



DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

Disability Support Services

News & Views

SUMMER 2014

Message from Chief Executive Officer

Like Sr. Goretti, I too hope that we all experience some good weather this summer and that it allows us to recharge our batteries and look at the world afresh.

The Service is very involved with the HSE in trying to achieve the HSE's Key Performance Indicators for 2014. Most relevant to staff and families is the roll out of their policies on Congregated Settings, Day Services and Children's Service's. It is a very busy time for managers and staff however it is important that we deliver services in line with national policy.

From a Service perspective I would like to inform you that we have changed our governance structure and have incorporated the company as "Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Limited". This change has been put in place to formalise the reality of the situation. Besides the change of name there should be no perceptible changes or effects on service delivery.

In Sr. Goretti's address she mentions that we have had the "official openings" of some fine new buildings in Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Limerick City. These will allow us to provide day, residential and specialist services to a very deserving cohort of service users. Official openings are a time of celebration and a way to mark something special but we must always remember that new buildings mean very little unless we are providing person centred and quality services within. It is not about buildings but about delivering appropriate services and ensuring that the service user, family members and staff are satisfied with what is being delivered.

The Service has plans for further developments in Limerick and North Tipperary where we hope to progress these plans to move more services off campus and into the community. Hopefully we will have more detail for the next newsletter.

All of our residential services have been involved in preparation for Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) inspections. Some services have already been inspected and we are aware that this will be an ongoing process for the future. The Service welcomes these inspections and believes that they will add to the quality of care and quality of life of our residents. The inspection process does make additional demands on staff and managers and it can be stressful for all involved, however I am delighted to say that our staff have responded magnificently and will continue to work with HIQA to improve on the standards as necessary.

Best wishes for the rest of the summer.

Yours Faithfully,
Denis Cronin
Chief Executive Officer



Message from Sr. Goretti

Now that summer has arrived and the elections are over, we to hope that we can experience good weather and long evenings.

We all notice the changes that have taken place in our work situations over the past years and particularly the major challenges to our work since the austerity budgets and the fiscal crisis swept the country. It has hit the services that the Daughters of Charity sponsor in many ways. It can paralyse us. We have suffered cutbacks in line with all organisations. We are looking at how to sustain services to the most marginalised. Because of the current situation, demand for services are rising and the problems are much greater and more complicated. This is true too of our service to people with an Intellectual Disability. There is also the fact that we live in a busy world that can be very anxiety provoking. At the same time we are called to be reflective people, to promote human work and dignity and to contribute to finding meaning in the workplace that tries to enable a creative response.

To quote Dr Christiane Northrup: "To create the highest and the best that is within us, we must constantly let go of the old and welcome the new." While this is a very real challenge for all of us there are many events which we can celebrate.

On 7 March 2014 the new dementia unit at St Joseph's, Clonsilla won two National Awards at the Irish Healthcare Awards ceremony in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire. The Awards were 'Specialist Care Centre of the Year' and 'Building Project of the Year'. Many congratulations to the CEO Denis Cronin and to all who were involved in achieving these awards which are a recognition of the excellence of the Service provided and a cause for celebration for staff and service users alike. Minister Kathleen Lynch and senior HSE officials attended Official opening of the Dementia Support Buildings, Meadow View and Willow View House on 28 May 2014. Prior to this Mr Dermot Desmond attended the opening of the Sonas overall project. The Rendu Centre for new Day Services building in Limerick had a successful launch on 7 May 2014. Work has been ongoing for some years on the DOCTRID research initiative. The EU Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn officiated at the official launch of the Marie Curie Cofund on 15 May 2014. The research carried out by DOCTRID will enhance the lives of our services users.

I would like you thank everybody for your support and commitment and for giving your best for the many achievements over the past months and I look forward to continuing our journey together. Wishing you an enjoyable break during the summer period.

Sr. Goretti Butler
Provincial



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Mission integration

Our Policy Document 1.1 states that

“The religious and spiritual needs of service users will be met in normal programme planning in addition to pastoral care groupings, special feast days, creative and liturgical celebrations and SPRED.”



Many of you are aware of **SPRED** as a number of service users in Dublin and Limerick participate in meetings every alternate week. This consists of meeting in a group with their faith friends who are volunteers from the local community. The commitment of this group of people is amazing as so many of them are involved since the groups were set up.

