

PRESS RELEASE FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

Twenty Years A Growing

World AIDS Day is a very special date in the calendar of AIDS West. It is the date to remember all those affected by HIV/AIDS whether it is the 4000 people living with the virus in Ireland or the 40 million worldwide. This year it is even more special as it is the 20th anniversary of the organisation. To mark this event, AIDS West will hold a special Memorial Concert in St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church on Saturday 1st December at 8.00pm. It is an opportunity for people to come together and offer their support to those who may feel they are forgotten in a world where more media- catching crises are highlighted. It is also an occasion for AIDS West to acknowledge the many kind and generous people who have played a role in the development of the organisation throughout the score years.

We are delighted that Evelyn Stevens, one of the founder members of the organisation will open this commemorative concert of music and performance and that members of the choir GLORIA are travelling from Dublin to perform for us. We couldn't celebrate such an occasion without our ever popular Delia Boyce and Sandra Shalks who have so kindly offered their services again this year. To celebrate the launch of 'Still Standing, an Irishwoman's story of HIV and Hope,' by Liz Martin, actor Máire Greaney will perform extracts from the book. Musical direction will be by John Roe.

Two panels of the Irish AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display during the concert. The quilt is a memorial to Irish people who have died from AIDS.

The service is free of charge and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the night. We would like to extend a special invitation to all those volunteers who have given their time so generously over the last twenty years and whom we haven't been able to contact.

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