

The Voluntary Sector 1966-2011

The people of Mayo have been extremely supportive to Western Care in so many ways providing an environment for the organisation to develop within, by your inclusive attitude and community based values and also with the massive financial support given yearly since the association was founded.

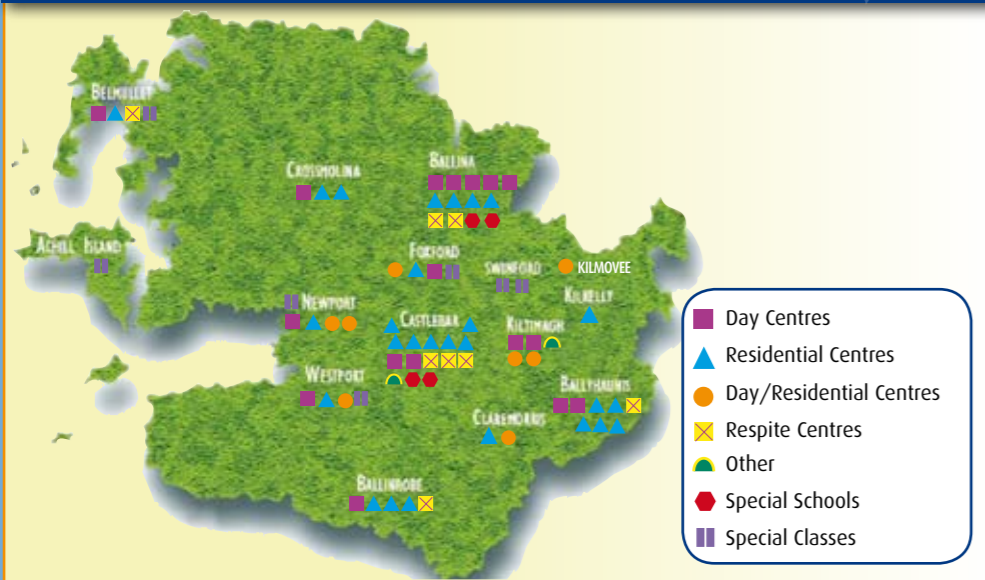
One of our principle fundraisers is our Annual Door To Door Collection which takes place from 1st of May. The credit for the success of this Fundraiser must go to the network of dedicated voluntary collectors who go Door to Door in what is one of the hardest forms of Fundraising. The respect, loyalty and generosity that Western Care receives, is thanks to this group of Voluntary people. Western Care Association greatly appreciates the hard work and voluntary time that these people give.

Supporting the Local Economy

Our Services are spread out throughout the County. The majority of the seven hundred employees also live locally. This means that they contribute to the local economy. Through the network of Training Centres, Group Homes and Transportation. Western Care Association provides many opportunities to builders, tradesmen, shops and builders providers. By supporting the local economy Western Care has build an excellent relationship with the people of Mayo. In 2011 Western Care needs your continuing generous support of your Mayo Charity.

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Western Care Services



2010 Branch Income Door to Door Collection & Other Branch Fundraising Activities:

Branch	Amount Allocated
Achill	€ 13,581.00
Ardagh	€ 2,053.00
Balla	€ 2,262.00
Ballina	€ 10,383.00
Ballinrobe	€ 15,802.00
Ballintubber	€ 1,018.00
Ballycastle	€ 1,716.00
Ballycroy	€ 210.00
Ballyhaunis	€ 11,732.00
Belmullet	€ 4,544.00
Bohola	€ 883.00
Bonniconlon	€ 3,778.00
Burrishoole/Newport	€ 5,900.00
Carnacon	€ 625.00
Carracastle	€ 500.00
Castlebar	€ 40,474.00
Charlestown	€ 902.00
Claremorris	€ 10,599.00
Cooneal	€ 1,417.00
Crossmolina	€ 5,488.00
Currane	€ 1,500.00
Drummin	€ 800.00
Foxford	€ 1,206.00
Glenamoy	€ 296.00
Islandeady	€ 3,210.00
Keellogues/Manulla	€ 600.00
Kilfian	€ 1,488.00
Kilkelly/Kilmovee	€ 7,900.00
Killala	€ 2,088.00
Killawala	€ 1,103.00
Kilmeena/Fahy	€ 1,979.00
Kiltane	€ 262.00
Kiltimagh	€ 7,698.00
Knock	€ 2,202.00
Knockmore/Rathduff	€ 9,268.00
Lacken	€ 1,217.00
Louisburgh	€ 5,470.00
Mayo Abbey/Facefield	€ 4,851.00
Mayo Association Dublin	€ 3,397.00
Murrisk	€ 1,647.00
Robeen/Roundfort	€ 613.00
Shrule/Glencorrib	€ 5,521.00
Swinford	€ 710.00
Taugheen/Crossboyne	€ 1,955.00
Tourmakeady	€ 3,422.00
Westport	€ 18,264.00
Total	€ 222,534.00

Door to Door Collectors
 If you feel you would like to give a little of your voluntary time and help with our Annual Door to Door Collection, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact:

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Our Annual Door to Door Collection is carried out throughout the month of May. Please treat our Voluntary Collectors with respect and thank you, once again, for your continued support!



Western Care Association

Newsletter 2011

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Western Care Services and Voluntary Branches throughout Mayo 1966 - 2011

Branch Activity

Dates For Your Diary

Dec	Ballyhaunis Christmas Social
Dec	Annual Achill Card Game
26th Dec	Annual Crossmolina Swim
11th Feb	Castlebar Voluntary Branch Annual Candlelight Ball @ Breaffy House Hotel

Annual General Meeting Western Care Association
 The Fáilte Suite, The Welcome Inn Hotel, Wednesday 4th May 2011 @ 8.15pm

Newsletter 2011

Berni Dwyer, Chairperson



Door to Door Collection time again. I would like, at this time, to say a very sincere thanks to all of you for your very generous support over the years.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Association. It has made a big difference to us in continuing to keep our services going, despite the cuts to our budget in recent years. The money collected in your area is spent on services in your area. Your continued support will help us to provide good quality services.

