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## ***GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGIC VISION***

**“A healthier and safer Ireland, where public health and safety is protected and the harms caused to individuals, families and communities by substance misuse are reduced and every person affected by substance use is empowered to improve their health and well-being and quality of life”.**



*COMPASSION*

*ACCESS*

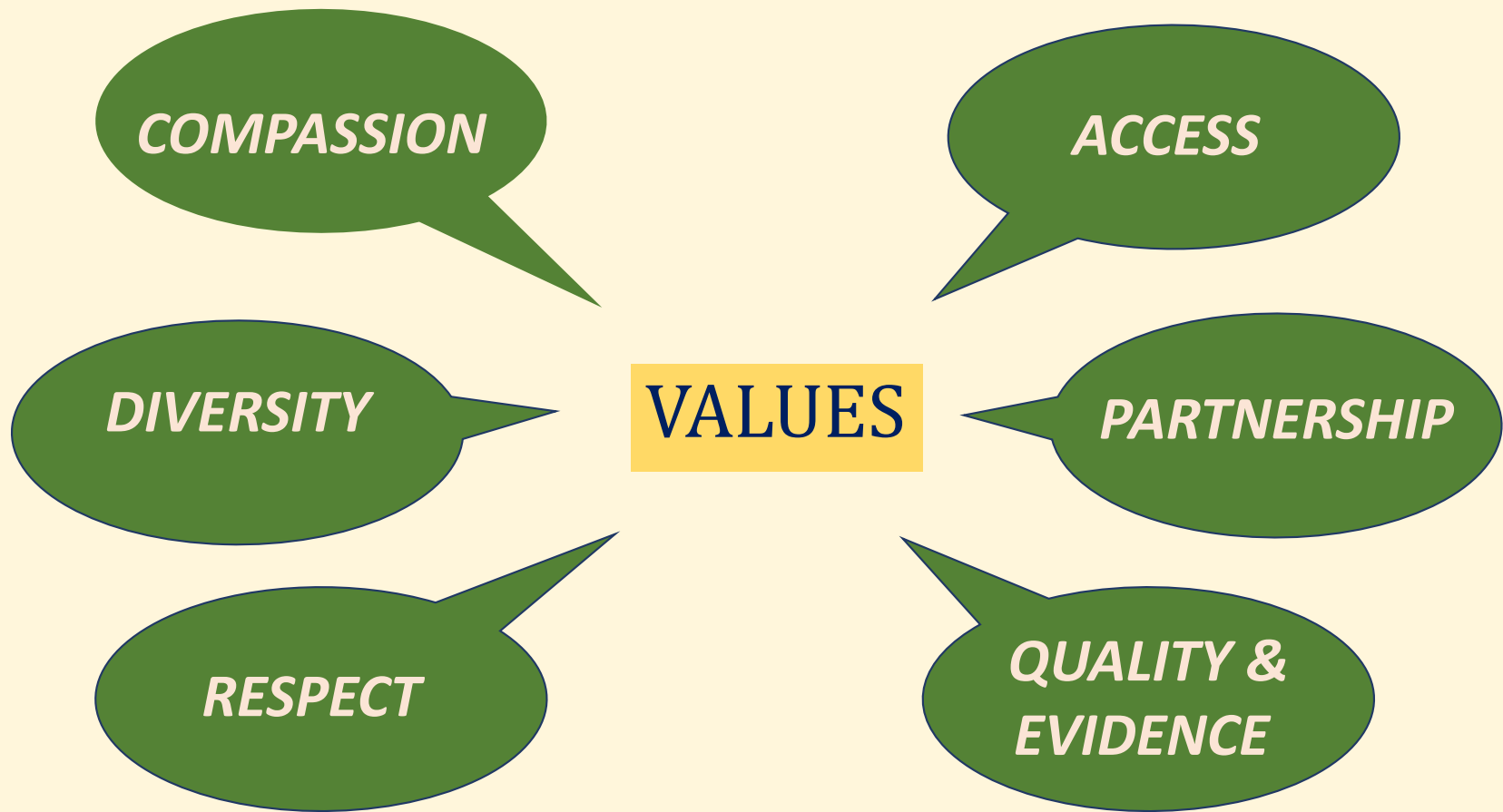
*DIVERSITY*

**VALUES**

*PARTNERSHIP*

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## Five Goals of National Drug Strategy, 2017-25

