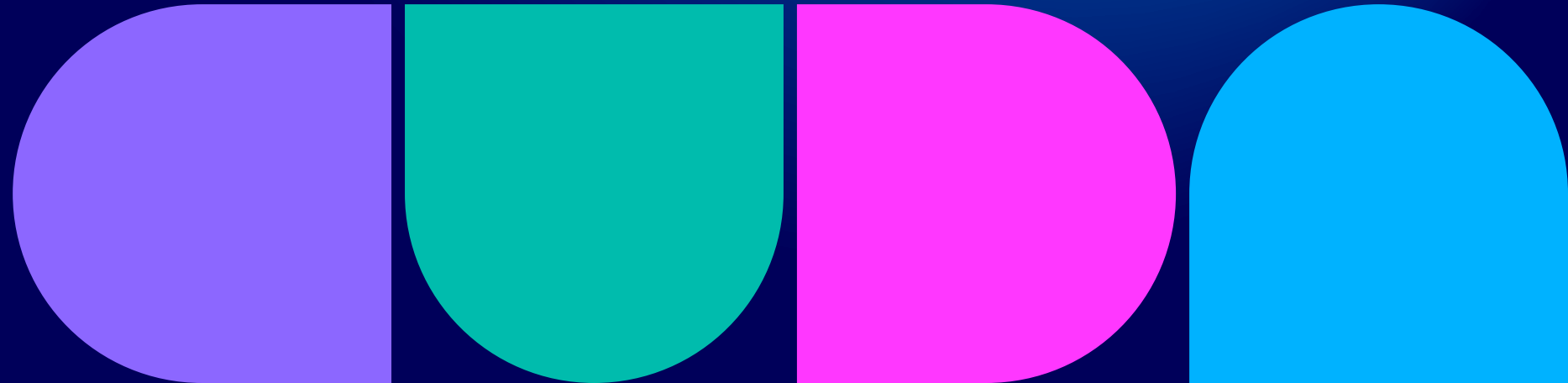


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Parallel session 5: Innovative strategies and interventions

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Policy Framework - Mission of the EUDA

The EUDA's mandate is to “strengthen the EU’s preparedness related to current and future drug problems and support the EU and its Member States in addressing the drug situation”.

It will do this by providing services across 4 categories:

1. Anticipating new and future challenges (**anticipate**)
2. Alerting on emerging risks and drug-related threats (**alert**)
3. Assessing needs and available responses (**respond**)
4. Evaluating and disseminating new knowledge and best practices (**learn**).

Policy Framework - EU Roadmap to step up the fight against drug trafficking and criminal networks

- 3. Measures to prevent organised crime** through exchange of best practices and guidance among Member States to prevent infiltration of these groups in the society and legal economy, **prevent criminal groups to recruit youngsters** and improve public safety and health, and to limit more effectively access to drug precursors.

Policy Framework - University of Limerick **commitment to support EUDA mission**

- *“...to enhance drug-related crime prevention efforts in Europe by:*
- *evaluating existing models and strategies for the prevention of youth involvement in drug markets and drug-related crime;*
- *supporting linked networking building activities;*
- *and identifying possible facilitators or barriers to the implementation of programmes in this area.”*

Outline

1. Work undertaken by University of Limerick

- I. Identifying national patterns and locations of children's involvement in crime
- II. Examining local crime networks
- III. Designing interventions

