

17/10/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland monthly meeting

15/10/2015

- Attended Mankind Project Dublin meeting

13/10/2015

- Attended second night of 'Men and Masculinity in Modern Ireland' course, Dundalk Institute of Technology. See <http://www.learn.ie/men-and-masculinity-modern-ireland>

11/10/2015

- Attended meeting of men's socio-political group

6/10/2015

- Attended first night of 'Men and Masculinity in Modern Ireland' course, Dundalk Institute of Technology. See <http://www.learn.ie/men-and-masculinity-modern-ireland>

1/10/2015

- Made a presentation for my Annual Review, School Of Applied Psychology, UCC
- Attended Mankind Projects fortnightly meeting, Dublin

29/9/2015

- Attended Fir Le Chéile monthly meeting

19/9/2015

- Attended event in Dundalk in preparation for upcoming 'Men & Masculinity course' <http://www.learn.ie/men-and-masculinity-modern-ireland>

17/9/2015

- Attended Mankind Project Dublin meeting

15/9/2015

- Conducted research interview
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

3/9/2015

- Attended Mankind fortnightly meeting

9/9/2015

- Conducted 'follow-up' research interview

28/8/2015

- Conducted research interview

26/8/2015

- Conducted research interview

25/8/2015

- Attended Fir Le Chéile monthly meeting

20/8/2015

- Attended Mankind Project Dublin's fortnightly meeting

14/8/2015

- Involved in The Right Hook interview regarding domestic abuse legislation and its bias against men

6/8/2015

- Attended Mankind Project fortnightly Dublin meeting

4/8/2015

- Attended meeting with 'men's rights activists'

28/7/2015

- Attended Fir Le Chéile

23/7/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland special council meeting

18/7/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland monthly meeting

9/7/2015

- Attended Mankind Project meeting

30/6/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

25/6/2015

- Attended Irish Men's Sheds Association AGM

16/6/2015

- Attended Psychological Society of Ireland presentation 'Understanding Psychosis: Re-examining Knowledge & Treatment', Trinity College
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

5/6/2015

- Presented this Community Based Participatory Research at a Mental Health Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, in partnership with participating men's groups of which eight members were present.

21/5/2015

- Attended British Psychological Society, (Northern Ireland Branch) 'Beyond Psychiatric Diagnosis: Critiques and Alternatives'. Armagh

19/5/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

16/5/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting

14/5/2015

- Conducted research interview
- Attended Mankind Project meeting

9 & 10/5/2015

- Attended meeting of men's groups/sheds initiative on suicide prevention

5/5/2014

- Conducted research interview
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

30/4/2015

- Attended Mankind Project's fortnightly meeting

28/4/2015

- Attended Fir Le Chéile monthly meeting

21/4/2015

- Presentation for Annual Review of Progress, UCC

15/4/2015

- Attended Men's Health Symposium, Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin

14/4/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

2/4/2015

- Attended Men's Health Week Planning Meeting
- Attended Mankind Project meeting

31/3/2015

- Attended Fir Le Chéile

30/3/2015

- Made a presentation concerning this CBPR project to Irish Men's Sheds Association Board of Management

27/3/2015

- Interviewed a men's group member

24/3/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group, while also introducing a new man to it

22/3/2015

- Attended 'Being a Man', 'Mountains to Sea' festival

21/3/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland monthly meeting

19/3/2015

- Attended and facilitated Mankind Project meeting

13/3/2015

- Contacted by a mental health service user looking for information on men's groups. Outcome: arranged to meet him on Tuesday week and to introduce him to Hill Street's group. Also sent him an interview recording.

12/3/2015

- Conducted interview with men's group member

- Contacted by a member of a men's group looking for advise on his groups process and structure

11/3/2015

- Conducted interview with men's group member

10/3/2015

- Conducted interview with men's group member
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

9/3/2015

- Conducted interview with men's group member

8/3/2015

- Sent invite to Mankind Project's upcoming Gort 'get together' to database

6/3/2015

- Invited MSGI member to check out Hill Street Men's Group, providing him with information and details.
- Attended MALES Ireland Council meeting. Including giving a report on this projects Suicide Prevention initiative

5/3/2015

- Attended Mankind Project meeting

4/3/2015

- Contacted by Wicklow men's group leader looking for information on psychology courses. Outcome: provided

3/3/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

24/2/2015

- Contacted by a man doing research on young men and mentoring. Outcome: spoke with him and linked him with this CBPR project, including through its facebook page.

22/2/2015

- Attended & Facilitated men's groups meeting, 'Suicide Prevention Method based on the principles of grassroots men's groups'

23/2/2015

- On foot of communicating the men's groups suicide prevention initiative, contact was made with a former men's group man who was in a very fragile state. Contact was made with this man and he was also linked in with some others that may be able to help

21/2/2015

- Attended MALES Ireland Council meeting
- Attended MALES Ireland monthly meeting

19/2/2015

- Organised and facilitated a conference call with Ennis Men's Group

17/2/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

16/2/2015

- Attended Supervision meeting, UCC

13/2/2015

- Attended Hill Street FRC, Board of Management meeting

10/2/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

9/2/2015

- Attended Men's Health Forum's, 'Men's Health Week' planning meeting

5/2/2015

- Attended Mankind Project meeting

3/2/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

2/2/2015

- Updated 'Men's Groups of Ireland' facebook page

31/1/2015

- Attended 'Masculinities at the Movies'

