
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability

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SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE ON DEALING WITH SCHOOL LEAVER ISSUES OVER SUMMER MONTHS

In its Budget 2012 statement the Government announced a cut of 3.7% in funding together with an expectation that the support needs of young people graduating from schools and those exiting rehabilitative training schemes would be met from existing resources. This position was subsequently reflected in the HSE's Service Plan 2012. Given that the intellectual disability sector has suffered aggregate cuts of over 14% since 2008 the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies has been expressing our serious concerns about our ability to respond to all school leaver needs from within existing reduced resources since the commencement of the year. However we did commit ourselves to work collaboratively with HSE and Government to develop solutions through the development of innovative changes in existing work practices, reconfiguration of services and reallocation of resources.

In spite of the huge effort put into this work since the beginning of the year the position remained worrying as at 1st June 2012. At this time solutions had been developed for 67% of school leavers and for 625 of those exiting rehabilitative training schemes. Clearly this was an unsatisfactory position for substantial numbers of people and their families with no solutions identified for 33% of school leavers and 38% of people exiting RT schemes and in conjunction with HSE we undertook to re-double our efforts over the summer months to explore the possibility of further solutions.

Thankfully this work yielded some significant results and the position as at 23rd August 2012 is that solutions have been developed for 90% of school leavers and 92% exiting RT schemes. While this represents very significant progress we are still concerned that solutions have not yet been identified for 10% of our school leavers and 8% of those exiting RT schemes and we will continue to work in intensive collaboration with the HSE to seek out solutions for these people and their families in the weeks ahead.



The annual *Irish Performing Arts Festival* (IPAF) co-ordinated by *COPE Foundation* has gone from strength to strength since its inception four years ago and this year was no exception. This year's four day festival welcomed the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins as its patron and saw over 1000 performers and 2500 supporters descend on Cork City to participate in both National and International competitions as well as the ever popular non-competitive street performances which this year extended its performances to Skibbereen as well as Cork City centre.

The National competitions got under way at the *CIT Cork School of Music*. Here competitors showcased their talents in dance, song and instrumental performance. *Stewarts Care* Dublin returned to the Capital with the dance title while *Catherine Hayes* from *Aisling Day Services* Cork claimed victory in the song competition. *COPE Foundation's Sunchime Band* rounded off proceedings in the *CIT Cork School of Music* triumphing in the instrumental performance category.

The *CIT Cork School of Music* also acted as host building for the newly established *Arts for Living Conference*. The conference hosted workshops and lectures given by 16 speakers from home and abroad who shared their various expertise in areas of arts and disability.

The final national competition took place in the *Firkin Crane Theatre*. Here eleven different



organisations competed in the drama category with *Ability West* from Galway being crowned the winners for their interpretation of the story of the *Children of Lir*.

The IPAF Art Trail was a new addition to this year's festival line-up. It is running at various venues throughout Cork City and County until September, displaying art works by artists from *COPE Foundation*.

The European Song Competition (in association with *COPE Foundation*, IPAF, EASPD, and the *National Federation of Voluntary Bodies*) saw 16 competitors from 10 different European countries perform to a capacity crowd of 1200 people at the Cork City Hall which included the IPAF Patron, President Higgins. The 330 European Song Competition performers and support staff watched the concert on big screens in the IPAF Green Room and a further 3500 people watched the competition streamed live online. All performers were accompanied by a full orchestra under the baton of IPAF Musical Director Eamon Nash. The concert also included 2 world premier performances. The first of these was an instrumental piece commissioned by the COPE Foundation *Irish Performing Arts Festival* and composed by David Wallace. The piece entitled '*Bonnington Variations*' was based on music performed and recorded by service users of *COPE Foundation* on Soundbeam music technology. The second piece to premiere on the night was an integrated dance piece '*Friend*' performed by *Croí Glan*, choreographed by Eric Cooper with music composed by David Ryther. The evening drew to a close with 3 songs performed by the inclusive 150 strong IPAF Massed Choirs and '*The Gypsies*' from Belgium being declared the winners by adjudicators Mary Hegarty and Franz Wolfmayr.

