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Campaign for Cancer Services in the North West

The campaign for Cancer Services in the North West is still going strong and from the remarks made by the members of the steering group they will continue fighting until they get the Cancer Services they need in Sligo General Hospital. On Good Friday a Candle Light Vigil will take place from Sligo IT College to the hospital. We urge everyone to attend this Vigil as the only thing that will persuade the Government to change their minds is "People Power".

Public meetings take place every second Tuesday in Sligo IT at 8.00pm. The next meeting is on April 1st and everyone is welcome. A broad representation of politicians, cancer patients, cancer survivors and their family and friends attend and are working very hard to save the Cancer Services in Sligo General Hospital.

There is also a campaign to collect signatures running at the moment with huge support from people on the street. Please look out for the this petition and sign it. If you would like to be part of this protest call into Atlantic View CDP Centre and collect a card.

A Protest Concert is being organised for April 26th at 3.00pm on O'Connell St, Sligo to highlight the Campaign with local artists taking part. We are also hoping to have research done by some of the Sligo IT students into the increase of cancer incidents in younger people

A web site is up and running at www.saveourcancerservicesligo.com please sign in and access the petition on it. Mary Harney has refused to meet with a delegation from the steering group and political representatives from the NW. The group is writing to the Minister again asking her to reconsider her decision.

Please come out and support the Save our Cancer Services in

Sligo General Hospital Campaign.

None of us think we will get Cancer but it could be your turn next.

**It is not nice having to leave your family and support system to stay in a hospital
hundred of miles away from all those you know and love.**

Rossnowlagh Rural Women's Group

The Rossnowlagh Rural Women's Group have finished three weeks of Silk Painting and a three week course on Digital Photography. This was very well attended and the group are hoping to run a further five week course in the near future in Camera use and Computer Editing of Photographs. Anyone interested in this should get in touch with any of the members and put their names down.

Brass and Reed bad

Rehearsals have now resumed for the years activities and events. The Brass and Reed Band are looking for new recruits who are interested in learning to play an instrument. No age limit, young and old may apply. Work is in progress to access funding for a new Brass tutor. For further information watch this space.

Owen Roe's

Owen Roe's bar, East Port Ballyshannon raise funds for a local groups each week with their Thurs nights quiz. It starts each week around 10pm will continue raising much needed funds for various charities and organisation in the area.

Youthreach

Young people from Youthreach in Ballyshannon have completed a two week work experience in local businesses and Youthreach facilitators would like to thank all those who took them on for this time.

Arts Yard Cross Border Project begins in early Mar. Young people from various Youthreach Centres will meet in Derry and participate in Art and Craft workshops.

Youthreach are also organised another event where members got together in Letterkenny with other Projects from Lifford, Gothahork, Buncrana and Ballyshannon participating in the 'Blitz' that took place on the 20th Feb. It included Pool, Soccer and Bowling and other sports.

girl which she called Abbey.

The Carers Development Group

(Care Advise Respect Enable Support)

Anyone who would like info on Donegal County Carers Groups the contact details are below:

Carers Development Officer

Donegal

Diane Donnelly

Navenny Street, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal

Neighbourhood Youth Project

The NYP group were involved in the St.Patricks Day Parade with their Samba Drumming with their colourful costumes made by the members. They have various other groups running at the moment in NYP including; The Drugs & Alcohol group, the Teenage Lads Chill out group on Tuesday, the Bundoran Girls 1st yr Group, the Ballyshannon 1st yr Group, Transition Groups and a Teenage Girls group from Bundoran & Ballyshannon which is being run in conjunction with a Public Health Nurse.

A new Foroige club has been set up and takes place on Fridays between 7.30pm - 9.00pm for youth aged between 13 - 15.

The NYP are now looking for volunteers and also some donations which they need for new equipment & materials.

The NYP staff and members would like to congratulate Michelle Lally on the birth of her baby

Saimer Childcare

Saimer Childcare Centre have just been handed the key for their new premises on the Rock in Ballyshannon. The staff are all really excited about the move and hope to be in the new premises very soon.

Childcare Leader Teresa Whoriskey said she is delighted they are moving into the new premises and looks forward to continuing their child care work in the beautiful larger new premises. Teresa would like to thank the staff, committee and members of the public for their continued support which has helped make this dream come true.

Places for the new all day crèche are nearly all filled. Saimer Childcare are still fund raising and anyone who would like to contribute should get in touch with Teresa or any other of staff or committee member.

Children's Playground

The Children's Playground was at last opened by Chairperson of Donegal Co Co John Boyle on the Mall in Ballyshannon. It is set in a very beautiful picturesque location and will be enjoyed for many years to come by all the children in the area. We wish this generation and the next plenty of fun and laughter.

Fire Alarms

The alarms arrived from Breid Neely in Donegal Co Co and Atlantic View CDP distributed them to Active Age members in Ballyshannon and Bundoran.

