



ANNUAL REPORT

CENTER FOR COUNSELLING AND THERAPY



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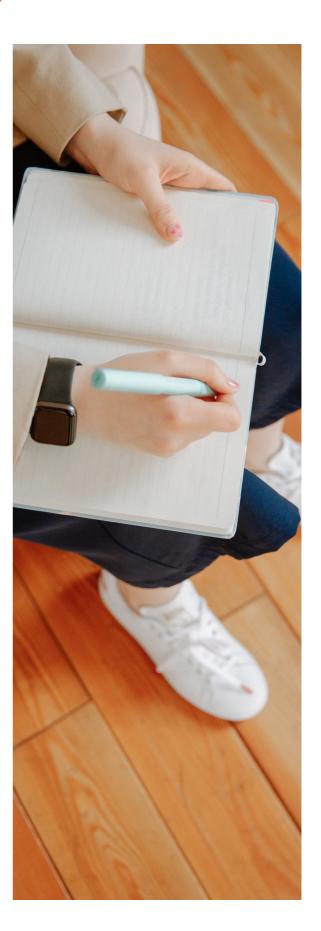
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Chairperson Statment

I am very pleased to present this Annual Review of CKU activities for 2022. The year has been one of change, challenge, and growth for us as we grappled with the many service-impacting after-effects of the COVID pandemic.

The CKU team of therapists and volunteers led with inspiration and dedication by our Co-Ordinator, Barbara Ozga, and our Clinical Director Mariola Mastek, have responded to many challenges during the year, being called on to service a significant increase in demand from limited financial resources. In line with our Mission and Values, the team has worked extremely hard and in a very flexible way, to address the many different contexts, personal, familial, occupational, economic, and social, in which addiction affects our clients. The pages of this Review which deal with our Projects and their Human Impact give some sense of the breadth of CKU's response.

Among our emerging challenges, we see homelessness as a growing concern for individuals and families in immigrant communities, adding to the stress experienced by clients who struggle, often with great courage and determination, to overcome problems of addiction. Affordability is another growing challenge, as inflationary pressures undermine personal and family income, and we have seen an increasing need to reduce, and in some cases entirely waive, treatment charges to ensure that no one who needs our services is excluded.

Moreover, the conflict in Ukraine challenges us to further extend our offering beyond its Polish language base, to other Eastern European nationalities and languages. We have been slowly building capacity and accepting referrals to service this additional need.

Chairperson Statment

We embarked, in the second half of the year, on a concerted effort to secure an expanded level of core funding to enable services to continue and to grow and we are optimistic that the unique value which CKU provides in the area of addiction support to immigrant communities will ultimately be fully recognised in the form of additional funds for our activities.

My thanks, to our professional and dedicated team, our loyal sponsors, and to our Board for a year in which CKU has successfully weathered many difficulties and from which we look forward to advancing our Vision in 2023.

Emilia Marchelewska Chair of the Board of Management



Co-ordinator Statment

I am delighted to introduce CKU's Annual Report for 2022. It has already been over 13 years since CKU has been providing its services to Polish people and their families struggling with addiction problems in Ireland.

Over the years CKU has expanded its offer for people struggling with alcohol problems to professional therapy for people suffering from a range of addictions: alcohol, drugs, and other risky behaviors, their families, people experiencing dysfunction in families, therapy for families, and couples, as well as addiction relapse prevention workshops for adults and the youth, crisis intervention and psychological and psychotherapeutic assistance on-line. Further on, CKU introduced and continue workshops for women and personal development workshops.

In 2022, we started a Graduate Supporting Group- for people who finished basic addiction treatment and want to continue personal development. The project turned out to be much needed and the first year was successful. 67 participants took part throughout the year. Another successful project run in 2022 - Youth support group. The project is implemented and financed by the Irish Youth Foundation. There is a huge gap in supporting Polish youths. CKU takes this opportunity and provides very much-needed support. We are in the process to implement new options for supporting people struggling with addiction - to run the SMART Recovery Program. We hope to run meetings in the 2023 year.

The Board and I have devoted much effort in 2022 to addressing CKU's financial sustainability, which, despite the committed support of long-term sponsors, SICDATF, CARP, and indeed the Polish Embassy, continues to be problematic, and a threat to the services we want and need to deliver for our clients and their families

Co-ordinator Statment

As you will see from the statistics in this report, the number of clients with addiction problems is increasing from year to year. In the last few years the housing crisis, pandemic, and as a result - homelessness have contributed to the situation.

