

# Service Map for Children Living in Kinsale Road

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## Ireland

Ireland is an island in Western Europe with a population of around 4.7 million. The island is the second biggest in Europe (second to Great Britain).

The island of Ireland is divided into 32 counties which are grouped together in 4 provinces. The Republic of Ireland consists of 26 counties and occupies approximately 80% of the island. The other 20% is Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom. This is often referred to as 'the six counties'.

**Capital City:** Dublin

**Other Major Cities:** Galway, Cork, Limerick

**Official Language:** Irish (or Gaelige) spoken in specially designated areas of the country, mostly rural and English spoken throughout the country.

**Currency:** Euro

**Weather:** mild with abundant rain!



## Cork

Cork (Corcaigh, meaning 'marsh') is Ireland's second largest city and was designated European Capital of Culture in 2005. Cork is a busy city and the people of Cork have a very unique sing-song accent.

GAA is popular in Cork, in Gaelic and hurling football. The county teams wear red and white and are referred to as the 'Rebels' and Cork, the 'Rebel County' as Corkonians like to call their city the 'real capital' of Ireland. The Cork football team won the Sam Maguire Cup (the All-Ireland Championship) in 2010. Hurling is the more popular of the two sports and the Rebels have won 30 All-Ireland Championships.

Famous people from Cork are Sam Maguire, Gaelic footballer (and namesake of the All-Ireland Cup); Michael Collins, revolutionary leader; Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and Cillian Murphy, actors; and Mick Flannery, the Frank and Walters, Rory Gallagher and John Spillane, musicians.

Some Common expressions: Craic – fun; gossip i.e. What's the craic? – tell me your news/gossip Culchie – someone from the countryside The Pale – the region around Dublin Bucketing Down/Lashing/Raining cats and dogs – all mean very heavy rain Gaff – house/home Greetings: (What's the) story?/What's the craic?/Howya? Bhoy- refers to man or person Pur- very Like- a word used very often in Cork!	As Gaelige: Hello- Dia duit (dee-eh gut) Goodbye- Slán agat (slawn uh-gut) Cheers- Sláinte (sloyn-eh) School- Scoil (skool) Friend – a Chara (kar-rah) Thank you- Go Raibh maith agat (guh rah mah he-gut) My name is ____ - is ainm dom (ess en-um dum) Cork- Corcaigh
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## Transportation

You can reach Dublin (Heuston Station) by train in about 3 hours. The trains run every hour on the half hour Monday – Saturday. The service does run on Sunday's but with fewer trains. For more information ask for a timetable at Kent Train Station or go to [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie).

A similar number of buses travel daily between Cork and Dublin (Busáras/Connolly Station). The journey however takes approximately four hours but buses in Ireland are generally cheaper than travel by train. For more information go to [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie).



## For Fun: Youth Clubs

### Foroige

Unit GC, North Valley Business Centre, Old Mallow Road, Cork  
Tel: 021 439 5903

There are a number of volunteer led, locally based Foróige Clubs for young people aged 12 – 18 providing opportunities for young people to involve themselves in developmental, educational activities based on the needs and interests of members. They also provide young people with the opportunity for safe socialisation in their own local community

#### Big Brother Big Sister

Contact: Susan Delaney Tel: 086 041 2946 Email: [susan.delaney@foroige.ie](mailto:susan.delaney@foroige.ie)

BBBS is a mentoring programme that matches an adult volunteer to a young person (10-18 years). The basic idea is that a friendship will form between the young person and adult volunteer that will promote the positive development of the young person.

### Glen Youth Development Project

The Glen Resource & Sports Centre, The Glen, Cork  
Tel: 021 455 0517

Provides a range of youth services including direct support to vulnerable young people experiencing adversity. Age profile: 10 - 18 years.

## Sports & Recreation

Lough Rovers GAA Club  
52 Bandon Road, Cork  
Tel: 021 496 4404

### Greenwood Football Club

Clashdub Rd, Togher, Cork  
Email: [greenwoodfcork@hotmail.com](mailto:greenwoodfcork@hotmail.com)

### Togher Celtic Football Club

Dunmanway, Cork  
Email: [togherceltic@yahoo.com](mailto:togherceltic@yahoo.com)



### UNITE\* LGBT Youth Group

8 South Main Street, Cork  
Tel: 021 430 4884 Email: [info@gayprojectcork.com](mailto:info@gayprojectcork.com) Web: [www.gayyouthcork.com](http://www.gayyouthcork.com)

Youth group every Thursday evening from 6-9pm and youth café Monday to Friday for lesbian, gay, bisexual, gay and trans youth. Offer staff support and educational, health and social activities.

### YMCA

11/12 Marlboro St, Cork  
The YMCA has a variety of activities for young people up to 25 years including youth groups and education initiatives, as well as a Youth Information Centre on the ground floor, where you can find information about any activities or issues.

#### Nino's Project

The Nino's Project is an education support and youth work initiative for young immigrants of secondary school age, providing a range of activities and help with homework and/or assignments on Tuesdays in the YMCA from 4:30 - 7.00 p.m. In addition a short Summer activities programme is also offered.

#### Dian Project

Independent living skills for young people and information and support regarding rights and entitlements.

## For Help

### Irish Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Teenfocuss/Childfocuss

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Penrose Wharf, 4/5 Alfred Street, Cork Regional Manager: Tess Noonan Tel: 021 450 9588 Email: [cork@ispcc.ie](mailto:cork@ispcc.ie)

**Teenfocuss** provides a comprehensive support service, including out of hours access, to teenagers aged 13-18 years who are experiencing emotional or behavioural difficulties.

**Childfocuss** provides a comprehensive one to one support service (including out of hours access) to children aged 12 years or under who may be experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties.

### YMCA Counselling Service (ages 15-28)

11/12 Marlboro Street, Cork  
Tel: 021 427 0187

### Youth Counselling Service

12 Mary Street, Cork  
Tel: 021 427 0187  
Drop-in youth advice and counselling service



## Education in Ireland

Children seeking asylum can attend state funded education until the end of secondary school. If you would like to attend third level education, a Post Leaving Certificate course or undergraduate course, you will have to pay non-EU fees which are quite expensive. In order to qualify for 'free-fees' and a maintenance grant you must have legal status in Ireland and satisfy the 'Habitual Residence Condition'. However a small number of grants and scholarships are available from different organisations.

For more information contact: Barnardos, Christchurch Square, Dublin 8  
1850 222 3000  
[info@barnardos.ie](mailto:info@barnardos.ie)  
Or  
Irish Refugee Council

