



Annual Report

2015

Legal Clinics



940

Total Number of Clients



1,924

Total Number of Consultations



186

Consultations on family reunification for family members of refugees and subsidiary protection



13

Number of refugee / subsidiary protection families reunited



Reunited family with Nasc's Fiona Hurley

68

Total Number of
Families Reunited



17

Visa



13

Refugee



13

Irish Citizen Child



12

EU Treaty Rights



9

Residency (other)



3

Marriage to Irish citizen



1

De facto relationship



Reunited family with Nasc's Claire Cumiskey

Legal Clinics



520

new registered clients



9

Residency secured for victims of domestic violence



14

Successfully resolved Social Welfare issues



Nasc CEO Fiona Finn with Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Nugent, Nisreen Youssef, Board Member Othman Al-Dawamenah, David Stanton TD, and Alan Shatter TD at Nasc's World Refugee Day event, June 2015

Asylum Seekers Breakdown



23

Direct Provision (incl. complaints, concerns, conditions)



33

Direct Provision 5+ year scheme



41

Asylum application



11

Secured residency status

Asylum System / Direct Provision

- Working Group on Protection Process and Direct Provision
- #timetoact campaign
- International Protection Bill, 2015

June 30 2015

*Working Group
Report on the
Protection Process
and Direct Provision
published*

Direct provision

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After more than seven years in a Cork direct provision centre, an African family has been given leave to remain in Ireland. Ann Murphy hears of their mixed feelings about what life is like outside the direct provision system.



Tables at the Greater South Coast Provision Centre, which houses and is funded for by the State, Dublin, are seen here. Photo: Pauline O'Connell

Ann Murphy, 42, is a mother of three children, two of whom are in primary school. She has been in the direct provision system for over seven years. She describes the conditions as "like a prison" and says she has never seen her children since they were taken from her in 2007. She is now waiting for a decision on her application for asylum.

Murphy says that the direct provision system is "not a system of care, it's a system of control". She says that the staff are "not interested in the people, they're just interested in the rules". She says that she has seen many people who have been in the system for years and are still waiting for a decision.

She says that the conditions are "degrading" and that she has seen many people who are "in a state of despair". She says that she has seen many people who are "in a state of despair" and that she has seen many people who are "in a state of despair".

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'System fails to protect rights of those seeking asylum'

The direct provision system in Ireland has been criticised for failing to protect the rights of those seeking asylum. A report from the UN Human Rights Council says that the system is "incompatible with international law".

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Ahmed looking forward to day his wife and son are finally here

As war continues to rage in Syria, Ann Murphy hears how a family reunification programme has resulted in a Syrian man willing to be reunited with his wife and son as they flee to Cork from the conflict.



Ahmed, 35, is a Syrian man who has been in the direct provision system for over a year. He is looking forward to being reunited with his wife and son. He says that he has been in the system for over a year and that he is looking forward to being reunited with his family.

Members of the Syrian community in Cork, Ireland, are seen here. Photo: Pauline O'Connell

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Reuniting families a major part of NASC's work Permission to live here given

The National Asylum Support Centre (NASC) has been successful in reuniting families. A report says that the centre has been successful in reuniting families and that it has been successful in reuniting families.



A garden in the direct provision system in Ireland, showing various flowers and plants. Photo: Pauline O'Connell

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WG Key Recommendations

- Long stayer scheme
- Right to work
- Ombudsman's remit
- Physical conditions (kitchens, private space)
- DP Allowance
- Standards
- Vulnerability assessment





Nasc CEO Fiona Finn with NGO and UNHCR members of Working Group at launch of McMahon Report

Direct Provision Complaints



7

Total number of direct provision complaints



3

Investigated by the Ombudsman and upheld



4

No action was taken by RIA

May 2015

*RIA House Rules
updated to include
revised Complaints
Procedure*

Children in Direct Provision

- Aged out minors / Age disputed minors
- Course fees, books and materials, transport costs
- 1 student eligible for free fees under DES scheme

Special thanks to Aoife Dare, Bethany Wynne-Morgan & Rachel Gallagher

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Students in direct provision supported



Young asylum seeker with their new donated bike

Roma Rights

1. Legal advice, information and advocacy
2. Community relations and capacity building
3. Legislative and policy change on hate crime and ethnic profiling

Roma Rights Clinic



59

Individual Roma clients



124

Individual Roma cases



329

Interventions in support of Roma clients

Breakdown



76

Social Welfare cases



13

Citizenship / naturalisation



11

Access to a medical card



7

Housing



3

Begging / criminal justice system

Roma Rights Clinic

- 19 Social Welfare Appeals
- 13 decided in 2015
- 100% success rate





Roma family participating in Nasc's #ProudtobeRoma initiative

Roma Rights – Key Actions

- Identified future strategic work
- Roma Advocacy Group
- Anti-Racism workshop with Gardaí
- National Traveller Roma Integration Strategy Committee
- Project completed & mainstreamed