The groups grow together by following an appropriate programme for spiritual and personal development.



However, **SPRED** meets many of the other needs as well. The uniqueness and importance of each individual person is brought to the fore within the meeting and each one's contribution is very much recognised and valued. Service users form lasting relationships with their **SPRED** faith friends. The friendships they form extend far beyond the meeting, e.g. group outings, service user and friend meeting up for a cup of coffee, and other social events.



SPRED is co-ordinated by Sisters who are well into their retirement age and this position was from the beginning in 1978, to the present day carried out in a voluntary capacity. The big question is what will happen when the Sisters can no longer carry out this role. We need to find a way forward so any suggestions are welcome.

News from SPRED, Clonsilla

It's hard to believe another year of **SPRED** has passed. It's been a year of changes - a couple of our members, sadly, have died. We have welcomed some new members,

and we have moved to new premises. Our old **SPRED** centre, which had served us well, had become unsuitable for people who are getting older and some of whom now need to use wheelchairs. We are very fortunate to have been given a beautiful new room for our new Centre. It is large, airy and bright. It really lends itself to the special layout required for our sessions. There is room for tables and chairs for our activities, a circle of chairs for our welcoming time and a Sacred/Celebration area. There is also a kitchenette with all the necessary facilities.

Despite some anxiety on my part regarding the transfer, everyone settled in at once. Just as they loved going to the old **SPRED** centre, so now they come to the new one full of enthusiasm. This prompted me to ask a couple of people why they love **SPRED** so much.

One lady told me she “likes the Spiritual bit”. Another enjoys the peace and quiet, although she admits to being “a chatterbox”; having “my own special friend”, and enjoying the singing and the cup of tea and biscuits were also spoken of.

It is obvious that all find something they enjoy, and they are aware that **SPRED** is not just another Club or Activity Centre.

SPRED is based on a one to one relationship, and our volunteer Catechists all say that they feel very privileged to be a part of it.

All the groups based at St. Joseph's, Clonsilla use the Centre, and I hope that the several groups which are Parish-based will feel they can come in and see it also.

Spred is extremely important to the service users involved as you can see from a few of their comments.

Core Values and HIQA Standards

Even with a cursory glance at HIQA standards it is obvious that there is a high correlation between them and our Core Values. The Service Mission Integration team spent a short time at our last meeting going through “Living our Core Values” booklet and matching the behaviour associated with each core value and HIQA standards. This is an exercise well worth doing within each team as it helps to create unity in delivering a high quality service.



St Vincent's, Navan Road

Thank you Sr Marian

After 14 years as Administrator, Sr Marian is leaving St Vincent's & St Louise's and joining the service executive team as Head of client services and Regional Director of Nursing. Sr Marian's door was always opened and her ready smile and can do attitude was known to everyone. We wish her well in her new post and she will be missed by so many service users, families & staff.



Francis Donnelly recorded a special farewell word for her on his big mac speech button.

Graduation time



Congratulation to Niall Harte, Lorraine Carey, Paul Byrne & Aidan Boyd from Adult Day Services who with their support staff graduated with a Fetac Level 1 & 3 award in community integration on 25th February 2014 in The Lyrath House Hotel Kilkenny. The course was facilitated by S.O.S. Kilkenny in association with CWCW New Ross and WALK Dublin.

New Directions in action

The Next Steps Conference organised by The Federation of Voluntary Bodies was held in the Heritage Hotel Portlaoise on 24th March 2014.

A number of people attending one of the community hubs, their support staff and families participated in the making of a DVD which was shown at the conference. The DVD highlighted the kind of activities they are participating in and the roles they are taking on in their local community. To view the video or to download go to <https://vimco.com/91542326>

Well done to Adam, Sarah Jane, Katie, Christine, Richard, Bryan, Pamela, Ann, Siobhan & Philip.

Assistive Technology Storytelling

Jackie Carty & Sophia Ryan demonstrated how they used Assistive Technology to enable them participate in a story telling session at one of our local 'The Little Stars' crèche based on the Navan Road. The children love to see them coming and keep asking "when is the next time".



For more information:

See Frontline Magazine, Vol 94, Spring 2014, page 18-19.

New Community Hub opening soon

A new Adult Day Service building is opening in the Blakestown area in June 2014. A number of people who currently attend day services in St Vincent's centre but who live West of the M50 will be moving to the latest community hub. Joan Nolan will be the manager of the new service and we wish her and everyone moving to this new facility the very best of luck.

