

## **The Men's Development Network**

### **Programmes Nationally:**

- **The Men's Development Programme**
  - New Conversation with Men Training
  - Annual National Training and Development Summer School
  - Guidelines and listening skills for group work
- **The Men's Health Programme**
  - Health training programmes
  - National Men's Health Policy Implementation
  - Being male
- **MEND – South East Domestic Violence Intervention Programme**
  - Safety women/children
  - Changing men's abusive/violent behavior
  - Co-ordinated community response
- **Men's Development Training and Education**
  - Training programmes
  - Social, Personal and Health Education
  - Community education and development

## **MDN Nationally Continued...**

- **Work with Targeted Groups**
  - Men who experience unemployment, disadvantage and marginalisation
  - Traveller men
  - Refugee and Asylum Seekers
- **The Network of Volunteers**
  - Maintaining directory of volunteers and representatives
  - MDN supporting the volunteer work
  - Representing and co-facilitating at MDN Events
- **Delivery of Men's Counselling**
  - Accessing men through outreach work
  - Counselling and support for relationships and bereavement
  - Creating a safe place to talk
- **Research and Evaluation**
  - National Men's Health Policy
  - Traveller Men's Development Programme
  - Community Development Projects and Family Resource Centres nationwide
- **Books, Information Booklets and Training Manuals**



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## The Mission statement of The Men's Development Network

**"Better lives for men, Better lives for all"**

### Background

#### **The Men's Development Network Nationally:**

The MDN is a developmental and consultative organisation that works locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Nationally the MDN connects with our voluntary representatives across Ireland, actively engaging these men to engage with men and develop support networks to promote Leadership Towards Activation for men who are unemployed.

The foundation for this work was established through The Men's Development Network Annual National Men's Training and Development Summer School which it has run for over fifteen years. It became evident at these events, that members wanted to have more involvement, more ongoing support and their opportunities enhanced to work with marginalised, unemployed and impoverished men in their own areas.

The National Men's Development Network has grown out of this event as has the work of our other projects. These projects are, The Men's Development Programme, The Men's Health Programme, The Domestic Violence Intervention Programme, Men's Counselling, Research and Traveller Men's work, all of this work feeds into and informs the work of the whole organisation so that the benefits are spread across all of our programmes.

### Aims and Objectives

- Coordinate a representative body of men, working developmentally with men throughout the country.
- Support those men individually and collectively to engage with the statutory and the community and voluntary agencies.
- Build alliances nationally with Government Departments and relevant agencies i.e. LDC's, Local Employment Services, Family Resource Centers etc.
- Develop methodologies for engaging the men and agencies throughout the country i.e. Dole Queue Questionnaire, Men's Developmental Support Networks Nationally towards Leadership and Activation for men who are unemployed, disadvantaged and marginalised.
- Disseminate the emerging learning and development of this initiative through the MDN National Training Programme ' A New Conversion With Men ' and furnishing reports to key agencies and Government Departments.
- Regularly review and evaluate the skills of the men we engage with so that we ensure the capacity of the Network to role out the MDN Leadership Towards Activation Programme Nationally through ongoing training and development.

The Men's Development Network Nationally actively develops collaboration with key players across Government Departments and the statutory and the Community and Voluntary Sector with regard to promoting and developing this important work.

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