2. Next steps

- I. Ways of working
- II. Initial plans

Identifying

National Patterns

Ranking of Police Sub-Districts for

Drugs for Sale and Supply and Burglary Offences committed by minors

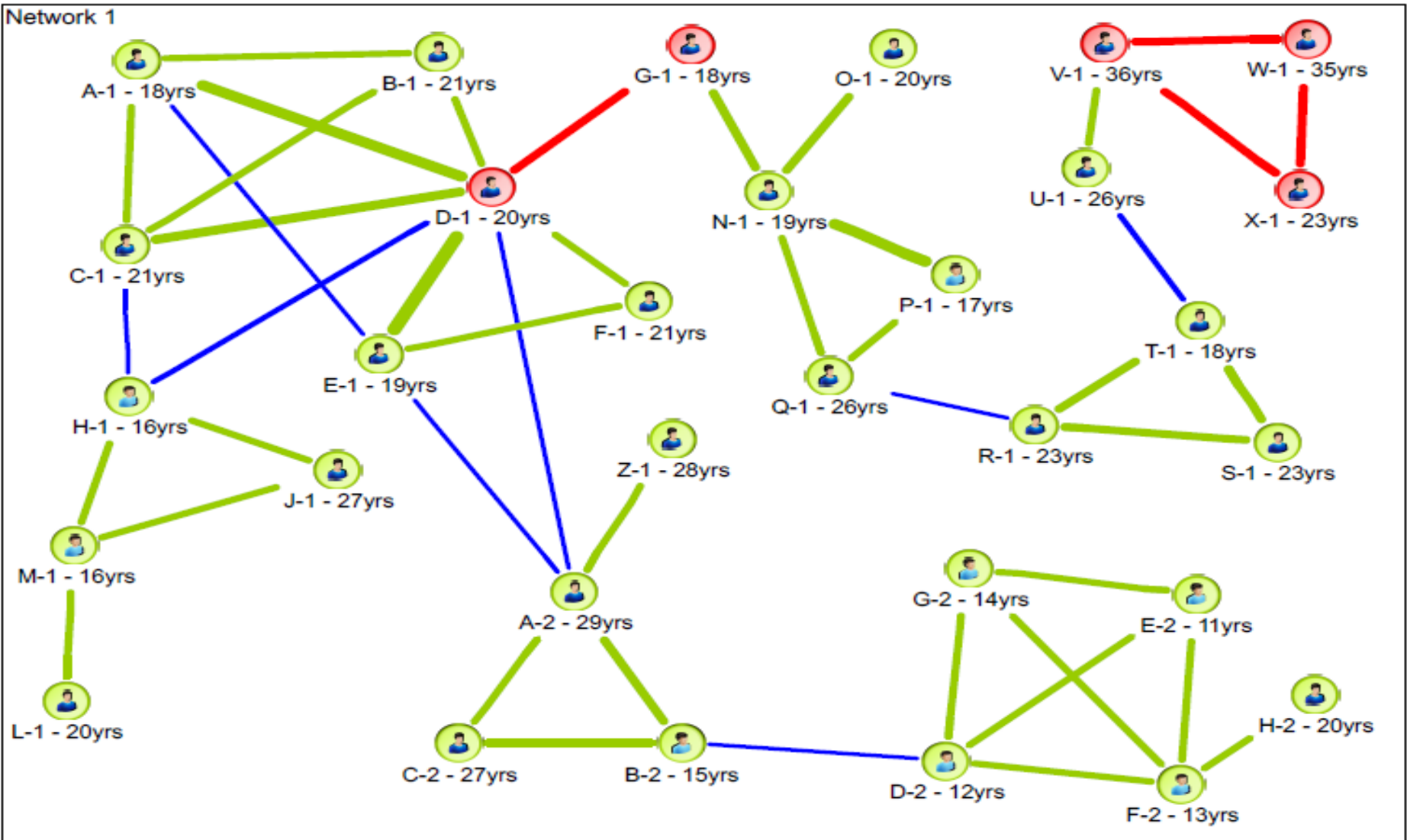
		Offences 2010 and 2011 offender aged 17 or less				Number of unique offenders 2010 and 2011			
Rank	Location	01 Drugs for Sale and Supply	02 Burglaries	03 Robberies	Total	01 Drugs for Sale and Supply	02 Burglaries	03 Robberies	Total
1	Bluetown	28	4	2	34	20	4	2	26
2	Redtown	23	61	27	111	15	33	21	69
3	Yellowtown	21	12	13	46	15	7	4	26
4	Orangetown	18	10	13	41	14	1	8	23
5	Whitetown	17	7	16	40	5	2	13	20
6	Blacktown	16	23	13	52	12	8	5	25
7	Greytown	13	23	11	47	11	12	4	27
8	Browntown	12	5	5	22	9	3	3	15
9	Purpletown	12	3	31	46	6	1	19	26
10	Pinktown	11	15	15	41	6	6	3	15
11	Greentown	10	17	23	50	8	13	11	32
12	Area 12	9	31	23	63	9	19	14	42
13	Area 13	9	6	4	19	2	4	4	10
14	Area 14	6	40	41	87	6	13	21	40
15	Area 15	6	5	2	13	6	5	2	13
16	Area 16	5	13	7	25	5	7	7	19
17	Area 17	5	3	13	21	5	1	7	13
18	Area 18	5	8	4	17	5	4	3	12
19	Area 19	5	2	1	8	5	1	1	7
20	Area 20	5	12	0	17	4	9	0	13



