



Aine recently moved into her new home in Co. Louth.

PETER MCVERRY TRUST DELIVERS FIRST REPAIR AND LEASE PROPERTY IN CO. LOUTH

This previously vacant property was refurbished through the Repair and Leasing Scheme under Rebuilding Ireland. This property was delivered in partnership with the property's owner and Louth County Council.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year's Christmas cards are now available to purchase on our website, www.pmvtrust.ie/shop or by calling +353(0)1 823 0776.

We would like to express our sincere thanks once again to our card sponsors, The Gaiety Theatre and Olympia Theatre for their continued support. This is the sixth year that they have supported our Christmas card appeal. The generosity in fully sponsoring our range of cards ensures that all funds from the sale of the cards goes directly to supporting people impacted by homelessness.



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Opening doors for
homeless people



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Welcome to the winter 2019 Opening Doors newsletter. It will come as no surprise given the rising homeless figures that the past few months have been a very busy time for Peter McVerry Trust. The Opening Doors newsletter will give you a glimpse into some of our work from new services and housing projects from Louth to Limerick as well as Dublin and Kildare.

One area that is crucial to our efforts to tackle homelessness is the provision of social housing. This newsletter includes details of our ongoing work to deliver more homes for those in need as well as the stories of people who have benefitted from those homes. Our housing development work is also very important to the delivery of Housing First, a ground breaking approach to helping people who have been impacted longest by homelessness. As we are now tasked with delivering Housing First in Dublin, the Midlands, the Mid East and North East we are ramping up housing solutions for long term service users and rough sleepers taking the most complex cases out of homelessness for good.

Over the past few years Peter McVerry Trust has actively sought to take a more proactive role in supporting young people in education, both to prevent people coming into homelessness and to help others to exit homelessness. I am delighted to say that the charity has now taken on the operations of the Carline Centre in west Dublin, a hugely important education centre for young people who would otherwise be excluded or drop out of the mainstream education system. This project is now getting direct support from Peter McVerry Trust and we are investing in services available to young people who attend the centre. By the time this newsletter reaches you we will also have published a major piece of research on young homeless adults' experiences of homelessness. The first such report to be published in Ireland.

While we are hugely committed to housing and Housing First, we are also equally committed to ensuring that where housing is unavailable that we make provision for high quality emergency accommodation. In this newsletter you will find details of our new family and adult services which provide a stable and supportive environment from which people can secure permanent housing.

As we approach Christmas we are hugely dependent on the generosity of people who support our work. I would urge you to take a look at the upcoming events and ways in which you can help us to do more for those in need. I would also like to take the chance to thank all those who have walked the Camino, taken on treks, cycles, runs, walks and the many various fund-raising initiatives that have benefitted Peter McVerry Trust.

Finally, I want to wish all our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Pat Doyle CEO

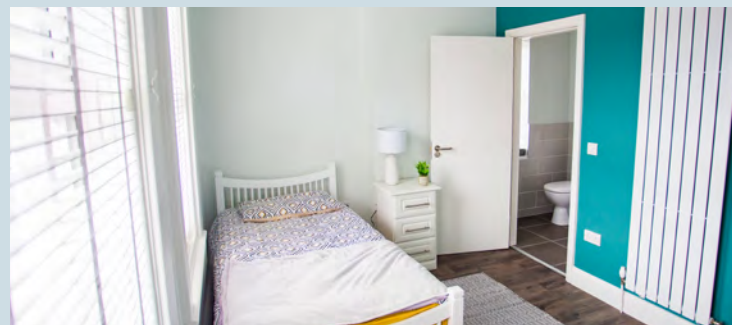
HOUSING REGENERATION AWARD



St. Agatha's Court, delivered with Dublin City Council, was named as winner of the ICSH Community Housing Award 2019 in the Regeneration Category. The scheme saw a long term vacant flat complex renovated to deliver 11 high quality housing units comprising of 10 one-bed apartments and one two-bed townhouse.

Broadcaster, Brendan Courtney and Bob Jordan, National Director of Housing First with representatives of Peter McVerry Trust.

