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## The Trust reviews its first Strategic Plan and Fundraising Strategy

Peter McVerry Trust launched its first strategic plan in 2007, which was developed to map out the direction of the organisation. As this three-year plan is now complete, and the drafting of the second strategy is underway, we can evaluate if our objectives during this period were achieved.



The charity has grown in the last three years, in response to the many issues affecting young homeless people. Between the years 2007-2009, more than 1,300 young people were supported by the Trust

through our various accommodation and support services.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to offer services that were much needed and that helped change and improve the lives of many young homeless people. For example, we enhanced our drug services, establishing a drug stabilisation service, to complement the Trust's existing detox and drug after-care services. We carried out extensive renovation and refurbishment work across many services, enabling us to offer a higher standard of accommodation for young people in our care. We increased the number of apartments we provide, to offer more homes to individuals ready to live independently in the community.

Midway through the strategy and in light of the looming recession, a review of our services took place to assess if we were providing effective support for young homeless people and also value for money. The findings lead to a reconfiguration of some of our services. The main developments included increasing our emergency accommodation units and expanding our outreach service, based with Fr. McVerry in the Open Access Centre, which was renamed as Streets to Home Service.

During the life of this plan we also saw the integration of two important residential services for young people under the age of 18, which were originally founded by Fr. McVerry - Balcurris Boys home, which offers accommodation to young males between ages 15 and 18, and Tabor House, which offers accommodation to young people of ages 12 to 18. Both of these services are an important prevention strategy to reduce the likelihood of these children ending up in adult homeless services.

We also used this time to enhance the Trust's Board of Directors and increased its membership and experience. We established three working groups, covering the key areas of finance, services and research as well as fundraising.

To coincide with the strategic plan, the Trust also developed a three year fundraising strategy in 2007, which aimed to increase income to the charity by 150%. This was an ambitious target, but one that proved successful thanks to the overwhelming generosity of all our supporters and the unwavering commitment of everyone involved in our fundraising work, including the Welcome Home and Calcutta Run committees.

The Trust has constantly tried to provide a flexible response to the changing face of homelessness and to develop services accordingly. This has become even more pertinent during the recession and we will continue striving to reduce expenditure whilst not reducing the quality of services we provide for the increasing numbers of young homeless people in need.

**Pat Doyle**

**PMVT Services** – Open Access, Streets to Home, Emergency Accommodation, Transitional Accommodation, Stabilisation Service, Residential Community Detox, Residential Drug Aftercare & Housing with Supports, Under 18s Residential Services.

## Note from Fr. McVerry



For us, like everyone else in Ireland, the past few years have been dominated by the recession.

The days of expansion have given way to a period of consolidation, the effort to maintain the services we had developed, with a diminishing income. Our financial sub-committee produced budgets each year which were, to say the least, challenging. However, as the fellow who fell off the top floor said, as he flew past each window: so far so good. With the expertise of our CEO, who wielded the surgeon's knife, the cooperation of all our staff who accepted pay cuts, and the continued generosity of those who support us, we have managed to maintain all our services intact – and, most importantly, those who use our services haven't noticed any change! Most of the targets which we set ourselves in 2007 have been achieved. While 2010 will be another difficult year, we hope we are more like the bungee jumper who expects to bounce back without hitting the bottom.



## Trust wins Irish Times Living Dublin Awards

A ceremony was held in Trinity College's Science Gallery on 1st December, 2009 to celebrate individuals and groups who are working to improve the quality of life in Dublin.

Peter McVerry Trust was the overall winner of the award and also won an award in the Community Development category.

Accepting the award Fr. McVerry commented that he hoped the awards were a recognition that the homeless still

mattered. "That the homeless continue to exist is an indictment of our political leaders because homelessness could have been eliminated during the Celtic Tiger but the will was not there. My greatest desire is to do myself out of a job," he said.



## Fr. McVerry named as Reality's Person of the Year 2009

The annual Reality Awards (sponsored by Reality magazine) took place on 22nd October.

"We are honouring Fr. Peter McVerry as our Person of the Year for his consistently insightful analysis of the Celtic Tiger and the impact the recession has had on Irish society as well as his championing of the rights of the most disadvantaged in society." The annual awards are given in recognition of the individual and collective contributions of people and institutions to the Church and Irish Society.

We are now on facebook, promoting our challenge events!  
Visit our website [www.pmvtrust.ie](http://www.pmvtrust.ie) for further details.

## Volunteer Focus

*Having been aware of the work of Fr. Peter McVerry for quite a number of years, it was not until 2001 that I became involved with his work on a volunteer basis. My own small contribution involves placing the charity's green collection boxes in shops and emptying them on a regular basis and lodging the funds collected. This couldn't happen of course without the help of the shopkeepers who find yet another space on the counter for another noble cause, or without the kind contributors. It gives me great satisfaction to know that I am contributing in this concrete way to the needs of the disadvantaged and this much deserving organisation.*

(Carmel, Volunteer, Co. Wicklow)

*What I do, by way of such things as church-gate collections, is small in itself. But I see it as part, however modest, of a widespread collective effort to provide essential support to a bunch of hugely committed people. And, in the process, it's nice to encounter the generosity of "ordinary" people to what they clearly see as a very genuine cause.*

(John O'Leary, Sandymount)

These quotes provide an example of the support we receive from our many and dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all those who support us - we really appreciate your efforts. If you would like information about volunteer work at PMVT please email [volunteer@pmvtrust.ie](mailto:volunteer@pmvtrust.ie) or call 01 8230776.

