




MWB Autism Support

Supporting all areas in Midlands, West and Border regions

Registered Charity No: 20074531

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017

Dear Member

The membership year runs from 1 January-31 December 2016 so membership fees are now due for 2017. The good news is that the fee remains unchanged at **€20 per family**.

Your membership fee:

- o goes towards the administrative costs associated with running the group, including the newsletter
- o entitles you to a vote on all major issues within the group
- o gives parents/guardians/carers access to regular support meetings to meet others living in a similar situation
- o means you will be notified of our upcoming social outings/activities for your ASD child (+ siblings sometimes)
- o gives you the right to apply for a subsidy to help with the cost of attending autism-related training courses
- o ensures you will be kept in touch about information seminars and other services, as they arise.
- o entitles you to apply on a once-off basis for a grant from our Special Requests fund for essential equipment for your ASD child(ren) which is needed for education or personal development (needs supporting documentation, eg letter from school, max €200/child).
- o gives you access to our library, where books and equipment can be borrowed for a small fee.

Please indicate on the enclosed form which type of member you wish to be: Full Member or Casual Member. As a reminder of the difference between a Full Member and a Casual Member...

- **Full Members** attend some support meetings or social outings/activities during the year help out in some way, as examples - maybe with fundraising or suggesting activities or speakers ,or finding occasional spot prizes. Full Members have all the membership benefits listed above and only Full Members are entitled to apply for the MWB Summer Grant, Special Requests Fund or training days subsidy.
- **Casual Members** are also welcome at support meetings and/or social outings & activities, but help out with fundraising. Casual Members will get the newsletter, but won't be eligible for training days subsidy, for the Special Requests Fund or for the MWB Summer Grant.

Please complete the Renewal Form and return it to me in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope, together with €20 (cash or cheque made payable to MWB Autism Support please) **by Wednesday 22nd February**. Once again, please remember to tick a box to let us know how you feel about us putting your child(ren)'s photo up online. No child will be named individually. We would like to be able to post photos in MWB Facebook albums, on the photos page of the MWB website or in a local newspaper article to give potential new members/donors an idea of what the group does.

If you have any queries about renewing your membership or any ideas to contribute to the running of the group in the coming year, please contact Michael Bryson (chairperson) on 087 9877342 or Siobhan Kelly (vice chairperson) on 086 1077897.

Kind regards,


Nicola Gerety
Treasurer



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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017

I wish to be a (please tick one box)

Full Member of MWBAS

Casual Member of MWBAS

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No: Mobile: _____ Landline: _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

DoB: ____/____/____ DoB: ____/____/____

Diagnosis: _____ Diagnosis: _____

Please provide any other information about your child(ren) you feel may be important for us to know in order to provide appropriate support and/or care: _____

I give permission for my child's photo to be shown on the MWB Facebook page/MWB website/local newspaper article

YES

NO


Please check with me each time



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MEMBERS' NEEDS SURVEY 2017

To enable us to plan our budget, please tick whichever services & supports you would like to avail of:

- Support meetings
- Newsletter
- Summer holiday activities
- Summer grant *
- Social outings (with occasional subsidy for siblings)
- Therapy sessions (social skills, speech, drama etc)
- Parent training course subsidies **
- Information seminars
- Sports/activities

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Please email newsletter to me Yes / No

* for Full Members only

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◇ which sports/activities interest your child?

(Please make a note below)

Are there any other activities or services you would like the group to consider providing? Or do you have any specific needs? Please let us know and we will try to accommodate them.

Please sign below and return the form to me with your €20 fee (cash, or cheque payable to MWB Autism Support).

Thanks,

Nicola

<p>Signed:</p> <p>Date</p>
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Committee Members 2016/17: Michael Bryson (chairperson), Siobhan Kelly (vice chairperson), Nicola Gerety (treasurer), Irene McNally (assistant treasurer), Daniela McLoughlin (secretary), Ndidi Idehen (assistant secretary), Bernice O'Connor (public relations), Patrick Appiah-Konadu, Irene Beirne, Geraldine McKeon (ordinary committee members).