TABOR HOUSE



This year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Tabor House. This U18s residential service in Dublin provides accommodation for young people aged 12-18 who are out of home and in the care of the State.

It was the first service ever opened by Fr McVerry.

DELIVERING HOUSING SOLUTIONS



This three-bedroom long-term vacant property in Drogheda was returned to use, through the Repair and Leasing Scheme under Rebuilding Ireland, in partnership with the property's owner and Louth County Council.

Aine - Louth

"The main thing I'm looking forward to is the kids having their own space again, and being able to relax in the sitting room and watch TV together."

MOVING ON



Janet – Dublin

"Just to call them in for dinner...it's the little things that mean a lot."



Aine – Limerick

"The support from Peter McVerry Trust is good, you could pick up the phone and ring them. You can pick up the phone during the night and ring them as well."



Mary and Robert – Kildare

"When you have your own home, it is totally different. This is our forever home. I can't explain what it feels like to have our own home."

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

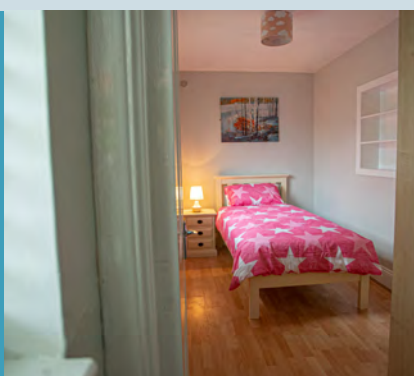
ENNIS

In August 2019, Peter McVerry Trust opened its first social housing units in Co. Clare. The six apartments in Ennis are home to 13 people, including five families. All tenants receive support from Peter McVerry Trust through our Housing With Supports Team.



DUBLIN CITY

In August 2019 Peter McVerry Trust opened 8 new social housing apartments in Dublin 6. These units now accommodate singles, couples and families.



NEW SERVICES

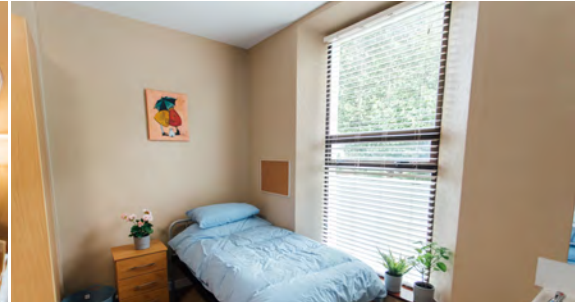
FAMILY HUB - KILDARE

Opened September 2019



RESIDENTIAL STABILISATION SERVICE - DUBLIN

Opened October 2019



CARLINE CENTRE, DUBLIN

June 2019



ADULT SUPPORTED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FINGAL, DUBLIN

Opened May 2019



JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT PETER MCVERRY TRUST



Housing Officers

We are currently recruiting Housing with Support Officers in the Mid-West (Limerick and Clare) Mid-East (Meath and Kildare and Wicklow), North-East (Louth, Cavan and Monaghan) and the Midlands (Offaly, Westmeath, Longford and Laois).

Housing Officers work with our Housing team to assist tenants in managing their tenancy through intervention, support and supervision. This role involves supporting tenants to live independently and to integrate into their community. Housing Officers assist with tenant's case work and help tenants maintain a healthy living space.

To find out more about these and other job vacancies with Peter McVerry Trust visit: www.pmvtrust.ie/about-us/jobs or contact recruitment@pmvtrust.ie for more information.

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



We were delighted to exhibit at the National Ploughing Championships this year, which took place from Tuesday 17th September to Thursday 19th September in Ballintraire, Fenagh, Co Carlow. It was our second year that Peter McVerry Trust had its own exhibition stand at the event.

The focus of our participation at this year's event was to highlight the issue of rural homelessness in Ireland and to set out a series of solutions to address, and ultimately end, rural homelessness.

We also spoke about job opportunities within Peter McVerry Trust, as well as running an empty homes clinic and a panel discussion on regenerating rural Ireland through the reuse of vacant buildings.

We'd like to thank everyone who visited our stand and spoke to our team during the three days.

