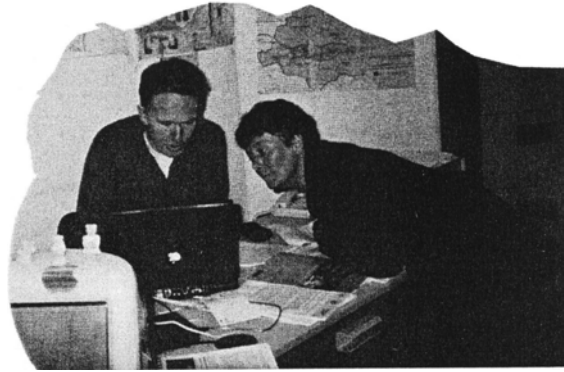


Links

Our project has been extremely fortunate in the support system provided to us by many projects in the area. In particular we have received an enormous amount of support and access to expertise from the **Ringsend Action Project**. We want to thank both Joe Grennell and Aileen Forum and look forward to that continued partnership approach in combating the drug problem.



Dublin Port

Every year Dublin Port seriously makes A big impact on our project and the service users. In the year 2001 they made no exception Dublin Port funded many of our activities for the addict support group. They also gave one of our clients a grant to further their education. This client is attending a recognised course in drama a dream the Dublin Port made into reality for this young man. Once again they have fully sponsored our graduation event. The support they provide has been instrumental to the project in many ways.



South Inner City Drugs Task Force

RDRD want to take this opportunity to thank The South Inner City Task Force for their very vital commitment to our project. We have secured 450,000 Euros from the TaskForce in order to purchase a premises in the local area to house our services. Without the support of the Taskforce it is most unlikely for the project to achieve their own premises. We will continue to represent RDRD on the Task Force and endeavour to support them in their work

South Western Area Health Authority

RDRD is funded by the southwestern Area Health Authority. It has been for all the staff a real privilege working with the Area operations manager Jim Doyle and his team. They not only fund the project but also provide support when needed and a listening ear. We want to thank Jim and his team for all the support they have given us over the year and look forward to that continued support in the future.

Dublin Docklands Development Authority

The Ringsend & District Response to Drugs takes this time to say a special thank you to the D.D.D.A.. A premises is identified in the area our project had a shortfall of 100,000 Euros in light of the significant funding we had already raised the D.D.D.A. funded that shortfall.

The project takes this opportunity to acknowledge the support and assistance of the following...

National Drug Strategy Team	Aiseri
Ringsend Training Workshop	Marist Rehabilitation
Coolmine Lodge	Coolmine Induction
Ashleigh House	Merchants Quay
Ringsend Satellite Clinic	St Andrews Resource Centre
Ringsend & District Community Centre.	Ringsend Boys & Girls National
Irishtown Garda Station	Baggot Street Hospital
Cunn Dara	Trinity Court
Drug Squad	C.A.D.
Community Response	Rutland

In 2000 the project worked with 78 clients

Breakdown

Gender	Total	Youngest	Oldest	Average	% of Total
Male	60	20	41	24	77%
Female	18	20	40	22	23%

In 2001 the project worked with 98 clients.

Breakdown

Gender	Total	Youngest	Oldest	Average	% of Total
Male	77	21	42	25	79%
Female	21	19	41	23	21%

This year 2002 once again we hold our graduation in the Clanna Gael Hall in May. Ten young people go on to graduate and will be presented with awards by Minister Eoin Ryan.

Employment

We have built up relationships with local business in the area, which has enabled us to secure 8 young people in employment in the year 2001.

Day time stabilisation project

We highlighted in our annual report 2000 a survey identifying a real need for young people stable on methadone to increase their employment chances.

To date we have successfully raised funding through the NST and the D.D.D.A. in order to buy a suitable premises to house the project.

FAS have agreed to fund the daytime programme upon purchasing this premises.

The Graduation of RDRD Education Awareness Course.



In the year 2001 thirteen local people received a certificate from RDRD on completion of the Education Awareness course.

The courses are provided to promote awareness of and access to education and support services in the community.

Impact

The outcome of the course was very positive not just for the community but for the project itself. Since the course RDRD increased volunteers and built up a greater awareness of the kind of services provided by the project.

The participants on the course gained more knowledge and understanding of the drugs issue here in the local area. They also gained some very valuable contacts and useful numbers in cases of a crisis.

RDRD believe that in providing the courses as part of our service played a vital role in building up a strong relationship with the local people and the relevant agencies/organisations in the area.

