



CONNECT WEEKLY

HEART TO HEART with the EDITOR



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What challenges have you overcome since COVID 19 arrived?

Firstly, to adapt the Cleaning specification on Site in line with COVID 19 guidelines while collaborating with the Centre Management Team.

What personal development are you most proud of since joining Momentum Support in 2005?

I am very proud to have achieved a Diploma in Facilities Planning and Management. This has given me the Leadership skills to successfully manage my Team.

Most of the Irish and the New Irish have really stepped up during COVID 19. Tell us about how your own Team have excelled?

My Team have really Gone the extra mile through supporting the Centre with the Local Hero's Campaign.

What keeps you motivated as a Manager under pressure?

I have a deep determination to deliver high standards through the Team.

The Blanchardstown Centre Team has really supported our CSR Strategy Mission Right Let's Make the Right Choice within the Community Pillar in 2018 and 2019 through bucket collections for two of our chosen charity partners Special Olympics and Suicide or Survive (SOS). What has this meant to you and the Team?

Community means togetherness, everyone helping each other through either a kind turn, fundraising, or employing locally. We are delighted to have the opportunity to support St Francis Hospice locally. Momentum Supports Corporate Social Responsibility Division gave us an opportunity to support two of the six chosen charity partners since 2018 Special Olympics and Suicide or Survive (SOS).

Share something we don't know about you?

I have a sense of humour "I am a Poet and I didn't know it!"

Coronas¹⁹

Covid 19 came along
Stole our freedom and our songs
Not enough to make ends meet
Bills to pay and food to eat
Shut us down and locked us in
A revolution to begin

As a nation we stand tall
Backs to back and wall to wall
Freedom is so hard to win
Hard to know just where to begin

Leo Varadkar said it great
Social distancing, self-isolate
Adhering to the rules we must comply
Otherwise we could die
Determined we can see this through
A better land for me and you

Those who keep this country alive
Prevent this virus creeping into our lives
Working long hours without a break
Obey the rules stay home, keep us safe
No more nastiness or revenge
Compassion and kindness
To the end

Finally, when we have won this war
We can enjoy this life better than before
The craic and laughter
Holidays, parties and social gatherings
Listening to music and enjoying the dancing
Celebrating life with family and friends
A country united to the end.

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