

## **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**



### **The Men's Development Network's Training and Education Programmes**

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# The Men's Development Network's Education and Training Programme

**Training and Education is provided by the Men's Development Network in a number of different ways:**

## **Training**

- Working With Men Training Programme.
- Leadership Towards Activation for Unemployed Men.
- Options and Choices Programme for Unemployed Men.
- Men's Health Training (see Men's Health Programme).
- Domestic Violence Intervention training (see MEND Programme).
- Traveller Men's Development Training
- The Annual National Men's Training and Development Summer School.

## **Education**

- MDN's schools programmes for boys and young men.
- Developing best practice models for engaging boys and young men in Social Personal and Health Education.
- The MDN's Men's Education Project.

## **Training**

Training needs are based on the evidence that results from research, surveys, audits and evaluations done by MDN with the men, groups and organisations we encounter in our work. The key pieces of work that have led directly to training programmes being initiated are:

- MDN's Dole Queue Questionnaire identifying unemployed men and women's situations and needs.
- MDN's audit of men's engagement with Family Resource Centres (FRCs) and Community Development Projects (CDPs).
- The National Men's Health Policy.
- The South East Domestic Violence Intervention Programme (SEDVIP) coordination.
- MDN's survey of Traveller men's needs.

## **Working with Men (WWM) covers:**

- Engaging with Men; Identifying men's needs; Men's Development Groups; Men's Health.

## **It also explores questions such as:**

What do men want?; What do men need?; Why do men not engage?; How do we get men to come in?; What do we know about men?; What is it like to work with men?; Why are men so different?

## **Men's Education Project (MEP)**

MDN's Men's Education Project target group is men who want to engage with education at any level and particularly those who are disadvantaged by unemployment, isolation, marginalisation compounded by poverty, negative school experiences and male gender conditioning. The MDN's Men's Education Project was supported by funding under the Education Equality Initiative from the Department of Education and Science from 2000-2003. MDN continues to support men who want to complete, continue or increase their education through our Men's Development Programme. MDN's membership of AONTAS and other services assists us in this. MDN has identified four essential areas in this work: pre-development, returning to education, on-going support and awareness-raising.

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