Many of our clients experiencing crisis and struggling with the cost of living, and this situation often brings consideration to what to choose first to survive. CKU tries to prevent the situation of excluding people from treatment for financial reasons by offering various solutions such as sliding scale or free sessions as part of crisis intervention. In the fact that there is no other service that offers polish treatment CKU plays such an invaluable role for this cohort of people in Ireland.

We continue the development of our Board of Directors and we invited a new member, Katie Timmins who joined us in November. Katie, congratulations and best of luck in your new role. We hope to get some more Board members and we will make every effort to get so much-needed sustainability in our structure and governance. CKU Team incessantly continues to develop their skills to provide the best practice for our service users.

I would also like to take the opportunity and thank and congratulate Mariola Mastek, clinical Manager, for maintaining high standards in service provision and keeping the Team on track and the members of the CKU Team for their priceless experience and work to support the mission of CKU.

On this occasion, I would like to say big thanks to our administrator Aleksandra, who has been volunteering and working with us for over 10 years. Aleksandra is leaving the CKU Team shortly in the New year of 2023. Aleksandra we greatly appreciate your hard work and we have been privileged and proud of having you on our team. Best wishes in your new career.

Co-ordinator Statment

The work and continuing the mission of CKU would not be possible without the support and close cooperation with Coolmine Therapeutic Community (CTC) which, since February 2011 has been sharing its premises with us. The Centre has also developed and continues cooperation with CARP Community Addiction Response Programme in Tallaght, where we provide individual and group support on Thursdays.

At this point, I would like to thank our current sponsors: South Inner City DATF with their Co-ordinator, Polish Embassy for their financial and overall ongoing support.

We would also like thanks to our Partners and Sponsors for their financial support and all of the Services for their friendly help and cooperation, with wishes for further collaboration.

Barbara Ożga CKU Co-ordinator



CKU Objectives and Values



- 1. Promotion of positive change.
- 2. Propagation of partnerships of the professionals with the 12stepper Communities which helps in the integration of these people with local groups and individuals in a multicultural Ireland while at the same time breaking the language barrier.
- 3. Cooperation and integration with organizations, agencies, and social workers both in Ireland and Poland in order to help clients in a variety of problem areas in their lives.
 4. Integrity a creation of an atmosphere of trust, respect, and honesty.
- 5. Equality- through respect for the identity of our clients, their beliefs and choices.
- 6. Inspiration teaching our clients independence and responsibility and at the same time supporting them in making choices and positive changes in their lives.
- 7. Confidentiality means ensuring that the information collected from our clients is and always will be only used in such a way that does not violate the trust, privacy and personal data protection.
- 8. Respect within the team and professionalism in working with the client by raising the professional qualification and being guided by the code of professional ethics for addiction therapists.

CKU Vision and Mission

Mission

To provide professional help and support to people and their families affected by addiction thru psychotherapeutic treatment, addiction prevention, and integration with the multicultural lrish community in order to facilitate social inclusion.



Vision

A society where everyone has an equal opportunity to live a life without addiction.

Our Offer

- Individual consultations and psychological counselling
- Psychotherapy for individuals and couples
- Psychiatric consultation
- Psychotherapy groups for:
- People suffering from abuse of psychoactive substances/ gambling and other behavioral addictions
- Family members and concerned persons who have been affected by alcohol or drugs used in the home or different forms of neglect in family life.



Our Offer

- Support groups:
 - Supporting recovery group/ Aftercare
 - Family support group/ Family connections
 - Motivation and information group
 - Relapse prevention
- Personal development workshops;
 - Psychoeducational and support workshop
 - Training groups
 - Social skills training
- Workshops for women
 - Between us women/ Peer-to-peer support group
- Workshop for parents
- Crisis interventions and Online support



Between us Women

Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"

Seks na wysokich obcasach





Jak kobieta może zadbać

W poszukiwaniu odpowiedzi pomoże gościni dr Alicja Długołęcka

Warsztat odbędzie się on-line na żywo.