### Goal 1: Promote and protect health and well-being

- Preventing youth drug-use; targeted harm reduction with vulnerable groups

### Goal 2: Harm reduction, rehabilitation & recovery

- Getting better health and other outcomes with individual drug users

### Goal 3: Reduce supply of drugs for harmful use

- Develop a comprehensive and responsive framework for controlling supply

## Five Goals of National Drug Strategy, 2017-25

### Goal 4: Participation of individuals & communities

- Strengthening community capacities and individuals' involvement

### Goal 5: Evidence-informed policies & actions

- Research on incidence & prevalence and best-practice responses

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- Túsla
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**Youth prevention programme**

**Coordination, development and prevention**

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### **Harm reduction, treatment & rehabilitation**

- **COMMUNITY ADDICTION  
TEAM (Sandyford Industrial  
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# Harm reduction, treatment & rehabilitation Community Addiction Team (CAT)

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- ✓ to help participants evaluate their situation with respect to alcohol and drug use
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- ✓ Assessments and key-working
- ✓ After-care support
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- Events and workshops to promote community interest in alcohol issue
  - A consultation & report in advance of the 2017-25 National Drug Strategy
  - A Youth At-Risk Network has been convened with World Café workshops.
- New developments during 2018 include an outreach in disadvantaged communities, a youth prevention initiative, and a social media project.

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## OTHER Relevant

- HSE 99 Patrick St Addiction Centre
- Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project (HSE funded)
- Narcotics Anonymous
- LifeRing, Self Help
- National Family Support Network

## Coordination, development and prevention

- **DLR – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE**
- **SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP**

*All direct services are provided on county-wide basis and involve no attendance fee*

# EXAMPLE 1: Alcohol – An Issue for the Community

A public meeting organized to draw attention to the need for an alcohol strategy, April, 2014

Save the date  
April 29th

**taskforce**  
DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN  
LOCAL DRUGS TASK FORCE

**ALCOHOL STRATEGY**  
Information meeting

Invited Speaker:  
Dr. Shane Butler (TCD)

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm**  
Mounttown Community Facility  
Dun Laoghaire  
Refreshments at 6.30pm

**taskforce** **SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP** **hf** **An Roinn Sláinte**

To confirm attendance and / or further information please contact Marie at  
01-7060125 [mariek@dlrdrugtaskforce.ie](mailto:mariek@dlrdrugtaskforce.ie)



Domestic Violence & Alcohol: Lunchtime seminar, one of six seminars held during Focus on Alcohol Week, Dec 2014

## ALCOHOL An Issue for the Community

An Exploratory Workshop for  
engaging the community in the issue  
of alcohol

**Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
10.00am – 12.30pm

**Speakers:**  
Suzanne Costello  
(Alcohol Action Ireland)  
Elaine O'Mahony  
(Alcohol Harm Reduction Project,  
Southside Partnership)

**Venue:**  
Mounttown Community Facility, Dun  
Laoghaire

If you wish to book a place please  
contact Marie Kavanagh, 01-7060125  
[mariek@dlrdrugtaskforce.ie](mailto:mariek@dlrdrugtaskforce.ie)

Round-table discussion on alcohol, during  
Focus on Alcohol Week, Dec 2014



Alcohol Forum: training on community alcohol  
project, 2016

**Building the capacity of communities**  
through Local and Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces  
to identify alcohol issues and develop Local Alcohol Action Plans.

**Community Action on Alcohol Pilot Project**  
Briefing Full L/RDATF Membership

Alcohol Forum  
Enterprise Fund Business Centre  
Ballyraine  
Letterkenny

Tel: 074 9125596  
[www.alcoholforum.org](http://www.alcoholforum.org)  
[anne@alcoholforum.org](mailto:anne@alcoholforum.org)

**You Are What You Drink**  
- a workshop

FREE ENTRY

reduced stress  
glowing skin  
health

Explore how sugar, sweeteners, caffeine and alcohol can affect everyday health and well-being at this interesting workshop to achieve the energy and health you desire.

PLACE LIMITED

Workshops on  
Alcohol, held  
during 2016

**Health Workshop**

Explore how sugar, sweeteners, caffeine and alcohol can affect everyday health and well-being.