Parenting With Drug Awareness

Ten local people will receive certificates for completing the parenting with drug awareness course facilitated by RDRD at the 2002 graduation. The course ran for six weeks with a strong attendance rate. Guest speakers from Community Response, Drug Squad, Coolmine, family support, addict support and CAD facilitated some of our sessions. We take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to the programmes with a special thank you to Mary Doolan whom on behalf of RDRD co-ordinated the six-week course.

Main points discussed in the parenting with Drug Awareness course.

Relapse prevention

The Night Tours should be facilitated here in the local area.

Prevention in the home.

Alcohol

Family support

Addict support

Information available

Resources in the local area.

Methadone

The participants discussed methadone in detail. The following recommendations raised from the group.

- Methadone should be used as a short time solution.
- Methadone must be used in conjunction with aftercare and counselling.
- After a period of time the client should be offered a moving on stage.

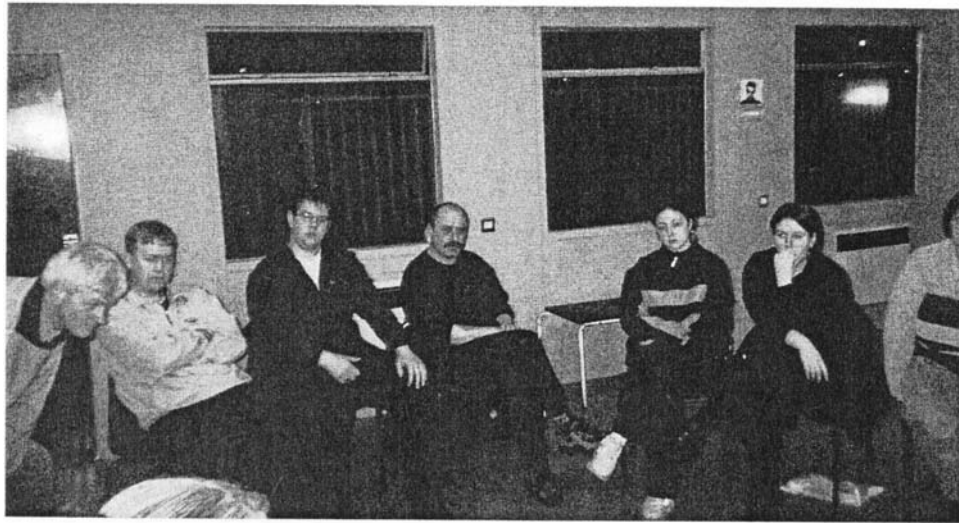
Outcome.

The participants increased their knowledge on resources in the area, prevention/education, contacts and the drug culture in the area.

Feedback from participants.

The course should be run twice in the year.

Needs to be advertised through the RAP newsletter. News Four, Schools and the link. Participants also said that each of them should tell at least ten people they know about information they learned on the course and how people could access the course.



**Parenting with Drug Awareness facilitated by RDRD
Above picture Charlie Murphy presenting certificate to Facilitator
Mary Doolan.**

Graduation 2001



Gary Pullen presented his book ON THE STREETS to Minister Eoin Ryan at The 2001 Graduation.

With the support of RDRD Gary creatively put his story life on the street into a book form. Gary highlighted homeless and addiction not just right across the city but here in the local community.

Ten young people graduated drug free with the Ringsend & District Response to Drugs. Minister Eoin Ryan presented awards to the young people and congratulated them on their success.

Dublin Port presented family members with bouquets and pens and was fully responsible for sponsoring the whole event.

We want to thank Dublin Port for their ongoing support to the project and look forward to the continued relationship.

Youth Forum

The Ringsend & District Response to Drugs is represented on the Dodder Youth Service which was established in 2001.

A meeting held in the Ringsend Technical Institute on Saturday 4th of February 2001 facilitated by Dodder Youth Service established the first Youth Forum in the local area. The young people discussed a number of issues on the day.

The most common issues (A place of our own - Youth Forum report.)

- A place to go and call our own.
- A youth Club.
- Discos for different age groups.
- More mixed activities.

Two representatives of the youth forum are on the board of the Dodder Youth Services.

The Youth Forum met every week in March, April, May and June.

