

Newsletter



Welcome!

Welcome to this first issue of the Muslim Sisters of Éire bi-yearly Newsletter. In this edition we highlight what we have been doing over the past 6 months and what we are planning on doing in the months ahead. It's been a busy year so far between all our various campaigns and events.

We hope you enjoy!
- MSOE staff, June 2023.



Sweets & Treats Campaign

After Christmas we put out a call for leftover selection boxes, sweet cakes, sweets etc. so that we could distribute them on our Soup Run for the homeless. We were overwhelmed by the generosity we got in response with donations of chocolates and sweets! Thank you to the wonderful Irish public.



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Womens Wellbeing morning

We had a fantastic wellbeing coffee morning on February 14th at the Castleknock community centre. There was a full room of Migrant and non-migrant ladies in attendance.

We had acupuncture, hand massages, head massages, tea, coffee, and a variety of cakes. A huge thank you to all the therapists who came and the volunteers who organised this event. We look forward to hosting many more of these events in the future



World Hijab Day

What an incredible day! We celebrated World Hijab Day on February 1st in the with a conference and lunch in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght.

We had a fantastic group of speakers and a brilliant youth panel who discussed and shed light on how the hijab is part of their identity as well as the problems that they face in terms of being a young person who wears the hijab.

A huge shoutout to Louise O'Reilly TD, Sinn Féin (pictured above) for speaking at the event and for supporting our work.

Thank you INAR – Irish Network Against Racism, Immigrant Council of Ireland, and An Garda Síochána for your support and contribution. Lastly, thank you to everyone who worked hard to organise this very successful day.

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Female Health

Many thanks to AkiDWA for the invitation to promote our Period poverty initiative in February . It was a very successful and wonderful opportunity to network with our peers on issues related to health and needs for our community. We discussed the social determinants of health, including gender-based violence and cancer. We had an excellent opportunity to meet some of the women in the direct provision centres.

Sadly these women were using the products that we displayed which were socks, rags and dish cloths. We would like to thank Women's Aid and Period Poverty Ireland for donating sanitary pads. We also had the opportunity to meet Minister Ivana Catherine Bacik who has been Leader of the Labour Party to discuss period poverty, specifically in direct provision .

Many people would think this only happens in developing countries and not in Ireland. We receive many requests to attend provision centres to educate women about female health and menstrual hygiene. Many of the girls do not have products and are unaware of where to dispose of them, as there are no facilities to dispose safely.



Turkey Earthquake Campaign

Thank you to all the amazing people who organised and attended the coffee morning on February 23rd in the Terenure enterprise centre.

A huge thank you to Liz, from the Terenure Enterprise Centre in Rathfarnham Road who held the coffee morning in aid of our Turkey earthquake appeal with Islamic Relief!

They raised €2181 all together! Thank you all for your support and donations!



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Volunteers Training

On the 5th of March we had an absolutely fantastic team-building morning with all the volunteers of Muslim Sisters of Éire! Together we brainstormed ideas, worked on capacity

building and discussed how we can become stronger. We also outlined some of our upcoming events and campaigns. Founder Lorraine O'Connor was sharing the insights and backstories that let us understand the importance of our work and inspire us to strive for excellence. All our volunteers work really hard, are at the forefront of seeing the problems firsthand and their feedback helps us serve those most vulnerable and in need even better. We appreciate all our volunteers!



International Womens Day

On International Womens day the 8th of March we had a very memorable event with so many inspiring speakers!

The atmosphere was one of celebration and empowerment. We all left inspired and proud to be who we are: an important part of our society. Those who spoke on the day were Minister Roderic O'Gorman, Senator Lynn Boylan, Lorraine O'Connor (Chair, MSOE), Aburwein Habo (PR, MSOE), Tahereh Fardintabrizi - LLM, Internation & Human Rights Law, Batool Al-Toma - Chair, Convert Muslim Association Fardus Sultan - Lecturer & PhD Researcher

And a special thank you to our lovely guest the President of Ireland's wife Mrs. Sabina Higgins!

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Prayer Mat Campaign

Young Muslim men reached out to us during the month of Ramadan, appealing for prayer mats and Qurans. We were so blessed to provide them with these basic religious needs.

Easter Egg Campaign

We ran our Easter Egg Campaign again this year. A kind representative from Lindt reached out to us and gave us over 400 Easter eggs.

A huge shout out as well to Kristina and Yetunde from SISK Project vantage who dropped by with 150 Easter eggs! Thank you so much to the employees at John Sisk & Son Ltd for your chocolate donations.

We were pleased to distribute these chocolates to many people in need.

We also delivered over a 100 to the Direct Provision Center in Baleskin and the children were absolutely delighted with them.



DCU Crafty Ladies Fundraising Project

A huge shout out to this amazing bunch of women who raised €1785.50 for our homeless. The DCU Crafty Ladies knitted 100s of chicks with DCU RAG and Localise River Valley. Incredible community collaboration across the city.



Revert Dinner

We hosted the first Iftar dinner for revert sisters and it was a huge success, we were immediately asked to do it more often!

We had inspirational talks with our amazing speakers about faith and Ramadan. The event gave the sisters an opportunity to ask for the support they need and that we would be able to implement in the future.

We shared stories and shed tears. We felt unity in the air even without saying a word. It was such an intimate and unifying event and we thank you all for coming and joining us! We had amazing food and we thank the Hilton Hotel, Charlemont and to our organiser.



