



**WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION**  
Annual Report 2016

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## Board of Directors 2015/2016



Back Row L to R: Joe Gibbons, Antony McCormack, Pat Higgins, Kieran McGloin, Paddy Geraghty, Bernard O’Regan, Ed Rose, Philip McKiernan  
 Front Row L to R: Marie Munnelly, Helen McHugh, Annette Dillon, Mary Hegarty  
 Unavoidably absent: Noelle Gallagher

*On the front cover photographed at Conference on “Equal Rights & Equal Opportunities” held in Hotel Westport on November 16th were - Annette Duffy, Eric Kilcourse, Michael Warde, Minister Finian McGrath, Carol Clancy, Bridget Warde and Val Hughes.*

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- Staff of Aras Attracta
- Mayo General Hospital
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- Inclusion Ireland
- Irish Council for Social Housing
- Irish Society for Autism
- Irish TV
- Mayo Advertiser
- Mayo Autism Support Association
- Mayo County Council
- Mayo County Council Arts Office
- Mayo County Enterprise Board
- Mayo News
- Mayo Volunteer Centre
- Midwest Radio
- Moy Valley Resources
- Muintir Mhaigh Eo Dublin
- Muintir Mhaigh Eo Galway
- National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI)
- N.L.N. – National Learning Network
- National Disability Authority
- National Federation of Voluntary Bodies
- National Lottery
- North East Mayo Development Company
- Rehab Care
- Shrule & District Vintage Club
- Solas
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- TÚS
- Volunteers
- Western Care Trust
- Western People

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*Photographed at Our Lady's Basilica, Knock on October 6th were – Bernard O'Regan, Mary Daly, Fergus Kelly, Danny Doherty, Hillary Foley, Johnny Mee, Archbishop Michael Neary, Bríd Daly, Berni Dwyer and Bridie Doherty.*



*"Cutting of the Cake" – photographed were Anthony McCormack, Archbishop Michael Neary, Johnny Mee, Joseph Brennan and Bernard O'Regan.*

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### **Mission Statement**

Western Care Association exists to empower people with a wide range of learning and associated disabilities in Mayo to live full and satisfied lives as equal citizens. We achieve this through the provision of a comprehensive range of innovative services and supports.