

**Welcome to Your  
Fundraising Pack**



**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

**€50** will help us advocate for a person experiencing homelessness to secure safe accommodation and essential supports.

**€150** will help fund strategic legal cases that challenge unfair policies and protect refugee rights nationally.

**€250** supports our work reunifying a family or providing education grants.

## Why your support is so important...'

"When I first came to Ireland, I didn't really feel like I belonged anywhere. Joining the youth group at the Irish Refugee Council changed that for me.

It was one of the first spaces where I felt understood without having to explain everything.

Through the group I've made real friendships, built confidence, and started to feel more at home in Ireland."

# How to Fundraise



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, club or you just want to get together with friends to do something positive for refugees, we would love to hear your fundraising ideas.

The great thing with fundraising 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

Organise a yoga or meditation classes

Impress your friends with a sponsored head shave or hair dye

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

Plan a dinner party and ask guest to donate

Hold a football/GAA/Rugby tournament

Coffee mornings- get together with your neighbours or friends

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

Hold a bake sale- who does not like cake?

Not afraid of anything? Dive or jump from a plane

Get crafty and sell your creations to benefit refugees

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

Plan a competition and sell tickets

Host a dinner or afternoon tea for your family and friends

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

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

# 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 everyone you know gives you €2, at the end of the fundraiser you will 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.

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

## 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.

### 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.

## 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 iDonate

You can set up a fundraiser on iDonate where your friends, family and other will be able to donate to your cause. Visit: [www.idonate.ie](http://www.idonate.ie)

## Lodge the funds in to our bank account

You can lodge the money you raised directly into our bank account. Send an email to [AnneMarie@irishrefugeecouncil.ie](mailto:AnneMarie@irishrefugeecouncil.ie) and we will send you our bank details.

## 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](http://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 8:00 am to 4:00pm at 085 804 1348. 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 about your fundraiser. Our address is Irish Refugee Council, 37 Killarney Street  
Dublin 1  
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*Thank You!*

# 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.

## 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](http://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, you must have permission to use any imagers or video.

All your fundraising material should state you are Fundraising on behalf of the Irish Refugee Council.

For the latest Irish Refugee Council logos and or publicity material please contact:

AnneMarie@irishrefugeecouncil.ie



Thank you for Fundraising 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 Anne-Marie, our Fundraising and Officer at: 085 804 1348 or [AnneMarie@irishrefugeecouncil.ie](mailto:AnneMarie@irishrefugeecouncil.ie)

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