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Sharing the life-changing difference made by supporters of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

A LEGACY OF INDEPENDENCE: HONOURING EOGHAN DOHERTY

Earlier this year, a touching tribute was paid to the late Eoghan Doherty at his home in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, as his parents, Olivia and James, honoured his wish to gift the property to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (ABI Ireland).

Eoghan sustained a brain injury in 2003 and, with the support of his family and ABI Ireland, worked to regain his independence. His home was carefully adapted for accessibility and enabled him to live a full and autonomous life, surrounded by what mattered most.

Now, his remarkable gift will be transformed into a new rehabilitation service in the midlands, giving other survivors the same opportunity to rebuild their lives in a safe, empowering home environment.

Dr Karen Foley, CEO of ABI Ireland, shared:

"This was more than a house, it was a symbol of Eoghan's independence. His legacy will now offer that same opportunity to others on their path to recovery."

Eoghan was a cherished member of the ABI Ireland Clubhouse in Edgeworthstown, where he helped set up a peer-led exercise group and brought joy and humour to everyone he met.

Sarah Hegarty, Community Rehabilitation Assistant, reflected:



"Eoghan never wanted pity, he wanted fairness. This gift says so much about who he was."

The new Mullingar property will expand ABI Ireland's reach across the midlands, enhancing its capacity to support individuals and families living with brain injury.

Eoghan's extraordinary gift will give brain injury survivors in the region a second chance to rebuild their lives, regain independence, and rediscover hope. We are deeply grateful to Eoghan, Olivia, and James for their extraordinary generosity.

You can do the same.

Leaving a legacy is one of the most meaningful ways to make a lasting impact. Your gift—large or small—could support the provision of specialist equipment, adapted housing, or essential rehabilitation services not covered by statutory funding. It could be the reason someone gets to go home again.

Just like Eoghan, you can change lives—today and for generations to come. To learn more about leaving a gift in your Will, visit abiireland.ie/legacy.

Your legacy can be their second chance.

CREATIVE BRAIN WEEK

As part of Creative Brain Week 2025, survivors from across Ireland unveiled 'Re-Framing', a powerful art installation at Trinity College Dublin.

Led by artist Rachel Fitzpatrick in partnership with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland and Brain Injury Matters Northern Ireland, the exhibit was the first all-island creative response to acquired brain injury, following earlier versions in Belfast and Philadelphia.

During workshops in Dún Laoghaire and Northern Ireland, participants created more than 3,000 origami 'brains'—each symbolising transformation and recovery. Every piece was moulded by a survivor, forming a striking centrepiece at Trinity College.

Visitors to the exhibit, including survivors and the public, contributed to the evolving work and reflected on the lived experience of those impacted by brain injury.

The project showcased the resilience, creativity, and sense of community shared by people living with an acquired brain injury, offering a fresh perspective on what recovery can mean.



PIECING IT TOGETHER

Families across Ireland now have access to *Piecing It Together: acquired brain injury, a family perspective*—a practical and heartfelt guide created by family carers, for family carers. The digital book shares personal stories, practical advice, and signposts to essential supports, offering reassurance and solidarity to those navigating life after brain injury.

Piecing It Together is part of ABI Ireland's wider commitment to family carers through the On With Life Programme. Available free of charge nationwide, the programme provides support, training, and resources to families adjusting to life after an acquired brain injury, helping to reduce isolation and anxiety while equipping carers with the knowledge and confidence they need.

Read the book here:
abiireland.ie/Piecing-It-Together



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for ABI Ireland's 2025 Christmas Hat Day – Friday, 5th December!

Wear your heart on your head this December and raise funds for brain injury survivors across Ireland.

Join us for Christmas Hat Day 2025 by donning your most festive hat—Santa caps, sparkly antlers, or elf ears—in your school, workplace or community and help support vital rehabilitation services.

Every hat worn helps someone rebuild their life.

Date: Friday, 5th December 2025

Register your interest today for more information:
abiireland.ie/Christmas-Hat-Day



Save the Date 05.12.25



A MESSAGE FROM LIAM – AND OUR THANKS TO YOU

Meath Clubhouse member, Liam Lynch recently shared his story—how his brain injury happened, the challenges he faced, and how valuable the right supports have been for him. Thanks to ABI Ireland, Liam is living a life he never thought possible. His story, like so many others, is only made possible because of people like you.

“I just want to say thank you to everyone who donates. Without your support, the services that make such a difference in our lives wouldn’t exist. Your donations really matter—and I’m so grateful.”

— Liam, brain injury survivor

Every day across Ireland, people are rebuilding their lives after brain injury, recovering skills, restoring independence, and reconnecting with the people and life they love. This is only possible because of your generosity. We are deeply grateful to have you with us on this journey.



Leaving a legacy gift to Acquired Brain Injury Ireland is a meaningful way to transform lives. Express your interest via our online form or **discover more at abiireland.ie/legacy**

Our mission is to passionately serve and empower people impacted by brain injury through personalised rehabilitation and relentless advocacy.

Our promise to you

Your personal information will always be safe and secure. For further information on how we handle your personal information, please visit www.abiireland.ie/privacystatement

If you would prefer not to hear from us, please call us on 01 2804164 or send us an email fundraising@abiireland.ie we promise to respect your wishes.



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