Chairman’s Statement

The time covered by this report includes some momentous changes in the life of the Ana Liffey Drug Project. From its foundation in 1992 the project enjoyed the hospitality of the Salvation Army at its premises in Lower Abbey Street. After that there was no longer possible we rented premises in Middle Abbey Street. Then in October 2004 President Mary McAleese opened our new home at 48 Middle Abbey Street, the purchase of which was made possible by the National Drug Strategy Team and the North Inner City Local Drugs Task Force who supported our application to the Cabinet Sub-committee on Social Inclusion.

The consolidation of the project in the new premises enabled us to continue to offer services grounded in a client-friendly and non-judgmental approach to collaborative, family and children living with the reality of problematic substance use. This has been the aim and the policy of the project for the past 23 years.

In 2005 Brian Mahon resigned as our Project Director. Brian had been Director since 2002, prior to which he had been the Team Leader of our Children’s Project. Our regret at Brian’s leaving was tempered by the welcome addition to the team of Tony Duffin our new Director who took up his role in November 2005. We wish Brian all the best in the future, thank him for all his services to the project and warmly welcome Tony.

“I feel welcome as I walk through the front door. They give you support and if you want one-to-one counselling there’s always a staff [member] there very well educated in knowing what you need, that is very important to me.” Julie

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Tony Duffin
November 2005

Directors Statement

Having recently joined the Ana Liffey Drug Project in November 2004 for almost a millennium of this team’s achievements in 2004, the logistics of a move to a new premises and the organisational up shut profitable opening day, by decompressing, opens into a busy time. Add maintaining the day-to-day opening of a project of this nature and you get the sense of a very busy year in 2004.

My first impression of the project is one of a group of people, the professionals that run the service and the community that use it, working together to improve and enhance the quality of life for those affected by problem substances use in North Inner City Dublin and wider afield.

Now that the Ana Liffey Drug Project has a home it is time to consolidate further. We aim to collaborate closely with our public, private and voluntary partners in developing and maintaining a fully developed service. We regard our investing services, focussing equally on the individual and families (children and parents), in 2005 we will be further developing and enhancing our work in Middle Abbey St. Our proven work and our community work.

“To me it’s a safe place - with great help and advice” Georgina

Treasurer’s Report for the year ended 31st December 2004

The income for the year was €77,249 while Expenditure amounted to €69,919 bringing a Surplus on Operations of €7,230.

Grants from Statutory Authorities totalled €713,560 and were provided by the Northern Area Health Board, the National Lottery, the North Inner City Drugs Task Force and the PHALL and Welfare Service. Money also came from the Irish Youth Foundation and from fund raising activities.

The main Expenditure during the year was the cost of Staff Salaries, Employers PRSI and Pension Contributions, which amounted to €77,290 or 87% of the total. The remaining Expenditure was €17,950 of which Depreciation of Fixed Assets accounted for €3,326. Other headings of note include a Family Breakfast, Children’s Afternoons, Toddlers Groups and Family Services. We continue to develop, maintain and enhance our work in Middle Abbey St.

The Net Assets of the Project stood at €902,919 on 31st December 2004 which were reconstituted by Company General Fund €164,278 Government Grant €738,531.

The Management Council wish to thank the Statutory Authorities and other donors most especially for their support of the Project and we are confident that the Director and Staff will continues to provide a first class service to their clients. Strategic controls are in operation to ensure that funds are spent on the basis of obtaining the best value and in turn all accounting procedures are kept up to date and monitored to ensure that the Council are aware of the financial affairs at all times.

Frank Woods
November 2005

Our Mission

The Ana Liffey Drug Project aims to respond to the needs of drug users, their families, children and their communities as a flexible, person-centred way. The project endeavours to create a welcoming and open environment where service users are respected, accepted and encouraged to manage the issues impacting on their lives. The project works with service users to reduce the risks associated with drug use, improve overall quality of life and advocate for the rights and needs of drug users.

Our Objectives

• To provide a safe environment in which drug users and their families can look at issues affecting their lives.
• To promote a positive understanding and awareness of the issues of drug use, HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis.
• To take account of and initiate responses to the ever changing needs and developments in drug use.

We currently achieve this by providing the following services:

OPEN ACCESS SERVICE

• A Low Threshold drop-in service designed to accept people involved in problem substance use. A gate keeping service that enables Service Users to access relevant services and support.

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

Based at Middle Abbey St, this eight week programme aims to reduce harm to those involved in problem substance use. Importing clear Harm Reduction messages to those attending and enabling those Service users that graduate to carry the information back into their own communities.

CHILDREN’S PROJECT

A safe and welcoming space staffed by childcare professionals. Services include a Family Breakfast, Children’s Afternoons, ‘Studley’ Groups and Family Cooking Afternoons. A large part of the Children’s Projects work is advocating on behalf of the Children and Families that attend the Ana Liffey Drug Project.

Other Satellite Services available

• Rehabilitation Therapy: including Massage, Indian Head Massage and Oracular Acupuncture.
• Access Visits.
• A GP Service (Beginning in January 2005).
• Legal advice by an attending Barrister.
• Literacy provided in conjunction with the VEC.
• Outreach: home and hospital visits.

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PRISON WORK

Working tirelessly with the Probation and Welfare Service and the Prison Service, Ana Liffey Staff operate in a drug free wing of the medical unit, the majority of the participants come from the main unit in Mountjoy Prison, the programme is however, also open to people from Woodford Prison. Participants who require a detoxification undergo a 12 day medical detox prior to the start of the programme.

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