

Our history

- 1992** ○ Soilse piloted
- 1993** ○ Represented on Eastern Health Board (EHB) first community drug team in Dublin
- 1994** ○ Evaluation and mainstreaming of Soilse
○ Represented on EHB Social Development Committee
○ Represented Ireland as Model of Excellence in the European Social Fund (ESF) Horizon conference in Barcelona
- 1996** ○ Soilse represented on the EHB Eastern Regional Committee on Drug Rehabilitation
○ Research on vocational guidance and drug abuse undertaken by the Department of Adult and Community Education, the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Supported by the ESF Leonardo Programme
- 1997** ○ Soilse represented on the Lord Mayor of Dublin's Commission on Drugs
○ Soilse/Rutland partnership formed, supported by the North Inner City Local Drug Task Force
- 1998** ○ HYPHER magazine established
- 1999** ○ Soilse represented on EHB Rehabilitation Blueprint Committee
○ SHAPE – Soilse, Health and Arts Project, Experience. Soilse took part in a pilot project between the EHB / Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA) and the Arts Council to gauge the benefits of arts in healthcare settings
○ Soilse drug-free facility brought on stream
○ HYPHER magazine wins international award for innovation and design
- 2000** ○ HYPHER mainstreamed
○ Soilse/Rutland Partnership mainstreamed
- 2001** ○ Soilse representative addressed the first European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCCDA) conference on vocational rehabilitation and drugs in Europe
○ Dedicated career guidance service established with the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC)
- 2003** ○ Arts Health Policy launched by the Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA) – Soilse involved for previous six years in contributing to the process which resulted in the national policy
- 2004** ○ Soilse participates in 'Streets' art exhibition in Dublin's north inner city

- 2005** ○ Education Development Worker post created with CDVEC to support Soilse participants in college
- 2007** ○ Soilse awarded a FETAC Quality Assurance certificate
- 2008** ○ Received the Dublin and region STAR award from Aontas, the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation, for both innovation in practice and teamwork in adult education.
 - Soilse led the annual Irish commemoration on International Eradication of Poverty Day, held at Customs House Quay, Dublin, on 17 October.
- 2009** ○ Soilse's Return to Learning project is a finalist in the EBS/NALA Adult Continuing Education (ACE) Awards. The project supports recovering drug users in their progression to further education.
- 2010** ○ Soilse's Career Guidance Service wins the 2010 Dublin Regional STAR Award from Aontas, the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation.
- 2011** ○ Soilse's drug-free programme moves from North Frederick Street to Green Street, Dublin 7, closer to its sister programme in Henrietta Place.
 - Soilse wins the 2011 STAR Award from Aontas, the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation for its Service User Involvement initiative.