30/1/2015

- Attended 'Masculinities at the Movies'

29/1/2015

- Connected in with a man intending to set up a men's group in Belfast
- Attended 'Men's Mental Health' event, Tallaght

27/1/2015:

- Attended Hill Street BOM, Employment Sub-committee, meeting
- Attended Fir Le Chéile (bringing one new man)

26/1/2015

- Attended Supervision meeting UCC.
- Also met a UCC student who was requesting information about men's groups/men's sheds. This female student is researching 'women's sheds'

25/1/2015

- Attended meeting of 'political' men's group

24/1/2015:

- Attended MALES Ireland Council meeting

23/1/2015

- Attended meeting with accounts and founder of MAIN with a view to evolving MAIN in line with this CBPR project

22/1/2015

- Attended Hill Street Board of Management meeting

21/1/2015

- Reached out to a facebook friend posting thoughts and feelings of a very painful and emotional nature. Will give him the details of some men's groups.

20/1/2015

- Organised date for men's group pow-wow on proposed suicide prevention initiative (February 22nd)
- Attended Hill Street Men's group
- Redesigned <http://mensgroups.ie> website, including incorporating a link to 'Men's Groups of Ireland' facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/mensgroupsireland?ref=hl>

17/1/2015

- Attended Males Ireland monthly meeting

14/1/2015

- Made contact with Clare and Derry men's groups, giving them information about this project and inviting them to join

13/1/2015

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

- Updated 'Men's Groups of Ireland' Facebook page
- contacted men's groups about upcoming MKP initiative geared towards offering a men's group perspective on suicide prevention.

12/1/2015

- Attended Men's Health Forum's 'Men's Health Week planning meeting.
- Attended Mankind Projects International Conference call on Irish suicide prevention initiative

9/1/2015

- Attended Hill Street FRC Board of Management meeting

8/1/2015

- attended Mankind project. Including inviting a MKP representative to attend upcoming Men's Health Week planning meeting. Outcome: at least one member agreed to attend

6/1/2015

- attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

20/12/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting
- Attended MALES Ireland Council meeting

16/12/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group Christmas Dinner

14/12/2014

- Invitation received to take part in a conference call relating to Mankind Project suicide initiative. Outcome: responded in the affirmative (this invitation follows or builds upon previous discussions conducted as a function of this CBPR project, and incorporates other elements of it).

12/12/2012

- Attended Hill Street FRC Board of Management meeting

9/12/2014

- Attended supervision meeting in UCC. Also met Angela Veale, a psychologist there who is a big advocate of CBPR research. Outcome: Got some useful and positive feedback about this project.
- Received a message from a research participant regarding a young male colleague of his who is having difficulty with the family courts in assessing his son. A request for support/ information was made. Outcome: I agreed to this request and provided my contact details for this young man
- Received a phone call seeking information about MALES Ireland. Outcome: this was provided

8/12/2014

- Came across a study investigating male victims of domestic abuse, which was looking for participants. Contacted the researcher and offered to distribute his advertisement to this study's men's groups database. Outcome: subsequent to ethical approval the research responded in the affirmative and provided his advertisement which was duly distributed to men and men's groups. A further outcome was my sending this researcher a copy of a 2011 study conducted about male victims of domestic abuse in which this study was involved with.
- Updated Men's Groups of Ireland facebook page

2/12/2014

- attended Hill Street Men's Group

30/11/2014

- Received a request from a Social Science lecturer for information on the literature relating to men and 'mental health'. Outcome: provided

27/11/2014

- attended Mankind meeting

19/11/2014

- Notified database about 'With Men in Mind' event
- Passed on information about launch of AMEN's Annual Report
- Attended 'With Men in Mind'

18/11/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group
- Received idea relating to International Men's Day, from members of men's groups and shared it to database.

14/11/2014 – 16/11/2014

- Attended Mankind Project's 'A Gathering of Men', Co. Cork. This included a presentation of the CBPR project

14/11/2014 – 15/11/2014

- Attended Critical Voices Conference in UCC. This included a 'workshop' presentation of this CBPR project.

6/11/2014

- Notified men's group member about upcoming 'International Men's Day' and suggested that men's groups initiate some awareness of it. Outcome: men's group leaders were supportive and contact was made with Padraig O'Morain (who writes a column entitled 'That's Men' for the Irish Times). Padraig agreed to include something about the day in his November 18th column. (See article [HERE](#))

5/11/2014

- Received a request to make a submission regarding a review of the National Men's Health Policy, as a direct result of this CBPR project. Outcome: contacted men's groups about this request and submitted the requested response on behalf of these groups
- Received the following correspondence from recent radio show contributor

“I hope your keeping well.

The thought struck me that following on from last week’s radio show that it might be an idea to try to bring together the men’s groups for a fuller discussion/sharing around how we can look to forward the work we do without compromising our own unique identities etc.

There may be areas where we overlap (submissions for men’s health, supporting each other’s events) and some other where we diverge but it may be that men’s groups are now in operation long enough and are now mature enough to reach out and look to form a broader voice representing the views of men.

