

Volunteering in Ireland – Directories & Agencies

The following are useful for searching opportunities by work area/category:

Volunteer Ireland. <https://www.volunteer.ie/volunteers/find-a-volunteer-role/>

National Volunteer Development Agency. Residential and non-residential volunteering opportunities at home and abroad. 100's of opportunities including animal welfare, adult education, health, environment, fundraising, elderly care, social work, managerial and office work

Voluntary Service International (VSI) www.vsi.ie - the Irish branch of Service Civil International, a worldwide peace movement. 100's of projects promoting peace, social justice, sustainable development and intercultural understanding through volunteering abroad and in Ireland.

Idealist www.idealists.org - an interactive site where you can locate 1000's of opportunities and organizations nationally and worldwide and where people and organizations can exchange resources and ideas.

Comhlámh <https://comhlamh.org/> - campaign for global justice and human rights at home and worldwide. Development education is at the heart of Comhlámh's work. It provides information on projects and events as well as support, jobs and training for volunteers and development workers. It also has an extensive contacts and links section.

Activelink www.activelink.ie - an online directory of Irish charities, ngo's, community & voluntary groups and associations listed under various categories. Includes voluntary, employment and training opportunities.

The Wheel; Support & representation for Community & Voluntary Organisations
<https://www.wheel.ie/>

Volunteering in Ireland– Specific Organization Websites (a selection)

Everyday Hero –list of Irish charities. <https://www.everydayhero.com/ie/>

National Youth Council of Ireland. <http://www.youth.ie>

Representative body for voluntary youth organisations in Ireland. The representative body for national voluntary youth work organisations in Ireland. It represents and supports the interests of 50 voluntary youth organisations

100 Minds-100minds connects 3rd level students with a chosen charity and encourages them to run fundraising projects that will help develop their skill set and apply their theoretical learnings from college in a practical means. Each student is assigned a mentor to support them throughout their fundraising efforts. Their mentors are a group of recent graduates working in the world's top companies such as Twitter, Google, KPMG, McDonald's and many more. For more information see: www.100minds.org

Threshold. The National Housing Charity- <https://www.threshold.ie/>

Working in the area of housing and homelessness and offering information to tenants and landlords, while also campaigning for better provision.

The Simon Community: <https://www.simon.ie/default.aspx>

Part-time and full-time volunteering opportunities helping people access services relating to homelessness and drug use.

The Samaritans. <https://www.samaritans.org/ireland/samaritans-ireland/>

Provides support to the suicidal and despairing; offers contact details, news, notes on helping the Samaritans, material on suicide and related matters and a FAQ.

The Order of Malta Ambulance Corps. <http://www.orderofmaltaireland.org/>

Volunteering to care for the community through first aid, ambulance and casualty services.

Crosscare. (Catholic Youth Care) <https://www.youth.ie/member/crosscare/>

Crosscare provides direct youth work in 10 local youth services and support for voluntary youth work in Dublin City and County, County Wicklow and parts of County Kildare.

Camphill Communities of Ireland. <http://www.camphill.ie/>

Working with people who are mentally handicapped

Barnardos: <https://www.barnardos.ie/>

Working with to help children reach their potential in areas like administration, charity shops, fundraising, education and counselling

ISPCC Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. <https://www.ispcc.ie/>

The ISPCC's vision is to see an Ireland where all children are heard and valued

Alice Leahy Trust; <https://aliceleahytrust.ie/>

A non-political, non-denominational voluntary body providing medical and social service for homeless people in Dublin

Merchant's Quay Project - <https://mqi.ie/> Homelessness and drugs service

Focus Ireland; <https://www.focusireland.ie/>

Helping to reduce prejudices that exist about homelessness and people who have experiences of being homeless.

Women's Aid Refuge; <https://www.womensaid.ie/>

A voluntary organisation which provides support and information to women and their children who are being physically, emotionally, financially and sexually abused in their own homes. Volunteering opportunities include telephone support and charity shop work.

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland; <https://www.sbhi.ie/>

Camara Education; <https://camara.org/>

An international organization dedicated to using technology to improve education, for example, they take in second hand computers that have been discarded by Irish Organisations and individuals, refurbish them and send them to schools and colleges in sub-Saharan Africa. Send out groups of volunteers to train African teachers in basic computer literacy and more specialised technology areas.

Volunteering Overseas – Directories & Agencies

The following are useful for searching opportunities by work area/category:

Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade;

The Irish Aid <https://www.irishaid.ie/#> website acts as a guide to volunteering, allowing the individual to review all the options available to them - short term, long term, online volunteering or volunteering in Ireland in support of overseas development. Also has regular talks and events on overseas volunteering

Volunteer Ireland; Extensive list and links to overseas agencies and publications, including links to Concern, Goal etc., <https://www.volunteer.ie/volunteers/volunteer-from-home/>

Voluntary Service International; <https://www.vsi.ie/>

Undertakes a wide variety of voluntary and community work throughout Ireland and has sent volunteers to similar projects in over 70 countries worldwide. VSI coordinates short-term international work camps, teenage work camps, an Asia/Africa/Latin America exchange programme and various other volunteering projects abroad.

National Council for voluntary organisations; <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/>

International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA) an association of non-governmental organizations involved in international volunteer work and internship exchanges.

