

Development Officer

Johnny Groden, Development Officer with Western Care since 2000 is retiring in April, and is being replaced by Teresa Ward. Johnny has given loyal and dedicated service in his role over the years, and he was well liked and respected by all with whom he came into contact. He will be missed by the organisation, and all in Western Care Association wish him well in his retirement, and hope that he has many years in which to enjoy himself. We also welcome Teresa into her new role and wish her well, and she will be making contact with the various branches and collectors in the weeks ahead.

Mary Daly, Chairperson, Board of Directors

The Voluntary Sector 1966-2012

Over the last twelve years it has been my privilege to work in support of the voluntary sector of Western Care Association. As I retire in the month of April I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks firstly to the network of dedicated voluntary Door to Door Collectors, to the various voluntary Branch Members (Western Care), numerous contacts throughout the County, to the many friends I have made and all the different businesses who support Western Care through fundraising, sponsorship etc. Again I want to extend a sincere thank you to all for the generosity, courtesy and hospitality you have shown Western Care and myself over the years. Thank you.

I would also like to wish my replacement, Teresa Ward every good wish and success and I have no doubt that Teresa will receive the same welcome and support that I did both from the Western Care Voluntary Sector and the extremely generous people of Mayo.

Johnny Groden

Appointment of New Development Officer



My name is Teresa Ward and I have recently taken up the position of Development Officer, following the retirement of my colleague Johnny Groden in April.

I have worked in Western Care Association for over 17 years. During this time I have had many opportunities to travel the County meeting and working with so many people. I now look forward to renewing those connections and also to building on the long established network of voluntary collectors and supporters.

One of the principal fundraisers in the Organisation is the door to door collection where so many wonderful collectors and organisers give so generously of their time. While this fundraiser has enormous financial benefit, it also creates a connection with the local communities, thus enhancing the sense of ownership that the communities have of the Association.

Teresa Ward, Development Officer

Supporting the Local Economy

Our Services are spread out throughout the County. The majority of our 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 built an excellent relationship with the people of Mayo. In 2012 Western Care needs your continuing generous support of your Mayo Charity.

Branch Activity *Dates For Your Diary*

- 7th July** Achill Half Marathon
- Dec** Ballyhaunis Christmas Social
- 26th Dec** Annual Crossmolina Swim
- Feb 2013** Castlebar Voluntary Branch Annual Candlelight Ball
Breaffy House Hotel

2011 Branch Income Door to Door Collection & Other Branch Fundraising Activities:

Branch	Amount Allocated
Achill	€17,994.72
Ardagh	€2,621.00
Balla	€2,202.11
Ballina	€10,429.82
Ballinrobe	€12,330.00
Ballintubber/Ballyheane	€1,863.00
Ballycastle	€1,234.00
Ballycroy	€150.00
Ballyhaunis	€11,589.00
Belmullet	€4,592.91
Bohola	€884.00
Bonniconlon	€3,581.92
Burrishoole/Newport	€6,049.50
Carnacon	€934.33
Carracastle	€1,110.00
Castlebar	€43,645.75
Charlestown	€355.00
Claremorris	€7,245.81
Cooneal	€1,394.00
Crossmolina	€4,088.93
Currane	€567.00
Drummin	€1,321.00
Dublin Branch	€1,306.04
Foxford	€1,276.50
Glenamoy	€210.00
Islandeady	€3,285.00
Keellogues/Manulla	€870.17
Kilfian	€1,145.00
Kilkelly/Kilmovee	€7,813.00
Killala	€1,182.23
Killawalla	€1,220.40
Kilmeena	€3,705.00
Kiltane	€413.00
Kiltimagh	€7,934.04
Knock	€2,305.00
Knockmore/Rathduff	€7,522.20
Lacken	€1,120.00
Louisburgh	€5,787.14
Mayo Abbey/Facefield	€4,520.27
Murrisk	€4,863.84
Robeen/Roundford	€1,121.50
Shrule/Glencorrib	€6,531.14
Swinford	€500.00
Taugheen/Crossboyne	€1,936.00
Tourmakeady	€3,095.00
Westport	€24,339.08

