

# H.O.P.E. Annual Report 2017



Reg Charity No. 20079840

Helping Dublin's North Inner City Find Recovery from Addiction since 2003

# Our Mission Statement

- ◆ To offer those who are suffering with addiction an opportunity to become addiction free.
- ◆ To support families who have been harmed by the effects of addiction.
- ◆ Through education/prevention programmes to facilitate young people and adults in the area to remain free from substance abuse.
- ◆ To provide advocacy to help achieve an improved lifestyle through education, employment, better housing and health care.

## **Forward by Michael Stone, Chair of the NEIC**

I want to thank the staff of H.O.P.E. for the inspiring work they undertake on a daily basis in assisting people to escape from the grip of addiction. I have personally witnessed the support provided by the team, both for the individual in the clutches of addiction and their family who suffer due to the circumstances. This work is undertaken with great compassion and empathy.

Since taking on the role of Chair of the North East Inner City Programme Implementation Board, I have met with the team in H.O.P.E. on a number of occasions and been introduced to a number of people who have benefitted from the support of the service.

They have subsequently overcome their problems with addiction and are now actively engaged in education and training programmes to improve their skills and knowledge which will enable them to avail of the employment opportunities that are on offer in the area.



The H.O.P.E. festival was a very memorable for all those who participated and the staff's involvement in the Monto festival also added great character and colour to that occasion. All the team deserve great credit for the effort that they put into these events.

To Irene, Joe, Alison, Carmel, Elaine and David thank you so much for all the work you have done for the people of the North East Inner City.

You have empowered many people to beat addiction and assisted them to move on with their lives and realise their potential.

## H.O.P.E.'s Services

**H.O.P.E. Hands on Peer Education (H.O.P.E.)** is a unique service. We are proud to be an integral part of the North Inner City community. We are a small charity and offer our services free of charge, with no waiting lists to individuals affected by addiction. We were established in 2002 and work out of a small premises in Killarney Court. We are funded by the HSE through the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

**Addiction Services:** We believe that for people suffering with chronic addiction, finding recovery through an abstinence based lifestyle provides the greatest improvement in quality of life for the individual, their family, and community. We believe anyone can attain this with the right supports. We work with people to help them achieve their goals. We offer assessment, care planning, building interagency links, helping access medically supervised detox, residential and day programmes etc. Our senior project worker is Joe Dowling, assisted by project worker Alison Gray and placements and volunteers.

**Advocacy Services:** Alison Gray, our Project Worker, supports our clients through a range of issues such as entitlements, housing, crèche places as well as accessing further education and employment. She has developed this excellent service over the years which affords our clients the dignity and respect they deserve.

**Family Support:** Many members of this community are affected by addiction, this might be by living with someone in active addiction, bereavement, or by having in their care the children of active addicts. Joe Dowling has been providing family support for many years and has been by their sides helping them cope.

**Education:** We have developed and delivered a range of training programmes. We also support members of this community who wish to return to education, which we believe is a big part of ongoing recovery.

**Holistics:** Two afternoons a week we offer holistic therapies. These include acupuncture, reflexology and massages. We offer these to our clients who are detoxing, going through a difficulty, and to their family members dealing with stress.

**Counselling:** One afternoon a week we offer a counselling service to our clients in need.

## Client Work by the Numbers

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	<b>2017</b>
Client Visits	1,344	2,005	2,208	2,157	2,180	1,690	1,599	<b>1,934</b>
Clients (not including trainings)	252	287	366	396	421	431	355	<b>417 plus 198 for HOPE trainings</b>
Drug or Other Addiction	129	115	166	180	177	159	130	<b>160</b>
Alcohol Addiction	42	45	47	56	63	38	29	<b>29</b>
<b>Became addiction free in 2017</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>
Family Issues	52	85	86	96	75	69	46	<b>60</b>
Advocacy and Other Issues	29	42	67	68	106	141	150	<b>151</b>
Project Funding (Euros)	165,831	156,171	153,048	149,200	145,000	145,000	145,000	<b>145,000</b>

## One Client's Experience in 2017

I grew up in the flats in town, there was a good sense of community and I have some great memories. I used to love Halloween with the bonfire and big gathering of everyone. I grew up with a good family full of support. My mother was always there for me she never turned her back on me, she was the back bone of the family. I played with boys more than girls, and at the age of 7 I started to play football and I really liked it - up until the age of 13 or 14 that is when I started to play eleven asides. We would go to the pub after the games with the senior teams and that is where I started drinking. We would travel throughout the country and there would always be a drinks after the game.

