

**Ringsend & District Response to
Drugs**

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**Annual Report
2001**

**Graduation Event and Annual Report
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Chairperson's Introduction

The Ringsend & District Response to Drugs goes on to celebrate their sixth anniversary.



In the year 2001 significant changes took place that will seriously enhance the future services of RDRD.

The project Co-ordinator raised 550,000 euros to purchase a building in the local area in order to house the vital services we provide to the community. I take this opportunity to thank the Co-ordinator and project workers for their hard work through out the year.

To Dublin Port a very special thank you for your support which once again enables us to provide the graduation event for our clients.

On behalf of the management and staff we thank the community for the on going support to our project. To my management team I commend you for your time and commitment to the staff and project.

A special thank you to the Ringsend Action Project for all your support over the years and look forward to that on going support in the future.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank Minister Eoin Ryan for his support to our Project. Minister Eoin Ryan will also present awards to some of our clients whom have reached their goal of becoming drug free at the graduation event.

I look forward to meeting you all at the graduation event and congratulate those receiving awards.

Elizabeth Bissett

Co-ordinator Report

The annual report highlights a wide range of activities and achievement's.

To date the project has made applications to FAS, South Inner City Drug Task Force and Dublin Docklands Development Authority.



All applications to date have been successful, FAS has allocated funding to RDRD for a daytime recovery project. The South Inner City Task Force has allocated 450,000 euros and the Dublin Docklands Development Authority has allocated 100,000 euros for the purpose of buying a suitable premises to house our project.

We are now in the Southwestern Health Authority catchment area. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Doyle and his team in making the move as comfortable as possible for our project

Thanks to the support of FAS RDRD in the year 2002 will provide a daytime recovery Project. This project will provide to the participant's opportunities in enhancing their skills and training as well as offering a wide range of career options.

Congratulations to the participants receiving certificates on the night of the graduation. RDRD will continue to support you in your recovery.

To both the South Inner City Task Force and the Dublin Docklands we thank you for your commitment to our community in helping develop quality services.

To Minister Eoin Ryan, Ruari Quinn and Joe Grennell a very special thank you with out your support it would not be possible in obtaining the premises and funding for the project.

Finally I want to thank the project workers of RDRD Teresa Rooney, Paul Clancy, Michael Kelly, Ava Ward and to Dr Michael Ryan of the Satellite Clinic due to your hard work we will once again enjoy a successful graduation event.

Teresa Weafer

Ringsend & District Response to Drugs

Management Committee 2001

Chairperson/Director	Elizabeth Bissett
Vice Chair	Patsie Doolan
Secretary	Garda Kevin Byrne
Treasurer	Lisa Byrne
PRO	Daithi Doolan
Director	Tom Crilly
Member	Margaret Earley
Member	Dr. Michael Ryan
Member	P.P. Fr. Michael Coady

Staff Team of Ringsend & District Response To Drugs

Teresa Weafer	- Co-ordinator
Teresa Rooney	- Project Worker
Michael Kelly	- Project Worker
Ava Ward	- Project Worker
Paul Clancy	- Project Worker
Staff Support	- Lisa Byrne
	- Daithi Doolan

**Ringsend & District Response to Drugs.
Service Structure.**

Management Committee

Management Staff Liaison

Staff Project Team.

Client.

Assessment Team

Family Addict Support.

Referrals.

Satellite Clinic.

R.D.R.D. Programmes.

Coolmine/Marist Residential

G.P.

Day Programmes.

Cuan Dara.

Keltoi residential.

Buddy System.

Visits. Court Cases. G.P. Appointments. House Calls. Individual Care Plans.

Dublin Corporation.

Clover Hill Prison.

Mountjoy Prison.

Wheatfield Prison.

Charles St. Homeless Section.

Health Board Services

Other Agencies.

Ringsend Community Centre.

Ringsend Playgroup/Creche.

Services provided by RDRD

Family support group

Positive changes have taken place in the Family support group. The staff of RDRD recognise each member are at different stages. Some of the members through RDRD have moved on to computer courses, two members are doing their leaving cert. Two members did a piece of research on the health issues in Ringsend. The staff at the request of the family members organised workshops with the full participation of the group. Further information was sought and provided by the Ringsend Action Project around group needs and policy development. The group has grown from strength to strength they continue to support each other and new members coping with addiction in the home.



