Catherine Byrne T.D.

Minister of State for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy

Minister of State Catherine Byrne was appointed Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy in June 2017. From May 2016 to June 2017, she served as Minister of State for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy.

In her current brief, she is responsible for the implementation of the National Drugs Strategy; “Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery – a health led response to drug and alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025”. She is also responsible for ‘Healthy Ireland’, the national framework for improved health and wellbeing.
On Iceland levels of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs use have been decreasing for consecutive 20 years to very low levels, resulting in lesser demand for treatment and costs for the health care sector. Since 2017 the world is increasingly looking towards the island in the Atlantic Ocean whose efforts in bringing down levels of substance use have sparked a silent revolution among parents, schools and the wider communities as social capital grows.

What are the lessons learnt in Iceland? What can be imported into other cultural settings? How does one go about doing it?

Recovery is a co-production. Several members of a city such as the city council, public and private organisations, employers, landlords and neighbours work together with persons in recovery to promote and facilitate sustained recovery.

The aim of an Inclusive City is to make recovery visible, to celebrate it and to create a safe environment supportive to recovery.
Pauline McKeown

Chief Executive of Coolmine

Coolmine have been providing specialist rehabilitation services to the most marginalised in Irish society for over 45 years. The organisation has evolved through our work with pregnant women, women with young children, traveller community members, homeless people, prisoners and community probation clients, those with complex medical needs, trauma and abuse, impacted by problem substance use.

Ensuring Pathways of Care to Recovery are provided for complex needs clients has been at the core of Coolmine’s evolution. Through continual adaptation, as evidence based practice is implemented, Pauline shall discuss that complete loyalty to one treatment system is now challenged.

Perhaps our frame should be meeting presenting complex needs through individualised treatment and effective case management?

Joe Barry

Professor, Trinity College

Joe Barry will talk about the long lead up to the formation of the Recovery Academy of Ireland which he chairs. He will also talk about the challenges ahead, what we have learned from the past and the plans for the future for the Academy and the General Recovery Movement in Ireland. He will also talk about the newly established Masters Education in Addiction Recovery in Trinity College.
Conference:

**Wednesday, June 12** Arrivals, welcome reception

**Thursday, June 13** Conference Day 1, gala dinner at Imperial Hotel

**Friday, June 14** Conference Day 2, study visits and sightseeing

The venue: Imperial Hotel, 76 South Mall, Cork

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