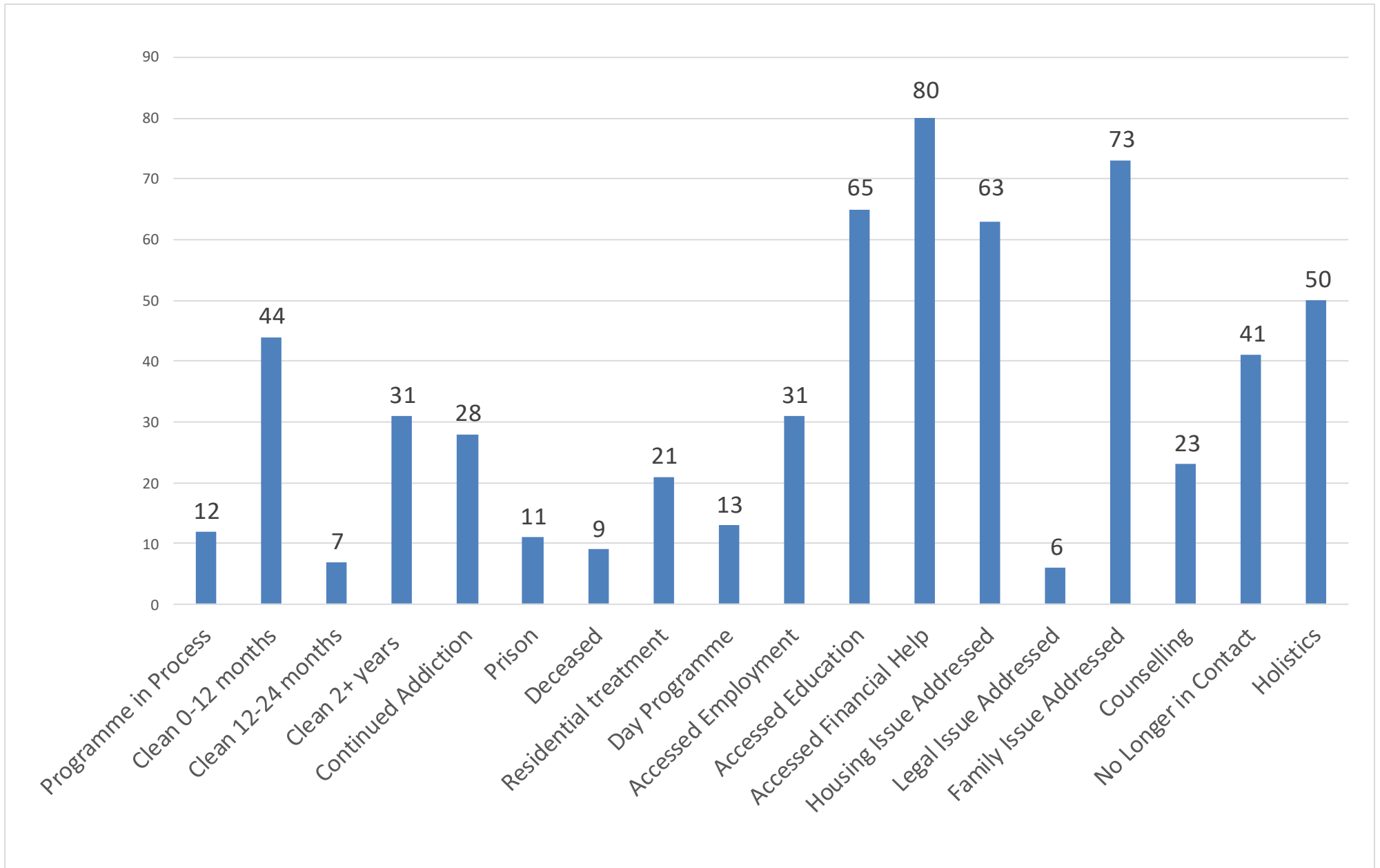
I met my first partner and had my first baby. At the age of 17 I began getting into hard drugs like E and sleeping tablets. I found a methadone clinic at the age of 18 and was on it for many years. I had gotten an illness from my drug using and I will be on treatment for the rest of my life for it. Through my using I had no concern for other people not even my children. I got clean 8 years ago but the loss of my partner knocked me back and I relapsed for the next 4 years. I went back into treatment for 4 months. I then met my second partner and have two boys for him. After my second boy I had another relapse, and I spent a few years back out using.

I start coming into H.O.P.E. since it opened in 2004. They have been a great support to me even when I was using they could see something in me. They helped me get into treatment 10 years ago and 4 months ago again they helped me get into another treatment center. I have been clean since and they have supported me throughout my process and have always been there when needed. I call into H.O.P.E. on a regular basis and receive acupuncture and massages there to help deal with the treatment I am on. Also, I have started a treatment for my liver problems that I contracted through my drug use. The treatment will last 12 weeks and help my liver heal. Today I am in a day programme, Soilse, and I go to 12-step recovery meetings every day.