<http://volunteerinternational.org/>

UK Government information;

<https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=volunteering&order=relevance>

Information on becoming a volunteer, finding a volunteering opportunity.

Prospects, UK Graduate Careers Website <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/volunteering> Overview of volunteering and activities, contacts and resources. Volunteering opportunities and country specific information

Step Together Volunteering; <https://www.step-together.org.uk/>

Transforming lives through volunteering. Enables volunteers to build an on-screen profile of their ideal volunteer placement which is then matched against the requirements of over 2400 organisations with more than 1.6 million placements each year throughout the world.

Voluntary Service Overseas; <https://www.vsointernational.org/>

The world's leading independent international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries.

Idealist www. <https://www.idealists.org/en/>

Provides a searchable database of community and not-for-profit organisations in over 165 countries, as well as volunteering opportunities.

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CONCERN WORLWIDE- <https://www.concern.net/>

Concern recruits volunteers aged over 21 and (usually) holding a relevant third level qualification

GOAL recruits qualified volunteer doctors, nurses, midwives, accountants, administrators, engineers and mechanics to work in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. <https://www.goalglobal.org/>

Gorta; Self Help Africa. <https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/>

Gorta's mission is to work for a world free from the injustices of chronic hunger, poverty and disease, having special regard for the plight of children and the empowerment of women. Volunteers work in charity shops and fundraising.

Intercultural Programmes; <https://afs.org/>

Runs Community Service Programmes in Latin America and Africa.

Irish Red Cross; <https://www.redcross.ie/>

Volunteering for the Irish Red Cross also gives you the opportunity to meet new friends, learn new skills and be part of the largest humanitarian network in the world with nearly 100 million members worldwide.

i-to-i: Teach English Abroad & Online. <https://www.i-to-i.com/>

An adventure travel company specialising in volunteer placements overseas and in TEFL training.

Leargas; - The Exchange Bureau. <https://www.leargas.ie/>

Coordinates, amongst other things, the Irish arm of the European Voluntary Service programme

Outreach Moldova: <https://www.outreachmoldova.org/>

Works for and with severely disabled, orphaned and abandoned children in the Republic of Moldova.

Viatres Christi: Travellers for Christ: <https://vcvolunteers.ie/>

Sends lay missionaries (aged 21+) overseas after a part time training course lasting about one year.

SUAS Educational Development. <https://www.suas.ie/>

A movement dedicated to supporting quality education in targeted under-resourced communities, with programmes in India, Ireland and Kenya and has a network of twelve student societies across Ireland.

Volunteer Missionary Movement USA; <http://www.vmminternational.org/>

A lay Christian development agency. VMM sends development workers (aged 21+) to Africa and Central America to share their skills and professions. Volunteers receive professional country orientation and training as well as a programme of personal development, reflection and individual preparation for their forthcoming work overseas.

Volunteer South America; <http://www.volunteersouthamerica.net/>

Lists the free and low-cost volunteer opportunities in South & Central America. The site is designed for backpackers /independent travellers

Oxfam; <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/>

Helps the poor to build a better future for themselves. It's the relief agency which brings help when disaster strikes. You can volunteer by working in shops, offices, events, fundraising, knitting, growing plants and flowers and in specialist projects.

Career Volunteer; <https://www.careervolunteer.co.uk/>

Our mission is to connect the skills and talents of people around the world with organisations in civil society best able to utilise them. Our vision is to see a world where skilled volunteering is seen as a normal part of everyone's work, encouraged and supported by employers and given due recognition by society as a whole.

Save the Children; <https://www.savethechildren.org/>

The leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. Provides a wide range of programs, including: training new mothers with prenatal care, supplying life-saving immunizations for young children, building schools in developing countries, and improving literacy and nutrition for children living in rural poverty in the U.S.

BUNAC; <https://www.bunac.org/>

Offers a range of summer camp, working and volunteering abroad programmes. Destinations include: USA, Canada, New Zealand, Ghana Australia, Britain, China, South Africa and many more.

More

Archaeological digs abroad. <https://www.projects-abroad.ie/volunteer-abroad/archaeology/>

Expeditions to the remotest places you can think of. <https://www.britishexploring.org/>

British based projects with the Centre for Alternative Technology. <https://www.cat.org.uk/>

Field-based conservation in 50 countries across the world. <https://earthwatch.org/>

Learn about new cultures by staying with a host family abroad. <http://eiluk.org/>

10 to 20 week conservation projects in remote locations. <https://www.frontierprojects.org/>

International exchanges and voluntary work overseas. <https://icye.org.uk/>

Projects and expeditions in Africa and South America. <https://www.questoverseas.com/>

3 month community and environmental projects. <https://raleighinternational.org/>

Responsible Travel. <https://www.responsibletravel.com/holidays/volunteer-travel?search=y>

3 to 6 month paid and voluntary placements worldwide. <https://weareworldchallenge.com/uk/>

Year-Out Group. <https://yearoutgroup.org/> Registered UK-based specialists on one website giving access to the options available, for instance local, national and international placements, ranging from voluntary to paid and lasting from one week to one year.

Build Abroad is an international non- profit focused on construction volunteering.

<https://buildabroad.org/non-profit/?gclid=CJ-6rlf579QCFWi17QodrR0AMA>