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CULTUR MIGRANT CENTRE NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2025 EDITION





HAPPY 2025!

Irish

Welcoming the New Year with Gratitude and Hope

Thank you for being a part of our journey in 2024. Your support has been invaluable in driving positive change and fostering community spirit. Together, let's make 2025 even more remarkable.

English Happy New Year Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Duit Swedish Gelukkig Nieuwjaar Gott nytt år Felice Anno Nuovo Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku French سنة حديدة سعيدة Turkish Bonne Année Mutlu Yıllar Frohes Neues Jahr Spanish Feliz Año Nuevo С Новым Годом (S Novym Godom) Chinese 新年快乐 Afrikaans Gelukkige Nuwe Jaar Vietnamese Swahili Chúc Mừng Năm Mới Heri ya Mwaka Mpya Greek Καλή Χρονιά Hebrew 새해 복 많이 받으세요 Unyaka Omusha Ojabulisayo Chaka Chatsopano Chabwino Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku

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Top News

Cultur Community Network

We are excited to announce the Cultúr Community Network, a ground breaking initiative empowering international protection applicants (men) across Meath, Louth, and Cavan.

This project breaks barriers, reduces isolation, and fosters integration through:

- Workshops to build confidence and connections.
- Career Planning for professional growth.
- Vocational Training in language, skills, and workplace readiness.
- Social Networking events for a sense of belonging.

Supported by the International Protection Integration Fund (IPIF), this initiative paves the way for stronger, inclusive communities.

HIGHLIGHTS FROMS 2024



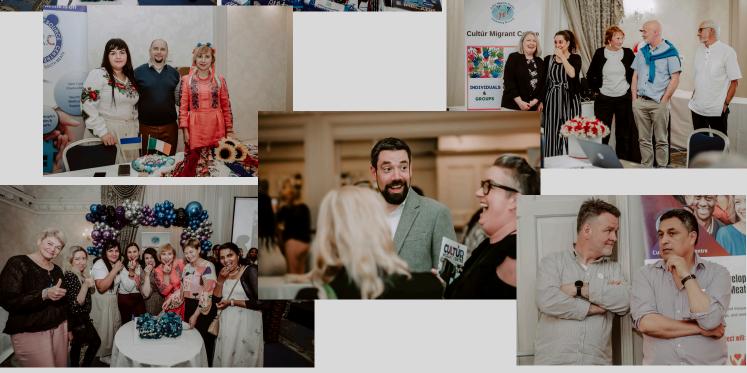
A Year of Celebrations and Impact

At Cultúr Migrant Centre, 2024 was a year full of meaningful moments and impactful events that brought our community together. One of the key highlights of the year was celebrating the 20th anniversary of the centre, a significant milestone that marks two decades of supporting and empowering migrants and diverse communities.

During the celebration, we shared a special moment as the cake was cut to commemorate this remarkable achievement, symbolizing the growth and success we've experienced over the years. The event also featured a variety of stalls where members of the community showcased their businesses, reflecting the vibrant entrepreneurial spirit and cultural diversity within our network. Additionally, we proudly released our new magazine on the same day, marking a new chapter in our commitment to sharing stories and experiences that reflect the diverse voices of our community.







CEO Tinu's Visit to EU Commission & European Parliam



In 2024, CEO Tinu had the privilege of joining a delegation of Irish stakeholders working in migration for an insightful visit to the EU Commission and European Parliament in Brussels. Hosted by European Commission representation Ireland, the visit focused on understanding EU migration policies and how these institutions influence their development.

This opportunity provided valuable insights and strengthened connections with EU decision-makers in the migration sector. Check out the highlights from the visit:

This visit marked an important milestone in our efforts to advocate for inclusive migration policies across Europe.

Celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day in Meath!

Last year, Cultúr Migrants Centre joined the celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day 2024 at Trim Resource Centre, marking a powerful moment of freedom and unity.

A key highlight was the launch of the new Ukrainian community in Meath, a significant step in supporting the growing Ukrainian presence in the region. It was inspiring to see the community come together to support one another and work towards shared goals. We're proud to have been part of this historic event and look forward to more progress and unity in the year ahead!





Céad Míle Fáilte: Learning Irish Together



In 2024, we proudly hosted Céad Míle Fáilte Irish language classes, welcoming everyone, migrants, especially embrace Ireland's rich culture and language. These inclusive sessions fostered belonging and cultural understanding, helping participants feel at home in Ireland. This successful initiative continues celebrate diversity and promote integration.

The Healthy Journey for Migrants Project

Last year, Cultúr Migrants Centre proudly delivered the Healthy Journey for Migrant Women initiative, funded by the HSE National Lottery Grant. This impactful project addressed the unique wellness needs of migrant women, fostering health, self-care, and community connection.





Workshops Highlights:

- 1 Culturally Sensitive Health Education
- 2 Self-Care Strategies (Physical Wellness) 2 Sound Baths
- 3 Healthy Cooking Classes



Activities Included:

- 11 Yoga Sessions
- 3 Healthy Cooking









This project is proof that tailored initiatives can make a lasting impact. Together, we are fostering stronger, healthier communities.



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
- Upskilling & Reskilling
- Community Safety Ambassadors programme
- Conversational English Class
- Community Network
- Céad Míle Fáilte : Learning Irish Together

<u>Funders</u>





An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Michumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Oige Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth



Our Social Innovation











Join Our Team at Cultúr Migrant Centre!

We're excited to announce that we're hiring for two dynamic roles:

- Community Development Officer
- Community Worker

This is your opportunity to help create vibrant, inclusive, and empowered communities.

Find out more and apply now: .
https://cultur.ie/cultur-is-hiring-a-community.../

CLOSING DATE: 20/01/2024

Let's Make 2025 Amazing Together

As we step into 2025, we are filled with excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. With a calendar packed with events and initiatives, we remain committed to supporting our community and driving positive change together.

At Cultúr Migrant Centre, we are dedicated to empowering and supporting migrant communities in County Meath and beyond. Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, we work to promote social inclusion, celebrate diversity, and create opportunities for everyone to thrive.

We've already highlighted some of the exciting events planned for this year, but there's so much more to come! Be sure to stay connected on our socials and visit <u>cultur.ie</u> to keep up with all the latest updates and announcements.

Thank you for your unwavering support throughout the past year. From all of us at Cultúr Migrant Centre, we wish you a prosperous and Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Chinese New Year Festival
 08 February 2025
- International Mother Language Day 21 February 2025
- International Women's day 06 March 2025
- Anti-Racism day
 21 March 2025

- Online Cambridge English Courses (B1, B2, C1)
- OET Preparation Course for doctors and nurses (Online)
- Online Academic English Course
- Homeownership for Migrants Workshop
- Cooking Classes Workshop

Thank you for reading!

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