I am able to start loving my children more and not running away as I have done throughout their lives. I am hoping I can go back and start teaching children's football. This is what recovery has given me and I want to give back to my community as well. There were times when I would be at home thinking there is no way out from this disease. I am happy to say today I have hope and that I found a way to benefit myself and my family and to repay them for all those years of addiction. I am really hoping to continue this journey, it is the best I have felt in a long time. If anyone out there is looking for help or a new way of life there is hope in recovery, and H.O.P.E. have their doors open. What recovery has given me so far is the ability to raise my 3 kids - it has been a struggle to take care of myself and them at times but I wouldn't change it for the world. The love I have for them is priceless, it is a new way of life for us all.

Like they say life begins at 40!

# Client Outcomes as of December 31, 2017



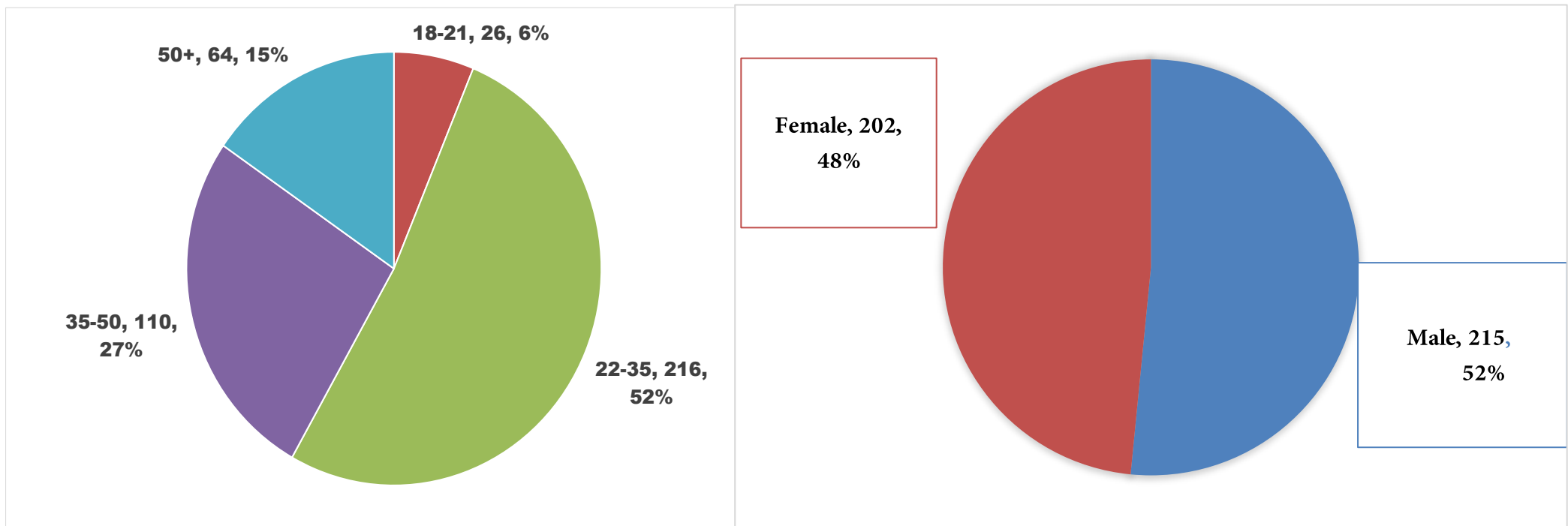
# Our Client Profile

For our clients with addiction issues our remit is over 18's. We worked with 29 individuals for alcohol, 156 individuals for drug, and 4 individuals with gambling addictions. We worked with 60 individuals regarding family issues.

When clients who are under 18 present to us with addiction issues, after an initial assessment with a family member, we refer them on to an appropriate service.

Below are our figures by age range and gender.

Outside of the figures illustrated in the graph, **198 people participated in H.O.P.E. educational sessions.** We run our trainings for youth and adults. This year 158 people were under 18 and 40 people were over 18.



# Empowerment through Education and Employment

**Alison Gray Project Worker:** I left school with a junior cert and struggled to find employment. As an adult I achieved a diploma from UCD in Drug and Alcohol Intervention Skills and a certificate in Addiction Studies from Maynooth. I also trained as a Holistic Therapist. I started in H.O.P.E. as a volunteer, then on a CE scheme. I was then employed as Office Support, promoted to Advocacy Worker, then Project Worker. I am a single mother with three children and I believe that the fact I am working has had a knock on effect on them—my daughter Brooke is currently under 12s All Ireland Lyrical Dance Champion and was on the Late Late Toy Show at Christmas and my son Garreth plays for Belvedere premier under 15's football and he won Club Man of the Year.

