's activity groups, young mothers groups, in schools group, community arts, peer education and summer programme

## Programme duration:

Annual/programmes run from different time scales throughout

## Principal target group:

Young people aged 9 to 16 and young people aged 17 to 25 years

## Who can attend:

Male and female

## Gender breakdown:

Male: 40%, female: 60%

## Age group:

9-25 years

## Application information:

The project operates informal application procedures. Young people are informed about the project through school, home visits, posters, and youth clubs etc.

## Referral criteria:

For certain programmes the project selects participants who are in need of support and involvement in programmes through contact with schools, parents, youth leaders and other agencies.

## EVALUATION

All programmes run by the project are evaluated on completion of each specific programme. All staff maintain an evaluation of their own specific roles and responsibilities, end of term evaluation, supervisor evaluation and annual evaluation are carried out on an on going basis.

## Athy Alternative Project

*Initiative Established 1994*

*Address: Community Service Centre, Stanhope Place, Athy, Co Kildare, Telephone: 0507 32354*

*Facsimile: 0507 32067*

**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** The County Kildare VEC provide funding for the teaching hours.

**Body responsible:** Management Committee

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors and Management committee

### Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, social and life skills development.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, anger management, drug use, parenting skills, counselling and employment.

### Aim

To provide an alternative for young people at risk of, or involved in, criminal activity.

### Objectives

1. To enable changes and development in order to improve the life options of participants; and
2. To encourage positive participation in the community.

### Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one, individually tailored programmes, literacy, computers, art, music, carpentry, and outdoor pursuits.

### Programme duration:

As long as is needed or useful to participants.

### Principal target group:

16-25 year olds from Athy and surrounding area who are at risk of, or involved in criminal activity.

### Who can attend:

Male and Female

### Gender breakdown:

Male: 69%, female: 31%

### Age group:

16-25 years and over

### Core capacity:

15-20 participants

### Application Information:

Formal and informal application procedures. Participants are referred via statutory and voluntary agencies, peers, self referral, contact with outreach workers.

### Referral criteria:

Previous prison sentences, due before courts in near future, previous court appearance, known to Gardaí as at risk of custody, current behaviour/lifestyle likely to lead to risk of court appearances.

### PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Annual Reports

# Auto Crime Project

*Initiative Established 1996*

**Address:** Unit 4, Southside Industrial Estate, Pouladuff Road, Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4310896

**Email:** corkauto@eircom.net,

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** FÁS provide funding for participants training allowance, and the VEC provide funding for teaching hours.

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Community Group

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, motor project, youth diversion, youth justice work, youth work, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, education, anger management, peer education, drug use, violence, counselling, and employment.

## Aim

To keep young men out of prison.

## Objectives

1. To provide relevant training and education programmes which address the causes and effects of motor vehicle related offending; and
2. To initiate and encourage a responsible attitude towards motor vehicles, driving and legislation

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, counselling, social work intervention, community and family links

**Programme duration:** Ongoing programme with continuous intake of participants. Clients can stay up to a year and longer if needed, although this is dependent on age and ability to progress.

**Principal target group:** Young males aged between 15 and 18 years old at risk of going to prison

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** Male 100%

**Age group:** 15-18 years

**Core capacity:** 10 participants.

**Application Information:** The project operates formal and informal application procedures with a standard form. The application process is utilised to get a good assessment of the client.

**Referral criteria:** Priority is given to those on probation and/or those involved in car crime.

## EVALUATION

1. Internal and available from project
2. A small sample qualitative evaluation was done as part of masters student thesis

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Brochures
- Training Modules

# Ballinasloe Training Workshop (BTW)

*Initiative Established 1977*

**Address:** Canal House, Harbour Road, Ballinasloe, Co Galway, **Telephone:** 0905 43231, **Facsimile:** 0905 44273 **Email:** canalhouse@eircom.net,

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**Core funder:** Dept of Justice Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** FÁS and VEC

**Body responsible:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Community Group

**Committee:** Steering Committee/Board of Directors/Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, drug use, prevention, gangs, counselling, crime, employment and children's rights.

## Aim

To foster the personalities of participants so they can avail of opportunities in open employment or further training.

## Objectives

1. To cater for 22 trainees;
2. To enable the problems of education differences and social difficulties to be addressed in training; and
3. To open opportunities for the participants to gain access to full time employment or further training.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes, counselling by the workshop Probation and Welfare Officer.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing, two year programme that can be extended if the need arises

**Principal target group:** Young offenders and probation clients

**Who can attend:** Male

**Gender breakdown:** Male 100%

**Age group:** 16 years and over

**Core capacity:** 22 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process with standard forms

**Referral criteria:** Referral from the courts and places of detention

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Handouts; and
- Manual.

# Carraig Project

*Initiative Established 2002*

**All enquiries should be directed care of the Local Heath Board Offices of one of the following**  
*Southern Health Board Social Work Departments, Community Care Officers at Skibereen, Mallow, St Finbarrs Hospital, Cork, Blackpool Shopping Centre, Cork, Tralee and Killarney.*

**OR**

*The Probation and Welfare Service of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 54 South Hall Cork, Probation and Welfare Service 7 Ash Street Tralee, Co Kerry,*

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**Funding sources:** Southern Health Board and the Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Family support, anger management, peer education, parenting skills and violence.

## **Aim**

To help young people who have sexually abused to take responsibility for their behaviour and to learn skills that will reduce the risk of abusing again.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide a direct service to young people and their families through the provision of an assessment and treatment programme;
2. To provide a consultation service to professionals;
3. To promote an effective interagency multi-disciplinary response to the problem of young people presenting with this behaviour; and
4. To facilitate research in this area of work.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and family work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Principal target group:** Young people who have sexually abused

**Gender breakdown:** All male at this time

**Age group:** 13-19 years

**Application Information:** Formal application process with a standard form. Referrals to the project are taken only from:

- (i) The Probation and Welfare Officers of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform; and
- (ii) Social workers of Southern Health Board/community care social work teams.

Access to the project is through these contacts.

**Referral criteria:** Admission/acknowledgement of their abusive behaviour, family/carer must be involved in supporting the young person, risk posed must be manageable, young person likely to benefit from the project

## **EVALUATION**

The project is due to be evaluated.

# Deonach

*Initiative established 1999*

**Address:** The Farm, Cookstown Lane, Fettercairn, Tallaght **Telephone:** 01-4621361 **Facsimile:** 01-4623875 **Email:** deonach@iol.ie

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**Core funder:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** FÁS and VEC (tutor hours)

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Youth diversion.

*Secondary:* Offending behaviour and auto crime/joyriding.

## **Aim**

Divert people away from offending behaviour.

**Methods used:** Groupwork, key/individual work and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Those who are sixteen and over who have offended

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 16 years and over

**Application information:** Formal application process with standard referral and registration form. Referrals are taken from community-based projects, prisons, Probation and Welfare Officers and J.L.O.'s

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

Annual reports

# Nenagh Community Reparation Project

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** Silver Street, Nenagh, Tipperary, **Telephone:** 067 41565, **Facsimile:** 067 41565, **Email:** [ncrp@eircom.net](mailto:ncrp@eircom.net), **Homepage:** [www.nenaghreparation.com](http://www.nenaghreparation.com)

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**Core funding:** The Probation and Welfare Service

**Body responsible:** The Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company with Charitable Status

**Committee:** Board of Directors/Management Committee and Panel of Community Representatives

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** Offending behaviour, victims, prevention of further offending, and crime.

## **Aim**

To provide community reparation for adult offenders and to minimise repeat offending through the use of an alternative measures.

## **Objectives**

1. To confront the offender with their offences and get them to accept responsibility for their actions;
2. To afford the offender an opportunity to apologise and make reparations;
3. To minimise repeat offending by confronting the offender with the impact of their crimes on others;
4. To give victims a say in how matters involving them are dealt with; and
5. To give the community a say in how some offenders are dealt with.

**Methods used:** A group conference is called at which a contract of reparation is agreed. This is then carried out while the matter stands adjourned from court.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Offenders coming before the District Court

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 90%, female 10%

**Age group:** 17-40 years

**Core capacity:** Approximately twenty four referrals per year

**Application Information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Cases referred by the Judge of the District Court

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

A collection of baseline data for the year 2001 was carried out by an independent consultant and is available from the project.

# Offending Behaviour Programme

*Initiative Established 2002*

*Address Probation and Welfare Service, Shanganagh Castle, Shankill Dublin Telephone: 01 2043064, facsimile: 01 2820116*

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**Body responsible:** Shankill Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Government body

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, anger management, youth justice work, violence, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, youth work and drug use.

## **Aim**

To raise awareness of offending patterns and alternatives to offending behaviour

## **Objectives**

1. Analysing previous crimes and their consequences;
2. Introducing the concepts of aggressive versus assertive; and
3. Learning coping skills to move away from offending.

## **Additional information**

The offending behaviour programme was a pilot project compiled and facilitated by the Probation and Welfare Service at Shanganagh Castle. During the month of August (2002), two groups of six-eight participants were run over a two-week period.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Group work, individual/ one-to-one and set programmes: Targets for changing, Stop Think and Change
<b>Programme duration:</b>	Six sessions
<b>Principal target group:</b>	Prison population, repeat offenders
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Males
<b>Age group:</b>	16-20 years
<b>Application information:</b>	Informal procedures
<b>Referral criteria:</b>	Willing to co-operate with programme and group work setting. Acceptance of responsibility for their offending

## **EVALUATION**

Internal evaluation carried out on an ongoing basis



# Stepping Out Project

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** C/O National Training and Development Institute, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois,  
**Telephone:** 0502 21263 **Facsimile:** 0502 20961 **Email:** [portlaoise@ntdi.ie](mailto:portlaoise@ntdi.ie), **Homepage:** in progress

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** FÁS administer the training allowance

**Body responsible:** National Training and Development Institute/Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, crime, employment and personal development.