The ethos of the festival has been even more prevalent this year with an even stronger emphasis being placed on new friendships, inclusion, creativity, performance and most importantly celebrating artistic talents. We would like to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

IPAF Team

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The Journey Towards Belonging - Finland Report

By Rob Hopkins, Research and Communications Officer Brothers of Charity Co. Clare

Mention the European Union and “debt crisis”, “melt down” might spring to mind, swiftly followed by “contagion”. Try “Learning Disability” and it’s my bet “marriage”, “lifestyle choice” and “international leadership”, weren’t your top three associations. However I’d like to buck the trend of common associations and describe a disability services exchange called Grundtvig which myself and work colleague Ger Minogue a native of Miltown Malbay, undertook to Finland’s majestic capital Helsinki.



Grundtvig E.U. programs are named after 18th century Danish educator Nikolaj Grundtvig who placed practical experience on a par with academic theorizing. They are designed to promote awareness and the exchange of best practice working models between the participant countries. In his own presentation Ger proudly proclaims himself to be “a person with Down’s Syndrome” and goes on to speak of his developing reputation as an “inclusive researcher”; that is a person with a learning disability who undertakes and presents research findings from a disability perspective.

In this he has developed a national and international profile, working on and presenting findings from Clare’s own Inclusive Research Group and those of Ireland’s

national research body, the Inclusive Research Network or whom he was recently elected Public Relations Officer. Key issues covered have been relationships, the right to exercise choice over money, work, social life, where people live and with whom. These are fundamental rights enshrined in international law but routinely contravened around the world.

With his dedication to research work ("until the day I die!") and his gift for oratory he has campaigned for the reform of relationships' legislation and made key note addresses and presentations in Cape Town, Rome, Tel Aviv, most recently at the inaugural Inclusive Research Conference at Limerick University in May and now as a delegate to this European exchange in Helsinki alongside representatives from France, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Ireland and Finland.

In a series of exchanges called "The Journey Towards Belonging" each country has been sharing their experiences creating, delivering and being supported by services at key transitional moments in life from birth, through schooling, to college or work; from family home to community housing to personally rented apartments.

Such an exchange challenges preconceptions about the European Union. The E.U. becomes not just a market place where power brokers call the tune and the populace dance to it, it can and does promote an Ideal; an opportunity to develop understanding between culturally diverse people who come together to learn with each other.

This exchange enabled our Irish delegation to showcase positive role models through presentations by people themselves, highlighting people living courageous and fulfilling lives, people who are actively campaigning to broaden the understanding of the roles and potential of people with a learning disability.

Our exchange co-coordinator Alison Harnett from the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies addressed a gathering of Finnish medical practitioners about further best practice work. Her own research looked at the experience of family members, doctors and service providers in the crucial first months when a child with a disability is born to a family; about the need for clear empathetic communication, emphasizing capabilities rather than inabilities a positive outlook pointing to increasing opportunities, challenging the negative stigma which traditionally attaches itself to families of people with a learning disability.

Illuminating these opportunities inclusive researcher and wheelchair user Martin Dooher, spoke of newly discovered freedoms; living in his own apartment, managing his own life, engaging his own supports to get "out and about". He explains his role as an "expert by experience" on a planning group of service providers, how his courageous struggle is helping pave the way for others in his situation to get the enabling support they need.

Mary Seymour from Bantry spoke informally of her married life to William "he's a dote". He wasn't with her to mark their 7th anniversary in Finland "We're going together to Edinburgh, to celebrate properly!" And married life? "It's great to have someone to share things with. I could never go back to living a community home!"