Unfortunately there were not enough for all who applied so the names of those who did not receive them this time will go forward to the next roll out in Oct. Anyone else who wishes to put their name forward for the next batch please leave your name in with Ann or Siobhan in Atlantic View CDP.

Ballyshannon Bridge Club

In early February, Ballyshannon Bridge Club held the most important competition of the season; The Presidents Cup, presented in 1992 by the Late Michael Healy is competed for annually, along with the prizes kindly presented by the current president Mai Creery.

It is the ambition of every club member to win this trophy and this year the lucky recipients were Eileen Garland and Mai Creery.

The club will continue to meet every Thursday evening until mid-March, when the final session for the 2007-2008 season will be a charity night in aid of The Samaritans Association.

The Seaside Daisy's

Formerly known as the Silver Hill Women's Group the Seaside Daisy's have had a rebirth and a new name because of the interest of women outside of Silver Hill. The group originated in 2004 and since then they have run many educational projects including ECDL, Women in Power, Creative Writing, and Basic Childcare.

There has also been social projects and events, make-up courses and the women were very involved with the book A Day in the Life of Bundoran with Atlantic View CDP. Now they are applying to run different courses through the Tutor Funded Programme with VEC Adult Education.

If you are interested in joining this group why not come along next Thurs or any other Thurs morning at 10.00am. The meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the back of Ozanam House, Main St Bundoran or phone Deirdre Conway on 087 650 7845.

We would like your input in what is needed or what other women in the area would like to see in Bundoran. Now is the time to get your voices heard.

People come into your life for a reason,
a season or a lifetime.

Do not waste an opportunity by dismissing
them

The Thimble Theatre

A very innovative Drama Group will begin in Ballyshannon in the next few weeks. Jim McIntyre, of the Ballyshannon Drama Society is looking for anyone who has ever an idea of acting, doing stand up comedy, reciting monologues, mime, party pieces, poetry or sketches. He is looking for anyone who can write scripts or has any kind of raw talent and who would like the opportunity to strut their stuff on stage.

The Thimble Theatre will take place in one of the smaller rooms of the Abbey Arts Centre with a small audience on open nights. This could be the opportunity you are looking for. Take that first step to making your dreams come true and get in touch with Jim. His contact details are 087 917 9137 or just drop into the Filling Station and chat to him about it. It should be fun.

Neighbourhood Work Funding comes to an end

Second Chance Education Project for Women has been providing Women's Community Education in Donegal for 11 years. Sally Davies joined the team in July 2004, as a neighbourhood worker and began working in the South of the county and Fermanagh. Using the neighbourhood work approach Sally engaged with women living in the Bundoran, Belleek and Pettigo areas and subsequently a women's group was set up in each area. They took part in a variety of taster sessions such as creative writing, health and beauty, swimming, self-defence, glass painting, healthy eating, digital photography etc. This progressed onto longer and accredited courses; Computers, First Aid, Positive Parenting and ECDL which the Bundoran group completed in December 2006.

Last year, 17 women from the 3 areas came together to complete a year long Women and Leadership course, which was accredited through LYIT as one module of their Community Development Certificate.

The Neighbourhood work project has been a great success in these areas and women have benefited greatly by being a part of the project and becoming involved in the groups. They have achieved Certification for many courses and tried a range of activities they may not otherwise have engaged in. The women have also gained in confidence and self esteem and have become fully active members of their communities with a collective voice. Great friendships have also been made not only with women living within their own towns and villages, but also Cross Border.

Unfortunately funding for Neighbourhood Work with the Second Chance Education Project for Women comes to an end in April this year. Sally wishes to thank all of those who have helped and supported her during this period and wishes the best of luck and future success to the three groups Second Chance initiated. The groups continue to meet and plan activities for women in each area: The Seaside Daisies in Bundoran, The Cross-Border Daisies in Belleek and The Early Birds in Pettigo.

Any women interested in getting involved with any of these groups should ring Atlantic View CDP for further information.

Aontas Star Awards

Atlantic View CDP was awarded a High Commendation STAR Award in their Showcasing Teamwork. The STAR Awards 2008 were presented by Aontas, the National Adult Learning Organisation, to outstanding, learner-centred adult

education projects that demonstrate high levels of collaboration amongst participant groups in Dublin Castle. Receiving the Award was Atlantic View CDP's staff Ann McGowan, Project Coordinator and Siobhan McGloin, Administrator / Finance Worker .

All in Atlantic View CDP are delighted that their work has been recognised

Especially by a nationally body

Directors, Michael Tunney, Gerry Doherty, Laura Robinson, Margaret Doyle, Roisin Lee, Geraldine Mc Parlene, Mary Monaghan, Michael Gallagher, Catherine Maguire, Michael Devanney, Ann Mc Gowan.

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