

Killinarden Drug Primary  
Prevention Group  
(KDPPG)

&  
Women Reviewing Equality  
Networking Standards  
(W.R.E.N.S. Project)

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### **Background of K.D.P.P.G. Ltd**

Killinarden Drug Primary Prevention Group Ltd. (K.D.P.P.G.) has been operational in the Killinarden area of west Tallaght since 1993. It was set up by the Home School Liaison Teachers and Parents from the community who worried about the lack of education and misinformation that existed around drug issues and problems.

### **The W.R.E.N.S. Project**

**Women Reviewing Equality Networking Standards, the W.R.E.N.S. project builds upon the work which KDPPG has already carried out with families in the Killinarden area.**

Since its establishment in 2002 the W.R.E.N.S project has served to enhance the profile and relevance of the service within the Killinarden area and has created a whole range of new opportunities for the project to carry out development work with local residents, local families and local groups within the Killinarden area.

W.R.E.N.S. provides a range of personal development, educational and training supports through the participation of local women.

### **Guiding Principles**

- The service provides support to people within Killinarden who have been affected by the drugs problem or offending behaviour.

- By working in partnership with the schools and the wider community we can provide drug awareness and promote high self esteem for people in our community and schools to help explore their feelings and develop healthy attitudes by encouraging them to take responsibility for their lives.
- We believe that the local trained KDPPG staff have an important role to play in drugs education and prevention work within the area.  
We seek to encourage young people and parents to create their own effective responses.

### **Objectives:**

- To network with local agencies
- Provide appropriate information and referrals
- Address offending/anti social behaviour
- Create self belief and hope for a better tomorrow
- To encourage change by working together to change the things we can change.

## **Work and Activities of W.R.E.N.S. and K.D.P.P.G. Ltd.**

### ***The service provides:***

#### **Self Esteem Programmes**

Aims to build up and develop the self esteem and self belief of children attending 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes in Primary schools in Killinarden.

### Drug Awareness Programmes:

Aims to build up awareness and understanding about the different types of drugs (nicotine, alcohol and drugs) in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and to outline the consequences of various drugs.

### Follow-Up Programmes:

The following programmes take place in Killinarden Community School. It aims to build upon the self esteem and drug awareness programmes which have taken place in the primary schools.

**In addition, an Assertiveness Programme for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students also takes place.**

### Programmes for parents:

- The service runs drug awareness and education programmes for parents. This programme equips parents with the knowledge of the different types of drugs, their effects and the consequences of abusing drugs.
- The service also runs a two year communications course for adults to build self esteem and confidence.
- The service provides outreach work to local women who have become marginalized in their own homes as a result of a family members anti social behaviour.
- The service also links with Tallaght Probation Services. In doing so, the service works on a one to one basis with clients engaging in community service in order to address offending behaviour.

## Joint working with relevant agencies

Organisation operates on 3 Levels:

### Locally:

- County Dublin V.E.C.
- Tallaght Drugs Task Force
- Tallaght Probation Services
- Killinarden Local Schools
- K.E.E.P. (Killinarden Education Enhancement Programme)
- Tallaght Youth Services
- Killinarden Education Service Network
- Women Together Tallaght Network
- Community Gardai
- Community Alcohol & Drug Services
- CARP (Community Addiction Response Programme)
- An Cosan
- Tallaght Network on Domestic Violence
- Barnardos
- Health Centres
- Education Officers

### Nationally:

- City Wide
- Cross Care
- South Western Area Health Board
- C.A.D. (Community Awareness of Drugs)
- Department of Education & Science & Social Personal Health Education (S.P.H.E.) Support Service
- Drug Education Workers Forum
- Rape Crisis Centre
- Pieta House

### Internationally:

- European Network of health Promoting Schools
- Merseyside Liverpool Drug Education & Prevention Project

### Family Intervention:

- Family Support
- One to one support
- Outreach service
- Crisis management
- Key working
- Supported referrals
- Drug & Alcohol Education/Awareness

### Young Persons Services:

- Life skills
- One to one support
- Key working
- Drug & Alcohol Awareness/Education
- Anger management
- Choices & consequences
- Decision making
- Challenging offending behaviour and reducing re-offending
- Supported referrals

February 2008 KDPPG were proud to launch a handbook on Best Practice Guidelines between School and Community Life Skills Programme.



