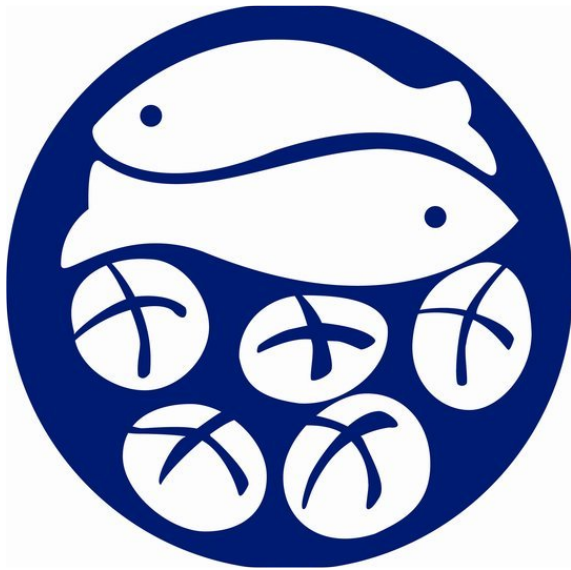


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**"Life isn't
about finding
yourself, it is
about
creating
yourself"**

—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

MESSAGE *from the* DIRECTOR

GRAINNE JENNINGS - DIRECTOR

Much education today is monumentally ineffective.

All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants.

John W Gardner..

Each year we take this time to reflect on what has passed and renew ourselves with thoughts of the potential of what is to come. For us 2014 into 2015 presented many challenges in terms of programme and financial constraints. For the first time in 20 years we were unable to run our Family Summer programme which not only disappointed many families but served as a marker for us to really consider what elements of our programme are essential.

Reflection

The loss of the Family Summer Programme served to motivate us at all levels to reflect on our entire programme and to decide where we could invest our energies in providing a programme that had value for all who come to us and to recognise that we each needed to take responsibility to make this happen.

Reflection is an important aspect to the nature of our work creating much needed energy to keep reinvesting in our community. We encourage our participants to reflect on what works for them in life and spend less time dwelling on actions,

thoughts and deeds that do not work or aid their continual growth.

Reflection is also key for us as an organisation to establish what is working, why that is and how do we continue to be relevant and have a real impact within our important relationships.

Hope

This process of reflection has resulted in hope. What we all hold on to in Matt Talbot is hope - hope for a better day, in fact a day were possibly we might not need a Matt Talbot at all.

Sometimes hope seems like an innocuous concept when faced with the stark reality of statistics that paint a picture of so many dehumanising tendencies that seem to prevail within institutions charged with responsibility to provide much needed support to people on the margins of society.



GRAINNE JENNINGS
DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Director's report continued.....



Banksy & Pat Curran - Images of trauma and hope



What does hope look like?

When I think of hope, I am reminded of two very different images - one created by Pat Curran and exhibited in Matt Talbot as part of his post MA Fine Arts show. It is of a child looking to its audience to understand the fear and isolation experienced when living through the trauma of armed conflict. The image could easily be that of a child from Dublin living with the impact of austerity as vital services are decimated and living on the margins becomes more aligned with personal responsibility or the lack of it.

The other image is one created by Banksy of the child holding balloons in one hand and rising up towards the sky. This image is not just about hope it is about the triumph of the human spirit.

We all need to recognise that any society is only as good as its weakest members that we all have a responsibility to make our communities work.

I think I am learning that the real possibilities reside in the spaces between us, in who we are and the value that this serves in creating a safe place based on mutual respect and a desire to understand what we each have to bring to the relationship.

In keeping hope to the fore we will seek to enhance the understanding of developmental relationships through partnering with like-minded organisations, working with families and communities to co-create practical tools through the creation of structure, strategies and solutions that enhance the opportunity of each individual to maximise their potential and encourage a belief in their self-worth.

In the reading of this report I hope we have gone some way towards inviting you into this discussion and a realisation that it is in all our interests to rethink our direction and purpose and truly make 2015 work for our community.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT NUMBERS THAT GIVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE CHALLENGES OUR ORGANISATION FACED IN 2014...

32%

The percentage of the population of Ballyfermot who never progressed beyond primary education

14,904

The number of opiate drug users in Dublin

1:87

The ratio of drug counsellors to prisoners in Irish prisons.

803

The number of children in homeless accommodation in February 2015 - an increase of 40% in six months

53%

The percentage of the population of Ballyfermot who left school before the age of 15.

...AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID TO HELP OUR GROUP

2,400

The number of hot meals we have provided in 2014

142

The number of counselling hours we have provided for individuals in crisis

460

The number of urinalysis samples we have taken in 2014 to support people to remain drug free

14

The number of people who were in mainstream education in 2014 after completing our programme.

10

The number of families in crisis who needed our support in 2014

MESSAGE *from the* CHAIRPERSON

Fr. Shán Ó Cuív - Chairperson - Board of Trustees

When Sr. Caoimhín established the Matt Talbot Community Trust many years ago she did so because she recognised that there were many young adults in Ballyfermot who found themselves at the margins of our society and she was passionately determined to offer them the opportunities and supports they needed to find a place in the heart of a community where they would be valued and where they could develop to their true potential. Where many, including these young people themselves, might have seen ex-prisoners, men and women struggling with addiction and those who had failed in the education system, Sr. Caoimhín saw individuals who had the same God-given human dignity as anybody else and simply needed and deserved the opportunity for the new beginning that she was determined to offer them.

Each year our Annual Report affords us a valuable opportunity to pause and take stock of how we in the Matt Talbot Community Trust have fared over the last year in carrying out the mission for which we were established and to acknowledge the contribution of the wide range of people who have striven, often in the face of significant challenges, to enable us to meet our goals. In reading this year's Report I am confident that you will be impressed, as I have been, with all that has been achieved, and inspired and encouraged to continue to work together with us in the future to improve and expand on what has already been accomplished.

Those who participate in our programmes always

have been and always will be at the heart of what we are. It is therefore particularly satisfying to read in this Report the contribution of one of our participants who has not only developed his wonderful talent for copperwork in the Matt Talbot Community but has also found that his family relationships have blossomed in a fresh way through what he has experienced with us. And perhaps most strikingly of all, having developed his talents and grown in confidence in his relationships he is now enthusiastic to share with others and to help them to bloom as he so evidently has. What has happened for him can be a source of inspiration for all our participants and a model and guide for all the work of the Trust.

While the Matt Talbot Community Trust has its own particular mission and vision we are acutely aware that we are part of a network of statutory and voluntary bodies that work for the welfare of vulnerable people in Ballyfermot. We take this opportunity to thank the **Department of Social Protection**, the **Local Drugs Task Force**, the **Department of Justice & Law Reform** and the **City of Dublin Education and Training Board** through which our programmes are almost entirely funded. We also acknowledge our indebtedness to the many other charities, educational bodies, private companies and individuals that supported our work in 2014. Special mention must be made of **Ken Byrne** who rescued Christmas for us and of **Trish Talbot** whose catering skills have proved invaluable on many occasions. Once again we must express our gratitude to **Atlantic Philanthropies** and to

MESSAGE

from the

CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson's report continued

many individuals and companies that have been so generous to us. A particular word of thanks is due to the **Hilton Hotels** for their provision of work placements for our participants. While space would not allow me to mention all those who supported us it would seem wrong not to mention here our partnership with **Deloitte** in our Building Bridges programme in Ballinascorney which greatly enhanced our site there. The partnership was a mutually beneficial experience for all from both the Matt Talbot Community and Deloitte who took part and we look forward to continuing with this partnership. Another highlight of the year was **AOL's** donation of computers and the tour they gave us of their premises in Dublin.

As a company limited by guarantee, the work of the Matt Talbot Community Trust is directed by a Board of Trustees. This Board is responsible for ensuring that we remain faithful to our mission, that all statutory obligations are adhered to and that we remain on a secure financial footing. As in all organisations, there is a natural ebb and flow on the Board with new trustees being appointed from time to time and others stepping down. This year we note some very significant changes. While we welcome John Redmond to the Board and look forward to benefitting from his very considerable expertise and experience we also express our gratitude to Bridget Kenny, a former Chairperson and Dr. Sherry who have resigned. Dr. Sherry has been a wonderful Trustee and friend of the Matt Talbot Community over the years. Indeed, the whole of Ballyfermot holds him in its warmest affection as a doctor who has served the

community with dedication and kindness over many many years. It is with particular sadness that we learned of the death of his dear wife earlier this year and we extend our deepest sympathy to him.

