

Welcome to Your Fundraising Pack

Irish
Refugee
Council



How you can support
Refugees



What your fundraising will achieve



Independent Legal Representation for people seeking International Protection in Ireland.



Housing Assistance to make sure Refugees have a safe place to call home.



Employment workshops for women to promote independence and confidence.



One to one mentoring and support groups for Young People who arrived alone in Ireland.



Education Funding so Refugees can study and finally chase their dream careers.



Advocating for a fairer, more supportive International Protection System in Ireland.

Every Gift can change lives

€20

will pay for an isolated child refugee to attend a Youth Support session where they will receive a warm welcome and have the chance to make new friends.

€50

will pay for a woman in Direct Provision to receive dedicated help to do her resume, cover letter and follow her employment dreams.

€100

will pay for a recently arrived international protection applicant to get personalized support regarding his case from our Drop-In Center.

€300

will pay for a refugee family to stay in a warm house together while getting help from our Housing team to find their forever home.

Why your support is so important... Ezana's story

Ezana, 20, has been in Ireland for about a year and is originally from Ethiopia. When he first arrived in Ireland, he was feeling very isolated and alone. He got involved in our youth group and received social and emotional support from our youth team.

Ezana now lives in Wexford and works full time in the fishing industry as a general operative. Outside of work, he loves to play with his local football club and he is also super invested in Rosslare Strand, a local charity where he is a guide for children.

"I can never forget the unreservedly support from The Irish Refugee Council and from the youth team who treated us like family members. I am so happy to be here and I am here to serve Ireland by anything I can, because it's my homeland from now on".

Your fundraising efforts are going such a long way to make Ireland the new homes of brave young men like Ezana. And for this, we could not thank you enough.

How to "Fun-Raise"



Local Communities all over Ireland do amazing things for refugees and people seeking international protection. Whether you are involved in a school or college, sports group, community group, pub, club or you just want to get together with friends to do something positive for refugees, we would love to hear your fun-raising ideas.

The great thing with Fun-raising, is that the only limit is the sky! Online or in-person, there are so many creative ways to raise money for refugees in Ireland.

Challenge yourself with a
run, cycle or swim

Host a dinner or afternoon tea
for your family and friends

Hold a bake sale – who does
not like cake?

Impress your friends with a
sponsored head shave or hair dye

Hold a football/GAA/Rugby
tournament

Organize online yoga or
meditation classes

Not afraid of anything? Dive or
jump from a plane

Plan an online (or in person)
cooking class. Find a recipe from
a Middle-East country or Africa
and ask your friends to follow
along and give donations.

Do a colour day – ask all your friends
to wear the same colour one day

Host a movie screening about
Refugees Rights on Zoom

Organize a street or a mall
collection

Coffee mornings – get together
with your neighbours or friends

Have a dress-up day, be a
superhero for the greater good

Create wood objects or
jewellery and sell them to
benefit refugees

Hold a glamorous ball or gala
and put on your best outfit

Contact local brands and ask them to
donate raffle or auction prizes, then
let your friends bid!

Have a beautiful garden? Ask people
to donate and plant a flower to help
refugees putting down roots

Plan a competition and sell tickets

Engage your community...

Make it a family or friend affair

Your inner circle will be your most loyal supporters when fundraising! We often tend to forget that if anyone you know gives you €2, at the end of the fundraiser you would have collected a lot of money.

Gather around with your nearest and dearest, have fun, spend some quality time together and raise money to support refugees who may be separated from their own friends and families.

One cool idea to engage your family or your friends is to invite them over for dinner and ask each guest to pay what they thought their meal was worth. Donate the proceeds to helping refugees. Or you can also plan a full week where each night of the week it's someone else's turn to cook.

Remember to take photos along the way and to enjoy these fun-raising memories with your loved ones!

Think local to reach Global

Whether it's with your church group, book club, sports team or choir, start planning your fundraising activity today. As well as raising money you will also be spreading awareness in your local community. Maybe you will even inspire someone else to support refugees.

One great idea is to Organise An Around The World Celebration. Ask each person to bring something from their favourite country or culture. Be it food, music and dance or fashion, get together and celebrate different cultures and raise money for refugees. Ask for voluntary donations or sell tickets to your event and donate the proceeds.

If you want to do more with your community, we encourage you to check our page on Community Sponsorship on our website!

Keep In Mind...

If you are serving food at your event, it is important to make sure you consider health and safety. Have a look at the last page of your fundraising pack for some helpful guidelines

...to help Refugees rebuild their lives.

Teachers, students, all involved!

Get your school or university talking and learning about refugees. Not only will you raise money for refugees, but you will also be spreading awareness amongst your peers about refugees and the issues they face.

