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WELCOME

Alan Smyth, Editor

Dear reader,

I hope you will enjoy the 4th edition of our newsletter, In this edition we have updates from the different areas of CIDP, Property & Facilities, NCDP, Boarding and St Joseph's House to help you keep updated on what is happening across the organisation.



The VHI Women's Mini Marathon is coming up soon and it's on the 2nd June 2019 (Bank Holiday Sunday). Would you be willing to support boarders and the people in St Joseph's House in our work by taking part in funding raising for CIDP. You can walk, jog or run the mini marathon. We will supply you with sponsor card and t-shirt.

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I hope you find this newsletter interesting and I would be delighted to receive any feedback. Please send any feedback to me, editor at alan@cidp.ie

Wishing a safe and happy Easter to you all



PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Street lights & upgraded ramp access

In order to facilitate the upgrade of the CIDP's campus, there will be an additional three street light poles and five new LED streetlights put in to improve the lighting in walkways from the Boys Boarding / Holy Family School for Deaf to DVI/Inspire Fitness Centre in the evenings. In addition, there will be upgraded ramp access for pedestrian safety.

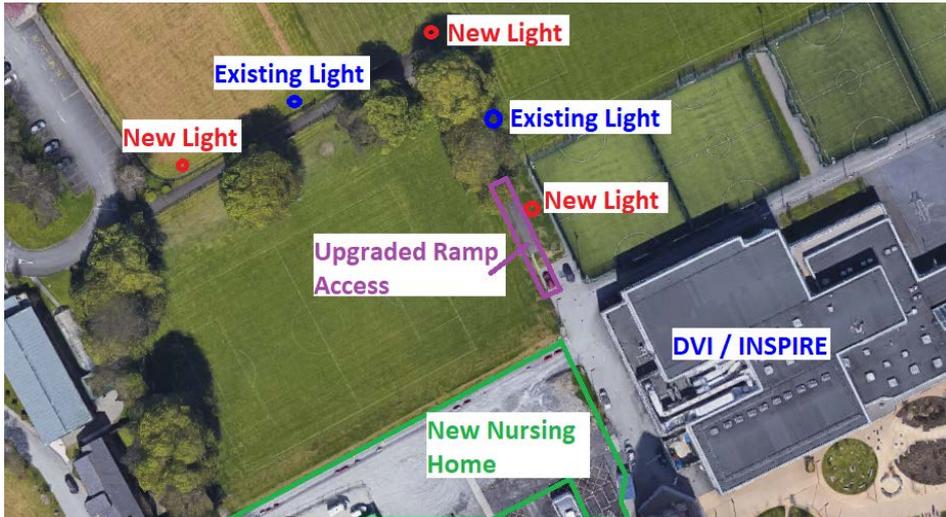
The street lights work has already begun and the upgraded ramp access will commence in the next few weeks.

Extra health & safety signs

CIDP recently installed an extra health & safety signs on the campus for public safety.

Relocated gate entrance to the graveyard

Early this year, the building contractor of the new nursing home relocated the gate entrance to the graveyard. It can now be accessed from the Navan Road, opposite to Insomnia.



NCDP

Having met the challenges of 2018, with Fr. Gerard's move to Greystones, Frankie Berry's sabbatical we were proud to welcome Fr. Joe O'Neill as pastor to the Deaf community.

Unfortunately, Fr. Joe will not be with us for as long as we had hoped. We will say farewell to him at the end of June 2019. In the meantime, we are grateful for all his good work with the Deaf community.

We will have three pilgrimages in 2019. The first to take place on 27th April 2019 is a one day pilgrimage to Knock. Details of the second pilgrimage to Knock Pilgrimage will be posted well in advance of the due date in August 2019. The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 4th to 9th September 2019

Frankie Berry is responsible for bookings and John Patrick Doherty is responsible for volunteer recruitment, training and management.

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We are trusting that 2019 will be an even more successful year for the staff of the NCDP. We will be providing more services to the Deaf Community.



ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE

It is a very busy and exciting time for St Joseph's House. We are delighted to advise that three of our service users have secured their own home which meets their housing profile criteria.

We are delighted with the high standard of the accommodation and how accessible it is from a functional point of view. There is now a transition programme in place to ensure they are fully supported in their own homes. It is important to highlight that from identification of a suitable home to moving in will generally take between 3-6 months and is person dependant.

Discovery is progressing well and we now have 10 service users spending one to one time each week with our Discovery Co-ordinators. There are now 2 Full time Discovery Co-ordinators and 2 Part Time Discovery Co-ordinators and we have recruited a Community Integration Co-ordinator to assist with Assistive Technology and IT as we transition to a community service. We have also recruited a temporary driver to assist the house with transport.

