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Special Olympics World Summer Games

Los Angeles, California was the host venue for the **Special Olympics World Games** which ran from the 25th July to the 2nd August 2015. Team Ireland had 88 Athletes competing in various Olympic-Style events across different areas of L.A. Our Congratulations go to all Team Ireland athletes who competed with a special Arch honour to :

- Lisa O'Brien, Mallow Arch Club**
- Brian Hooper, Gorey Arch Club**
- Paul Keane, Gorey Arch Club**
- Martina Walsh, Ballinrobe Arch Club**
- Billy Kane, (Remember Us) Balbriggan Arch Club**
- Andrew Armitage, (Remember Us) Balbriggan Arch Club**
- Clare Nolan, Dublin South Arch Club**
- Megan Reynolds, Dublin South Arch Club**
- James Meenan, Dundalk Arch Club**
- Paul Kirrane, Ennis Arch Club**
- Francis Power, Navan Arch Club**

Our congratulations also go to Stuart McCarthy of the Ballincollig Arch Club who became a world champion in the mixed ability rugby as part of the Munster team. The games were held in England during the summer.

Facebook Page for club Committees to keep in touch

This page will initially be used for Arch Club committees to communicate with one another only but can expand if in time it is needed. If your club does not already have their own Facebook page feel free to get in touch and I will help you set one up.
Regards, Valerie.

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Dublin South Arch Club enjoying the August Summer Camp



Thanks to all the members who have filled these pages.
There is something on its way in the post to all whose contributions appear. Paint a picture for your 'Archbeat', write a poem, send in a letter or a picture of yourself.
Don't forget to send us your name and club name with your entry.
Perhaps friends, volunteers, parents could help?
Send to: 74 Meadow Grove, Dublin, 16.

To submit **articles** in the next edition of Archbeat, send your stories, news and photos to: **Ann Marie Ellison, 39 Cherry Park, Swords, Co. Dublin, or if possible, e-mail to: ame Ellison@hotmail.com**

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Friendship Clubs for People with Special Needs

Dundalk Arch Club

The **Dundalk Arch Club** was founded in 1977 in order to provide recreational and social facilities for people with learning disabilities in Dundalk and surrounding areas. Today they have over 125 members and meet up in the Dominican Hall at the Friary School on Anne Street, Dundalk every Thursday Evening from 7:00 until 9:00 running weekly discos, snooker and arts & crafts lessons or members can just relax with their friends over a cup of coffee. Seasonal parties are arranged at Hallowe'en, Christmas, Valentine's and Easter. We aim to raise awareness locally to the service that our Arch club provides, as it's the only social center of its kind in the Dundalk area. The long term goal of our Arch Club is to have our own premises so we can be more flexible and expand our service. If you would like to know more about us log on to www.dundalkarchclub.com or like us on www.facebook.com/ArchClubDundalk or follow us on twitter @DlkArchClub or contact Carol Halpin on 086 1785869.

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Junior Clubs

To: All Junior Clubs

Dear All,

Just writing to you to let you know a Junior Arch Club National Party is being arranged for **Sunday 6th December in the Regency Hotel, Whitehall, Dublin**, from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. Price per person €18 including lunch (chicken and chips and dessert) followed by disco, children's entertainment and a visit from a very special man in red!! If you have any Junior Members under-18 who wish to attend in your club please contact me.

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The Rainbow Junior Arch Club

Our group is a Saturday social club for children with special needs and their families from North Dublin and Fingal who come together to enjoy the fun, friendship and activities on offer. Our club is for children who are differently enabled. Our children's smiles and laughter tell us we're on the right track. Brothers and sisters are also encouraged to join in - we want them to have a good time as well. Our Saturday activities vary from one week to another and we also have weekends away, day trips as well as trips to the pantomime and the bowling alley. If the above interests you please come and visit our community based club and find out what it is all about and what activities we do! It's a great opportunity for the children to meet other children and have fun while parents get to chat with other parents.

Contact Lisa Jones 085 8508316

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Pictured left: Orla from Trim Arch Club and also RDAI who took part in the Dublin Horse Show. Pictured above: Rainbow Volunteers sharing their skills with junior arch members.

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Cork Christmas Party

The Munster Great Escapes Arch Club is hosting a Christmas Party weekend in beautiful West Cork, and is hoping other Arch Clubs would join them again this year for a weekend of fun and friendship. The weekend kicks off on Friday 27th November 2015. Your Group will be met by bus at Patrick's Quay (behind the Metropole Hotel) @ 5.00pm

For further details please contact:

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Monaghan Arch Club

After our summer break the club got into full swing with music by Barry Kerr. Our club road bowlers were in great form after their very successful All-Ireland win in Westport and we were delighted to see all the trophies they had won. As usual we had several birthdays to celebrate. Archbeat also sends its congratulations to Lee McMahon, who recently graduated and to Kevin Owen who celebrated his big 40 and to the whole of the Monaghan Arch Club, who will be 30 years on the go on the 17th October .



2016 40th Anniversary

Next year is our 40th Anniversary of the Arch Clubs starting in Ireland and so we hope to have a few celebrations. A senior and junior party will be arranged again, but as a special celebration a Matinee Variety Show in the Helix Dublin, for October 2016 is planned, where each club can enter an act, be it singing, dancing or drama. I believe this is a great opportunity for our members to showcase their wonderful talents on stage and to highlight what Arch Clubs are all about. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mary Davitt, PRO

086 8649415

Arch Volunteer, Dundalk

Well Done Wayne Mooney for going over to Los Angeles to volunteer at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. He is also a volunteer at the Dundalk Arch Club.

A big thank you to Wayne for also setting up our website www.dundalkarchclub.com and our Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Carol Halpin

Pictured below: Members of Leixlip Arch Club have returned from their summer holidays and can't wait to go again!

