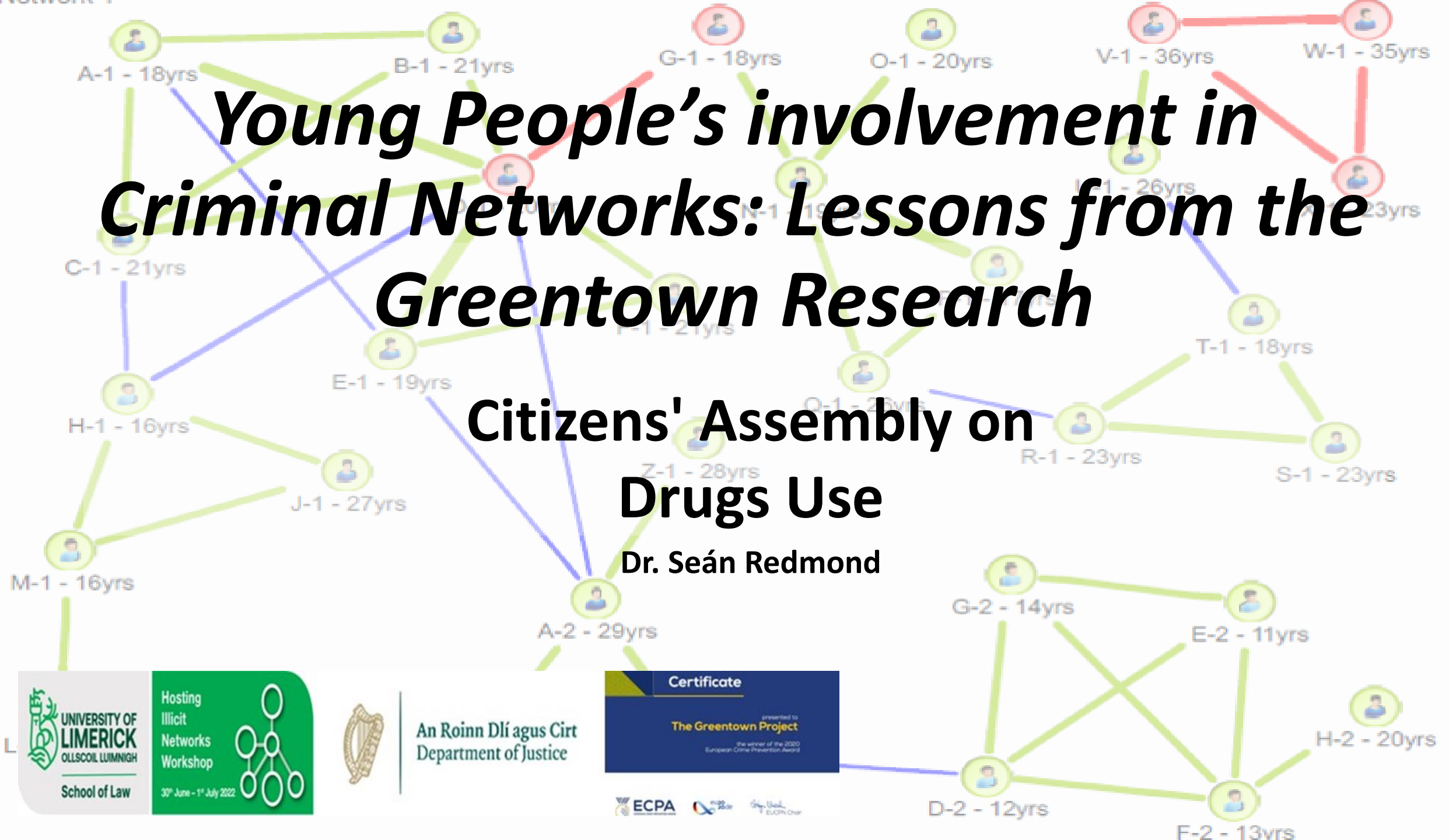


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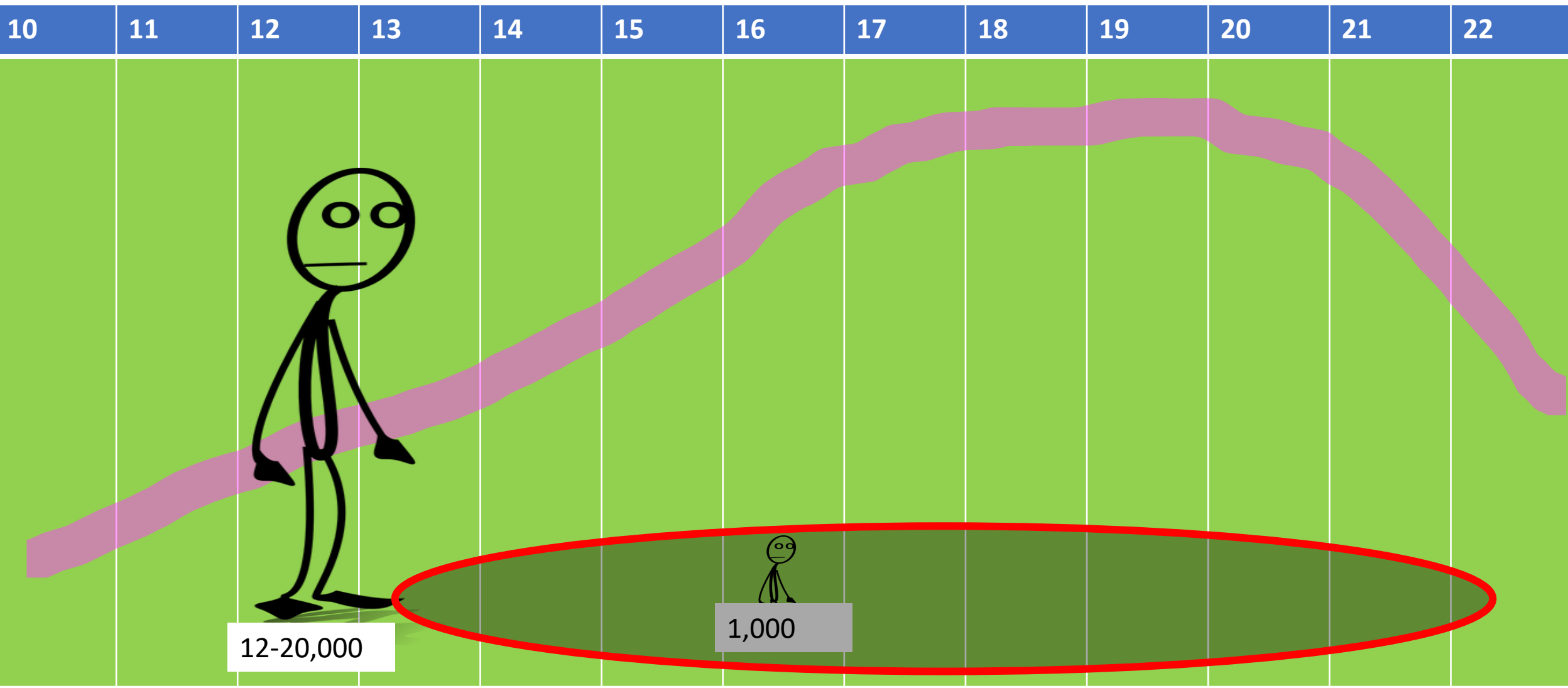
 



Today

- Outline studies undertaken by University of Limerick relating to crime networks and children's involvement
- Outline what we found
- Outline what we are doing about it