As an organisation we can take pride in what has been achieved in 2014 and that we continue to be faithful to the mission for which we were founded. However, we cannot afford to be complacent. While we have an excellent team of staff and volunteers and have premises both in Ballyfermot and Ballinscorney that have great potential for development in the service of the community, we are financially extremely vulnerable. Over the last number of years Matt Talbot Community Trust's expenditure has exceeded our income in a way that could not be sustained as it was exhausting the reserves we had previously accumulated. Accordingly, prudent steps were taken this year to eliminate the ongoing shortfall. Having taken these steps we are in a more secure position to begin to plan for the future and to consider what new directions we need to take in our work of serving those who are vulnerable in our community. The Annual Report for 2014 would hardly be the appropriate place to elaborate on what developments may take place during 2015. Suffice it to say that we are encouraged by what has happened during the last year to work together with enthusiasm and energy to secure the future of our organisation, to consolidate what is already good in what we do and to explore new ways of providing care and support to those who use our services.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMME

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"

—NELSON MANDELA

"Educare" - Latin, "To draw out that which lies within."

Education is central to our programme in the Matt Talbot Community Trust. We see it as a route for our group to create their own futures. We cater for all levels of education, from adult literacy to entry to university. We run a number of courses in house that provide a solid grounding in the skills needed to move on with learning. We also collaborate with a number of partners which give our group access to a wide range of knowledge and subject matter. We support our participants to progress on with their learning and we run a mentoring system for participants who are

accessing further and higher education courses.

What we do in-house

Woodwork

This Fetac woodwork module takes place in our workshop in Ballinascorney in the Dublin Mountains south of Tallaght. Over the years many gifted participants have completed this course as we have seen in some of the fabulous projects that have been created. This module includes reading drawings and measurements, using a range of materials including varnishes and glues and the safe use of hand tools and electrical hand held power tools. Our participants complete a range of projects, some of them of their own design. Four of

our participants completed the Fetac Level 3 modules



Hard at work in the computer lab

this year. All deserve credit as some had never done anything like this before. You can see some of the work on display at the AGM

Maths

This programme is a vital programme in participants' numeracy skills. It consists

of general maths but, more importantly, is enhanced with modern teaching programmes such as Maths Eyes and Sigmith which bring numeracy to life. A special thanks to Terry Maguire and Louise Morgan for use of these teaching tools. This programme will give our participants confidence to go on and complete Maths programmes in Fetac Level 3 and 4. More importantly it gives some of them confidence to help their own children with home work and enthuse these children with Maths problems and enjoying the challenge of the subject. This programme is open to all our Participants who have a wish to improve their Maths no matter what level they are at.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Computers

Computers Fetac Level 3 and 4 have been run by us for the last few years. We are especially grateful to Ballyfermot Library for use of its fantastic computer room which they let us use half an hour before the Library opens. The course follows a set format in which the students learn Word processing and computer applications. This programme gives the students confidence in using the computers and reading the questions and understanding the logic behind them. Computers being part of our life now socially, and play a very important part in the work place, makes this course an important part of our

overall programme. Those students that show an interest and want to go further with their studies are facilitated by Ballyfermot IT Centre and the great team who have

Education programmes outside of Matt Talbot

Staff at the Matt Talbot cannot cater to all of the educational interests of our

completion of a **Masters in Fine Art from NCAD**, huge congratulations to him!

Other courses completed include:

- Indian Head Massage – Holistic College Dublin
- Advanced Facilitation for Groupwork
- Train the Trainer
- Sports and Exercise Studies – Pearse College
- Social Studies Fetac Level 5 - Kylemore College



Putting together a drawer in the Woodwork class

given us and our participants immense support over the years. Eight Participants will receive Fetac awards in Level 3 and 4 this year.

group so we work with other educational providers to ensure that our group can access a wide variety of classes. The biggest achievement by an ex-participant is their

FUTURE OPTIONS PROGRAMME

DAMON SHORTT

FUTURE OPTIONS PROJECT WORKER

The aim of the Future Options Programme is to equip participants with the necessary skills and competencies for a successful move on to further education and/or employment. The core driver is the continued development of a flexible personal profile which allows participants to explore different interests and options. This is bolstered through work experience placements that aid participants in developing a diverse array of employability skills. Participants can build general experience while working towards their long term goals.

I am responsible for the delivery of this programme and ensuring that work placements are capable of developing our participant's career interests. I think the Future Options Programme is important because it has the capacity to shape and direct our participant's futures. It gives an opportunity for genuine supported self-discovery and learning. Our participants talked a little about how they experience the Future Options Programme.

Strengths and Weaknesses

"It helped me to identify my strengths and weaknesses when it comes to job searching"

"The strengths of Future Programme is having a directions to work toward and know how the steps to reaching your goal"

"It helps me to do things that I didn't know, it's also helps me with my health and fitness course."