And we learned from our European partners; from Wolfgang's practical skills-based course within main stream schools in Germany where from an early age children are supported to care and take responsibility for themselves, to develop self esteem and raise the expectations of parents who might tend to over protect and disable through kindness: about Uri the Slovenian gardener who has come from a huge institution of many hundreds of people to live in his own community house and be a leading advocate in his local community and Leopold from Austria who transcended the language barrier between us with his gift for mimicry. His shoulder massage technique could easily translate into a career in one of the Lake side sauna spas we were treated to by our gracious Finnish hosts.

As we dropped back through the blanket of cloud over the emerald isle we pondered our days in the world's second most northerly capital where day light (and of course the invigorating company) had us wide awake at 2 in the morning with the sun blazing back up again at 4.30.

Ger took himself on a further flight of fancy: "Ireland and Finland have a lot in common. Their land was very green, covered with trees and water. People are the same all over the world, everyone wants a nice home, a job, friends but one thing I thought was good now as a person who's into soaps in a big way, we met people in Finland in their own soap opera on national TV. Wouldn't that be a good idea now, just part of the cast like Fair City? And a bit of love interest, maybe a marriage like our friend Mary Seymour".

Sharing Innovative Learning Seminar entitled "The Decision is mine but you can support me"

The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies hosted the 9th in the series of their Sharing Innovative Learning Seminars (SIL) entitled: "***The Decision is mine but you can support me***" on Thursday 7th June, 2012.

This event gave the opportunity to explore the continuum of support from effective listening to the person to developing a range of strategies to support their decision making, to formal decision making including circles of support. The presentations were illuminating and demonstrated a wide range of supports that have been developed to support people, specifically focusing on total communication processes based on individual needs. In Nuala's story 'this was about listening to her preferences about where to live. For Oliver this required a detailed process of support to enable decision making. This event was well attended by people who are supported by organisations and family members.

Presentations from this event are available to download at www.fedvol.ie



Closing Panel Discussion Members : Clare O' Neill, National Advocacy Service; Mary Farrell, Parent; Christy Lynch, NFVB Chairperson; Eithne Fitzgerald, NDA; Caoimhe Gleeson, HSE and Patrick Santry, Self Advocate

Member Organisation News



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Positive Behaviour Support for Children

The Callan Institute is delighted to announce the launch of its leaflet, 'Positive Behaviour Support for Children'.

This leaflet introduces parents, families and other carers to the basic principles of Multi Element Behaviour Support in a fun, accessible way. It aims to help them view behaviours as a language the child uses tell them something is wrong.

Filled with information and examples, it shows positive ways to help the child find a better way to say the same thing, and talks about things that children and their carers can do together to prevent difficult situations from happening again.

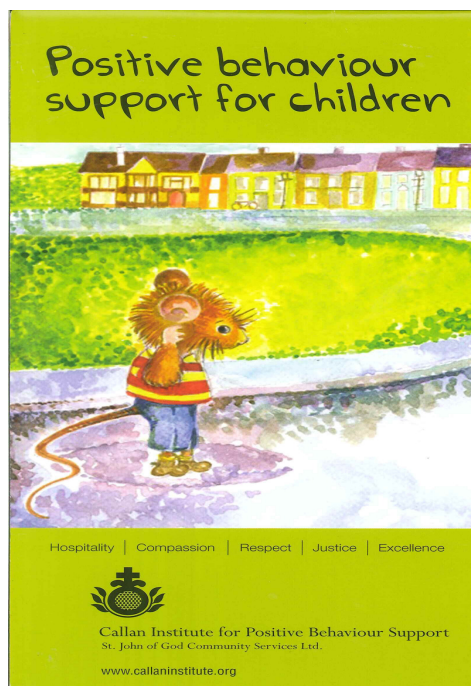
For a copy of the leaflet or more information, please contact callan@sjog.ie, call us at (01) 281 4139 or visit www.callaninstitute.org.

This project was kindly supported by The National Lottery.

For parents and professionals who would like to become more familiar with Multi Element Behaviour Support, we have also launched an **E-learning course**. This two part course allows students to explore the ideas and theory underlying the approach, and provides an interactive learning experience along with tutor support.