Will you please continue to support us? Again, accept our very sincere thanks.

Berni Dwyer
Chairperson, Board of Directors

Bernard O'Regan, Executive Director



The continued support of the people of Mayo has been essential in the past year to maintaining supports to people with intellectual disabilities and autism. Your support ensures that people with disabilities are included in their communities and have the opportunity to be full members of those communities.

We appreciate that the current financial climate is challenging for everyone. Your continued support is all the more valued in this climate and we are indebted to you for that support.

On behalf of Western Care Association, I want to thank you and ask you to continue your support for the Association.

Bernard O'Regan
Executive Director

2009/2010 Outgoing Board of Directors



Back Row L to R: Eileen Grier, Lorraine Hall, Bernard O'Regan, Stephen Melia, Maura Harrison, Caroline Gordon, Mary Hegarty and Sarah Ruane.
Front Row L to R: Mary O'Malley, Berni Dwyer and Mary Daly.

Unavoidably absent from the photo were: Chris Pratt, Dorothy Caden and Stephen Molloy.

Expenditure

Monies raised through the Annual Door to Door Collection are spent on our houses and buildings throughout the county and on the provision of minibuses, aids and appliances, medical and other equipment and furnishings to support the provision of services. At present Western Care Association provides services through our homes, respite houses and people living in independent units of accommodation, resource centres and supports to the education system. We provide a door-to-door transport service between home and our centres through the use of minibuses, a large number of which

are wheelchair accessible and we also provide MPVs for use in our services throughout the county.

During 2011, we are planning to undertake the following capital developments:

- Completion of major renovations to buildings at Rathbawn, Castlebar.
- Major renovations to buildings at Knock Road, Claremorris and Convent Hill Road, Ballina.
- Purchase of new minibuses and MPVs to upgrade and maintain our transport

fleet throughout the county.
• Provision of a range of a range of lifting equipment and other aids and appliances for use in our houses and centres.

Your continued contributions to the Door to Door Collection assist us in maintaining our service provision throughout the county and we thank you most sincerely for this.

James Roche
Financial Controller

Fundraising Department

In 2010 Mayo people raised €251,770 to support Western Care local services through fundraising events. This ongoing help is crucial, particularly in the present economic climate, as it provides the Association with critical extra resources to fund repairs to training centres and group homes, extra transport and helps fund training, social and sporting opportunities for our service users. Fundraising activities also raises an awareness of the work of the Association. Western Care is greatly indebted to the many volunteers and benefactors who give so much of their time, energy and money to support Mayo people with learning disabilities. If you would like to help in any way please contact the Fundraising Department (details below) or call in to see me at John Moore Road, Castlebar, County Mayo.

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Dates For Your 2011 Diary

May 1st	Western People West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon, Castlebar
May 6th	Fashion Show, Downhill Hotel, Ballina
May 22nd	Connacht Sheep Shearing Championships, Ballinrobe
June 1st - June 24th	Western People National Schools Bounceathon
June 6th	Flora Women's Mini Marathon, Dublin
June 12th	Shrulle & District Vintage Club Annual Rally, Tuam
June 19th	Classic Car Sale & Show, Park Hotel, Kiltimagh
June 25th	Tour of Mayo 90Km Charity Cycle
July 1st	Michael John McDonnell Annual Golf Classic, Westport
July 2nd	Achill Half Marathon
July	Enniscrone Golf Classic (Date TBC)
October 16th	€10,000 Super Bingo, Castlebar

Many other events take place throughout the year, contact the Fundraising Department on 094 90 29136/144 or check out our website www.westerncare.com.

Income from 2010 Fundraising Events and Projects

Event/Project	Amount €
AIB Better Ireland Award	€5,000
Cáirde Crann Mór Bingo	€10,380
Cáirde Crann Mór Fundraising	€30,500
Castlebar Cycling Club Sponsored Cycle	€4,466
Chefs of Mayo	€7,364
Christmas Cards	€10,235
Classic Car Show & Draw	€10,354
Collection Boxes & Old Currency	€2,105
Corporate and Personal Donations	€23,144
Croagh Patrick Seven-Day Challenge	€5,756
Donations via mycharity.ie website	€1,300
Golf Classics & Donations (Wings GS)	€8,316
Griffith Trust & Grants	€9,300
Mayo Society of New York	€1,500
Staff Deductions/Standing Orders	€6,553
Textile Recycling Banks	€25,465
Various Draws & Raffles	€4,253
VTC Fundraising (Christmas Trees, Carols by Candlelight)	€9,870
Western People National Schools Bounce-athon	€12,827
West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon	€22,278
Women's Mini Marathon, Dublin	€2,476
Sundry (includes Donations and Events organised by Individuals, Groups, WCA Centres, Group Homes, Bank Interest, etc)	€38,328
TOTAL	€251,770

Volunteering in Western Care Association

Western Care Association has a long tradition of Volunteers being involved with the organisation in many different roles. The value of this contribution to the lives of people we support has long been recognised and appreciated.

There are over 100 volunteers directly supporting people in our Services in a wide variety of activities. This is a great opportunity

for people to get more involved in their communities and to broaden their network of friends.

Becoming a registered Volunteer involves an Application and Vetting process. Following this Volunteers are matched to a role that they are interested in.

If you would like to find out more about

Volunteer Opportunities in your area please contact:

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Applications can also be downloaded from our website on www.westerncare.com