

Press Release

AIDS West Seminar

Telling It As It Is - HIV: the Facts

Latest figures for HIV in the West of Ireland show that the virus is still a cause of concern for health professionals and the general public alike. This was highlighted at a free seminar titled ‘Telling it as it is – HIV: The Facts’ on Tuesday 17th June in the Ardilaun Hotel, Galway organised by AIDS West to mark Irish AIDS Day . The keynote speaker was Dr Catherine Fleming, senior consultant with the Infectious Disease Clinic in University College Hospital, Galway. Dr. Fleming’s lecture highlighted the huge advances that have been made to date in this area while outlining where issues still exist relating to HIV infection. Jackie Redding from the Terrence Higgins Trust, London talked on the trends of infection in the UK and how these trends relate to the situation in the west of Ireland. Liz Martin read from her highly acclaimed memoir, ‘Still Standing, An Irishwoman’s Story of HIV and Hope,’ published last year by AIDS West.

The only HIV organisation in the west of Ireland, AIDS West delivers the highest quality care and support to people living with HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Anyone worried about his or her sexual health can contact the helpline number at 091-562213 or email info@aidswest.ie

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