May Procession

The May procession in honour of Our Lady was a familiar sight in Ireland in years gone by. This tradition has been maintained in St Vincent's and is a very important ritual for many people attending St Vincent's centre. This year we were blessed with a lovely sunny day and Fr Stan led us all in prayer and song.

"Oh Mary we crown you with blossoms today, queen of the angels & queen of the May"



Mary Reynolds

Mary was Day Services Manager for over 15 years. She is now taking up the position of Services Manager here in St Vincent's and St Louise's. We would like to welcome Mary to her new post and wish her the very best of luck.



Respite

Maple House is currently undergoing a facelift! No doubt this disruption will be worthwhile when our friends David, Darren, James and Daniel move back in and welcome their new housemates Francis, Brandon and Emmanuel.

Saoirse will then become the new adult Respite house. We wish all involved in the new venture the best of luck.



Oakridge Children's Services

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION

The children in the D.E.C. and St. Vincent's school celebrated their Confirmation with Bishop O'Mahoney & Fr. Stan. The sun was shining on Saturday the 5th of February for Aaron Blood, Adam Donnelly, Aron Barrett, Anthony Hallowed, Brian Nsumbu, Ciaran Heffernan, Ellie Shaw, Kaylin Hubbard, Louise Fitzpatrick, Marta Zielinska, Michael Samuel, Roman Romaniv, Ryan Penrose and Thomas Gaynor. Five children from St. Vincent's School celebrated their communion on the 17th May - Ali Tanveer, Aoibhe Kelly, Felix Sagoua, Jack Harmes and Robbie Olotu. We would like to congratulate all the children on receiving their sacraments and a special thank you to everyone involved for all the preparation and hard work leading up to the celebration.



Parent's Introductory Nights 2014

Our annual introductory nights for parents of children who have been referred to Early Services within the last year took place on the 15th and 22nd May in Oakridge. Parents heard from Theresa O'Loughlin who spoke about the Daughters of Charity service, its history, ethos and current model of service, from Deirdre O'Mahony who spoke about family centred practices and the Early Services Clinical service and Elaine Finn who gave an overview of Oakridge Pre-school. Discussions also centred around the changes which families face when their child is diagnosed with a condition and on strategies for dealing with other people's insensitivities. On both nights a parent of an older child was invited to speak about their experience, they spoke very openly and positively about their personal journey from the early days of receiving their child's diagnosis to where they are now. The positive and encouraging message they gave to the new parents on the two nights was both striking and emotional.

St. Dominic's Day Out

On May 7th the children and staff from the D.E.C attended a 'Funday' in St. Dominic's school, the event had been organised by the transition year students. The students and children divided into teams, activities included, parachute games, beanbag toss, wheelchair races, bowling and

soccer skills. After refreshments the children were presented with a medal and a thank you card. The students in St. Dominic's really put on a great show for the children and they enjoyed every minute of it.



Housing Adaptations and Transport Project

The project was a joint initiative between the Occupational Therapy and Social Work Departments in Children's Services. In December 2013 a housing and transport workshop was held in Oakridge. The aims of the housing and adaptation workshop were to inform and empower parents on the schemes, to gather information from parents about their opinions and experiences in respect of housing and transport needs and to build links with local authorities that cover our catchment area. We also wanted to give parents an opportunity to share parent to parent experiences in terms of housing and other related issues. A wide range of speakers attended including representative from Fingal County Council, two architectural firms, Citizen's Information, several adaptive equipment suppliers, a physiotherapy manual handling presentation and parents' presentation. Following on from this, the next stage is to survey parents on their experiences and the housing challenges they are confronting on a daily basis as their care for their child with extra home/environmental needs.

CRS Dublin - News

Genio:

Genio was established by a non profit company in 2008. Genio promote that all people regardless of age disability have the right to full participation in their communities. "Those who need services should be at the centre of how they are designed and delivered rather than being offered a one size fits all approach". Their belief is that everyone can live independently with the right support. I am a true believer in this philosophy and am happy that Genio provided us with the funding to allow people in CRS to have their dream of living in a place of their own choosing realised.

