

Wicklow Travellers Group – Prevention & Education Project

Aim

The general aim of Wicklow Travellers Group Drugs and Alcohol Prevention & Education project is to develop the capacity of young Travellers (their families and the Traveller Community) by continuing;

- To promote throughout society a greater awareness, understanding and clarity of the dangers of drug misuse.
- To develop a greater understanding of the dangers of problem drug use among the general population.
- To promote healthier lifestyle choices among young people and other vulnerable groups at risk of problem drug use, through personal development, life- skills and harm reduction approaches.

Objectives

- To provide drug and alcohol awareness education and thus, creating a greater understanding of the dangers of problem drug and alcohol use.
- To promote healthier lifestyle choices through social and personal development, health education and culturally appropriate community activities and supports.
- To engage in interagency work, with community, voluntary and statutory agencies who are specifically working or engaging Travellers.

The Prevention & Education Project

- Provides culturally appropriate drug and alcohol education programmes that disseminate sound information about substance misuse and its physical, mental and social effect.
- Builds awareness of services, by giving information about sources of help
- Increases engagement through outreach. Programmes need to engage the Traveller community collectively. To include families – social inclusion
- Provides a safe space, particularly for young Travellers
- Strengthens the capacity of the community and to build resilience
- Engages in interagency work to ensure implementation of Ethnic identifier and the Traveller proofing of services.
- Develops new initiatives and provide access to activities for young Traveller males and men.
- Research
- Recruits Traveller peer workers – potential leaders.