

COMMUNITY CONNECT

CULTUR MIGRANT CENTRE NEWSLETTER,
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New Initiatives

Empowering Through Education Our Upskilling Project continues to thrive, offering accredited training to over 180 migrants. This initiative is designed to enhance employability and respond to labour market demands.

Women's Groups The Navan Women's Group meets every Friday, fostering self-confidence and friendships among women from diverse backgrounds. This supportive environment is vital for personal development and community integration.

Celebrated 20 Years of Cultur Migrants Centre

This year, we proudly celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cultur Migrants Centre. Since our founding in 2004, we have been dedicated to promoting equal rights and opportunities for migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Over the past two decades, we have touched countless lives, fostering a community of support, advocacy, and transformative change. Join us in commemorating this milestone as we reflect on our journey and look forward to continuing our mission of inclusivity and empowerment.





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As we look back on our 20th Anniversary celebration, we are filled with pride and gratitude. This milestone event was more than just a gathering—it was a testament to our shared history, achievements, and the bright future ahead.

A special thank you goes out to our incredible organizing team. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication made this celebration truly unforgettable.



We are thrilled to announce the launch of our very first magazine! This publication is a culmination of creativity, passion, and hard work, designed to inspire, inform, and connect our community. We hope you enjoy this new journey with us as we explore new stories, ideas, and perspectives together.



Honouring Global Connections: Refugee Week and World Refugee Day 2024 Celebration"

Cultúr Migrants Centre hosted a vibrant celebration under sunny skies to honour Refugee Week and World Refugee Day 2024 on Wednesday, June 19th, at St. Mary's Parish Ground in Navan. Attendees gathered for a joyous street party filled with food, music, and camaraderie.



This year's theme, "OUR HOME IS ALSO GLOBAL," underscored the interconnectedness of our world and emphasized the importance of extending warmth and hospitality to those seeking safety. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Eddie Fennessy, Mayor of Navan; Fr Declan Hurley, Parish Priest of Navan Parish; Olexandra Sereda, representative of the Ukrainian Community in Meath; Meath County Council; musicians Dmytro Vavulin and Nataliia Alexsieienko; and all volunteers and participants for their invaluable contributions to this memorable event.

Volunteer Spotlight

We celebrate the exceptional dedication of our volunteers who embody the core values of Cultúr Migrants Centre. These individuals selflessly contribute their time and talents to further our mission of promoting inclusivity and empowerment within our community.

One standout volunteer is Noel Bannon, who volunteers his time to Cultúr one day a week and has successfully established a conversational English class in Ratoath for the past 2 years. His passion for working with others and teaching English has made a positive impact in his local community. Noel's dedication and enthusiasm inspire us all to foster a more welcoming and supportive environment.

We are grateful to Noel and all our dedicated volunteers whose unwavering commitment exemplifies our values and enriches our programmes.



Ongoing Initiatives: Shaping Our Future

At Cultur Migrant Centre, we are dedicated to empowering and supporting migrant communities through a variety of innovative projects and programmes. Our ongoing initiatives reflect our commitment to providing essential services, fostering integration, and advocating for the rights and well-being of migrants.

We are working tirelessly to create opportunities, build strong communities, and pave the way for a brighter tomorrow for migrants and their families. Our projects include :

- Career FastTrack Project
- Be Safe In Your Space Project
- CYPSC Louth/Meath Project
- Rights for All Project
- Communities Connect
- Upskilling & Reskilling
- Community Safety Ambassadors programme
- Migrant Men's Network
- Conversational English Class
- Community Development

