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KARE

Promoting Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities

About KARE

KARE provides support to people who have an intellectual disability and their families. We were founded in 1967 and work in the mid and south Kildare, east Offaly, west Wicklow and northeast Carlow areas of Ireland. We believe that people with an intellectual disability are important and should be a part of their community like everyone else. We work with each individual who uses the service to support them to develop their skills and abilities so that they can live the life of their choice.

Front Cover

The cover of this report was designed by Eoin O' Malley
The work is titled 'Tiger Stripes'
Eoin researches subjects that interest him online and keeps a digital notebook.
After looking at various images of tigers this painting was produced.

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CEO's Welcome

Once again, 2014 was an extremely busy year for the organisation which is very well summarised in this Annual Report.

With all the emphasis in recent years on cuts, austerity and the challenges that have presented, we should not forget the fact that the organisation continues to grow, develop, innovate and expand even in difficult times. In particular, I continue to be amazed at the commitment and flexibility of all the staff across the organisation who have embraced the challenges and who endeavor to not only ensure that the quality of the service that we provide to the people we support is maintained but indeed, that new initiatives and new developments continue to be promoted.

One such initiative has been the partnership with Maynooth University called the "Inclusive Learning Initiative". This is particularly innovative in that the students with intellectual disabilities are participating in regular classes with non-disabled students within the University. I was deeply honoured to be invited to the first graduation of students with intellectual disabilities during 2014. The pride of the individuals concerned, their families and indeed, their fellow students was extremely impressive. This is just one example of some of the exciting and progressive work that continues in KARE. I would encourage you to read this report which gives details on many of the other exciting projects/initiatives in which we are involved.

Christy Lynch
Chief Executive Officer

Chairperson's Report

As I look back on 2014, I think it will stand out as potentially a very important year for KARE as an organisation. You will be aware, that much discussion has taken place at national level about disability organisations, their governance and indeed, a view that there are too many small organisations and that the sector needs to be rationalised. In light of all this, the Board have been reflecting on where the disability sector is going into the future and we are very keen to ensure that the excellent services and supports that KARE has developed not only continues to exist but continues to expand and develop in the future. It is clear this future will be different but will also present many exciting opportunities for growth and development. With this in mind, the decision was made by the Board to enter into formal discussions with Sunbeam House Services to explore the potential for closer collaboration between the two agencies. This process is now underway and a joint Steering Committee has been appointed representing the Boards of the two agencies, the two Chief Executives, the HSE and a Project Manager. It is clear, even at this early stage, that there is much in common between the two organisations as both of them are very focused on person centeredness, family involvement and the promotion of excellence and high quality services.

As Chair, I want to pay tribute and thank in particular, all of my colleagues on the Board for all of their hard work throughout the year. I wish to thank the staff of KARE for their ongoing commitment and dedication in what, by any standard, is a difficult time for charitable organisations. I would also like to thank all of our funders in particular, our main funder the HSE who have worked very closely with the organisation to address some of the financial challenges which we face. Finally, to people who use the service and their families, I wish to commit the continued efforts of the Board to ensure that the people we support continue to have the highest quality supports, in order to assist them in leading their meaningful and fulfilled lives.

Antoinette Buggle
Chairperson

Build Supports for a Good Life

Facilitate individuals to have more control over their lives

Gillian Moore and Declan O'Connor met through going to Dara Respite a number of years ago. They get on great but only had the opportunity to meet up while in respite. This has changed over the past year.

"Every Wednesday I go over to Clane or Gill comes over here. It makes me feel brilliant because we go walking every Wednesday and sometimes go out for tea. It feels good that I can do this myself and I can travel on the bus independently"

Declan

"My travel training has given me independence. It has given me a chance to experience new places and the freedom to meet with friends" Gillian

Thomas Doran from Dunlavin held a coffee morning in Kilcullen Local service on November 7th 2014. Thomas chose St. Brigid's Hospice in The Curragh as the charity he would most like to raise funds for in recognition of the great work that they do. With the help and support of both staff and families of Kilcullen Local Service the coffee morning raised €426.00.