Total € 230,185.35

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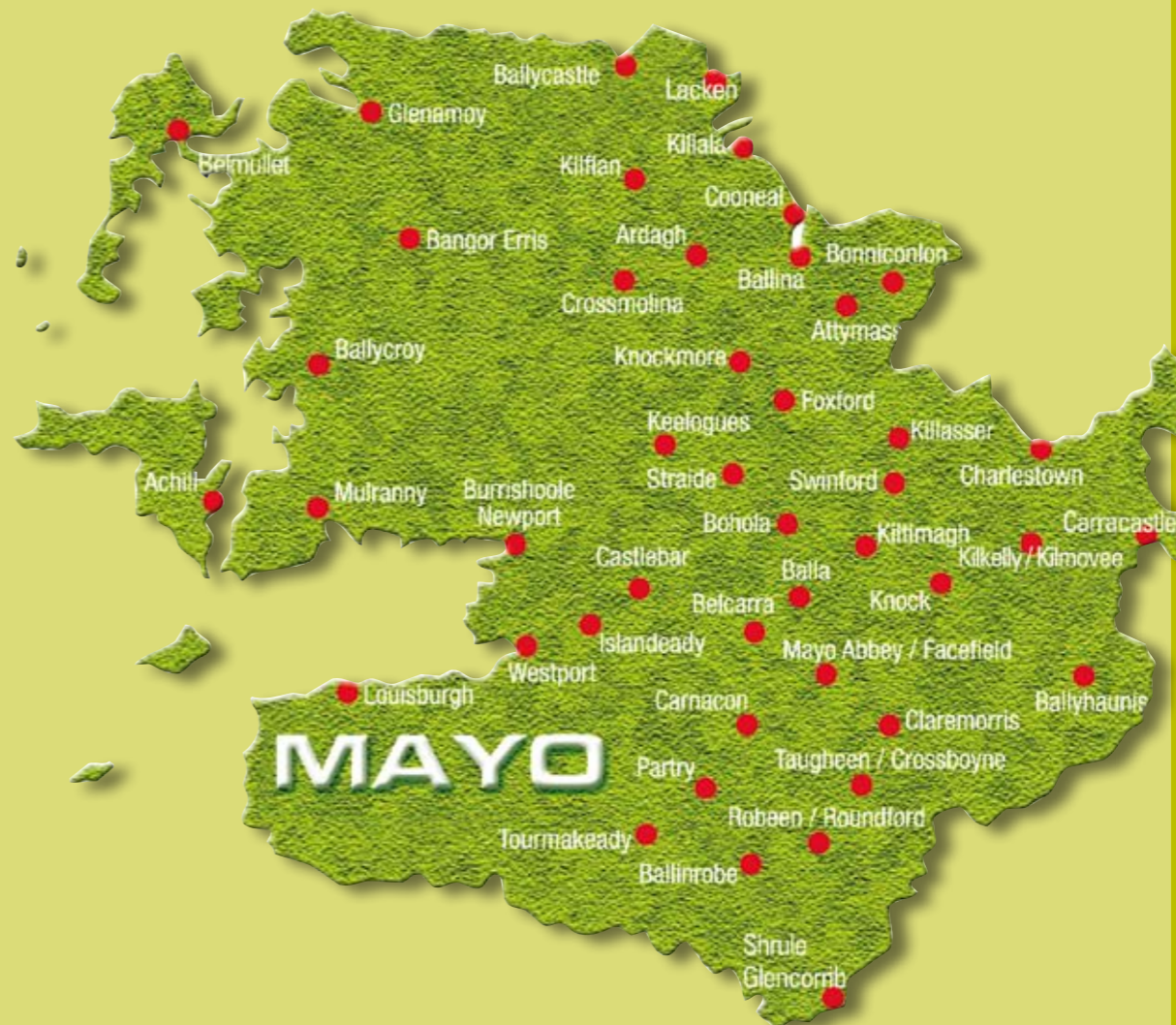
Our Annual Door to Door Collection is carried out throughout the month of May. Please treat our Voluntary Collectors with respect and thank you, once again, for your continued support!



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Western Care Services and Voluntary Branches
throughout Mayo 1966 - 2012

Newsletter 2012

Mary Daly, Chairperson



On behalf of Western Care Association I want to extend a very warm welcome to all our readers, many of you have been associated with us for over 46 years

I earnestly ask you to continue your contribution to the Door to Door Collection. Remember, by your contribution you are helping us to continue the facilities we offer our service users and their families.

If you have some free time, perhaps you could help us either in fund raising or in the services. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mary Daly
Chairperson, Board of Directors

Bernard O'Regan, Executive Director



Since 1966, the people of Mayo have continued to demonstrate tremendous support for the work of Western Care in maintaining supports to people with intellectual disabilities and autism. This support has never been more essential than at a time where budgets are being cut and the range of services we provide relies evermore on the generosity of the community. 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

2010/2011 Outgoing Board of Directors



Back Row L to R: Stephen Melia, Mary Hegarty, Chris Pratt, Bernard O'Regan, Enda McDonagh, Caroline Gordon, Anthony McCormack.
Front Row L to R: Mary Daly, Dorothy Caden, Berni Dwyer, Mary O'Malley.

