



Expressions of Interest for Membership of South Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – Voluntary Organisations

1. What is the Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force?

The Task Forces were established in 2005. Their role is to ensure the implementation of the National Drugs Strategy within a specific geographical area, through the development of a local plan that responds to the needs of the individuals and the wider community to issues related to substance misuse. The South Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (SWRDATF) plan covers the geographic areas of County Kildare, West Wicklow and South & West Dublin City.

Areas of the current plan that are prioritised and need to be considered in appointing new members are:-

- Alcohol
- Prevention and Education
- Rehabilitation and Aftercare
- Treatment Services
- Young People

2. Membership

This is a Multi-Sectoral Committee composed of Elected Members, Statutory Agencies, Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. In considering the composition of the Task Force, the current members will give due consideration to principles of broad equality and gender balance. In making any appointments to the committee prospective members should satisfy at least one of the following criteria:-

- Extensive experience of local communities and social inclusion issues.
- Strategic Planning experience and a track record in supporting the delivery of plans at regional and local levels.
- Experience in securing resources, managing programmes or financial management
- A strong track record in making in working collaboratively across sectors to progress agreed goals
- A clear fit with at least one of the priority areas identified in section 1

Expressions of interest are sought from Voluntary organisations and groups, to fill four vacancies on the committee. A short one / two page written expression outlining skills, experience, and/or qualifications in line with the criteria above and a short statement outlining why the organisation / group should be considered for a position on the Task Force.

Expressions of interest should be sent by 12 noon, Friday 26th of February marked: "SWRDATF Expressions of Interest" by either e-mail to admin@swrdatf.ie or by post to Co-ordinator, SWRDATF, Block A Maudlins Hall, Dublin Road, Naas, Co Kildare.

The SWRDATF will acknowledge receipt of all applications and inform applicants of the decision in relation to the appointments made.

Initial appointments will be for a period of 2 years. Further information on the South Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force is available on www.swrdatf.ie