

10th November 2022

To All Blossom Service Users, Supporters and Friends,

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

Blossom Ireland's Board of Directors recently took the very difficult decision to wind down the organisation, with our operations ceasing on the 31st December 2022, due to ongoing funding issues facing the organisation with no sustainable funding on the horizon. This was primarily caused by the cessation of the Ability funding programme which had been Blossom's primary funding source.

Over the past 12 years, Blossom Ireland has created a hugely positive impact in the lives of young people with intellectual disabilities and their families across the country, supporting nearly 600 families since 2010. You and your family's involvement with Blossom Ireland has helped create a fantastic legacy that we're proud of – you've helped enable a truly positive and enduring impact and that will continue long after we close our doors.

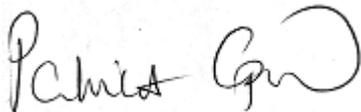
Our hope is that Blossom Ireland can leave an enduring legacy and that valuable and innovative tools, programmes and resources can be utilised to support our community through accessible education. We will keep you updated on this over the coming weeks.

We recognise this might be a bit of a shock to your family: it's certainly a difficult and unfortunate time for us all. None of this has been easy for staff, volunteers, service users, families and would not have been done had there been any other viable option.

The services team are making themselves available to answer any questions you may have, around resources and to discuss other organisations that might be able to provide support to you, your young person and your family moving forward. If we can be of any support, please contact us at info@blossomireland.ie.

On behalf of the Blossom Ireland team, our participants and our families, thank you so much for your support over the years.

All the best,



Patricia Golden – Blossom Ireland Chairperson.

