Who are we?

We are a group of

- Current Service Users
- Former Service Users
- Staff
- Volunteers

Why do we meet?

Dublin Simon Community wants to put a plan in place to make sure that all Service Users have an opportunity to participate in the organisation.

Meetings were held with Service Users, Staff, Volunteers and the Board of Management in early 2010 to discuss what that plan might include.

After these meetings, Service Users, Staff and Volunteers were invited to join a group to help introduce some of the ideas received and to promote the involvement and participation of Service Users in the community.

What do we do?

The group currently meet once a month on the first Friday of every month.

So far we have.....

- Re-named the group the "Service User Development Group"
- Agreed training needs of the group
- Attended a "Toastmasters" public speaking evening
- Presented at organisational induction
- Sent representatives to the Simon Communities of Ireland Involvement and Action Group
- Attended a training day on "meetings and chairing meeting skills"
- Contributed to the "Simon Sun" Newsletter
- Contributed to "Scrappy but Happy" book.
- Organised 2 Speak Outs
- Commenced a pilot Service User Volunteer Placement Programme.
- Had a team building day in Cavan Adventure Centre

What are our current projects?

- Attract more Service Users to the group
- Promote Service User Participation in Dublin Simon Community
- Provide an opportunity for Service Users to discuss issues affecting them
- Service User Volunteer Placement Programme.
- Service User Spokesperson Project.
- Start Your Own Business programme.

What can I do?

Anything you want!!

Participation in Dublin Simon Community can take many forms and we would like to encourage you to get involved in any way that you feel comfortable.

Some of the current options available that you may like to try out could be to;

- Attend a Service User Development Group meeting
- Attend a residents meeting
- Give feedback on our services to your key worker or another member of staff
- Attend community days and organisation events
- Help out with fundraising activities like the fun run and Sing for Simon

Got some better ideas??

We want to hear them!

How do I find out more?

If you would like to;

- Find out more about Service User Participation in Dublin Simon Community
- Find out more about the Service User Development Group
- Share your ideas about Service User Participation in Dublin Simon Community

Please contact Service User Participation Office on

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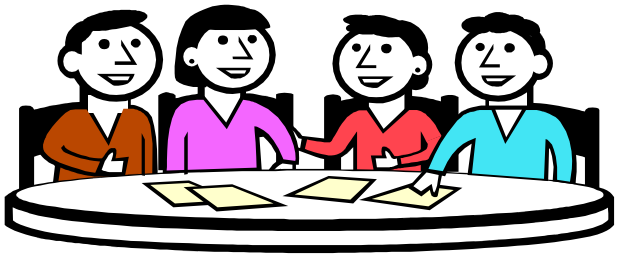
Service User Development Group