

Irish Refugee Council 2016 Impact Report

Foreword

I am proud to present our 2016 Impact Report which gives a small snapshot of the Irish Refugee Council's achievements over the year. With a team of only 13 staff, 9 of whom are part-time, we have directly assisted over five thousand people seeking protection in Ireland. Our work is holistic in nature and covers a broad spectrum spanning the duration of a person's time in the asylum process and beyond; from our Law Centre's 80% recognition rate for its clients, to ensuring young people can access education to successfully matching people trying to leave Direct Provision with accommodation and employment and reuniting them with their families.

In 2017 we continue to advocate for a protection system that is based on human rights and dignity and provides services and supports modelled on best practice. We will be expanding into new areas of work, including launching a new housing pilot, monitoring the implementation of the International Protection Act 2015, honing our advocacy on ending Direct Provision, including suggesting alternatives, and campaigning to ensure Ireland leads on the international stage in relation to refugee policy. Internally we are strengthening the organisation's governance, identifying new funding streams and building on existing structures to ensure the organisation is a supportive and positive place to work.

The IRC team and its Board are hugely grateful to our supporters, donors and volunteers without whom our work would not take place. Most of all we recognise the resilience and fortitude of people seeking asylum whom we have been lucky enough to work with, they are the driving force behind our work. With an unprecedented demand on our services we ask you to support us, financially or otherwise, to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of people arriving to Ireland and those already here.

Nick Henderson, Chief Executive Officer

Staff Teams

The Drop in Centre:	 FT Worker	 PT Interns
The Law Centre:	 PT Workers	 PT Volunteer
Education Access:	 PT Volunteer	
Relocation & Resettlement:	 PT Worker	
Children & Young People:	 PT Workers	
Communications:	 PT Worker	
Housing & Employment:	 FT Worker	
Finance, Governance & Transparency:	 FT Workers	
Reception:	 PT Worker	

FT=Full-Time PT=Part-Time

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I have received
great support
from the IRC on
many levels, legal,
psychological and
moral. Thanks for
giving us hope in life.