MOYROSS HOUSING REGENERATION PROGRAMME



Peter McVerry Trust, in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, has embarked on a major new regeneration programme in Moyross and Southill in Limerick City. The programme is funded under Rebuilding Ireland.

The plan will see the delivery of 40 new family homes provided within existing estates in Moyross and Southill. It is expected that new homes will be delivered by summer 2020 with the new houses re-instating the street scape.

This development will be the single largest housing development project undertaken by Peter McVerry Trust, more than double the number of housing units delivered in any single scheme. The programme will provide housing for over 100 people and continue our work to ramp up housing delivery in Limerick to create more pathways out of homelessness.

We continue to support and work with the Moyross Youth Academy to provide employment pathways for young people impacted by or at risk of homelessness in Limerick city.

WEXFORD CYCLE 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Thank you to the 350 cyclists who took part in the 30th Anniversary Wexford Cycle from Dublin to Wexford Town on the 14th of September. This year's event was a far cry from the original cycle when just four students from UCD set off to raise money for Fr Peter McVerry's work to tackle homelessness.

Peter McVerry Trust would also like to thank all of the members of the Wexford Cycle Committee who gave their time, expertise and enthusiasm to ensure that this year's event was a success. We would also like to thank the event sponsors and volunteers who ensured the event was a huge success.

If you are interested in taking part in an event with Peter McVerry Trust, please visit <https://pmvtrust.ie/get-involved/events/> or call +353 (0)1 823 0776.

(Image Right) Mick Lavelle, who helped found the Wexford Cycle 30 years ago, was presented with the Niamh Kane Memorial Cup at this year's Wexford Cycle to recognise his contribution to the event.

CALCUTTA RUN



Well done to everyone who took part in the Calcutta Run on Saturday 18th May.

Organised by the Law Society of Ireland and A&L Goodbody, the event brings together law firms in Ireland every year to raise funds for our services.

Thanks to the committee and all involved, this event has raised over €4 million for Peter McVerry Trust and the Hope Foundation since the first event 21 years ago. This year, participants could opt for a 5km and 10km run, or a 50km and 100km cycle.

Visit <http://www.calcuttarun.com/> for details on next year's event, which takes place on Saturday 23rd May 2020.

OPENING DOORS #THEPERSONWHO



Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to Peter McVerry Trust's Opening Doors Appeal 2019. This year we asked people to think about **#ThePersonWho** has made a difference in their life.

For many of the people we work with every year, a member of the Peter McVerry Trust team are often **#ThePersonWho** provides them with support, encouragement and care in their lives. They ensure that the individuals we work with can start to leave homelessness behind and look positively to their future.

YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE 'ONE IN A MILLION'



We are once again calling on the support of Ireland's business community to help reach our target to raise €1 million to support people to see their wishes come true this Christmas. See how your company can be the one to open a new door, or set someone on a new path in life.

Read about the impact that your support can have, as well as details of our corporate supporter packages, at www.pmvtrust.ie/oneinamillion

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

From sea swimming on Christmas day to bake sales, head shaves and everything in between, we want to say a big thank you to all who have raised funds to support people who are impacted by homelessness.

Our Irish and Overseas challenges were a success with familiar faces, and new friends taking part. We were delighted to be one of the chosen charities for An Garda Síochána's Tour de Force challenge. The Midsummer Walk, the VHI Women's Mini Marathon, and Kilimanjaro Climbs all helped raise vital funds for our work.

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported our work so far in 2019. Your generosity and kindness ensures that we can continue to provide vital supports and services around Ireland.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

MUNSTER RUGBY



L-R: Darren O'Shea, Billy Holland and Kevin O'Byrne with Peter McVerry Trust's Head of Partnerships & Philanthropy, Nell Ward

In recognition of our work across Munster, we are honoured to have been selected as a partner of Munster Rugby for the 2019/20 season. We look forward to teaming up over the coming months at home games & gala dinners, enlisting the support of Munster Rugby players, supporters and community to raise funds and awareness of our work across Munster.

