

2011



# ANNUAL REPORT

**JANUARY - DECEMBER 2011**



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**FIONA HURLEY, NASC LEGAL INFORMATION OFFICER**

Shamsho, her sister and 2 of her 5 children, who were brought to safety in Ireland as a result of Nasc work.



## DAN BOYLE

Chairperson,  
Nasc, the Irish Immigrant Support Centre,  
2007-2012

It is with great pride that I give my final address to the Nasc membership as the Chairperson of Nasc. 2011 was yet another good year for Nasc; we secured renewed funding from both the One Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies for which we are deeply grateful.

The five years that I have spent with Nasc have been some of the most challenging but also some of the most rewarding of times. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be part of a dedicated staff team who work tirelessly to vindicate the rights of migrants and their families. It is often said that the measure of our society is how it treats its weakest members, which is why the work of Nasc is more important than ever in these challenging times. Nasc's work not only benefits the migrant community who access the services, but ultimately the whole of our society by making it more just and equitable.

I have witnessed many changes in Nasc over the years and I am proud to have seen it grow and develop into the professional and highly regarded organisation that it is today. Nasc's Board is also changing, as Dr Margaret Linehan and Colm Stanley are stepping down this year and I would like to especially thank Margaret and Colm for the expertise and commitment shown over the last five years.

Those who follow on the Board will face further challenges particularly that of fundraising. Our primary funders Atlantic Philanthropies and The One Foundation are soon to close their doors and Nasc will have to find alternative sources of funding. I wish the new Board every success in meeting that goal. I hope to be able to offer whatever on-going support I can into what I know will be a successful future.



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DAN BOYLE, NASC CHAIRPERSON 2007-2012





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**FIONA FINN, NASC CEO**

Members of the expert panel at the September 2011 Cork City Integration Conference organised by Nasc and the Cork City Partnership.



**FIONA FINN**

CEO,  
Nasc, the Irish Immigrant Support Centre

2011 was an extremely successful year for Nasc. Early in 2011 we took the strategic decision to take a more focussed approach in the delivery of our legal clinics by intervening in complex cases where there existed a breach or a potential breach of the rights of migrants and their families. This new approach enabled Nasc to identify cases of strategic importance bringing about systemic and lasting change in the system.

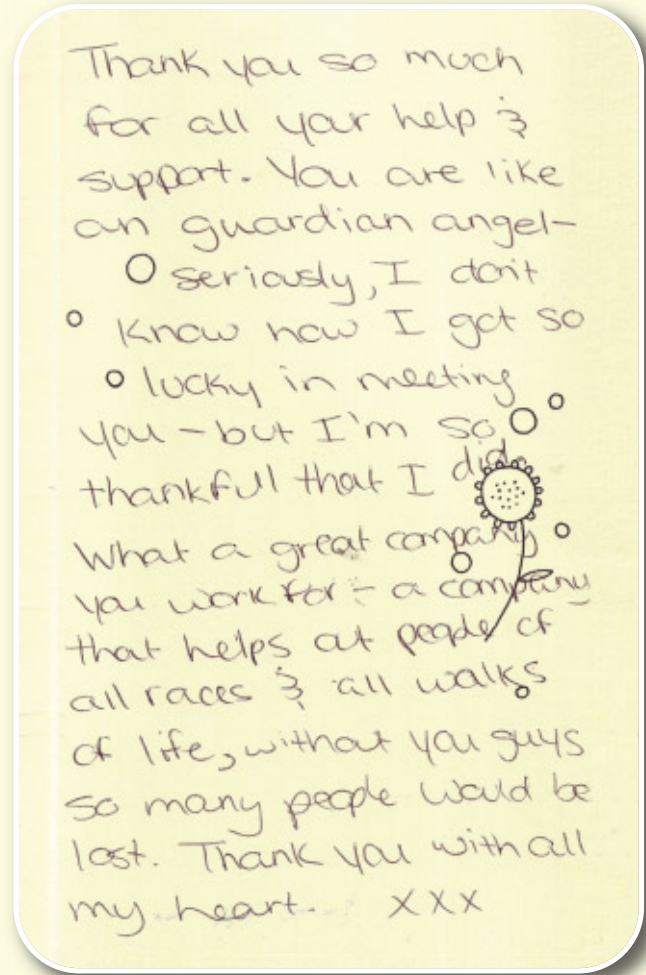
Running in tandem with this we worked in partnership with mainstream service providers and provided training to facilitate the transfer of less complex cases to create a sustainable information service for the migrant community. This new approach has yielded results; we have improved access to justice and human rights for migrants and their families. We have also attained improvements in the naturalisation process and have changed Government policy across a number of areas.