Unavoidably absent from the photo was: Lorraine Hall,

Expenditure

Monies raised through the Annual Door-to-Door collection are spent within the county. Western Care provides services and supports through our homes, respite houses, and independent units of accommodation, and through our resource centres and supports to those in the education system. We also provide a door-to-door transport service between home and our centres, with a number of MPVs, being used by services throughout the county for social purposes and local runs. Many of our vehicles are wheelchair accessible.

During 2011, we undertook the following developments, which were funded from monies raised through local fundraising and the Door-to-Door collection :

- Major renovations and refurbishments to buildings in Ballina and Claremorris, which will be used for respite and day services respectively.
- Overhaul of heating systems in residential services in Belmullet and Ballinrobe.
- Purchase of two new vehicles for services in Ballinrobe.
- Upgrade of lifting equipment and other aids and appliances, medical equipment, and multi-sensory and other equipment, which are used in our centres and houses throughout the county.

In addition to the above, some of the monies raised through the Door-to-Door and other

fundraising activities were used to support the provision of supports and services in 2011, which helped to maintain service provision in these challenging financial times.

Your continued support and contributions to our Door-to-Door collection assist Western Care in maintaining the level of supports and services that we provide throughout the county. We thank you most sincerely for this.

James Roche
Financial Controller

Fundraising Department

During 2011 the people of Mayo raised €248,047 in support of Western Care local services through fundraising events, donations, etc. This funding is vital, particularly in the present economic climate, as it provides the Association with critical extra resources to fund repairs to accommodation, extra transport and helps fund training, social and sporting opportunities for our service users. Fundraising activities also play an enormous role in raising awareness of the work of the Association throughout the County. 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 me at John Moore Road, Castlebar, County Mayo.

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Dates For Your 2012 Diary

- May 6th** Western People West of Ireland Mini Marathon, Castlebar
- May 20th** Connacht Spring Show, Ballinrobe
- June 4th** Flora Women's Mini Marathon, Dublin
- June 1st - 24th** Western People National Schools Bounceathon
- June 10th** Shrule & District Vintage Club Annual Rally, Tuam
- June 17th** Classic Car Sale & Show, Park Hotel, Kiltimagh
- June 23th** Tour of Mayo 90Km Charity Cycle
- June 29th** Michael John McDonnell Annual Golf Classic, Westport
- July 20th** Enniscrone Golf Classic
- November 25th** Christmas Bingo, Castlebar

Textiles and Mobile Phone Recycling

You can continue to support Western Care by recycling old and unwanted clothing and footwear through our Green Textile Recycling Banks situated on more than 80 sites throughout the County. Mobile Phones can be recycled at any C&C Cellular retail outlet or Western Care Day Centres throughout Mayo.

Recycle for Western Care and continue the Care!



Income from 2011 Fundraising Events and Projects

Event/Project	Amount
Cáirde Crann Mór Bingo	€14,245
Cáirde Crann Mór Fundraising	€26,106
Christmas Cards & Calendars	€16,536
Classic Car Show & Draw	€8,795
Collection Boxes & Old Currency	€4,461
Corporate and Personal Donations	€18,956
Croagh Patrick Seven-Day Challenge	€4,560
Donations via mycharity.ie website	€1,727
Golf Classics, Competitions & Donations	€11,575
Staff Deductions/Standing Orders	€6,647
Tesco Bag Packing	€1,202
Textile & Phone Recycling	€25,110
Tour of Mayo Charity Cycle	€4,875
VTC Fundraising & Donations	€17,962
West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon	€12,167
Western People National Schools Bounce-athon	€11,563
Sundry Donations, Fundraising Events, Bank Interest, etc.	€61,560
TOTAL	€248,047

Western Care Services



- Day Centres
- ▲ Residential Centres
- Day/Residential Centres
- ⊠ Respite Centres
- ▲ Other
- Special Schools
- Special Classes

Volunteering in Western Care Association

Western Care has a long tradition of volunteers being involved in a wide variety of roles. This voluntary contribution is highly valued and has made the organisation what it is today.

There are lots of volunteers who have become directly involved in supporting people in services. This support means people are able to get involved in many local events

and activities and is a great way to broaden people's social networks.

There are many opportunities available across the county if new volunteers are interested in getting involved.

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