

# 2022

## Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign Annual Report



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**CityWide Drugs Crisis Campaign** is a national network of community activists and community organisations that are involved in responding to Ireland's drugs crisis. Set up in 1995 by the Inner City Organisations Network (ICON), to bring together Dublin communities that were struggling with the heroin crisis, we now work nationally linking communities across the country dealing with a range of substance issues.

We work 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.

Citywide is a company limited by guarantee. Our board of directors come from the community, voluntary, statutory and private sectors.

## Supporting Community Involvement in the National Drugs Strategy...

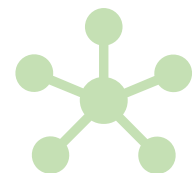
### Drug & Alcohol Task Force (DATF) Community Reps

CityWide facilitates the Drug & Alcohol Taskforce Community Representatives Network by bringing people together to support each other, exchange information and to identify key policy issues and develop responses. The network meets a number of times each year.

During 2022, meetings took place with Community Reps in Ballyfermot, Cork, Ballymun, Canals, Tallaght and Clondalkin, Blanchardstown, NIC, SIC, LDATFs and Southern, South East, East Coast RDATFs. A general meeting of DATF Community Reps took place online in March.

### DATF Community Reps Training

Citywide in partnership with Urrús designed a training programme to support community engagement with Local and Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and to support people in representing local community issues. The programme is aimed at people who are currently DATF community representatives, and those who would like to develop their knowledge and skills to become a community representative.



We produced a video to promote the role of Community Reps, featuring current Community Reps and Reps of Communities of Interest.

The launch of this training was organised for July 4<sup>th</sup> 2022, however due to circumstances beyond our control the training course was postponed until 2023. The circulation of the video has been postponed to take place in tandem with the launch of the Community Reps training and as part of promotion for first rollout of training programme.

### Supporting and Liaising with Communities of Interest

During 2022 Citywide continued ongoing liaison and meetings with:

- Pavee Point Drug & Alcohol Programme
- UISCE, the advocacy service for people who use drugs in Ireland
- Belong To Drugs Worker re issues impacting on LGBTI+ community.

Support as requested is provided to the National Family Support Steering Group.

### Drug Use and Drug-Related issues in Migrant Communities

Published in 2022, this report was commissioned by City Wide and New Communities Partnership (NCP). The work was carried out by Community Action Network (CAN). It is the first phase of a project with the following overall objectives.

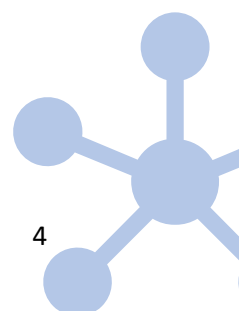
- To support the development of a voice for Migrant Communities in relation to the drugs issue by partnering with NCP
- To increase awareness of drug-related issues as experienced by Migrant Communities amongst services and policy makers
- To support the capacity of community leaders to engage with services and policy makers



Download here: [https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/drug\\_use\\_and\\_drug-related\\_issues\\_in\\_migrant\\_communities.pdf?issuysl=ignore](https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/drug_use_and_drug-related_issues_in_migrant_communities.pdf?issuysl=ignore)

### National Policy Committees

Citywide has attended all meetings of the National Oversight Committee (NOC). Ongoing liaison and meetings with other NOC Community & Voluntary reps re issues relevant to NOC agenda. The NOC Reps organised a meeting with all Civil Society reps to exchange information and identify common issues and support needs, agreed to hold further meetings.



## Community Drug Projects

Community Drug Projects provide a range of services and supports to people who use drugs, their families and to the wider community. Citywide networks Community Drugs Projects and Community Employment (CE) Drugs Rehab projects and represents the Community Sector at NDS policy committees.

### Pre-budget Submission

#### COMMUNITY DRUG SERVICES SAVE LIVES - RESTORATION OF CORE FUNDING IS NOW CRITICAL

The Community Drugs Projects Video was launched and widely circulated during September 2022 as a key part of social media campaign to highlight the need for increased core funding to projects. Increase in core funding subsequently announced in Budget 2023.

Community Drugs Projects work at the heart of the community to:

- Provide accessible, inclusive, and safe community spaces
- Deliver trauma informed care
- Facilitate participation and integration
- Respond to unmet and emerging needs
- Act collectively: through interagency and partnership work



You can watch the video here <https://youtu.be/fUS2Rlpn5z8>

Our pre-budget submission is available here:

<https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/1662633466289431341.pdf?issuusl=ignore>

### Drug Rehab Projects (DRPS) Network

Two DRP Network meetings took place during 2022. The results of a survey undertaken in 2021 to establish the breadth of work being undertaken by DRPs CE Supervisors and to provide evidence of the difficulties in operationalising community employment within a multi funded partnership context, were finalised. A summary of the research was sent to Minister Joe O'Brien DCRD with a request for a follow up meeting with the Minister to discuss the findings and their implications for Community Employment DRPs. Quarterly DRP Stakeholders Group were held to support the implementation of the Framework for CE Drug Rehabilitation Schemes.