Here are three fun ideas to raise funds in your school or university: Put On A Show: whether it's a choir concert, gig, play or talent contest, put on a show at the end of term and sell tickets to fundraise for refugees. Host a Bake Sale: as many people as possible to bring in a cake, biscuits or cupcakes. Sell per slice or ask for voluntary donations in exchange for a delicious treat. Plan a non-uniform day and dress up as a world hero: organize a costume competition and ask every participant to enter by donating a few euros.

When possible, we are happy to facilitate school talks or schools visits. You can contact us for more details.

Ask the boss, fundraise at work!

When you pledge your support to the Irish Refugee Council, you are entering into a partnership that will not only make a real difference for Refugees in Ireland but also a real difference to your business. Your support demonstrates your corporate commitment to social responsibility, building staff morale and strengthening your corporate image

Your workplace is full of talents. Why not offering your talents to your colleagues? Will you make everyone's tea for a week? Great at cutting hair? Are you a star baker? Happy to do the washing up?

If you're too busy to put on an event, how about donating a small portion of your salary to the IRC every month? You can do this through Payroll Giving, just let the HR team member who deals with payroll at your work know.

Keep In Mind...

You might need a special insurance for your event. Please read carefully the last page for more advices.



How to send in the money you have raised

Thanks to your generous support we can assist even more people through improved services and support programmes as well as raising awareness and advocating for real and lasting positive change in Ireland for all those we work with and for. When you have fundraised, make sure the funds are sent to us:

Set up a fundraiser on our website

You can set up a fundraiser directly on our website where your friends will be able to donate to your cause. Visit: <https://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/Appeal/fundraise-to-support>

Lodge the funds on our bank account

You can lodge the money you raised directly on our bank account. Our account details are the following:

AIB, 40/41 Westmoreland Street, D2.
Sort Code: 93-33-84 | Account No: 49657040 |
IBAN: IE88 AIBK 9333 8449 6570 40 | BIC:
AIBKIE2D | Account holder: Irish Refugee Council
Send us an email at
claire.tetart@irishrefugeecouncil.ie when you
have sent your funds with the fundraiser details
so we can send you a thank you card!

Pay online on our website

You can transfer the money you have raised by making an online donation on our website. To do this visit www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/donate.
Remember to tell us what your fundraising activity was in the "Leave a comment with your donation" box.

Give us a call

If you prefer to make a donation over the phone, you can call us Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:30pm at 085-138-6506. You will get a receipt after making the donation.

Send us a cheque

You can send us a cheque, made payable to the Irish Refugee Council, with your donation total.

When you post your cheque, remember to include a note telling us what your fundraiser was and what for. Fill in your details so we know who you are and what you did to raise money.

Our address is : Irish Refugee Council, 37
Killarney Street
Dublin 1
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Tax-efficient giving

If you or one of your friend donates more than €250 to the Irish Refugee Council, we can claim back up to 45% of the donation, which represents a great sum for us. If you notice that one of your supporter donated €250 or more, let us know and we will send him/her a tax form to fill.

Important things to consider when Fundraising for the IRC

Fundraising with your friends, communities and colleagues is great fun and goes a long way towards supporting Refugees, but it is also very important to keep your fundraising safe and legal! Here are some things you should consider before starting to plan your fundraiser:

Health and Safety

Always ensure your event is organised safely and efficiently. You should carry out your own risk assessment to ensure you have properly addressed any hazards at your event. Ensure you have first aid cover with trained volunteers / professionals. A copy of your risk assessment should be available for the day of your event. Do not forget to inform the Garda and County Council if your event is in a public place.

Insurance and Permits

Depending on the type of event you want to hold you may need to take out insurance cover and/or public Liability. Your insurance cover will have to be factored into your event budget. To learn more, visit <https://www.compareinsuranceireland.ie>

Serving Food

If you are providing or serving food at your event, it is important to make sure it has been prepared and served safely. Making sure allergens are clearly labelled and including an ingredients list are simple things you can do to keep everyone safe.

GDPR

You may obtain participants personal data during your event, and no record of these details must be kept once the event is complete unless agreed. To learn more, visit www.gdpr-info.eu

Public collections and Raffle

Garda Permits are required to collect in a public space. Make sure you apply in plenty of time before your event. Always check with your local Garda station when organising an event, should a permit or licence be required.

Publicity and Communications

According to the Charities Regulator, please ensure if using any imagery / video you have permission to do so. All your fundraising material should state you are Fundraising on behalf of the Irish Refugee Council. For the latest logos and or publicity material please contact: claire.tetart@irishrefugeecouncil.ie

If you have any questions or if you need any help, you can contact Claire, our Fundraising and Development Manager at claire.tetart@irishrefugeecouncil.ie or 085 138 6506.





Thank you for Fun-raising for the Irish Refugee Council. The funds raised will support and empower Refugees in Ireland.

You can send your photos or videos or get more information by contacting Claire Marianne Tetart, our Fundraising and Development Manager at:

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