For more information, see www.callaninstitute.org

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Siamsa Resource Centre, Frenchpark

Siamsa Resource Centre in Frenchpark which is part of the Early Years Services of the Brothers of Charity Roscommon where proud and honoured to be asked to become involved in the planning of a new sensory and wildlife garden in the village.

The sensory garden was developed by the Frenchpark Tidy Towns Committee in partnership with Roscommon County Council, and was funded with grant aid from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

Sensory gardens are becoming an increasing popular resource developing multi-sensory experiences in the great outdoors. Multi-sensory gardens also promote imagination, and encourage the exploration of the senses such as sight, touch, smell and sound. This garden has been specifically created to be accessible and enjoyable to children with disabilities.

Siamsa's involvement included advice on accessibility, and financial assistance for the development of a music area within the garden. The garden also includes a water feature, bug

city, a storytelling area, rainwater harvesting, and a living willow structure to name but a few. This beautiful serene place is open from 9am to 6pm daily for the enjoyment of the local community and visitors to the village and is well worth a visit.



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Inclusive Research Network - The Way Forward

In late 2011 & early 2012 two separate meetings were held to plan the future work of the IRN. This included the research and training the IRN would carry out over the following years. At these meetings the IRN decided to form a Steering Group to direct the work of the IRN. At the second meeting people put their names forward to be members of the Steering Group.

The first meeting of the steering group took place on the 17th February 2012. This meeting discussed the transfer of leadership of the IRN from the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies & the National Institute of Intellectual Disability (NIID) to people with intellectual disabilities as well as advocacy and research. It was agreed that five new positions would be created to make the running of the IRN more efficient. The five positions were

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Treasurer

At the next meeting on the 27th April 2012 these positions and what work was involved with them were discussed further and people were invited to think about them and put their names forward and to be prepared to speak for 2 minutes on what they could bring to the role. It was agreed that elections for the five positions would take place at the next meeting of the steering group on the 6th July 2012.

At the July meeting there were candidates for four out of five of the positions. Patrick Santry for Chair Arthur Sexton for Vice Chair, Brian Donohoe & Louise Whelan for Secretary and Ger Minogue for Public Relations Officer. There were no names offered for the position of Treasurer. Patrick, and Arthur and Ger were elected to the posts they went for while Brian & Louise agreed to share the position of secretary after getting an equal number of votes. There was also a vote for a new position of assistant Public Relations officer and Joe McGrath from Clare was elected to this position. The IRN will undertake training in September and will then decide what topic will be researched. Presentations will be given on various reports that have been read by the group.

Written by Brian Donohoe

Greeting from Advocacy Inclusive Research Network:

Ruth and I are representing the Roscommon Advocacy by being active members of the Inclusive Research Network Group. I was elected secretary of the Inclusive research Network. I am sharing this position with another member. I am delighted to have been given this position. My colleague Brian and I put ourselves forward for the position of secretary when the votes were counted we were surprised to find we both received exactly the same number of votes. So we made an executive decision to jointly share the role. As role of secretary is an important job, I am



looking forward to us learning a lot and really enjoying this experience. We are steering ahead again this year on new research. It was amazing to find when we discussed topics on what we would research that housing and independence were top of the list. The NIID at Trinity in Dublin are offering us training in research again this year and we are commencing this in September. It will be a great help for us when we start researching. So we will be finally deciding in October what angle we will take the research from as we are aware we have done research on housing before.

Will keep posted on the developments + research

Louise, Ruth

Daughters of Charity Service - “A prospective 14 Year Longitudinal Follow-up of Dementia in Persons with Down syndrome”

Twelve papers on the Intellectual Disability Supplement to the Irish Longitudinal Study on Aging and other intellectual disability topics were presented by Professor McCarron, (Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Trinity College Dublin and Policy and Services Advisor on Dementia to the Daughters of Charity Service), and her research team at the recent World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability.

Two of the papers on the “Prevalence of mental health problems in older adults with intellectual disability in Ireland” and on “Sleep in an older Irish population with ID” were led by the Medical Director at the Daughters of Charity Service, Dr. Niamh Mulryan.