My role therefore, is to assist those people through a process of Discovery to look at the supports they may require to live a more independent life. Independent does not mean alone, none of us are alone we all need support in our lives. We look at natural supports from friends and family and our local communities. This is a huge challenge but one that is positive non the less, as some people may not have experience's such as family friends or have had the opportunities to fully participate in their communities but with determination these too can be overcome. I have managed to assist one person in our service to find her own place to live and she is very happy in her one bed apartment and is supported for 2 hours a day.

Challenges at the moment are the lack of affordable accommodation and social housing particularly in the Dublin area. Any one claiming the rent allowance will find it does not come anywhere near meeting the cost to rent in Dublin area and also it is extremely difficult to find a landlord that accepts rent allowance. So the challenge continues.

"It's never too late to be what you might have been"
(George Elliot)

Linda O Donnell, CRS.

HIQA:

5 CRS houses (2 designated centres) had monitoring visits from HIQA in April this year. The Persons in Charge and the staff are working on the action plans from the visits. It is a sharp learning curve for all involved.

PILOT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE:

We are currently piloting one manager managing 4 community houses. This is a new venture for CRS. The post is a mixture of supernumery hours and hours worked on the floor. It is a challenging post and we will review it at the end of the pilot with a view to developing the model further in the future.

INTERN CARE STAFF/SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

We welcomed 4 intern care staff to CRS at the beginning of the year. They are working in high support areas and are delighted to have them on board. We also recruited 5 social care workers to the team for a one year fixed term contract. This is helping with consistency for service user and to reduce our dependency on agency for staffing.

CHANGES ARE DIFFICULT

For several weeks, long-standing structures have been disappearing before our eyes, office locations have been on the move. We are being challenged by change.

But: "To grow is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often", says Blessed John Henry Newman. And long before him, Louise de Marillac, was writing; "changes are always difficult and it takes time to learn new ways of serving the poor".

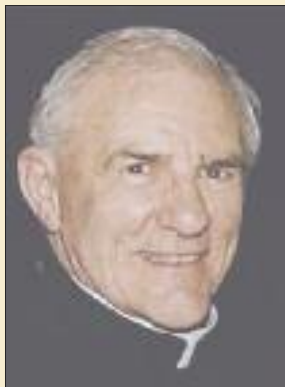
Serving the poor has been the aim of Vincent and Louise right from the start. Creativity and Excellence in Service have been the aim in their hearts, even before their naming as Core Values.

Just over a year ago a significant name-change took place very quietly: the business-name "DC Service" ceded place to the more financially helpful title: "Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services Limited". So we have become not just a service but a company", a title cherished by Vincent. "Little company" he liked to call us; and, providentially, we've grown much larger. And the title of "Services Manager" (a role which extensively occupied Vincent's life) replaces "Administrator".

Further change was to come recently. "Excellent": that was the assessment applied when I was attending a presentation by Mary Reynolds and Jane O'Connell concerning Core Values. While I wrote that in "News and Views December 2010", I had no future vision that Mary would be entrusted with role of Administrator. But I know that our Core Values are in very capable hands. And to Mary we wish all the blessings she will require as she faces this exacting new challenge of lay-staff replacing long serving Daughters of Charity. May Louise and Vincent affirm her.

Sr Marian Harte, too, as she moves into wider management commitments, deserves our on-going support, prayers and thanks for her long, steady presence amongst us in St Vincent's.

Fr. Stanislaus Brindley, CM, Chaplain



St. Louise's Centre

On behalf of everyone here in St. Louise's Centre, We would Thank Sr. Marian Harte and wish her success in her role as Service Director of Nursing. We would also like to extend our very best wishes to Mary Reynolds within her new role as Services Manager and Lorraine Macken - St Louise's Centre Manager. A Special Thank You to Sandra Keogh for her support during her eight years within St. Louise's Centre. Continued Success to all as we strive for the provision of excellence.

Person Centred Planning



Patricia enjoys her shopping days



Ann appreciates her regular visits from Max



Patricia admires her artwork



Mary Teresa was very pleased with her very own Garden following her PCP meeting.



We would also highly recommend a visit to Maples Garden, The new water feature, plants, garden furniture and hidden garden treasures has made this a beautiful tranquil place for those long summer evening.

We were delighted to celebrate St. Patrick Day with Traditional Music by Denis and Will Sexton



Best Wishes Mary

We all enjoyed the morning cuppa not to mention the cream cakes with Mary. This was a great way to share information together



In the picture is Maggie Dunne with her beautiful hat.

