

Foundation Drugs Awareness Training

Aim:

The aim of this two day programme is to provide an overview of basic information relating to drugs and addiction which workers can use to inform them in their work with clients who have substance misuse issues. This programme seeks to provide a blend of theoretical and practical information which will provide a solid basis from which workers can begin to understand addiction and its associated behaviours.

Learning Outcomes:

Participants completing this course will have:

- A sound understanding of various drugs including how they are used, the equipment involved, common terminology, drug effects and the patterns of drug use
- A basic understanding of historical and current drugs policy in Ireland
- A knowledge of blood borne viruses and how to implement safety measures
- An appreciation of the policy and practice of harm reduction

Course contents:

- Categories of drugs
- Types, signs, effects and equipment (paraphernalia) of drug use
- Drugs and harm - assessing the risks
- Patterns of drug use
- Health issues (HIV and Hep C)
- Harm Reduction approach
- Drug Policy in Ireland

Who should attend?

All workers in the social sector who are likely to come into contact with clients who have alcohol or drug misuse issues.