Racism & Discrimination

- Racist incident reporting mechanism
- Anti-racism school toolkit
- Cork Rocks Against Racism
- Racist Incident Hate Map
- Draft hate crime legislation



Seán Óg Ó hAilpín speaking at Cork Rocks Against Racism

Racist Incidents



15

Individual reports: verbal abuse (6), online (1), non verbal (4), incitement (2) physical assault, (1), criminal damage (1)



29

Institutional reports: goods/services (11), criminal justice (8), education (2), social services (4), housing (1), employment (3)

44

Number of racist
incident reports
in 2015



Students supporting Nasc's Report Racism campaign

Refugee Crisis

- World Refugee Day: From Syria to Cork – Hope of a Safe Harbour
- Ireland's response – calls for action
- Initials call to reintroduce SHAP
- The Last Hope – A Story from Syria

The Last Hope - A Story from Inside Syria

#refugeeswelcome
#wemustdomore



Communications

Social Media



2,472

Facebook Page Likes



1,745

In 2014



3,211

Twitter Followers



2,167

In 2014

Website



78,883

Website visits in 2015



72,801

In 2014



143,039

Website pageviews in 2015



135,754

In 2014



Nasc CEO Fiona Finn with NGO partners & Minister Aodhán Ó Riordáin at launch of 'Person or Number? 2'

Communications

Media



25

Press Releases



23

In 2014



60

Media slots (incl. mentions, interviews, quotes, opinion pieces)



48

In 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

We have audited the financial statements of Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the charitable company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014. We state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account. We also report to you our opinion as to:-

- whether the charitable company has kept proper books of account; and
- whether the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

We report to the members if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and trustees' transactions is not given and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

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Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 December 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the charitable company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

William Cuddy

for and on behalf of

CUDDY, O'LEARY & FOLEY

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

3003 Euro Business Park

Little Island

Cork

Date: 22 July 2016

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds 2015 €	Funds 2015 €	2015 €	2014 €
Incoming Resources					
Generated funds:					
Voluntary income					
Donations and fundraising	2	19,200	13,625	32,825	31,129
Investment and other income					
Charitable activities:					
Government Grants	14	-	34,987	34,987	40,670
Other grants	2	-	288,747	288,747	231,451
Total incoming resources		19,358	337,359	356,717	303,806
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities:					
Government Grants		-	33,135	33,135	54,921
Other Grants		-	333,646	333,646	275,456
Donations and fundraising		1,019	5,630	6,649	14,080
		1,019	372,411	373,430	344,457
Total resources expended	5	1,019	372,411	373,430	344,457
Transfers between funds		(35,052)	35,052	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(16,713)	-	(16,713)	(40,651)
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2015		214,510	-	214,510	255,161
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2015		197,797	-	197,797	214,510

Approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2016 and signed on its behalf by

Sian Langley
Trustee

Douglas Cubie
Trustee

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Statement of Financial Activities	2015 €	2014 €
Gross income	Unrestricted funds	19,358	
	Restricted funds	337,359	
		356,717	303,806
Total income		356,717	303,806
Total expenditure		(373,430)	(344,457)
Net income/(expenditure)		(16,713)	(40,651)

The charitable company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year. The results for the year have been calculated on the historical cost basis.

Approved by the board on 22 July 2016 and signed on its behalf by

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 €	2014 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	-	2,198
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	925	879
Cash at bank and in hand		261,739	301,132
		<u>262,663</u>	<u>302,011</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(17,866)	(12,955)
Net Current Assets		<u>244,798</u>	<u>289,056</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>244,798</u>	<u>291,254</u>
Income receivable	13	(47,000)	(76,744)
Net Assets		<u>197,797</u>	<u>214,510</u>
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		197,797	214,510
Total funds	16	<u>197,797</u>	<u>214,510</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 €	2014 €
Net cash outflow from operating activities	20	(9,807)	(37,346)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	20	158	556
Grants receivable	20	(29,744)	(52,071)
Movement in cash in the year		<u>(39,393)</u>	<u>(88,861)</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt (Note 20)			
Movement in cash in the year		(39,393)	(88,861)
Net funds at 1 January 2015		<u>301,132</u>	<u>389,993</u>
Net funds at 31 December 2015		<u>261,739</u>	<u>301,132</u>



Nasc's Fiona Finn & Fiona Hurley with a reunited family at Áras an Uachtaráin