*Secondary:* Accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, anger management, suicide prevention, drug use and counselling.

## Aim

The aim of the programme is to facilitate social inclusion through training or employment and to foster a sense of value and purpose in participants.

## Objectives

1. Personal growth;
2. Further training; and
3. Employment.

## Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one work and counselling

## Programme duration:

12 month programme with continuous intake up to nine months of the programme

## Principal target group:

People known to the Probation and Welfare Service, those on temporary release from custody and those at risk of engaging in offending behaviour.

## Who can attend:

Male and female

## Age group:

16 years and over

## Core capacity:

12 participants

## Application Information:

Referrals through the Probation and Welfare Service by standard form and self-referrals.

## Referral criteria:

The National Training and Development Institute and Probation and Welfare staff assess the suitability of each potential participant for the programme. There are two basis for exclusion, people convicted of violent assault and sexual offences. Participants must be drug free, i.e. not actively engaging in substance abuse. Participants stabilised on methadone will be accepted. Potential and/or existing participants may be asked to give urine samples.

## EVALUATION

An internal National Training and Development Institute Evaluation has been carried out on the project.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Information leaflet,
- Stepping Out T.P.S.

# The Village Project Community Based Day Assessment Service

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** Poppintree Mall, Finglas Village, Dublin 11, **Facsimile:** 01 8110646, **Email:** [Liz.mcloughlin@villageproject.ie](mailto:Liz.mcloughlin@villageproject.ie), **Homepage:** under construction

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science

**Additional funding sources:** Probation and Welfare Service (Provision of Premises)

**Body responsible:** The Village Project with assistance from the Department of Education and Science, the Department of Health and Children and the Probation and Welfare Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Board of Directors/Management Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** School attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, youth diversion, education, youth justice work, youth work, drug use, violence, prevention, gangs, crime and children's rights.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, mediation, gender, parenting skills, prostitution, counselling, racism and employment.

## Aim

To promote positive change for young people who are at risk of non-school attendance and/or involvement in criminal matters who are resident in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas.

## Objectives

1. To promote a comprehensive assessment of young people;
2. To assist agencies in arriving at appropriate solutions for each young person;
3. To assist the court in determining appropriate sanctions; and
4. To ensure a needs led approach is adopted with each young person coming through the service.

**Methods used:** Assessment, family therapy, individual/one-to-one, counselling, solution focused brief therapy and multi-systemic approaches.

**Programme duration:** Four weeks

**Principal target group:** 12-16 year old young people from Dublin 9 and 11

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 80%, female; 20%

**Age group:** 12-16 years

**Core capacity:** Maximum of three participants at any one time.

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Young people are referred on foot of criminal matters, non-school attendance issues and at-risk issues

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001*

*The Village Project (2001) Evaluation of the Village Project: Examining the Efficacy of a Community Based Day Assessment Service for Young People at Risk, Dublin: Centre for Social and Educational Research*

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Centre for Social and Educational Research Evaluation; and
- Guides on young people, and families

# TREO Port Láirge Ltd (TREO)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** TREO, 34 Tycor Business Centre, Tycor, Waterford, **Telephone:** 051 379740, **Facsimile:** 051 379740, **Email:** [treoportlairge@eircom.net](mailto:treoportlairge@eircom.net)

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**Core funder:** The Probation and Welfare Service

**Additional funding:** Presentation Sisters, Waterford Area Partnership

**Body responsible:** The Probation and Welfare Service, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Board of Directors

**Type of Body:** Limited Company, Community Development Project

**Committee:** Board of Directors, Management committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Reintegration of ex-prisoners back into their community, alcohol use, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, youth diversion, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth justice work, youth work, drug use, mediation, gender, parenting skills, violence, prevention, gangs, counselling, racism, crime, employment and children's rights.

**Secondary:** School attendance, motor project, accommodation/housing, prostitution, and exchange programme.

## Aim

The aim of TREO is to reduce criminal activity among socially excluded young people in Waterford through the development of an innovative community based initiative that works with actual and potential offenders and to offer support and direction to young people.

## Objectives

1. To create a constructive environment where the personal and social development of participants can be addressed;
2. To increase the self-esteem and self-confidence of participants;
3. To develop the communication, literacy, numeracy and planning skills of the participants;
4. To improve the quality of life of the participants and of those effected by their behaviour;
5. To increase the life and employment chances of the participants;
6. To empower participants to take positive control over their lives;
7. To support participants to play a full and positive role in their community and society in general;
8. To provide a forum where the rebuilding of relationships between the participants and the community can take place;
9. To develop an advocacy and referral system;
10. To develop a mentoring and guidance service that maximises the participants access to appropriate and useful training, education and development where this is appropriate and/or relevant, which meet the needs of the participant;
11. To design, develop and implement training, education and development programmes where no current appropriate and/or relevant response exists;
12. To ensure that participants referred from the criminal justice system observe the conditions of their supervision; and
13. To promote the participants' good practice around time management including punctuality and attendance.

## Methods used:

Family group conferencing, counselling, individual/one-to-one, group work, set programmes ('Copping On') and the use of recreation to facilitate discussion.

**Programme duration:** Annual programme dependent on the needs of the individual.

**Principal target group:** 16-23 year old persistent offenders who wish to move on with their lives.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 90%, female: 10%

**Age group:** 16-23 years

**Core capacity:** 30 participants at present

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Young people aged 16-23 years displaying offending behaviour are referred by Probation and Welfare Officers, the JLO, prisons, and youth diversion projects. Referrals are followed by a house call to introduce TREO to the individual and their family. The individual attends TREO for a meeting where practical advice around jobs, courses, housing, social welfare etc is offered. This is followed by:

1. A meeting to pursue interests identified by the young person;
2. An invite to the individual and their family to TREO;
3. Completion of an application form for the young person; and
4. Contract of involvement signed by young person and witnessed.

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2001*

An evaluation of the project was carried out in 2001 by an independent consultant whose services were used until January 2002. TREO's services are evaluated on an ongoing basis and continue to evolve to better meet the needs of its target group.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Annual Reports 2000 and 2001;
- Information brochure; and
- Catalogue.

# Tuam Community Training Workshop (TCTC)

*Initiative Established 1987*

*Address: Vicarschoral Land, Tuam, Co Galway, Telephone: 093 28115, Facsimile: 093 25673*

*Email: tctc@eircom.net,*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** County Galway VEC, FÁS

**Body responsible:** Probation and Welfare Service

**Body responsible:** Tuam Community Training Workshop

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency/Community Group/Community Development Project

**Committee:** Voluntary Board of Management drawn from funding agencies and local representatives

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, motor project, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice work, drug use, violence, prevention, counselling crime and employment.

*Secondary:* Accommodation/housing, homeless, peer education, suicide prevention, youth work, mediation, gender, parenting skills, prostitution, exchange programme, gangs, racism, and children's rights.

## **Aim**

To foster the personal development of participants.

## **Objectives**

1. Provide the probation service with an alternative programme for their clients;
2. Improve the clients self esteem and self confidence;
3. Provide the skills to enable the trainee to find employment; and
4. Encourage trainees to continue in further adult education programmes

## **Additional Information:**

Over the years the project has developed programmes to meet the requirements of trainees. This has been brought about by continuous discussion with local employees informing them of the training provided by the centre and focusing on the training needs identified by them. The centre has been instrumental in promoting community spirit and has resulted in a service of cohesion and co-operation which has been gained through working on a team to deal with local problems at a local level. It is vital that each trainee receives the skill training and self-confidence to compete for that first important foot hold in the jobs market.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, counselling, family therapy, group work, individual/one-one and set programmes. In addition, every effort is made to stimulate an interest in sport and recreation.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing annual programme

**Principal target group:** First time offenders

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 100%

**Age group:** 15-25 years

**Core capacity:** 18 participants

**Application Information:** Formal application process with standard form

**Referral criteria:** Clients are referred by the courts to the Probation and Welfare Service

## **EVALUATION**

The project is evaluated annually by the probation service

# Youth Advocate Project (YAP)

*Initiative Established 2002*

*Address: 393 North Circular Road, Dublin 7, Telephone: 01 8304767, Facsimile: 01 8304729*

*Homepage: [www.yapinc.org](http://www.yapinc.org)*

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**Core funder:** Northern Area Health Board

**Body responsible:** Northern Area Health Board

**Type of body:** Limited Company

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Prevention of young people going into residential care, foster care etc., family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, anger management, mediation, parenting skills, violence, counselling and employment.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour and drug use.

## **Aim**

To prevent young people from going into residential care, foster care, juvenile detention and to reintegrate young people from residential care, foster care and juvenile detention.

## **Objectives**

To provide community-based alternatives for the care and protection of individuals who are, have been, or may be subject to compulsory placement in public or private institutions.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, individual/ one-to-one, counselling, group work and family therapy.

**Programme duration:** six months

**Principal target group :** Under 18's who are at risk of going into restrictive care.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** up to 18 years old

**Core capacity:** 25 families per six-month period

**Application Information:** Formal application process by standard form.

**Referral criteria:** Once referred by principle social worker YAP have a non-refusal policy.

## **EVALUATION**

An evaluation is being carried out by the Eastern Regional Health Board.