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Film Screening**

Thursday, 29th August 2024

Navan Library, Railway Street Navan. Meath

- **Communities Connects mentors & mentees Networking**

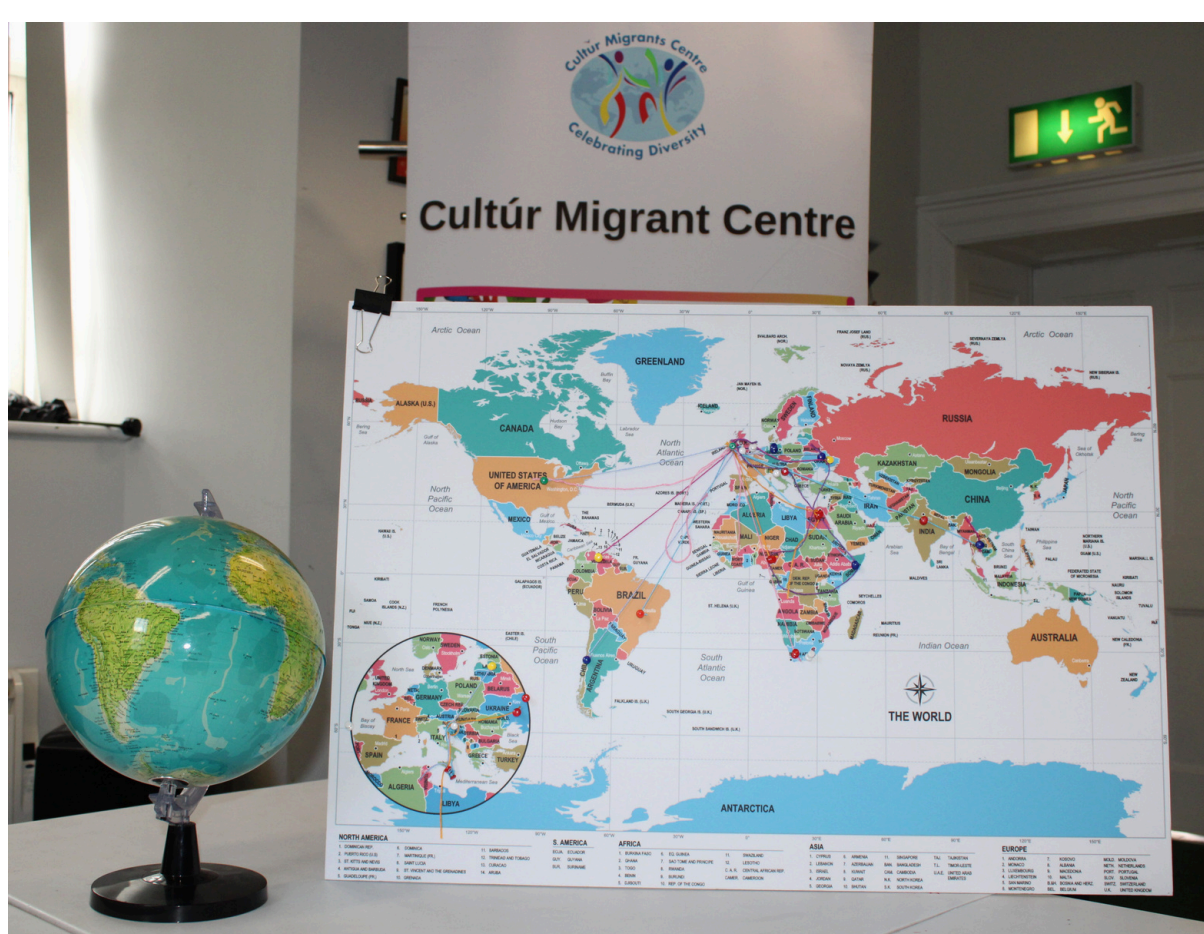
Tuesday, 3rd September 2024

Newgrange Hotel Navan

- **Meath Culture Night**

Friday, 20th September 2024

Solstice Arts Centre, Railway St, Navan



Celebrating Independence: Honouring Diverse Journeys

At Cultúr Migrants Centre, we understand the profound significance of Independence Days around the world. These days mark not just the birth of nations but also the ongoing journeys of individuals who seek freedom and opportunity.

In August and September, several countries celebrate their Independence Days, each with its own unique history and cultural significance:

Upcoming Independence Days

- Pakistan - August 14
- India - August 15
- Malaysia - August 31
- Brazil - September 7
- Mexico - September 16
- Nigeria - October 1
- Uganda - October 9
- Zambia - October 24
- Czech Republic - October 28

☀️ Upcoming International Holidays: August & September ☀️

As we approach the end of summer, here are some notable international holidays and observances for August and September that you might want to mark on your calendar:

August Highlights:

International Youth Day (August 12)

🌐 Celebrates the contributions and potential of young people around the world. Events and activities focus on youth issues and empowerment.

Assumption of Mary (August 15)

✨ A Christian celebration marking the assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven, widely observed in Catholic countries like Italy, Spain, and France.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition (August 23)

🌿 Commemorates the end of the transatlantic slave trade and honors the victims of slavery, with events and educational activities held globally.

September Highlights:

Labour Day (First Monday in September)

🔧 In the U.S. and Canada, this day honors the contributions of workers and the labor movement. Many other countries have similar observances on different dates.

International Literacy Day (September 8)

📖 Promotes the importance of literacy and celebrates efforts to improve literacy rates worldwide.

International Day of Peace (September 21)

☮️ A global observance aimed at promoting peace and encouraging the cessation of hostilities, with various events and initiatives worldwide.

Autumnal Equinox (September 22 or 23)

🌿 Marks the official start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere, with nearly equal day and night lengths. Celebrated in various cultures with different customs.



Empowering Diversity: Building Inclusive Communities in Meath and Louth

Cultúr is a dedicated community organisation that operates throughout counties Meath and Louth, focusing on supporting ethnic minorities including immigrants, migrant workers, asylum seekers, and refugees. Our mission is to create a welcoming and supportive environment where individuals from diverse backgrounds can thrive and integrate into the local community.

Through our initiatives and programs, Cultúr aims to provide essential services, advocacy, and resources that empower individuals and families facing the challenges of relocation and cultural adaptation. We are committed to fostering understanding, respect, and cooperation among all community members, regardless of nationality or background.

At Cultúr, we believe in the importance of inclusivity and cultural diversity, and we work tirelessly to promote social cohesion and equality. Our team consists of passionate individuals dedicated to making a positive impact and advocating for the rights and well-being of ethnic minorities in our region.

Whether through education, community events, or direct support services, Cultúr strives to build bridges between different cultures and create a more inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. We invite you to join us in our journey towards a more unified and compassionate community.

Thank you for reading!

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