Interfaith Iftar Dinner

On the evening of the 15th of April Muslim Sisters of Éire hosted our fifth Interfaith Iftar. The event is an opportunity for us to share the joy and spirit of this holy month with members of other faiths, encourage collaboration and strengthen unity within the community. We were hosted at the Hilton Dublin and were treated to a wonderful Iftar. We would like to thank and acknowledge our speakers who joined us for the evening:

- Julie Siddiqui
- Dr Jasbir Singh Puri
- Friar Kieran O'Mahony OSA
- Amilah Ali
- Rev. Myozan Kodo Kilroy





**FOOD
HAMPER FOR
FAMILIES IN
NEED**

**SUPPORTING
FASTING
INDIVIDUALS
IN HOSTELS**

**EID TOY DRIVE
FOR CHILDREN
IN DIRECT
PROVISION**

Ramadan

We had several campaigns for the month of Ramadan the month of giving.

- We helped out families in need by distributing food hampers.
- We collaborated with the Muslim Girls of Éire to support fasting brothers in hostels on a weekly basis throughout Ramadan. We distributed bags with non-perishable food items, Quran and a prayer mat to 40 brothers in difficult situations, in collaboration with the MGOE. The kitchens in these hostels close early and they don't have the resources to arrange suhoor, which leaves these brothers in a difficult situation during Ramadan.
- We also had an Eid Toy Drive for children in direct provision in collaboration with the Muslim Girls of Éire. Toys for children aged 1 to 14 years were delivered on Eid as a treat for these families.
- We had our Launchgood campaign during the entire month of Ramadan where people donated money every day, we raised €13,300 to feed the homeless.
- In addition we also hosted an Interfaith Iftar as well as an Iftar dinner for Reverts.
- We had a fantastic Eid Party with many families coming together to celebrate this joyous occasion.



Soup Run

Our soup run continues to run outside the GPO every Friday with the generous support from Safco Fine Foods, Golden Olive, Dante Pizza, Dabar Restaurant, Brazzerie, donations from the public and our Volunteers!

So far this year we were delighted to be joined on the 28th of April by the Ardoyne Youth Club from Belfast and by Dónal Skehan who was a volunteer for the evening!





First Aid

A wonderful day refreshing our first aid training. Our day was spent practicing CPR, AED, first aid best practices in relation to stroke, heart attacks, seizures, choking, burns and injuries. A huge thank you to our trainer Conor from STAC and to Clare and Lorraine for organising it.

'This is Me'

We gave a talk in Old Bawn Community School to over 200 third years. We spoke in depth about the work Muslim Sisters of Éire do.

They were very happy to welcome a representative from Muslim Sisters of Éire. They already knew quite a lot about us as we are in their religion books and in the curriculum! It was a great morning where we had a lot of interactive discussions, explaining, and talking about our work.



The Irish Women's Awards

We were shortlisted into the finals at The 3rd Irish Women's Awards, woohoo! We have been selected as a finalist for the 'Services to Charity/Third Sector' category.

THE IRISH
WOMEN'S
AWARDS
FINALIST



Teddy Bear Picnic



SOLD OUT

17TH JUNE 2023 | 1PM AT PHOENIX PARK

Bring along your Teddy Bears, a picnic blanket, lunch and some refreshments

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE VISIT [EVENTBRITE](#)

MUSLIM
SISTERS OF EIRE

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Muslim Sisters of Eire
Present

Eid Intercultural Festival

SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023

SOLD OUT

BOOK ON
EVENTBRITE.IE

Finger Foods | Goodie Bags | Tea/Coffee | Drinks & Refreshments
Clowns | Face painting | Henna

€100 (2 ADULTS & 4 CHILDREN) | ADULT €25 | CHILD €15

LIMITED PLACES BOOKING ESSENTIAL

CALL: 086 785 4866 | EMAIL: muslimsisterofeire@gmail.com



Pool Party for girls

GIRLS UNDER THE AGE OF 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
MOTHER/FEMALE GUARDIAN

JOIN THE MUSLIM SISTERS
OF ÉIRE FOR A FUN TIME IN
THE WATER

JULY 6TH, 13TH, & 20TH AT 2PM-4PM

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE SWIMMING POOL

Templeville Rd, Templeogue Village, Dublin



SWIMSUIT OR BURKINI ONLY

4 day staycation



MUSEUM

MONDAY JULY 24TH

Join us for an educational and exciting day at the EPIC museum



TUESDAY JULY 25TH

Zipit's fun-packed circuits include ziplines, swinging logs, cargo nets and rope

ZIP-IT



HORSE RIDING

THURSDAY JULY 27TH

Join us for Horseback Riding and an unforgettable experience!



PICNIC

SATURDAY JULY 29TH

A family picnic lunch at beautiful Marlay park!



€60 FOR 4 EVENTS

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

8 AUG

12 PM - 4 PM

MSOE PRESENTS

MULTICULTURAL DAY

FREE ENTRY

**ARABIC TENT, TEA/COFFEE,
REFRESHMENTS, CLOWNS,
FACE PAINTING, HENNA
STALLS, GAMES, AND MUCH
MORE**

**PHOENIX PARK
FURZE ROAD**

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MSOE DAY TRIP TO



Emerald park

AUGUST 10 10AM- 6PM

€30 PP

14+ GIRLS ONLY

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE
TRANSPORT PROVIDED
FROM DUNDRUM