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## Youth

### 1.9.2 Youth/Diversion (Garda Youth Diversion Projects)

# Garda Youth Diversion Projects (GYDP)

*Initiative Commenced 1991*

**Address:** Garda Youth Diversion Projects, Community Relations, Block 1, 4th Floor, Harcourt Square, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 **Telephone:** 6663836, **Email:** [agecard@iol.ie](mailto:agecard@iol.ie), **Homepage:** [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Employers/Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/An Garda Síochána (Garda Community Relations Section)

#### Programme focus

*Primary:* Youth diversion, prevention and offending behaviour.

#### Aim

To divert young people from becoming (further) involved in criminal/anti-social behaviour.

#### Additional Information:

At present there are 64 projects of this type funded throughout Ireland. While not all GYDPs appear below, the following is a list of all Garda Youth Diversion Projects funded by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. For more information on these projects, contact Garda Youth Diversion Project Office, Community Relations, Harcourt Square, Telephone: 6663836.

#### NAME/COUNTY

##### CLARE

1. Ennis Project (EYP)

##### CORK

2. Bandon Project
3. Mahon Action for Youth Project (M.A.Y.)
4. The Glen Action Project (GAP)
5. Farrenree Project
6. Ballincollig Action Project (BAP)
7. Middleton Project
8. Knocknaheny/Hollyhill Justice Project
9. TACT Project

##### DONEGAL

10. Raphoe Project

##### DUBLIN

11. G.R.A.F.T. Project
12. MOST Project
13. Cabra Step Up Project
14. Wood-dale Project
15. Finglas Action Now Project (FAN)
16. Jobstown Action for Youth (JAY)
17. Poodle Close Project
18. South West Initiative for Teenagers (SWIFT)
19. NICKOL Project
20. BAY Project
21. LAB Project
22. KEY Project: Killinarden and Fettercairn/Glenishane
23. ABLE Project
24. DIME Project
25. CODY Project
26. SAY Project
27. Youth Action for Kilmore (YAK)
28. DAN Project
29. St Agatha's Project
30. Working to Enhance Blanchardstown (WEB)
31. Y.I.S. Project
32. Whitechurch GYDP

##### GALWAY

33. BRIS Justice Youth Project
34. BÁN Project
35. Junction Project Ballinasloe

**KERRY**

- 36. BAPADE Project
- 37. Kerry Connect 7

**KILKENNY**

- 38. Kilkenny City Garda Youth Diversion Project

**LIMERICK**

- 39. Limerick South Hill Project
- 40. Corpus Christi Youth Development Group (C.C.Y.D.G.)
- 41. Ballynanty/St Mary's Park Project

**LAOIS**

- 43. BLOCK Project

**LONGFORD**

- 44. LEAP Project

**LOUTH**

- 45. TEAM Project
- 46. Cox's Demence Project
- 47. BOYNE Project

**MAYO**

- 48. Youth Action Ballina (YAB)

**MEATH**

- 49. NYDP Special Project
- 50. SMART Project

**MONGAHAN**

- 51. Monaghan Town NYP

**OFFALY**

- 52. Acorn Project
- 53. Slí Eile

**ROSCOMMON**

- 54. Roscommon Active Diversion Programme (RAD)

**SLIGO**

- 55. Youth Action Project Sligo (YAPS)

**TIPPERARY**

- 56. Clonmel Youth Diversion (CYD)

**WATERFORD**

- 57. SWAY Project
- 58. DAY Project
- 59. BALL Project

**WESTMEATH**

- 60. Athlone Looking Forward GYDP (ALF)
- 61. E.Y.E. Project Mullingar

**WEXFORD**

- 62. SAFE Project

**WICKLOW**

- 63. Bray New Directions
- 64. The Wicklow Town GYDP

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Principal target group:** 12-17 year olds

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Core capacity:** average 30 –40 participants

**Application information:** Formal and informal application process

**EVALUATION**

Ireland (Bowden and Higgins) (2000) *The Impact and Effectiveness of Garda Special Projects*, Dublin: Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

**PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Ireland (Warren) (2001) *Study of Participants in Garda Special Projects by the Centre for Social and Educational Research DIT*, Dublin: Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
- Information Directory
- Ireland, *Comprehensive Guidelines for Garda Youth Diversion Projects* (pending)



# Able Project (ABLE)

**Address 1:** c/o Ballyfermot Youth Federation, 41 Decies Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, **Telephone:** 086 8102771, **Homepage:** [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Voluntary organisation

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** School Attendance, offending behaviour, crime, gender, youth diversion, youth work and prevention.

**Secondary:** Employment, alcohol use, anger management, peer education, gangs and racism.

## Aim

The aim of the project is to enable young people aged 10-18 years of age who are in trouble with the law or at risk of being in trouble with the law to develop their inter personal and social skills that will enable them to stay out of trouble with the law .

## Objectives

1. Identify young people aged 10-18 years of age who are either in trouble with the law or at risk of being in trouble with the law;
2. Design and implement appropriate interventions for the target group;
3. Support community based initiatives that involve young people in worthwhile developmental programmes and activities;
4. Liaise with other youth serving agencies in the area; and
5. Strengthen Gardaí/community relations

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, and set programmes ('Copping On'/'Breaking the Cycle')

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people involved in crime or potentially at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour or crime

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 70%, female 30%

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Core capacity:** 30 participants

**Application information:** Standard form and informal application procedures

**Referral criteria:** Young people between 10-18 years considered high risk of becoming involved in crime and/or anti-social behaviour

## EVALUATION:

Project annual reports are submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# Athlone Looking Forward (ALF Project)

*Initiative Established 2002*

*Address: Midlands Regional Youth Service, Gleeson Street, Garden Vale, Athlone, Telephone: 0902 7705, Facsimile: 0902 77076, Email: midyouth@oceanfree.net*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Midlands Regional Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Board of Directors

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, youth work, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, family support, education, peer education, drug use, parenting skills, violence, counselling and employment.

## **Aim**

To provide by means of a multi-agency approach a range of support programmes to young people who are experiencing difficulties in the home, school or social situation or through involvement in crime.

## **Objectives**

1. To target young people who are already involved with Gardaí or probation service;
2. To raise confidence and self-esteem in these groups through the positive participation in activities which challenge inappropriate behaviour and offer an alternative to crime;
3. To promote positive relationships between young people and the Gardaí; and
4. To provide an access point to young people who are potentially deemed as 'at risk'.

**Methods used:** Group work, in addition to individual/one-to-one work, set programmes: 'Copping On' and diversion by means of activities especially sport.

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Principal target group:** Young people who have committed a criminal offence and are likely to remain in the criminal justice system.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 90%, female: 10%

**Age group:** 12-18 years

**Core capacity:** 30 participants

**Application information:** Informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Referrals by J.L.O, community Gardaí and youth service

## **EVALUATION**

An external evaluation was carried out by two volunteers on the project as part of a Foundation Certificate in Youth and Community Studies with Athlone Institute of Technology. In addition internal week to week evaluations are carried out on an ongoing basis.

# BALL Project (BALL)

*Address: Edmund Rice Youth and Community Centre, Manor Street, Waterford, Telephone: 051 872710, Facsimile: 051 872710, Email: wrys@iol.ie*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Leargas

**Body responsible:** National Youth Federation/Waterford Regional Youth Services,

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Community Group

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime, youth diversion, education, anger management, peer education, youth justice work, drug use, violence and exchange.

*Secondary:* Family support, gender, gangs, racism and children's rights.

## **Aim**

To divert young people aged 8-18 'at risk'.

## **Objectives**

1. Engage at risk youth in preventative/intervention programmes; and
2. Challenge young people on their behaviour and support them to make changes.

**Methods used:** Group work

**Programme duration:** Annual

**Principal target group:** 8-18 years from three areas of Waterford City

**Age group:** 8-18 years

## **EVALUATION:**

Annual report submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# Ballincollig Action Project (BAP)

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: Unit 5, Great Is Enterprise Centre, Innistare, Ballincollig, Co Cork, Telephone: 021 4878682,*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, youth diversion, anger management, peer education, drug use, violence, gangs and crime.

*Secondary:* Family support, education, prostitution and prevention.

## **Aim**

The B.A.P. is a community based and supported project, which involves young people in developing themselves and their communities.

## **Objectives**

1. Prevent crime through community and multi-agency co-operation and to improve the quality of life within the community;
2. Divert young people from becoming involved in criminal /anti-social behaviour;
3. Provide suitable activities to facilitate personal development and encourage civic responsibility; and
4. Support and improve Garda Community relations.

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual/one-to-one and set programmes ('Copping On')

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Teenage youths aged 14-16 years

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, female: 40%

**Age group:** 13 -16 years

**Core capacity:** 40 young people

**Application information:** A combination of formal and informal application procedures with a standard form.

**Referral criteria:** Referrals are received from Gardaí, J.L.O, Social workers, teachers, parents, self referrals and community workers

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 2002*

A.G.M. and annual review by the Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform.

# BÁN Project (BÁN)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** 197 Castlepark, Ballybane, Galway, **Telephone:** 091 752985, **Facsimile:** 091 752985, **Homepage:** [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** School attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, education, anger management, peer education, youth justice work and drug use.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, family support, accommodation/housing, homelessness, suicide prevention and racism.

