

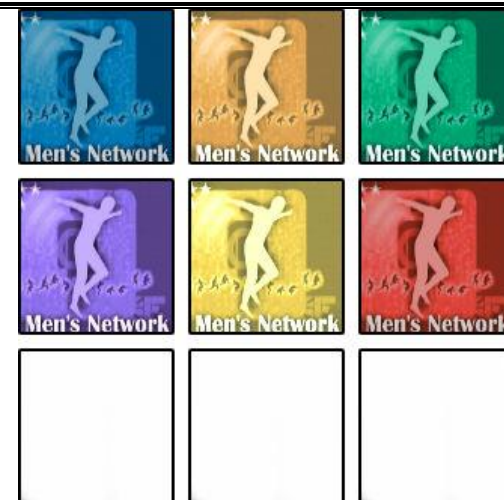
The Men's Development Network

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 Men's Development Network: A Multi- Functional Organisation.

The Men's Development Network (MDN) is a developmental and consultative organization that works locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The functions and outcomes of the MDN's work feed into, inform and benefit each of these levels of engagement.

Context

In the early nineteen nineties men working in the social care field; probation, youth work, addictions, academia and health, came together to discuss what was rapidly becoming a crisis. They realised that there were no initiatives to work with men on their own development. This was having a negative impact on men and their families in particular, but also across many broad professional fields of social care. It was decided to organize development programmes for men to address these issues. The recession since 2008 has exacerbated this crisis for men.

Along with our overall aim to work with men towards achieving beneficial change the Men's Development Network does specific work on issues that have been identified as needing particular attention including:

- National men's development programmes and training funded by Department of Environment, Community, and Local Government (DECLG) facilitating men's development and leadership.
- Implementing the National Men's Health Policy (NMHP) nationally in partnership with the Health Promotion Unit (HPU) of the Department of Health (DOH and the Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Co-ordinating the MEND Domestic Violence Intervention Programmes funded by Cosc and the Department Justice & Equality (DJE)
- Activation programmes for men who are dealing with the effects of unemployment funded by the Department of Social Protection.
- Providing counseling and support on an individual and group basis funded by the Family Support Agency (FSA) and the Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA)
- Organising 40 volunteer representatives across Ireland that carry the networking function in their counties funded by the Dormant Account Fund (DAF).
- Maintaining and supporting a nationwide membership of 450 individuals and groups.
- Promoting academic discourse on men in partnership with the Department of Education & Skills (DES).
- Providing educational programmes for teachers, boys and young men in education at 2nd and 3rd level and links to other parallel programmes funded by the HSE.
- Developing modules for Social Personal & Health Education (SPHE) funded by the HSE.
- Making alliances with other organizations that are working towards the improvement of peoples' lives.
- Promoting awareness raising campaigns funded by Cosc.
- Representing men's development work in Ireland at E.U. level
- Informing research on men and men's lives in Ireland and in the E.U. and accession states.
- Establishing and maintaining relationships at international level with the main movers on men's issues.
- Preparing publications on men and ways of working with men.

Our Mission Statement **“Better lives for men, Better lives for all”** informs the progressive, changing effect of our work on men, their families, communities and society.