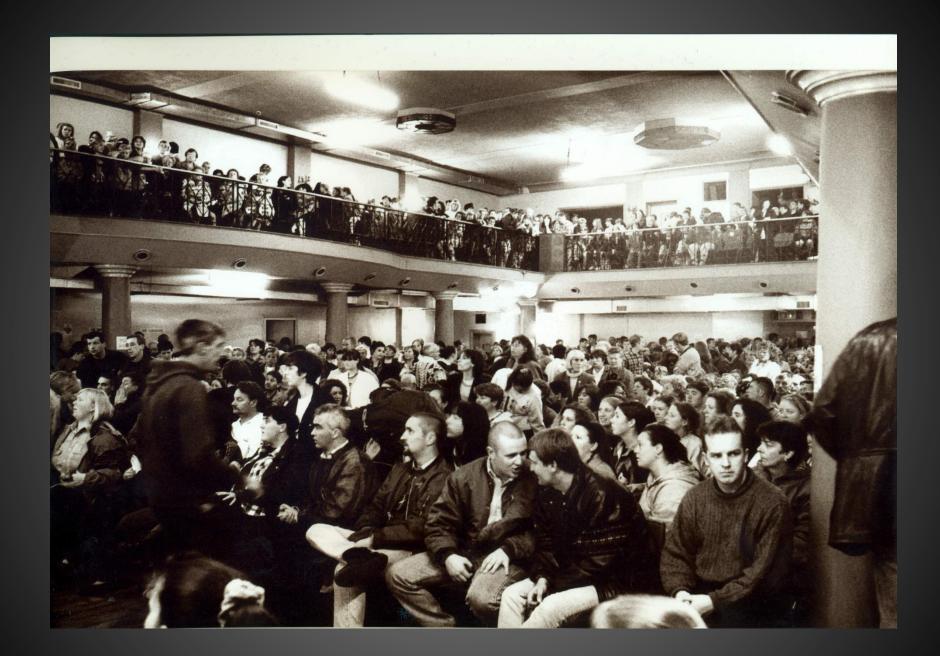
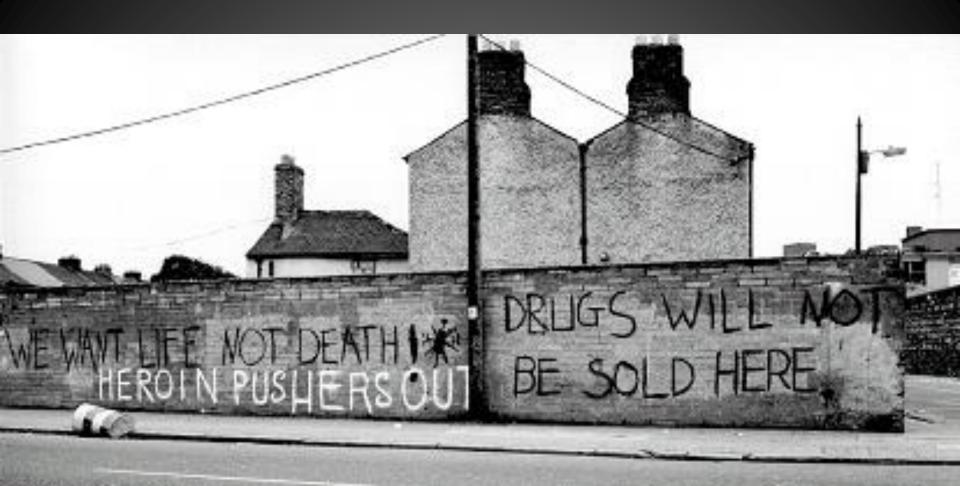
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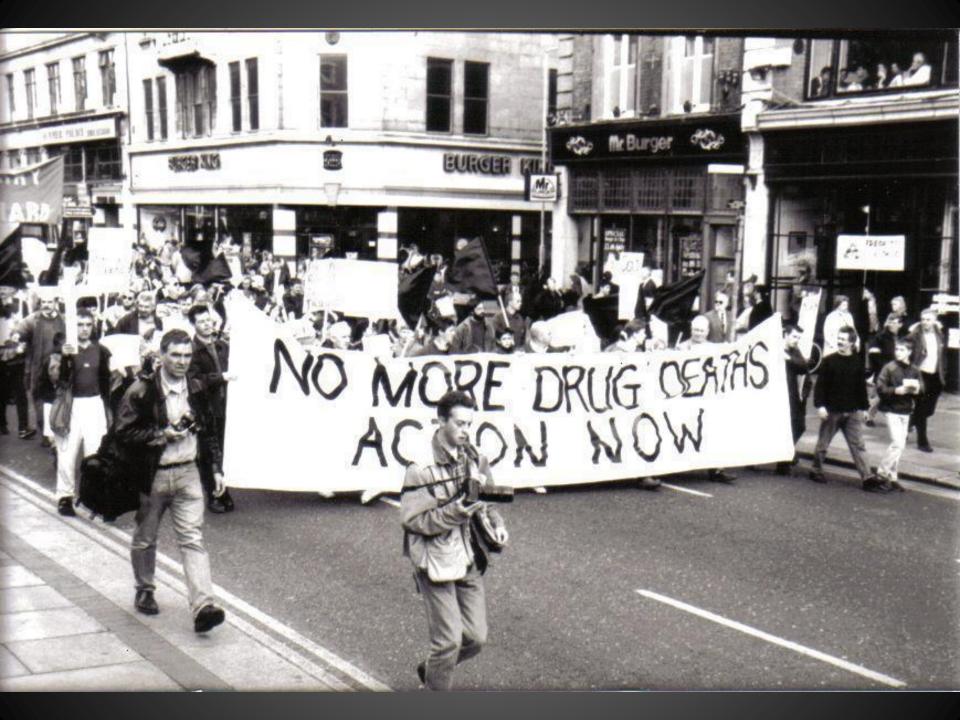












