

Townsend St in Dublin will deliver 20 high quality social housing units for people living in homelessness.

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Christmas Carol Concert 2022

Join us on Saturday, 3rd December in the spectacular surroundings of St. Patrick's Cathedral for what is set to be Dublin's finest carol concert of the season.

This year we will see the welcome return of the Dublin Youth Choir and the Dublin Male Voice Choir, followed by soloist Paul Harrington.

Visit www.pmvtrust.ie for more information.

Tickets are priced at €35 and are available to purchase from our website or by calling +353 (0)1 823 0776.



Welcome

Welcome to the Winter 2022 Opening Doors newsletter. I'm incredibly mindful of the current cost of living crisis – not only on how it impacts the people we work with, but also how it impacts the people who support us. I want to thank you for your continued support of our charity. There is no doubt that the need for our services will continue to grow and, with your help, we'll continue to respond to that need nationwide.

We're delivering a number of new homes across the country and recently converted a derelict school in Cork into 10 social housing units. We also about to commence work on Townsend St in Dublin, which will deliver 20 new homes for people impacted by homelessness.

In June, we showcased our first ever show garden at Bloom 2022 – designed to represent the journey of our Housing First clients. I'm delighted to let you know that our garden won a Gold Medal and was also voted as the People's Choice Award winner.

It was great to welcome Dr Sam Tsemberis, the founder

of Housing First, to Ireland twice this year. The partnership with Sam and his organisation Pathways to Home is critical to our ongoing success with the model.

The Calcutta Run made a much-anticipated return to in-person events earlier this year. I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to The Law Society of Ireland for organising this incredible event.

Fittingly, a veteran Calcutta Run participant, Deirdre-Ann Barr was recently elected as the new chairperson of our Board of Directors. I'm looking forward to working with DA and would like to thank Rod Ensor, who served on the board for 10 years, and as chair for 7 years.

Finally, I would like to wish you and yours a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Doyle".

Pat Doyle, CEO

Deirdre-Ann Barr elected as new chairperson

Deirdre-Ann Barr is the new chairperson of Peter McVerry Trust's board of directors, marking the first female to be appointed to the position.

Previously Chair of the Human Resources Committee within Peter McVerry Trust from 2020, Deirdre-Ann is also an independent non-executive director of Peter McVerry Trust and The Royal Hospital Donnybrook. She is also chairperson of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service. Peter McVerry Trust would like to thank Rod Ensor, who served on the board for 10 years, and as chairperson for 7 years prior to Deirdre-Ann's appointment.

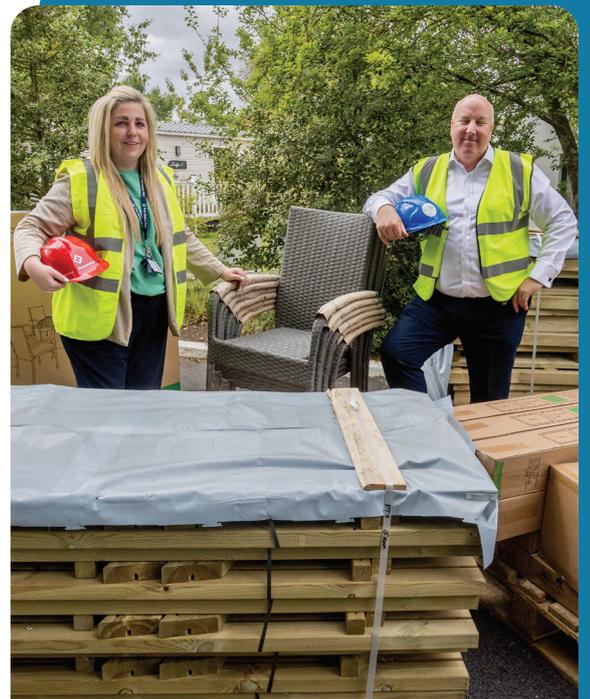


Inside Our Services

Homevalue refresh our Residential Community Detox Centre

In August, leading DIY, hardware and homeware group, Homevalue delivered a range of materials, including new three-seater benches, dining sets and picnic benches, to help support our charity in the development and maintenance of our on-site Residential Community Detox Centre in Dublin. The donation will help to support Peter McVerry Trust participants in what can be a difficult journey while in recovery and treatment.

Earlier this year, Homevalue announced Peter McVerry Trust as their charity partner for 2022 which will see them support our charity with a range of initiatives throughout the year including support for PMVT Learning Centre's Junior Certificate students, and with the supply of equipment and materials in the development of new housing units.



