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PRE-TEEN SCREEN MAY BE SAFER THAN HPV VACCINE

SPECIAL TO LOCAL NEWS
by Paul Kelly

A DRIMNAGH reader's sister, "Niamh" has become seriously ill after receiving Gardasil, the HSE's standard vaccine against Human Papilloma Virus or HPV.

Other girls have reported chronic fatigue, dizzy spells and convulsions. A midlands father reported that his daughter reacted to Gardasil with "weak arms and legs, jerking movements, and constant headaches".

Niamh's sister wrote to us as follows:

"Niamh was a fit and healthy until she got the HPV vaccine. Now she cannot play her sports. She passes out. She has been brought by ambulance to hospital six times."

HORROR MOVIE

Meath schoolgirl Abbey Colohan also suffered:

"She had an adverse reaction straight away," her father Martin Colohan recalls.

"For over an hour, she was left lying on a mat on the floor while the rest of the girls were being vaccinated."

Abbey had seizure-like jerking, rolling eyes, blurred vision, headache, and nausea. Since then she has had convulsive "horror-movie reactions".

The Department of Health notes 861 adverse reactions to Gardasil, an average of 172 per year between 2010 and 2015.



A Crumlin Village historical photo exhibition and talk was held in the Walkinstown Library recently. Pictured: Reverend Ruth Noble, St Mary's, Carol Rafferty and Tom Scott both DCC. Photo: David Kenny

Even one of Gardasil's inventors, Dr Diane Harper (who helped develop it for US-based Merck) has said that "there is no data to substantiate that the benefits outweigh the risks".

The Taoiseach has noted that the risks of Gardasil were being "continually monitored". Here, LOCAL NEWS weighs risks and benefits in a little more detail than that offered by Dr Varadkar:

LINKS TO MS

Internationally, Gardasil

has been linked both to Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and to an MS-like condition, Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis or ADEM.

In 2013, a court in Bordeaux found against the Sanofi-Pasteur company, a distributor of Gardasil. Plaintiff Marie-Océane Bourguig non experienced serious MS- and ADEM-like symptoms at 15, following two doses. There have been similar cases in Spain, the US and elsewhere.

Well-established vaccines have of course prevented

tens of thousands of cases of polio, measles, mumps and rubella in Ireland alone.

Critics had linked the anti-MMR vaccine to autism. But when the scare died down and the vaccinations rose from a fear-dampened 70% to the current 95%, there was no corresponding rise in autism.

That said, our research suggests that there are far fewer reasons to champion HPV vaccination than to continue to campaign for MMR and Polio vaccines.

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Gardasil, the industry-standard vaccine against HPV, “prevents” something that, while horrific, is relatively rare: HPV leading to cervical cancer.

And it is the pro-Gardasil lobby, oddly, who supply the very figures suggesting that Gardasil is a dangerous medicine for a rare disease.

For example, Dr Ciara Kelly, writing in the *Irish Independent* late last year, states that:

“What has occurred is a reduction in rates of HPV transmission and a subsequent reduction in cervical cancer rates. That’s the potential to save 100 Irish women’s lives this year and every year.”

True and, it seems, good news for Gardasil. But consider:

- The adult female population of the Republic is approximately 2 million.



“NIAMH”: took ill after receiving Gardasil, the HSE’s anti-HPV vaccine

- HPV, leading to cervical cancer, is prevented as Dr Kelly notes in roughly 100 cases a year: a rate of one in 20,000, or 0.005%.
- The Department of Health records

bad reactions to Gardasil at 170 a year — nearly twice that number, and in a much smaller pool (see *The Case Against...*, below). Here then is a summary of the pros

and cons:

The Case For Gardasil

- The “100 cervical cancers prevented” figure counts cases for a single year. Meanwhile the “bad-reaction” cases were scattered from 2010 to 2015, an acceptable rate of only 170 a year.