DUBLING CITY-WIDE DRUGS CRISIS CAMPAIGN

TREATMENT

TACKLING THE DEMAND HEROIN & OTHER OPIATES



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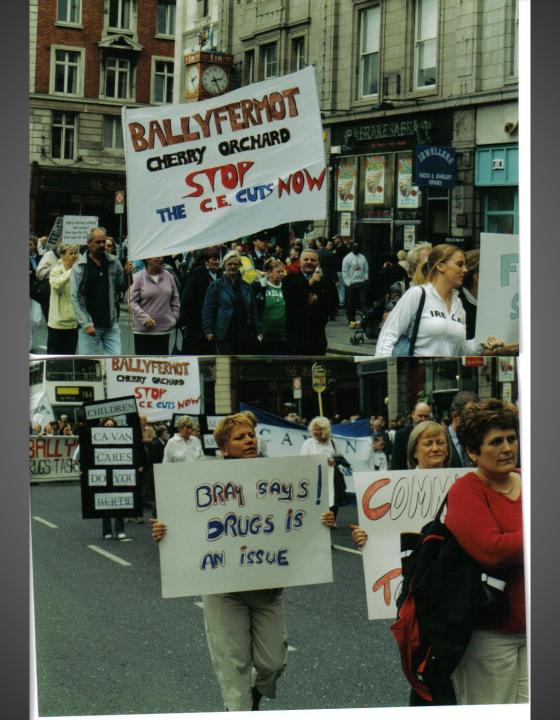
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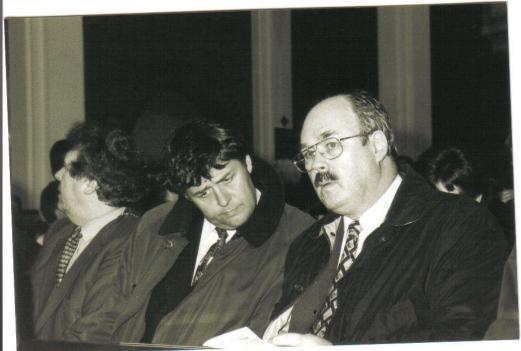