The hard work of our staff, volunteers and interns has made all this progress possible. The breadth of activity across all areas of our work as outlined in this report bears clear testament to their dedication and commitment to attaining justice and human rights for all.

On a local level we are one of the key agencies in the development of the Cork City Integration Strategy, Connecting Communities 2012-2015. This ambitious project is progressing well. The new strategy will be launched in 2012 and will contain clear actions to continue to shape Cork into a city in which cultural and ethnic diversity is welcomed and celebrated. Aligned to this is our work on tackling racism and discrimination in the city.

None of this work would have been possible without the financial support from our two principle donors, The Atlantic Philanthropies and The One Foundation both of which have consistently supported us since 2007. I would also like to thank Musgrave's, The Cork City Partnership, Pobal, the European Integration Fund, and the Cork City Council and Cois Tine and the Nasc Board for the support they have given to Nasc throughout 2011. Finally, I would like to thank our clients who gave generously of their often limited resources.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Claire McCarthy, our outgoing Campaigns and Communications Officer. We wish Claire well as she fulfils a long-term goal by moving into private practice. I would now like to invite you to review our year's work.



**Thank You Card from Nasc Client**



“ Nasc has been to the forefront in challenging the State’s restrictive implementation of the Zambrano ruling. ”  
**CLAIRE CUMISKEY, NASC LEGAL INFORMATION OFFICER**

# LEGAL INFORMATION SERVICE REPORT



**FIONA HURLEY**  
Nasc Legal Information Officer



**CLAIRE CUMISKEY**  
Nasc Legal Information Officer

In 2011, the Legal Information Service (LIS) operated a free and confidential drop-in service three days per week seeing on average 10 people per day. The drop-in service operates as a referral system. Initial queries, less complex cases or requests for information are dealt with in drop-in, and more complex cases are referred into the legal clinics by appointment.

In 2011, the LIS comprised of two full-time legal officers, Claire Cumiskey and Fiona Hurley as well as legal interns and volunteers. Claire Larkin and Grace Mulvey were recruited as full-time legal interns in January 2011 and the LIS was also assisted by UCC students Julie O'Leary and Brian Dineen who generously volunteered their time during the summer of 2011. We are extremely grateful for their invaluable contributions.

The LIS contributed to the Immigration Information Network (IIN), a forum which works towards achieving more transparent and accountable policies and practices in the immigration system. These consist of quarterly meetings between migrant NGOs and key officials in the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) and the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS). The IIN meetings act as an opportunity for NGOs to modify existing policy and influence new policy.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2011, the LIS streamlined its service by focusing on more complex issues and opportunities for strategic litigation leading to changes in national policies. Through its capacity building function the LIS provided training to numerous service providers on immigration and protection law. This has allowed for the mainstreaming of less complex cases to other organisations in Cork and the surrounding regions which enables immigrants to access a broader range of services.

## STRATEGIC LITIGATION

The shift in focus in case work by the LIS has allowed the LIS to develop a close partnership with PILA (The Public Interest Law Alliance). This partnership has provided extremely beneficial and effective as it has allowed the LIS to obtain counsel opinion on matters of public interest. Through PILA, a number of Nasc's clients have been able to obtain pro bono legal representation. In 2011, Nasc challenged the residency requirement for parents of Irish citizen children seeking immigration permission pursuant to judgement of the CJEU in Zambrano.

## SOCIAL PROTECTION

In 2011 the LIS joined the Habitual Residence Condition (HRC) Network – a national network of diverse NGOs who work with people excluded from the Social Protection System by the HRC. Compliance with the HRC is a pre-condition for eligibility for many non-contributory

payments, and it requires the applicant to demonstrate that their main centre of interest is in Ireland. The HRC Network is an information sharing network which actively seeks change in this policy.

During 2011 the LIS contributed to writing 'Person or Number', a report which highlighted the inadequacies in the social protection system. 'Person or Number' was successfully launched in 2012 by the Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton TD.

