

Service Map for Children Living in Eyre Powell

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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!

Some Common local 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?
effort- that's an effort (work in progress)

As Gaelige:

Hello - Dia duit (dee-ah guit)
Goodbye - Slán agat (slawn uh-gut)
Cheers - Sláinte (sloyn-ehh)
School - Scoil (skool)
Friend - a Chara (kar-ra)
Thank you - Go Raibh maith agat (guh rah mah ha-gut)
My name is ___ - ___ is ainm dom (___ess en-um dum).
Newbridge - Droichead Nua
Cill Dara - Kildare

Newbridge

Newbridge is located in County Kildare and is only 40km outside of Dublin. Other large towns in Kildare include Naas, Athy and Kildare Town.

The Curragh (pronounced curr-ah), which is the flattest area in Ireland is located in Co Kildare. The Irish Defence Forces have an army camp there, and there is a race course in The Curragh.

There are also racecourses at Punchestown and Naas. The National Stud is also located in Co Kildare along with many other famous studs.

GAA is popular in Kildare, in particular Gaelic football. The county teams wear a predominately white strip. (insert picture?). People from Kildare are often referred to as 'Lily Whites' after their team's white colours. Kildare were the first team to win the Sam Maguire Cup (All-Ireland Cup) in 1928 however, despite winning a number of Leinster titles, most recently in 2000, they haven't managed to win the Sam Maguire for a second time.

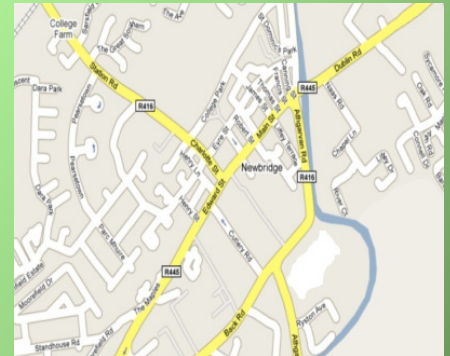
There is also a strong tradition of music in the Kildare area. The famous folk musician, Christy Moore is from Newbridge. Other famous musicians from Kildare are: Damien Rice, Bell X1, Luka Bloom, Jack L, and Super Extra Bonus Party.



Transportation

Newbridge is located on the main train line between Dublin (Heuston Station) and Waterford and is serviced by the arrow commuter trains. The journey takes approximately 30mins with more than 30 trains running each way Monday - Saturday. The service does not run on Sunday's but with significantly fewer trains. For more information ask for a timetable at Newbridge Train Station or go to www.irishrail.ie

A similar number of buses travel daily between Newbridge and Dublin (Busáras/Connolly Station). The journey however takes approximately one hour but buses in Ireland are generally cheaper than travel by train. For more information go to www.buseireann.ie



For Fun: Youth Clubs

Newbridge Youth Project, Kildare Youth services

Dara Park, Newbridge

Tel: 045-435672 Email: [Maura.Laffan - Project Leader](mailto:Maura.Laffan@kys.ie)

mauraneewbridge@kys.ie

Karolyn Phelan - Youth Worker karolynnewbridge@kys.ie

Website: <http://www.kys.ie/newbridge-YP.htm>

Youth Project: For children and young people aged 11-25 years.

Activities include: sports, arts programmes, cooking etc. Focus on personal development, sexual health and alcohol and drug education programmes, healthy living, and independent living skills.

Newbridge Family Resource Centre

Dara Park, Newbridge Co. Kildare

Tel: 045 438173 Email: newbridgefrc@eircom.net Website:

<http://www.mylocalnews.ie/articles/455/13/newbridge-family-resource-centre-1310/newbridge-family-resource-centre-newsletter-24087/>

Youth Project: Thursday evening for children and young people aged 10-14. Activities include art, drama and sports programmes.
Summer project with art, dancing, swimming, trips and sports runs for two weeks during the summer
Homework Club: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for children primary schools.
Preschool childcare:
Parent & Toddler Group: Thursday morning for parents to meet and to get to know each other and for the children to play.
Counselling Service: Free counselling service by appointment.
Adults Education Programmes: A range of adult education courses are provided including computer classes, childcare and special needs assistant training.