We are carrying out a rolling recruitment at present which means we will be hiring staff on a regular basis so we can train and support them in-house whilst ensuring they also get to know the people who are currently living in SJH.

An 'FAQ' was issued on the project recently to ensure everyone has access to the same information.

Our staff training program is continuing with HACCP, Dysphasia and Dementia all ongoing.

Good luck to our staff who have now completed their Irish Sign Language training courses and exams for levels 3 and 4, and awaiting results.

Congratulations

A special congratulations to Linda Tierney our Service Transformation Manager who will be going on maternity leave in July 2019. We are in the process of recruiting cover for her role.

Also a big congratulations to Mary Dolan and Peter Flood who have recently displayed their art at the recent art exhibition organised through Rehab Bray Day Service.

We would like to welcome our new staff including Support Workers: Ciara Hamilton, John Fennell, Des. Murphy, Annemarie McGuinness, Jason Maguire and Mary Nolan.

Sally Byrne and Catherine Fitzpatrick have commenced their new roles as Discovery Co-ordinators

Our new Nurse Manager Babatunde Olapade has taken up his new position recently.

Moses Bundi has commenced the role of driver and we are delighted to have him back with us.

Joanne Chester has commenced the role of Community Integration Co-ordinator.

Sharon Murphy is covering for Emer Nolan as Quality and Compliance Manager whilst she is on maternity leave.



From all of us at St Joseph's House we wish you all a safe and fabulous Easter!

NEW COMPANY SECRETARY

CIDP would like to announced the appointment of Darren Byrne as the company secretary of CIDP

Darren Byrne was appointed as the Company Secretary of CIDP in March 2019. Darren hails from Finglas in Dublin. Darren trained as a Physical Organic Chemist at UCD. It was during this time that he became interested in Irish Sign Language and went on to train as an ISL/English interpreter, graduating in 2003. Darren has worked as a freelance interpreter for over 15 years, and is the current Chairperson of the Council of Irish Sign Language Interpreters. Joining CIDP in 2018 as a member of our newly formed interpreting team, Darren now works as the Data Protection Officer in CIDP where he focuses on policy development and compliance with relevant legislation.



ST JOSEPH'S BOARDERS

Marcus, John-Joe, Noah, Nyi-Nyi, Japhet, Harry, Darren and Callum performed in the Helix Emmanuelle choir in February

John-Joe completed work experience in the Halfway House Cabra and thoroughly enjoyed his Chef experience

Japhet won an award in DCU for best speech in relation to the Deaf, Sports and interaction with hearing sports people
Madars completed a sponsored jump in Taekwon-Do to help raise money for his club, he also achieved his red belt

The outdoor gym was installed with funds received from lotto grant. The boys are using this gym as part of a circuit to train

The Life skills programme was signed off by the policy committee and has now been implemented within boarding

Two new boarders have started, one in primary and one in post primary, we extend a very warm welcome to Calum and Matthew

A social club was started by the boys where they meet and discuss events that they plan to attend

20 Tablets are now in use for homework club with funding received from the Sage grant

Marcus and Japhet went to Finland to perform at a conference with the school Choir

ST MARY'S BOARDERS

Since the last newsletter, we have been busy! For our Christmas activities, some of us went ice-skating and some of us went pottery painting. Fun was had by all. Before we went home for our Christmas holiday, we had a lovely Christmas dinner and exchanged presents.

The Sunflower group went bowling and we also visited Krispy Kreme afterwards. We did many different activities such as baking and learning how to self-defend. We also learned how to model balloons. We celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a party at St. Mary's which included movie, music by one of the boys and pamper time (nails, make up, etc.). We also made yummy pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

Two of our long term boarders Florence Galbraith and Emma Farrell will be leaving us this year so we will go out for a farewell meal in May. Florence has done some great work in her Cake Decoration class and Emma has really enjoyed taking part in the photography class, both run by IDS.



We would like to officially welcome Charlene Gannon to the team. Charlene started working with us in December. After over 30 years of service, Mary Clarke will be retiring in May. We would like to thank Mary for all of her hard work down through the years and everything she has done for the girls she has supported. We would like to wish you good luck, good health and we hope you enjoy every minute of your retirement.

We have a busy few weeks ahead with the Easter social coming up and studying for summer and state exams. We will have students graduating and some making their confirmation. Some of the staff and girls will also begin their training for the Mini Marathon, which takes place on the June bank holiday weekend. We would be delighted if more people would like to get involved and support us to raise money for CIDP.



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