

Service Map for Children Living in St Patricks Centre

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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 Gaelic) spoken in specially designated areas of the country, mostly rural and English spoken throughout the country.

Currency: Euro

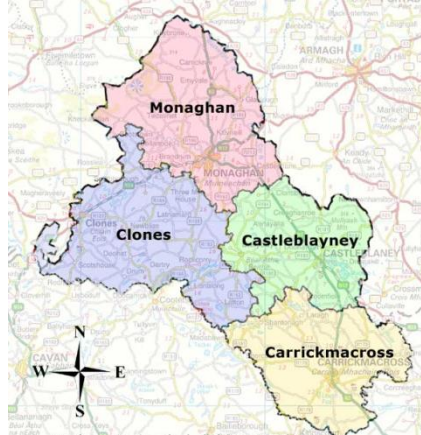
Weather: mild with abundant rain!

Some Common expressions:

Craic – fun; gossip i.e. What's the craic? – tell me your news/gossip
Cúicín – someone from the countryside
The Pale – the region around Dublin
Bucketing Down/Lashing/Raining cats and dogs – all mean very heavy rain
Gárf – house/home
Greetings: (What's the) story?/What's the craic?/Howya?

As Gaelic:

Hello - Dia duit (dee-ah guit)
Goodbye - Slán agat (slawn uh-gat)
Cheers - Sláinte (slaw-yeh)
School - Scoil (skool)
Friend - a Chara (kar-ra)
Thank you - Go Raibh math agat (guh rah mah hah-gat)
My name is ___ - ___ is ainm dom (___ ass an-um dum).
Monaghan - Múineachán



Monaghan

Monaghan is the fourth smallest of the 26 counties in the Republic of Ireland. It is located in the province of Ulster and is a border county to Northern Ireland.

There are several mountains and forests in Monaghan for hiking and hill walking!

Patrick Kavanagh, poet and writer, and John McKenna, first manager of Liverpool Football Club with W.E. Barclay, were both born in Monaghan.

Transportation

You can reach Dublin by bus. Buses run daily between Monaghan and Dublin (Busáras/Connolly Station). The journey takes approximately two hours. For more information go to www.buseireann.ie.

For Fun: Youth Clubs

Monaghan Neighbourhood Youth Project

Ardree HSE, Glen Road, Monaghan
Tel: 047 71663

Youth Work Ireland Monaghan Peace Café

Tel: 087 777 5444 Email: peacecafe@ywimonaghan.ie

A youth café which serves as a place for young people to meet to link in with support and development opportunities. The café provides a place to explore difficult issues and to promote diversity.

Foroige

Big Brother Big Sister: a mentor service that matches a young person with an adult volunteer.

Contact: Yvonne McManus Tel: 086 048 1992 Email: ymcmanus@foroige.ie

Monaghan Scouts Group

Activities, adventure, life skills and personal development for girls and boys aged 6-18+!

Go to: www.monaghanscouts.com for information and to contact the Scouts Group!

Irish Girl Guides

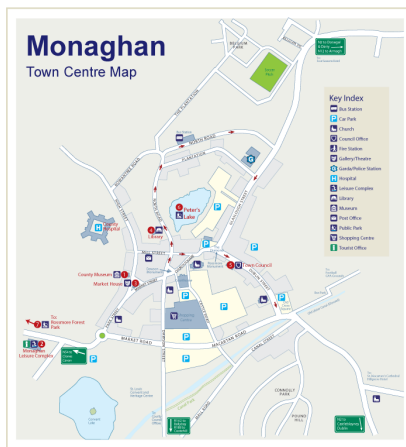
To join, contact: 01 668 3839 or email: info@irishgirlguides.ie

Involves a wide variety of fun and active programme ideas to help girls to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

Ladybirds: for girls aged 5-7

Brownies: for girls aged 6.5-11

Guides: for girls aged 10.5-15



Sports & Recreation

Monaghan Harps G.A.A. Club

Gavan Duffy Park Email: secretary.monaghanharps.monaghan@gaa.ie

Fergal O'Hanlons G.A.A. Club

Cortolvin View
Tel: 085 847 4197 Email: fergalohanlons@monaghan.gaa.ie

Monaghan United Football Club

Tel: 047 84798 Email: webmaster@monaghanunited.ie
Web: www.monaghanunited.com

Youth Theatre

The Garage Theatre, Armagh Road
Tel: 047 81597 Email: drama@garagetheatre.ie Web: www.garagetheatre.com



For Help

Youth Information and Training Service

Held in Monaghan Branch Library the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3pm-5pm
Provides information to support young people and those who work with young people on a variety of topics such as drugs awareness and sexual health education.

Monaghan Comhairle na Nog

Information and resources for young people.

Monaghan County Council, Glen Road

Contact: Fiona McEntee Tel: 047 73717 Mobile: 087 6369109 Email: fmcentee@monaghancoco.ie
www.cavanmonaghanyouth.ie



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
Or
Irish Refugee Council

