

Irvinestown Community Partnership Membership

Irvinestown Dramatic Society
Irvinestown Lawn Tennis Club
Irvinestown Scouts
Irvinestown Trendsetters
Irvinestown Community Choir
Irvinestown Community Playgroup
Irvinestown full-time Youth Club
Irvinestown Wanderers F.C
ST. Molaise G.A.C.
Irvinestown Fairs and Market Trustees
ITEC
Irvinestown Community Association
The Lady of the Lake Festival
The Lake Women's Group
Friends of Lowtherstown Court
St. Molaise Community Group
Boys Brigade
Young Wives Group
Fermanagh Branch Chernobyl Children Appeal
Sallyswood & Castle St Residents Group
ARC Healthy Living Centre
Breathe Easy Fermanagh & Tyrone
Chit Chat
Strule Day Care
St Vincent de Paul
PSNI
Woman's Aid
The Sham Wheelers

Making Irvinestown a Dementia Friendly Community

This year Irvinestown Community Partnership will focus on **making Irvinestown a dementia friendly town and caring community** that looks out for its people. Over the years it has become apparent that the number of people with dementia in the county has grown. Many in our own community are making valiant efforts to live independent lives with the support of families and organisations such as the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia NI. However too often there is a reluctance among family members to talk about the disease because of its stigma and lack of understanding.

As a town we wish to help people of all ages - from children in Sure Start to senior groups understand what dementia is. We also want to show as a town and community we can support people with memory difficulties in their daily lives and know that their lives will be enriched and fulfilled.

Dementia NI has a local empowerment group, The group covering the Omagh and Fermanagh area meets once per month for two hours in the Arc Healthy Living Centre in Irvinestown and runs between the hours of 11 -1pm and light refreshments are supplied.

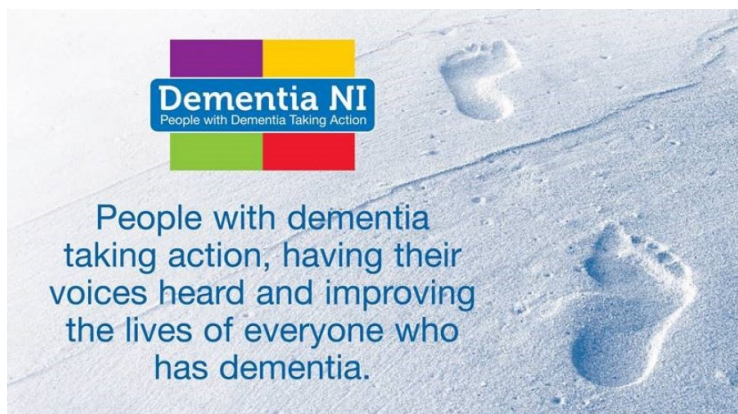
If you are living with a diagnosis of dementia and are interested in joining please get in contact with your local Empowerment Officer; Paula Canney on 07966881422 or email paula@dementiani.org

If you would like any more information about the Partnership or if your group would like to join.....

Contact Peggy at the ARC
on 028 686 28741



People with dementia
taking action, having their
voices heard and improving
the lives of everyone who
has dementia.



Irvinestown

Annual Report
2016-2017

Community Partnership

Chairpersons Report or "What Ted Said..."

Hi Folks, welcome to our annual Report, and the 21st year of ICP!

What a year its been. Global changes that we wouldn't have thought possible at our AGM last year have happened. There has been much talk in the media about the potential consequences of Brexit, President Trumps foreign policy and the lack of a functioning devolved Government in Northern Ireland. So what can we do? Continue to meet. Work together to make our own community a little bit better for our people, and maybe even tell a few jokes.

We may not be able to influence much outside of the 40 mile an hour signs, but we can locally do things that matter, like make Irvinestown a Dementia Friendly Community. We, as a community partnership can share part of the responsibility for ensuring that people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community, and that's the key message at our 2017 AGM.

The partnership meetings throughout the year have been greatly enhanced by the wonderful speakers. At our AGM last year we were genuinely inspired by Edward McGarrity and his account of the formation of the Fairs and Market Trustees and the longevity of their efforts to bring our community together. Bernard O'Shea from Barnardos was also in attendance and gave information about the Satchel Project, funded by the Social Investment Fund.

ICP met again on 9th June when we reviewed the needs and emerging needs within our community. In September we welcomed Mary McConville from Arthritis Care. In November we welcomed 3 speakers. in a very informative meeting we heard about the work of the ASPIRE project, Dementia NI, and the plans for the safe disposal of prescription and illicit drugs through a specialist bin to be located in the ARC, and I still had everyone out at 8!



Summer volunteers

Then of course we had our Annual Oscars for volunteers in November and congratulations to all the nominees and to Joe Mahon the overall winner.

In February we met again and we welcomed Lizzy Kemp from The Daisy project. The service is for young people and young adults aged 11 – 25 years whose substance use is impacting them, their families or communities and who are willing to seek support.

So all in all we had a very busy year. It was wonderful to see the Trustees and local business support a community calendar showcasing local images this year, and I encourage all to enter the photography competition featured overleaf. I will be sending in a beautiful picture of myself this year.

Seriously folks, I strongly encourage everyone to support our local businesses. Irvinestown is lucky to have a variety of independent retailers, making our Main Street unique and vibrant, but without support local businesses will find it difficult to compete against the big multi nationals, so try and shop local, and support local jobs.

