

Safer Blanchardstown report JPC 2nd June 2023

Corduff Task Group:

Corduff Task Group still working to advance proposal for two new youth and community workers for Corduff/Mulhuddart area.

Community Safety Events:

June 17th is the chosen date for *Safer Together Summer Festival 23*. Planning for this event is at an advanced stage.

Think Before You Buy:

- Continuing to work with Rath Dara Community Collage
- Well received presentation in Hansfield Educate Together Community School
- JPC has agreed to set up a subgroup to look at developing a plan to roll out the Think Before You Buy public information campaign across the Fingal area.
- Safer Blanchardstown invited and took part in panel discussion at the Citizens Assembly on Drugs on 13th May 23.

Drug Related Intimidation:

A well-attended Drug Related Intimidation seminar was held on 24th February 2023. Information was provided to local service providers by designated Garda Inspector and DRIVE coordinator. Safer Blanchardstown Coordinator is now the DRIVE liaison person for Dublin 15

Drugs misuse:

Drug related intimidation continues to be a very difficult issue to deal with and the growing use of recreational drugs within the Dublin 15 Area is concerning in that the more drugs misuse increases the more likely it is that drug related intimidation will increase.

- Increasing reports on the use of Fast Gas by young people.
- Vape use in and around schools becoming a problem for many schools.
- Weed use is still growing.
- Year 7 of DATMS reports that there is drug use on the way to school, during school hours and on the way home from school in every Secondary School in Dublin 15.
- Cocaine use is widespread across Dublin 15.
- Increasing reports of Crack Cocaine use.

