

Shared Island Initiative



'SHARING SONGS - UNFORGETTABLE VOICES': A COMMUNITY ARTS COLLABORATION PROJECT



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A project to connect dementia-inclusive choirs from both sides of our island, fostering cultural understanding and unity through song and shared experiences. This collaborative venture, titled '**Sharing Songs - Unforgettable Voices**', aims to be a testament to the transformative power of music and the unity it can foster.

News



The Music Yard 'This is Me' choir, based in Larne, Co Antrim has been selected by CAP as our partner in this musical venture. We are delighted to share some background information on this choir with recordings including from RTE Lyric FM 17/4/2022.

We are very excited to learn more about the choir and its members and looking forward to a mutually rewarding musical and personal adventure.

Background



Founded by Alderman Gerardine Mulvenna, it was set up in 2018 to provide a service for people affected by dementia, their carers, volunteers and people of all abilities. It has proved to be a wonderful support network and the choir has gone from

strength to strength, winning the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Community of the Year Award 2019. It is led by Thomas & Angela Hamilton and meets every Wednesday for some singing, lots of fun and laughs and a wee cup of tea afterwards. The Music Yard looks forward to gathering their members together to Zoom with the Forget Me Nots on their Friday 'Silver Linings' sessions to share songs, stories and a bit of craic.

RTE Lyric FM 17/4/2022

<https://bit.ly/4bRSmQx>

'This is Me' choir in action 25/8/2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ztvi70rsMqM>

Arts Council of Northern Ireland 30/10/2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OomTRo3A5IE>



Forget Me Nots News

Busy!



On 23rd April, we held a special 10 Year Anniversary Mass remembering our loved ones. Our grateful thanks for such a special occasion to Fr Peter of St Peter & Paul's parish, Baldoyle.

On 19th March, a beautiful morning remembering our treasured member, Jim Madden. Jim's musical family gathered with colleagues and supporters from Collen Construction where Collen's retiring CEO Tommy Drumm was also reunited with some former Dubs (Heffo's Army) sporting legends.

<https://www.facebook.com/ForgetMeNotsIE/videos/380529488126818>

In February, we were very honoured to be chosen for the 'Always Brighter Stories', an initiative by Dublin City Council, with support from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daithí de Róiste to celebrate people and groups doing kind, inclusive work in their communities across Dublin.

<https://bit.ly/3UOB5kq>

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Coming up on 12th June we are delighted to be asked to sing once more at the Memory Cafe, Skerries Harps GAA Club.

Project Timeline Update

Josh Schultz, Development Manager, CAP visited our rehearsal on 21st May as part of our timeline to build and develop dynamic relationships and meet project milestones. We are planning to visit 'This is Me' in Larne in June to further this exciting relationship.

We love the beautifully photographed CAP publication 'Brilliant Resilience' and its opening line 'Resilience can be defined as coping with extreme challenges but not be overwhelmed by them'. Words to live by!

