



## CONNECT WEEKLY

### HEART TO HEART with the EDITOR



**Name:** Brendan Keane

**Position:** Cleaning Operative, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

**When did you join Momentum Support?**

1<sup>st</sup> October 1996 I joined Momentum Support at the Blanchardstown Centre Site.

**Tell me about your role in the Blanchardstown Centre?**

I am responsible for the cleaning and maintaining of standards for the several areas: Internal toilets, service yards and the four main entrances to the Blanchardstown Centre commonly known as yellow, blue, green and red including the outer perimeter.

**Congratulations Brendan for twenty-four years' service in the Centre. What are the changes and challenges you face today?**

Particularly going through COVID pandemic there is a greater emphasis on hygiene and delivering the high standards expected of the Centre as we go through a major refurbishment programme. Ensuring we adhere to the Government regulations such as social distancing and wearing masks is a priority. About ten or fifteen years ago recycling was introduced and I was very involved in the recycling of material including waste segregation as previously all went to landfill. My task was to influence the shop owners to comply as Blanchardstown Shopping Centre was a leader in this area. Over several years Blanchardstown Centre was awarded Fingal Cleaner Community Award Winner for best presented shopping Centre. Now the waste is subcontracted out to Panda.

**Give me a quote from a person who has inspired you?**

I had an American school teacher 40 years ago! he quotes something that has remained with me through the years. It was "Do your own thing don't be a puppet on the string"

**What are your hopes for the future?**

I hope that we find normality in the future with a vaccination so that we can all return to our basic lives and normality.

**Paula Gaspari, Site Manager gives a final note!**

Brendan is fully committed to his role. He has an outstanding attendance and time keeping record. He should be highly commended for his flexibility in adjusting to change over the years! Thank You Brendan.