Not sure on details etc but we could maybe have a quick chat at our next meeting and see how we go... ”; Outcome: will communicate this message to the other groups for their consideration

4/11/2014

- Requested to write 150 words about Hill Street Men’s Group for the newsletter of the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed. Outcome: submitted
- Attended meeting of ‘Men Alone in No- man’s Land’ (MAIN) directors. Purpose of meeting was to finalise details of a now defunct entity with a view to subsequently taking over and renewing this entity for the purposes of developing and enhancing this project.
- Attended ‘needs analysis’ focus group of Hill Street Men’s Group
- Attended Hill Street Men’s Group

3/11/2014

- Attended Men’s Health Forum ‘Men’s Health Week’ planning meeting (out of 9 attendees, 6 were there as a consequence of this project, indeed the meeting itself could also be said to have occurred, indirently, as a result of this project)

30/10/2014

- Attended Mankind Project meeting

29/10/2014

- Hosted Internet Radio show and organised guests, including representatives of Fir Le Chéile, MALES Ireland, Mankind Project, Hill Street Men's Group, Irish Men's Sheds Association, and Men's Human Rights Ireland. Topic: 'Insight into Men's Groups and discussion about what it is to be a man'

29/10/2014

- Sent invitation of upcoming Mankind Project's 'A Gathering of Men' to 'men's group' database. Also shared https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=wgnA3lNiKLo

28/10/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group, bringing 2 new men

26/10/2014

- Notified participating men's group members about upcoming Anthropological Shamanic Conference and a call for submissions. Outcome: Received a response stating that "we're looking at pitching in a proposal"

22/10/2014

- Invited Hill Street Men's Group members to upcoming Mankind Project's 'A Gathering of Men'

21/10/2014

- Attended 'Hill Street Men's Group'

20/10/2014

- Attended 'Men's Human Rights Ireland' meeting

15/10/2014

- Met with suicide prevention entrepreneur Maria Bradshaw, and her partner (and men's group member) about collaborating with men's groups in this area.
- Met with young man (son of family friend) and linked him in with men's group counsellor. Outcome: he met with the counsellor two days later.

14/10/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

13/10/2014

- Invited/ encouraged MALES Ireland, Men's Sheds and the Mankind Project to the upcoming Men's Health Forum, 'Men's Health Week' Planning meeting

11/10/2014

- attended MALES Ireland meeting

10/10/2014

- Attended Irish Association of Suicideology Conference in Westport, and in particular the presentation by Dr. Paul Quinette entitled 'Why Can't Men be More Like Women'. Outcome: spoke at the Q & A session, mentioning my research

7/10/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group (which included attendance my an attendee of the Men's Sheds Conference)

4/10/2014

- Attended Men's Sheds festival. Outcomes: 4 grassroots men's groups hosting stands and displaying their work. Another men's group attended in a networking capacity. Altogether 20 men attended due to this project. 3 books sold and one book handed to Micheal D. Higgins

26/9/2014

- Attended 'How should we respond to the suicidal crisis?', conference on suicide which took place in Sandyford Community Centre. Outcome: I spoke about the gender element to this and the existence of men's groups.

24/9/2014

- Had a discussion with family friend regarding their son's psychological distress. Outcome: provided information on upcoming 'Critical Voices' conference and provided Youtube links to presentations by Dr. Terry Lynch and Dr. Pat Bracken

23/9/2014

- Sent notifications of upcoming Men's Sheds & Critical Voices conferences to database
- Met with 'Cian Murray' to discuss attendance/ participation at upcoming 'Critical Voices' conference: Outcome: he agreed to attend/ participate.
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting

22/9/2014

- Attended Supervision meeting with Dr. Dempsey and Prof. McCarthy, UCC

21/9/2014

- Took part in MHRI Skype meeting

20/9/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting, which included discussions about banners, literature etc. for upcoming Men's Sheds event

18/9/2014

- Attended (and facilitated) MKP meeting, which included discussions about banners, literature etc. for upcoming Men's Sheds event

17/9/2014

- attended MSGI meeting outside Phoenix House, in support of John Waters and in opposition to legal proceedings arising from his article regarding a child being given to an unnatural father, instead of the child's natural father.
- Some MSGI members were invited to upcoming Men's Sheds event

- Requested by a former men's group member, to give details about upcoming Gay Men's Weekend retreat to other gay men on database. Outcome: sent it to all such men (7) & at least one attended
- took part in MHRI Peoples Internet Radio programme, which included securing participation of 2 men's group members

16/9/2014

- wrote to Mankind Project's Irish leaders about making the upcoming stand at the Men's Shed's event more culturally relevant to those attending
- communicated with MHRI and Fir Le Chéile about 'political' matters
- Updated Men's Groups of Ireland Facebook Page (106 likes)
- attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting, which included discussions about banners, literature etc. for upcoming Men's Sheds event

14/9/2014

- attended Men's Human Rights Ireland meeting
- took part in Men's Human Rights Ireland skype meeting
- connected some Men's Support Groups of Ireland members with MHRI, for among other things, participation in upcoming internet radio show

12/9/2014

- Met with research participant 'Donal' to discuss upcoming UCC conference

11/9/2014

- Send details of research participant Neil's Sunday Independent article to all other research participants and committee. Also sent abstract for November's UCC conference and notification about this evening's 'Peoples Internet Radio' interview

- Took part in ‘Peoples Internet Radio’ show on the issue of ‘Male Suicide’ (podcast available at <http://podcaststorage.weebly.com/mens-human-rights-ireland/pod-3-suicide-discussion>)

9/9/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men’s Group.