Furthermore, those headline-making scares, while happening with Gardasil, may not have happened because of Gardasil. Here, Dr Kelly quite rightly points to the so-called “nocebo” effect. A nocebo, the opposite of a placebo, triggers an adverse but psychological reaction merely because the patient believes that a drug is harmful. Recorded hurts are often slight and fleeting.

The Case Against Gardasil

- We should be sceptical about the Department’s figures of “861 adverse reactions” (or 170 annually) to Gardasil. They’re not about to make the case against their own medicine.
- Even if the Department was even-handed, it could not possibly record all cases where Gardasil did harm.
- The reduction, by 100, in annual cases of HPV occurred in the entire female population of some 2 million. The 170 bad reactions to Gardasil, mean-

while, occurred amongst just 40,000 teenage girls (or even fewer, assuming compliance was lower than 100%). Prevention rate thanks to HPV: one two-hundredth of one percent, or 0.005%. Disease rate from “cure” for HPV: nearly ½%, or some hundred times greater.

Thus, Gardasil makes 100 girls ill for every one woman it saves from HPV.

There are other questions.

Does every GP who sees a bad Gardasil reaction rush to telephone the Department / HSE (which pays them) with bad news about the HSE’s own medicine? If Gardasil harms a young girl, that event is not certain to be recorded — least of all by the Department.

ANYTHING BUT EXPERT

Indeed it is difficult to entrust the job of checking on Gardasil to those with the most to lose if it turns out to be the new Thalidomide. The Department has been anything but expert in preventing poisons — in substance or doctrine — from entering its own system.

- They failed to screen out poisoned blood, and then lied about it.
- Here and in the UK they were officially blind to the warning signs around Thalidomide.
- They raised their own fake scares, for example promoting the now-debunked belief in a link between dairy products and heart disease.

Was the case of the Drimnagh daughter — with which we began — caused by Gardasil? Impossible to say.

Here’s what we can say: of the 75,000-odd crowd we all saw in Croke Park for the big Mayo/Dublin final, roughly 20,000 were women — and roughly one of them will have held off HPV, leading to cervical cancer, thanks to vaccination by

Gardasil.

That’s one single woman in that vast crowd in Croke on the big day.

Meanwhile, two or three teens in that same crowd will have reported bad reactions to Gardasil during 2017. Yet only a tiny number in that crowd, some 400-odd — merely a row or two of Hill 16 — took the medicine this year.

Far more — perhaps another dozen — may have had bad reactions without reporting or recording them.

If real (as opposed to recorded) bad reactions top 170 a year, and rise to 400 or 500 — that is, 1% of those vaccinated — Gardasil should face the fate of *Chemie Grünenthal’s Thalidomide* and be outlawed, immediately.

SAFE ALTERNATIVE

This is not to minimise the horror and suffering of those women who, annually, begin to feel the debilitating symptoms of Human Papilloma Virus, a leading precursor of cervical cancer. 100 such cases a year, we are told, are now prevented by Gardasil.

- But there are far safer alternatives.
- Pre-screen for



MARIE-OCÉANE BOURGUIGNON: won case against Gardasil

family predisposition to HPV.

- Pre-screen for over-sensitivity to vaccines, particularly relatively new ones like Gardasil.
- Why, meanwhile, dish out Gardasil to every young girl? Because it’s cheap.

No need to pre-check, no need to

pre-screen, nor to spend time, money and care looking out for pre-cancerous cells.

Give the Department a penny-pinching option, an illusory “saving”, and they’ll grab it.

In the case of Gardasil, they’ve already grabbed.

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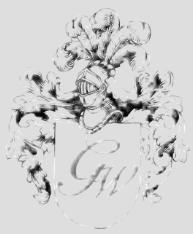
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Hero John, 12, rescues mum from D8 balcony blaze

BY PAUL KELLY

THERE WERE dramatic and terrifying scenes in Thomas Davis Street, Inchicore last week when a midnight blaze gutted the first-floor flat of mum Maggie Green and her children John, 12, Francis, 8, and Savannah, just 7. The fire started suddenly some time after 11:00pm on Tuesday, September 19. Neighbours, including one bearing a ladder, came to

the assistance of the Green family. But it was young John Green who saved the day, turning back to rescue mum Maggie when she had become trapped in a smoke-filled bedroom. BLACKENED Neighbours reported that the children were "limp and totally blackened" when they were removed by ambulance and rescue services. Hero John was later stabilised in Crumlin Children's Hospital, but