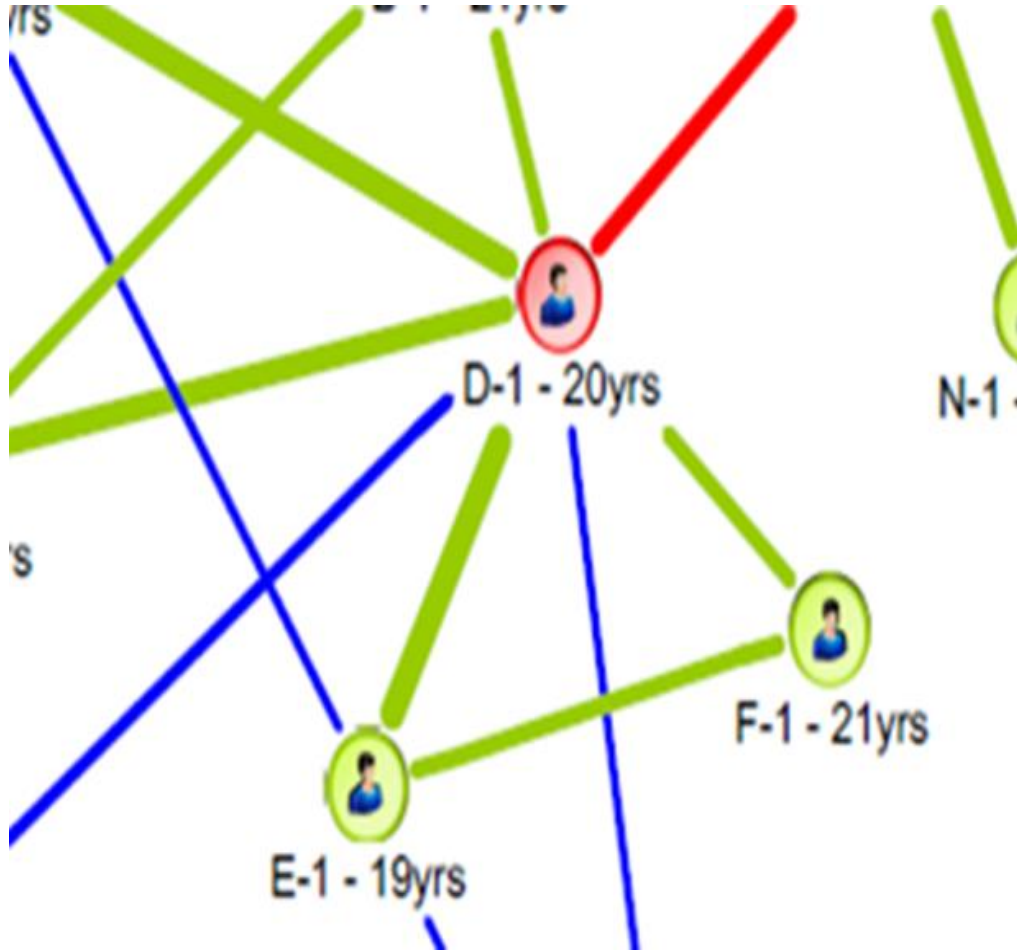
Important: Most Children and Young People Grow Out of Crime



Evidence Base

- International research studies
- Irish Research
- Consultations with scientists involved in studying crime networks
- Consultations with front-line professionals and community reps
- Learning from the 2 x trial sites [Whitetown and Yellowtown]

Thinking Networks– “Properties”

