



What it means to be a MOVE branch

MOVE Ireland is made up of individual members and local MOVE branches. Branches of MOVE Ireland form in order to work with men who are violent in their intimate relationships and they do this by operating the MOVE programme. MOVE branches also participate in MOVE Ireland by contributing to the development of policy in relation to both violence in intimate relationships in general and the running of MOVE Ireland in particular.

MOVE Ireland branches are the method by which the frontline work of MOVE is carried out and are essential to the organisation. Given the sensitive nature of MOVE's work it is vital that each branch adheres to certain standards in their work with men who are violent in intimate relationships and in their operation as a branch. For this reason, branches are asked to adhere to the following conditions of membership.

Conditions of branch membership

1. The branch operates in accordance with the purpose, values and aims of MOVE Ireland and adheres to the Rules and Byelaws.
2. All work with men who are violent in their intimate relationships is carried out in accordance with Respect's 'Statement of Principles and Minimum Standards of Practice' (2004).
3. All volunteer facilitators, partner contact workers, committee members, other volunteers, and people who represent MOVE have joined MOVE Ireland as individual members.
4. The branch committee is made up of a minimum of five members and seeks to have a gender balance and representatives from a minimum of three agencies on the committee. (See Rules and Byelaws for more detail.)

Support for branches

1. MOVE Ireland will provide funding to branches within its means and on receipt of appropriate financial records.
2. MOVE Ireland will provide networking opportunities and appropriate training for facilitators, partner contacts and committee members.
3. MOVE Ireland will provide support to branches seeking to develop their services and promote their work locally.
4. MOVE Ireland will provide support to new branches and branches needing assistance in meeting any standards that may be in place.