MITIE



L-R: Stephen Connolly, People Director - Mitie Ireland; Nell Ward, Head of Partnerships & Philanthropy - Peter McVerry Trust

The team at Mitie have raised funds and provided cost-saving benefits right across our homeless and housing services; they have undertaken deep-cleaning at newly renovated apartments, gardened at homeless services and also sponsored lunch and support vans for 350 cyclists at the Wexford Cycle. This Christmas, we are also delighted to have a special recipe book available for families across our services, created with the support of Mitie.

TWITTER HOME4GOOD



Twitter Tweeps continue their support through the Home4Good campaign, hosting fundraising activities in their offices on their two Twitter For Good days each year. To date, the team have planted window boxes, fundraised through delicious bake sales, sold custom badges & 'thank you' cards, taken part in call outs to businesses, and the CreativeNest arts & crafts committee created beautiful picture frames and potted plants for new tenants moving into their homes.

DUBRAY BOOKS

Dubray

We are delighted to partner with Dubray Books this Christmas to raise funds to support people out of homelessness and on to the next chapter of their lives. Watch out for details in Dubray Books stores around the country as you buy books and Christmas gifts.

JUST EAT CYCLE FOR GOOD



Photo caption: L-R Amanda Roche-Kelly, Managing Director Ireland - Just Eat; Fr Peter McVerry; Nell Ward, Head of Partnerships & Philanthropy - Peter McVerry Trust

Long term partnership with Just Eat delivered critical support during the summer months, with the Just Eat dublinbikes Cycle For Good campaign. Cyclists across Dublin were encouraged to take a Dublinbikes journey and raise funds with each trip, with a total of €80,000 raised to support people out of homelessness and on to stable futures.

MEAGHERS PHARMACY- WRAP UP HOMELESSNESS



Continuing their Christmas tradition, Meaghers Pharmacy will gift wrap any item or gift purchased online or in store between now and Christmas for a donation, with 100% of the proceeds going towards helping us 'wrap up homelessness' for more people this Christmas and beyond.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2019 & 2020

CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER 5TH DECEMBER 2019 KILLASHEE HOTEL, KILDARE



A special gala event in aid of Peter McVerry Trust includes a drinks reception, 4-course meal and entertainment from 'Something Happens'. There will also be an auction and raffle on the night. Tickets €100 per person, available through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT, 7TH DECEMBER 2019 ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN



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CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AND COLLECTIONS



7th and 8th December,
12-2pm - Stephen's Green
Shopping Centre, Dublin.

21st December, 10am-2pm
George's Street Arcade,
Dublin.

22nd December: RTÉ
Concert Orchestra play from
12pm-2pm at St Stephen's
Green Shopping Centre.

Please see our social media
channels for more details
and further dates.

3RD FEBRUARY 2020 LIMERICK BUSINESS BREAKFAST, CASTLETROY PARK HOTEL, LIMERICK.



This event brings together
the business community in
Munster to raise awareness
of Peter McVerry Trust
services.

GALA BALL 14TH FEBRUARY 2020 CLONTARF CASTLE HOTEL, DUBLIN



Peter McVerry Trust's Gala Ball will take place with thanks to the continued support and sponsorship of the Clontarf Castle Hotel. To reserve your table today, call **+353(0)1 823 0776** or email fundraising@pmvtrust.ie

MIDSUMMER WALK 20TH JUNE 2020



Annual event from the Hill
of Tara to Newgrange in
Co. Meath.

THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT 4TH APRIL 2020 RDS, DUBLIN



A gala of light classical music
in aid of Peter McVerry Trust
will take place in the RDS on
Saturday 4 April 2020
from 7.30 pm.

Tickets cost €40/35
concessions and are available
from [Ticketmaster.ie](https://www.ticketmaster.ie)

For more information, visit
www.rds.ie/Whats-On

TREK CAMINO AUGUST 29TH – SEPTEMBER 5TH 2020



Trek Camino 2020 will see a
group of Peter McVerry Trust
supporters walk together
for a week on this unique
experience, raising funds
for our work and services.
This event fills up quickly, so
contact us today for more
details on how you can
register.

For information on any of the above events please visit www.pmvtrust.ie or contact the Fundraising Department on +353(0)1 823 0776 or email fundraising@pmvtrust.ie

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