

## awards

**Mediability – Rehab Foundation**

The first programme of its kind in Ireland, Mediability is a distance learning programme which provides full-time, on-the-job training to people with disabilities in the areas of print journalism, radio and tv production.

**Partners in Policymaking – RehabCare**

Partners in Policymaking is a leadership training programme aimed at the parents of children with disabilities and adults with disabilities. The course features national and international experts discussing and sharing ideas on current policies, service concepts and practices in the disability sector.

**Quest Brain Injury Services – NTDI**

A ground-breaking service in Ireland, Quest helps to rebuild lives by providing training and support to

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**Case Management Services – Rehab UK****Leadership and Equality Network for Women with Disabilities – NTDI****Learning Task Groups – TBG Learning****Pathways Mobile Training Unit – NTDI**

Congratulating the award winners, Group vice chairman John Hussey said: "It's very much a humbling experience to be here and to see the way in which these innovations have not only benefited the Group, but have also made a very real difference to people's lives."

Further information on the Awards is available from Kathleen Kyle, secretary, Rehab Council. Email: [kathleen.kyle@rehab.ie](mailto:kathleen.kyle@rehab.ie) or telephone: (01) 205 7200.



**Claire Pooley; Hayley Cumming and Margaret Cumming accept the award for Innovation from Liam Hogan and Dr. Donal McAnaney on behalf of Chaseley Trust's Expressive Art Group.**

people with an acquired brain injury in the Western Health Board region. This innovative programme aims to improve community integration, independent living, and education and work-related goals to enable participants to achieve their full potential.

**Training to Integrate Coolamber – NTDI Coolamber**

Located in a magnificent country manor, Coolamber's 'Training to Integrate' programme offers a unique residential programme for young people in the process of recovering from drug dependency. Through a combination of rehabilitation, vocational training and education, Coolamber provides the framework for each participant to achieve a productive and independent life and build careers in jobs that reflect their interests and abilities.

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**At the launch of this year's Rehab Great Investment Race were: Richard Dunn (top left), Montgomery Oppenheim; Gary Connolly, Setanta Asset Management; Chris Reilly, Bank of Ireland Asset Management; broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan; Seamus Magner, Irish Life Investment Managers; Jennifer Richards, Standard Life Investments; Roy Asher, Hibernian Investment Managers; and Innes McKeand, AIB Investment Managers.**

**A**nd they're off... RTE journalist and broadcaster, Miriam O'Callaghan, took on the role of official starter as the thoroughbreds of Ireland's fund managers broke from the stalls at the launch of the third Rehab Great Investment Race.

Devised and organised by Rehab Lotteries, the Rehab Great Investment Race has, since its inception in 2001, raised over €370,000 for autistic children and their families in Ireland. Through 'bull' and 'bear' markets, global catastrophes and economic uncertainty, Irish investment managers have given selflessly of their time and expertise to support an extremely worthwhile cause.

At the official launch of the race, each of the participants was presented with a cheque for €100,000 which they will invest in the coming year. The fund managers need to use all their skill and experience to outwit each other, and the markets, in an effort to raise as much money as possible for RehabCare's autism respite services nationwide.

Despite challenging market conditions, the first race saw a profit of over €130,000 on the €600,000 invested, with Hibernian Investment Managers emerging as clear winners. Last year, a profit of €240,000 was made with Bank of Ireland Asset Management's return of 153.9 per



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cent accounting for almost two-thirds of the gain recorded across the whole race.

Both Hibernian Investment Managers and Bank of Ireland Asset Management will participate in this year's event which features an enlarged field of competitors. Seven teams are taking part, including two newcomers – Standard Life Investments and AIB Investment Managers. The others involved are Montgomery Oppenheim, Setanta Asset Management and Irish Life Investment Managers.

You can keep track of how all the competitors are doing by checking out the Rehab Great Investment Race column which appears monthly in the Irish Times.

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# Tallaght leaves Europe trailing in its wake

**NTDI Tallaght was the toast of Europe after becoming the first recipient of a new award for the quality of its services**

award

Congratulations to all the staff and service users at NTDI Tallaght. The centre became the first in Europe to be awarded a prestigious new quality mark for the high standard of its services. Representatives from the centre received the European Quality in Rehabilitation Mark (EQRM) at a special awards ceremony in Rome last December. "It is an extraordinary achievement to be the first to achieve this quality mark out of the tens of thousands of centres across Europe which provide rehabilitation services for people with disabilities," said John Doolin, who received the award on behalf of NTDI Tallaght.

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“NTDI’s aim at each of our 60 centres around Ireland is to provide services for people with disabilities that are genuinely world class. The success of NTDI Tallaght shows we are leading the way in Europe at least in the development of services of the very highest quality.”

The centre was awarded the quality mark following an exhaustive two-day assessment by the EFQM team, who examined every aspect of how NTDI Tallaght is run. The expert assessor team felt that NTDI Tallaght provided “good evidence of working together with service users in its programmes. The service also operates an ethical approach to achieving social and economic inclusion with good partnerships in

society to provide a continuum of services and onward progression.”

Said Leena Hedman, EQRm lead assessor (Sweden): “The EQRm is based on an entirely different concept to other quality marks which simply give the guarantee of a minimum level of performance.

“It is designed for organisations that have already achieved minimum requirements at national and European level and are striving for excellence, not just on a single day every couple of years when an assessment team visits their premises, but on a consistent basis.

“But is more than merely a badge of competence. More importantly, it is an objective measure of high quality that allows for

customers needs to be met more effectively. As a result, getting involved in the process is, if anything, more important than actually achieving the Mark.”

“Crucially, the EQRm also provides a system of benchmarking which, for the first time ever, enables comparisons to be made between the standards achieved in similar rehabilitation services across national boundaries.”

The EQRm system is based on nine Principles of Excellence which are reviewed through assessment under 45 different criteria and which provide a framework for developing methods which can add value to rehabilitation services and therefore lead to more relevant outcomes.



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