Highlight

The highlight of the year thus far was most definitely our University Week. The idea of University Week is to give

our participants a broad understanding of the various aspects of university life. The week was structured in a way that elucidated the academic, social and practical factors of a successful university experience. The week began with a number of introductory academic workshops that covered topics such as social psychology and anthropology. The culmination of that week for our participants, without a doubt, was our day trip to Maynooth University.

The day began with a tour of the sports facilities by Barry Penderville, who runs the soccer scholarship at Maynooth. Barry was kind enough to talk about the practical challenges that students on scholarships face, for example finding a balance between training, academic and social commitments.

Student Life

We then met with students who are currently attending the Return to Learning course through the Department of Community and Adult Education. This was really informative and the students shared lots of stories about their time in university and it gave our participants a real sense of what is involved. We then attended a full anthropology lecture in one of Maynooth's largest lecture theatres. Although a daunting experience for any new student to university, our participants really engage with the material and found it a brilliant experience.

We bolstered this trip, towards the end of the week, with visits from DCU Access Service and the Ballyfermot Partnership Education Officer. This was really helpful because the focus was more on routes into university and all the financial implications that need consideration.



SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

Key Working – Structured Support, Care and Personal Development

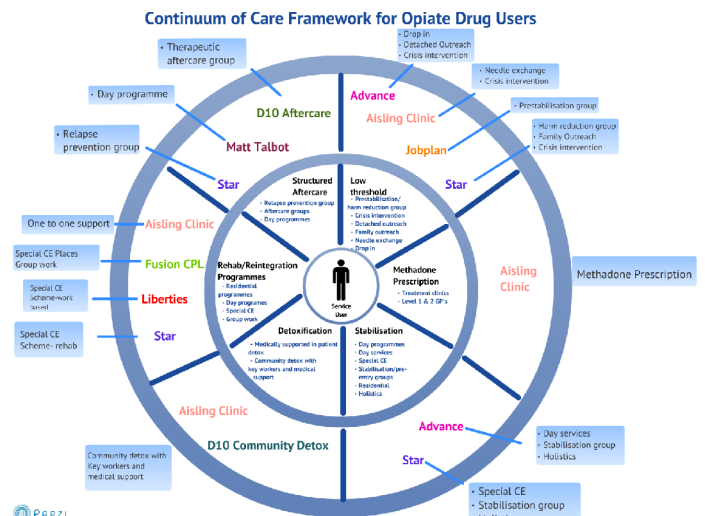
Each participant of the Matt Talbot is allocated a key worker who is responsible for steering their education and training as well as monitoring their general welfare. A large part of our time and efforts are placed into responding to individual needs. We attempt to see each person in the complexity of what constitutes humanity - as someone with skills and abilities that need encouragement and nurturing to realise their full potential. Initially it is our task to respond to needs and discover ways and means of fostering this potential. As the people that we work with are in difficult and complicated situations we quite often find ourselves in the position of crisis intervention. By building relationships in this manner we attempt to treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve.

The staff of the Matt Talbot have integrated the use of the Outcomes Star assessment tool as a framework in keyworking sessions. The Outcomes Star both measures and supports progress for participants towards self-reliance or other goals. The Star is designed to be completed collaboratively as an integral part of keywork.

Keyworking forms the basis of the essential relationship building process that ensures that participants feel heard, understood and valued.

Treatment and Rehabilitation Protocols

The Matt Talbot has adopted the Interagency Protocols, a framework through which all the drug agencies in Ballyfermot. Within the field of addiction it is widely accepted that service users have diverse and multiple needs. Hence it follows that it is unlikely that any single agency can provide everything that is needed to address the issues contained within this cycle of addiction. If services are not co-ordinated, service users can have difficulty negotiating the complex service network, 'fall between the cracks,' fail to receive the help they need, and/or be subjected to unnecessary delays, frustration, trauma, and intrusion into their lives. On the other hand, when services are well co-ordinated, it reduces the need for multiple interviews, which, in turn, cuts down on trauma and inconvenience for people and reduces wasteful overlap and duplication. The Matt Talbot has fully integrated these policies into our key working and case management when participants are engaged with other agencies. The below illustration shows where every project in Ballyfermot sits within the Framework.



WOMEN'S GROUP



PAT TALBOT

WOMEN'S GROUP FACILITATOR

The women's group meet each Tuesday evening for discussion and prayer on the Sunday Gospel. What meaning it had two thousand years ago and what meaning has it in our lives today? Because the group have been together over a long period the sharing and discussion can be quite deep personal and reflective. It certainly brings the message of the Gospel for that particular week alive and challenges us to live that message.