## Aim

To enhance the employability of young people referred to the project as well as to provide support for young people identified as being at risk.

## Objectives

1. To provide young people with support and skills necessary to make informed choices about the direction of their own lives and to support them in these choices;
2. To support young people to stay in school by providing transfer programmes and in and out of school groups;
3. To enhance employability of young people by providing educational upgrades in the form of literacy and numeracy classes and computer training; and
4. Equipping young people with job search skills and placement in training centers and employment.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', 'Walk Tall'), general diversion programmes (e.g. sports the arts etc), to enable young people to develop new skills and allow them to socialise in a safe environment.

**Programme duration:** Annual/ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 10-18 from the Ballybane area who are in trouble, or at risk of getting in trouble with the law.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60, female: 40

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Core capacity:** 50-100 participants in any one year including summer programme.

**Referral criteria:** Between the target age and living in the target area and at risk of getting in trouble or who are already in trouble with the law.

## EVALUATION

An Annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# BAPADE Project (BAPADE)

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** KDYS Youth Centre, New Road, Killarney, Co Kerry, **Telephone:** 064 31748, **Facsimile:** 064 36770, **Email:** kenoneill@kdys.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee and Partnership Committee between KDYS and An Garda Síochána

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Youth diversion, youth work and prevention.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, education, peer education, drug use, racism and crime.

## Aim

To develop and provide a holistic youth work response to the identified needs of young people in the Ardshananooly, Arbutus, Pinewood, Deer Park, and Ballyspillane housing estates to enable them to become critical, creative, self aware, responsible and active participants in their own community and in society and divert them from crime and substance abuse.

## Objectives

1. Develop existing summer projects to include young Travellers;
2. To develop and promote Gardaí /Community relations; and
3. To develop and maintain links with VEC/FÁS training centre located in the area.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programme ('Copping On'), sports, arts and crafts, outdoor pursuits, music, social and recreational alternatives.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 10-16 in target areas in danger of getting involved in crime, substance abuse or any deviant behaviour

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 95%, female 5%

**Age group:** 10-16 years

**Application information:** Informal procedures with standard form and outreach work.

## EVALUATION

The Kerry Diocesan Youth Service requires evaluations on all projects to be completed by June each year, or a working year September-September. An annual report is also sent to Garda Community Relations Office in February each year.

# Bray New Directions

*Initiative Established 1998*

**Address:** Florence Road Bray Co. Wicklow, **Telephone:** 01-2828324/8325, **Facsimile:** **Homepage:** [www.cyc.ie](http://www.cyc.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body Responsible:** Catholic Youth Care/Bray Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Organisation

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** Offending behaviour, youth diversion, education, youth justice work, youth work, violence, prevention, and crime.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, auto crime/joyriding, family support, suicide prevention, drug use, and gender.

## **Aim**

To divert young people involved or at risk of becoming involved in criminal or anti-social behaviour.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide a fixed term support and education programme to young offenders;
2. To build and nurture positive relationships with the participants;
3. To explore not only the offending behaviour but some of the issues underlying it; and
4. To link creatively with other service providers in the area.

**Methods used:** Individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', drugs education), activity based programmes and group work

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 14-16 years at risk or involved in criminal behaviour

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 70%, female: 30%

**Age group:** 12-17 years

**Application information:** Informal application procedures.

**Referral criteria:** Those at risk or involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour.

## **EVALUATION:**

The project is reviewed formally once a year and informally once a month. At the end of three years, the project will employ an external evaluator.

# BRIS Justice Youth Project (BRIS)

*Address: BRIS Justice Youth Project, Community Centre, Corrach Bui, Ragoon, Galway, Telephone: 091 581366, Facsimile: 091 581366*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** LE CHEILE Community Group, Westside, Galway

**Type of Body:** Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory/Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, education, youth justice work, drug use, prevention, counselling, crime, employment and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, auto crime/ joyriding, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, parenting skills and racism.

## Aim

To address the needs of the young people of the Westside area especially those most at risk of being in trouble with the law and divert them from becoming involved in crime and anti social behaviour and so improve their prospects of long term employability.

## Objectives

1. To identify and work directly with young people at risk of being in trouble with the law;
2. To support and maintain young people in school who are at risk of dropping out of school early;
3. To provide support and maintain young people in school who are at risk of dropping out of school early;
4. To support and help young offenders, with the view of reintegrating them back into the community;
5. To provide support services and counselling to parents whose children may be at risk;
6. To support and improve Garda/community relations;
7. To work with other agencies in identifying and working with young people at risk; and
8. To provide suitable activities and diversion programmes to facilitate personal development and encourage civic responsibility.

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one.

**Programme duration:** Annual/ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 11-19 who are 'at risk'.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 80%, female: 20%

**Age group:** 11-19 years

**Core capacity:** 140 participants

**Application information:** Informal procedures

## EVALUATION

An annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Policy procedures and practices for the protection of children (policy document for all who work with young people).



# Cabra Step Up Project

*Initiative Established 2002*

**Address:** The Resource Office, St Finbar's School, Kilkiernan Road, Cabra, Dublin 7, **Telephone:** 01 8382644.

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** City of Dublin Youth Service Board.

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Self esteem, personal development, crime, offending behaviour, youth work, youth justice work and youth diversion.

*Secondary:* School attendance, alcohol use, family support, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, mediation, parenting skills, violence and gangs.

## Aim

The primary task of Cabra Step Up Project is to offer young people (at risk of being involved in the Criminal Justice System) on the basis of their voluntary involvement, developmental and educational experiences, which will equip them to play an active part in a democratic society as well as meet their own needs.

## Objectives

1. To facilitate small developmental groups to enable young people to identify issues and problems and improve their personal and social skills;
2. To facilitate developmental activities in arts, crafts, outdoor pursuits, community awareness, life skills, for the purpose of increasing the young persons self esteem and competence by learning new skills through their participation in a range of activities;
3. To provide individual support of the young person (by youth worker) for the purpose of fostering an atmosphere and relationship of trust;
4. To offer individual support to help the young person to deal with specific personal problems; and
5. To work in the broader community for the purpose of developing contacts with relevant agencies/personnel for the purpose of planning a co-ordinated response to the needs of youth at risk.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes ('Copping On')

**Programme duration:** The programme operates during school terms and runs summer programmes in the school summer holidays.

**Principal target group:** Young people 10-21 years old resident in Cabra, Dunard and McKee areas

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** At present all participants are male

**Age group:** 10-21 years

**Core capacity:** 40 participants

**Application information:** Participants are referred by the Gardaí, J.L.O, Community Representative or Home School Liaison Officer

**Referral criteria:** Those at risk of getting involved in the Criminal Justice System

## EVALUATION:

Project annual reports are submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# Clonmel Youth Diversion (CYD)

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: Wilderness Grove, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, Telephone: 052 70876, Facsimile: 052 70876,*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Waterford Regional Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, family support youth diversion, youth justice work, prevention and crime

*Secondary:* Anger management, drug use and gangs

## **Aim**

To engage 8 to 18 year olds who are involved in criminal/antisocial behaviour

## **Objectives**

1. Facilitate personal development;
2. Raise confidence and self-esteem through group work and one-to-one sessions;
3. Encourage young people to take responsibility for shaping their life in a positive way; and
4. Encourage young people to take responsibility for their actions.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', anti-bullying, drugs and alcohol, anger management)

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** 8-18 year olds 'at risk' or involved in criminal/anti-social behaviour.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 90%, Female 10%

**Age group:** 8 - 18 years

**Core capacity:** 35 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Referred by the J.L.O, youth workers, Probation and Welfare service, schools and self referrals.

## **EVALUATION**

A report is submitted to the Garda Special Projects Office every six months and an annual report is made available to the advisory committee and special project office at the end of each year.

# CODY Project (CODY)

*Initiative Established 1996*

**Address:** Orchard Community Centre, Cherry Orchard Grove, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, **Telephone:** 01 6261101, **Email:** codyyp@cdysb.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** CDYSB

**Type of Body:** Statutory

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, education, youth justice work, Youth work, drug use, crime and children's rights.

**Secondary:** Family support, anger management, peer education, mediation, parenting skills and counselling.

## Aim:

To enable young people at risk of being in trouble with the law to develop the social and personal skills required to participate in education/training, local youth groups and constructive leisure pursuits.

## Objectives

1. To concentrate on building positive relationships between CODY, local young people, Gardaí and community groups;
2. To challenge destructive behaviour carried out by young people; and
3. To contribute to the overall development of Cherry Orchard as a positive and progressive place to live.

## Additional Information:

In Cherry Orchard early school leaving alcohol and drug use and involvement with crime is a huge problem. This project is constantly changing to meet the needs of young people. It assesses the needs of the young people and runs programmes designed to meet their needs and help the personal development of the young person, thus empowering them to make informed choices about their lives.