I love helping others from this community reach their goals. Many of our clients are early school leavers whose parents cannot read or write. We are helping to change this for the next generation. Many of our clients wish to go on to 3rd level education. I help them apply for funding, grants and find the right courses for them. In 2017, I helped 65 clients return to education, as far as Level 9. They are the future youth workers, social workers, nurses, engineers and educators in this community. For employment, we refer the clients to the local employment centre and the Larkin Centre, who help in the search for jobs and preparing for interviews. We alert our clients when jobs become available and gather information on trainings and grants for qualifications such as Safe Pass. In 2017 **44 of our clients found full time employment.**

I also provide a range of advocacy services such as helping people understand their entitlements, fill out forms, referrals to health care, homeless services and DCC, finding crèche places, and accessing mental health and legal services.

## H.O.P.E. Trainings

**Irene Crawley, Manager :** Over the years I developed a range of education and training programmes on addiction, health issues, and peer education. Due to lack of staff and funding and high demands on my time, I only ran trainings by request in 2017. My hope is to get another staff member in 2018 and return to previous levels of community training. **I provided training for 198 individuals this year:**

- ◇ Trinity College GP training in March, and had 25 students here learning about addiction.
- ◇ Two addiction education sessions with transition and 5th years, Mount Carmel girls school. There were 80 students.
- ◇ Addiction education sessions with transitions year boys from St. Joseph's in Fairview. There were 70 students.
- ◇ Addiction education with boys in East Wall youth club, 8 boys.
- ◇ We had a group of 15 nursing students again this year from San Jose, California, learning about addiction in Ireland.



## Mentoring young stars: CE placements, Students and Volunteers

Through the years our many student placements, volunteers and employment scheme workers have gotten a great front line experience in our office and most have gone on to find meaningful employment. In 2017 our student placements were **Jamie Murphy, Shauna Byrne, Karen Mooney and John O'Donohue. Connie Murphy** volunteers one day a week assisting the project workers. She has been a great addition to our team. We run a number of events and these would not be possible without the help of volunteers. To name a few who help us again and again, we give a big THANK YOU to **Terry Fagan, Elaine Hiliard, Elsie Campion, John O'Hare, Marilyn Molloy, Shamie Rooney, Paula O'Connor, Celine Gifford, Shauna Byrne, Sandra Byrne, "Lolo" Brennan, Gerard O'Neill, Sandra Burke, Michael Burke and Urban Soul.**

H.O.P.E. has a CE placement and for the last two years it has been **David "IT Guy" Brown.** Here is his experience in his own words:

For the last two years I've been working in H.O.P.E. on a Community Employment (CE) scheme. Most people seem to have a negative attitude towards the scheme, but for me, it has been a fantastic experience. The most significant aspect of my participation in the scheme has been the experience itself. After graduating from DCU in 2013 with only a couple years full-time job experience, getting back into the full-time workforce was difficult. After a recommendation from a friend, I had a look on Active Link and found a role that I thought was wrote for me specifically. The tender was for an IT admin to support the staff and maintain the equipment and social media. Initially, I thought that a CE scheme might not be worth it, but I needed experience so I said – go for it! This is probably the best decision I've made because I never would experienced what followed. I was able to practice and upskill in the following areas: maintaining client database, assisting with event planning, maternity cover financial administration, communications management i.e. promoting our work, media coverage, and press releases, IT management i.e. maintaining the computer systems, security of data, social media and website management.

I felt really good about my work and how I have been able to facilitate H.O.P.E.'s community service by supporting the staff for the last two years. The greatest lesson for me was the staff and the powerful example of successful teamwork and interagency cooperation.

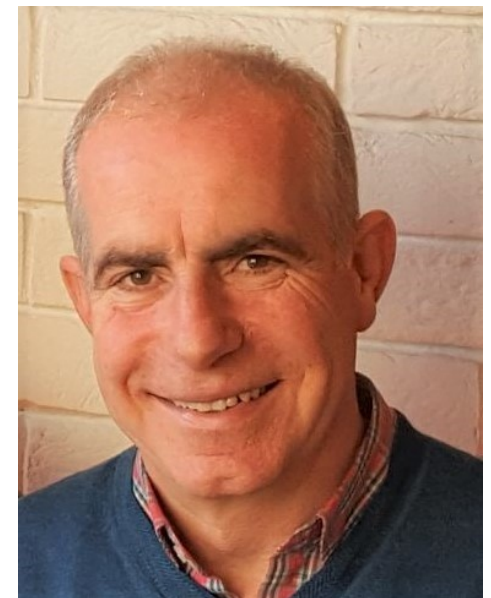
I believe the strongest lesson I have learned is the art of diplomacy, when to use it and when to take decisive action. This organisation's team will always be my benchmark when it comes to future work. Now that my time on the CE scheme has come to an end it is time for me to allow someone else the opportunity to grow and learn from this amazing project.



