

# Getting a Grip 2007

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER - EVENING

7.00pm - 9.00pm - Registration

### FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER

8.30am onwards - Registration

9.15am - 9.30am - Welcome: **CLLR. NIALL O'CALLAGHAN** - Mayor Of Killarney

9.30am - 9.45am - Official Opening: **PAT CAREY TD - MINISTER OF STATE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DRUG STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY, RURAL, AND GAELTACHT AFFAIRS.**

FIRST SESSION - Chairperson: **CLLR. SEAN O'GRADY** (K.T.C. Drugs Liaison Committee)

9.50am - 10.30am - **SISTER STANISLAUS KENNEDY 'Listening to voices from the margins'**  
Sister Stanislaus Kennedy is a Religious Sister of Charity and one of Ireland's best-known social innovators. Originally from Co. Kerry, She helped establish Kilkenny Social Services in the 1960's. In the 1970's, she was a founder member of the National Federation of Youth Clubs and CARE, co-founded the School of Education in Kilkenny, and chaired what is now the Combat Poverty Agency. In the 1980's she founded and is Life President of Focus Ireland. In the 1990's Sr. Stan founded and is a Director on the Board of the Sanctuary. In 2001, she founded Social Innovations Ireland from which the Immigrant Council of Ireland and Young Social Innovators emerged. She is on the Board of the Community Foundation for Ireland and most recently The Advisory Board of the Community Knowledge Initiative, NUI, Galway.



10.30am - 10.45am - Questions

10.45am - 11.00am - Tea/Coffee Break

11.00am - 11.45am - **THOMAS F. BABOR, Ph.D., M.P.H. 'Drugs Policy - An International Perspective'**  
Dr. Babor is a Professor and Chairman in the Department of Community Medicine and Health Care, University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He holds the University's Physicians Health Service endowed chair in Public Health and Community Medicine. He is Associate Editor-in-Chief as well as Regional Editor of the international journal, *Addiction*. His research interests include screening, diagnosis, early intervention, and treatment evaluation, as well as alcohol and drug policy. He is the author or co-author of over 110 articles published in peer reviewed scientific journals, and has written or edited more than 15 books and monographs. He was a co-author of *Alcohol: No Ordinary Commodity - Research and Public Policy*, which won first prize in the public health category of the 2004 British Medical Association's book competition.



11.45am - 12.00pm - Questions

SECOND SESSION - Chairperson: **MR. CON CREMIN** (Director Talbot Grove Treatment Centre)

12.00pm - 12.30pm - **BARBARA BEST MCNARRY (The late George Best's Sister) 'Our George'**  
The legendary George Best was without doubt an iconic figure in the international world of football. His remarkable skill and natural talent ensured a meteoric rise to stardom at a young age. Sadly, his talent and his engaging personality led to a lifestyle, which involved extremes of alcohol use and, over the years, George developed a well-documented dependence on alcohol. Ultimately this would lead to his untimely death in November 2005. Barbara has recently written a book 'Our George - A Family Memoir', which will be published on October 9th 2007. Today, Barbara will be sharing some of her memories with us.



12.30pm - 12.45pm - Questions

12.45pm - 2.00pm - Lunch in the Malton Hotel Restaurant

THIRD SESSION - Chairperson: **MR. KEVIN DAVIS** (Chairman S.R.D.T.F.)

2.00pm - 2.50pm - **PROFESSOR ROBIN G W ROOM**

**'The Role of Alcohol in the Global Burden of Disease'**  
Based in Australia, Robin Room is a professor in the School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne, and director of the AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre. From 1999 to 2006 Professor Room was the founding director of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs at Stockholm University. He has worked in 5 countries on social, cultural and epidemiological studies of alcohol, drugs and gambling behaviour and problems, and on studies of social responses to alcohol and drug problems and of the effects of policy changes. A long-term member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems, Professor Room was the rapporteur for the recent WHO Expert Committee on alcohol problems. His work on alcohol problems internationally has included lead authorship of *Alcohol in Developing Societies* and of *The Effects of Nordic Alcohol Policies* and co-authorship of WHO studies of alcohol in the global Burden of Disease.



2.50pm - 3.05pm - Questions

3.05pm - 3.45pm - **ANN HOPE, M.SC., PH.D. 'Dying for a Drink: Tackling alcohol and drugs in Ireland'**

Dr Hope is Research Associate in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin. She is a member of the HSE Alcohol Implementation Group and advises on initiatives to reduce alcohol related harm, undertakes research and reports on international developments in alcohol policy. Dr Hope was the National Alcohol Policy Advisor and worked with the Department of Health and Children on alcohol issues for ten years (1995-2005). As advisor, she acted as catalyst for the development of many alcohol policy initiatives and for the work of the Strategic Task Force on Alcohol. As Temporary Advisor to WHO, she was involved in the drafting of the European Alcohol Action Plan and the Declaration on Young People and Alcohol. She was a member of the EU expert group on Alcohol and Health. Ann is currently involved in several international alcohol related projects.



3.45pm - 4.00pm - Questions

4.00pm - 4.30pm - **CLLR. JIM CORR 'ECAD 'The Goal of a Drug Free Europe'**  
Cllr. Jim Corr is a Cork City Councillor. He is Chairperson of 'European Cities against Drugs' an organisation comprising of 258 Signatory Municipalities in 27 countries, whose work is directed towards the achievement of a drug free Europe. Jim is also Chairperson of the Cork Local Drugs Task Force



4.30pm - 5.00pm - Questions & Discussion

4.30pm - 5.00pm - Questions, Discussion & Close of Conference

8.30pm - Banquet in the Malton Banqueting suite

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