

Williams Syndrome Ireland

Chairman's Report AGM 2019

26th October 2019

Thank you to all those who are in attendance and a warm welcome.

The committee has had a very busy year since the AGM in 2018

Our day in Newbridge House and farm was a delightful day which was organised by Ruth Brabazon and a thank you to Ruth from us all.

I noted on the day the enthusiasm from families for these gatherings and hopefully in 2020 we can organise more.

Junior and Teenage camps were held in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick organised and run by Debbie and Fionnuala with the cooperation and facilitation of the Management of Mary I. I will ask Fionnuala to speak on this. Many thanks to them all.

The weekend in Galway was also a tremendous success. Participation and interaction was great. The music in the Lounge was excellent, as was Tommy's relentless dancing moves. In 2020 we will seek to surpass that success. The aim here would be to better involve the family members with WS, and to seek through meetings with them their preferred activities.

Our Constitution was rewritten to update it. All of the Committee with the guidance and hard work of Tommy brought it to the stage where it could be presented to the Regulator for approval. This approval was granted recently and the committee decided to present it by post to our membership for their approval.

41 voting papers were sent to the paid up members and 38 responses were posted back. 38 were positive, so all is now full steam ahead.

A resounding THANK YOU TO ALL.

Thanks to the efforts of Pauline, Johnson & Johnson kindly decided to sponsor the association for 2019. This meant that we were able, with the experts they provided to update and modernise our printed material, logo and our website.

Coupled with that, the staff has run a series of events to raise funds for the association. Thank you Pauline.

A huge thank you to Tommy for his work on the leaflets, constitution, website and his patience.

Thank you also to Phil, for a tight rein on the finances and her involvement in pushing the regulator for early decisions.

I could go on all day talking about a packed year and efforts of all in pursuing our agendas, but I will leave it at a huge thank you to all on the committee and to those who took part in the activities this last year,