



FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY 2016

*Saturday 18th June 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Tallaght Leisure Centre*

10 minutes from M50, exit 11

The Cleft Lip & Palate Association of Ireland is delighted to announce this year's trip to a new venue Tallaght Leisure Centre.

We will have easy fun games in the 'Grand Hall', some outdoors amusement, time for a swim and of course our raffle and lunch.

The Family day is for children and young adults who were born with cleft. It's for parents, brothers, sisters, babies and grandparents too.

It is a time to enjoy activities together, to chat over tea & coffee, to enjoy the annual raffle and above all to meet other families.

Meet at 10am and finish around 4pm . Please check www.cleft.ie for updates. We look forward to seeing you for another great family day ...!

BOOKING FORM

Please complete the attached booking form and post to CLAPAI, c/o 4 Wolverton Glen Dalkey, Co. Dublin or email all the details to info@cleft.ie **Closing date for replies Sunday 13th June.**

If for any reason you do not get a confirmation of your booking from us please contact us at 087 1319803

Family Name		Family Address	Contact Number
Name	Adult /Child	Child's Age	
Special Needs		Transport Help ?	

Admission is free but donations gratefully accepted. We are also looking for young people to sell raffle tickets & help out in general on the day. Please email info@cleft.ie if you can help.

SPEECH

Parent Led Articulation Therapy (PLAT)

is an exciting new Speech & Language Therapy project which aims to find out if empowering parents by training them helps their child overcome their speech problems related to cleft palate.

This two centre study is being run by Dr. Triona Sweeney, Trinity College Dublin and Dr. Debbie Sell, Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Parents are encouraged to participate in this study as this will help us find out whether this novel new approach to speech therapy for children with cleft palate related speech problems is effective.

Four parents who have already attended the training course were extremely positive about the programme. Following the home programme they said that “you feel like you are instrumental – taking some power yourself”, and how they realised that children “need a little bit every day, a weekly appointment is not enough”.

If you want further information about the project contact your cleft unit or Triona by phone at 085 1754614 or email platslt@icloud.com

WORLD SMILE DAY Friday 7th October 2016



Last year CLAPAI and Operation Smile joined forces to raise funds for children born with cleft. In a joint effort we raised €15,000. It was a lot of hard work but worth it.

CLAPAI are using the money for PLAT research and plan to do the same for 2016.

We are starting planning earlier this year and have created an information pack specifically for Transition Year co-ordinators. We are looking for families that have contacts with local schools to bring the pack to the school, explain a bit about cleft and to help with the logistics of getting buckets to the school etc.

To get a pack please email clapai.ty@gmail.com

SEOMRA

Paediatric Waiting Room in St James Adult Hospital

CLAPAI started a project in 2012 to build a waiting room for children and young people attending cleft clinics in Suite 2. The build was entirely funded by voluntary donations.

The ‘Seomra’ as we call it, has been operational since 2014 but we are continuing to work on furnishing the interior.

The mural on the walls is complete now, thanks to the Amber Baruch and her fellow students. We have recently installed some ‘wall activities’ and are looking at some other entertainment items.

There are some final pieces of work for us to do which we hope to complete this summer. We are aiming to open the Seomra officialy on Wednesday 5th October (Smile Week).

We want to make this space as homely and secure as possible for our young patients and families. Your ideas are most welcome. Please email info@cleft.ie

MATERNITY SERVICES



CLAPAI continue to provide maternity packs to hospitals and to individual parents. Last year we had quite an ordeal due to the fire at the Store-IT. We have made up for lost ground but still miss the services we had.

The MAM bottle which CLAPAI keeps a stock of for emergencies and for expectant parents to bring to maternity hospital is continuing to be popular amongst new parents.

MAM bottles can be bought directly from the UK at www.clapa.com/shop/ Habermann special needs feeder are at www.medicare.com

FUND RAISERS

We would like to thank all of the people who fund raise for the Association throughout the year. Without your help there would be no Seomra, this phase of PLAT would not have started and we would have not maternity packs or bottles for new parents.

The Family Activity day which is such a positive experience for families, children, siblings and adults would not be possible either.

There are many things that we support all year around; there are projects to finish and new ones to start. With your ongoing support we can make this possible. Thank you

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