8/9/2014

- Information requested from research participant ‘Martin’ about Mankind Project events. Outcome: sent him generic information and also details of their upcoming NWTa weekend taking place in Scotland

4/9/2014

- Submitted abstract for UCC Conference ‘Critical Perspectives on and beyond Psychiatric Diagnosis’. November 2014
- Attended Mankind Project Ireland’s meeting; discussed upcoming Men’s Sheds event. Also was asked to facilitate the next MKP meeting

3/9/2014

- Shared information to facebook sites, regarding upcoming Dublin City Men’s Group sessions
- extended John Evoy’s (Men’s Sheds) welcome, to ManKind Project members for upcoming men’s sheds festival and details regarding stands.

2/9/2014

- submitted final ‘Train the Trainer’ assignment
- attended Fir Le Chéile

25/8/2014

- attended meeting of Men’s Human Rights Ireland

21/8/2014

- Met Neil Horgan (research participant) for coffee
- Met Matt Cummins to discuss development of MALES Ireland Flyers & possible research interview
- Attended ManKind Project Dublin meeting
- Posted details of upcoming men's group events onto Men's Groups of Ireland Facebook page

20/8/2014

- Made my 'How to be a Man' presentation to the class as part of being evaluated for the 'Train the Trainer' course

15- 17 August 2014

Attended ManKind Projects Primary Integration Training (PIT), Belfast

14/8/2014

- Received an enquiry from research participant 'Michael' about the Mankind Project
- Action: Contacted Men's Sheds CEO to see if interested in grassroots men's groups 'having a presence' at their upcoming National Conference. Outcome: yes, he is interested and suggested that each group have a stand in the foyer.
- Contacted all the men's groups enquiring about their interest in having a stand at the Men's Sheds conference
- Posted details of MALES monthly meeting on the Men's Groups of Ireland Facebook page
- Invited by Men's Human Rights Ireland to take part in upcoming Internet Radio show

13/8/2014

- Attended 'Train the Trainer' Course
- Received a call from a man enquiring about attending 'Hill Street Men's Group'

12/8/2014

- Met Michael Boyle (Mankind Project) to discuss 'How to be a Man' course
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group
- Met with John Cantwell (Fir Le Chéile) to discuss 'How to be a Man' course

11/8/2014

- Conducted CBPR interview with 'Richard Daly'

8/8/2014

- Emailed Jonno and Michael Boyle regarding collaborating with me regarding designing the course 'How to be a Man'

7/8/2014

- Travelled to UCC for supervision meeting
- Attended Mankind Project Irelands fortnightly meeting
- Met NMTA weekend participant 'Fergus McCarthy' in Cork
- Received email from a men's group acquaintance enquiring about the Mankind Project: Outcome: arranged to meet him next time I'm in Cork

6/8/2014

- Attended 'Train the Trainer' course. Outcome: decision made to design a 'How to be a Man' course, which is anticipated to merge with the CBPR element of this study

5/8/2014

- Met with Dublin representative of Men's Sheds (and founder of men's group MAIN) to discuss the evolving nature of this CBPR, and in particular the possibility of grassroots men's groups taking part in upcoming Men's Sheds national conference.
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

29/7/2014

- Attended 'Train the Trainer' course, Coolock

29/7/2014

- Received request from a men's group member for someone to help his teenage son. Outcome: sent him the contact details of Patrick Boland
- Attended Fir Le Chéile

28/7/2014

- Received request from a research participant for information and contact details of another participating men's group. Outcome: this was provided
- Notified men's data base of research participant Neil's radio interview and upcoming storytelling performances

27/7/2014

- Contacted friend of family, who are going through difficulties related to their son, and offered to meet with them and offer any support or information

24/7/2014

- Attended MKP
- Invited 2 MKP members to upcoming Fir Le Chéile meeting. Outcome: one attended

22/7/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

18/7/2015

- Attended Hill Street BOM meeting
- Attended Men's Support Groups of Ireland's 'Grafton Street Theater - Moot Court'
- Attended MALES Ireland council meeting, where among other things it was agreed that men's personal testimonies would be collated

16/7/2015

- Contacted by Men's Human Rights Ireland about getting men to join them in a campaign against the Istanbul Treaty

15/7/2014

- Applied to do a 'Train the Trainer' course, in preparation to teach
- Met MALES Ireland member and discussed ways of 'getting the word out' regarding MALES and our upcoming 'Rites of Passage' event
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

14/7/2014

- Bumped into DB, who relayed information about his heart attack. Outcome: this led to be thinking strongly about interviewing him.