There was considerable interest in a study unique to Daughters of Charity Service, “A prospective 14 Year Longitudinal Follow-up of Dementia in Persons with Down syndrome”. This 14 year longitudinal study, examined dementia characteristics, age at onset and associated co-morbidities in persons with Down syndrome. Life expectancy in people with Down syndrome (DS) has increased dramatically in recent years and there has been particular interest in understanding the ageing process of this population, particularly in the area of dementia. Seventy seven people with Down syndrome aged 35 years and older were included in this study. The diagnosis of dementia was established using the modified ICD 10 Criteria and a combination of objective and informant based tests. Over the 14 year period 88.3% ($n=69$) of persons developed dementia with a mean age of dementia diagnosis of 55.4 years ($SD= 7.1$).

The presence of dementia was associated with epilepsy, and sensory impairments. The previously reported high risk levels for dementia among people with Down syndrome was confirmed in this data. In addition, the value of the instruments utilized in tracking decline and helping to confirm diagnosis even in persons with severe Intellectual Disability was confirmed’.

Rehab Calls on United Nations to Include Targets for Employment of People with Disabilities in Revised Millennium Development Goals at United Nations Economic and Social Council

– Measures That Member States Need to Undertake in Supporting People with Disabilities and Others at a Disadvantage in Gaining Employment Also Highlighted

Rehab Group has called on the United Nations to include targets for the employment of people with disabilities in the revised Millennium Development Goals at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) 2012 High Level Segment event, which took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York, Tuesday, July 3. Angela Kerins, Chief Executive of the Rehab Group made the call at the event titled “Employment – the key to social inclusion for people with disabilities” which was co-sponsored by the Rehab Group and the United Nations. The Rehab Group is a leading non-Governmental organisation based in Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Poland, which provides a wide range of education, training and health services to over 60,000 people internationally, with a particular focus on people with disabilities and those who



are disadvantaged.

The aim of the event was to highlight existing good practice in the development of policies and programmes to support the employment and training of people with disabilities. A number of internationally distinguished speakers took part in the gathering which took place as part of the 2012 Annual Ministerial Review of the substantive session of ECOSOC which focused on “Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals”.

Angela Kerins, Chief Executive of the Rehab Group, commented: “Across the world, economic difficulties are creating significant barriers to employment for millions of people. Now, more than ever, people with disabilities and people with mental health difficulties require additional supports in order to access and retain employment.

“As part of this event, we have sought to focus on specific measures which countries together with NGOs, can and are implementing, in order to support people with disabilities and others who are disadvantaged to get and keep jobs. So often policies for people with disabilities are added on rather than fully integrated into mainstream employment initiatives. Employment for people with disabilities must be a priority for every government because it increases economic independence and significantly reduces the risk of poverty. There is an obvious economic argument, in addition to a social one, for supporting the employment of people with disabilities as it reduces dependency and, therefore, reduces the States’ health, social care and welfare costs. Just because a person has a particular disability, that does not mean that they do not have many talents and skills and, when given the opportunity, can make a significant contribution to both economies and societies.

“The current Millennium Development Goals do not include specific targets for people with disabilities. UN Member States should demonstrate their commitment to people with disabilities through the inclusion of a specific reference to the employment of people with disabilities in the Ministerial Declaration which will emerge from this High Level Segment. People with disabilities should not have to wait until the renewal of the goals in 2015 to get the recognition they deserve within the goals and objectives of the United Nations.

“Promotion of the employment of people with disabilities makes sense for our economies, sense for our societies, and sense for the personal development of the individuals themselves. We hope that this event will have helped to significantly stimulate progress by UN Member States and NGOs alike, in determining future solutions and actions in this area for the benefit of people with disabilities across the world.”