## Our Holistic Service

We gratefully acknowledge the additional funding received by both the North East Inner City (**NEIC**) initiative, and the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force (**NICDATF**) which enabled us to reinstate our holistic service for our clients. H.O.P.E. had run a very productive holistic service for five years, but we had to discontinue it due to budget cuts in the recession. The service has three strands. One afternoon counsellor **Paul Flannery** works with our clients experiencing bereavement, stress, anxiety, poor coping skills and self esteem issues. Another afternoon **Alison Gray** practices auricular acupuncture. This is great for clients going through detox to get drug free, or experiencing physical or mental health issues. Another afternoon **John Hanamy** practices holistic massage which includes hot stone massage, Indian head massage and reflexology. These are excellent for stress relief and enhanced well being.

These services are unique in this community and a huge help to our clients who are either trying to get clean, in early recovery, families affected by a loved one's addiction, or dealing with other painful personal issues. At the moment this is all run out of our tiny back room, but we hope in 2018 to get more space, and more funding, to carry out this service.



From Left: Alison Gray (Acupuncture), John Hanamy (Holistic Massage) and Paul Flannery (Counsellor)

## Community Generosity 2017

Our base funding comes from the HSE, through the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, and we gratefully acknowledge their on going support of our project. Due to budget cuts over the last few years, our allocated funding covers only the daily running of the office. We need to fundraise for anything additional. Because of grant aid, individual and group's generosity, we were able to run our programmes. These include trainings, staff trainings, our counselling and holistic service. We were able to run all our events and get some much needed office equipment. We also were able to help clients with respite, food and clothing vouchers, and toys for their kids.

We thank the following organisation in alphabetical order:

**Anonymous Donation through the Community Foundation of Ireland;  
Croke Park Community Fund; Dublin City Council and the NEIC,  
Impact Grant; Lion's Club; Lord Mayor's Coal Fund; Luas Cross City; Rotary Club.**



Also the following individuals raised funds for H.O.P.E. in 2017:

**Danny J Cummins and Tom O'Connor (right), also Mel Mcloughlin and David Dunne (not pictured)** raised much need funds to help our clients at Christmas.

Left: Irene with **Julianne Savage** of the Croke Park Community Fund.

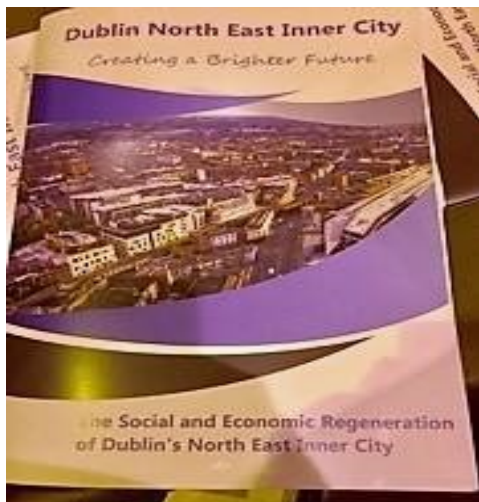
**Niall Byrnes** from DCC thanks for all the flowers! **Steven Ducie** for the food parcels for the clients, thank You!



# Creating a Brighter Future

Following an increase in open drug dealing, crime, and gang related murders, and years of neglect, the community mobilised and in June 2016 the North Inner City Community Coalition (NICCC) was established. This is a body made up of local residents, workers, public representatives and is open to all interested parties. We divided into nine subgroups covering key areas, and put together a comprehensive report that outlined the major issues and suggested actions to address these. Each subgroup had a chair, six convenors were then elected, including myself, to represent the group. The Convenors then took our comprehensive document or “NICCC submission” and met with the heads of each political party and got their support. We met with the then Taoiseach Enda Kenny and his cabinet on a number of occasions, and he visited the H.O.P.E. office and North Inner City many times, and gave his commitment to implement major changes.