**Methods used:** Group work individual/one-to-one, family group conferencing, counselling, and set programmes ('Copping On')

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 12 + at risk or on the verge of getting involved in crime

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 40%, female 60%

**Age group:** 11/12 years - 17 years

**Core capacity:** 30 young people per week

**Application information:** Formal application process and informal procedures. The project is in the process of developing standard referral forms for use later this year (2002)

**Referral criteria:** The participants have been cautioned by the J.L.O, have received a probation order, or are associated with a peer group involved in petty crime. Poor school attendance/early school leaver. Family history of criminal activity. Not involved on a regular basis with other youth groups

## EVALUATION

The project is evaluated every year and published in the form of an annual report available from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform or the project. A CDYSB evaluation is also carried out yearly and available from CDYSB

# Corpus Christi Youth (C.C.Y.D.G.)

*Initiative Established 1994*

**Address:** Unit 3-7, Moyross Enterprise Centre, Knocklisheen Road, Moyross, Limerick, **Telephone:** 061 451344, **Facsimile:** 061 451344, **Email:** andyon@gofree.indigo.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Corpus Christie Youth Development Group

**Type of Body:** Limited Company comprising of voluntary, statutory and community organisations.

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, youth diversion, education, peer education, youth work, drug use, violence, prevention, counselling, crime and employment.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, auto crime/joyriding, family support, anger management, mediation, parenting skills, racism and children's rights.

## **Aim**

To divert young people from becoming involved in criminal/anti-social behaviour and prevent crime through community and multi-agency co-operation and to improve the quality of life within the community

## **Objectives**

1. Provide suitable activities to facilitate personal development and encourage civic responsibility; and
2. Support and improve Garda Community Relations.

**Methods used:** Family group conferencing, counselling, individual/one-to-one and group work

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people at risk in the Moyross area

**Who can attend:** Open to all

**Age group:** 10-20 years

**Application information:** Formal and informal application process with a standard form

**Referral criteria:** Certain individuals are targeted/focused on while also having self and peer referrals

## **EVALUATION**

The project submits an annual report to Garda Community Relations and has been evaluated as part of a study by the Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

An annual reports is submitted to Garda Community Relations.

# Ennis Project (EYP)

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Clare Youth Services Ltd, Carmody Street, Ennis, Co Clare, **Telephone:** 065 6845356

**Facsimile:** 065 6829416, **Email:** yicennis@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** National Youth Federation/Clare Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee, Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, anger management, youth work, gender, violence, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, auto crime/joyriding, family support, education, drug use, mediation and counselling.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', 'Anger Management' day programmes) use of activities to build confidence, e.g. art, sports, music, drama and dance.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** 20 young people from Ennis

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 75%, female: 25%

**Age group:** 15-18 years

**Core capacity:** 20 participants

**Application information:** Standard form and informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Referred by J.L.O, Gardaí, schools, interviewed and accepted.

## **EVALUATION**

Informal evaluation is ongoing with the young people and an annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# FAN Project (FAN)

*Initiative Established 1998*

**Address:** Finglas Youth Service, Unit 2 Main Street, Finglas Village, Dublin 11, **Telephone:** 01 8341436, **Facsimile:** 01 8341437, **Email:** [info@fys.ie](mailto:info@fys.ie), **Homepage:** [www.cyc.ie](http://www.cyc.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform,

**Additional funding:** National Drugs Task Force

**Body responsible:** Catholic Youth Care/Finglas Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice work and youth work.

## Aim

To identify young people 'at risk' and involve them in legitimate constructive and developmental activities and direct them away from conflict with authorities.

## Objectives

1. To identify and work directly with young people at risk of being in trouble with the law;
2. To provide young people with skills and alternative ways of spending leisure time; and
3. To foster positive relationships between young people local residents community groups and those in authority.

## Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one, summer programmes, involvement of participants in the President's Awards, and set programmes ('Copping On')

## Programme duration:

Ongoing

## Principal target group:

Young people from the Finglas South area, involved or 'at risk' of becoming involved in crime or who are known to the Gardai

## Who can attend:

Male and female

## Gender breakdown:

Male: 60% female: 40%

## Age group:

12-18 years

## Core capacity:

27 participants

## Application information:

Standard recommendation form

## Referral criteria:

Living in Finglas South area and recommended to the project by the J.L.O, Garda, Schools, parents, self, community groups, school attendance officer, Probation and Welfare Service, social workers, or the Health Board

## EVALUATION

- Ongoing evaluations by co-ordinator and participants;
- Monthly review by the Advisory Group; and
- Annual report submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- *Happy Halloween – the Halloween Safety Project:* Video and resource pack
- Project brochures and recommendation sheets

# Jobstown Action for Youth (JAY)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** 18 Kiltalown Way, Jobstown, Tallaght, Dublin 24, **Telephone:** 01 4148118, **Facsimile:** 01 4516949, **Email:** t.y.s@foróige.iol.ie, **Homepage:** www.foroige.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

**Primary:** School attendance, offending behaviour, auto/crime/joyriding, youth diversion, education, anger management and prevention.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, family support, drug use and employment.

## **Aim**

To target young people who are at risk of becoming involved in criminal and anti-social behaviour

## **Objectives**

1. Divert young people from becoming involved in criminal/anti-social behaviour;
2. Provide suitable activities to facilitate personal and community development;
3. Support and improve Garda/community relations; and
4. To provide suitable training/educational opportunities for young people.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On')

**Programme duration:** Ongoing/annual programme

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 10-18 years

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 70%, female: 30%

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Core capacity:** Approximately 45 participants

**Application information:** Standard form with referrals taken from J.L.O's and schools

**Referral criteria:** Those at risk or already in trouble with the law

## **EVALUATION:**

Annual report submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# Just Us Youth Project

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Kerry Diocesan Youth Service, Denny Street, Tralee, Co Kerr, **Telephone:** 066 7121674, **Facsimile:** 066 7128966, **Email:** kathleenhiggins@kdys.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Partnership (once off funding)

**Body responsible:** Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee and Partnership Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, youth diversion, education, youth work, drug use, prevention and children's rights.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, anger management, peer education, exchange, crime and employment.

## Aim

The aim of the project is to work in a developmental and holistic way with young people most 'at risk' develop trusting relationships and respond to their identified needs and to engage them in positive experiences so as to divert them from becoming involved in criminal/anti-social behaviour.

## Objectives

1. Encourage young people to become involved in group work, development work and other activities that meet their needs;
2. To work in collaboration with An Garda Síochána and KDYS (Kerry Diocesan Youth Service) to provide a response to the needs of young people;
3. To liaise with the community and other organisations working in the area to provide a holistic youth work response; and
4. Support voluntary youth work in the geographical area.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('on my own two feet'), outdoor education, personal development, computers, arts and crafts, sports, photography, circus skills, parades and summer programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people aged 10-18 years

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 45%, female: 55%

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Application information:** Formal and informal application process with a standard form. Referrals taken from community members, project co-ordinators and Garda Síochána.

**Referral criteria:** Living in the geographical target area, (high proportion local authority housing estates), poor school attendance, early school leaving, abuse of alcohol/drugs, cautioned by Gardaí, involvement in anti-social behaviour, underage sexual activity, breakdown in community/family structure, family history of 'at risk' factors.

## EVALUATION

Annual report submitted twice a year (June/July and December/January) to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.



# Kerry Connect 7

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** c/o Garda House, 113 Ballyoonagh Estate, Tralee, Co Kerry, **Telephone:** 066 7191030, **Email:** connect7@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee and Partnership Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, anger management, youth justice work, youth work, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, family support, education, peer education, drug use and racism.

## **Aim**

To divert young people from conflict with the law and provide positive constructive alternative activities.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide young people with an opportunity to participate in educational, challenging and fun activities in a safe environment;
2. To enable young people to develop a sense of civic duty and responsibility enabling them to take responsibility for their behaviour and consequences;
3. To develop intra and inter personal skills; and
4. To support and assist in the development of community led youth initiatives.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes (sexual health, 'Copping On'), dance, fishing and outreach work.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing including school holiday programmes

**Principal target group:** Young people at risk aged between 10-21 years referred through J.L.O. and Gardaí.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 7-17 years

**Core capacity:** Present membership is 114 participants on a weekly basis. This increases during summer programmes.

**Application information:** Referrals by standard form, referrals, outreach and self referred with consent form.

## **EVALUATION**

Annual internal evaluation available from project. The annual report has details of the years work, objectives and outcomes and is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform by February/March. In addition evaluations carried out each term internally.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Annual reports and policy documents;
- Annual Report; and
- Internal Policy documents re anti-bullying, drugs, alcohol, anti racism etc

# KEY Project

## Fettercairn/Glenshane and Killinarden (KEY)

*Initiative Established 1998*

**Address:** K.E.Y. Project, Unit 9A, Brookfield Enterprise Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24, **Telephone:** 01 4516949

**4629811/4516322, Facsimile:** 01 4629812/4516949, **Homepage:** [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige/Tallaght Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

### Programme focus

**Primary:** Offending Behaviour, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice work, prevention and crime.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, family support and drug use.

### Aim

To enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society.

### Objectives

1. Divert young people from anti-social behaviour and criminal activity;
2. Provide suitable programmes to facilitate personal development;
3. Provide positive alternatives for the young people; and
4. Strengthen Garda/community relations.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, family support (informal) and set programmes ('Copping On')

**Programme duration:** Ongoing apart from closing for the month of August.

**Principal target group:** Those at risk of becoming involved or those who are involved in criminal activity.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Males: 75%, female: 25%

**Age group:** 10-17 years

**Core capacity:** Varies between 40-70 participants

**Application information:** Standard form, informal procedures and self referrals.

**Referral criteria:** Poor school attendance, history of criminal activity, early school leaving, behavioural problems in school, disruptive home environment, and low self-esteem.

### EVALUATION:

Annual report submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# Kilkenny City Garda Youth Project

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** Ossory Youth Services, Desart Hall, New Street, Kilkenny, **Telephone:** 056 61200, **Facsimile:** 056 52385

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Ossory Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Limited company/Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice work, mediation, prevention, counselling, crime, engagement and general support.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, auto crime/joyriding, accommodation/housing, homelessness, peer education, suicide prevention, youth work, drug use, parenting skills, violence, gangs and racism.

