### THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

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#### IN THE BEGINNING

## 1998 Deer Park Hotel in Howth3 children





### WHY START A JUNIOR PROGRAMME AT ALL?

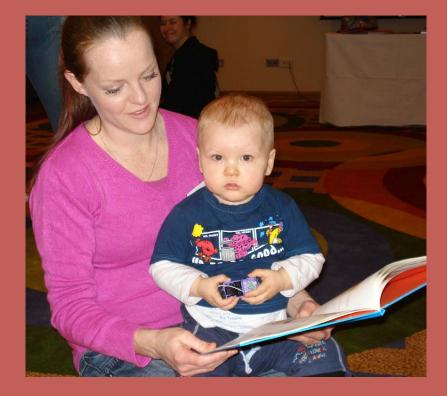
#### What was hoped for?

In the changing needs of the organisation





#### To create opportunities for the Society to strengthen it's membership from birth onwards





To create opportunities for members to forge ties/friendships from a younger age







To nurture a more active and involved membership, especially into their teenage years and twenties





## To provide opportunities for members to be of greater support to each other





To develop within the children a greater awareness of the possibilities of different activities and their haemophilia





#### To develop a stronger sense of ownership within our members

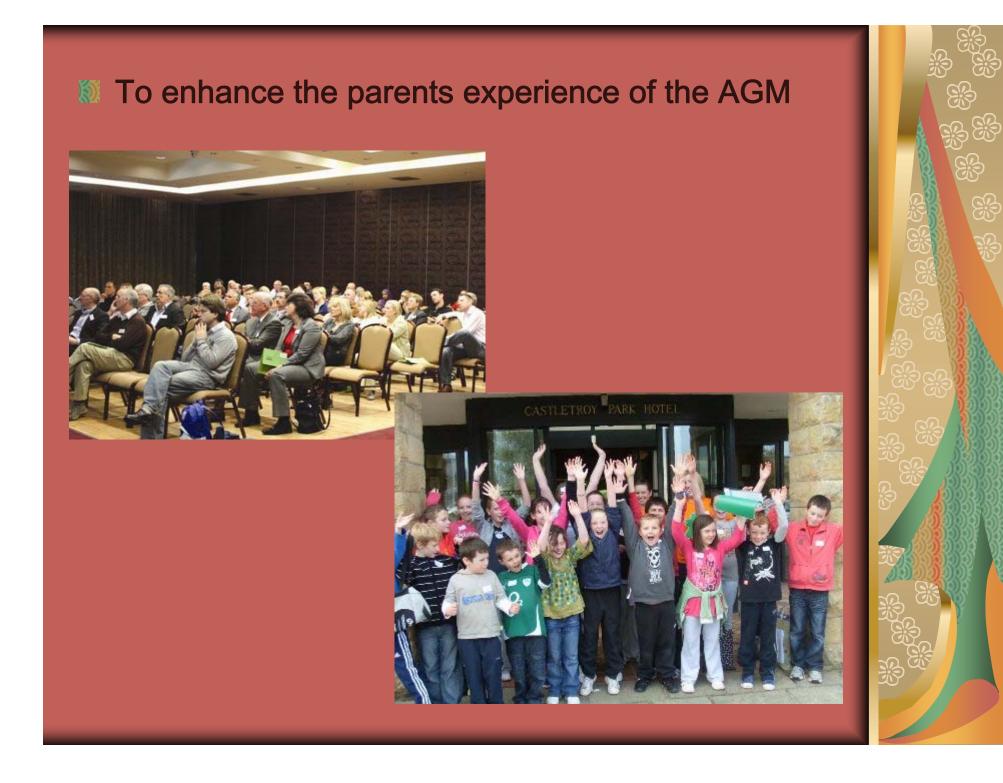




#### To provide a safe nurturing environment for junior members while parents are close by







#### HOW HAS THE PROGRAMME DEVELOPED

## From one group of 9 children to:A crèche with up to 10/15 children





#### **M** A kidlink programme with up to 20/25 children





• A youth programme with up to 10/15 members attending





## **W** We are now developing a youth leader training programme





# So how do we decide on the different elements of the programme?

 We listen to the kids!
Our programmes are almost entirely
member led.





We look at research into best practice, age appropriate activities, feedback from parents, feedback from leaders and we look at other youth organisations.





#### "We always endeavour to bring new experiences into our junior members lives"

- We select activities that nurture within our members a sense of:
- **\*** Working together as a team
- **Creativity**
- **\*** Caring for each other
- \* Taking responsibility for their own behaviour
- \* Being challenged
- \* Learning



# What are the two key elements of the junior programme as we move into a new decade?

**M** A continued commitment to having fun





## **©** Continuing to develop the educational component of the programme



## Some activities our members have taken part in

- Its not an AGM without swimming
- Arts and crafts
- Circle time
- Bowling
- Clown school
- 🕅 Capoeira
- Junior Disco
- Samba drumming
- Horse riding
- Field trips
- Adventure weekends
- Making a movie
- Educational games
- Career planning

- Fancy dress
- Competitions
- 🕅 Karaoke
- Junior talks
- Crazy golf
- Mini Olympics