Ross Connolly and Stephanie Power graduated from the National University of Ireland Maynooth in September 2014. Ross studied Community and Youth Work while Stephanie studied Product Design and Music. Both were awarded a Certificate of Individual Learning from NUIM.

Build supports which lead to inclusion, contribution and friendships

Michael Connolly from Tinahely has a part time job in Centra, Tinahely. He is very proud of this and is a highly valued member of the Centra team. This interdependent relationship has been ongoing for over ten years and Michael is well known amongst staff and customers alike. Michael is very well known around Tinahely town and also works in a voluntary capacity in the local GAA grounds. This community contribution is valued highly.

"I take my job seriously and like talking to the customers. My job makes me feel happy and great. The staff treat me with respect. My heart is smiling when I walk in the door of my job" Michael

Joe Faney successfully completed a Sponsored Parachute Jump of 10,000 feet last Aug 2014, his goal was to raise €1,000 for charity. Joe raised well over €1,000 for the Cheshire Adventure Motivation Project which is a self-funded charity which relies mainly on fundraising to run motivation activity CAMP's for those with physical disabilities. www.camp.ie

"The experience gave me massive confidence, I remember being faced with a challenge to suppress myself when the door of the plane opened!" Joe

Padraig Reilly who uses Blessington Local Service was awarded Sports Person of the year from The Blessington and District Forum as part of the Community Excellence Awards. This was in recognition for Padraig's achievement of winning gold in Pitch & Put at the Special Olympics.

"I was very happy to have been chosen for the award and felt it was a big achievment for me personally"

Padraig

Develop our services so that they enable flexible and responsive supports which meet the needs of individuals

The Think Local Act Personal Project commenced in 2013. The aim of the project is to further develop how we support individuals to live a self-directed life with self-determination, family involvement and support and active citizenship at the core. Within the Naas area we have used the staffing resources in a creative way to ensure the individuals living in our Community Houses, Lakelands and Morell, can be supported on an individualised basis. Each person living in these houses now leads their life from their home and is supported to work, volunteer and socialise in their local community in a way that is meaningful to them.

"My name is Sheila Byrne and I have been living in my own self-contained apartment since October 2013. I love having my own space and one to one support from staff. I used to find it difficult at times when I was sharing with other service users so my new place suits my needs much better. I can listen to my cd and do my jigsaws when I feel like it. Staff support me to keep my apartment clean, do my laundry and to prepare and cook my meals. My staff support me to do the things in the community that I like to do, Aqua Aerobics, Bowling, Art Classes and go to the Cinema. I also enjoy Swimming and my Voluntary Work." Sheila

"My name is Mandy Sharpe. I live in an apartment in Clane. I gave up day service in September 2014 and I did this because I wanted to do my own activities from my apartment. This works better for me because I control everything I do and have a staff to support me with my activities every day. Some things I love about being at home during the day are that I've lost weight as I now walk everyday .I still visit my friends from Local Service and I still go to classes and courses. I love that I am out in my local area more and I am happy to have someone to talk to everyday."

Mandy

Work with families

Increase the opportunities for families to become involved in leading and developing supports and services

KARE held a workshop in conjunction with Inclusion Ireland around the new Assisted Decision Making Bill 2013. This workshop was very well attended and it was very informative. It brought to mind the complexity of Irish Law when it comes to someone with an intellectual disability making their own decisions. It was extraordinary to hear that the existing legislation dates back to 1871. The new legislation sets out to allow people who are believed to have limited 'capacity' to make decisions to better manage their personal, property and financial affairs through a range of decision making supports. The present government have promised that the new Bill will be introduced as soon as possible, hopefully within their term of office

Josephine, Donna and Ciara at the Kilcullen Fun Run

We are continually developing how we offer Short Breaks (Respite) to families and people who use our service. We now have a range of options available including house based short breaks, breaks with host families, Saturday Clubs and Summer Camps. Josephine Larkin and her family got involved in the Share a Break programme in October 2015 and are a regular host family to Donna Dunne.

