



Planned National Gathering Day

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We would like to invite members of the parish initiatives to join us at our planned National Gathering Day in the Glenroyal Hotel on 11th May. The gathering is an opportunity for parish initiatives to meet, network, share information, hear from established parishes about their experiences in organising events and how their initiative have made a difference to them personally and the benefit to their local communities. We will also have presentations from HSE on Headshops, Family Support Network and some Young Peer Educators

Over the coming weeks we will have a list of all Parish Initiatives and their locations nationwide. We will feature all events happening in parish communities that have been associated with the Initiative on our Webpage



On our website we have a link to "Live Helper" a service provided by our colleagues in Crosscare to offer online information, support, and advice in

live.help



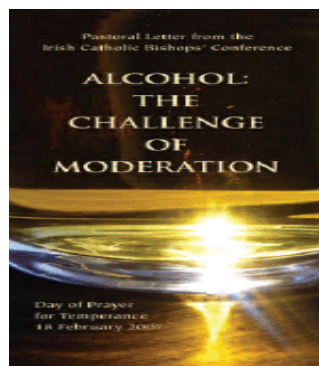
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Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

Samples of Parish Events

- ASSIST (Suicide awareness)
- Confirmation Programme
- Diocesan Seminars on Drugs & Alcohol
- Drug/Alcohol information or Awareness Events
- Liturgies offered for people effected by Addiction
- Parish Family Day Events
- Peer Education
- Youth Café / Youth Clubs



Ceremony of Mooncoin Parish Drug Initiative at unveiling of a plaque and planting of a tree as a sign of Hope for community against alcohol and other drug misuse.



Many Parishes are now putting Information stands for alcohol / Drug leaflets in Church Porches etc. This will allow people to access information easily and discreetly.

Should you require leaflets for your parish please contact us..

IBDI PEER 4 PEER Leadership Training Programme

St Colmans and Our Lady's schools in Newry are the latest group to participate in our Peer Leadership Training Programme. Eighteen young adults were chosen to participate in the training after applying and undergoing interviews from over one hundred youth that applied to take part in the programme. The programme consisted of Facilitation skills, Drug education, attitudes as well as quality standards in drug education. Peer programs build on evidence that young people already get a great deal of information from their peers. Young people relate well to people similar to them in age, background, and interests Peer programs often reach not only the peer group but also the peer promoters' relatives and neighbours.



Presentation of Certificates to students of St Colmans & Our Ladys by Bishop McAreavey



Word has it that Fr Eamon O' Gorman is gourmet chef at the BBQ at the Mooncoin Parish Drug Initiative Family Fun Day.



Parish / Community Feature (for more info please see link on our website)

Mooncoin Parish & Piltown Parish are contusing to provide peer education programmes for confirmation students. Lots of new events happening (see our website).

Kilsaran / Caslebellingham have held many training days for parents and youth, produced leaflets, family fun quiz etc.

Blackrock / Haggardstown have held training for parents, awareness raising and opened a new youth Cafe

Kimore Wexford Information and awareness raising, opened youth facility and held training on drugs and alcohol

Cavan Town produced help card, training held in community, youth alcohol / drug and skills training

This months features **DKIT college in Dundalk**. The I.B.D.I linked in with the DKIT college to help promote their Fit 4 Life programme Alcohol awareness day. As a visual, crosses, beer bottles and shoes were placed on the grass area in front of the college. Each bottle, cross and shoe representing each life lost as a result of drink driving..



If you would like your Parish to be featured in the Newsletter please contact us and with information and photo's

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