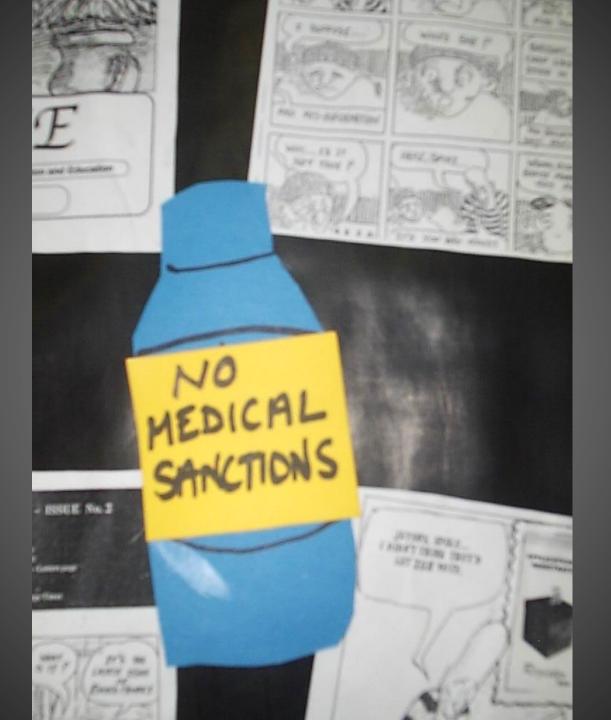






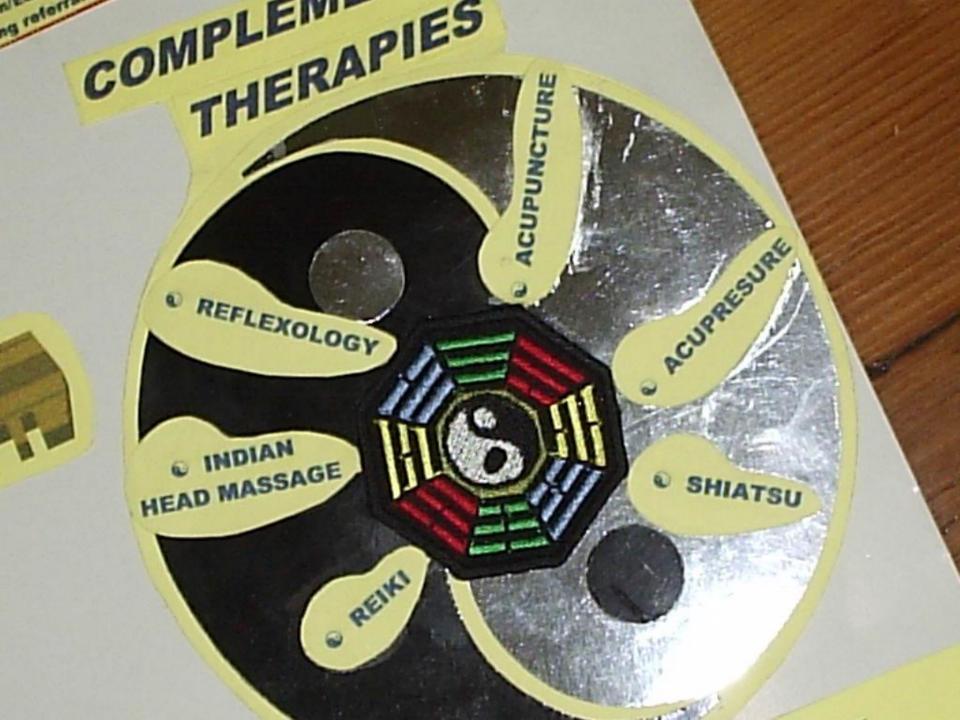


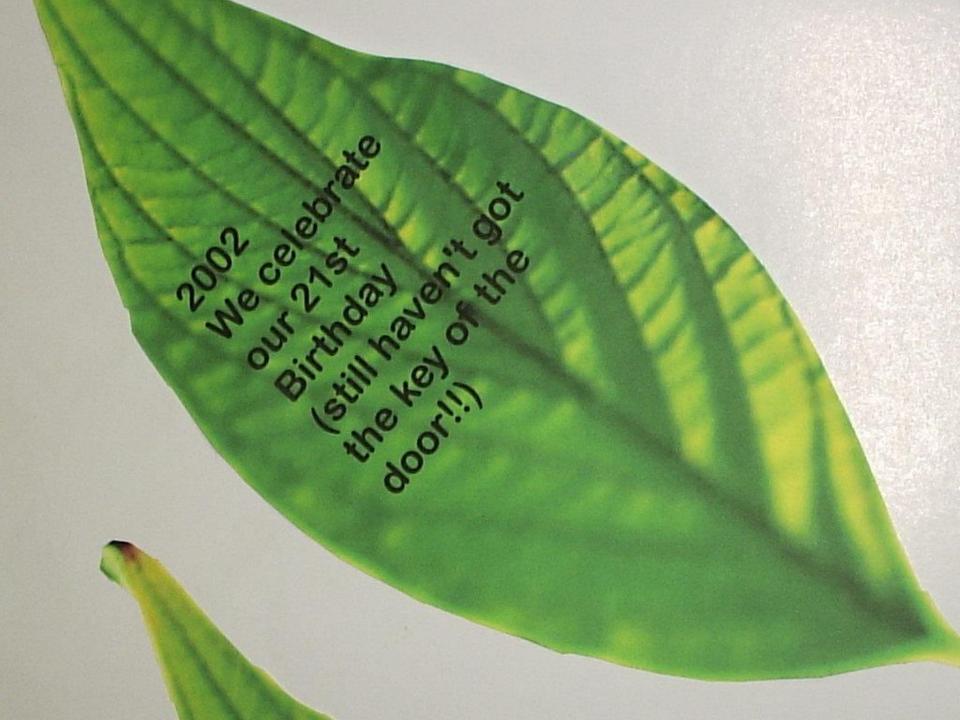






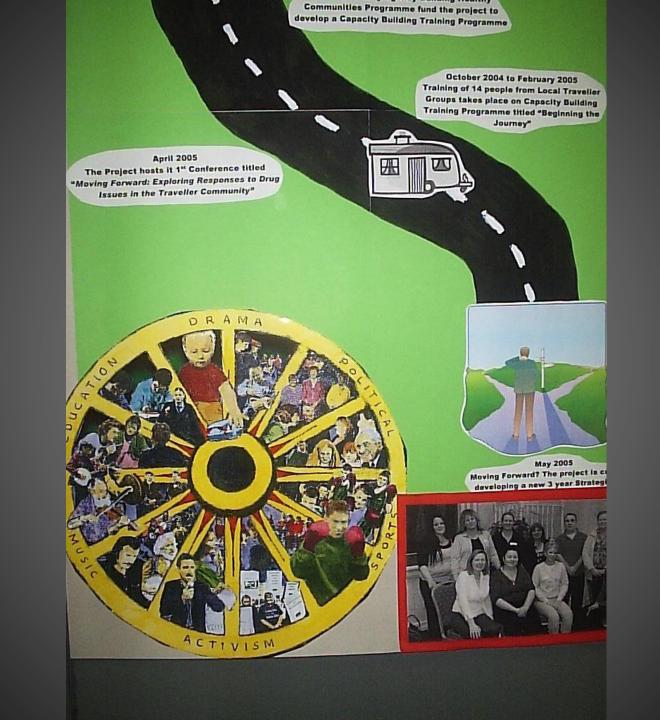




















