



# MOVE Ireland

Men overcoming violence

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## Welcome to the first issue of MOVE Ireland

**Editor's Welcome:** The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information regarding MOVE Ireland to all its member groups. We hope that the newsletter will be a forum for members to learn from each other and also to contribute their own thoughts and experiences.

We are open to any suggestions you may have for further issues and we welcome all contributions. Please send all submissions to Jane O'Shea.

### New National Coordinator:

**Jane O'Shea** will be assuming her new position on September 1. She has been working full time with Limerick and Clare MOVE Groups since December 2002 as Coordinator and since 2000 as a committee member. Jane has many years experience in the area of domestic violence and support services. Jane also has extensive accounts, administration, and project management experience and is studying for further counseling qualifications

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### National Practitioner's Network Meeting (NPN):

The 25th NPN was held in Sheffield in May 2004 and attended by representatives from a number of local groups (see photo below).

The 26th NPN is being held November 4th and 5th at Five Lakes Country Hotel and Spa in Tollshunt D'arcy, Essex. For further info contact Jane.

The 27th NPN will be hosted by MOVE Ireland in May 2005. All suggestions regarding possible venues are welcome.



### MOVE Ireland AGM

The dates penciled in for the 2004 AGM are November 27 and 28. The venue this year is Galway. Planning is in progress and suggestions are welcome.

### National Partner Contact Program

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10. For further info please contact Jane.

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## 25th National Practitioners Network Meeting

On May 24<sup>th</sup> a group of 11 MOVE Ireland Members, from various parts of the Country traveled to Sheffield to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> National Practitioners Network Meeting.

This is a meeting of professionals working with domestic abuse, either in programmes for perpetrators or in support services for women and children who have had to live with domestic abuse

This event, I would have to say, proved to be most enjoyable and informative.

The venue for the meeting was the spectacular Wortley Hall, an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Country Mansion standing on 26 acres of formal gardens and woodland. It was the perfect place to chill out and relax when one had a free moment. (However the free moments were few and far between)

The organizers put together an excellent and varied programme of workshops to keep us busy. Examples of some of the workshops were:

Domestic Violence and Children (Paul Wynn)

Domestic Violence and the Asian Community (Nina Akhter)

Emotional Health (Sam Slatcher and Sue Dominey)

Education Prevention Work in School (Suki Kaur)

Update on Respect (Jo Todd)

The concept of "MASKS" and their use with perpetrators (Geese Theatre Company)

Between us all, we attended a good variety of workshops. The interaction and networking at break times was great

Even though we had not come prepared to facilitate a workshop, Derek (Robinson) bravely offered to fill a gap. He facilitated two workshops. And from the feedback we heard afterwards, did an excellent job.

Well-done Derek!

On Tuesday night, after all the hard work, we had dinner followed by entertainment, which was provided by "Doris and the Dinner Ladies" and the "Bloody Big Soul Band" and we all danced into the early hours of the morning.

The next Meeting will be held in the Lakes Resort in Essex, which looks like another spectacular venue. Hopefully other MOVE members will be able to attend.

Although it is early days yet, rumour has it that we are extending our hospitality across the water and inviting our neighbors to a network meeting here in Ireland in Spring 2005.

Do get your thinking caps on as plenty of work lies ahead!

## MOVE Ireland Board of Directors 2004

### **Dola Twomey, Chairperson**

Member of Advisory Management Committee of MOVE Cork. Co-coordinator of OSSCORK, a domestic violence information resource center based in Cork City. For more Information see [www.oss cork.ie](http://www.oss cork.ie) or contact [dola@oss cork.ie](mailto:dola@oss cork.ie)

### **Michael Ryan, Vice-chairperson**

Michael has been involved with MOVE Dublin as a facilitator for 7 years. He was also on many sub groups including those which produced the MOVE Ireland Vision Statement and Rules and Bylaws. Michael has been a MOVE Ireland steering committee member for many years as Treasurer, Secretary and National Coordinator. He is currently employed as a Social Worker with the NAHB.

### **Trish Roddy**

Involved with MOVE for a number of years as local committee member and Programme facilitator. Was also involved with National Programme Development Groups. Currently employed as Occupational Therapist in Lakeview Unit, Naas Hospital S.W.A.H.B

### **Miriam Duffy, Treasurer**

Coordinator of Limerick Rape Crisis Centre and member of the Rape Crisis Network of Ireland board of management. Miriam has been involved with MOVE Limerick since its inception in 1996 and is currently Chairperson of the management group. Miriam is a member of the MWHB Regional Planning Committee on Violence

Against Women and has over 15 years experience in the field of violence against women.

### **Jackie Hogan**

Facilitator with MOVE Tipperary N. for the last four years. Works as a Social Worker M.W.H.B. Mental Health Services. Trained in Family Therapy, Meditation, and N.L.P. etc. Experience in Child Protection, C.S.A. Assessments and Therapy, and working with perpetrators of C.S.A. and Sexual Violence. Jackie has a small Private Practice

### **Lakshmy Gunawardhana**

Is a Counselling Psychologist who has worked as a facilitator for MOVE Dublin for the past seven years. Has interest in Domestic Violence in Systemic frame work, also issues on the impact of culture, gender, ethnicity.

### **Gemma Waldron**

Involved with MOVE, both a local Management Group and Programme Facilitator. Has been a member of National Programme Development Groups. Currently employed as Community Occupational Therapist for Kildare / West Wicklow Mental Health Service. Life and Business Coach.

### **Brian McCormack**

Has been involved with MOVE for five years at both Local and National Level. Facilitator with Limerick MOVE. Developed Multi-Media exercises to incorporate into programmes to assist the learning process. Works as Staff Trainer running Communication Programmes.