- Sourcing
- Distribution
- Protection
- Discipline

Why is Drugs for Sale and Supply a useful offence indicator?

Landing on a local community: Greentown

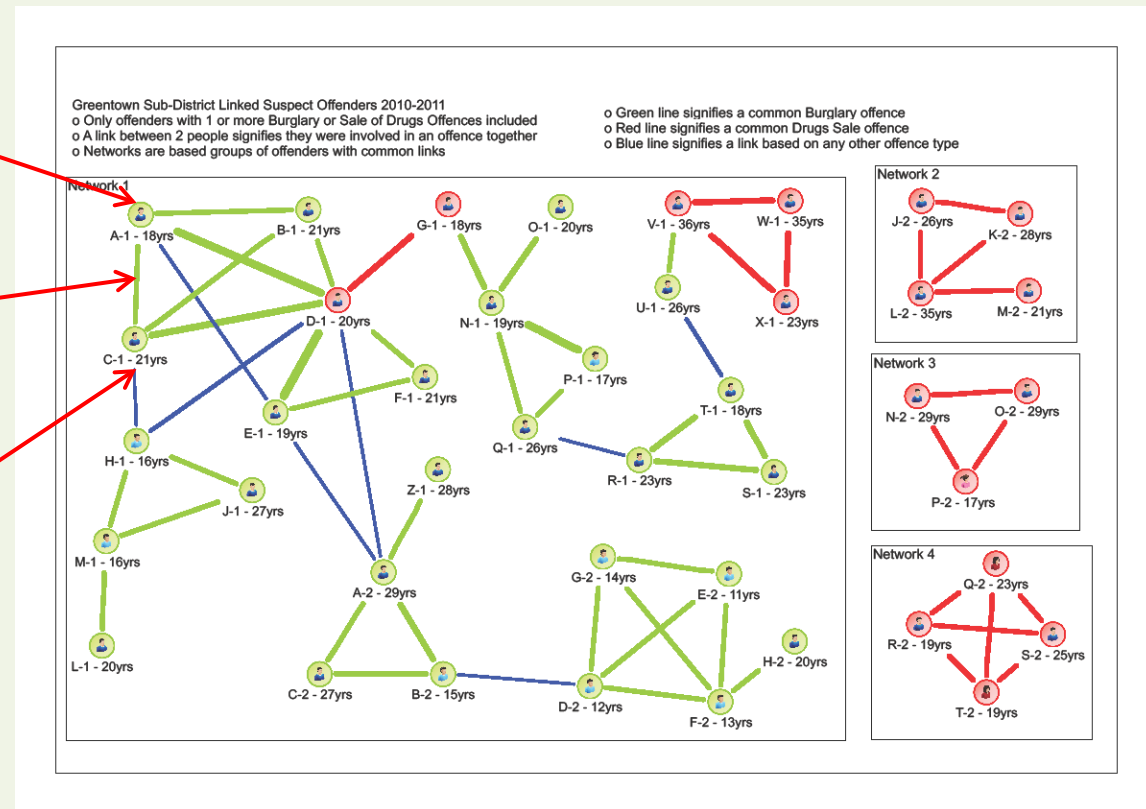


