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#### Dear friend,

When John Gilligan was arrested in October 1996, the Drugs Crisis was a major political priority for government and we were promised that the state would never again ignore the voice of communities...

17 years later as John Gilligan is being released in October 2013, the Drugs Crisis is off the political agenda, the crisis continues in our communities and our voices are being ignored...

## CITYWIDE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 10AM TO 1PM - GRESHAM HOTEL, O'CONNELL ST, DUBLIN 1

This campaign meeting is also being supported and attended by the National Voluntary Drugs Sector and its members

## DRUGS - CAN WE TAKE ANY MORE?

COME ALONG ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> AND GIVE THE VIEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY!

**See programme for meeting enclosed.** Please confirm your attendance so we can confirm numbers for lunch: <a href="mailto:info@citywide.ie">info@citywide.ie</a> anna@citywide.ie or by contacting the above number.



# CITYWIDE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN MEETING Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 Agenda

09.45am: Registration Tea/coffee

10.15am: Welcome and introduction

**Overview of current situation from National Community Reps** 

### Love/Hate? Welcome to the Real World!

Putting the Community Drugs problem back on the agenda Small group discussions on: What is the impact of drugs in your community?

11.30 - 11.45: Tea/coffee break

**Strategies, reports, policies & promises?** An overview of state commitments to date:

Presentation by Anna Quigley, Citywide

State Response to Community Drugs Problem - including impact of Budget 2014 on community services/programmes and funding:
Presentation by Brian Harvey, Independent Researcher

Plenary session

Agreement of Action Plan

1pm: Lunch