

1. SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

Experience

Programme and project development & financial management in social services, community development and research centres; Strategic planning, evaluation in national, regional and local organisations; Policy - in community development, drug and alcohol problems and children and youth services.

Academic qualifications

PhD (2009, TCD); M.Litt (1992, TCD); BSS, CQSW (1980, TCD)

2. RECENT POSITION (i)

Last Position	Employer	Duration
<i>Coordinator: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drug and Alcohol Task Force https://dlrdatf.ie/</i>	<i>DLR- Drug and Alcohol Task Force CLG</i>	<i>November 2013 to December 2021</i>

Areas of work

- Assigning an annual global budget and oversee arrangements
- Research new and emerging needs
- Develop and review strategic plans and new initiatives
- Coordinate funded projects and evaluate overall progress
- Member of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee (JPC)
- Member of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)
- Report to State funders, and communicate Task Force work through various local and social media

Achievements

- Commissioned research on young people's substance misuse (2019 -);(TCD, Department of Psychology).
- Designed an online consultation modelled on World Café, 2021 and oversaw the reporting process.
- Hosted a webinar on COVID 19 and Hidden Harms to children impacts and solutions (local and national) <https://dlrdatf.ie/programmes/hidden-harms/>
- Commissioned research on older drug users (2017-18) (TCD, Department of Social Work & social Policy) https://dlrdatf.ie/site/assets/files/1065/report_-_jmtsqr.pdf
- Developed (2017-21) a Youth At-Risk Network for practitioner personnel working with young people at risk of substance misuse - 105 personnel straddling 22 organisations, including Tusla, FRCs, youth, training and Garda bodies.
- Reviewed funded activities (2016-21), and initiated new programmes for (a) children affected by parental addiction and (b) young cannabis users.
- Designed and initiated an integrated collaborative practitioner course at Level 8, implemented by NUIM / CAN
- Designed new website <https://dlrdatf.ie/>

Recent Position (ii)	Organisation	Duration
Board Member (appointed by Minister for Health)	Health Research Board www.hrb.ie	May 2014 to May 2019 (5 yr appointment)

Areas of work

- Governance & oversight of executive decisions (annual budget €40m)
- Contribute to formulation of Strategic Plan, 2016-20
Member of Audit/Risk Committee

Recent position (iii)	Employer	Duration
Associate Lecturer	IT Carlow	October 2012 - October 2014

Designed and delivered a Research Methods module for Masters in Youth, Families and Children

Recent position (iv)	Employer	Duration
Evaluation consultant	Self employed	April 1992 - October 2013 Various

Areas of work

In between different employments since 1991, and during some, by arrangement, I provided a consultancy and report writing service mainly to the statutory and voluntary sectors. The various reports are listed - and downloadable - at my personal website:
<http://www.kfcullen.ie/report-archive/>

Output

Evaluate programmes & projects such as:

- ✓ Community Development Programme (Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, 2007/8 (SPEAK); Combat Poverty Agency, 1994)
- ✓ Educational Disadvantage (Combat Poverty Agency, 1997/88)
- ✓ 8-15 Early School Leaver Initiative (Department of Education, 1999/2000)
- ✓ Aislinn residential (Health Services Executive, 2002/3)
- ✓ Drug-free recovery (Tallaght rehabilitation Project, 2002; Canal Communities DATF, 2011)
- ✓ Neighbourhood youth projects (1994; 2012).

Research specific issues, such as:

- ✓ Community & Drugs (Addiction Research Centre, TCD; National Advisory Committee on Drugs, 2003)
- ✓ Alcohol treatment policy (Oireachtas Committee on Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, 2006)

Once-off papers on specific topics:

- ✓ Rise & Fall of Heroin Use (*Irish Journal of Medical Science*, 1988, 57[2] with O'Kelly et al)
- ✓ Community drug treatment (*Irish Social Worker*, 1994, 12 [2])
- ✓ Local development (*Community Action Network*, 1994)
- ✓ Community arts (Combat Poverty Agency, 1994/5; *Blue Drum*, 2013)
- ✓ Urban regeneration case-study, Ireland (*Community Development Foundation and EU DG XVI*, 1994)
- ✓ Integrated services for children at-risk (*Combat Poverty Agency*, 1996)
- ✓ State responses to drug problems: a history (*Community Development Programme / Combat Poverty Agency*, 1997)
- ✓ Young People & Drugs (*Trinity College*, 1997)
- ✓ Embedded disease model of alcohol (*Drugs: Education, prevention & policy*, 2011, 18 [4])

Recent position (v)	Employer	Duration
Lecturer in School of Social Work & Social Policy	Trinity College Dublin	May 2008 to May 2011 (3 year fixed term contract)

Areas of work

- Lectured in Community, Equality, International & Organisational issues to social work students
- Supervised MSW theses
- Social work tutor for students in fieldwork settings

3. PRE-2008 WORK POSITIONS

Agency	Dates	Post & role
Combat Poverty Agency	2007 -2008	Senior Researcher To evaluate the roll out of computerised monitoring system, SPEAK, in government's Community Development Programme
Trinity College Dublin	2003 -2007	Research Scholar To conduct a study on treatment of alcohol problems in Irish society and to provide a consultancy service to HSE
Addiction Research Centre Trinity College Dublin	2000 -2003	Director of Centre To negotiate funding from government and other sources, to manage a portfolio of research projects and their staff (=4), and to organize an annual conference series on key themes in addiction-related research
Children's Research Centre Trinity College Dublin	1995 - 2000	Programme Director To establish the Centre, to raise funds from government and other sources, and to manage a portfolio of research straddling several government departments and social service agencies, and to manage a staff of 10 researchers
Ana Liffey Drug Project, Abbey Street, Dublin	1989- 1992	Director To manage a fledgling street drug service (staff = 8) and to establish policy and funding support for its unique approach to drug users.
Combat Poverty Agency, Dublin	1988 -1989	Researcher To compile a report on issues of policy arising in the work of the 2nd EC Programme to Combat Poverty
City of Dublin VEC	1987 -1990	Lecturer (part-time) To lecture to students on community work
HOPE Hostel, Dublin	1985 -1986	Director To manage and develop HOPE Hostel for homeless teenagers
Eastern Health Board, Dublin	1980 -1985	Social worker To provide a community social work service: special assignment to develop a youth response to heroin problems in south inner city
Catholic Youth Council	1975 -1976	Playleader / youth worker Kylemore Avenue Playcentre, Ballyfermot

4. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Voluntary experience (select summary)

- Chairperson of Canal Communities Local Drug Task Force, 2012-13
- Member of Committee to celebrate 25 years of CAN (Community Action Network), 2012 and compiled three x ten minute videos to mark the celebrations
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-E5Yez766o>
- Chairperson of Canal Communities Partnership, 1997-99
- Member of management of Rialto Community Drug Team, 1992-1998
- Founding member of Community Workers' Cooperative, 1980-1986