Kieran Mulvey was then appointed by the Government to compile a report of his own - “Creating a Brighter Future” which was launched in February 2017. Following on from this, as promised by Enda Kenny and Paschal Donohoe, in July 2016, the Government launched a major initiative to oversee the long-term social and economic regeneration of the area and to implement the 54 key actions as laid out in the Mulvey report. The body was established in June 2017 and is called the North East Inner City (NEIC). It is based in DCC office on Sean McDermott Street. The steering committee is the Programme Implementation board (PIB) independently chaired by Michael Stone. Currently two NICCC convenors serve as community reps, myself and Fergus McCabe. The PIB consists of key Government departments and agencies who have statutory responsibility for delivery of key services and accountability for the expenditure of funds related to priority areas in the North East Inner City project. The Board oversees the development of a detailed project plan, programme implementation and report progress on implementation. The progress can be seen at the website [www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie)



It is essential for us that the community stay involved in this process. The Mulvey report's 54 actions, although all positive, do not address all of the issues in the NIC, there are major gaps around addiction and housing. However, I can say that my experience is that this body has shown enormous goodwill and openness, and I do believe that we are on track to create a brighter future for the generations to come in the North Inner City. To keep up to date or join the NICCC email me on [management@hopehandson.com](mailto:management@hopehandson.com) and you can be added to our mailing list or friend our Facebook page North Inner City Community Coalition.

Irene Crawley, Manager, H.O.P.E.



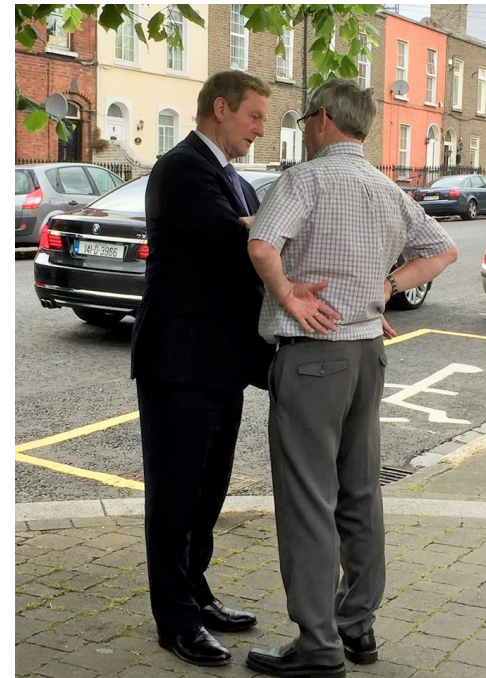
Top left: the North Inner City Community Coalition.



Top right: Former **Taoiseach Enda Kenny** visited H.O.P.E. at Christmas to see what progress had been made.



Bottom left: Some members of the PIB (L-R) **Fergal O'Rourke, Fergus McCabe, Brendan Kenny, Michael Stone, Denis Breen, Connor Rowley and Irene Crawley.**



Bottom right: **Enda Kenny's** last act as Taoiseach was to stop by H.O.P.E. He came from the Dáil, and here he has a last word with Joe Dowling before driving to Áras an Uachtaráin to give President Higgins his official resignation.

# BLOOMSDAY IN THE MONTO

A fantastic day was had by all bringing Joyce back to the North Inner City. The event was organised jointly by H.O.P.E. and the North Inner City Folklore Project with the generous help of many volunteers. We combined the traditional ‘Madame of the Monto Wedding’, with scenes from the ‘Night-Town’ chapter in James Joyce’s Ulysses. First and foremost, I would like to offer a big thank you from myself to Terry Fagan, it was a pleasure to work with you, as always.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Former Lord Mayor **Christy Burke** and his beautiful “bride” **Connie Murphy**. **The Rough Diamond Players** troupe of actors gave great performances of scenes leading up to the ‘Night-Town’ chapter. **Dublin City Council** provided support; a stage, gazebos, tables and chairs. **Anto Kelly of Kelly’s Carriages** graciously donated his time to pick up the bridal party and deliver them to the wedding. The **community Garda** from Store Street and Fitzgibbons Street were on hand to support the event. **Conor O’Mearáin** was our professional photographer and did an excellent job capturing the festivities. **Susan Porter** spent several weeks tirelessly browsing charity shops for the great costumes. **Elaine Hilliard** did the hair for all the ladies who looked wonderful. **Glenda Guilfoyle** came along with her mobile costume unit, which was great fun. **Gerard O’Neill** volunteered his DJing skills which added greatly to the atmosphere of the day. Delicious sandwiches were provided by **George O’Brien**. **Carmel Cosgrove and Theresa Brady** from our Management committee volunteered their services and serving our refreshments and helping out for the whole day. In their fantastic costumes were **Sandra Byrne, Shauna Byrne, Megan McEvoy, Bart Hoppenbrouwers (thank you for the photographs too), Michael Burke, Paula O’Connor, Celine Gifford, and Marilyn Molloy**.

All of our staff pitched in for weeks of preparation, David Brown and Alison Gray were a huge help - Alison also did the make-up and David organised all the promotion. Thanks to “Father” Joe Dowling who was hilarious as usual. I thank IMPACT for giving a grant towards the running of this event. We would also like to thank our local public representatives **Maureen O’Sullivan TD (Independent), Councillor Ciarán Cuffe (Green Party) and Mary Fitzpatrick (Fianna Fáil) for coming along**.