Examining the Greentown Network

Node – is an individual member of the Greentown Network

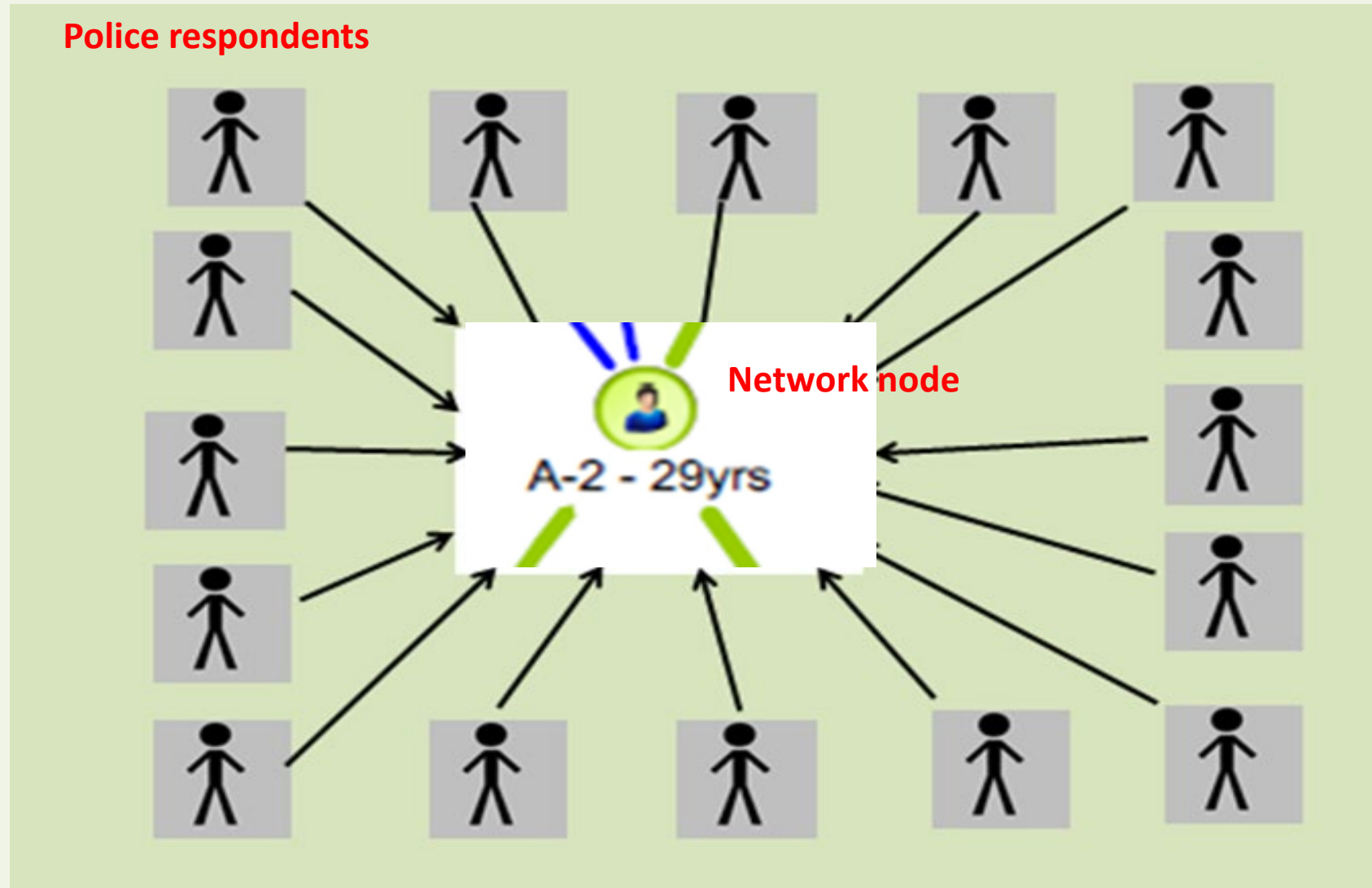
Link represents an offence incident recorded by PULSE

