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Thank you

In looking back over the past year, the first thing that we have to say is 'Thank You!' Thank you for believing in our mission of making known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities. Your support is invaluable to us. It allows us to continue with our work every day in each community in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the rest of the world.

Furthermore, it also helps us take our message further. And how important that is right now, when voices of union are so greatly needed to challenge the stories we are currently hearing everywhere: stories of exclusion; stories of division; stories of fear.

It is an interesting time to dare to be different. But we are, and we are proud of it. We are people with and without intellectual disabilities sharing life together and showing the world that friendship is possible, and that love is the way forward. Your contributions support us to do that. Together, we are fostering a more open, compassionate, and human society.

Thank you.

Diana Walsh

Fundraiser – L'Arche Ireland/N. Ireland



Our L'Arche identity

We are people with and without intellectual disabilities, sharing life in communities belonging to an international federation.

Mutual relationships and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together. We celebrate the unique value of every person and recognise our need of one another.



"In the end, the most important thing is not to do things for people who are poor and in distress, but to enter into relationship with them, to be with them and help them find confidence in themselves and discover their own gifts."

Jean Vanier,
 Founder
 of L'Arche



L'Arche – our mission

To make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities revealed through mutually transforming relationships. To engage in our diverse cultures, working together to build a more human society. To foster an environment in communities that is inspired by the core values of our founding story, and that responds to the changing needs of our members.



L'Arche Ireland

Annual Report 2016



From strength to strength



Rita Guinan
(1956-2016)

L'Arche Cork said a sad farewell to Rita Guinan RIP and John Gibson RIP in 2016.

Rita brought great love, joy and a sense of welcome to the community. Thank you to all who supported and loved Rita through her 26 years in the community.

John Gibson was a very good friend of the Cork community for nearly 30 years and generously shared his gift of music.

Both Rita and John highlighted the support and joy we can give each other and were an example of how mutual relationships can enhance the lives of us all.



John Gibson
(1951 – 2016)

Welcome to Chris Hayes in L'Arche Kilkenny as Community Leader and Diana Walsh as L'Arche Ireland Fundraiser. It is great to have you on board. Many other people joined us this year. We wish you all well in your journey with us.

L'Arche Cork, Dublin and Kilkenny are now fully registered with HIQA. Thank you to everyone for the work that went into getting registered and maintaining our compliance with HIQA.

L'Arche Cork opened 2 new houses, Ferim Bawn in November, which is a great new development and this has allowed them to reduce the number of people in the existing houses and also to welcome Michael, Therese and Aoife to the community.

L'Arche Kilkenny were also delighted to welcome Maggie this year.

L'Arche Belfast goes from strength to strength with a new exciting project, Grow –



Maggie – Kilkenny



Cook – Cater, which is a training programme to teach young people the different aspects of food.

For over a decade a dedicated L'Arche Committee worked faithfully with the hope of establishing a L'Arche Community in Sligo. A very successful L'Arche charity shop was opened in the town of Sligo. The project was, for years, supported by many hardworking volunteers and the people of Sligo. Unfortunately, for a myriad of reasons, the project was unable to be brought to fruition. All the monies raised by the L'Arche Sligo Committee have been used for the support of our communities in L'Arche Ireland and L'Arche International and for sending students to L'Arche Retreats.

We thank the people of Sligo for their huge generosity and support for our Mission.

This will be an exciting year for L'Arche Ireland/Northern Ireland, Belfast will be the venue for the L'Arche International Federation Assembly. This event happens every five years. Delegates, (people with and without an intellectual disability), from each of our 147 communities worldwide, the International leaders, and invited guests will spend 7 days together in Queens University Belfast. It is a time to reflect on our lives in L'Arche and make decisions for the future. We will vote on the names put forward for the two new International Leaders roles, Stefan Posner and Stacey Cates Carney. In preparation for that event L'Arche Ireland will be more visible in the media and host a number of events especially in June 2017.

Thank you to the L'Arche Ireland Board of Directors who continue to support and help us to grow.

Please watch out for us in the media, on our web page www.larcheireland.org and on our Facebook page, L'Arche Ireland and Northern Ireland.



Michael – Ferim Bawn, Cork



Therese – Ferim Bawn, Cork



Aoife – Ferim Bawn, Cork



Colm – Ferim Bawn, Cork



Michael – catering in Belfast



L'Arche Ireland Accounts Summary as at 31.12.2015

	2015	%	2014	%
Income	€	€	€	€
Government Funding	3,082,417	83%	2,609,015	82
Workshop & Café Sales	1 40,418	4%	129,636	5
Donations & Events	1 41,677	4%	87,150	3
Bank Interest & Investment Income	1,171	0%	5,662	0
Subscriptions	96,779	3%	2,951	0
Day Service Capitation	1 94,724	5%	242,218	8
Other Income	31,978	1%	11,931	0
Amortisation of Grants	39,701	1%	80,394	2
Total Income	3,728,865		3,168,957	
Expenditure				
Pay/Allowances	2,209,519	62%	2,108,070	62
Living	2 81,074	8%	281,070	8
Property	3 26,850	9%	344,843	10
Transport	1 22,248	3%	81,729	2
Administration	2 03,569	6%	114,097	3
Workshop	44,605	1%	53,805	2
Zone Expenditure	90,263	3%	38,925	1
Audit	14,140	0%	14,536	2
Other	25,102	1%	28,699	0.8
Training/Formation	64,354	2%	69,579	2
Depreciation	1 87,846	5%	188,159	6
Loss on disposal of Fixed Assets	5,750	0%	-	0
Total Expenditure	3,563,820		3,323,512	
Total Income over Expenditure	165,045		-154,555	



Joan Costello
Chairperson,
L'Arche Ireland



Mairead Boland-
Brabazon
CEO/Leader –
L'Arche Ireland



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