Charter of Rights Group

This Group have weekly meetings in our Recreational Therapy Centre with some of our service users, with the aim of informing, promoting and advocating for the Rights of our Service Users.



At one of the Meetings

St. Joseph's Clonsilla - News

Sonas Development

Although our service user's moved to their new homes in summer of last year, the official opening of the Sonas Development was held on 13.02.2014. The opening was honoured by the planting of a tree by Minister Jan O' Sullivan T.E. and Mr. Dan Lenihan - Chairperson of RESPECT Fundraising Committee. A speech was made at the opening ceremony by our very own Fidelma Korcell (service user).



(Picture) Cutting the Ribbon Minister Jan O Sullivan TD, Geraldine Clarke and Teresa Gavin - Service Users

Celebrations

During our Easter Festivities we held an Easter Bonnet Competition. The bonnets on show were to a very high standard and a huge credit is deserving to the bonnet designers and models.

Doctrid Launch

The Official launch of the Doctrid Programme was held on 15th May 2014 in St. Joseph's. Maire Geoghegan Quinn the EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science launched the programme. This was a very successful day and a great time had by all. Teresa Crotty - service user who participated in the Presentation Video also got her photo into a leading National Paper

Photo Irish Independent Teresa Crotty with Maire Geoghegan Quinn



End of Life Symbol - Bethel House

Bethel House utilizes the "End of Life Symbol". The symbol has been developed by the Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HFH), inspired by ancient Irish history and is not associated with any one religion or denomination.

The 3 stranded white spiral represents the interconnected cycle of life - birth, life and death. The white outer circle represents continuity, infinity and completion. Purple was chosen as the background colour as it is associated with nobility, solemnity and spirituality. It communicates to staff and visitors that a person is imminently dying or has died.



St Rosalies - Portmarnock

Summer 2014

Summer is an exciting time. Some of our ladies have enjoyed overnight breaks in Cork and Kerry. Plenty more holidays to be organised.



Activation

A lot of our ladies enjoy their weekly trip to the local bowling and cinema clubs. We also enjoy our local coffee shop where we can meet with friends.



We have also started **Operation Transformation**

with our ladies. Individual Plans have been drawn up, in easy read format, on how the ladies plan to lose weight through exercise and healthy eating. We have Group workouts also which consists of 2 circuit classes a week per group. They are a little more intense than individual work outs but they are fun! We hold 6 workshops to help our

ladies learn more about healthy eating, keeping fit and well.

Easter

What a great Easter we had in St Rosalie's this year! So many fun things went on!

We had a visit from Woolly Ward's pet farm! They brought lots of animals with them. We got to pet the animals and hold them! The micro pigs and the lamb were a BIG hit!!

We also celebrated all the Easter ceremonies in St Rosalie's. We participated in the stations of the cross both in our home and in our local church. We attended mass on Easter Sunday in our local parish also!



TEES/TOFA/Weavers, Dublin

Ester's "Life Book"

Ester wrote a story of her life. She included in her book; photo's of her family, friends and important people in her life. Ester also wrote about her favourite foods, things she likes doing and important events in her life, which are accompanied by pictures and photos. Ester is delighted with her very colourful life book and has it for "life."



ITB Sports Program

A large group of Service Users from Weavers and Tofa enjoyed the Keep-fit program run by the sports students from ITB. This very active program lasted for 9 weeks and great enjoyment was had by all. At the end of the program the local Mayor came to present the participants with a well earned certificate for their achievements. The group each received a college T-Shirt as a bonus.



"Two Direction"

Karl, Daniel, Neil & Liam performed a song & dance routine for the Christmas show. They enjoyed practising for the event & had great fun performing for a very excited audience. The colourful frame was made by a group of Service Users in Weavers. The frame was used at the two Christmas party's, everyone wanted to get their photo taken with it



Patsy's Sunflower

This is Patsy working on her art piece for Not Make Do 2014 on the 16th June. Patsy has used her Fairy embroidery skills to create this beautiful Sunflower. A few felt makers from Tofa made the petals to further embellish the piece. Patsy enjoys taking part in Not Make Do and particularly enjoys the opening night, when her friends come to celebrate her talents.