"Despite being nervous at the start of this process having regard to my lack of experience of living with a person with a disability, it has been a truly rewarding endeavour. I need not have worried because Donna, my family and I quickly developed a good relationship through our common interests. I feel that our family has extended and I love having Donna visiting with us. Share a Break has been, and I hope will continue to be, a wonderful and enriching experience. I would highly recommend this to others".

Josephine

"I never really liked going to respite since they moved it out of Newbridge. I went but I wasn't happy about it. Then I got a share a break family and it was brilliant. They are so nice and they have horses and dogs and cats and I love going to stay with them. It's much better than respite and I look forward to seeing Josephine, Michael, Ciara, Martina, Derek and all the animals. It's like a dream come true." Donna

Secure and Manage Sustainable Resources

Use our resources in a way that best supports individuals

Peter Furlong (KARE), Anne Coffey (KARE), Carol Cuffe (HSE) and Wendy Flood (Project Search)

In response to the need for something different, KARE has developed Saturday Clubs for children as a means of giving their family a break while at the same ensuring their family member has a good time. Sharing of resourses across the organisation has made this a viable alternative to our traditional house based Short Breaks. Buildings and transport used to support adults during the week are made available to Saturday Clubs at the weekend, while volunteers are an invaluable additional support to paid staff. Aisling O'Shaughnessy, a recently recruited volunteer says ***"I volunteer at the Saturday club at the end of each month. I really enjoy these days, I find them incredibly rewarding and it makes you take a step back and appreciate all that you have in life. The children and staff that I work with are great and it is fun to come to the Saturday club. I certainly get more back than I give with this experience".***

Project SEARCH, based in Naas Hospital, was nominated for an award at the Irish Healthcare Awards 2014. We were delighted that the project was runner up in the Best Hospital Project section. We were the only nominee that came from the Intellectual Disability sector and we were competing against hospitals and health services throughout the country.

One of our longest serving volunteers who commenced in 1998 is Monica O'Connor in Athy Local Service. Monica says ***"My husband died suddenly and my whole life was turned upside down overnight. I took some time to evaluate my life and I decided to get involved in volunteering and that is what brought me to KARE. I had little experience of dealing with young adults with intellectual disabilities but the training in KARE prior to my commencing was invaluable. In the beginning I worked with individuals which I found very rewarding. As the years proceeded I got more and more involved in the Local Service. I did a Literacy Course in KARE which I found fantastic and I now give Literacy classes in Athy. I really enjoy the time I spend in KARE and it gives me great satisfaction to see the service users making big strides and others making tiny but important strides. I can say that I have gained a lot by my involvement in KARE and it has helped me in getting my life back on track".***

Our Young People

The Early Years Preschool 2014 Summer Camp was a fun time for all involved. We visited Baltinglass for horse riding, sensory gardens and rancho Reilly's farm in Carlow, wallaby woods pet farm in Donadea, Imaginosity and the zoo in Dublin.

At the Family Day parents spent lots of time viewing all the photos from during the year and summer camp activities. Parents, grandparents, siblings, clinicians and KARE staff really enjoyed the graduations and home baking and had lots of fun with the clown and bouncy castle.

Pictured at the 40th Celebrations are amongst others Peter Donohoe and Noeleen Burke

Opening its doors for the first time on 13th March 1974 with 21 pupils, 2014 was the year that saw St. Mark's School celebrate 40 years in existence. 2014 also brought a change in Principal, with Peter Donohoe retiring after over 30 years and Alma Carley being appointed his successor. St. Marks School Choir also won the All Ireland Schools Choir competition in 2014 after battling it out against 11 other choirs from across the country.