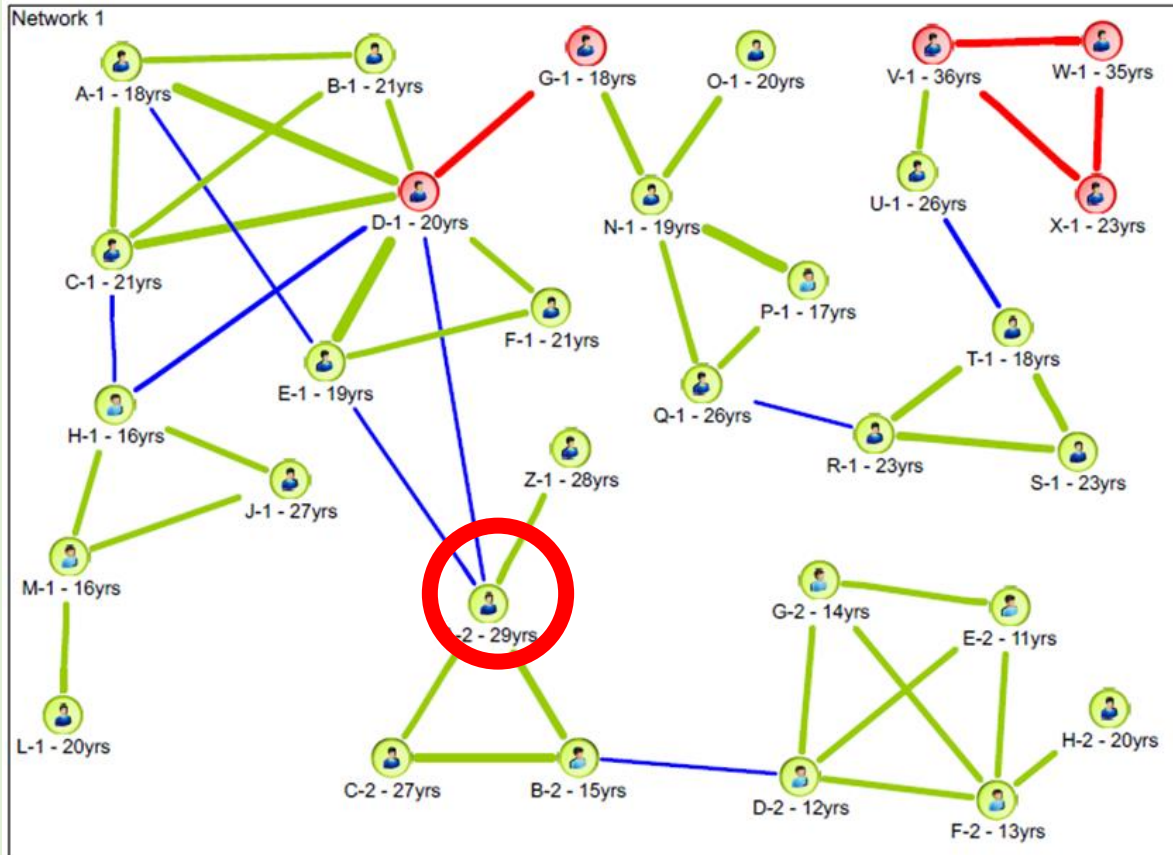


- individuals, groups of individuals or relationships in networks that are more important than others
 - Superior knowledge?
 - Seniority?
 - Inner-Circle?
- Trust relationships trump business relationships
- Criminal surveillance
- Enticement and coercion
- Ways of thinking

Greentown Profile :

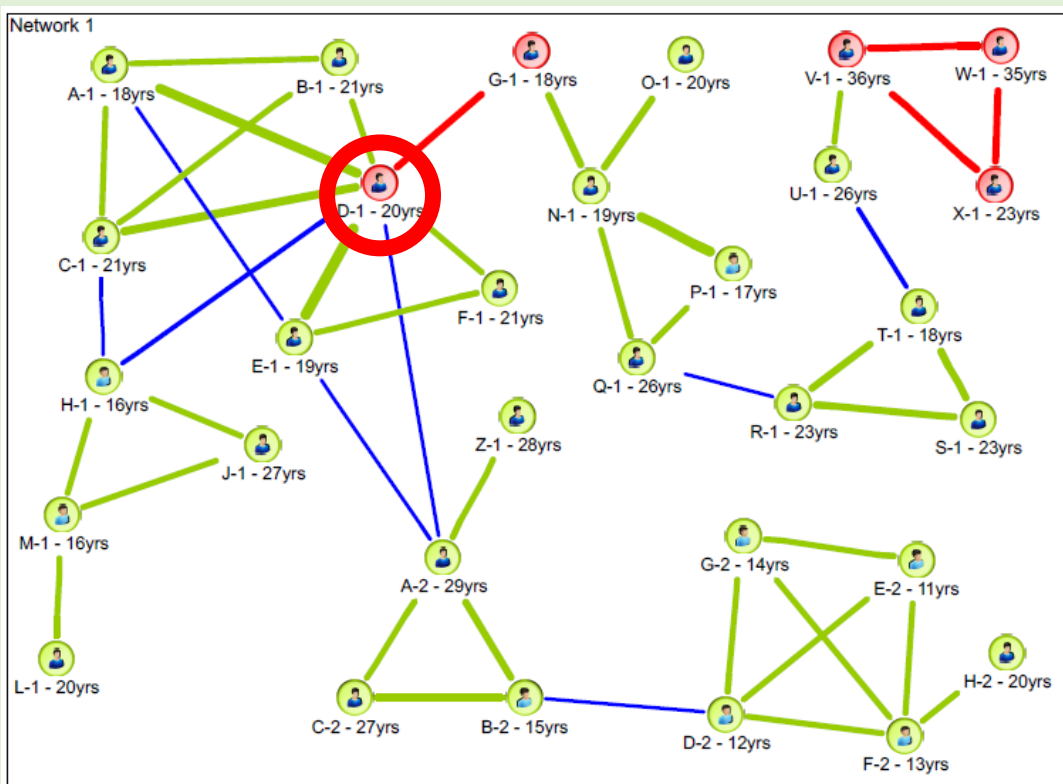
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'Family'



