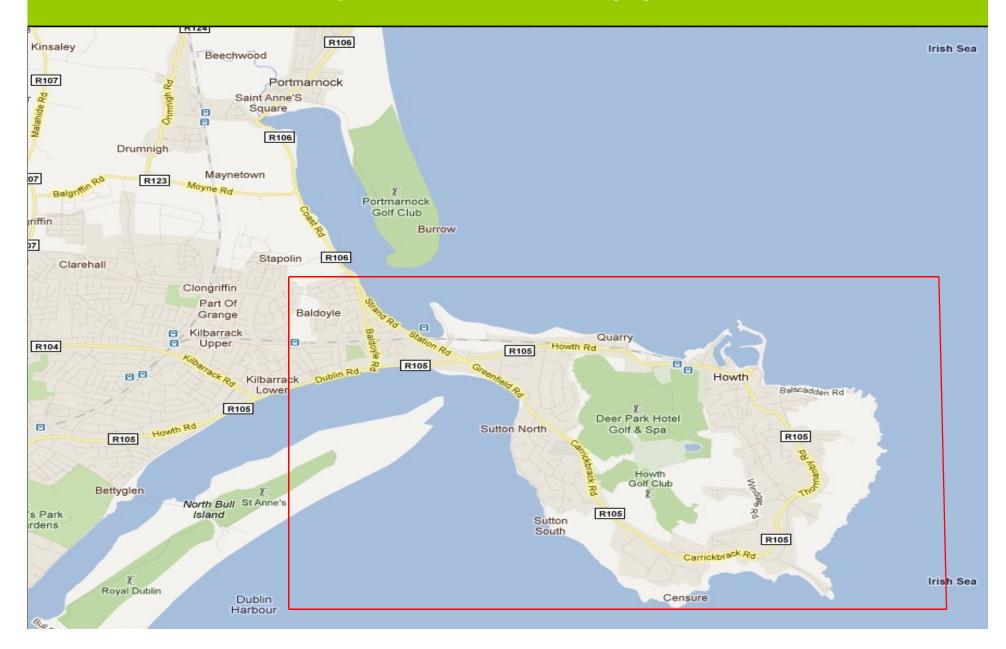
Prosper Fingal: Howth Service



Community-Based Support Service



New Directions

Policy states supports to the individual should be:

- Community based and integrated.
- Accessed through mainstream options/services.
- Person-Centred.
- Individual rather than group based.
- Be "outcomes" driven.
- Local to the person and their home.
- Evidence based.



Why Howth, Sutton & Baldoyle?

- Gap in service provision local need.
- Opportunity to build capacity for the future.
- Establish a presence in the southern most area of Fingal.
- "Green field" situation.



Background to Howth Service

- Pilot Project (from existing resources).
- Move away from centre-based mindset & approach.
- Individualised, not based on groups.
- Mainstreaming 'ordinary things in ordinary places'.
- Embedded in the community, a local service for local people.
- Priority placed on building bridges/reciprocal partnerships in the community (PR role).



Getting to know the Community

- In-depth research of the catchment area, amenities & opportunities divided into 18 domains.
- Identified key figures/groups in the community.
- January 2012: hosting of first Prosper Fingal Community Information Sharing Evening.
 - 21 groups represented & contact made with 16 groups who couldn't attend on the night.
 - Follow on meetings organised.
- Build reciprocal partnerships within the community.