There are approximately eleven women involved in the group who commit to turning up each Tuesday rain, hail or snow. A lot of them help out in our other activities and fundraisers which we are very grateful.

We also go on two Retreats each year at Christmas and Easter to Ballinscorney and a day trip during the summer. I would like to thank all the women and those who volunteer their time to help out and make these activities so enjoyable and possible.

Sadly two of our group Ann Byrne and Sr Patsy Coogan OP are no longer with us but remain in our prayers and thoughts.

When we asked one of the women who attended the group about it she said:

"Typical night at the women's group: Pat picks us up and we do our meditation, we read out of the Bible and we give our point of view and how it relates to us now compared to 2000 years ago.

And we do a bit of prayer, which is great for us if we have worries. We talk about our family and kids doing exams and have a cup of tea and a chat. It's the time we get to switch off, leave our cares at the door. I never knew anything about the Bible and I've learned a lot about it. I go to mass on a Sunday and now I understand it more.

The meditation lasts about 20 minutes to half an hour. We close our eyes and forget about what's inside, troubles you have during the day. I can't meditate at home, never get a chance, there is always someone coming and going. It's the only bit of personal time, down here on a Tuesday, we look forward to it."



FAMILY SUMMER PROGRAMME

Last year the Matt Talbot worked with 10 families who were experiencing crisis. 70 children joined us for Santa's visit at Christmas and 20 families took part in our Family Summer Programme.

A big part of the work of the Matt Talbot is Family Support. We see the family as part of the support system for each person on our programme and we want to make that support the strongest it can be. Family Support takes a few different forms in the Matt Talbot, some are more structured like the Family Summer Programme and the Christmas Party and

some are much more informal and needs based.

We asked one of the

collected with our bags from Ballyfermot and head in Pat's van to Ballinascorney. We get our rooms and the kids

"There is no television and the kids don't even miss it, they are outside the whole time."

women who has been coming to the Family Summer Programme in Ballinascorney for a number of years with her grandchildren to talk about what she felt it was like and here is what she said:

No TV!

"The grandkids love coming to Ballinascorney. They love it, they have kind of grown up with it. It's brilliant. We get

are all excited. They love the toys and they love the running around the workshop. Pat will take us off out to Bray or the Forty Foot or Blessington and we get in the canoes and the kids love it. It's something different, gets them off the streets. We'll have a bbq when the weather is good. There are lots of new bits now in Ballinascorney. The kids can run wild. There is no television and the kids don't even

miss it, they are outside the whole time."

Tough Times

In 2014, the Matt Talbot had to make a tough decision and not do the residential element of the Family Summer Programme for financial reasons. We took day trips to the beach with our families instead. In 2015, we will be back to full strength thanks to a generous donation through Atlantic Philanthropies Employee Designated Fund and we thank them on behalf of the 25 families that will come to Ballinascorney with us this year.

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FAMILY SUPPORT

The Matt Talbot also works with the families of our participants who need support. We talked to some participants who got support through our programme to get an idea of how this worked for them:

Three Generations

"My kids have chronic health issues and even though it's not their job, the staff have gone out of their way to help us with them. They have found funding and other ways of working with them, spent hours helping us. The health systems in Ireland are really hard to access

and waiting lists are too long. The Matt Talbot staff helped us manage all of this. You get to know the staff personally, I bring my kids up here regularly and they love it. There are three generations

Sick baby

"I needed the staff so much during the time when my youngest was born, she was really sick. We were living in the hospital three nights a week each, me and my

speak to; I was constantly on the phone to my keyworker. They helped us with our other kids and shopping for food, we couldn't have done it without them."



of my family who have partner. We were passed through this under such pressure place, my father in and stress, we didn't law, me and now my know if she was going to survive or not. At that time I really needed someone to

We love it!

All of the staff in the Matt Talbot enjoy the Family Support parts of our work the most, even though it is often very hard, but we get to see the families we work with grow and thrive, and there is nothing like it!

PARTICIPANT'S REPORT

THIS IS AN ANONYMOUS REPORT TAKEN FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF OUR PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETED THE MATT TALBOT PROGRAMME RECENTLY. IT'S HEARTFELT AND HONEST, WE HOPE YOU TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT!