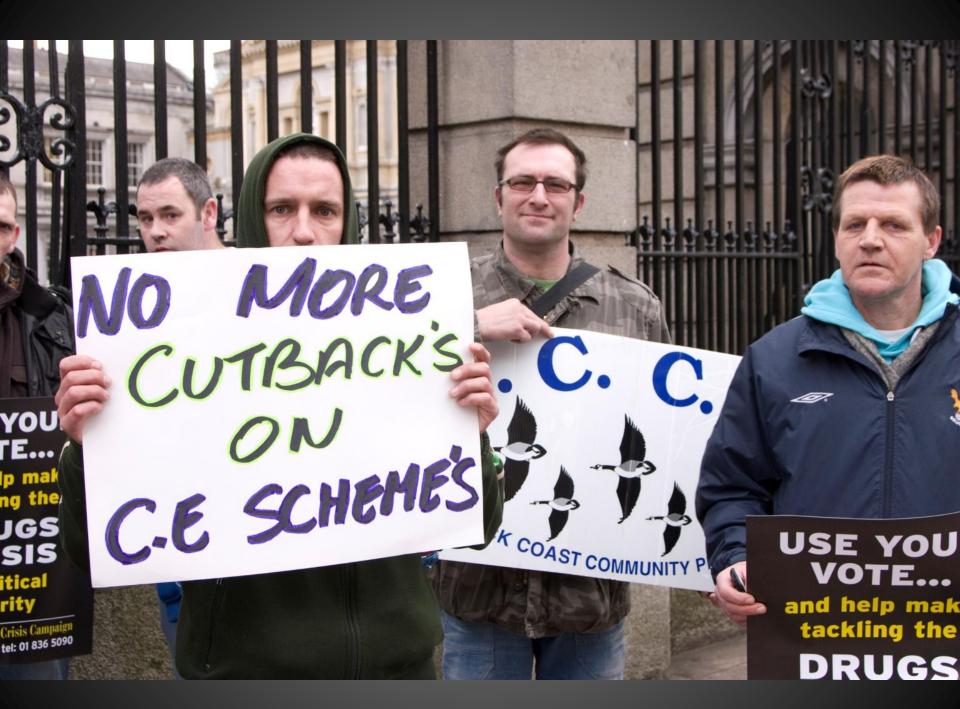






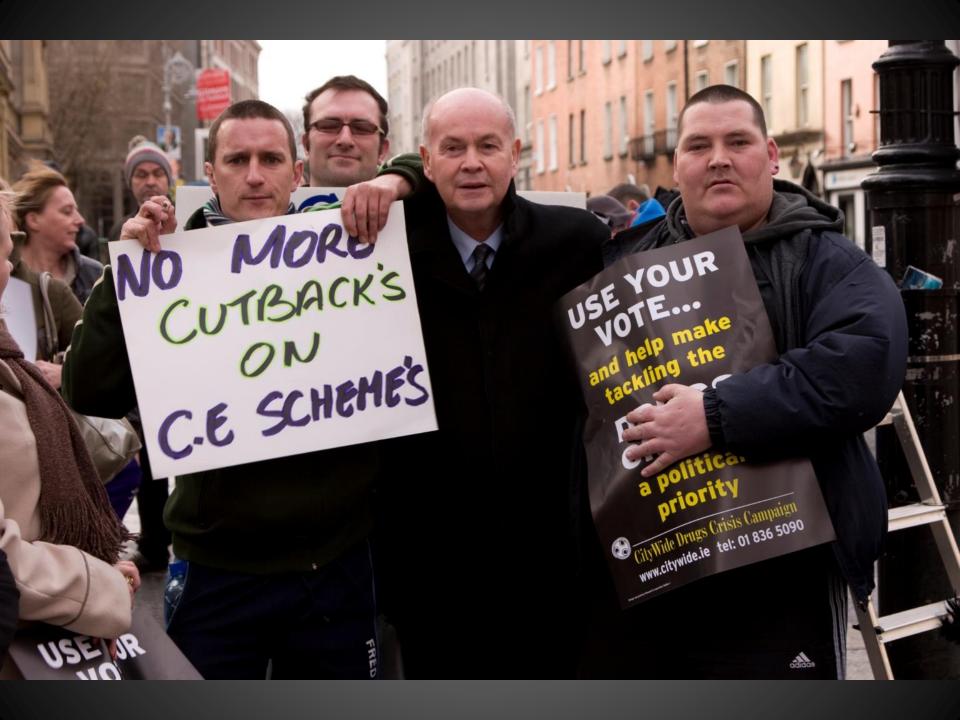


















FULL-TIME Job Vacancy

Minister for the National Drugs Strategy

