

Laois Friends review a very successful year and look forward to the future.

Laois Friends are delighted to round off a successful programme of events this year with a community Christmas party, which will take place on Sunday December 6th at 3pm, in the Rambling House, at Rockview Walkways. Laois Friends invite you to spend a festive afternoon getting in the Christmas spirit with lively music, delicious refreshments and what would a Christmas party be without a raffle? We hope to see you there!

Looking back on the year, Laois Friends are delighted to have run a successful programme of music events for people with special needs in the community and service users. Our summer programme began in April with monthly Monday morning sessions, for a range of service providers. The monthly Sunday gatherings also grew in popularity over the summer, with John Hosey and Joe Downey providing great music for each session respectively. Dancing, chatting and refreshments made for time well spent by all.

Monday 9th November's session closed our 2015 programme in style, with a great attendance, which included patrons from Dove House, Rowanberry Services and Nua Healthcare. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in Spring of 2016.

Laois Friends would also like to acknowledge the ongoing developments within service providers this year and express our continued interest in working with all services in the New Year. To this end, we hope to meet with service providers in early 2016, for a comprehensive planning meeting, to see how we can work together to best utilize Rockview Walkways and Rambling House in continuing to provide a range of recreational opportunities for those who need them in our community.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and funders for their continued support this year and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

For further information on the Christmas party or any of Laois Friends' initiatives, please contact Michael Deevy on 057 8627062.