Initially it was because I did a few months with another programme but it wasn't for me. I looked around for another programme. I wanted something that wasn't only about recovery, something different. I've been in every treatment centre going and I'd had enough of dealing with my past and I wanted to find something about my future.

Freedom

I came on here voluntary for nearly a year because I still wasn't sure of how it was going to work but I liked something about here. They gave me the freedom to be myself and allowed me to do what I wanted and to try things that no other place would allow me to try, like woodwork, calligraphy, copperwork. They didn't put me in a box and tell me this is what you're doing.

Copperwork

I started out doing the copperwork here as a form of meditation or therapy. I did copperwork in another project during a nightclass and then just bought a roll and brought it into work. One of the staff gave me their office to work in. No other place would do that. Grainne pushed me in the direction of

"I found who I am here. I never was comfortable with myself through my entire life. Now I have direction"

doing a Start your Own Business course. I didn't have a lot of confidence in starting my own business but they pushed me to do it. They saw something in me and knew I was well able to do it. They pushed me and guided me. I would never have done it without them because I would have bottled it at the first assignment which meant I would have never done any of the other courses.

Positive Role Model

I found who I am here. I never was comfortable with myself through my entire life. Now I have direction. I'm devoted to my job, I'm devoted to my wife and kids, I'm a good father and husband, well I try to be! I now have a purpose. I can also help other people find a different path than I chose. I believe I'm a positive role model, which is strange for me.

Welcome

Here, they really care. It's so welcoming here, there are people that left 10 years ago that still come back. It's because they treat everyone as an individual and cater to them all. If I had to give someone advice I would tell them to go try it, it's not like any other project you've ever known.

Education

They help people to go on to college to do degrees and masters and then continue to support them right the way

PARTICIPANT'S REPORT

PARTICIPANT REPORT CONTINUED.....

through college usually on their own time.

I've done Start Your Own Business, Train the Trainer and Co-facilitation training with the support of the Matt Talbot. Now I teach copperwork in other programmes and I have my own studio in the Matt Talbot.

Craft School for ex-prisoners

My goal in life is to set up a craft school in the Matt Talbot. I want

to teach Irish crafts that are dying out to people coming out of prison. When you're locked up there is a brilliant workshop in there. When you come out, there is nowhere to go with that. You could be highly skilled and unless you have a workshop with all the tools in your back garden, you're going to lose all you learned and going back to a life of crime. I want to give people the opportunity to come here, learn stuff, earn a living and get the support of the Matt Talbot. I'm teaching copper in youthclubs and

a few Crosscare hostels and some men's groups, mainly in frontline addiction services. Copperwork is a great way to meditate, while you're working with your hands.

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CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, FAIRER IRELAND

THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 PARTNERS - WE CAN'T WAIT TO KEEP DOING GOOD WORK TOGETHER IN 2015

Corporate partnerships form a key part of the future strategy of the Matt Talbot Community Trust. It was great to see that this support grew in 2014, maybe as a reflection of the changing environment for businesses in Ireland. All of our key partners joined our group in Ballinascorney for a staff volunteering day and many of our corporate supporters provided extra support in 2014.

Building Bridges with

Deloitte.

In 2014, Deloitte took a step further in its involvement with our site at St. Martin's, Ballinascorney. Deloitte were the first company to

get involved on the site and have done an Impact Day every year for four years. We approached them about a longer term volunteering opportunity – to build a bridge that would complete the paths they laid all around the site. Deloitte released 12 staff members early once a week for seven weeks and our participants worked side by side with the staff to build a beautiful bridge. We learned a lot about each other and from each other during the construction; you could almost say we built a bridge between two communities! We would like to thank Deloitte for their dedication towards the creation of a gorgeous site in Ballinascorney which will be used for generations to come.

Special thanks to:

Business in the Community	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Valero	Hilton Hotels
Volunteer Ireland	Park West Business Park

Education Business Partnership with



We have always enjoyed working with AOL which has been a strong supporter of our work for a number of years. This year they really extended that support. When they came to visit our education centre in Ballyfermot, they noticed that we were seriously lacking in good technology so they **donated 11 computers** to our education centre. We cannot even begin to describe the difference this has made!

AOL is based in one of the coolest buildings in Dublin

so they invited our group in for a tour around the building and to meet some of the people that work there. This tour was followed up with a CV and interview prep course from their experienced HR team. Our group gained a massive amount of confidence from these sessions and really began to consider a future career in computers! Thank you to all the staff in AOL for their continued support.



FUNDRAISING & FUNDING

THANK YOU!!!

We could not do it without YOU!!