## **Aim**

To prevent crime among young participants and divert them to personal development and good citizenship.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** 12-18 year olds

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 80%, female 20%

**Age group:** 12 –18 years

**Core capacity:** 20 participants

**Application information:** Special referral group comprising of J.L.O and a representative from the Probation and Welfare service

## **EVALUATION**

Internal, informal evaluations are ongoing and an annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Justice Project

*Initiative Established 1994*

**Address:** Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill, Youth Centre, Hollyhill, Cork City, **Telephone:** 021 4303902, **Facsimile:** 021 4399550, **Email:** knocknaheenyyouth@tinet.ie

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill Justice Project LTD.

**Type of Body:** Limited Company

**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, family support, youth diversion, education, youth justice work, youth work, drug use, mediation and violence.

*Secondary:* Accommodation/housing, homelessness, gender, counselling, racism, employment and children's rights.

## Aim

The mission of the Justice Project is to enable young people in the Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill area to reject crime and develop as responsible citizens within their own community. This will be achieved by facilitating them with programmes which offer them creative opportunities to overcome existing obstacles and to develop and express their full potential.

## Objectives

1. To prevent/divert young people from committing crime;
2. To enable young people to overcome existing obstacles and to develop and express their full potential; and
3. To improve community citizenship by young people.

## Additional information

The project represents a collaborative endeavor between the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and local community and other statutory and voluntary agencies.

**Methods used:** Group work individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On'), parental involvement, open sessions, summer programmes, sport, home management, issue based projects (e.g. healthy living group) and special events (e.g. disco's competitions, concerts). Sports undertaken include, indoor soccer, basketball and karate.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** 10-18 year olds at risk of committing crime or involved in crime.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 70%, female: 30%

**Age group:** 8-18 years

**Core capacity:** Core groups, 35 participants/outreach work, 150 plus young people

**Application information:** Standard referral form for those involved in core groups and informal procedures for those involved through outreach work.

**Referral criteria:** Involved in crime, 'at risk' of becoming involved in crime, or having difficulties in school.

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2000*

The project took part in the evaluation of projects carried out by the Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin on behalf of the Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform:

Ireland (Bowden and Higgins) (2000) *The Impact and Effectiveness of Garda Special Projects*, Dublin: Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# Loughlinstown and Ballybrack Project (LAB)

*Initiative established 1998*

**Address:** Loughlinstown Community Rooms, Loughlinstown, Dublin, **Telephone:** 01 2826165, **Facsimile:** 01 2826165

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** CYC/Dun Laoghaire Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, school attendance, auto crime/joyriding, family support, youth diversion, education, peer education, youth justice work, youth work, parenting skills, violence, youth exchange, prevention, gangs, counselling, crime and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, accommodation/housing, homelessness, anger management, suicide prevention, drug use, mediation, gender, prostitution, racism and employment.

## **Aim**

The overall aim of the project is to enhance community spirit within the community and in the surrounding areas of Ballybrack/Loughlinstown and to provide programmes and activities for young people between the ages of 10-18 years within the community.

## **Objectives**

1. To identify and work directly with young people at risk of being in trouble with the law;
2. To provide young people with skills and alternative ways to spend their leisure time; and,
3. To foster positive relationships between young people, local residents, community groups and those in authority.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, family group conferencing, counselling and set programmes

**Programme duration:** The project operates during school terms and summer months

**Principal target group:** Young people between the ages of 10-18 years, living in the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack area who are at risk of being in trouble with the law.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 50%, female: 50%

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Application information:** Formal and informal application process with standard forms.

**Referral criteria:** Young people at risk of early school leaving

## **EVALUATION**

An annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform at the end of February each year.

# Mahon Action for Youth (M.A.Y.)

**Address:** Ringmahon House, Ringmahon Road, Mahon, Co Cork, **Telephone:** 021 4357401, **Facsimile:** 021 4357374

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** M.A.Y. Project Committee

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Community Group

**Committee:** Board of Directors

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Alcohol use, offending behaviour, youth diversion, youth work, drug use, violence, prevention and employment.

## Aim

To prevent crime.

## Objectives

1. Identify target group including families;
2. Include target group in project;
3. Seek employment, (temporary or permanent), for youth; and
4. Include feedback to be from families as part of programme.

## Additional Information:

The MAY project is two projects in one, 1) a crime prevention project with one youth worker, and, 2) a drug prevention project, with one drugs outreach worker.

**Methods used:** Counselling, Family therapy, group work, individual one-to-one

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people in trouble with the Gardaí and those at risk of getting into trouble

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 75%, female 25%

**Age group:** 10-20 years

**Core capacity:** 40 participants

**Application information:** The project co-ordinator meets with the community Garda and Sergeant regularly at the beginning of the school term and takes referrals.

**Referral criteria:** Referrals from J.L.O, Community Garda Sergeant and drugs worker

## EVALUATION

Ireland (Bowden and Higgins) (2000) *Impact and Effectiveness of the Garda Special Projects*, Dublin Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Monthly reports and an annual report which is submitted to Garda Community Relations.

# Monaghan NYP

**Address:** Ardree House, Glen Road, Monaghan, **Telephone:** 047 71663, **Facsimile:** 047 72709, **Email:** monaghannyp@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Management committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Alcohol use, offending behaviour, youth diversion, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention, youth justice work, youth work and drug use.

**Secondary:** School attendance, auto crime/joyriding, motor projects, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, gender, parenting skills and prostitution.

## Aim

To provide community based preventative, support and development services for young people aged 10-18 years with their families and communities in Monaghan town

## Objectives

1. To provide support and intervention for young people by engaging them in personal development programmes;
2. To expand the range of community based youth services in Monaghan town area by supporting volunteers to provide youth activities; and
3. To implement preventative programmes for young people in partnership with local voluntary and statutory agencies.

**Methods used:** Counselling, Group work, individual/one-to-one

**Programme duration:** Annual, ongoing

**Principal target group:** Youth involved in offending behaviour

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 95% female 5%

**Age group:** 10-18

**Core capacity:** 60 participants

**Application information:** Informal procedures: young people are referred on an informal basis followed by completion of forms

**Referral criteria:** All those that are referred are invited to get involved in the project at some point

## EVALUATION

An annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# Navan Young People's Development Project (NYDP)

*Address: Community Resource Centre, Fairgreen, Navan, Co Meath, Telephone: 046 72575, Facsimile: 046 72576, Email: nypd.project@oceanfree.net*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Springboard Family Resource Centre

**Body responsible:** National Youth Federation/Meath Youth Federation

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency/ Community Group

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, family support, youth diversion, education, peer education, suicide prevention, youth justice work, youth work, drug use and gender.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, anger management, mediation, racism and employment.

## Aim

NYDP is a community-based response aimed at equipping young people in the target area with life skills for the future in a positive enjoyable and constructive way. The project offers relevant alternatives to those young people at risk of becoming involved or those who are already involved with the Justice System.

## Objectives

1. To promote the welfare of young people at risk of coming into conflict with the law;
2. To empower families to take a more active role in the lives of their young people;
3. To divert young people who have come to the attention of the justice system from becoming involved in persistent anti-social behaviour;
4. To equip young people with life skills for the future in a positive, enjoyable and constructive way; and
5. To develop links with the local community and all relevant agencies so as to further enhance the integration and development of young people on the project

**Methods used:** Counselling, group work, individual/one-to-one, set programmes, weekly programme devised by staff, art therapy and summer programmes

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people at risk of coming into conflict with the law

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, Female: 40%

**Age group:** 9-18 years

**Core capacity:** 20 full time participants

**Application information:** Formal application process

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2001*

An external evaluation has been carried out on the project and an annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Ireland (2002) *Study of participants in Garda Special Projects* Dublin: Stationary Office;
- Promotional video;
- Community profile;
- Poetry book;
- Annual reports;
- Health and Safety; and
- Leaflets.



# Roscommon Active Diversion (RAD)

*Initiative Established 2001*

*Address: 1 Dolan's Yard, Main Street, Roscommon, Telephone: 0903 28934, Facsimile: 0903 28934*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Roscommon Active Diversion Youth Project/County Roscommon Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, youth diversion, youth work, prevention, and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, school attendance, education, anger management, youth justice work, drug use, violence and racism.

## **Aim**

Through a combination of intervention and prevention, assist 'at risk' young people in the Roscommon town area.

## **Objectives**

1. To provide a drop-in centre/ diversion from anti-social behaviour;
2. To provide group and individual skills training and recreational activities; and
3. Personal and social skills development

**Methods used:** Group therapy, set programmes ('Copping On'), personal/social development lessons, recreational activities, and field trips.

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** 'at risk' youth

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 75%, female: 25%

**Age group:** 13-18 years

**Core capacity:** Approximately 10 participants

**Application information:** Standard form

**Referral criteria:** Referral from J.L.O or other Youth/Social Work personnel within Roscommon

## **EVALUATION**

Monthly reports regarding progress of project completed and handed into County Roscommon Youth Service Director and an annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Project Information Brochure.

# South West Initiative for Teenagers (SWIFT)

*Initiative Established 2000*

*Address: St Ronan's Community Centre, Deansworth, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, Telephone: 01 4578211, Facsimile: 01 4593523.*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Catholic Youth Care/Clondalkin Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, youth diversion, youth justice work, youth work, mediation, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, motor project, family support, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, anger management, peer education, suicide prevention and drug use.