Housing First success at Bloom 2022

In June, Peter McVerry Trust's first show garden at Bord Bia Bloom 2022, 'Pathways to Home', won a gold medal and was also the winner of the People's Choice Award. 'Pathways to Home' was designed to represent the journey of a Housing First participant from homelessness and sleeping rough to living in a safe and secure home. The garden was designed by Griffin Landscape Architecture and delivered in partnership with the Housing Agency.



Our CEO, Pat Doyle, and the Minister for Housing turned the sod on our Shaw Street project in April.



At the end of August, we started works on a €1.1m renovation and upgrade project on Eagle Lodge, Rathmines.



This former school in Charleville, derelict for years, will provide 10 social housing units for local people.

Personal Stories



Ian

"I get great support from the Trust. The staff come and visit me and ask how I am."

"I couldn't ask for better people"

After 7 years in homeless services, Ian moved into his own home in 2021 with the support of the Housing First team.

Anne-Marie

"I've been overwhelmed by the support I've received."

"The fact that I am still here should speak wonders for the support network."

After experiencing homelessness and addiction, Anne-Marie was housed through our Housing First model in March 2020.



Irish-American Partnership visit to Carline Learning Centre

The Irish American Partnership visited the PMVT Learning Centre – Carline in September to learn about the impact of its investment.

In early 2021, the Partnership announced a \$1 million five-year investment to expand and enhance our educational offerings for homeless and at-risk youth.

The visiting group heard about the day-to-day work of the Learning Centres, the impact on students and plans to expand the centres in the future – including the construction of a 5 a-side all-weather pitch at the PMVT Learning Centre – Carline.



Fundraising



Through our regional offices we continue to raise awareness and funds to support our work. In April, we held a charity screening for the new Downton Abbey film in the Regal Cinema in Youghal, with guests dressing in period costume to celebrate the event. We were also a charity partner of the ICA Annual Bake Sale in Killarney. Thank you to all our supporters in communities around Ireland who ensure we can continue our work.

40 years of Peter McVerry Trust

Peter McVerry Trust will mark 40 years in 2023. In that time, our work has been possible with the continued support and kindness of our donors. We are so grateful for your ongoing generosity. If you would like to learn more about how you can help our work through 2023, please email us on fundraising@pmvtrust.ie or call us on +353 (0)1 823 0776.



Wexford Cycle 2022

We welcomed over 150 cyclists to the Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle on Saturday 17th September. The event finished with in Clayton Whites Hotel, with fantastic entertainment from American gospel group The Legendary Ingramettes. The event would not be possible without the support of our volunteers, sponsors, partners, donors and cyclists. We're launching an exciting new route to mark our 40th anniversary in 2023. Check our website for further details!

The value of our Corporate Partners

Our corporate partners play an important role in supporting our charity to reduce homelessness. Collaborations with organisations big and small, help us to achieve this goal on a daily basis – by raising vital funds, volunteering, creating awareness and providing essential materials or services. This year we are working with a number of partners including; Sky who are helping develop a Sky Digital Hub in one of our services, National Lottery, Mitie, W&R Barnett, and Spotlight Oral Care. With your support, we can open more doors for people living in homelessness across Ireland.



IE Style 2022

Peter McVerry Trust were the chosen charity partner for the 2022 IE Style Live event in Cork City Hall in October. Hosted by the Irish Examiner, the fashion event was a great night where we had the opportunity to speak to the 350 guests about our work in the region and how their support is making a difference. Thanks to the Irish Examiner team for their support and hard work.





Calcutta Run 2022

The Calcutta Run made a triumphant return to Blackhall Place in May with the traditional 5 & 10km events as well as the inaugural Golf and Tag Rugby tournaments. With over 1000 runners and walkers taking part, in addition to 34 golf teams and 32 tag rugby teams, there was something for everyone.

We would like to express our thanks to The Law Society of Ireland and all who take part in this event every year.

Now in its 24th year, we are so grateful for the €135,000 that was presented to Peter McVerry Trust in 2022.

Christmas Cards

Send greetings to loved ones at home and abroad this Christmas and support people experiencing homelessness by purchasing Peter McVerry Trust's Christmas cards this year. You can view the range of cards on

www.pmvtrust.ie

Cards cost €5 per pack of 10.



2023 Events



February
Gala Ball
Clontarf Castle Hotel



April
Long Walk Home
Cooley Mountains



June
Long Walk Home
Djouce Mountain Walk



August
Trek Camino Tui
Santiago De
Compostela



September
Peter McVerry Trust
Cycle

Thank You

We would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support of the work of Peter McVerry Trust. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to support people as they leave homelessness behind.

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