It is impossible for the Matt Talbot to continue without **YOU**, the people who give so generously to our group.

2014 was a tough year for the Matt Talbot and we could not have kept our doors open without the generous support of our donors and grant givers.

Last year you donated a whopping **€8293.33**, 98% of which went directly to the provision of our services.

Special mention goes to the individual who fundraised over €2800 by doing the Dublin City Marathon for the Matt Talbot. We would also

like to thank our long-term supporters, the Dominican Sisters and the Glenmaroon Prayer group for their generous donations. Finally, our generous American donor has made our Summer Programme possible in 2015.

The Matt Talbot ran a number of fundraisers including a Family Fun Day and Sponsored Cycle from Ballinascorney. Lots of people got involved on this day helping to make it a success and donating and fundraising for us. This was so enjoyable and we hope you will join us again in June

2015.

Grants

The Matt Talbot also accessed a number of grants last year which funded counselling hours, a new library, a facilitator for our relapse prevention

group and our summer programme. Thank you so much to all of our sponsors!



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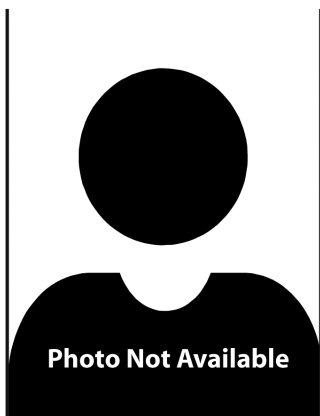
THE MATT TALBOT COMMUNITY TRUST COULD NOT CARRY OUT OUR WORK WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES, EDUCATIONAL BODIES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES. HERE ARE A FEW THAT WE WORKED WITH IN 2014, HUGE THANKS TO ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

- BALLYFERMOT ADVANCE PROJECT
- FUSION CPL
- BALLYFERMOT STAR
- BSII
- BALLYFERMOT PARTNERSHIP
- DOMINICAN CONVENT CABRA
- CANDLE COMMUNITY TRUST
- ST MICHAEL'S NATIONAL SCHOOL
- LIBERTIES RECYCLING
- FAMILIBASE
- DALC
- PIETA HOUSE
- FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
- SHELDON PARK HOTEL LEISURE CENTRE
- HILTON HOTEL
- MELT
- NEWBRIDGE HOUSE
- COMMUNITY GARDAI
- UNIVERSITY OF MAYNOOTH ADULT EDUCATION OFFICE
- DIT ACCESS

- PROGRAMME
- ROSLYN COLLEGE SANDYMOUNT
- BALLYFERMOT COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION
- BALLYFERMOT LIBRARY
- BALLYFERMOT LEISURE CENTRE
- ST JAMES CAMINO, ENFIELD
- KELTOI
- CUAN DARA
- BTAP
- SOILSE
- RUTLAND CENTRE
- COOLMINE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY
- INCREDIBLE YEARS PROGRAMME
- NATIONAL DRUG ADVISORY AND TREATMENT CENTRE
- FUNDRAISING IRELAND
- MERCHANTS QUAY IRELAND
- FOCUS IRELAND
- DUBLIN SIMON COMMUNITY

- FINNSTOWN HOUSE HOTEL
- BALLYFERMOT RESOURCE CENTRE
- CHERRY ORCHARD PARISH
- ST MATTHEW'S PARISH
- BALLYFERMOT ASSUMPTION PARISH
- INCLUDE YOUTH NI
- MQI HIGH PARK
- STATION ONE
- TURAS
- PRIORSWOOD HOUSE
- O'MEARA'S CAMPING
- CITYWISE
- KYLEMORE COLLEGE
- BALLYFERMOT IT CENTRE
- PEARSE COLLEGE
- CRUMLIN COLLEGE
- INCHICORE COLLEGE

BOARD *of* TRUSTEES



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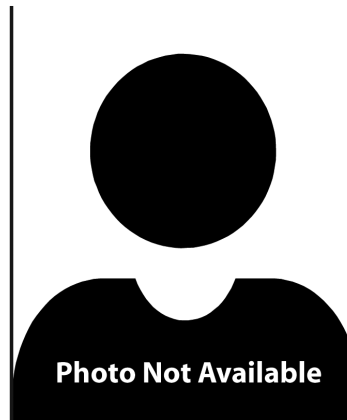
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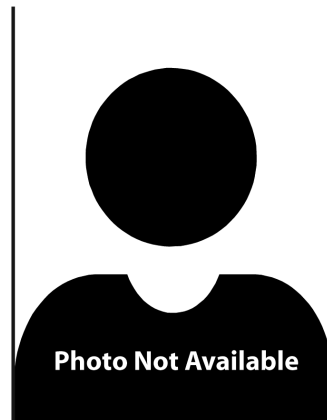
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FOUNDER & HONORARY PATRON

The Matt Talbot Community Trust would like to thank Dr. Bernard Sherry and Bridget Kenny for their years of dedicated service to the Board. Both members retired in 2014.