FIRST FLOOR FIRE: investigations continue

his little brother Francis and mum Maggie were described as critical. Scorch marks on the walls near the front door have led Gardaí to treat the fire as suspicious. Their investigations continue but, as yet, no arrests have been made. Meanwhile Dublin City Council has refused suggestions that the Tyrone Place may be unsafe. "We have already initiated a fire

safety review for all the apartment," said Council Area Manager Tony Finnegan. He said that it would cover all critical aspects of safety. He did acknowledge, however, that there were limited exits, particularly if a front door became blocked. He would "look at upgrading" the apartments to solve the problem, he said.



HERO JOHN GREEN: saved his mum

Emotional night as 'Bring me Back Alive' a roaring success

ON SUNDAY, playwright Patricia McCann and the cast 'raising issues' who perform 'Bring me Back Alive' brought their powerful play about suicide back to Dublin 8 for a sold out crowd in St. Catherine's Church Thomas Street. The play is set in a youth centre, and focuses on suicide and the effect it has on those left behind. Hundreds attended this powerful, emotional event. The play was previously hosted by Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD and the Dublin South Central Sinn Féin team in Ballyfermot, which was also a huge success. Speaking on the play Senator Máire Devine, who is

Sinn Féin's Seanad spokesperson on mental health, said "Last night was incredible. There were hundreds of people in attendance to see this play. I spoke to many people afterward, some of whom had lost loved ones to suicide. They said that the play articulated the thoughts and feelings that they have for too long kept inside. People in their own way found great comfort in the piece, and Patricia and the cast are doing a great public service by bringing "Bring me Back Alive" on the road." "Every community should get the chance to see this play. We could have filled the venue three



THE CAST: 'Bring me Back Alive'

times over with the demand. In October, I am co-hosting the play with Cllr Ray McHugh in Rosary College, Crumlin, D12. For those who missed this showing, make contact with the Sinn Féin office in Ballyfermot to book a ticket. They are free, but limited, and if this last showing is anything to go by they will sell out fast so don't delay. " The play also sparked conversation amongst the audience about the need for 24/7 mental health services. Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh stated that one audience member told of her personal loss- despite presenting to A and E, her loved one was

sent away and later died by suicide. She believed that if 24/7 mental health services had been available her loved one would still be alive. The community of Dublin 8 are extremely vocal on this issue, with one local woman going door to door with a petition to demand 24/7 mental health services. Senator Devine stated "I know that many people who attended the play last night felt compelled to sign the petition. This play starts the conversation, and it is up to the community and the powers that be to make sure that the conversation results in a real change in the way we treat mental health in Ireland."

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Dail denies Right to Housing

BY BRÍD SMITH TD

BACK at the Dail last Wednesday for the opening of the new session it took less than one day to be reminded of how frustrating and sometimes sickening this place is for anyone trying to bring about change in this country.

It's the sheer brass neck and hypocrisy of our government politicians and so-called leaders that really get to you.

On Wednesday People Before Profit hit the ground running with a proposal to make housing a constitutional right. The Bill said:

"The State recognises the common good as including the right to secure, affordable, dignified housing, appropriate to need, for all the residents of Ireland and shall guarantee this right through its laws, policies and the prioritisation of resources.

The State, accordingly, shall delimit the right to private property where it is necessary to ensure the common good and to vindicate the said right to housing for all residents of Ireland."

The reason for the bill was of course that we are again in a housing crisis and worse than ever, with over 8000 homeless, including, appallingly, more than 2000 children. But it was also because every time we and others have made practical proposals for tackling the crisis the establishment have come back with the argument that they were not possible because they would infringe the rights of private property enshrined in the constitution.