Liczba miejsc ograniczona! Koszt: €10







Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami" Obchodzimy dzień kobiet! Przyjdź i podaruj sobie wyjątkowy pr



Portret Kobiety

Niespełniona siłaczka, Spełniona profesjonalistka, Pa Niezależny motył a może Ułająca sobie, światu i in **Mój portret przepustką do siebie**.

Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"





Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"



Niespełnione macierzyństwo



Zapisy i więcej informacji dotyczących możliwości uczestnictu w warsztacie: email: info@ckudublin.org; tel. +353 860861018 lub +353 876494555











Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"



Stanąć po swojej stronie



Warsztat odbędzie się on-line na żywo. Piątek: 21 października 2022 godz: 19:00-20:30 irlandzkiego czasu; 20:00-21:30 polskiego czasu.

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rywamy to, co czujemy, przed innymi i obić, żeby uzyskać dostęp do prawdy o **Przyjdź i odkryj swój portret.**













Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"



Matematyczne reguły miłości

Jak tworzyć satysfakcjonujący związek na każdym etapie życia? Czy same pozytywne emocje lub zaangażowanie wystarczą?

Katarzyna Cieszyńska-Odedina

Zapraszam Ciebie do wspólnego dialogu, refleksji i poszukiwania odpowiedzi. Bądźny dla ciebie wsparciem inspiracją i dzielny się kobiecą mocą.

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Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami Odosobniona





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Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu "Między nami kobietami"



Miłość do siebie jest niezbędnym warunkiem do stworzenia autentycznej relacji z drugim człowickiem. Co to znaczy kochać siebie' Kiedy czujesz, że jesteć kochana? Kochać za bardzo – co to znaczy?



Zapraszam Ciebie do wspólnego dialogu, refleksji oszukiwania odpowiedzi. Bądźmy dla siebie wsparciem inspiracją i dzielmy się kobiecą mocą.

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Warsztaty rozwojowe z cyklu
"Między nami kobietami" Wolna jak ptak



Zapraszam Ciebie do wspólnego dialogu, refleksji i poszukiwania odpowiedzi. Bądźmy dla siebie wsparcii inspiracją i dzielmy się kobiecą moca. Mariola Mastek

Warcztał odbędzie się on-line ma żywo.
Platek 16 września 2022
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Graduation Group

























Development workshop and Skills training





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Development workshop and Skills training































Human Impact



95 Individual Assesments Completed



958 Individual psychotherapy sessions



199 Individual
Counselling
Sessions



43 Individual
Supported
in Group Therapy



69 Individuals
Supported in Graduation
Group



131 Individuals
Supported in Personal
Development Workshop

Human Impact



16 Individuals
Supported in Social
Skills Training



105 Women Supported in Women Workshop "Between us Women"



9 Individuals
Supported in the
Youth Group



171 Crisis Interventions



231 Online Support



Substance misuse support 71 individuals

Structure, Governance and Management



Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations. Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give an accurate and fair view of the assets, liabilities, and financial position of the companies at the financial year-end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

Structure, Governance and Management

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- -select suitable accounting policies for the company's financial statements and then apply them consistently.
- -make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- -state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- -prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm they have applied the above regulations when preparing the financial statements. The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legal Status



Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital with the CompanyRegistration Office (CRO Reg. No: 485287), incorporated on 15th May 2010 under the Companies Act, 1963 to 2009. CKU was established under a Memorandum of association which sets the objects and powers of the company and is governed under Articles of Association by a Board of Directors.

Charity with the Revenue Commissioners (CHY No: 19490) and with the CharitiesRegistration Authority (Registered Charity No: CRA 20076511)

Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and charitable organisations

Since 2019 CKU has been on the 'Adoption Journey' of the new Charities Governance Code which was published in November 2018 and has been implementing policies, systems and processes. CKU completed the Charities Governance Code Compliance Record Form in 2020.

General Governance Information

CKU is governed by a board of directors with a maximum number of 7 people. In accordance with the Articles of Association, every year at the Annual General Meeting the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Board of Directors meets with the Co-Ordinator 4-6 times a year. In 2022 we had 5 meetings.

The Directors who served throughout the year, except as noted, were:

Emilia Marchelewska— The Chair Barbara Ozga — The Secretary Patrick Bolger - The Treasurer Anna Wuczynska — Clinical Director Tom Doyle- Operational Director Tony Devlin- Operational Director Katie Timmins - Operational Director

All of our Board members and senior staff signed the code of conduct of trustees.



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