Understanding of the Drugs Issue is essential Experience working in a team is necessary

Responsibilities will include:

- Attending Cabinet meetings
- Working with communities most affected by the Drugs Crisis
- Opposing Government Cuts
- Listening to the People

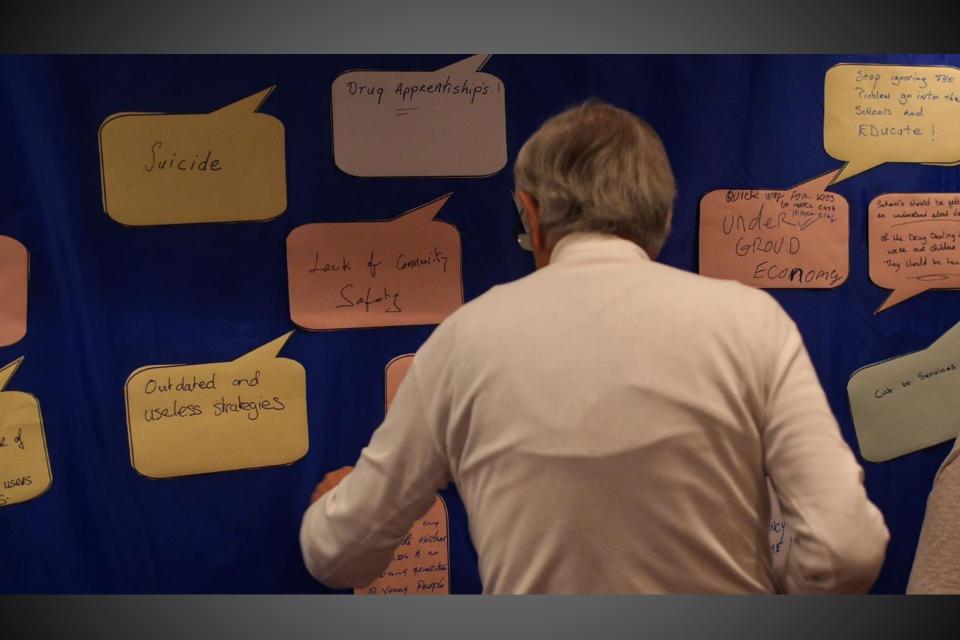
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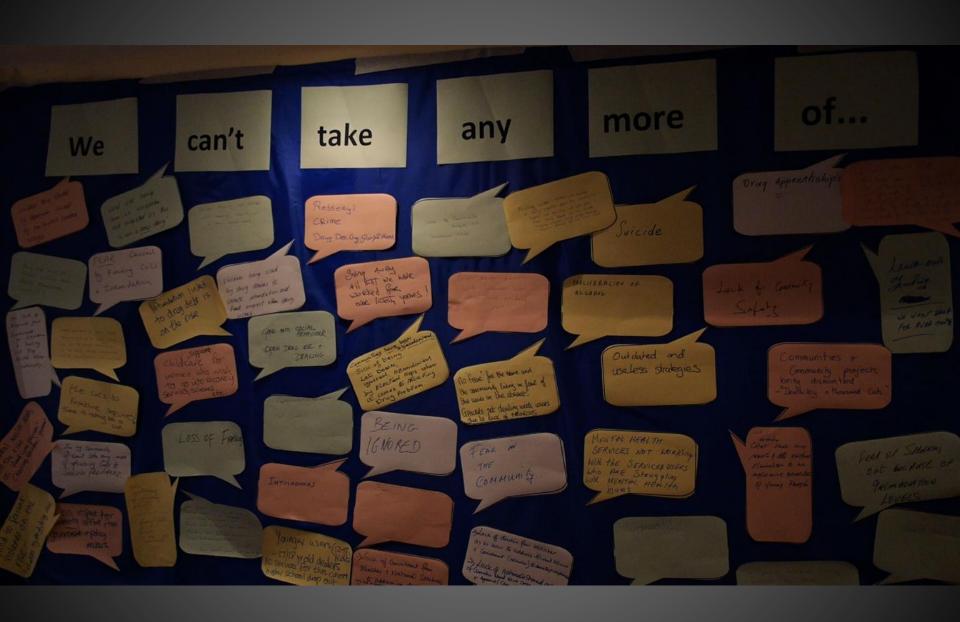