## **Aim**

To direct young people away from crime.

## **Objectives**

1. To help build good Community/Garda relations; and
2. To provide healthy alternatives to anti-social behaviour.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual, set programmes, drop in center/youth clubs, summer projects.

**Programme duration:** School terms and summer months

**Principal target group:** Young people 10-18 at risk

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, female: 40%

**Age group:** 10-18 years

**Core capacity:** 300+ participants

**Application information:** Informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Young people at risk

## **EVALUATION**

Annual report submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# TACT Project (TACT)

*Initiative Established 2000*

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**Homepage:** <http://www.ograchorcai.org/>

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Ógra Chorcaí

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Board of Directors, Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Offending behaviour, family support, youth diversion, anger management, peer education, youth justice work, youth work, violence, prevention, gangs, crime and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol, school attendance, auto crime/joyriding, motor project, accommodation/housing, education, homelessness, suicide prevention, drug use, mediation, gender and parenting.

## Aim

Divert Young people from becoming involved in criminal/anti social behaviour.

## Objectives

1. Provide suitable activities to facilitate personal development;
2. Encourage civic responsibility; and
3. Improve/support Garda Community Relations.

## Methods used:

Group work, individual/one-to-one, family group conferencing, counselling, family therapy, set programmes (social skills and 'Copping On'), group work skills and activities, organised sports and leisure activities, and community work (e.g. parenting/gardening)

**Programme duration:** The 'Copping On' programme is 6-12 week programme and all other programmes depend on task and group.

**Principal target group:** 12 - 18 year olds

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 80%, female: 20%

**Age group:** 12 - 18 years

**Core capacity:** 2 groups of six participants

**Application information:** Formal application process

## EVALUATION

Group and project evaluation are ongoing.

# The Glen Action Project (GAP)

*Initiative Established 1998*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Foróige

**Type of Body:** Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice work, youth work, drug use, violence, prevention, racism and crime.

*Secondary:* School attendance, auto crime/joyriding, accommodation housing, homelessness, peer education, prostitution, gangs, counselling, employment and children's rights.

## **Aim**

To enable young people at risk of involvement in crime to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society

## **Objectives**

1. To prevent crime through community and multi-agency co-operation and to improve the quality of life within the community;
2. To direct young people from becoming involved in criminal anti-social behaviour;
3. To provide suitable activities to facilitate personal development and encourage civic responsibility; and
4. To support and improve Garda/Community relations.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one and set programmes

**Programme duration:** Annual, during school terms and summer programme

**Principal target group:** 10-16 year old young people at risk of involvement in crime or those already involved in crime.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60%, female: 40%

**Age group:** 10-16 years

**Core capacity:** 35 participants in direct work groups per week

**Application information:** Standard form and informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** J.L.O referrals, Southern Health Board referrals, community referrals

## **EVALUATION**

Internal evaluation with annual report compiled and submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

# Working to Enhance Blanchardstown (WEB)

*Initiative Established 1995*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Additional funding:** Blanchardstown Local Drugs Task Force

**Body responsible:** Foróige/Blanchardstown Youth Service

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding family support, youth diversion, youth work, prevention and crime.

**Secondary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, education, homelessness, anger management, suicide prevention, youth justice work, drug use and parenting skills.

## Aim

The aim of WEB is to enable young people aged 10-16 years who are at risk of being in trouble with the law to become involved in constructive, developmental activities in their own communities.

**Methods used:** Group work, family group conferencing, counselling, individual/one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', drugs awareness programmes)

**Programme duration:** Programme operates weekly (or more often per week) from September - June. From June- September summer programmes operate.

**Principal target group:** 10-16 year olds and their families

**Who can attend:** Male and females

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 60 – 70%, female: 40 -30%

**Age group:** 10-16 years

**Core capacity:** The project capacity depends on the type of groups/type of programme being run.

**Application information:** The project operates informal application procedures and referrals are accepted from a wide variety of agencies/individuals, each case is reviewed/discussed on merit and a decision is then made.

**Referral criteria:** Involvement with Gardaí/law, educational circumstances, family background, overall circumstances of young person.

## EVALUATION

Contributed to the evaluation commissioned by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform: Ireland (Bowden and Higgins) (2000) *The Impact and Effectiveness of Garda Special Projects*, Dublin: Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

An annual report is submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Child protection guidelines/drug tobacco and alcohol guidelines and other operational guidelines are from Foróige, National Youth Development Organisation;
- Annual reports to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform are produced; and
- *Happy Halloween – the Halloween Safety Project* – safety video and resource pack.

# Youth Action Ballina (YAB)

*Initiative Established 2000*

**Address:** 1 Clarke's Lane, O'Rahilly Street, Ballina, Co Mayo, **Telephone:** 096 70615, **Email:** yab@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** North Connaught Youth and Community Services Ltd.

**Type of Body:** Limited company/Voluntary Agency

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

**Primary:** Alcohol use, school attendance, youth diversion, peer education, youth work, drug use, violence and crime.

**Secondary:** Employment, counselling, gangs, prevention, mediation and family support.

## Aim

Direct young people from conflict with the law provide a safe environment and encourage young people to take an interest in their community forging positive links between community workers and the project.

## Objectives

1. Identify and work with young people 'at risk' of being in trouble with the law;
2. Provide young people with skills and alternative ways to spend their time; and
3. Foster positive relationships between young people, local residents, community groups etc.

## Additional Information:

YAB was set up during October 2000 and has engaged 52 young people with the project during that period. The project targets 12-18 year olds 'at risk' of being included in the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme and schools that require a response to inappropriate behaviour or assistance with introducing diversionary methods. The project also receives referrals from parents and in addition to this most referrals can bring along a (safe) friend to the project activities. Activities include a variety of pursuits indoor/outdoor and the introduction of interesting new hobbies such as astronomy, hiking, geology and local history and folklore. The above activities allow valued youth work engagement with participants and create a strong bond with the project staff and young people.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual one-to-one, set programmes ('Copping On', 'Walk Tall')

**Programme duration:** Annual programme during school terms

**Principal target group:** Those on the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, schools and parents

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 40, female: 60

**Age group:** 12 - 18 years

**Core capacity:** 26 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process and informal procedures

**Referral criteria:** Young people are referred from the J.L.O, and schools through the J.L.O and the Home School Liaison Officer

## EVALUATION

An annual and half yearly report available from the project.

# Youth Action for Kilmore (YAK)

*Address: Kilmore Youth Project, Cromcastle Road, Coolock, Dublin 15, Telephone: 01 6683198*

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** City of Dublin Youth Service Board/Youth Action For Kilmore

**Type of Body:** Community Group

**Committee:** Advisory Committee, Referral Advisory Sub-committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, family support, youth diversion, education, anger management, youth justice, youth work, mediation and gender.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, auto crime/joyriding, accommodation/housing, homelessness, peer education, suicide prevention, parenting skills, prostitution, exchange programme and prevention.

## Aim

The purpose of the YAK project is to engage young people aged between 10-16 years deemed to be at 'high risk' in the Kilmore West area and to develop an appropriate response to their needs.

## Objectives

1. Direct work: design and deliver a range of interventions to meet participants needs, a flagship programme operating along with a series of workshops, events etc.;
2. Information: to profile, assess and publish the needs of the target group;
3. Networking: To develop and maintain effective relationships in local agencies to the target group; and
4. Publications: Disseminate learning and progressions made by the young people to the wider Kilmore West Community.

**Methods used:** Group Work, individual one-to-one, set programmes, outdoor education

**Programme duration:** Ongoing

**Principal target group:** Young people who register on one or more of the 'high risk' indicators are the main target group.

**Who can attend:** Male 10-16

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 100%

**Age group:** 11-13 years

**Core capacity:** 10 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process with standard form

**Referral criteria:** Formal meeting between the referral group and individual. Six-weekly meetings with all members of the sub referral group.

## EVALUATION

An action plan is compiled at the beginning of the year and evaluated with clear and realistic objectives. An annual report is also compiled and submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

# Youth Action Project Sligo (YAPS)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** 1 Chapel Street, Abbey Street, **Telephone:** 071 441 52, **Facsimile:** 0714452, **Email:** yaps@eircom.net

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** North Connaught Youth and Community Services

**Type of Body:** Voluntary agency

**Committee:** Management Committee

## **Programme focus**

*Primary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, youth diversion, peer education, youth justice work, mediation, prevention and crime.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, auto crime/joyriding, family support, education, anger management, youth work, drug use, violence, exchange, counseling, racism and employment.

*Additional focus:* Young persons health, both male and female incorporating sexual health and general health issues

## **Aim**

To offer interventions in the lives of young people outside the school, home and work setting in order to divert young people from becoming involved in crime.

## **Objectives**

1. To target those alienated young people who are out of any structured framework within their lives;
2. To provide support to those young people in need of emotional and developmental support; and
3. To work with young people on an individual or group activity basis using a variety of approaches.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one. The project emphasises outdoor pursuits to challenge individuals and focus on team building

**Programme duration:** Annual, ongoing depending on different programmes

**Principal target group:** 12 -17 years (13 - 15 main age category) alienated/unattached young people

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male 80%, female 20 %

**Age group:** 12-17

**Core capacity:** Up to 25 participants

**Application information:** Formal application process

**Referral criteria:** Specific referral form from Justice Agencies

## **EVALUATION**

*date of completion 1999*

External evaluation completed by Sligo Institute of Technology in 1999 available from the project.