The organisation is looking for new Board Members. Please get in touch with the Director for further details.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

COMPANY MEMBERS

A group of friends and supporters of the Matt Talbot Community Trust who along with the Trustees attend and vote at the A.G.M

Mr Denis Murray	Mrs Monica Beausang	Mrs Catherine Robinson	Mr Gerry Bates
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STAFF

Grainne Jennings	Director
Mark Kavanagh	Programme Manager
Jean Collender	Coordinator
Pat Talbot	Assistant CE Supervisor
Damon Shortt	Future Options Project Worker

VOLUNTEERS

The staff and board of the Matt Talbot would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered their time, energy and skills in 2014 and into the future to support our work. It would be impossible to carry on without your support.

Ken Byrne	Sr. Caoimhín Ní Uallacháin	Trish Talbot	Gary Roche
Sr. Veronica McCabe	Siobhan Connolly	James Ellis	Felicity Proctor
Lucy Collender	Marianne O'Dwyer	Mark Johnson	Sara Barnes

REPORT *of* INCOME

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended
31 December 2014

	DEC 2014 €	DEC 2013 €
INCOME		
DONATIONS & GRANT INCOME		
Donations & Fundraising	16,750	8,471
Atlantic Philanthropies	4,000	4,000
National Lottery	-	44,285
Dominican Sisters	100	295,000
ESB Electric Aid	3,094	7,754
Advance Community Grant	1,000	750
Fusion	1,369	565
Scoil Caitriona	168	231
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION		
Community Employment Scheme	220,510	209,674
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		
Local Drugs Taskforce	106,503	108,771
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE & LAW REFORM		
Probation Services	82,000	82,000
CITY OF DUBLIN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD		
Department of Education & Science	66,332	66,335
OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest Received	80	201
Insurance Claims Receivable	404	-
TOTAL INCOME	502,301	828,037

REPORT *of* EXPENDITURE

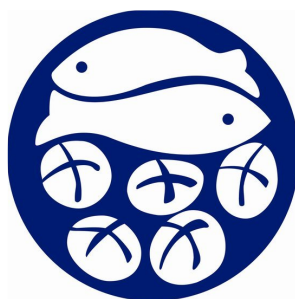
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31 December 2014

	DEC 2014 €	DEC 2013 €
EXPENSES		
Wages & Salaries	393,560	386,703
Employer's PRSI	27,978	28,249
Staff Pensions	15,981	12,895
Death in Service	1,307	910
Redundancy & Termination Costs	12,522	-
Training & Development	5,056	4,798
Telephone	4,685	5,261
Stationery & Postage	4,260	3,532
Food & Household Expenses	9,120	10,514
Summer Project & Family Support	3,055	10,961
Counselling	2,305	3,250
Recreational	-	1,518
Drug Equipment, Analysis & Testing	3,845	4,130
Light & Heat	8,066	6,520
Cleaning	1,472	1,628
Security	2,714	2,284
General Repairs & Maintenance	7,072	4,697
General Expenses	6,443	582
Property Insurance	2,708	2,887
Scheme Insurance	800	800
Motor Insurance	2,956	3,090
Motor Running Costs	4,639	2,884
Travel Expenses	98	267
Legal & Professional	-	2,932
Audit	6,151	6,851
Accountancy & Payroll Services	443	2,272
Bank Charges	830	607
Profit/losses on disp of tangibles	-	(600)
Depreciation	24,686	24,687
TOTAL	552,752	535,109
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(50,442)	292,928

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2014

	2014 €	2013 €
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	641,913	666,599
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	21,353	22,346
Cash at bank and in hand	16,954	53,536
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	38,307	75,882
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	(48,895)	(60,714)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS	<hr/> (10,588)	<hr/> 15,168
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<hr/> 631,325	<hr/> 681,767
REPRESENTED BY:		
Revaluation Reserve	2,995	2,995
Accumulated Fund	628,330	678,772
	<hr/> 631,325	<hr/> 681,767



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