The event was chaired by Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), United Nations, with speakers including: Angela Kerins, Chief Executive, Rehab Group; Andrei Abramov, Chief, NGO Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination; Heidi A. Alaskary, PhD/CCC-SLP – Consultant, Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and Jan Spooren, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation. The gathering also heard from Jennifer Yost, from New York, who has Down’s syndrome and who works as a custodian with the support of The Resource Center, an organisation which provides educational and training services to individuals with disabilities and other challenges in Chautauqua County, New York.

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ABILITY WEST'S BEST BUDDIES PROGRAMME

In May 2008 Ability West launched the "Best Buddies School Programme" in Galway City and County. Today, we deliver the Best Buddies College Programme in National University of Ireland Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.

The Best Buddies programme matches college students in a fun, enriching, one-to-one friendships with their peer who has an intellectual disability. Many people with intellectual disability express one wish ... and that is to have a friend. Best Buddies is a programme that finds that friend.

In the 2011-2012 academic year 32 young people with an intellectual disability made a new friend. They met up with their peer buddy once a week and enjoyed a range of social activities including going to coffee, shopping, playing snooker, crazy golf or going to the cinema. Occasionally, group activities were organised where all the buddies came together to enjoy a night of bowling or music.

The motto of Best Buddies is "Changing lives, one friendship at a time". It has successfully changed the lives of 64 young people in Galway City and County this year.

The following articles by two trainees who attend Ability West's St. Joseph's Training Centre share their Best Buddies experience

The meaning of Best Buddies

A best buddy is a friend in NUIG or GMIT who is paired up with a Service User. The Best Buddy and Service User spend time together and go out to loads of places like the cinema, dining out or go over to the college. There are loads of places that you can go with your Best Buddy.

Also the Buddy can contact your parents and yourself for details about what time to meet up at a certain place. If you are too busy you can meet at another time. People who live outside Galway city like Tuam and Ballinasloe took part in the Best Buddies Programme also. It is a great opportunity to be part of the Best Buddies Programme. If you want to get information about the Best Buddies Programme you can go to the Ability West Website at www.abilitywest.ie/bestbuddies

BEST BUDDIES BALL

On Friday the 11th May there was a Best Buddies Ball. The Best Buddies and Service Users dressed up for the main event. When we got to the Menlo Park Hotel, we took some photos of the boys and girls all dressed up in their finery and then we went in to the dining room where we had dinner and dancing and even a few awards.

Some of the boys and girls won the Best Buddies match award.

Now we will tell you about the entertainment. We had a band who provided the music. They were called Milhouse. We had a table quiz and a comedian. We also danced the night away until 1.00am. We had a great time at the Best Buddies Ball.

Thank you for listening.

Aoife King & Deirdre McGinley

St. Joseph's Training Centre,
Ability West,
Galway



Stewarts Dance Group – Hard Work Paid Off !!



Stewarts Dance Group put in long hours of practice before taking part in the **Irish Performing Arts Festival**, hosted by the COPE Foundation in Cork at the end of June 2012. Their hard work paid off when they won first prize for their dance, entitled “*Angels of the Northern Lights*”.

The dancers are no strangers to the stage, receiving rapturous praise when they appeared at the Civic Theatre Tallaght where they won first prize with “*An Ocean Refuses no River*” in the Celebration of Social Inclusion mainstream competition organised by South Dublin County Council in November 2011.

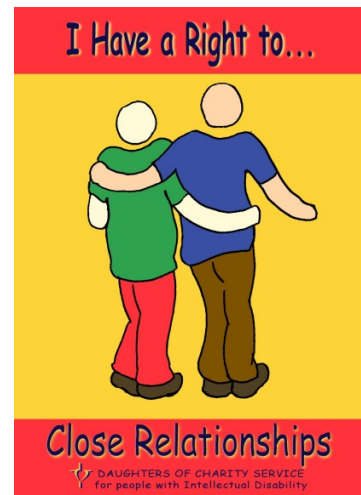
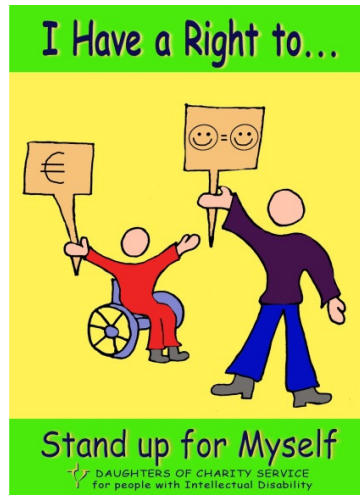
They were special guests at the opening of Noise Moves Dance Festival in April this year. They also won the Irish Performing Arts Festival Dance Competition on their first outing with “*Classical Beat*” in 2010. All dances are original pieces, choreographed by the dedicated and artistic staff in Stewarts.