Gaisce the President's Award

Gaisce is The President's Award and it is open to young people between the ages of 15 and 25 and involves 3 levels of award bronze, silver and gold. The awards are presented to those who complete specific challenges. In 2014, ten people completed the challenges required to achieve their bronze award, five people completed challenges to receive their silver award.

KARE first approached Gaisce back in 2011, to enquire whether it was possible for us to work with them and support our young service users to be recognised for the challenges they were already taking on every day. Such everyday challenges included learning new skills, taking part in sporting activities and health programs and becoming actively involved in their communities.

This led to the first group of staff being trained as President Award Leaders (PALs) thus starting us on a road which has seen service users (and staff) stretching themselves to achieve new goals and overcome personal challenges. Since then, a further twelve staff have gone on to become leaders. A member of the first group to take on the Gaisce challenge; Barry Russell, also went on to train as a President Award Leader, after showing great leadership skills and support and encouragement to his peers on the first Adventure Journey.

From the first Adventure Journey to Glendalough and seeing this pioneering group of young people taking on the challenge of the Spinc walk, to the different challenge of cooking a dinner that all the group was happy to eat, to now working with the 4th group of people taking on the Bronze challenge; it has been an amazing Journey for all concerned.

Not all the challenges have been physical ones. People have gone out into their communities and challenged peoples' perceptions about what people with intellectual disabilities have to contribute and have shown themselves to be valued members of a team.

For any person not able to take on the distance challenge of the Adventure Journey (25km for Bronze, 50 km for Silver and 100km for Gold), there is the Exploration aspect. This involves research, photographing and recording the experience of the group as they venture away for home.

For some, the Adventure Journey is their first time away from family and can be a little daunting, however having the support of their peers is always a comfort and the inevitable 'craic' that goes with it.

The challenges take time and commitment and there are times where people think of giving up, but through the group meetings we encourage people to keep going and offer support and advice if people are struggling. The support of family is vital to people completing their challenge, in particular with the community challenge.

As we prepare for another Adventure Journey for both the Silver and Bronze groups, people continue with their other challenges, be it physical, personal skill or community.

Snippets from 2014

Lukasz Cisowski, John Paul Tobin, Aoife Cully, Graeme Kelly, Dhanya Lynch & Samantha Duggan making huge strides on their Gaisce adventure

John Paul Tobin & Peadar McCormack with their Gaisce Awards

Presentation to The Friends of St. Brigids Hospice by Thomas Doran & Keith Mannis with Eileen McDonald, Chairperson Friends St. Brigids Hospice & Dolly Weller.

Eileen Leslie volunteering with the U6 Training at Rheban GAA Club Athy

Mr.Gerard Foley on the beat

Blessington Local Service are all smiles on receiving a new bus with thanks to the fundraising efforts of Blessington Branch

Michael Connolly & Sean Barrett getting all revved up at the Tinahely Tractor Run in aid of KARE organised by the Tinahely Branch

Celine Byrne & Dermot Shortt at Celines' concert in Naas Parish Church in aid of KARE organised by KARE's Branch network

Facts and Figures

In 2014 KARE:

Supported 23 children in their local preschool through the HSE Early Years Support Team

Supported 18 children in the Early Years Preschool in Newbridge

Provided education to 124 children in its special schools

Supported 287 people through its network of Local Services

Supported 23 people through its outreach programme

Supported 10 people to participate in Project Search

Supported 47 people to live in a Community House

Supported 24 people to live in their own home

Provided 172 families with short breaks

Employed 276 whole time equivalent staff

Trained 28 people through its Solas funded
Local Training Initiative Intellectual Disability Support
and
Community Support Worker Programmes

Supported 90 people to gain work experience through its Department of Social Protection funded Community Employment Schemes.