As well, we would like to thank the Irish Times for covering the event in three articles online, Live Images of Bloomsday, a video-clip of the event & a write-up on Friday 16th June and an amazing half page spread in the Saturday 17th June print edition. Finally, a big thanks to everyone for coming along! We hope next year to make the event bigger and better, with lots of community engagement.

**Irene Crawley, H.O.P.E. Manager**



**Mick Rafferty and Brian McCormack of the Rough Diamond Players**



Groom **Cllr. Christy Burke**, Bride **Connie Murphy** and Father **Joe** rocking the boat.

Bottom left: H.O.P.E. Manager **Irene Crawley**

Bottom centre: **Mary Fitzpatrick**, **Fianna Fáil** and **Trina O'Connor** of the **NCCCAP**

Bottom: Right: **Danielle and Georgia McKenna** with community **Garda**.



## The Madames of the Monto





## North Inner City Folklore Project

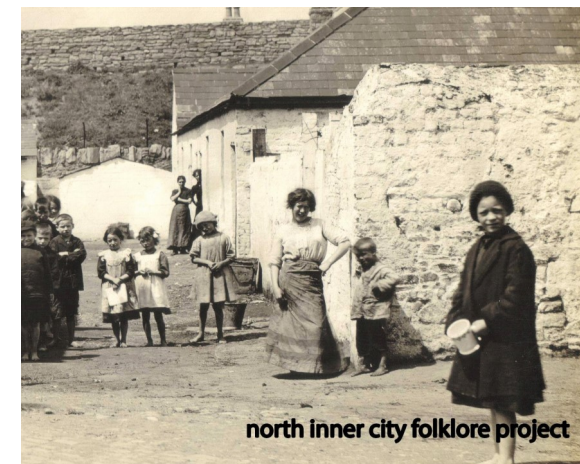
H.O.P.E. is a supporter of the North Inner City Folklore project and over the years we have participated in many events with Terry Fagan, local historian and coordinator. The North Inner City Folklore Project was set up to document peoples' memories of life in Dublin's North Inner City from the 1900s up to the present day. Terry Fagan has collected a large archive of recordings, photographs and artefacts from tenement life. Today, Terry gives walking tours around the area detailing subjects from Dublin tenement life and those unique to the area such as scenes from Ulysses, the Monto red light district, events of the 1913 lock out, 1916 Easter rising, and Matt Talbot.



Terry has had support from many over the years, but it was the interest of **Enda Kenny and Paschal Donohue** which led to the setting up of the new NEIC housed in DCC on Sean McDermott street. They allocated the funding to source a premises located at Unit 1A Railway Street (Left). The project is currently being archived and outfitted. A new management committee has been set up consisting of **Irene Crawley** (Chair) H.O.P.E. Manager, Councillor **Nial Ring** (Treasurer), **Bernie Pierce** from Lourdes Day Care Centre (Secretary), **Theresa Brady** and also on H.O.P.E.'s Management, **Rhona O'Connell** and **Ursula Donnellan** of the NEIC.

We look forward to launching the Folklore museum over the coming year. We think it is wonderful to keep the history of this fantastic community alive for generations to come, and value the work that Terry does. This museum will bring footfall to the community and really be a proud achievement.

**Terry is currently taking bookings for his walking tours which are very entertaining and educational. To book individually or in groups, please contact Terry on 087-9210673, email: [folklore@eircom.net](mailto:folklore@eircom.net), or friend him on Facebook: Monto Walking Tours.**



## H.O.P.E. Fest sponsored by Croke Park Community Fund

In August H.O.P.E.'s 2nd annual street party was a great success. The sun was out, the food was delicious, and everyone had a wonderful time.

*“There are about 75 children, most in the toddler to young teen age bracket, shepherded by about 20 volunteers in high-vis vests. The children spring through an elongated bouncy castle, have their faces painted, play hopscotch, generally mess about and have a good feed of chips and burgers and nuggets and curry sauce and fizzy drink.”*

Peter Murtagh, Irish Times, 9th August.

Everything was free of charge, and 300 meals were provided by **Circuit Catering's Burger Deli** which was second to none.



The youth group, **Urban Soul**, were amazing. They brought the bouncy castle, obstacle course and many volunteers. They manned the obstacle course, painted faces and played basketball, hopscotch and hula-hoop games with the children. **Magic Martha** delivered her show to the delight of the small children. **Gerard O'Neil** donated his DJ equipment and skills and a number of community members took part with singing and dancing.