Declare a National Housing Emergency – there is one after all – and use compulsory purchase powers to secure tens of thousands of empty residential properties for public housing. NO! It would infringe on property rights.

Ban all economic



'Brid Smith TD outside Dáil Éireann with the wonderful #MyNameIs homeless campaign'

evictions and house repossession. NO! It would infringe the property rights of landlords and banks. (We put forward such a Bill last year but it was defeated on the casting vote of the Fianna Fail Ceann Comhairle).

Bring in rent controls. NO! That would interfere with the right of landlords to make profits.

Halt the sale of public land to private developers. NO! How can you build houses without 'incentivising' developers? That's how the market works.

Make NAMA a state company and use it to ACTUALLY BUILD PUBLIC HOUSING FOR PEOPLE. What an idea! Don't you realise that would interfere with the free market and the principles of private property.

This is why our Bill was so essential. It would insert into the Constitution the principle that the right to housing overrides the rights of private property i.e. the rights of landlords, and so make it possible to do all the practical things we have

been proposing.

And we had the support of Father Peter McVerry, the Simon Community, many housing activists, the Social Democrats and a lot of trade unionists. Plus 81 countries worldwide, including Justin Trudeau's Canada, already have this right in their constitutions.

So what did the establishment politicians – who never stop talking about their determination to tackle the housing crisis – have to say? They said this Bill is not a practical proposal, it won't actually house anyone in the morning! And they voted it out!

By 73 votes to 37 the Dail rejected the idea that housing should be a basic right. And – and people should remember this come election time – Fianna Fail voted WITH Fine Gael on this, as they always do on anything really important.

One thing, by the way, is key to understanding how Irish society works. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael bicker and criticise

each other all the time over secondary matters but when it comes to defending the interests of the rich, the bankers and the bosses against the interests of the mass of working people they always stand united.

They have been leading the people of

Ireland this merry dance for more than eighty years and will do it for next eighty years if we let them get away with it.

So for all the fine words, all the expressions of concern, all the crocodile tears and all the talk of summits and initiatives, nothing serious

is being done about the housing and homelessness crisis. Its going to get worse and the landlords and developers are going to get richer.

So what to do? It is not a question of thinking up new and clever solutions. The solutions are there and they are straight-

forward – the problem is the government won't implement them because they are protecting their landlord and developer friends. Indeed many of the government ARE landlords themselves.

So there's two things that will make a real

difference: 1) keep on campaigning to put enough people on the streets to scare the living daylights out of the establishment, as with the water charges; 2) voting out the landlord parties i.e Fine Gael and Fianna Fail at the next local and general elections.

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Finally, a smart-cash app for a dumb-phone world

BY PAUL KELLY

A TINY KENYAN charity has solved an online payments problem that Ireland's billionaire brothers, the Collisons, founders of Stripe, and other giants like PayPal, hadn't even noticed.

The problem? That buyers and sellers in poor countries — and poor people around the world — cannot afford expensive



M-PESA IN ACTION: bottom-of-the-line phones can handle money

smartphones.

So far, all new payments systems, including the

Collisons' Stripe, assume that the sender and the receiver of money

possess at least a smartphone and, at the merchant's end, probably several fancy PCs as well.

M-PESA

But in Kenya, population 50 million, with an average income of €34 per head per week, that ain't necessarily so.

Enter M-Pesa.

Ironically, M-Pesa didn't start life as a "PayPal killer" at all, but merely as a channel to allow GAMOS, a microfinance and anti-poverty agency, to keep in touch with its borrowers.

GAMOS bosses quickly learned that those borrowers — market traders and other tiny businesses — were terrified to bring home their day's takings. Salaried workers, similarly, hated carrying cash. Robbery and banditry are rife in Kenya, and paper money is a dangerous liability.

DUMB-PHONE SMARTS

So the M-Pesa startup managed to convince business people to take their hard-earned Kenyan Shillings, KES, to a nearby M-Pesa agent who would in return... send a line of digits to their mobile phone.

Not a smartphone, a dumb one.

Astoundingly, the micro-merchants agreed to this bizarre barter, but they were soon rewarded.