Glowing Skin  
Reduce Body Fat  
Reduce Stress

Improve Health  
Energy  
Anti-aging  
Better Sleep

**Bally Family Resource Centre**  
26<sup>th</sup> of October

This project was supported by **CSA 104**  
Department with support from **CSA 104**  
Community Accounts Fund

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# EXAMPLE 2: Integrated Collaborative Practice Programme

## Brochure advertising the programme



### Integrated Collaborative Practice

Accredited at Level 8 by NUI Maynooth

A professional development programme for practitioners engaged with both child, family and substance misuse services

**Programme Aim**

To strengthen and build the capacity of drug treatment and child and family practitioners to develop a more effective and integrated quality service within DLR county area


**Anticipated Programme Outcomes**

This programme offers experienced front-line staff an expanded model of collaborative leadership practice and skills development to address complex challenges within their work. It will help build strategies for more effective integration of services. Piloting the programme within a county region offers a unique opportunity to embed good practice that can be sustained. In particular practitioners will:



Above: Programme participants & trainers at awards ceremony. Right: Evaluation report launched at ceremony. Below: some of the attendance





**Report on the Integrated Collaborative Practice Programme (NUI Certificate in Community Education and Equality Studies).**

Sponsored by Southside Partnership and the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drug and Alcohol Task Force and delivered by Community Action Network (CAN) and Maynooth University

**Author**  
Patricia Prendiville  
Equality Works  
September, 2016





# EXAMPLE 3: National Drug Strategy Consultation

## Advertising the consultation

### Drugs, Dialogue and Deliberation

Register your interest

A café-style consultation on the next National Drug Strategy (2017 +)

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 9.30-1.00pm (followed by light lunch)

Venue: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area - TBC



Do you work in or are you involved in the field of drug and alcohol issues in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area? Are you involved in community, youth or family services? Or, are you an interested member of the public or representative (public, community, or community of interest) with a view on these matters? If yes to any of these, this consultation could be for you.

To attend you will need to register your interest NOW

Email: [drugsconsultation@gmail.com](mailto:drugsconsultation@gmail.com)

Txt or phone: 087-1734488

Further details when available, will be sent to those who register their interest

Drugs: the focus of the consultation will be on drugs (including alcohol) and this focus will refer directly to the six-week Public Consultation on the New Drugs Strategy (September 6<sup>th</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>), which was established by Minister for Communities and the National Drug Strategy, Catherine Byrne, TD. For further information, see: <http://drugs.ie/consultation>



## National Drug Strategy 2017+

Submission

October, 2016.



## Recommendations to NDS - videos

« Lithuania - new policy measures on alcohol News Scottish court ruling - MUP »

The Task Force has prepared a set of brief (facebook-style) videos summarising our key recommendations to the National Drug Strategy 2017 + consultation process. You might consider uploading one or more on social media sites.

[Community development](#)

[Child & family supports](#)

[Assessing hidden harms to children and families](#)

[The need for Rehabilitation coordinators](#)

[A research fund for studying drug and alcohol problems](#)

[A new round of dormant accounts for alcohol prevention](#)

[Self-organised peer support groups for families](#)

[Supporting mainstream personnel in addiction issues](#)

[The need for an independent National Advisory Group](#)

Our full submission is available on following link: [NDS 2017 + submission](#)

A set of short videos on our website summarizing the consultation's recommendations



# EXAMPLE 4: Youth At-Risk Network Workshops

**Café Conversation**  
Networking event for people in DLR who work with Youth At-Risk



- MEET others who work with youth in DLR
- HEAR about issues that confront young people who are at-risk
- PLAN a more integrated response to young people

**What's it about?**  
A Café Conversation / Networking Event for people in DLR who work with youth at-risk will take place **Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-1.00pm** in the **County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire**. The purpose is to have a safe and friendly space to explore the current issues that arise for young people currently at-risk, and to make plans for a more integrated response to their needs. A conversation has already been had with a group of young people, and in due course it is hoped to bring together both youth, and personnel from the bodies that work with them, at a later stage.

**Date for your Diary!**

**Youth At-Risk Network: Workshop series**

**Social Media & Vulnerable Youth**

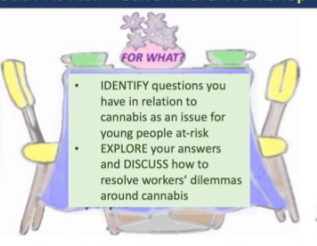
**DATE: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 10-1pm**

**Venue: TBC**




**Youth-At-Risk Network: 3rd Workshop**



- IDENTIFY questions you have in relation to cannabis as an issue for young people at-risk
- EXPLORE your answers and DISCUSS how to resolve workers' dilemmas around cannabis

A third workshop for persons who work with Youth At-Risk in DLR will be held on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 10.00 and 1.00 pm** in the **Harbour View Business Centre, 7-9 Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire** (opposite Bentley House). The theme of this workshop will be:  
**The Cannabis Question: What are the issues and dilemmas posed for workers in the field arising from the use of cannabis by Youth At-Risk?**

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