- 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

Profile D1 'Associate'

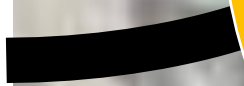
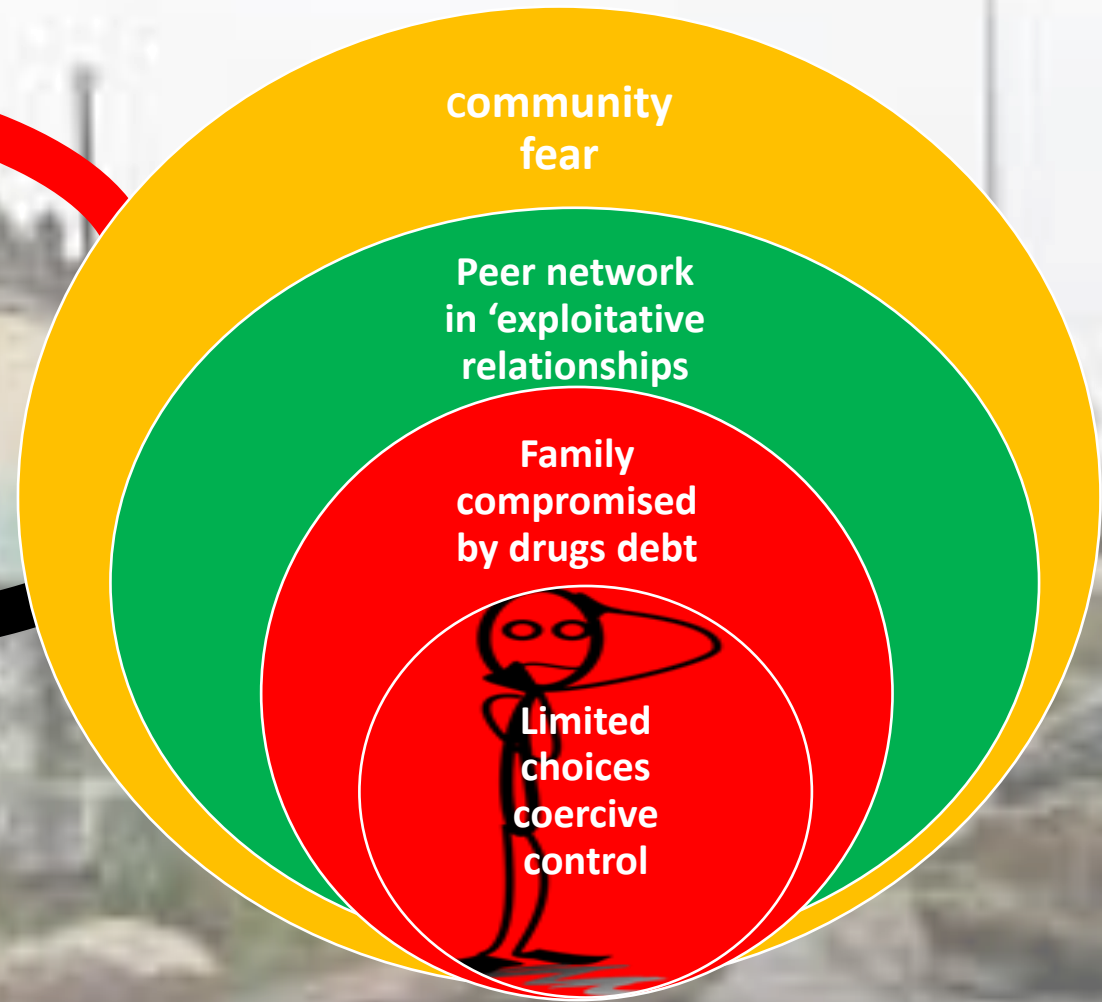


- Part of Greentown network's 'middle management'
- Very chaotic family circumstances and poor relationship with authorities
- Involved in crime from an early age
- Older siblings involved
- Lives physically close to network leader
- Get's caught
- Not in the inner circle
- Recruits and 'grooms' children into network

'FAMILY'



'ASSOCIATE '



The Greentown Programme: Trying to effect changes in the eco-system