The Lady of the Lake Festival 2016 was a tremendous success. The Fair Day has grown in popularity and the street was packed with tourists and local people enjoying the entertainment. Its wonderful to see the range of volunteer activity ongoing and developing in the town, local groups contribute to fitness, fundraising and cross community engagement. We are delighted the Sham Wheelers are the newest member of ICP.



Mission Statement...

"Irvinestown Community Partnership is established to promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Irvinestown and the surrounding area by bringing together community and voluntary groups to develop and implement community development strategies with the objective of improving the quality of community life. of the people of the area."

“Volunteer Awards 2016”

Irvinestown Community Partnership annually celebrates the spirit of volunteering locally with the Margaret Wilson perpetual Award for outstanding voluntary endeavour. The award is a living tribute to the late Margaret Wilson, the visionary behind the concept of the community partnership.

This year's winner was announced at a celebration dinner on Friday 18th November 2016 in Mahon's Hotel,. In all 16 nominations were received, 9 voluntary groups and 7 individual volunteers. The Groups and individual volunteers supported a broad range of activity from Cherish Surestart which caters for the needs of young children and their families through to Friends of Lowtherstown Court a charity supporting older people.

All nominees had their moment in the spotlight when MC Ted Maye invited BBC Correspondent Louise Cullen to outline the work done by these unsung heroes. The Groups and individual volunteer was then brought forward to the sounds of a specially chosen piece of music. Good humour and personal tributes ensured that the atmosphere was both inspiring and uplifting.

Prior to the announcement of the overall winners Cllr Raymond Farrell from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council described the event as “inspiring and uplifting”. He congratulated the local community and said many could learn from the shining example of community unity and stressed that Northern Ireland had much to learn from the example set by Irvinestown. He went on to describe volunteering as invaluable on an individual level, but stressed it was also important on a community level.

“It is important that this event is recognised and praised. We need to say thank you more often and I commend this community for taking time to thank the people that make life better for others.”



The celebrations culminated in the announcement of the 2016 winners. The volunteer group that had been judged by their peers to be most deserving of the title, and the individual volunteer who had most impressed the judging panel.

The 2016 group award was given to The summer scheme volunteers (15 per mentors and 8 volunteers, age range 12yrs – 17yrs) who contributed 2140 voluntary hours over the 6 weeks of the summer scheme 2016. These young people attended the training provided by the ARC in preparation for the summer scheme and helped to design and plan the entire programme in support of the summer scheme leaders. 80% of our young volunteers had actually been children on the summer scheme themselves and they are now giving freely of their time to deliver happy childhood memories for the next generation. It is very impressive that our young people are willing give so much of their summer holidays to help others.

After much suspense and many more jokes from Ted, Joe Mahon was named as the 2016 title holder of the individual award. Joe has been involved in many organisation and much charitable / fundraising efforts, but he is best known for his long association with the Lady of the Lake Festival Committee, where he diligently serves as a committee member, Chairperson and currently vice Chairperson.

This is the biggest cross community festival held in Northern Ireland. Visitors and locals alike join in the festivities and craic. The Festival is a celebration of community cohesion and enjoyed by all. That was always the intention of the original founders. 37 years ago Northern Ireland was a place of conflict and division. Local people like Joe realised that unless the community came together to promote collective celebrations it was at risk of being torn apart by differences, perceived or actual. Joe has helped raise over £600,000 for Marie Curie Charity. That is an incredible achievement. The Irvinestown Truck Run fundraising effort has directly supported very many individuals and families affected by cancer and life limiting illness.

Joe's family and many friends were delighted by the announcement and selection panel member Victoria Wilson described the award as very well deserved.

Diary Date's.....

ARC SUMMER SCHEME 2017

Registration is taking place in

ACTIVE ALLSORTS on

**Saturday 17th June 2017 @
10.am**

**For more information con-
tact ARC on**

028 686 28741



Irvinestown Community Choir



Cordially invite you to enjoy:

"Music for a May evening"

4th May 2017

8pm at The Bawnacre Centre

Tickets £7.50 Supper will be served



Table Quiz

In aid of Mencap

Friday 7th May 2017 at 8.30pm

Mollys Bar, Irvinestown. All welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Irvinestown Calendar 2018

Irvinestown Fairs & Markets Trustees

invite you to enter their free competition

(Competition will open late September)

Criteria: Photographs of Irvinestown's local scenery/seasons/events

All photos must be taken within a five mile radius of Irvinestown (limit of two photos per entry)

Margaret Wilson Awards..continued

List of nominees 2016

NOMINEE

NOMINATOR

Joe Mahon	Irvinestown Dramatics
Families of Finn & Tilly	ARC Centre
Una Magee	Irvinestown Choir
Service User Reps	SOLACE
Summer Scheme Volunteers	EDGE
Lady of the Lake Festival	ITEC
ACCESS Volunteers	ACCESS
Irvinestown Scouts	Irvinestown Scouts
Jo Anne Irwin	Cherish Sure Start
Dodie Maguire	Friends of Lowther stown Court
Andrew Wilson	Chit Chat
Liam Donnelly	St. Molaise GFC
Mary Maguire	IFMT
Florence Barrett	Irvinestown Boys Brigade
Trendsetters	Trendsetters Irvinestown
Paddy Mc Cann	Lady of the Lake Festival

Women's Yoga

10 week programme commencing

Wed 19th April 11-12pm in Tullynagarn

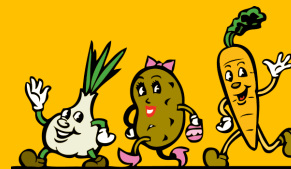
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Irvinestown

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