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"Death by a thousand Cuts"































Lifelines Value





CityWide Drugs Crisis Campaign

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Then & Now



WE KNOW WHAT TO DO SO WHY IS IT NOT BEING DONE?



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THE DRUGS CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

STATEMENTS,

STRATEGIES,

POLICIES

& PROMISES...

Drug misuse is one of the great social ills of our time. It affects individuals, families and whole communities.

Minister Eoin Ryan - 2001

... the need to affirm the commitment of the Government to the National Drug Strategy, and to re-energise all of our arrangements for working together. I wanted to come here today to restate our commitment and Government to the process, because tackling the drug problem will continue to be a key priority for the Government going forward.

Taoiseach Bertie Ahern - 2005

Problem drug use continues to be one of the most significant challenges facing our country. It undermines the potential of the person involved, devastating the lives of families and causing huge problems for local communities.

Taoiseach Brian Cowen - 2007

Drugs misuse continues to be one of the most significant challenges facing our country. It is highly destructive and has devastating effects on individuals, families, communities and society in general Minister James Reilly 2013

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Barriers or Bridges?

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A CityWide Consultation Report





Decriminalisation: A New Direction

A New Direction for Drugs Policy?



Is there a difference between decriminalisation and legalisation?

YES. By **decriminalising** drugs, a person found in possession of drugs **for personal use** would not be given a criminal conviction.

Instead, depending on the circumstance they could be given a warning, a fine or be directed to drug awareness classes or to drug treatment, etc.

However, in cases where a person was found to be selling or importing drugs, or engaged in theft, assault, intimidation, smuggling, trafficking or dealing etc they would still be prosecuted under the criminal justice system.

This is entirely different to the concept of 'legalising' drugs, where using, buying, importing and selling drugs would be regulated by the state in the same way as alcohol and tobacco.

Does decriminalisation increase drug use?

There is NO evidence that decriminalisation increases drug use.

In fact some countries such as Portugal have seen a **reduction** in the number of problematic drug users rather than an increase since they decriminalised drugs, while others have seen no change in the levels of drug use.¹

What are the impacts of being convicted for personal drug use?

Current Irish law does not recognise a point at which an adult offender's debt to society has been paid. This means that a person carries a conviction for their whole life.

The sentence imposed by a court (whether a fine, community service or imprisonment) will be completed at some point, but the conviction and, in particular, the requirement to disclose it, never lapses.

Having a criminal conviction for drug use can stop a person being allowed to travel, get a visa, gain employment, access training and to get insurance.

Greenwald G. Drug Decriminalisation In Portugal – Lessons For Creating Fair And Successful Drug Policies. Washington DC: Cato Institute, 2009.



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