The ACHIEVE Group

The ACHIEVE Group proudly opened the Blanchardstown Spring Break Festival on Thursday 17th of April. This community event which was held outside the Civic Building was well attended by approximately 700 youths who were entertained by a mix of popular bands and DJ's. It was organised by Safer Blanchardstown in conjunction with representatives from Huntstown Community Centre, Mountview Family Resource Centre, Fingal Co. Co. and Foroige to name a few.

The ACHIEVE lads did our Service and TEES proud with an opening act consisting of 30 minutes of DJ music, song and dance, and finished with a rendition of the ACHIEVE rap song called "The Kinvara Boys". Well done to ACHIEVE and a big thank you to our volunteer's Andy Keating (who also helps ACHIEVE with the Phoenix FM radio programme) and DJ Richie Kennedy without whom we couldn't have participated on the evening.

Pictured on stage are DJ's Jerome Moran, Stephen Creighton and Haydn Fennell.



St Vincent's Limerick

Briarfield & Shalom

A new home has opened its doors in Briarfield, Castletroy since March. Four ladies were identified through the Service Review Group to move from residential living to community living. All ladies have settled in well and are enjoying their new residency with support from staff, family and friends. Here is a picture of the ladies outside their new home. We extend our best wishes to them for their future and thanks to all for assisting the ladies with their transition . . .



Mary O'Brien, Mary O'Shea,
Mary Philomena Fitzpatrick,
Kathleen Dalton



Elaine Brophy, Carmel O'Meara,
Stephanie O'Donoghue, Shirley
McNamara, Paula Cosgrove,
Teresa McCarthy, Leila Tabilisima

...and as one door opens another door closes. Shalom unit has closed its door since Monday 19th May 2014. Shalom has been in existence for over 40yrs and has been a home to many service users over the years. Here is a picture of the existing service users and staff saying goodbye for the last time.

San Josef

On the 6th May responsibility for the management and coordination of San Josef Children's Respite House transferred from John O'Callaghan Services Manager to Breda Noonan Services Manager, this aligns both respite houses to one management team. Michael Hunt is the CNM2 and Majella Shortt is CNM1 to San Josef, five staff transferred from St Vincent's Centre to San Josef, with the transfer of these staff the service aims to provide consistency and continued high quality of service delivery to the children. New and exciting times ahead for all involved.

Bank Holiday Walking Experience!!

On the May Bank Holiday Monday, service users from Tall Trees, Willowdale, Glenhaven, Lissadell, Woodhaven and Oakview joined forces to participate in the Universal Access walk as part of the Ballyhoura International Walking Festival.

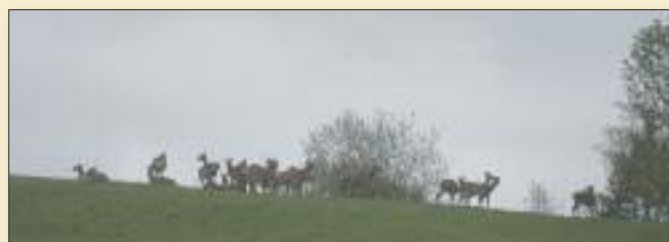
On a wet and windy morning, the bus and people carrier were packed up and set off to the starting point of Doneraile Wildlife Park, a journey of over an hour from

Lisnagry. The walk was designed for persons with impaired mobility, wheelchair users and visually impaired and the very nice members of the Ballyhoura Bears Walking club provided assistance where needed.



Caroline Griffen, Philip Myers,
Claire Coady, Elaine O'Reilly,
Teresa Cregan, Joshua Roche

All geared up in our rain jackets and hoods we started our approx 1.5 hour walk through the beautiful surroundings of Doneraile Park. Lots of wildlife was spotted on the way but the favourite were the deer. We stopped for a chat and a sing-song (courtesy of Mary Curtin) along the way and the Ballyhoura Bears joined in also!



Paddy Corcoran, Brenda Kenny,
Catherine Linden, Ballyhoura
Bears Club Member, Joan Bourke

At the end of the walk, we enjoyed a very welcome cuppa along with sandwiches, apple tart and other treats provided by the Ballyhoura Bears club. We would like to thank the club for making the day very special for us all, with their invaluable assistance, stories, sing-a-longs and general good humour.

All the Service Users received a Certificate of Participation in the 2014 Ballyhoura Walking Festival.