## Campaigning and raising awareness...

### Decriminalisation of drug use

Citywide was invited to submit to the Oireachtas Committee on Justice on 'An examination of the present approach to sanctions for possession of certain amounts of drugs for personal use' and invited to attend the launch event in Leinster House in December

Download here:

[https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/2022\\_submission\\_oireachtas\\_justice\\_committee.pdf?issuusi=ignore](https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/2022_submission_oireachtas_justice_committee.pdf?issuusi=ignore)

We maintained our website evidence base and produced and circulated FAQs on decriminalisation to our networks. <https://www.citywide.ie/decriminalisation/>

### Citizens Assembly on Drug Use

- Citizen's Assembly position paper prepared and circulated to public representatives and to our networks in March. Download here: [https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/the\\_case\\_for\\_a\\_citizens\\_assembly.pdf?issuusi=ignore](https://www.citywide.ie/assets/files/pdf/the_case_for_a_citizens_assembly.pdf?issuusi=ignore)
- Ongoing meetings during 2022 with Civil Society partners to discuss and plan how to support engagement of Civil Society in Citizens Assembly
- Participated in a Fianna Fáil podcast series recorded in December to discuss issues relating to the Citizens' Assembly
- Participated in a Public Meeting on the Citizens' Assembly in North Dublin organised by Aodhán O' Ríordáin

## Drug-related stigma and its impact in our communities

During 2022 Citywide supported the Saol Project in the development of a community of practice support network as training was rolled out, in line with the recommendation in TCD evaluation. Download here



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<https://www.citywide.ie/resources/2021-citywide-antistigma-training-report/>

A verification process has been developed and put in place to be used alongside the Facilitators' Manual for the Anti-Stigma training.



## Working with Civil Society partners across Europe and internationally ...



During 2022 we continued our representative role in the EU Civil Society Forum (CSF) and relevant sub groups. We participated in the meeting of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs.

We participated in the plenary session of the EU CSF in Brussels in October which took place over 2 days and included a meeting of the CSF with the HDG (Horizontal Working Group on Drugs) which manages drug policy issues for the EU Council of Ministers

Summaries of the UNODC World Drug Report 2022 and the European Drug Report 2022 have been prepared and circulated to the networks. A seminar on emerging trends will be organised in 2023

We continued to develop bilateral links with a number of our partner agencies from other countries on the Civil Society Forum and through the CSF UNGASS Working Group, International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) and International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC).

## Citywide Profit & Loss 2022

Jan - Dec  
22

Ordinary Income/Expense	
<b>Income</b>	
1170 · Drugs Programmes Unit	196,514.13
1177 · Miscellaneous Income	300.00
1199 · The Ireland Funds Grant 2022	130,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	326,814.13
<b>Expense</b>	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	311.80
<b>3940 · Admin Wages</b>	
376 · Managers Salary	44,579.52
377 · Managers Employers PRSI	4,926.00
382 · Co-ordinator 1 Salary	16,695.72
383 · Co-ordinator 1 Employers PRSI	1,469.28
3961 · Co-ordinator 2 Salary	58,880.66
3962 · Co-ordinator 2 Employers PRSI	6,506.28
3970 · Admin Salary	6,555.00
3971 · Employers PRSI Admin	576.84
<b>Total 3940 · Admin Wages</b>	140,189.30
<b>3950 · Overheads &amp; Administration</b>	
4003 · Rent	18,000.00
<b>4004 · Office Supplies + Moving Costs</b>	
4005 · Postage & Delivery	22.00
4004 · Office Supplies + Moving Costs - Other	1,105.30
<b>Total 4004 · Office Supplies + Moving Costs</b>	1,127.30
4007 · Telephone & Fax	1,561.75
4008 · Light & Heat	2,962.26
4009 · Insurance	1,282.58
4010 · Bank Service Charges	224.90
4011 · Audit/Accountancy/Legal Fees	3,126.00
4013 · IT Expenses	4,781.69
4018 · Organisational Development	4,920.50
<b>4055 · Sundry</b>	
4014 · Sundry Expenses	50.00
4016 · Professional Fees	85.00
<b>Total 4055 · Sundry</b>	135.00
<b>Total 3950 · Overheads &amp; Administration</b>	38,121.98
<b>4090 · Depreciation</b>	
4091 · Depreciation Computers	716.81
<b>Total 4090 · Depreciation</b>	716.81
<b>5000 · Project Payments</b>	
4002 · Travel & Subsistence	401.50
4052 · Publications/Comm Reps Video	7,950.85



4053 · Networking	2,148.69
5013 · Anti Stigma/Training	1,490.00
5022 · Community Drugs Project Launch	<u>1,821.50</u>
Total 5000 · Project Payments	<u>13,812.54</u>
Total Expense	<u>193,152.43</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>133,661.70</u>
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