Parish Youth Club / St. Conleth's Youth Club

St. Conleth's Parish Church, Naas Road, Newbridge

Contact: Fr. Pat Tel: 045 438 036 Email: parishoffice@newbridgeparish.ie Website:

www.newbridgeparish.ie

Youth Club run on Thursday nights

Newbridge No Name Youth Club

32 Main Street, Newbridge, Co Kildare

For young people 15-18 years. Wednesday evenings 6-8pm. September - June.

Activities: Music, singing & drama, talent competitions, bowling, Go-karting, art projects, film making and trips out

Open Arms Youth (Christian Youth Group)

13 Newbridge Industrial Estate Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Part of the Open Arms Christian Church and Community Centre. Open Arms Youth Service: For children 13-18 years. Friday evening at 7.30pm. Games, music & talks.

Open Arms Contact Group: For teenagers. Wednesday evening 7-9pm. Food, music, games and discussion on different topics and issues.

Open Arms Youth also runs summer camps for children and young people, fun nights, Christmas parties and music lessons.

Fofoige

Una Daly, Volunteer led Services, una.daly@fofoige.ie

KNIT Project c/o County Kildare Leader Partnership / Bridge Community

Development Project

Charlotte House, Charlotte Street, Newbridge

Contact: Ramune Sirvinskiene Tel: 045-430922

Provides support, advocacy services and information on education and employment to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.

Sports & Recreation

Sarsfield GAA Club

Rickardstown, Newbridge

Tel: 045-432831 Email: webmaster@sarsfieldsgaanewbridge.ie Website:

www.sarsfieldsgaanewbridge.ie

Gaelic football, hurling and camogie for children and young people, boys and girls, from the age of 5 to adult.

Moorefield GAA Club

Email: gaa@moorefield.net Website: www.moorefieldgaaclub.com

Gaelic football, hurling and camogie for children and young people, boys and girls, from the age of 8 to adult. Also runs coaching camps during the summer.

Newbridge Town Football Club

Station Road, Newbridge

Tel: 045-432831 E-mail: info@newbridgetownfc.com Website:

www.newbridgetownfc.com

Newbridge County Football Club

Station Road Newbridge

Tel: 045-487724 Email: info@kildarecountyfc.com Website:

<http://www.kildarecountyfc.com>

Newbridge Rugby Club

Rosetown Athgarvan Co. Kildare

Tel: (045) 481501 Email: webmaster@newbridgerugby.com Website:

www.newbridgerugby.com

Rugby club for children, girls and boys, from 6 years to adult



Newbridge Sports & Leisure Centre

Station Road, Newbridge Co. Kildare

Tel: 045 433663 Email: info@newbridgesportscentre.ie Website:

www.newbridgesportscentre.ie

Sports hall, football pitches and gym.

Newbridge Kayak Club

Patrician Secondary School, Main Street Newbridge

Tel: Email: newbridgekayak@yahoo.com Website: www.newbridgekayakclub.com

Runs a kayaking club which meets every Sunday (10am) and Thursday (7pm) and enters into competitions and organises trips away at weekend. You can join the club for a fee. During the summer, the club organises courses in kayaking and open to all who can swim.

Newbridge Shotokan Karate Club

Newbridge Sports & Leisure Centre, Station Road, Newbridge

Tel: Sensei Sherlock 085 7170941 Email: keltshersherlock@eircom.net Website:

<http://www.uskf.org/ClubHomepages/Newbridge/tabid/178/Default.aspx>

Randori Aikido RYU

Newbridge, Co. Kildare

Tel: 087 6922583 Email: randori@eircom.net Website:

<http://randoriaikido.webs.com>

Newbridge Volleyball Club

Tel: 045 435237 Email: info@newbridgevolleyball.com Website:

www.newbridgevolleyball.com



For Help

Kildare Youth Services

Canal Stores, Basin Street, Naas Co. Kildare

Tel: 045 897893 Email: vic@kys.ie Website: www.kys.ie

Youth Information Centre Monday to Friday. Get information on finding a course or a job, health and social issues, your rights, what to do in your spare time and lots more. **Free Internet Access** for young people.

Counselling for Young People: Make an appointment by phone 045 856 968 / text 085 783 / email counselling@kys.ie or talk to your doctor

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

