



# Meath Volunteer Centre

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Dear Volunteers,

Many thanks to all volunteers who attended our recent photography exhibition to celebrate volunteering. It was great to meet so many of you again and to hear how much you were enjoying volunteering in Meath.

We have lots of opportunities on our New Look website [www.volunteermeath.ie](http://www.volunteermeath.ie) for you to consider, some of which are included in this weeks Newsletter. If you have any questions feel free to call us on 046 9280790.

Go néirí libh,

Jeanette O'Reilly  
Placement Officer



Connecting Communities—

Your Local Volunteer Centre supporting European Year of Volunteering

*See inside for this week's volunteering opportunities*

**Le Chéile— Young Person Mentor**

The Le Chéile Mentoring Project is a child-centered, non judgemental service which trains volunteers from local communities to act as mentors to young people referred by Young Persons Probation service.

This volunteering opportunity involves the volunteer meeting with the young person once weekly for about 3 hours—engaging in a fun activity (cinema, sport, bowling etc...) In essence the role is befriending. If you are interested in this role and would like some further detail contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.



**Sonairte— Marketing & Promotions**

Sonairte is an environmental educational charity based in Laytown. They promote sustainability in many different ways through their organic garden, nature trail, energy courtyard, shop, café and information centre. Currently Sonairte are looking for a volunteer to promote their monthly Food & Craft Market. If you have marketing skills and are interested in this opportunity contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.



**Focus Ireland— Variety of Volunteering Opportunities**

Focus Ireland are aiming to raise €50,000 to assist those who are facing homelessness. In order to achieve their goal they are looking for volunteers to support a once in a lifetime fundraising event ! 50 Volunteers will be selected to take part in an expedition over the Arctic from Norway to Sweden covering 200+km. Currently

Focus Ireland are looking for volunteers for the following roles:

Expedition Leaders, Fundraisers, Press Officer, Promoters, Web Designers, Trustees, Administrators and a Treasurer. If this project appeals to you and you have skills in these areas contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.



### **Barnardos— Fundraising**

Barnardos support and protect vulnerable children in Ireland through the provision of vital support services and advocacy. They are currently looking for fundraisers to sign up for their National Flag Day in October. If you believe in children and would like to support Barnardos then get in touch with the Meath Volunteer Centre.



### **Fingal Gallopers**

Fingal Gallopers are based in Ashbourne Co Meath. They are a Special Olympics Equestrian Club and are looking for Volunteers to lead ponies/horses and/or walk either side of the horse to assist if required. If you would like to get involved contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.

### **Claremont Stadium— Family Day of Fun**

Claremont Stadium meets the social and leisure needs of the local community through promotion of a wide range of sporting activities based in Navan. They are currently looking for volunteers to assist with their Annual Family Day of Fun in July. A number of volunteering opportunities are available; face painters, group leaders and administration assistants. Contact the Meath Volunteer Centre if you would like to help out.



### **“The Ronnie Whelan Belfast to Dublin Charity Walk” - Photographer**

Myasthenia Gravis is an auto-immune disease that weakens the muscles of the upper body. The Myasthenia Gravis Association are looking for a volunteer for “The Ronnie Whelan Belfast to Dublin Charity Walk”. The walk will go through Castlebellingham, Dunleer, Drogheda and Julianstown on Wednesday April 25th. The volunteer photographer is needed to take photographs of the walking team in any of the locations above. If you have photography experience and would like to get involved contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.

### Summerhill Resource Centre—Meals on Wheels

Summerhill Resource Centre supply Meals on Wheels for Summerhill residents and the surrounding areas. They also provide meals at the Community Centre and host an activities club for older people. Currently they are looking for volunteers to assist with their Meals on Wheels in the Rathmoilyon area on Tuesdays and Fridays. A volunteer bingo caller for Wednesdays and Fridays is needed also. If you are interested in any of these opportunities contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.



### Hillview Nursing Home—Befriending

Hillview nursing home located in Rathfeigh, Tara need volunteers for a couple of hours a week to help out with activities such as bingo, setting up movies, reading groups and general chatting/reminiscence with residents. If this opportunity is for you then contact the Meath Volunteer Centre.

### Last Hope Animal Charity - Dog Walkers

The Last Hope Animal Charity have foster homes for Dogs in Ballinlough, Kells and Navan. They need volunteers to take the dogs for a daily walk in the area approx 1 hour a day. Contact the Meath Volunteer Centre if you are interested in this opportunity.



### National Exotic Animal Sanctuary

The National Exotic Animal Sanctuary in Ballivor provide expert care for unwanted and neglected animals. They need volunteers to help care for the wide range of animals they accommodate. If you are an enthusiastic animal lover and have a genuine interest in learning about animal welfare then this opportunity is for you. Contact the Meath Volunteer Centre for more details.