

a manager's perspective

What drives you as a manager?

"The motivation behind working in this sector is the opportunity it affords to impact significantly on quality of life, both at the level of the individual and the overall community of the inner city. Community development work is distinctive in that, although it may develop at a slower pace than other sectors, it has the capacity to achieve real inclusion and long-term, sustainable regeneration. The breadth of local development work allows for targeting disadvantage from multiple angles, whether it is measured by income levels, educational chances or opportunities for employment or other participation. The Partnership approach leads to workable, harmonious communities, and the progress we have made over the last ten years can be measured both by physical change and practical outcomes, and by the achievement of softer objectives, enhanced confidence in the community and its capacity to identify needs and manage change locally."

David Connolly, Dublin Inner City Partnership



Anne Kavanagh

"What drives me is the belief that Partnerships are making a difference"

PAUL Partnership Ltd.

A firm belief that we don't have to accept that the poor will always be with us. The rare opportunity to do a job that impacts directly on the ground and requires me to think about and try to influence policy issues. The challenge of making integrated working work.

Tallaght Partnership



Anna Lee

"It has been a wonderful 10 years. Through a genuine Partnership approach we have demonstrated that you can play a very significant role in affecting the lives of local people."

Finglas Cabra Partnership



Michael Bowe



John Butler

"The work we're doing makes a real difference to the lives of people who are unemployed or disadvantaged, and when people who take up a training or education course and come back and say they've felt a real benefit is very satisfying."

Dundalk Employment Partnership



Justin Sammon

"The ability to make a difference to individual lives by allowing people to participate in their own societies. Seeing an improvement in the quality of lives of individuals and local communities as they become active agents of change."

Meitheal Maigheo Teo.

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Michael Cowman

"When I came to Ballymun first it was known for its poverty, unemployment and poor housing. Even my fellow managers thought I got the short straw. Ten year later we have built some outstanding initiatives, networks and strategies and you can literally see the difference. But it's the vision and sheer scale of what we're doing here that's amazing. I believe in 10 more years people will look back in wonder at how Ballymun was transformed – and its great to be part of that transformation!"

Ballymun Partnership Ltd.



Bill Thorne

"Helping people in South Kerry to help themselves."

South Kerry Development Partnership



Mary Lou O'Kennedy

A desire to play my part in reducing the exclusion and lack of opportunity that many people experience in Irish society.

County Wexford Partnership

"There are real challenges faced by people and communities in the Northside Partnership area. It takes a certain type to overcome the mountain of obstacles on the way and our reward comes from breaking some of these down so that people and groups are on a more equal footing. The reward comes with every achievement whether it is personal or as a Community as a whole."

Northside Partnership



Marian Vickers



Jim O'Flynn

The ability of the Partnership to make a difference.

Comhair Chathair Chorcai Teo.