

Local family highlights alarming number of suicides in Ireland

FROM P.I.: "No words can describe how you feel at that moment. It was completely surreal. Just total and utter shock. I've known since that day that I wanted to do something to highlight suicide."

Since that awful day over three years ago, Peter and his family have been putting their energy into creating SOSAD – Save Our Sons And Daughters.

"Our aims are to increase awareness about suicide, to tackle head on the stigma attached to this awful tragedy and to educate Ireland about suicide and ways to prevent it."

"We know that this is a crucial service that is sadly lacking in Ireland at present but we have undertaken lots of research to ensure we get the message across."

The Moroneys have been finalising

www.sosadireland.ie which they hope will be online in the very near future. The website will have a welcome page, useful information, facts, figures and myths page, a forum, tribute page and links to many support sites.

"My purpose in life is to teach people about suicide and reduce the stigma. We have a super demonstration planned for just before the general election which will

really put suicide in the public and political arena."

The Moroneys are currently fundraising to ensure the web site will be up and running as soon as possible. To make a donation to this very worthy cause contact Peter by email on sosadireland@hotmail.com or by phoning the *Drogheda Leader* on 041 9836100 to get his contact details.