They discovered that shops near their homes — and everywhere else — were happy to cash the digits for the real thing: groceries, hardware or, if they wanted it, money.

But there was more.

As M-Pesa began putting the bandits out of business, the shopkeepers accepting the digital cash began to prefer M-Pesas to the real thing. They, after all,

had security problems of their own, so the less paper currency they carried in their shops or safes, the sounder they slept at night.

Astonishingly, M-Pesa, a mere four years after its introduction in Kenya, began to replace the official currency, the Kenyan Shilling or KES, altogether.

50 BILLION EURO

It took from just 2007 to 2011 to sign up half the population. And now more than a third of all transactions — for cups of coffee, hardware, or even cars — are carried out with strings of swapped M-Pesa code, with nary a banknote in sight.

Kenyan M-Pesa transactions for the last two years amount to 5 thousand billion KES (€50 billion), or about half the country's gross national product.

The essence of M-Pesa, and the basis for its appeal, is its simplicity. No one, it seems, has yet "forged" an M-Pesa string, so there's been little or no fraud. Now, for the first time, it's being used in Europe, with pilot payment programmes in Romania, soon to be followed by the UK and, presumably, Ireland.

As it's so simple, why can't we start an M-Pesa clone of our own?

Harold's Cross site could accommodate new Educate Together School

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Jim O'Callaghan has called on the Minister for Education, Richard Bruton to construct a new post-primary school on the Harold's Cross site in Dublin 6.

The Deputy raised the matter in Dáil Éireann last night during a special debate when he said, "In May of this year the Dept of Education purchased the land at the former greyhound track in Harold's Cross. How this land will be used by the state is a hugely important issue for the people in my constituency."

"Some years ago the Dept of Education approved the construction of a new post-primary school, to be completed by September 2018, to service the Dublin 2, 4, 6 and 8 area. Following a patronage process, Educate Together was approved to be the patron of the new secondary school."

"It is an urgent priority in our area that this school is con-

structed to alleviate the pressure on parents who are struggling to secure a school place for their children.

"There is limited choice for parents who wish to send their children to a non-paying secondary school that is multi-denominational and co-educational. There is huge demand for a school of this kind and Educate Together is an excellent model."

"The vacant site at Harold's Cross is an ideal location, in the centre point of the area most in need of a new post-primary school. It is crucial that steps are taken to establish a new multi-denominational, co-educational, non-fee paying secondary school."

"This is an enormously positive project for our locality and one that I will continue to support and advocate in Dáil Éireann over the coming weeks," concluded Deputy O'Callaghan.



THE UNLOVED KES: Kenya's paper shillings are falling out of favour

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Thousands of self employed in rush to complete tax return

Self assessed income tax payers have just 4 weeks to get their tax affairs in order

THE date has been set for years the, 31st of October, but that doesn't stop the procrastination. For approximately 600,000 self assessed income tax payers across the country the rush to find receipts, check their credits and finally complete their tax return is on.

Walkinstown based tax Advisors; TaxAssist Accountants notice a very specific trend when it comes to tax returns. Commenting on clients burying their head in the sand Michael Sandys said, 'Unfortunately, most people leave it until the last minute to file their tax returns. We are gearing up for our busy season at the moment and it wouldn't be unusual to get new clients on the week of the 31st of October desperate to get their tax affairs in order.'

The bad news for



procrastinators is that if you fail to file your 2010 tax return on time the Revenue Commissioners will apply an initial late filing surcharge.

As well as late filing surcharges the Revenue Commissioners can also levy interest on the late payment at a rate of 0.0219% per day which equals

interest of 7.99% per annum.

Encouraging clients to get going earlier Michael commented 'I'd always advise people not to wait until the last minute to complete their tax return – you will need time to discuss your liabilities and the options available to you to minimise your final tax bill.

imise your final tax bill.

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By Michael Sandys, TaxAssist Accountants Walkinstown.

Michael is pictured here with some of the staff, call 01 492 3588 for advice.