However, dance is not the only branch of the Arts that is practiced at Stewarts and there are many artists among the people we support. Just recently, Pamela Kavanagh won the national competition, organised by the Health Research Board / National Federation of Voluntary Bodies, to find the painting to be used on the cover of the annual report of the NIDD Committee.

Congratulations Pamela!

Daughters of Charity Charter of Rights



80 people supported by Daughters of Charity Services in Dublin Limerick and Roscrea met in groups to think about what should be in our Charter of Rights. We considered the following human rights: Dignity, Respect, Privacy, Choice, To be Heard, Informed Consent, Security, Rights, Discrimination, Shelter, Accessibility, Education, Training and Employment, Ordinary Life, Friendships and Relationships,



Advocacy and Representation, Physical Integrity, Participation, Freedom of thought and Freedom to Control Your Own Destiny. These rights had been gathered from different sources, including the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights, the 1975 UN Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons, People First of Canada Charter of Rights, the National Disability Authority Charter Proposals, The Commission on the Status of People with Disability 1995, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and many others. We are grateful to the people who wrote all these documents. We discovered that the rights contained in these documents were based on what we all need to live full lives. Thus we looked at categories of needs as

well as rights, and people we support spent time thinking about how these needs and rights should be met in the Daughters of Charity Service. Using input and involvement of service users we developed a resource pack including an easy to read booklet and a series of posters to help promote the charter across our services. This pack can be used by advocacy groups, rights groups, for training and for awareness-raising. If other federation members are interested in obtaining a copy please contact The Juniper Centre, St. Vincents Centre, Navan Road - 018245350

Please diary this date

The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies are hosting a

Sharing Innovative Learning Event

Supporting People with Autism
who require intensive communication supports

on **Wednesday 3rd October 2012**

10.00 am – 4.30 pm

in the

Heritage Hotel Portlaoise

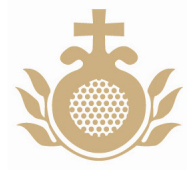
The **Keynote speaker** will be **Phoebe Caldwell** from the UK who is an expert practitioner in Intensive Interaction working mainly with children and adults on the Autistic Spectrum and has over 30 years experience as a practitioner with people whose severe learning disabilities are linked with behavioural distress. Phoebe will present using video and training materials on supporting people through intensive communication. There will also be presentations from National Federation members who support people with Autism.

Who should attend this event?

People who avail of services, their families, CEOs, front line staff & managers.

ONLINE BOOKING will be available shortly

Preliminary Notice and Date for your Diary



Saint John of God *Hospitaller* Services

Research Study Day

‘Building Resilience – Designing Effective Services’

25th September 2012

Minister Kathleen Lynch will attend from 12.30 to 1.00.

Key Speakers: Nuala Doherty, CEO, Centre for Effective Services.
Sue Lloyd Selby, Senior Project Manager, Individualised Care, Value
Wales, Welsh Assembly.
Diana Rose, Patient Generated- Personal Outcomes, User Led Research
(SURE), Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College.
Paul Hutton, Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Presentations on original research conducted as part of Saint John of God *Hospitaller* Services in the areas of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Adult Mental Health and Intellectual Disability will also occur.

25th September 2012
Main Hall,
Saint John of God Hospital,
Stillorgan,
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relationships at home, school or work and
in your community.**