Unique identifier permits tracking of issues and themes with individuals or groups of individuals



Examining the Greentown Network

Triangulation of Stories



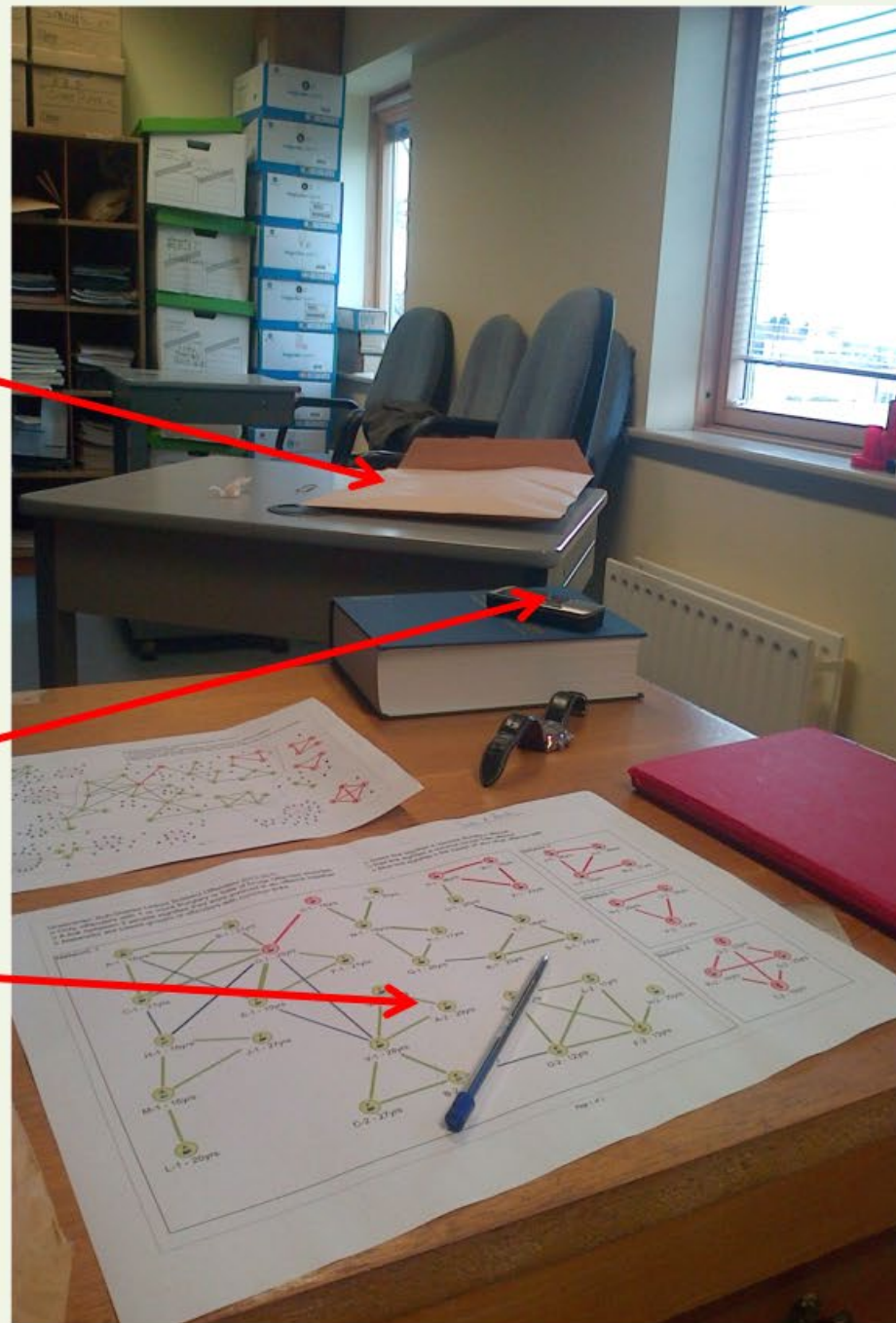
Twinsight in action

Respondent's position

- Confidential network