Agnes Ryan, Majella Dunlea,
David Buicke

Nagle House / Spraoi

Nagle House officially open its doors in January 1988 thanks to the Nagle family as a sheltered work shop for 26 service users. Over the years



Niamh Kiely, Gretta Hickey in
Spraoi Activation

it went from a sheltered workshop to an Adult Activation / Day Service for both residential and day attenders. It closed its doors for the last time on the 12th of March 2014 and we relocated to our new area Spraoi Adult Activation.

CRS/TEES Limerick

A new centre has opened for TEES Limerick. The Rendu Centre named after Sr Rosalie Rendu the Daughter of Charity nun who was known for her qualities of devotedness and compassion. John O'Callaghan said that the launch was a wonderful event and we were privileged to have our CEO Denis Cronin attending the opening. A large crowd of parents and families, staff, service users, HSE personnel, local business people and politicians attended the official opening.



Denis Cronin, Joe Sweeney

Nancy Leddin, was keen to show her talents and was MC during the open day.



Marie Ryan is also very pleased with her new surroundings. "I love it here," she says with a beaming smile. Maire now visits retired people and is involved in active citizenship with the link project. Like Maire, Oisín Burns has been able to move from St Vincent's in Lisnagry to the Rendu Centre due to the extra space. Oisín can avail of the amenities, swim in the local pool and train at UL sports complex.



James Galvin Gerard McAuliffe, Jane Toal, Myles Breen

John O'Callaghan Administrator said The Rendu will be a fantastic hub in line with New Directions and will support social integration into the local community.



Luke Kelly Photo My name is Cathal Griffin. I Love the Dubliners and I listen to their music. I made this head of Luke Kelly out of clay and I glazed it. It then went into the Kiln to be fired.



Single House Photo My name is Noel Martin. I made my own house out of clay. I loved this project and really enjoyed it. I can put lights into this house to make it light up.

Advocacy Day 2013 On 3rd December 2013. Residents and Day Services in St Vincent's Lisnagry came together in the Kilmurry Lodge Hotel to celebrate their achievements from the previous year. This picture shows the presentation made by a small number of adults from sheltered Occupational Services. Their story told of 'Bullying' and how hurtful it can be if someone is bullied. It makes people sad and unhappy



'A Night in the Library' is TEES Limerick fourth year working and performing with Limerick Youth Theatre (LYT). This year as part of our team we also invited the Laurel Hill Colaiste Choir. It was a wonderful collaboration and provided an opportunity for over 120 people to develop their talent in the performing arts. The collaboration also enabled cooperative learning and meaningful community inclusion. The show was a sell out running for two nights at the Lime Tree Theatre.



Some comments from the performers

I find it relaxing and I like doing the acting with Myles and dancing with Angie. - Veronica Joyce

After I saw the standard of last year play, I knew I just had to get involved with this wonderful cast and crew. - Aaron Coughlan

I participated in the Creative Show last year and really enjoyed it. I really like the crazy fun the Creative Show brings with it!" - Simon Benson



Lions Roar at Garryowen

Garryowen Lions were again on the ball at Garryowen Rugby Grounds Limerick. Representatives from the Garryowen Shane Geoghegan Trust presented John O'Callaghan and the Garryowen Lions Team with a cheque for 1400 euro. The money raised from the Shane Geoghegan tournament will go directly to the Lions team and help purchase our rugby kit, just in time for our Wooden Spoon rugby tournament later this month in Belfast.



St Anne's, Roscrea Day Services

A Day on the Shannon May 2014

Boat trips are always popular with the service users that access the Coach House. We go on boat trips down the Shannon from the Hodson Bay, Athlone. Richie, the captain is extremely helpful. We have been going for some years now and he and his crew are very familiar with us and help us to get on board and ensure we have a great time.



William



Michael



David

Once down the Shannon a few miles the boat speeds up, this is great fun for all. We can either sit inside or on the back deck which facilitates us even when it's raining or if the sun is shining we can catch the wind in our faces.... a great feeling.

This year Michael went on his first ever boat trip with us, and his smiles and laughter gave us such a delight knowing that he was having so much fun. Michael will definitely be going again.

Cabragh Resources:

Two Service Users from Cabragh Resources recently celebrated their 30th Birthday. Both Service Users are pictured below cutting their cakes with their family members. Happy 30th Birthday Paul and Dermot.



Paul Buckley



Dermot Shields



Mary, Sandra and Edel.

