



Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to our first National Symposium on Supporting Individuals with Williams Syndrome which will be held in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Saturday 24 November. The talks will start at 10.30 but you are welcome to come along from 10.00 for tea/coffee to get the day off to a good start! Below is the timetable for the day:

From 10.00 Registration with tea/coffee

10.30 Welcome (Dr. Fionnuala Tynan)

10.45 'Is Williams syndrome a disability?': How people with WS perceive the condition

(Dr. Fionnuala Tynan)

11.30 Parallel sessions

Parents	Professionals
Supporting Positive Behaviour in Children and Adults with WS through Collaborative Proactive Solutions	Developing Dynamic Parent-Professional Partnerships to support Individuals with WS
Presenter: Orla Murphy	Presenter: Anne O'Byrne

12.30 Book Launch: Dr. Patricia Daly will launch the book WiSHES (Williams Syndrome: Holistic educational strategies)

13.15 Lunch

14.15 Parallel sessions

Parents	Professionals
Harnessing the Power of Everyday Technology for Learning	Understanding WS: Meeting the needs of professionals to meet the needs of clients
Presenter: Jean Reale	Presenter: Dr. Fionnuala Tynan and Orla Murphy

15.15 Symposium closure

15.30 Tea/coffee

Adults with WS will have a day of activities to themselves. This will start with a tour of the college and will include a variety of lectures and music/drama/dance activities. Their day will end with a relaxation session in the sensory room!

The children with WS and their siblings (U-16) will also have a range of activities to include art, music, drama, dance and time in the sensory room.

There is a team of student teachers who will look after the children for the day and provide them with lunch to allow parents to talk and participate in the talks. While student teachers will also co-ordinate the programme for the adults with WS, the adults with WS will join the parents and professionals for lunch.

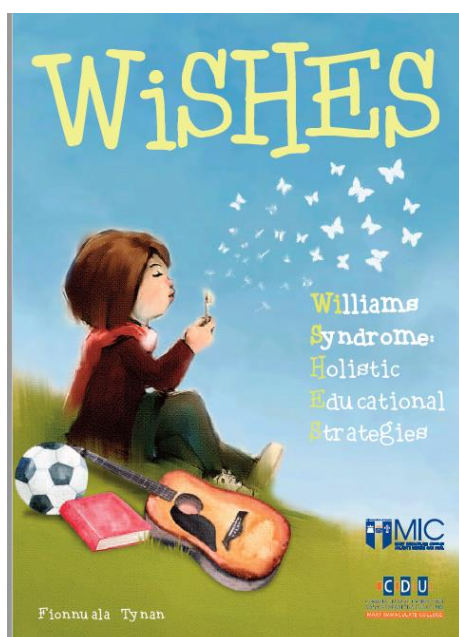
Can I ask that you confirm your attendance with Debbie Brannigan if you haven't done so as room bookings and catering will be based on the number of attendees? Please let her know how many of your children will attend also.

As notified by the secretary of the WSAI, the AGM will take place at 16.00 that day, after the symposium.

I'm very excited about the day and hoping that the line-up of talks is of interest to you. The book that you all supported me with will also be launched on the day, I hope you will all feel a sense of celebration at the launch! To get to Mary Immaculate College the directions are on the next page!

Kind regards,

Fionnuala



Directions to Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

If coming from the Dublin direction, follow the M7 to Limerick. At Junction 2, take the N69 exit to Listowel/Limerick (centre). There are two lanes as part of this exit, keep to the right. At the roundabout, take the fifth exit onto Dock Road/N69. At the next roundabout stay on the Dock Road by taking the second exit. At the next smaller roundabout take the second exit, to stay on the Dock Road. After the roundabout, take a right at the second set of traffic lights onto Courtbrack Avenue. Continue straight up this road. At a small roundabout take the first exit (to go straight ahead). You'll be passing the ground of the college on your left. At the next roundabout, turn left, onto South Circular Road. You'll see the college on your left. Drive in the entrance, veering right into the car park. There will be signs to lead you to the TARA building.

If coming from the Cork direction, follow the N20/M20 to Limerick. Take exit 1 for Galway. Continue on this road and take exit 2 for Listowel/Limerick (centre). There are two lanes as part of this exit, keep to the right. At the roundabout, take the fifth exit onto Dock Road/N69. At the next roundabout stay on the Dock Road by taking the second exit. At the next smaller roundabout take the second exit, to stay on the Dock Road. After the roundabout, take a right at the second set of traffic lights onto Courtbrack Avenue. Continue straight up this road. At a small roundabout take the first exit (to go straight ahead). You'll be passing the ground of the college on your left. At the next roundabout, turn left, onto South Circular Road. You'll see the college on your left. Drive in the entrance, veering right into the car park. There will be signs to lead you to the TARA building.

If coming from the Galway direction, follow the N18 for Cork until you reach the toll tunnel. After the tunnel take the first left (exit 2). At the roundabout take the second exit for Limerick Centre. You are now on the Dock Road. At the next smaller roundabout take the second exit, to stay on the Dock Road. After the roundabout, take a right at the second set of traffic lights onto Courtbrack Avenue. Continue straight up this road. At a small roundabout take the first exit (to go straight ahead). You'll be passing the ground of the college on your left. At the next roundabout, turn left, onto South Circular Road. You'll see the college on your left. Drive in the entrance, veering right into the car park. There will be signs to lead you to the TARA building.