Addict support group

Similar to the Family group the addict support group has developed many significant changes. One member of the group through the support of RDRD made a successful application to Dublin Port for a scholarship Grant. This young man is now attending the Gaiety school of acting. In the year 2001 eight members in full time employment. Members of the group in full time employment has access to staff members both evening and weekends as part of their aftercare. The addict support group also attend music lessons on a weekly basis facilitated by RDRD along with many other continued recreational activities we provide.



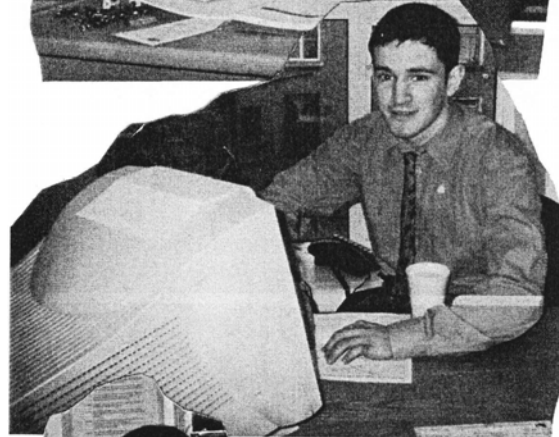
Buddy system

A staff member attends the relevant agencies/organisations along with the client if deemed suitable. The buddy system has proved to be very Successful over the year. Young people accessing the buddy system has most definitely increased their supports in their struggle to become drug free.



One to One support

It is recognised not every issue is deemed suitable for a group setting. The project offers a one to one Support to the service user. Both Family member and drug misuser has availed of this support.



After Care

Aftercare is open ended with the project. Attendance to the support groups available is a must as part of the aftercare process. One to one support is essential as part of the follow up on each client. This enables each staff member to know exactly where the client is in his/her recovery.



Advocacy

When deemed suitable a staff member attends clinics, court cases, solicitors appointments etc along with the client. The staff member were appropriate advocates on behalf of the client.

Career guidance

We have links with the local community Centre, St Andrews Resource, Ringsend Action Project and the Ringsend Training workshop. Clients can access for information and education in order to increase their employment opportunities.



Welfare rights

A staff member is available to provide Welfare rights information here in the Project to the client. We also access the welfare rights worker in St Andrews. Information such as diet allowance, Medical cards etc is available on request.

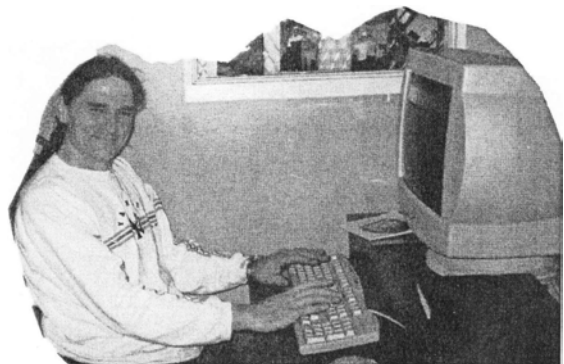
Client care plan

After initial assessment the client in conjunction with their project worker develops a client care plan to suit the client needs. Reachable targets are discussed and the plan is set out towards that target. A project worker is assigned to the clients through out the care plan.



Assessment and Treatment options

The assessment takes approximately two hours with three follow up appointments. General questions on the clients history is asked at this point. The young person is encouraged but not forced to have a family member as way of support. a number of treatment options is discussed with the client. Depending on where the client is at referrals may take place.



Referral Service

RDRD work very closely with Coolmine Lodge and the Ashleigh house. In 2001 Five males referred to Coolmine Lodge and two females to the Ashleigh house. Cunndara two males referred and one female. Beaumont hospital three males and one female.

Counselling

One to one counselling is accessed through Baggot street hospital and ELAH voluntary Counselling appointments are made from RDRD offices by the client themselves. The staff of RDRD Is currently training at IACT level. It is proposed for 2002 to have a counsellor as part of the RDRD team based in the new premises.

Weekends away

As highlighted in many of our reports the weekends away has become an essential part in our aftercare service. The weekends give both the staff and client time to reflect and evaluate outside of their environment. It has proved to be very successful with both the workers and support group members in building trust and respect for each other.

Activities

Another essential part of the aftercare process Is the activities we organise. As the clients would say having a buzz without the drug. Both staff and clients organise bowling days, horse Riding etc. The events are planned after the support group takes place and everyone is encouraged to take part. This has built up strong team support among the support group.

