

**Meeting 13: Tusla Offices, Southgate, Drogheda**

The HSE confirmed continuation of funding for the social worker and project worker posts in The Red Door project to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Talks to continue regarding sustainable funding for the additional resources in the Red Door.

Preparation for delivery of Needle Exchange facility in the Red Door and Drug Related Litter campaign by the North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NERDATF) continues. It is projected that these initiatives will be rolled out early in the New Year.

The NERDATF have submitted their proposal for a Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) lead to be based in Drogheda to the National DRIVE oversight group. They are engaging with the Recovery College regarding delivering a Community Dual Diagnosis model in Drogheda.

Members were informed that an additional €100,000 has been secured from dormant accounts for delivery of Drogheda Implementation Board activity in 2023. Mechanisms for ensuring dispersal of these funds that will have greatest impact for the community will be discussed at January meeting.

The recent All Island Community Safety Conference, co-organised by the Drogheda Implementation Board, and potential initiatives which could be replicated in Drogheda, were referenced by a number of members. Conference attendees from services operating in Drogheda have been invited to share projects that they identified which could work in the Drogheda context.

The success of the Information and Awareness event for Education Providers in the Drogheda area, held on 26<sup>th</sup> October and organised by the Policing and Drugs subgroup of the Board, was also highlighted with discussion as to how this could be expanded upon.

A community-based organisation has been appointed to deliver the Community Crime Impact Assessment in Drogheda.

Updates from the Employment, Business & Enterprise and Area/Community Development, Arts, Culture & Sports subgroups highlighted the breadth of work that is happening in the area. Several subgroup updates noted the success of the Lú Festival in Drogheda and in particular the positive on street engagement with the Community Policing Unit.

A request for support from Connect Family Resource Centre and Foróige regarding submission to IFI for extension of funding for their Turning Point and Footsteps programmes to December 2024 was considered and approved on the basis that it aligns to both the Scoping Report and a number of actions within the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan.

The Chair and Coordinator of the Drogheda Implementation Board continue to be available to meet with stakeholders. In the past few weeks they met with Louth County Council Chief Executive and Senior Management Team; Local Oireachtas members and joined the Joint meeting of Drogheda Borough and Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District members to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> Biannual Progress Report of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan which was published on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The timelag in publication of this Progress Report – which contained updates on delivery of Implementation Plan actions to the end of June 2022 – was noted. The importance of the next Progress Report being published in a timely fashion was reiterated by members.



Best wishes were conveyed to An Garda Síochána for both their Centenary celebrations and shortlisted nominations in the Drogheda & District Chamber North East Business Awards – both to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. LMETB were also wished well in the Best Not For Profit organisation category in the same awards.