Cabragh Resources received a grant in 2013 for a Creative Dance programme and a Cookery Course in Tipperary Centre for the Independent Living. Service Users were given the opportunity to undertake a creative dance programme with Cathy O'Kennedy and also a cookery course.



A fundraising coffee morning in aid of Suirhaven Cancer Support Service was held in Cabragh Resources. Ita and Paul raised €350 at the coffee morning and are pictured below presenting the cheque to Anna from Suirhaven Centre.



Fun and games at the McCauley Community Centre, Templemore:

Ciara, Marie, Paul Ryan, Paul Lantry and Elizabeth from Templemore Resources attend the McCauley Community Centre every Thursday morning to participate in fun and games.



Paul



Elizabeth

Move over Da Vinci

Marie, Elizabeth, Paul, and Bridie from Templemore Resources, Templemore ad Audrey, Jenny, Catriona and Margaret from Damer Day Service, Roscrea attended Art Classes at the McCauley Community Centre every Friday morning.



Katrina



Margaret



Audrey



Paul

Art exhibition to follow.

St Anne's, Roscrea Residential

Bishop Kieran O'Reilly who dropped in for a cuppa to Cranley in Borrisokane in November of 2013. Seated left to right, Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, Theresa McCarthy, Terry Slevin and Rose Fogarty.



John Fogarty who resides in 112 Cluain Glas, Thurles visited Thurles Fire Station on 20.1.2014 as part of his PCP. John is seen here all suited up and ready to fight fires.

St. Anne's Community Houses, 17/18 Cluain Glas and Ikerrin Court residents on their Christmas night out on the 18.12.13 in the Thurles Golf Club. Great night of fun had by all.





Our 2014 fundraising commenced in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Killiney with the annual RESPECT Charity Ball. The Doyle family, friends and many supporters must be congratulated on creating a very enjoyable occasion, and attracting many young people to the event.



The Daughters of Charity staff, families and friends can play a very important role in supporting our fundraising, as we strive in these tough economic times to provide better facilities and our research programme in assistive technology through the Doctrid programme. Today more than ever, we need to work together to achieve these aspirations.



Many staff and others took part in the "Service Operation Transformation Programme". A sincere thank you to our four Leaders Ann Tonge, Linda O'Donnell, Avril Quinn and Marie O'Sullivan, who encouraged the group to stay with the six week programme. Well done to all involved. We look forward to greater participation in 2015.



The official opening of the Sonas Project at Clonsilla took place in February with Minister Jan O'Sullivan, Dermot Desmond, also present were many Daughters of Charity, colleagues, families, friends and service users. It was a very joyful occasion and great to see the people enjoying their new homes.



The RESPECT School Enrichment Programme had a very successful year with two local secondary schools involved namely St. Dominic's and St. Declan's. The following events took place

- Talent Competition (St. Declan's)
- A Ceili (St Dominic's)
- A Visit to Weavers which was a great experience for the Transition Year students
- A Fun Run / Walk in the Phoenix Park



The schools programme continues to raise awareness of the work of RESPECT and the Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services. Well done to all involved especially the committee and their teachers namely Ms Hedderman and Ms Lynch.

On the Research side, DOCTRID under the Chairmanship of Mr Michael Horgan launched The EU Marie Curie COFUND Grant on May 15th at St Joseph's, Clonsilla. Commissioner Maire Geoghegan Quinn was present along with Sr Goretti Butler, distinguished guests, colleagues, service users, and friends. Prof Michael Leahy

travelled from Michigan State University (MSU) and Prof William McIlvane (University of Massachusetts Medical School) to be present for this historic day, a big thank you to Prof Brian Harvey (Director of Research) and Prof Michael Leahy, for their time, expertise and enthusiasm which they have put into this innovative research programme.

Also to have the expertise of all the universities on the island of Ireland, plus the Dublin and Tralee Institutes of Technology.

The video that was commissioned for the launch was very powerful in helping people to understand the value and purpose of assistive technology in the lives of people with Autism and Intellectual Disability.



The RESPECT Shop continues to create and provide for a very important market in the local community through the sale of its many second hand items. Our shop in Prussia Street depends very much on a very dedicated group of volunteers who through their loyalty, enthusiasm and wonderful interest, have built very loyal customers. Donations of quality second hand goods are still welcome and only received at our Shop in Prussia Street.

*To all who support us in
many different and various
ways, we say a special
Thank You.*