Facilitated 32 school/college students to undertake work experience

Received 16 complaints/allegations

KARE Supports and Services

Clinical Supports to Children

In the Kildare West Wicklow area, a partnership between the HSE, St. John of God's Services Kildare, Enable Ireland Kildare West Wicklow Service, The Muiríosa Foundation and KARE has been set up to oversee the establishment of three Disability Network Teams. The Teams comprise of a full range of clinical personnel from the partnership agencies and are located in Clane, serving the north of the county, in Naas serving the mid county and in Monasterevin serving the south of the county. All children who previously received clinical services from the partnership organisations now receive their services through the Network Disability Teams.

Pre-School Children

KARE provides supports to children in the 3 -5 age group in a special pre-school located in Scoil na Naomh Uilig in Newbridge. KARE also supports children in mainstream pre-schools in their own community.

School Age Children

KARE is Patron of St. Anne's and St. Mark's Special Schools. St. Anne's School provides education to children with moderate, severe and profound intellectual disabilities between the ages of 5 to 18. St. Mark's School provides education to children with a mild general intelectual disability between the ages of 6 – 18 years. KARE also work with Scoil na Naomh Uilig, a mainstream school in Newbridge, Co. Kildare who enrol pupils with significant intellectual disabilities.

KARE provide Short Breaks (Respite) to pupils of St. Anne's and St. Mark's Special School and those in Scoil na Naomh Uilig with significant disabilities. Access to Short Breaks is managed in conjunction with the Kildare West Wicklow Network Disability Teams.

Adults

KARE support adults with an intellectual disability through its network of Local Services, Community Houses and Outreach Programme. Services are designed to enable each individual to lead the life of their choice, with support as required in areas such as personal development, further education, employment, leisure, sport and health and well-being. A key focus is on involvement and participation in the local community. Families are supported through the provision of information, guidance and short breaks.

Map of KARE Services

Governance of KARE

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and financial governance of KARE. The CEO and Deputy CEO also attend Board meetings and act as a link to the strategic and operational management of the organisation.

Board of Directors 2013 - 2014

Chairperson:	Antoinette Buggle	
Vice Chairperson:	Frida Lowry	
Hon. Secretary:	Pauline Wallace	
Hon. Treasurer:	Marjorie Moore	
Branch Representatives:	Ann Healy	Maura Mangan
	Ned Kehoe	Nuala Leeson
	John O'Donoghue	Pat Dalton
	Kathleen O'Connor	Ruth McSherry
Family Representatives:	Kathleen Murphy	Raymond Fenton
	Teresa Donohoe	Therese Barry
	Mary Shortt	Therese Connolly
Co-Options:	Ann McKenna	Betty Dunne
	Anne Mullally	Kathleen Moloney

Attendance at Meetings of the Board of Directors:

Surname	Forename	Jan.	March	April	May	June	Aug.	Oct.	Nov.
Barry	Therese	✔	✔		✔	✔	✔		✔
Buggle	Antoinette	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔	
Connolly	Therese			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Dalton	Pat	✔		✔	✔		✔	✔	
Donohoe	Teresa	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔	✔	
Dunne	Elizabeth		✔	✔		✔	✔	✔	✔
Fenton	Raymond		✔	✔	✔			✔	✔
Healy	Ann	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	
Kehoe	Ned	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔
Leeson	Nuala	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Lowry	Frida	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
McKenna	Ann	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔
McSherry	Ruth	✔	✔		✔			✔	
Mangan	Maura		✔		✔	✔		✔	
Moloney	Kathleen		✔						✔
Moore	Marjorie	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔
Mullally	Anne	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	
Murphy	Kathleen	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔
O'Connor	Kathleen			✔	✔			✔	✔
O'Donoghue	John		✔	✔					✔
Shortt	Mary	✔	✔			✔	✔	✔	
Wallace	Pauline	✔			✔	✔			

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Directors. It is responsible for overseeing the organisation's finances. They meet on a quarterly basis.