## HOUSING

From cases coming through the drop-in service, an issue with residency requirements under the SHIP Regulations 2011 (Social Housing) was identified. Counsel opinion was sought through PILA, which supported Nasc's findings. Detailed submissions were made to the Department for Social Protection, the Department of Justice and the Department of the Environment leading to an inter-departmental review. This review resulted in the withdrawal of the previous circular and implementation of a new national policy.

## FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR REFUGEES

Nasc achieved 15 successful family reunification cases for refugees in 2011 and has brought over 35 people to safety from refugee camps and conflict zones throughout the world. The LIS also succeeded in getting written confirmation from the INIS regarding the legal status of separated family members of refugees. The LIS confirmed that the right of residency pursuant to section 18 of the Refugee Act 1996 (as amended) does not require the refugee and the family member to cohabit in the same household.

## CITIZENSHIP

The LIS changed its emphasis in this area by concentrating on developing the capacity of new local organisations (including NCP CASS) to deliver a service to first-time applicants and by holding citizenship seminars to enable immigrants to self-advocate and submit these applications themselves. The LIS instead targeted strategic cases and



succeeded in changing INIS policy which had required recognised refugees to provide birth certificates. Nasc wrote to the Minister for Justice outlining the State's obligations under the 1951 Geneva Convention. After several submissions, there was a reversal in INIS policy.

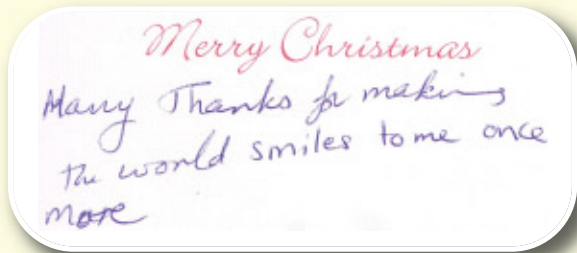
### ZAMBRANO

The decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union in March 2011 in Zambrano v Office National de l'Emploi resulted in a huge number of queries coming through to the LIS via the phone lines and drop-in. The decision meant that EU States were precluded from refusing parents of dependent citizen children the right to work in the State. Nasc successfully applied for residency on the basis of Zambrano for numerous clients and was successful in obtaining a 'D' visa for the parent of an Irish citizen child to enter Ireland in December. Nasc has been to the forefront in challenging the State's restrictive implementation of the Zambrano ruling and commissioned a counsel opinion through PILA. The LIS referred three cases for successful litigation through PILA on this issue in 2011.

### MEMBERS OF THE NASC BOARD 2011

Dan Boyle, *Chairperson*  
Colm Stanley, *Secretary*  
Professor Siobhán Mullally  
Okereemute Okeregha  
Rachel Stevenson

Dr Margaret Lenihan  
Kamal El Taib  
Tracy Harper  
Naomi Ejeje



Christmas Card from Nasc Client

# NASC in NUMBERS 2011

**13** GRANTS OF INDEPENDENT RESIDENCY FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**418** CONSULTATIONS ABOUT ACCESS TO SOCIAL PROTECTION

**15** FAMILIES OF REFUGEES BROUGHT TO SAFETY

**12** ZAMBRANO PERMISSIONS GRANTED

**58** RESIDENCY PERMITS GRANTED

**235** SUCCESSFUL CASES

**2880** VISITS TO NASC

**1070** CLIENTS SERVED

**63** GRANTS OF CITIZENSHIP

**70** FAMILIES REUNITED

**31** ROMA CLIENTS ASSISTED

**25** REPORTS OF RACISM

**804** DROP-IN CLIENTS







“ This project aims to break down the barriers to integration, encourage positive intercultural interactions and empower migrant women to engage with the wider community in a proactive way. ”

**EMER MCCARTHY**, PROJECT COORDINATOR, CORK INTEGRATION PROJECT

Members of the Integration Through Learning group at International Women's Day.

# EUROPEAN INTEGRATION FUND PROJECT



**EMER MCCARTHY**  
Project Coordinator, Cork  
Integration Project

This was the first year of the Cork Integration Project; Nasc is the lead partner in this exciting and innovative Integration project for Cork City. The Cork Integration Project: Integration through learning, the arts and interfaith dialogue is co-financed by the European Commission under the European Integration Fund and is supported by the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration, Department of Justice and Equality. It comprises of three constituent projects with Nasc as the lead project. The other groups involved are Mayfield Community Arts / Cork Midsummer Festival and Cois Tine.