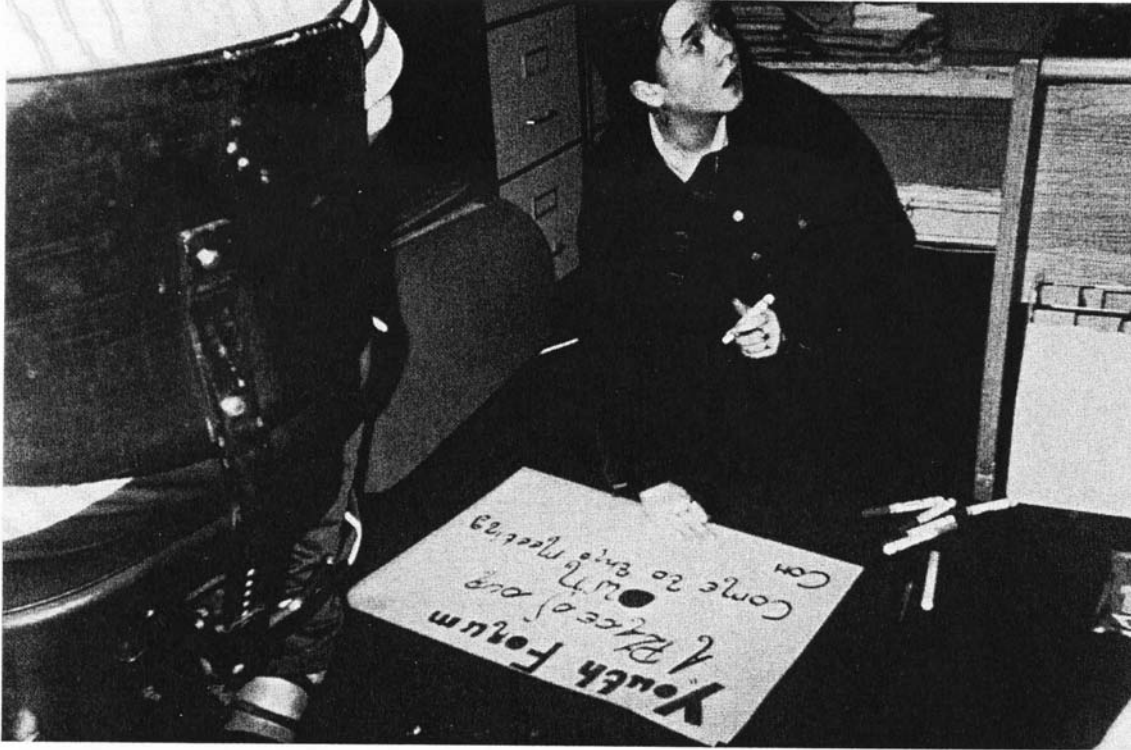
The group facilitators Joe Whelan and Mary Doolan recorded all main points and encouraged the group to voice their own ideas.

With the support of both Mary Doolan and Joe Whelan the young people produced a discussion document highlighting the needs of young people in the local area.

The document was launched and presented to the Dodder Youth Service and the local people. This was a fantastic achievement for young people. The local representatives promised to support the young people and do everything they possibly can to make their dream come true.

We want to thank and congratulate Joe, Mary and the young people for the very hard work they did throughout the year 2001.

RDRD will continue to support the young people in their work.



Above two young people with the support of RDRD preparing for the launch of the Discussion Document. Young people can access RDRD For information on Prevention/Education.



DO YOU KNOW ME?

*Do you know? The person behind the mask
OR is it that you think you no me
Counsellors, psychiatrists and therapists
What do they know?*

*You look at me I smile,
But deep down inside I cry
I laugh you assume im happy
But deep down inside im hurting*

*A broken heart, a wounded body
My emotions crushed
Yet, you see me smile
And it hurts so badly
And yet you think you know me?*

*In my mind, I scream MOTHER
WAKE UP! Smell the reality
I'm not who you want me to be..
I'm screaming inside
But you don't hear me
Alone and abandoned
So scared and confused
Only I know
You see the mask....*

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The impact of the project to date.....

Over the past three years 28 RDRD clients has successfully secured employment.

To date 29 young people have reached their goal of becoming drug free.

In the year 2002 10 young people of the 29 will graduate drug free with the project.

In the year 2001 we successfully secured 550,000 Euros for the purchase of a premises in the local area to house the Ringsend & District Response to Drugs.

In the year 2001 we have successfully secured funding from FAS to provide a daytime stabilisation project a project highlighted as a need in our Annual Report 2000.

RDRD is represented on the following...

South Inner City Drugs Task Force

City-Wide Family Network

Ringsend & Irishtown Monitoring Committee

Dodder Youth Service

S.I.C. Treatment/Rehabilitation

S.I.C. Education/Prevention

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