

# IRELAND move Men Overcoming Violence

## MOVE Ireland Launch Online Domestic Abuse Prevention Programme in Donegal

On Wednesday the 6th November, MOVE Ireland proudly unveiled a new online Domestic Abuse Prevention Programme for Donegal. This online group programme represents a crucial step towards reducing incidents of abuse and fostering safer environments for all.



Speaking at the event Dr. Marie Hainsworth from Donegal Domestic Abuse Services illustrated the work carried out by the Donegal Domestic Violence Liaison Group and its community partners. Dr. Hainsworth highlighted the importance of collaboration when addressing domestic abuse saying, 'It's not something any one agency can do on its own' and commented 'It's huge that we've been able to bring this programme to Donegal.'

MOVE's CEO Dr. Michelle Walsh echoed the need for collaboration and interagency work when addressing domestic abuse, 'We all have a huge part to play in reducing incidents of domestic violence.' Dr. Walsh also went on to give an overview of the 'Choices' programme and the real change that can be brought about by behaviour intervention programmes.

Chief Superintendent Goretta Sheridan and Senior Probation Officer Shauna Hawes both discussed the incidence of domestic abuse in Donegal. Donegal Gardaí received 497 domestic abuse reports in just the first half of this year. The Probation Service in Donegal currently has 17 active domestic violence cases.



The launch signified a united front against domestic abuse in Donegal. MOVE Ireland would like to extend their gratitude to the Donegal Domestic Violence Liaison Group, all community partners and CUAN, without whom this collaboration and launch would not have been possible. MOVE would also like to thank all attendees who supported the launch on the day. Together we will continue to work towards a safer Donegal for all.