**An hour or two of your time can make a big difference!**

## Corporate Grants



*Pictured are John Campion, Director of Sustainability at ESB and Fr. McVerry beside the new vehicle which ESB ElectricAid donated to the Trust.*

### Bank of Scotland (Ireland)

The considerable level of sponsorship given to Peter McVerry Trust from Bank of Scotland (Ireland) has funded a number of essential renovations and additions to our services. These have included installing a security system at our Emergency Residential Service and the replacement of windows in our Residential Detox Service.



### Vodafone Ireland Foundation

Vodafone Ireland Foundation has been a loyal and valuable supporter of Peter McVerry Trust's Community Residential Detox Centre for the past 3 years. During this time, they have generously sponsored the detox of 24 individuals. We are incredibly grateful to them for helping to ensure that we were able to continue to deliver this vital service, particularly as State funding for this service has been cut by 50%.



*Thank you to all our corporate supporters.*

# fundraising



## Fundraising and Events

### Abseil Challenge

Sunday, 25th April

This new event will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Glenmalure Valley in the Wicklow Mountains. You will abseil down a 50 metre sheer cliff face into the forest below so you will need a good head for heights or maybe this is the time to face your fears! Call 01 8230776 or email [abseil@pmvtrust.ie](mailto:abseil@pmvtrust.ie) for a booking form TODAY!



*Pictured is RTE's Clinical Psychologist David Coleman who is taking part in the Abseil Challenge*

### Women's Mini-Marathon

Bank Holiday Monday 7th June

Join 'Team Peter McVerry Trust'! Call 01 8230776 or email [minimarathon@pmvtrust.ie](mailto:minimarathon@pmvtrust.ie) to receive your sponsorship pack. Official race entry forms can be found on-line at [www.womensminimarathon.ie](http://www.womensminimarathon.ie) or in the Evening Herald (every Wednesday & Saturday). Closing date for registration is 27th April.

### Two Peak Wicklow Challenge

Saturday 24th July

This 25km hike is a fantastic way to see the stunning scenery that Wicklow has to offer. Please call 01 8230776 for more information about this event.

### Give&Buy

If you have any unwanted items or fancy picking up a bargain visit this new website - [www.giveandbuy.com](http://www.giveandbuy.com). 100% of funds received go directly to charity.



### Tax Reclaim

If you are a PAYE taxpayer we can reclaim the tax on your donations of €250 or more, at no extra cost to you. Please contact the Fundraising Office to request a Tax Relief Form (CHY2) or to find out more.

### UCD Annual Camino Walk

Good luck to the walkers, which also includes four students from NUI Galway, who set off on 26th May for 12 days, covering 255km. The route they will take is the last quarter of the 1000 kilometre camino that starts in Seville, which is called the Via de la Plata (the silver way).

## News from our Supporters

### Calcutta Run

15th May – 10km fun run/walk around Phoenix Park, with BBQ afterwards, organised by A&L Goodbody Solicitors in association with the Law Society. To register and for further information please visit [www.calcuttarun.com](http://www.calcuttarun.com)



*Pictured are members of the Calcutta Run committee with Ireland Manager Giovanni Trapattoni and Assistant Manager Marco Tardelli*

### Welcome Home

14th May – Golf Classic at Milltown Golf Club

27th June – Midsummer Walk

18th September – Wexford Cycle

Further details can be found on [www.welcomehome.ie](http://www.welcomehome.ie)



## Other fundraising news!

### Marion Hayden's Dublin & New York Marathon Success!

"I always enjoyed the outdoors and walking in particular. A good friend, Noreen, started running a few years ago and completed the London Marathon. This inspired me to set the Dublin City Marathon as my goal. I did the marathon in 2007 and 2008, raising funds for PMVT. Then to celebrate my retirement from teaching in 2009 I decided to walk the New York Marathon, which I completed in 5 hours 43 minutes, crossing the finish line exhausted but with a sense of satisfaction any marathoner can appreciate.



*Marion shows off her medal after completing the New York Marathon*

So why choose the Trust? I never met Fr Peter McVerry but from what I read, saw and heard of him for many years he truly "walks the walk". I believe him to be sincere, totally dedicated and that every cent raised goes to provide a better life for those not as fortunate as I am."

### Julian Bloomer's Around the World Cycle

Julian's fascinating four year around the world bicycle trip began in Ireland in July 2008. Following a 14 month cycle from Ireland to South Africa, he has now crossed into South America. His journey and stunning photos can be viewed at <http://theslowwayhome.blogspot.com>. You can sponsor Julian by contacting the Fundraising Office 01 8230776 or online at [www.mycharity.ie](http://www.mycharity.ie).



*Julian cycling through Argentina, January 2010*

### Gonzaga Annual Green & White Ball

This year the event was held in the school on 5th March. Donations for the event are still coming in – thanks to the organisers and all those who support this event.

### Belvedere College Annual Sleep Out

Well done to the students, past and present, from Belvedere College who braved freezing temperatures, sleeping out on Dublin's streets from 22nd-24th December. Their efforts raised more than €50,000 for Belvedere Social Services – an associated project of the Trust.

**Thank you to all our supporters for your generosity.**