

Information about the Peter McVerry Trust





History

After his ordination in 1974, Fr. Peter McVerry SJ worked in Summerhill, in Dublin's north inner city. He witnessed first hand the problems of homelessness and deprivation and, in 1979, opened a hostel to address the urgent need for accommodation for homeless boys. Four years later he founded The Arrupe Society, a charity to provide housing and support for young homeless people.

Current

In 2005, the charity was re-named as Peter McVerry Trust and a new board of directors was formed. The Trust now currently provides a wide range of care services to address the needs of the most marginalised in society.

Aims

1. To provide a safe, challenging and supportive drug free environment and to target those most marginalised in society through its service provision.
2. To actively encourage participants' involvement in all aspects of their own care plans.
3. To emphasise each individual's personal choice and responsibility.
4. To assist each person to re-establish themselves in the community and their move towards greater independence.

Underpinning Our Vision

Continuum of care model - Peter McVerry Trust's services are based on the continuum of care model,

which aims to facilitate the client's journey into mainstream society, addressing a diverse range of needs along the way.

The Homeless Agency Competency Framework - Peter McVerry Trust is committed to an ongoing partnership with the Homeless Agency, which ensures that effective and consistent standards are upheld within the sector.

Interagency model of working - Peter McVerry Trust is committed to developing its links with other relevant services to improve co-ordination of service delivery, eliminate gaps in services, assist in client progression between agencies and decrease duplication of services.

Peter McVerry Trust's Continuum of Care Services

1. Referral and Assessment

This is the first point of contact for those accessing many of Peter McVerry Trust's services. The Referral and Assessment Worker responds to all initial enquires regarding the Trust's services and assesses each person for referral to an appropriate service..

2. Outreach

The outreach service is underpinned by a harm reduction approach. Every effort is made to source emergency accommodation and address any urgent needs, whilst offering support to access appropriate services to help people gain the skills needed to live independently.

3. Open Access

This drop-in day centre offers ongoing support, advice and advocacy for those who are homeless. The team also provides support to people who wish to move on to other



Mission Statement

Peter McVerry Trust is committed to reducing homelessness, drug misuse and social disadvantage through its provision of housing and support services. The Trust provides its services, which are tailored to the needs of the individual, within a framework of equal opportunities, dignity and respect.

services, providing opportunities for progression. Fr. Peter McVerry's office and the Outreach Team are based here.

4. Education, Training & Development Centre

This core day service responds to the varied needs of young homeless people. The centre operates a stabilisation programme as well as a diverse programme of educational and training activities. One-to-one support is also offered to participants to help them to gain the skills and coping mechanisms they need to live independently and to break the cycle of homelessness.

5. Transitional Accommodation

This service provides accommodation for those over the age of eighteen years. Individuals are given support to address the issues which have contributed to their homelessness, to link with the Trust's other services and to progress from here to more independent accommodation. This facility offers six places.

6. Residential Community Detox Service

This service, which is approved by the HSE, provides 25% of all community detox beds in Dublin. The six-week residential programme provides a safe and stable environment for people who wish to detoxify from methadone.

Residents participate in a two-tier model, which is based on relapse prevention and a therapeutic horticulture programme, in conjunction with one-to-one key working with the individual. The property is based in north County Dublin and can accommodate seven people.

7. Residential Drug Aftercare Service

Peter McVerry Trust provides aftercare accommodation for individuals who require secure and stable accommodation to maintain their recovery and provide an opportunity for continued personal development. We accept referrals from individuals who have completed a residential drug treatment programme or who are drug free and in need of aftercare support. All participants engage in drug free day programmes while living in the houses.

Within the projects, personal development plans are designed for each individual, allowing them to develop independent living skills and coping mechanisms within a safe and structured environment. Two facilities can cater for ten people.

8. Settlement & Tenancy Sustainment

We have access to suitable move-on accommodation for those who have successfully completed an aftercare programme and/or have acquired the skills needed for independent living.

Support is provided for those moving into their own homes to help sustain tenancies, live independently and re-integrate into the community.

Associated Projects

Peter McVerry Trust has supported the following initiatives from establishment through to current operational phase. These key services provide vital support to young homeless people.



Associated Projects (Continued)

Balcurris Boys' Home

The first hostel established by Fr. McVerry, it offers accommodation for young people 16 years and over, as well as an outreach service.

Belvedere Social Services

Offers semi-independent accommodation for young people 17 to 19 years of age and offers aftercare support to past residents.

BOND Transitional Residential Facility

Provides accommodation for young people exiting prison or places of detention and supports their re-integration into the community of Blanchardstown.

Our Supporters

Welcome Home was formed in 1990 to support the work of the Peter McVerry Trust. Every year, the group organises a variety of events which include the Wexford Cycle, a Golf Classic and a Corporate Christmas Appeal to raise vital funds for the charity. To find out more please visit: www.welcomehome.ie.



Calcutta Run Committee organises a 10kms fun run/walk every May in Dublin's Phoenix Park, to support our work with young homeless people. Please visit www.calcuttarun.com for information on this event.

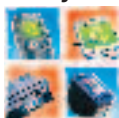


We also receive support from Community Foundation for Ireland, Dormant Accounts Fund, Dublin City Council, Health Service Executive, Homeless Agency, National Drugs Strategy Team (NDST) and Vodafone Ireland Foundation.

How you can help...

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