11/7/2014

- Action: Attended 'Our Nations Sons' along with 3 men's group leaders. Outcome: spoke about the prevalence and work of grassroots men's groups

8/7/2014

- Notified database about upcoming men's event 'Our Nations Sons' and invited them to take part, particularly MALES Ireland who want to get the word out about their upcoming Men's Rites of Passage event
- Started looking for opportunities to teach
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

6/7/2014

- Send letter to Prof. McCarthy, requesting permission to use UCC headed paper for proposed clarification of Fianna Fáil literature asserting that "masculinity is a negative concept"
- Spoke to MALES Council member about 'promoting' upcoming Rites of Passage. Action: committed to putting in writing my ideas, which largely revolve about notifying my CBPR contacts

4/7/2014

- Committed to write 1000 word article for ManKind Project's Spearhead magazine on my experience at the NMTA. Outcome: due to work overload, this didn't happen
- Postponed today's meeting with the men who may take part in the Upcoming UCC 'Critical Perspectives on and beyond Psychiatric Diagnoses' Outcome: will contact men with a view to holding it in around a fortnight

3/7/2014

- Attended MKP 'celebration'

1/7/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

27/6/2014- 29/6/2014

- Attended ManKind Projects New Warrior Training Adventure at Drogheda

26/6/2014

- Board of Management meeting (employment sub-group). Action 1: Reported on the Men's Health Week Event. Outcome 1: Management seemed to be very impressed, especially about attracting local men into the event. Action 2: requested the possibility of providing training for men's group participant. Outcome 2: positive and favourably response
- Met 'Cian Murray' and requested him to attend upcoming meeting

24/6/2014

- Attended Fir Le Chéile meeting
- JC mentioned doing the Men's Development Network Engage Training

23/6/2014

Met with Dr. Dempsey and Prof. McCarthy, UCC. Along with discussions regarding academic matters, I also explained my desire to write to Fianna Fáil – as part of this CBPR project - regarding the reference to masculinity as a “negative concept”. Requested that this letter should be on UCC headed paper. Outcome: Prof. McCarthy recommended that this request be put in writing for consideration by relevant UCC authorities

24/6/2014

- Attended Fir Le Chéile meeting

25/6/2014

- Good discussion and debate with MKP about the nature of men's work in Ireland

- Action: Received request for evaluation of Hill Street FRC's Men's Health Week event. Outcome: communicated this request to men's group senior members

17/6/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

14/6/2014

- Attended Hill Street Family Resource Centre's inaugural 'Men's Health Week' event.

13/6/2014

- Attended Men's Support Groups of Ireland's, Father's Day 'Street Theatre' event
- Action: met with 'Eoin', Neil, 'Donal', and by chance, 'Franny'. Outcome: all very positively inclined to present at upcoming UCC conference.

11/6/2014

- Action: engaged with men's group member and Irish Independent columnist about his recent article relating to men and gender issues. Outcome: he replied saying that we have different perspectives and that I should have an opportunity to express mine. He also said he would be happy to link me up "with potential platforms for publishing"
- forwarded this article to the leader of Men's Rights Ireland and suggested they submit a response
- attended Fir Le Chéile's Men's Health Week event entitled, 'Man Time',

10/6/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's group.

9/6/2014

- Action: invited MALES Ireland, ManKind Project, and other individuals from 4 grassroots men's groups to present at 'Man Time', Smithfield Square. Also sent out general invitation to project database. Outcome:
- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

8/6/2014

- Action: Set up Men's Groups of Ireland Facebook Page to disseminate information on Grassroots Men's Groups and their events

6/6/2014

- Action: Request from MKP Ireland to re-tweet information regarding their upcoming Men's Initiatory Weekend. Outcome: re-tweeted
- Action: attended MALES Ireland Committee Meeting, where, among other issues, I was asked to become the MALES 'Networking Stoker': Outcome: I accepted

3/6/2014

- Send out discussion document to all men's group contacts. This discussion was in relation to seeking clarification from Fianna Fáil regarding a statement in one of their policy documents claiming that masculinity was 'a negative concept'. Outcome:
- Action: Attended Hill Street Men's Group, and brought a new man. Also discussed and finalised our poster for Men's Health Week Events. Delivered Men's Health Week posters to be put up in the Resource Centre. Also liaised with organiser of other men's group event to be held in Croke Park

2/6/2014:

- Action: Met and had a 2 hour meeting with the leader of Men's Rights Ireland

29/5/2014:

- attended MKP special meeting with Michael O'Boyle. Outcome: Out of the 22 men who attended, at least 11 were because of this CBPR invite. Met and exchanged contact details with leader of Men's Human Rights Ireland
- Requested Jacinta Murray to document her experience of this CBPR project
- Requested Eamonn Gogarty to document his experience of this CBPR project

27/5/2014

- Met with Dr. Maria Dempey, UCC

26/5/2014

- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

23/5/2014

- Attended Hill Street FRC Board of Management Meeting

22/5/2014

- Attended ManKind meeting, Dublin

20/5/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

19/5/2014

- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

17/5/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting

16/5/2014

- Action: Wrote to all the men's groups about the possibility of contributing to the NOSP call for submissions to their new policy on suicide. Outcome: no replies

14/5/2014

- Action: Invited Hill Street Men's Group members to take part in the centre's volunteer painting day. Outcome: one man took part

13/5/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

12/5/2014:

- Action: invited 3 research and focus group participants to consider presenting at Novembers Recovery Conference in UCC. Outcome: all agreed to meet to discuss this possibility
- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