- Access to envelope restricted to An Garda Siochana

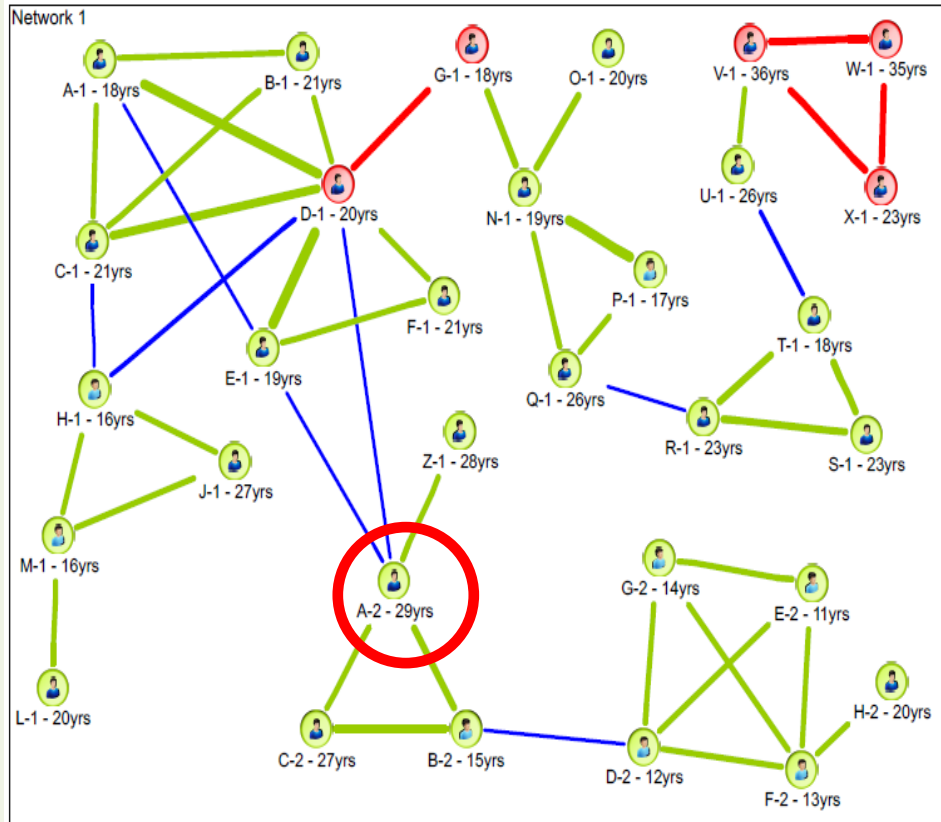
Interviewer's position

- Audio recorder
- Anonymised network

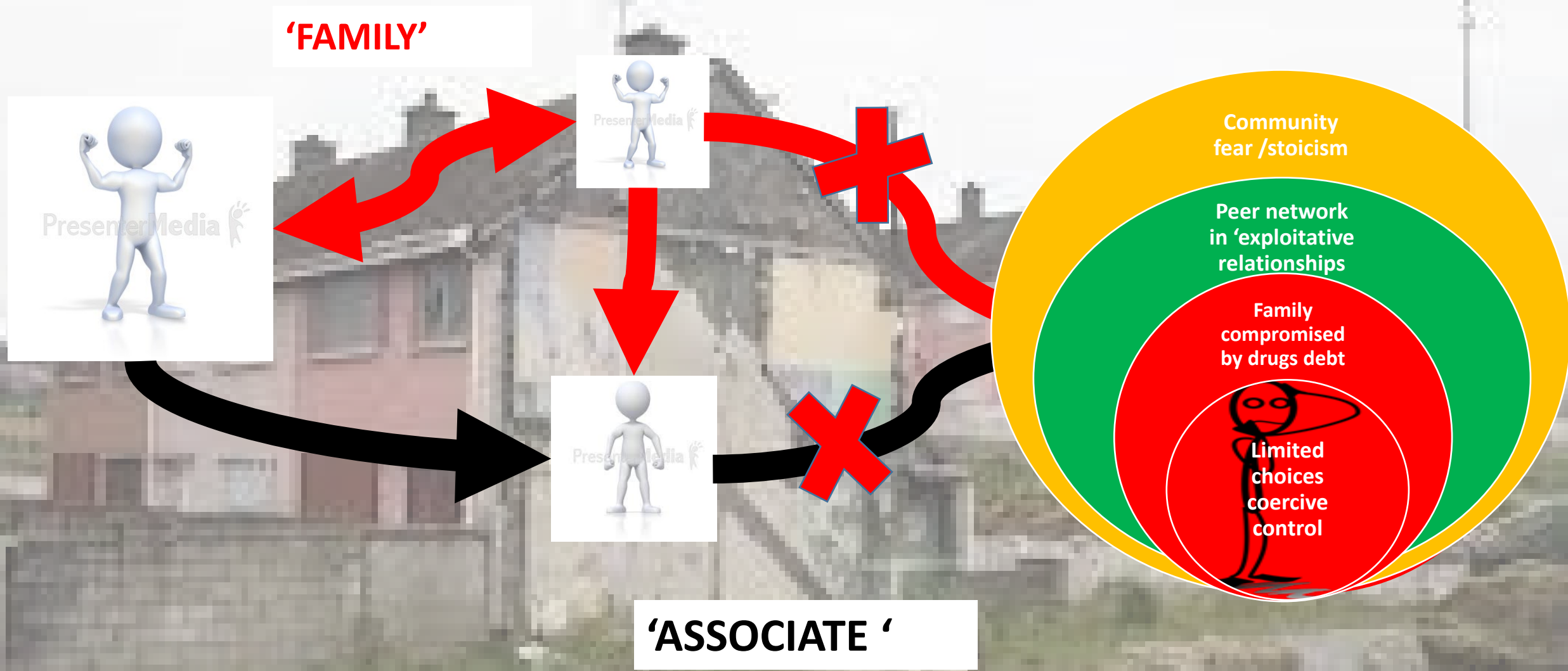


Profile : A2

'Family'



- Leader of the network
- Distant from committing offences
- Mythology
- Climate of fear in Greentown
- Money lending – obligation and re-payment of debt
- Enforcement by middle-ranking 'associates'
- Shapes young people's behaviour
- Residents and network members 'self-govern' behaviour
- 'Games' the relationship with Garda