Understanding Dementia together

SEPTEMBER is World Alzheimer's Month. The readers of the Local News might be surprised to learn that Alzheimer's disease is one of at least 400 different types of dementia. All can be associated with difficulties in memory, thinking and language, problem-solving and carrying out everyday tasks, as well changes in mood and behaviour.

People in Ireland have poor knowledge of dementia, which is surprising given that so many of us have been touched by it. One in every two of us knows someone with dementia. Half a million of us live in a family that has been affected by dementia and 180,000 of us have cared for a family member or loved one with the condition.

Those who have received a diagnosis, their families and loved ones have told us of the stigma and fear which still surrounds dementia. They speak of feeling isolated within their own communities, of being written out of daily life.

Ireland is renowned for its sense of community. We have always gathered together to support one another in times of difficulty. The Dementia: Understand Together campaign seeks to build on this tradition of 'meitheal' by calling on people to ensure that their villages and

towns, and their clubs and businesses, are part of communities which support people with dementia and strive to be better places in which to live with dementia.

Understand Together aims to get people talking about dementia – to understand what it is and what it isn't – and to encourage them to see the person behind the disease. We need to build on what people with dementia can still do and the contributions they can still make.

Together we can all make a difference. Simply taking a few minutes to chat or calling by for a cuppa, can help alleviate some of the loneliness people with the condition and their carers can experience. If you own a business or are part of a club, consider what you can do to become more dementia-inclusive. Find out more by visiting www.understandtogether.ie or Freephone 1800 341 341.

This World Alzheimer's Month, let's all stand together with the 55,000 people living with dementia in Ireland and play our part in building a more supportive, inclusive and welcoming society for people with dementia.

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Clinical Hypnotherapist KIERAN FITZPATRICK advises in his regular column on how to achieve your goals.

AT THE end of the last article I suggested trying replying to the simple greeting "How are you?" with very positive words, such as "Great", "Fantastic", "Terrific" or "Amazing" to notice how that begins to affect how you actually feel.

Now, if you did it, the first thing I'd say you noticed was that it felt uncomfortable, or at least strange. And that would be normal.

I was talking about us doing some "Thinking Training" and thinking of it as you would physical training, that you would do to get physically fit, or improve at a sport.

If you started doing an exercise or a movement that you were unfamiliar with, it would feel strange initially and even uncomfortable as you did it.

But that "discomfort" is a very good sign, in both cases. It means that you are pushing beyond your "Comfort Zone". And I love the expression "Life Begins At The Edge Of Your Comfort Zone".

If it is physical training, our bodies will only begin to change when we push it beyond what it is comfortable with. Similarly, when we start training our mind, we know we are heading towards positive change when what we are doing feels different and unfamiliar.

I say "unfamiliar" because the word "comfort" is sometimes not really accurate in this case. Sometimes we can feel very uncomfortable with our current situation, for example feeling depressed, anxious, powerless or unhappy. But it is still called our "comfort zone". The thing is, humans feel a certain security in the familiar. We like to know what's happening and what's going to happen next. Even if that is something miserable!

So to do something unfamiliar or different, with possible results that we have not experienced before, can feel a little uncomfortable. But what we are trying to escape is our "Familiarity Zone"! (It's not as catchy, but probably a more accurate description).

Some life coaching gurus will tell us that the quality of our lives is directly proportional to the amount of uncertainty we can take.

Remember, it is normal and not a weakness to feel uncomfortable about change, even when it is positive change.

But also realise, that at that habit level, when we experience something better than what we were experiencing before, we can instantly and easily change. We just have to take that chance in the first place, of letting ourselves experience something new and unknown.

It is worthwhile to also think about the fact that if we keep doing the same things, in the same ways, we are going to keep getting the same results! If we are not happy with our lives, then the only option is trying something new!

So, let's keep the practical exercises simple for the moment. Keep monitoring your thoughts, become aware of your thinking. When you notice negative thoughts, simply take a moment to replace them with positive opposites. Expect that initially this will feel strange, maybe even silly. And expect to think that it isn't having any effect. But also, think of it as you would physical training.