8/5/2014

- Attended ManKind Project meeting

6/5/2014

- Presented at Annual Review of Progress, UCC

29/4/2014

- Attended Fir Le Chéile meeting
- Action: Attended Hill Street Men's Group meeting with Hill Street FRC Development Worker. Outcome: communicated the groups needs

28/4/2014

- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

27/4/2014

- Action: Sent an article relating to neuroscience research and its impact on child protection policy to 'men database'. Purpose: to elucidate to men the role of research on social and family life. Outcome: no immediate response

26/4/2014

- Attended 'No Man Is An Island', men's health conference, Ennis Co. Clare

25/4/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland Committee meeting

24/4/2014

- Sent all focus group participants a copy of the focus group transcript
- Action: Sent section of focus group transcript pertaining to her research question, to former supervisor. Outcome: no response

22/4/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

19/4/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting
- Addressed MALES regarding Men's Health Week planning meetings and the input of grassroots men's groups. Also distributed Men's Health Week posers and cards

17/4/2014

- Met with influential man in the area of men's work to discuss possible future collaborations

15/4/2014

- Action: attended Men's Health Week Planning meeting
- Attended Hill Street Men's group

14/4/2014

- Send an email to research participants and research committee outlining a CBPR dilemma I had together with a request for feedback. This involved a man I know socially relaying how his wife was having an affair and wanted him out of the marital home. As an involved father of two young boys this raised many issues for him and for men more generally. He knew I was

conducting research on men and immediately offered to be a 'case study'. My dilemma was to include him in the research or not. Outcome: 9 replies from men, with only one indicating not to include him

- Attended resumption of Dublin City Men's Group

8/4/2014

- Took a call from a focus group participant about some issues emanating from it
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

7/4/2014

- Attended 'Knowledge Democracy' symposium, National University of Ireland, Dublin
- Attended Dublin City Men's Group

4/4/2014

- Action: Sent notification of upcoming 'Man Cave' and 'Men's Rights Conference' to database. Outcome: 12 emails of thanks and one requesting to be removed from database

3/4/2014

- Action: Received a request from one of the focus group participants to pass on a message to another participant. Outcome: passed in on

2/4/2014

- Action: Held research focus group. Outcome: 10 out of the 16 research participants took part

1/4/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

28/3/2013

- Attended Hill Street VBOM meeting
- Attended meeting with other organisers of Hill Street Men's Group

26/3/2014

- Met with author and inner city community worker Patrick Ryan

25/3/2014

- Attended 'Students Learning With Communities' Practice Meeting, along with Manager of Hill Street Family Resource Centre
- Met with Hill Street FRC project worker

- Attended Fir Le Chéile along with member of another men's group

22/3/2014:

- advertised upcoming men's events to 'men database', 'Men's Spiritual Get-together' and Men's Process Group

21/3/2014

- Attended meeting of Hill Street Family Resource Centres BOM employment sub committee

20/3/2014

- Attended Neil's 'Storytelling' event

18/3/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's group

16/3/2014

- Made contact with South Armagh men's group leader

15/3/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting

14/3/2014

- Action: Attended meeting with rest of Hill Street Men's group organisers. Outcome: letter sent to Hill Street's Development Worker concerning issues of interest to the men's group

11/3/2014

- attended Hill Street Men's group

10/3/2014

- Met with Neil to discuss re-forming Dublin City Men's group
- sent an email to 'men database' regarding TV3 documentary 'A Search for Justice – Death in Bray', and how the focus of the documentary intertwined with this project. Also sent this to my former supervisor. Outcome: 3 or 4 replies stating various degrees of interest and support, including a particularly supportive and interesting reply from former supervisor, which contained some pertinent questions relation to men's groups

4/3/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

3/3/2014

- Attended Men's Health Week Planning Meeting

28/2/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland committee meeting

27/2/2014

- Attended and presented at 'ManMatters' conference 'All Right Lads?'

26/2/2014

- Attended ManMatters Dinner, Belfast

25/2/2014

- Made contact with facilitator of Ex-combatants group based in Northern Ireland
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group

24/2/2014

- Send an RTE podcast about 'being a man' to men database
- Notified Research Committee of likelihood of the project moving to a UCC base
- Attended Men's Shed book launch event in Mansion House

21/2/2014

- Met with Cian Murray for the purpose of chat plus interview. Outcome: Decided against interview

18/2/2014

- Notified Committee of some research presently being offered to MALES Ireland members
- Attended Hill Street Men's group

15/2/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland group. Gave Derek a copy of Mac Giolla Bhain's book entitled 'Preventable Death: the scandal of male suicide in modern Ireland'

14/2/2014

Notified 'men database' about up coming 'ManMatters' conference, and invited them to attend

13/2/2014

- Sent some information on Grounded Theory to my Research Committee

12/2/2014

- Meeting of the Research Committee

11/2/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's group
- Sent all transcripts to all research participants

10/2/2014

- Received an offer to present my research at upcoming men's conference in Belfast, entitled 'All Right Lads'
- Action: Sent Leonie a transcription copy of Colin's research interview, and requested feedback. Response: she provide this which was sent on to Colin

9/2/2014

- Sent research report to Research Committee
- Attended Casper's event in Greystones. Outcome: met some mothers affected by the suicide if their sons. Also met man from the traveller community who I arranged to meet again.