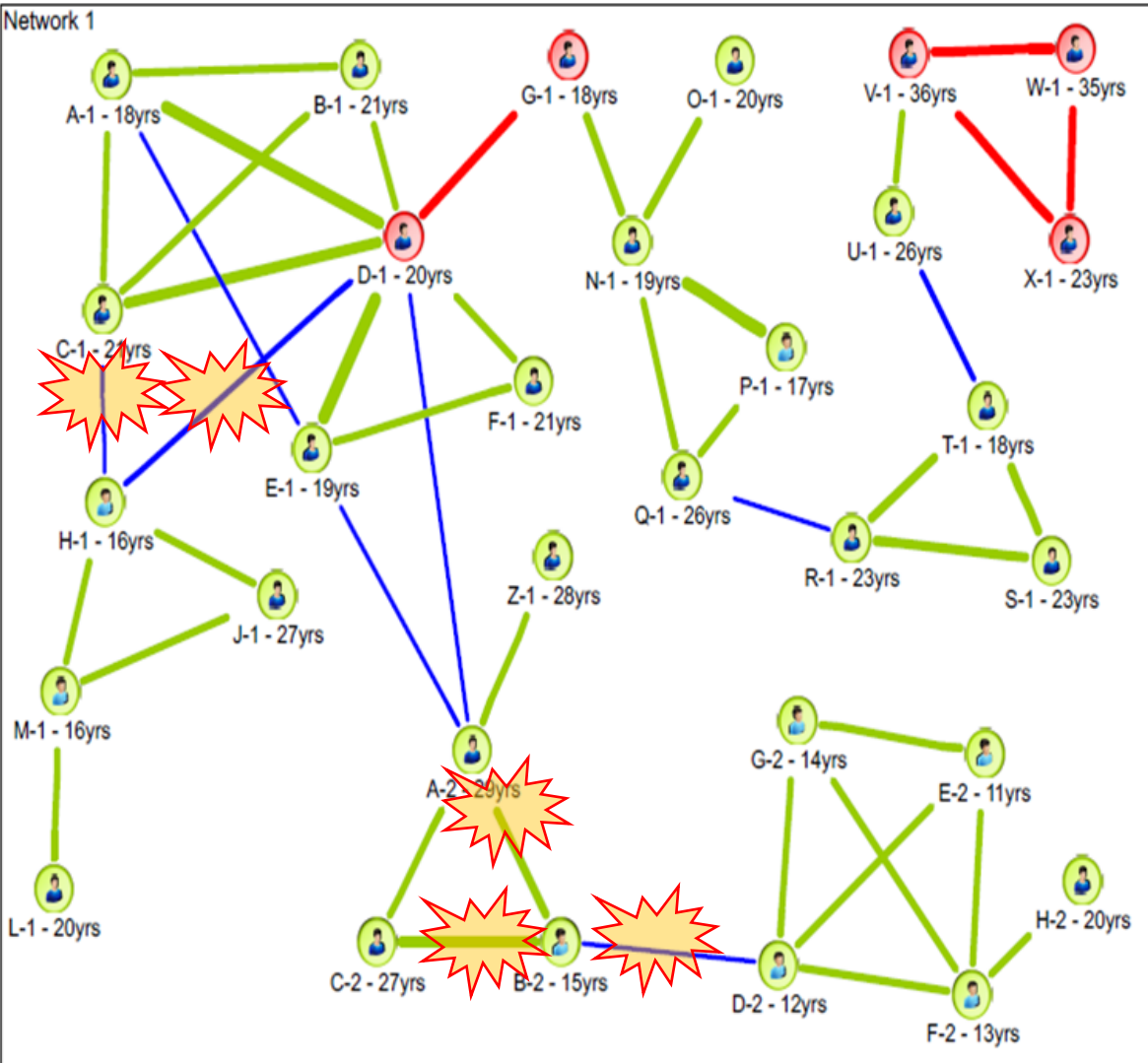


Telling the Story

What We Found: Powerful suppressive eco-systems that influence behaviour and bound the possible

Network Disruption

- New Science
- Efficient use of Resources
- Risks
 - Safety
 - Legal safeguards
 - Unintended Consequences
- Small number of examples
- Simulations + lots of 'mays'
- Need for clear objectives
 - Focus on leaders?
 - Focus on 'foot soldiers'
 - Focus on specialist skill or position
- Deliberate on unintended consequences, contingencies and test



Conclusion



Epiphany

‘The problems that scientists and engineers have usually focused upon are mostly “tame” or “benign” ones’

Rittel, H.W.J. & Webber, M.M. 1973, "Dilemmas in a general theory of planning",

‘Only a task orientation is likely to reveal those occasions when we do not have a tool for this’

Sparrow, M.K. 2008, The Character of Harms Harvard University

Required mindset for design approach:

Less Transmitting More Listening

