

## **Offaly Down Syndrome Association invites you to Culture Night** **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/110663>)**

Offaly Down Syndrome Association is delighted to invite you to a very special event on **Friday, 20th September**, at Esker Arts Tullamore. As part of the national Culture Night celebrations, we are proud to launch our Christmas single, a heartfelt rendition of *"Happy Xmas (War Is Over)"* recorded in collaboration with the acclaimed Irish artist **Simon Casey**, produced by Joe Egan from The Nutshed Studios in Clara, County Offaly, and with the Music Video produced by Stephen Heaney of Inpho Photography.

This unique project was funded under the Local Creative Youth Funding Scheme, in association with the Creative Ireland Programme, Department of Education and Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board, and with help from Music Generation Offaly. It features the incredible voices of members from the Offaly Down Syndrome community, who have come together to share a message of hope, peace, and goodwill. The single, inspired by the timeless John Lennon and Yoko Ono classic, is a testament to the talent and determination of our members, and we are thrilled to share it with the world.

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Friday, 20th September 2024
- **Time:** 5:30 PM
- **Venue:** Esker Arts Centre, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

The evening will include the official launch of the single, and an opportunity to meet the artists and supporters who made this project possible. Guests will also enjoy light refreshments and the chance to connect with others in the community.

We believe this event not only celebrates the artistic achievements of our members but also embodies the spirit of inclusivity, creativity, and community that Culture Night is all about. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of this joyous occasion.

**Admission is free**, and all are welcome to join us for what promises to be a memorable evening of music, celebration, and togetherness.

### **About Offaly Down Syndrome Association:**

The Offaly Down Syndrome Association is dedicated to supporting individuals with Down syndrome and their families, helping them to reach their full potential through various programs, activities, and advocacy efforts. This Christmas single is a reflection of our mission to empower our members and promote a positive, inclusive community.

#### **Region**

Tullamore, Co Offaly

#### **Date Entered/Updated**

4th Sep, 2024

#### **Expiry Date**

20th Sep, 2024

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