7/2/2014

- Met David Patterson, youth worker and leader of Galway men's group
- Action: Received an invite to join MALES Ireland council. Outcome: accepted

5/2/2014

- Sent an invite to leader of Men's Sheds to attend upcoming Men's Health Week Planning Meeting. Outcome: A Men's Shed's representative did attend

4/2/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's group

30/1/2014

- Attended Hill Street Family Resource Centre Planning Meeting

29/1/2014

- Action: Attended Men's Health Week Planning meeting, Dundalk. Outcome: representatives from 6 grassroots were in attendance. A lively discussion and

debate took place between grassroots and mainstream perspectives, with some key ideas from the grassroots being accepted by organisers

28/1/2014

- Attended Hill Street men's Group

23/1/2013

- Met with facilitators of ManKind Project Ireland. Requested them to attend up-coming Men's Health Week Planning meeting. Also attended their meeting.

22/1/2014

- Attended Men's Health and Wellbeing Meeting in Belfast. Made some connections with Northern Irish men's groups, and UK men's advocates

21/1/2014

- Attended a meeting of Men's Support Groups of Ireland, Clondalkin

18/1/2014

- Attended MALES Ireland meeting

16/1/2014

- Interviewed participant Colin

14/1/2014

- Stumbled across an advertisement of a men's health and wellbeing conference, through Facebook, to be held in Northern Ireland. Contacted the organiser for more details
- Attended Hill Street Men's Group
- Notified MSGI about upcoming Northern Ireland conference and invited them to attend

11/1/2014

- Send a man a copy of recent PhD research by Miriam O'Shea regarding family courts and their impact on fathers. (this man introduced himself and his situation to me at a random social event) I also provided him with an internet link to the 'personal testimony' of a MSGI member

10/1/2014

- Attended Hill Street BOM meeting

9/1/2014

- Received the masters thesis of author and men's group member Eamonn Gogarty
- Action: Came across an article writer my Irish Men's Health Irish expert, Dr. Noel Richardson. Outcome: immediately read it and felt drawn to writing a reply to it. Sent a copy to my research committee, outlining my perspective on it and seeking there feedback

8/1/2014

- Action: Sent some information regarding an 'Anthropology and photography' conference to men's group member Eamonn Gogarty, who had just completed some sort of photography masters degree. Outcome: he ended up submitting an abstract to the conference and began to connect with anthropology for the first time
- Met with leader of Irish Men's Groups

7/1/2014

- Attended Hill Street Men's Group
- Received Voice Recognition software and other software from men's group member

2/1/2014

- sent the interview transcript of 'Derek' to him for his approval (regarding anonymisation)
- Interviewed Andrew in Finglas, in my car

20/12/2013

- Action: Wrote to all members and ex-members of Dublin City men's group about the illness of one of its facilitators. Outcome: 9 replies expressing thanks for the notification. Men were subsequently offered an opportunity to send some expressions of support which were then cut and pasted onto a get-well card
- Action: Sent third draft of his interview transcript to Liam Cassin, for his approval regarding anonymisation and distribution to other research participants. Outcome: approval granted along with the following remark: "I've read that and your own and they are both fine. They are good to read and remember the conversation live and living. Thank you for bringing them about. Enjoy the family time"

- Sent an email to Dr. Noel Richardson relating to his article. Outcome: no response

19/12/2013

- Action: Received correspondence from leader of ManKind Project requesting information about men's groups in the Cavan region. Outcome: passed on details of 2 nearby groups

18/12/2013

- Forwarded a Men's Health Forum's email, to 'men database', that related to two events: 'Engage' Men's Health Training for Trainers programme in Northern Ireland and The Man Matters project invitation to the launch of their Briefing Paper on 'Fathers, Separation and Co-Parenting'
- Action: Sent first draft of his interview transcript to research participant 'Liam'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared or if further alterations were required. Outcome: 2 minor alterations sought

17/12/2014

- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Franny'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approval
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Tony'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved

16/12/2013

- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Donal'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved

- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Michael'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approval
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Eddie'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: 'Eddie' approved his interview transcript for sharing. During this communication he also sought information about men's groups based in Arklow. Outcome: this information was provided
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Derek'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved

15/12/2013

- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Martin'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant Neil. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: participant requested no anonymisation and permission to share was approved
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Willie'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable

with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved

14/12/2013

- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Martin'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved
- Action: Sent anonymised version of his interview transcript to research participant 'Martin'. This was for the purposes of sharing this transcript with all other research participants. Participant was asked if he was comfortable with this version being shared in this manner or if further alterations were required. Outcome: approved
- Action: Sent information to 'men database' regarding 'Man Up' event in Axis, Ballymun. Outcome: at least 3 men attended

13/12/2013

- Attended Man Up, Ballymun
- Shared Irish Times article on doctoral research on family courts to 'men database'

10/11/2014

- Attended Hill Street men's group

9/12/2013

- Met founder of MALES Ireland for coffee
- Sent a copy of the research interview of 'Tony' to him; recorded plus transcribed copy

8/12/2014

- Sent notification of an interview with Conor Cusack to 4 research participants

7/12/2014

- Sent notification and link to an RTE radio documentary, to research participant 'Liam Cassin', about the concept of 'Hearing Voices'