Chairperson: Marjorie Moore

Members: Antoinette Buggle, Sean Bagnall, Ned Kehoe

School Boards of Management

KARE, in its role as patron of St Mark's School and St. Anne's school nominates two delegates to the board of management of each school, one of these nominees' acts as chairperson of the board. New Boards of Management were established in December 2011, these run for a four year period.

St. Anne's School Board of Management 2014

Chairperson *(Patron's Nominee)*	Christy Lynch
Secretary *(Principal)*	Pauline Dempsey
Patron's Nominee	Bernadette Forde
Parent's Nominees	John Hogan, Lorraine Higgins
Teacher's Nominee	Louise Reynolds
Community Nominees	Conal Boyce, Edmond Fogarty

St. Mark's School Board of Management 2014

Chairperson *(Patron's Nominee)*	Raymond Fenton
Secretary *(Principal)*	Peter Donohoe *(Alma Carey from September 2014)*
Patron's Nominee	Sarah Kelly
Teacher's Nominee	Aileen O'Brien
Parent's Nominees	Debbie Reilly, Alan Beale
Community Nominees	Eva O'Brien , Pat Kiernan

Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the financial statements of KARE, Promoting Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities for the year ended 31st December 2014 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Secton 391 of the Companies Act, 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of preforming the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Independent Auditors' Report

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31st December 2014 and of its excess income for the year then ended; and

- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Acts 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purpose of our audit;

- in our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.

- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

- in our opinion the information given in the directors report is consistent with the financial statements;

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of our obligation under the Companies Act 2014 to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors remuneration and transactions specified by law of the act are not made.

Raymond Smyth
For and on behalf of
Smyth & Co. Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
The Village Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24
Date: 30th June 2015

2014 Audited Accounts

The Finance Committee together with the Finance Department have worked hard to efficiently and effectively manage the organisation's finances for 2014.

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2014

	2014	2013
	€	€
Income	19,016,885	17,789,294
Expenditure	(18,999,107)	(17,718,557)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**17,778**	**70,737**

Accumulated Fund Account for the year 31st December 2013

	2014	2013
	€	€
Balance	(13,162)	(83,899)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	17,778	70,737
Balance carried forward	**4,616**	**(13,162)**

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2013

	2014		2013	
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets		12,119,271		12,842,625
Current Assets				
Debtors	823,110		916,926	
Branch Funds at Bank	581,729		640,281	
Cash at bank and in hand	476,412		208,824	
	1,881,251		1,766,031	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year -	1,457,592		(1,394,193)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets		423,659		371,838
Total assets less current liabilities		12,542,930		13,214,463
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(8,107,220)		(8,519,736)
Net assets		4,435,710		4,694,727
Reserves				
Branch Accumuated Fund		581,729		640,281
Capital Grants		3,849,365		4,067,608
Revenue reserves account		4,616		(13,162)
		4,435,710		4,694,727

In Memory

Edward Dowling
September 1971 - February 2014
R.I.P.

Edward sadly passed away on 26th February, 2014.
A devoted Man Utd. fan he was very enthusiastic follower of soccer.
He was a member of KARE's Soccer Team for a number of years,
winning a National Cup with them.
In 2003 he reached the pinnacle of soccer when he represented Ireland
at the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Dublin.
He had many friends both in KARE and the Platinum Clubhouse in Newbridge
and is still fondly remembered by them all.
Eddie touched the hearts of many a person who worked alongside him
and all who did still miss him greatly, and cherish the great memory we have together,
he was a great guy.

May he rest in peace.

Gerard Murphy
January 1957 – July 2014
R.I.P.

We will always cherish our memories of Gerard
who spent many happy years with us in the Lalor Centre.
He was a 'Gentleman' in every way.
Gerard loved his chats and cup of coffee with his many friends
and whoever popped into the centre.
When introducing himself he was 'Mr Murphy'.
Gerard you are sadly missed by us all.

"In a gentle way you shake the world"

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