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# *Presentation to Common Cents 2012*

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Overseeing the first supply of cleaning cloths from Action Against Addiction to Drogheda Hire were Maria Synowzik, Alan Byrne, Oliver Dowd of Louth Leader Partnership, Liam O'Keefe, Fr. Iggy O'Donovan, Cllr. Richie Culhane and Pierce Martin of Drogheda Hire.

## SUPPLYING CLOTHS AND GETTING DONATION

# Charity clean up with first contract

CHRISTINE DOHERTY

**LOCAL CHARITY.** Action Against Addiction North East has not only landed its first contract to supply bags of cleaning cloths to Drogheda Hire, but the non-profit organisation is also getting a donation back from the hire company. The first bags, which sell in for €12.00, were delivered to Drogheda Hire last week, and for each bag sold, the company will hand back €2.00.

'It is fantastic for Action Against Addiction getting this first contract which we hope is the first of many,' says Alan Byrne, who is originally from Boyle O'Reilly.

Action against Addiction was set up early this year and currently helps a number of local people

It is a not-for-profit textiles recycling charity project that provides work experience for people affected by drug use.

It helps deliver the stability, skills and confidence needed to move into mainstream employment or further education in a supportive work environment. Its work has two main elements; skills-based and rehabilitative.

Based in the Beamore Road Business Park, Action Against Addiction has a number of its clothing recycling bins across Drogheda but is hoping to expand these further in the town and also into outlying areas such as East Meath.

Its trainees are provided with work experience and skills which build on confidence and helps

ment while the supportive environment assists individuals to maintain stability

The project provides job and training opportunities to individuals from disadvantaged communities and all profits generated are directed back into local drugs and alcohol initiatives.

The charity is hoping that the Drogheda Hire contract will encourage other businesses to take delivery of the ten kilos bags of cloths which can be used for cleaning purposes.

'If we get more contracts, then we can take on more people which means we can offer our services which include counselling to more and more clients,' added Liam O'Keefe, sales manager, Action



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# THE TEAM & THEIR STORIES





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- ▣ Additional Services
  - Counselling
  
  - Education





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# THE WORK WE DO





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- ▣ How We Finance Our Work
- ▣ Where Revenue Comes From
- ▣ Fundraising



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## NEW GROUP SEEKS WALKERS AND RUNNERS

# Addiction charity seeks 10k entrants

NEW LOCAL charity Action Against Addiction is looking for runners or walkers to do the Boyne 10K on May 6 to raise funds for their project.

The charity was set up early last year and currently helps five local men who have suffered from drug addiction to run a not-for-profit textiles recycling project that provides work experience for people affected by drug use.

'It is still a new charity and it is hard to get established,' said Billy Gavin on behalf of the charity.

'Things have been going quite well

though, and we would like people to run or walk for us so that we can get another bailing machine and hopefully expand to assist more people.'

Based in the Beamore Road Business Park, Action Against Addiction has 20 clothing recycling bins across Drogheda but is hoping to expand these further in the town and also into outlying areas such as East Meath.

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stream employment or further education in a supportive work environment.

Its work has two main elements, skills-based and rehabilitative.

'We will have sponsorship cards available to anyone interested in running for us, and we work closely with the Drogheda Women's Refuge Centre and the Homeless Aid, who can advise us and provide assistance.'

If interested, contact Alan on (041) 9892011, (086) 6006399 or you can find the group on Facebook at action-aa north east.



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- ▣ Future Plans
- ▣ New Skills
- ▣ Continue to Offer Hope



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*“The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance - and then even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning”*

[Oprah Winfrey](#)



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*Thank you for your time...*