With Thinking Training you also need to keep doing it until it comes easily to you, then you'll be doing it habitually and very soon noticing the positive results!

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Ardmhéara meets Rohingya representatives

ARDMHÉARA Bhaile Átha Cliath Mícheál Mac Donncha met representatives of the Rohingya community at the Mansion House and expressed his grave concern at what is happening to the Rohingya in Myanmar.

Having met the delegation, he stated: "This afternoon I met Haikal Mansor and Mohammed Rafique of the Rohingya community in Ireland, together with Michael Clinton of the Voice for Rohingya Dublin Campaign. I heard about the appalling plight of the Rohingya people who are suffering repres-

sion on a mass scale by the Burmese military, amounting to ethnic cleansing and recognised as such by the United Nations.

The statement by Aung San Suu Kyi is extremely disappointing and in fact only makes matters worse. I have sought the views of other group leaders on the City Council on the question of whether the award of Freedom of the City to Aung San Suu Kyi should now be withdrawn. I am personally in favour of this and will continue to consult councillors on the matter. I am



also calling on the Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon

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Youth internet safety campaign needed

FIANNA Fáil Seanad Group Leader, Senator Catherine Ardagh has said that we must equip young people, their parents and teachers with the information and supports required to use and explore the internet safely. A recent study carried out by CyberSafelreland discovered that 179 teachers in schools across the country dealt with over 200 incidents of cyberbullying in the past 12 months. Almost 70% of these teachers did not feel equipped to teach online safety.

Commenting on the findings, Senator Ardagh said, "The increased prevalence of social networks, smartphone apps, and near constant web access presents increasing challenges for those trying to avoid experiencing bullying online."

"The expansion of this burgeoning online industry has imposed pressure on young people to conform and upload their lives on social media, leaving them open to altogether new levels of scrutiny, criticism and teasing. This can be deeply distressing for most."

"A frighteningly high number of Irish young people have been or are being abused and harassed via the web. Cyberbullying has become a major factor in producing negative or poor perceptions about personality and body image among our younger generation."

"Apps such as 'Sarahah' which has 20 million users worldwide and appeals predominately to Irish teenagers, facilitates anonymous comments about users and allows some school children to bully others. Other popular apps have location tracking which make it easier to follow a person's movements. My main concern would be that many parents are unaware of this potentially dangerous setting."

"The ever evolving digital space means that much of the advice previously provided to young people, their parents and teachers is now outdated and impractical."

"We need to encourage open discussion to help young people challenge the distorted attitudes towards maintaining an online presence."

Catherine added, "This latest study also revealed that 16% of those under 13 years old spend more than four hours online daily which makes them even more exposed to unsafe content or features. While bullying was once confined to a number of hours a day in the classroom or playground, the accessibility of social media makes it virtually impossible to escape."

"It is crucial that we explore new ways of engaging children and young people, as well as their parents, guardians, and teachers, on the issue of internet safety."

"The conversation about how to stay safe online needs to start now," Senator Ardagh concluded.

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V for Life has been speaking with care homes and community groups who will be hosting events on the day. We want to make the occasion full of fun and enjoyment for older veg*ns.

We have plenty of free literature available. Our five-ingredient recipe book Take V is popular, as is our lifestyle magazine, Vintage. Vintage features ideas on how host a successful event for older veg*ns.

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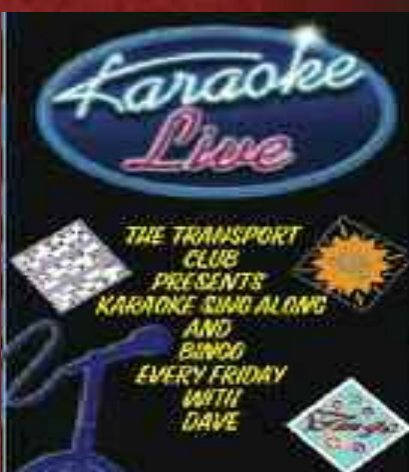
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