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Richar Rohr Update



Journeying Together

Dear {First Name},

Welcome to the 1st **An Turas** (translates as **The Journey**) which, it is hoped, will be a regular communication to all subscribers of *MaleJourney.ie*

As this is the first Journeying Together article it seems appropriate to start where all journeys begin – at the beginning. First steps are often shaky, often unsure and they begin the journey. First steps can be unconscious and they can lead into consciousness. First steps may appear to bring us backwards to allow us move forwards.

We, most likely, do not remember our first physical steps in this world. Chances are they were witnessed under the watchful eye of a parent or guardian who stood or crouched with arms outstretched, encouraging us to have faith in our self, to have faith that we were designed to take and survive those first tentative steps.

The journey from the first half of life through to the second half of life requires many of us to take new first steps, first steps into a wider world, first steps into education and/or work, first steps into and out of relationships, first steps out of old ways and first steps into new beginnings.

The first steps are individual, the journey can be shared.

The CAC has posted an announcement about Richard's health to their website/social media. In summary it was discovered that Richard has prostate cancer. Richard commented that he has an excellent medical care network providing advice and treatment, and based on their feedback, he is optimistic about the prospects for a full recovery.

Updates will be provided from "An Turas" in our next newsletter.

The life we can save only our own, the lives we can affect?

Countless.

Looking forward to continuing the journey.

Together.

David Doyle

October 2015

The Journey - Mary Oliver



One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began, though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice; though the whole house began to tremble and you felt the old tug at your ankles... "Mend my life!" each voice cried. But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do, though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very

foundations, though their melancholy was terrible. It was already late enough, and a wild night, and the road full of fallen branches and stones.

But little by little, as you left their voices behind, the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own, that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could do-- determined to save the only life you could save.

Mary Oliver

Monthly Marley Meeting

All men are warmly invited to attend our monthly gathering, which takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The gathering begins with tea/coffee at 10.00am and ends at approximately 1pm. The aim of the monthly gathering is to provide a space where men can come and be themselves – whatever that may be. This month's gathering will be lead by George Kearns.



Follow this link for directions; [Monthly Marley Meeting](#)

Mordal 2015 - 'Sharing our Stories'

This is a weekend event for initiated men - 6th to 8th of November. The aim of the weekend will centre on planning the next stage of the journey



through various workshops and small group activities, alongside taking time to sit and share our story through a series of teachings and ritual. For more details follow this link to the events page - [Mordal 2015](#)



Our September Day for Men took place in Glencree, Co. Wicklow. The theme of the day was **'The Masks We Wear'**. 17 Men turned up and spent the day together, drumming, sitting in circle and telling their stories. Creating a space where masks could be safely removed. It was a great day – there will be more days to come.



Some feedback comments from the last Day for Men:

"A powerful and challenging day. Thank you for organising it"

"The whole day was a great experience, it was great to spend time in the company of such good men"

"The space was beautifully created and held and the afternoon ritual was very powerful and moving. Thank you"

"A great day, more of these please!"

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