

Activity of Men's Development Network

Aims and objectives

The MDN is a developmental and consultative organisation that works on four levels; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. MDN works with men living with the consequences of marginalisation in a variety of community-based settings. It works with men to support them to address their health needs, also with men who are violent in their relationships to effect change in their behaviour. MDN works with men to support them to come out of isolation into Men's Development Groups where they can identify and address the issues impacting on themselves, their families and their community. MDN works with men in marginalised communities - Traveller Men, Refugee & Male Asylum Seekers and the growing number impacted by unemployment in Ireland. The aim of the Men's Development Network (MDN) is to develop a network of support, development, resource, and progressive leadership by men in order to achieve better lives for men affected by marginalisation, poverty, unemployment, disadvantage and male gender conditioning. The MDN has the following core characteristics:

- An anti-poverty, anti-exclusive focus.
- Works on community development principles and methods.
- Provides support and acts as a catalyst for men's development.
- Act as a resource for men.
- Provides co-ordination and co-operation between men and community, voluntary and statutory groups.
- Involves representatives of groups which experience poverty and social exclusion within our management structures.
- Is committed to gender equality and gender equality mainstreaming
- Sees the work as being bedded in development of self, family, community, and society.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

Name: Men's Development Network

Stakeholder: Civil society organisation

Area of intervention: Poverty; Health; Fatherhood/caregiving; Violence; Men and gender equality; Gender Mainstreaming

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Metadata

ONGOING: No

TYPE: Awareness-raising campaigns/events, Study / Survey, Publication, Network, Counselling / Mentoring / Coaching program

TARGET GROUP: Young men (15-25), Adult men

KEYWORDS: [men and gender equality](#)