This was a great day for the community and was made possible by the help of so many. I want to thank **Julianne Savage of Croke Park Community Fund** who has been amazing over the years. We had huge support from **Cluid Housing** and **Dublin City Council**.

I would like to thank **Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D.**, for his many years of support to our project, and **Cllr. Christy Burke, Cllr. Nial Ring, Karl Mitchell** and the staff at **NEIC** for coming down. Community residents from all backgrounds and cultures came along and the kids had a great time playing together. We plan to make H.O.P.E. Fest an annual event.



Top left: **Tony Dunleavy, Joe, Paschal Donohoe TD, and Irene.**

Middle top and bottom left: **Children from the area.**

Top right: **Magic Marta.**

Bottom Right: **Cllr. Christy Burke, Susan Mangan and Millie, Cllr. Nial Ring, and Donal Barron of DCC.**

## Out on the Streets



Above left: H.O.P.E. supports the Magdalene women.

Above Right: **Joe Dowling** and **Terry Fagan** were the first to ride the Luas Cross city. Podcasts of the radio interview are on our website.

Left: **Joe, Mel Mcloughlin** and **Terry** on the bucket collection.

Right: We were very proud of Brooke, daughter of our Alison and Brook's friend Amber, from **Francesca Arkin's Stage School**, who appeared on the Late Late Toy Show, Christmas 2017.



# Christmas 2017

## Christmas Tree Lighting

For the 21st year the North Inner City Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held at the HOME monument. It is a symbol of hope in this community and a commemoration to all those who lost their lives to addiction.

Below: Joe and **Betty Roach**



## Giving Back

This year we collected hampers, toys and vouchers to those in need thanks to the community generosity. **Danny Cummins** for the second year in a row ran the Drop in the Box, a sleep out (right) and a bucket collection in the ILAC centre. On the evening of December 22nd, a group hit the streets and delivered the shoe box donations collected by **Inner City Helping Homeless and Danny**.



## Annual Christmas Lunch

Over 100 clients, staff, supporters and children celebrated together with a great meal, sing song, and Santy. As always, it was held at the **Ripley Court Hotel**, thanks to **Austin Kelly**, owner. Austin also made a wonderful contribution of Hampers to the clients of H.O.P.E.

Right: **Jake, Libby and Brooke** with Santy.



Below: Many Thanks to **Sinéad Rooney and Mark Cusack of A&L Goodbody** for doing pro bono work for us. They did all of the paper work to bring us up to date with the Companies Act.

We appreciate the corporate sponsorship and involvement of many companies in the Docklands.



### **North Inner City Older People**

**Joe Dowling and Tony Dunleavy** have run, on a voluntary basis, outings for the last 40 years for the elderly in this community.

This June 150 people descended on the Waterside Hotel in Donabate for a fantastic night out.

They would like to thank sponsors **NEIC**, especially **Karl Mitchell, Ursula Donnellan, Michael O'Riordan, and Mick Stone.**

**Paschal Donohoe and Ray McAdam** have always been great supporters of the event.

**Upper Left: Tony, the late Mary McCann, former Lord Mayor Emer Costello, and the late Paddy Behan** who was a long term great supporter of the group.

**Left: Councillor Ray McAdam with Chrissie Hickey and Mary Gavin** at the North Inner City Older People's outing in June.



## Last words from H.O.P.E.'s Manager

It has been another year in H.O.P.E. where we have accomplished much, with very little, thanks to the hard work and goodwill of so many. It has been a privilege to manage this project and work in Dublin's North Inner City, a fantastic community. The dedication to making this community, and this world, a better place has driven our work. We have a fantastic team, and I would like to extend my appreciation to the following:

Our voluntary Board of Management for the many years of support and guidance and the time they have given up to help run H.O.P.E. Three of our current management committee are founding members, Carmel Cosgrave, Angela Hart, and Theresa Brady. Also with us for many years are Yvonne Bambury, Kevin Murray, Catherine O'Connor, and Martin Cooke. Our wonderful staff: Senior project worker Joe Dowling, Project Worker Alison Gray and "IT Guy" David Brown. Client Work Volunteer Connie Murphy; Counsellor Paul Flannery; Holistic Therapies: John Hanamy and Alison Gray. Interns 2017: Jamie Murphy, Shauna Byrne, Karen Mooney, John Donohue

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*Irene Crawley, Manager*

**Photo front page:** Staff, Management Committee, Volunteers and friends at Bloomsday in the Monto

**Photo back page:** H.O.P.E. Christmas Party 2017. Pictured left to right: Connie Murphy, Theresa Brady, Elaine Hilliard, Carmel Cosgrove, Kevin Murray, Irene Crawley, Alison Gray, Martin Cooke, Joe Dowling, David Brown.



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