

## **10am: Setting the scene – “Community Drug Problems – Community development responses”:**

**Daithi Doolan**, - Citywide & DAG Community Rep

### **Minister Pat Carey** opens conference

**10.30: Launch of Citywide Website**

### **10.35: Engaging “Communities of Interest” locally, regionally & nationally**

- ❖ **John Paul Collins**, Pavee Point, Traveller Specific Drugs Initiative.
- ❖ **Reginald Okoflex Inya**, New Communities’ Partnership advocates for and works with New Communities nationally
- ❖ **Ruaidhri McAuliffe**, UISCE: Drug Users Forum based in the North Inner City.
- ❖ **Gillian Sullivan**, BeLong2: Supports young LGBT people in relation to issues of alcohol and drug use
- ❖ **Karen Murphy**, Chrysalis Community Drug Project: Service provision to female sex workers
- ❖ **Tony Geoghan**, Merchants Quay Ireland: Providing a wide range of services to people who are homeless and for drug users.

### **COFFEE BREAK**

**Panel Q & A – Engaging Communities of Interest**

### **12.15pm: Changing Patterns of Drug Use & Alcohol**

**Fiona O’Reilly**, Dept of Anthropology, NUIM – “An ethnographic study of drug use in Canals Communities LDTF area”

**Fergus McCabe**, Citywide & OFD Community Rep - Alcohol Strategy

**Panel Q & A - Poly drug use and the alcohol strategy**

### **LUNCH**

**1.45: Key note Speaker:** **Brian Harvey**, Social Researcher: “Impact of Cuts on Communities and Drugs Services”

### **2.15: Community responses to issues of Safety & Intimidation**

**Johnny Connolly**, Drugs & Alcohol Unit, Health Research Board - National and International responses

**Tony McCarthaigh**, Rialto Community Drug Team – A local response to community safety & intimidation

**Panel Q & A – Safety & Intimidation & Impact of Cuts**

**3.45pm: Closing remarks**

**C**itywide Drugs Crisis Campaign works to promote and support a community development approach to the drugs problem - this means involving the people who are most affected by the problem in dealing with the problem - drug users, their families and communities.

This conference is an opportunity for those working in local community projects and groups to come together with local & regional Drug Task Force community representatives to discuss some of the key issues facing communities responding to the continuing drugs crisis.

Minister Pat Carey will open the conference. The theme is “A Community Drug Problem – defining the problem – defending the responses”. The conference is divided into three main sections:

- Engaging “Communities of Interest” locally, regionally & nationally in service provision and policy development.
- Challenges for communities with the Alcohol Strategy roll-out and findings in one area of changing pattern of drug use.
- Community Safety – overview of local, national and international responses.

Our key note speaker is Brian Harvey. Brian has just completed research on the impact of the last budget on the community and voluntary sector. He will address this conference specifically on the impact of government cuts on communities and community drugs services.

## **A Community Drug Problem: Defining the problem – Defending the responses...**

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# **National Conference**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

**St Andrews Resource Centre,  
Pearse Street, Dublin 2**

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## **CityWide Drugs Crisis Campaign**

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