6/12/2013

- Attended Hill Street BOM meeting, followed by Christmas lunch

5/12/2014

- Sent youtube link of a presentation by Dr. Terry Lynch to research participant 'Eoin'

4/12/2013

- Conducted interview with participant 'Eoin'
- Made contact and spoke with Michael Lynch, of Derry men's group, 'Men's Action Network'

3/12/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

2/12/2013

- Action: Requested a Men's Development Network research paper from the Men's Development Network, a paper that featured in Dr. Noel Richardson's recent New Male Studies Journal article. Outcome: unsuccessful
- Shared a 'Men's Action Network' publication entitled 'The Real Life Experiences of Men and their Holistic Health', with fellow organisers of Hill Street Men's Groups and the organiser of 'Fir Le Chéile'

29/11/2013

- Contacted 'Jacinta Murray' for the purpose of requesting that her 17 year old son take part in my research
- Sent a copy of the research interview of 'Derek' to him; recorded plus transcribed copy

27/11/2013

- Notified and provided Hill Street Men's group with the contents of a research interview which provided material on a similar men's group based in a 'community' setting

26/11/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

22/11/2013

- Presented current research at DIT postgraduate research symposium

20/11/2013

- Action: After seeking permission from DIT authorities, men's group participants were invited to attend my presentation of this research at the post-graduate symposium, DIT. Outcome: one participant attended

- Letter provided to a men's group member, and research participant in support of his community and accommodation needs

19/11/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

16/11/2013 & 17/11/2013

- Attended Men's Sheds Annual Conference, Castlebar

15/11/2013

- Received a transcription copy of the research interview of research participant 'Willie', which he transcribed himself.

14/11/2013

- Sent a copy of the research interview of 'Martin' to him; recorded plus transcribed copy
- Sent a copy of the research interview of 'Franny' to him; recorded plus transcribed copy

12/11/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

11/11/2013

- Conducted interview with research participant 'Derek', in his kitchen

6/11/2016

- Attended DIT postgraduate induction

5/11/2014

- Attended Hill Street men's group

4/11/2013

- Sent an notification and invite to ManKind leader regarding upcoming MALES Ireland meeting in Waterford

1/11/2013

- Attended Hill Street FRC BOM meeting

29/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

30/10/2013

- Sent notification and provided links to Conor Cusack's blog and RTE Primetime performance, to 'men database'

22/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

21/10/2013

- Action: Sent out notification and invite to 'men's database' regarding upcoming Men's Sheds, Annual Conference. Outcome: none attended

16/10/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Martin', in his car

15/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

12/10/2013

- Attended Critical Voices Network meeting, Abbey Street, Dublin

9/10/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Willie', IKEA restaurant

8/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

4/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street FRC BOM meeting plus training

3/10/2013

- 'Liam' conducted research interview with me

1/10/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

27/9/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Donal', Garden of Remembrance, Dublin

26/9/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Eddie', DIT

24/9/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

19/9/2013

- Attended Hill Street AGM

18/9/2013

- Research Committee meeting held in DIT

17/9/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

11/9/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Liam', DIT

10/9/2013

- Attended SLWC board meeting
- Attended Hill Street men's group

6/9/2013

- Attended Hill Street meeting

5/9/2013

- Conducted interview with 'Franny', at his home

3/9/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

27/8/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

22/8/2013

- Had a phone conversation with Dr. Maria Dempsey of UCC, with a view to discussing the possibility of me transferring to UCC

21/8/2013

- Met with founder of Men Alone in No-man's Land

20/8/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

13/8/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

6/8/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

30/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

29/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street BOM employment sub-committee meeting

23/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

9/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

2/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

1/7/2013

- Attended Hill Street VBOM meeting

27/6/2013

- Met for coffee with leader of Fir Le Chéile,

25/6/2013

- Attended Hill Street men's group

21/6/2013

- Action: Met with Dr. Orla Muldoon, School of Psychology, UL, about relocating project. Outcome: received a positive offer, which, upon reflection I declined

16/6/2013

- Attended Fir Le Cheile's 'Hill of Uisneacht' event

14, 15, 16/6/2013

- Attended ManKind Project's residential weekend, Drogheda

13/6/2013

- Attended and presented at HSE & Men's Health Forum conference 'From Policy to Practice: Profiling the impact of Ireland's National Men's Health Policy'. Also presenting as a consequence of this project, was MALES Ireland, Fir Le Chéile and the Mankind Project, with members of Men's Support Groups of Ireland and Hill Street Men's Group also in attendance.

14/11/2011

- Went to the presentation of the Visual Communication students. Each student gave a demonstration of their MAIN creations regarding, leaflets, logos, business cards, adverts etc. Joe, Terry and myself viewed them and spoke with the students

22/11/2011

- Met with John Cantwell (Fír Le Cheile) for over one hour over a cup of coffee. I asked him to clarify some of the comments around mixed messaging or incoherence from the meeting in DIT. He talked about how it was important for me to take control and that the men were ready for this, because they had turned up, looking to give me that control: they wanted to be led. I replied that it was important to me that I did not control things and that what I wanted to do, in line with Grounded Theory, was to allow things to emerge.