## **PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

- Project brochure



## Futurama

*Initiative Established 2001*

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**Body responsible:** Dun Laoghaire Youth Service

**Committee:** Referral Committee

### Programme focus

Young people who are out of school and early school leavers.

### Aim

To support young people who have left school early to return to education or complete examinations.

### Objectives

1. Engage young people out of school;
2. Support parents of young people in their quest to secure placement;
3. Provide information to young people about the services available to them;
4. Act as a link to schools; and
5. Act as a link to outreach services.

### Additional information

This project is a multi-agency initiative supported by: LAB, Springboard, An Garda Síochána, CYC, Education, Liaison Officers, Southside Partnership, Barnardos, Probation and Welfare, FÁS, Dun Laoghaire Youth Service, Teen Counselling, Community/Parent Representatives, Dun Laoghaire County Council and the Health Board.

**Principal target group:** Young people who live in Loughlinstown and Ballybrack who have left or have been excluded from school or where the young person is deemed at risk of falling out of school.

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Age group:** 12-15

**Core capacity:** 8 participants

**Application information:** Formal application and standard form

**Referral criteria:** Excluded from school or at risk of falling out of school.

# Garda Schools Programme (G.S.P.)

*Initiative Established 1990*

**Address:** Garda Schools Programme, Community Relations Section, Block 1, 4th Floor Harcourt Square, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, **Telephone:** 01 6663823/24, **Facsimile:** 01 6663827, **Email:** [agecard@iol.ie](mailto:agecard@iol.ie)  
**Homepage:** [www.gov.ie/garda](http://www.gov.ie/garda)

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**Core funder:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

**Body responsible:** Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform/An Garda Síochána (Community Relations)

## Programme focus

The focus of the project will adjust to include local issues that local Gardaí may be aware of.

*Primary:* Alcohol use and drug use.

*Secondary:* School attendance, offending behaviour, auto crime/joyriding, drug use and racism.

## Aim

The aim of the Garda Schools Programme is to teach children sensible and responsible patterns of behaviour using intervention of local Gardaí.

## Objectives

1. To lessen the risk that children may face through crime;
2. To teach them how to be safer on the road and at home;
3. To positively contribute towards crime prevention;
4. To teach them what the role of the Gardaí is; and
5. To assist them to develop positive attitudes towards the Gardaí and the job they do.

**Methods used:** Set programme: Garda Schools Programme in a group setting

**Programme duration:** School terms only, usually five visits spread over the school year

**Principal target group:** 5th class primary school (9-11 year olds) and it is planned to expand this project to secondary schools

**Application information:** Contact The Garda Schools Programme, Garda Community Relations

## EVALUATIONS

*Date of completion 1990*

A detailed report compiled by schools programme staff and St Patrick's Teacher Training School, Drumcondra, studying the results with the intervention of Gardaí

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

1. Garda Schools Programme Manual and Workbook,
2. 'Panic': personal safety video (Irish Language),
3. 'Drinking, know the Score': underage-drinking video.

# Guidance Enhancement Initiative

*Initiative Established 2001*

**Address:** Guidance Enhancement Initiative, Guidance Inspector, Department of Education and Science, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. **Telephone:** 01-8734700, **Email:** [caitlin.nibhreonoin@education.gov.ie](mailto:caitlin.nibhreonoin@education.gov.ie)  
**Homepage:** [www.ncge.ie/www.education.gov.ie](http://www.ncge.ie/www.education.gov.ie)

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science

**Body responsible:** Department of Education and Science/Post Primary Schools

**Type of body:** Statutory

**Committee:** Advisory Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, education and counselling.

*Secondary:* Employment.

## Aim

To support and develop guidance practice in all areas of education

## Objectives

1. To enhance the provision of educational guidance;
2. To target an increase in the take up of science subjects; and
3. To increase business and community links in disadvantaged areas.

## Additional Information

In February 2001, the Minister for Education and Science, Dr. Michael Woods T.D., announced the provision of 50 whole time equivalent posts for guidance to commence in the school year 2001-2002. Unlike previous allocation of guidance posts, schools would be invited to propose innovative actions to enhance guidance for students. The new posts were allocated on the basis of an objective assessment of these proposals. Priority was given to schools putting forward proposals to develop and strengthen formal links between themselves and business, especially schools located in areas of structural unemployment, both urban and rural, schools in disadvantaged areas and schools promoting the take-up of science subjects at senior cycle through establishing links with employers.

Previous projects include:

- The Community Based Guidance Assistance (Leonardo da Vinci funded pilot project) provided training for 'significant adults' in the community in non-formal guidance skills. It continues to run in Cork (Mary Lenihan Cork City Partnership) with the funding from the Department of Health and Children as part of the Drugs Prevention Strategy; and
- 'Youthstart' which provided training for 'Youthreach' staff in non-formal guidance skills;

**Methods used:** Counselling, individual one-to-one, group work, and building networks with business and community organisations.

**Programme duration:** Three years during school terms

**Principal target group:** Young people in post-primary school

**Application information:** Guidance hours are allocated on the basis of proposals from post-primary schools.

## EVALUATION

Evaluation is carried out by way of monitoring visits by the Guidance Inspectorate.

## PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- The 'Directory of Guidance and Support Services for Young People' available on [www.ncge.ie](http://www.ncge.ie).

# Young Mothers in Education Project (YME)

*Initiative Established 1999*

**Address:** Galway Youth Federation, 7 Francis Street, Galway, **Telephone:** 091 561637/539245, **Facsimile:** 091 561737, **Email:** regional.resourcecentre@gyf.ie

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**Core funder:** Galway City Partnership

**Additional funding sources:** Teen Parents Project Western Health Board, D.S.C. Affairs,

**Body responsible:** Galway Youth Federation

**Type of Body:** Limited Company/Voluntary agency/Charity

**Committee:** Advisory Committee/Board of Directors

## Programme focus

*Primary:* School attendance, family support, youth diversion, education, peer education, Youth work, employment and children's rights.

*Secondary:* Alcohol use, offending behaviour, accommodation/housing, anger management, suicide prevention, drug use, mediation, gender, parenting skills, violence, prostitution, counselling, racism and crime.

*Additional focus:* Breaking the cycle of poverty and low educational attainment for young mothers and their children.

## Aim

To enable young mothers to complete second level education and to progress on to third level education or training.

## Objectives

1. Individual support/guidance;
2. Peer Support/educational support;
3. Personal development programmes; and
4. Child care support/information.

**Methods used:** Group work, individual/one-to-one, counselling, and set programmes ('moving on' parenting)

**Programme duration:** School terms only

**Principal target group:** Young mothers aged 16-23 years in education or planning to return to education

**Who can attend:** Male and female

**Gender breakdown:** Male: 1 %, female: 99%

**Age group:** 16-23 years

**Core capacity:** 50 participants

**Application information:** Standard form and informal procedures (referral/word of mouth)

**Referral criteria:** In education or planning to return to education - age limit 23 years

## EVALUATION

*date of completion 2002*

The National Development Office are publishing a report on the project contact Carol Dunne at Galway City Partnership Office.

# Youthreach Galway City

*Initiative Established 1986*

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**Core funder:** Department of Education and Science  
**Body responsible:** City of Galway VEC/Youthreach Galway  
**Type of Body:** Statutory  
**Committee:** Management Committee

## Programme focus

*Primary:* Education and school attendance.

*Secondary:* employment, counselling, crime, exchange, violence, parenting skills, drug use, youth work, suicide prevention, peer education, anger management, youth diversion, family support, offending behaviour and alcohol use.

*Additional focus:* Individual, personal, and social behaviours and choices that participants make, i.e. how actions have consequences.

## Aim

The aim is to be a participant focused needs based centre towards continuity education.

## Additional information

The project feels that 'one off' programmes do not work in relation to crime prevention and takes an integrated approach where issues are addressed in all subject areas. It promotes the concept of 'choice theory' and focuses the individual on the choices he/she makes and the consequences of having made them. The focus is on internal control as opposed to external control which allows the individual to 'blame' others for what they have in reality chosen to do.

<b>Methods used:</b>	Group work, individual/one-to-one, and set programmes (NCVA, Personal effectiveness/personal and interpersonal skills, 'Copping On'/peer education)
<b>Programme duration:</b>	46 weeks per annum
<b>Principal target group:</b>	Early school leavers aged 15-20 years
<b>Who can attend:</b>	Male and female
<b>Gender breakdown:</b>	Male: 80%, female 20%
<b>Age group:</b>	15-20 years
<b>Core capacity:</b>	25 participants
<b>Application</b>	Informal interview
<b>Referral criteria</b>	Interest, motivation, commitment

## EVALUATION

Ongoing internal evaluation

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11.	Churchfield Youth Community Trust	Young People's Facilities and Services Fund, FÁS.
12.	Ruhama Women's Project	East Coast Health Board, Equality for Women Measure, Charitable Infirmary Charitable Trust, Donations, Drugs Task Force. National Development Plan
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Government	The Forensics Science Laboratory	
Government	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	
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▪ Peace and Reconciliation	Breaking Through Ltd.	Department of Education and Science, Northern Ireland Office
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▪ VEC	Somerset Thinking Skills	
▪ Northern Area Health Board, Probation & Welfare Service, Department of Education and Science (Youth Affairs Section), Local Drug Task Force, Fundraising	Ballymun Youth Action Project Ltd.	
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