Getting to know the People we Support

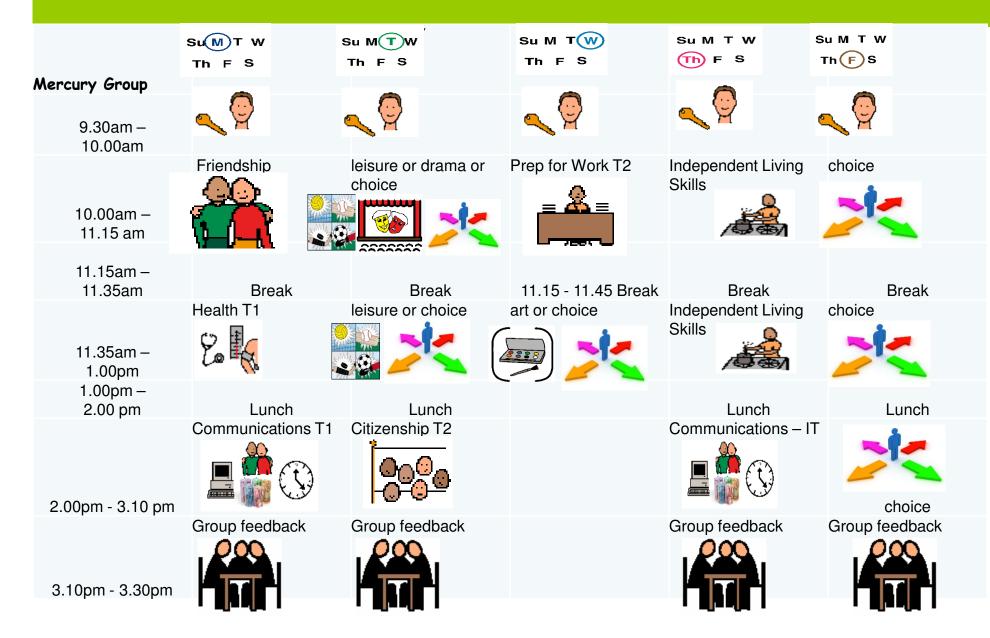
- Initially seven individuals, now eight.
- Spent time exploring their interests/likes/dislikes/goals/ aspirations...
- 'Making the match' was key.
- Developing & maintaining reciprocal partnerships with both individuals and families/carers.



Community Connections



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Support from Prosper Fingal

Support from Mother

- Significant Challenges for all stakeholders:
 - Individuals we support
 - Family
 - Community
 - Prosper Fingal
 - H.S.E.
 - Government agencies
 - Local and other NGO's
- Change for all!



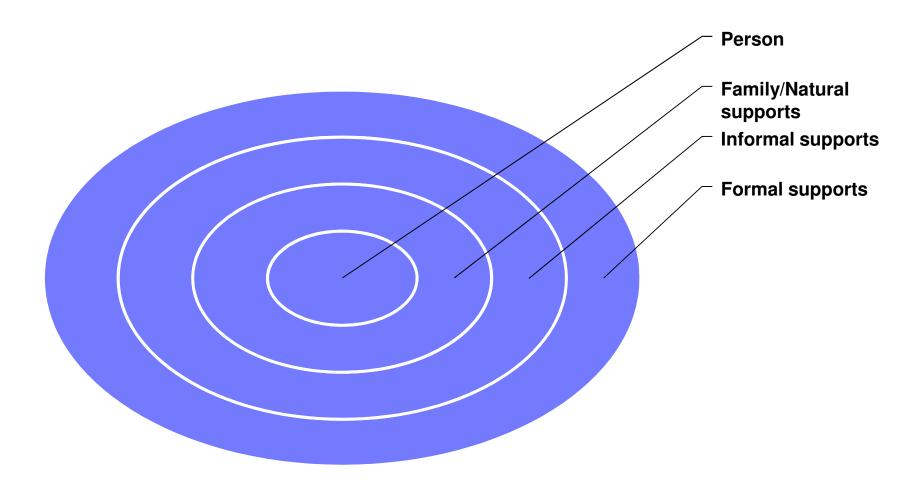


Claire & Brid

 Video captures some of the challenges for Claire & her mother.



Typical Support System



Report of Disability Policy Review, Figure 2, pg 64.



- Community:
 - Initial & continued buy-in
 - Fear/scepticism
 - Trust
 - Requested need for continued Prosper Fingal support

PROSPER FINGAL



- Prosper Fingal:
 - Different Roles and Responsibilities
 - Lots of plates spinning (time management)
 - Engaging with families/carers on a different level
 - On-going support needs
 - Maintaining community partnerships
 - Gaps in staff training, need for up-skilling?
 - Positive risk management
 - Filling "the gaps" with meaningful occupation



- H.S.E.
 - Understanding the "support" model concept & application
 - Interpretation of support (direct/indirect)
 - Substantial costs associated with this service model
 - Dramatic shift from the traditional group & centre based model
 - Significant resource requirement at set-up & on an ongoing basis to maintain supports
 - Less certainty for the individual & family
 - Issues around client referral & placement

Next Steps

- Continue to link in with community groups & develop new opportunities.
- Work on life goals with the individuals we support.
- Promote independence.
- Maintain trust/reciprocal partnership with families/carers.



Thank You!

