

Tony Carton

Tony Carton was Senior Lecturer in addiction studies at WELTEC for twelve years until late 2019. Prior to that he worked in the Alcohol and Drug and Domestic violence field for about 15 years in CADS, Salvation Army and other services in New Zealand, and the Aisling Centre in Ireland. Tony holds a master's degree in Sociology and is particularly interested in bringing a *sociological imagination* to the addiction field – at times challenging the prevailing psy-science and medical discourses and supporting the recovering twelve-step peer voices. Doubtless the psy-sciences provide solutions but are often blind to issues of power and are fixated with the individual rather than the collective – whānau and significant others.

One of the joys / frustrations of sociology is that it inverts common-sense, regularly providing questions rather than answers .The twelve-steps also inverts common sense e.g. it inverts the supremacy of *power* by the liberation of *accepting powerlessness* .In both cases answers are evoked rather than imposed.

Tony is Currently living in Ireland .His mokopuna in New Zealand are proud NZers (Ngati Porou) and Irish (Ard Macha ) .Hoping and praying soon as this pandemic goes away he can see them in NZ soon as well as all his friends over there . Currently semi-retired , doing clinical supervision online ,along with writing See publications below

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