This project aims to break down the barriers to integration, encourage positive intercultural interactions and empower migrant women to engage with the wider community in a proactive way. The project staff based in Nasc are Emer McCarthy, project coordinator and Molly Pereira, administrator.

Nasc facilitated the first two modules of four for legally resident migrant women from countries as diverse as Macao, Malaysia, China and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The course focuses on improving English language acquisition however participants are also learning practical skills for living in Ireland, including an introduction to the education and political systems in Ireland, registering to vote and how to engage with their communities.

As part of this multi-group approach to integration, participants in Creative Connections supported by Mayfield Community Arts / Cork Midsummer Festival commenced their assessments in Year One, as part of the 2-year HETAC accredited course in arts, crafts and community arts facilitation. During 2011, this group began to facilitate a range of arts-based intercultural workshops including Public Workshops in the Old Fás Building and on Culture Night in September. These workshops which were aimed at women and children were free and open to the public. The participants also staged an interactive event as part of Cork Midsummer Festival, 2011. Home is Where the Art Is explored global traditions of hospitality and created a temporary home where people were welcomed and invited to make art.

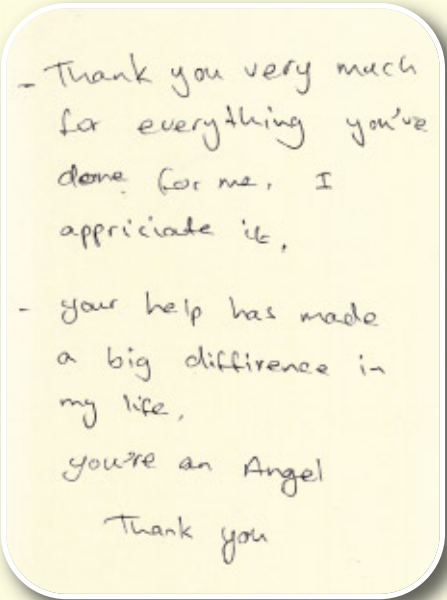
The 16 participants in this project, from countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Burma, Australia, Moldova and Ireland have been working with guest artist Priscilla Robinson to create this unique event.

Cois Tine have been running a series of inter-religious dialogue workshops aiming to increase awareness, understanding and community integration between members of the Roman Catholic and Islamic faiths. These were run in Dublin and Cork during 2011, aimed at members of the public and those identified as having significant impact on integration including representatives from schools, colleges, hospitals and local business. There has been a very positive response to these events and the project plans to publish a resource in Autumn 2012 looking at the Muslim and Christians faiths, how the two faith communities approach inter-religious dialogue and how members of each communities can work together to increase tolerance and understanding and show the benefits of harmonious diversity in Cork City.

This project is co-financed by the European Commission under the European Integration Fund and is supported by the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration in the Department of Justice and Equality.



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY



Thank You Card from Nasc Client



“ Citizenship gave us the recognition that we are not just first-class taxpayers and second-class people, but that we have a vote and voice now on deciding who will govern us and how our taxes will be spent...  
Citizenship allows us to be full members of society again.”

**CHRIS, *LIVING IN LIMBO: MIGRANTS' EXPERIENCES OF APPLYING FOR NATURALISATION IN IRELAND*, A JOINT NASC AND ICI PUBLICATION**

Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness speaking at the Cork launch of the Living in Limbo report.

# CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE



**CLAIRE MCCARTHY,**  
Campaigns  
and Communications Officer

## ENGAGING WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES ON IRELAND'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD

The Committee overseeing states' compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination issued its findings on Ireland in March 2011. These reflected the submissions made by Nasc and other NGOs and highlighted both Ireland's continuing failure to protect asylum applicants and the need for the state to combat racism. In the same month, we brought these concerns to the attention of the UN in Geneva in advance of Ireland's first examination under the Universal Periodic Review.

Nasc submission to the committee reviewing our compliance with the Convention on Economic Social and Cultural Rights identified seven ways in which Ireland is failing to protect the rights of migrants in Ireland.

Nationally, we worked as part of coalition of eight human rights organisations, to prepare a briefing paper on the 2010 Immigration

Residence and Protection Bill outlining our joint concerns on the failure of the Bill to protect the rights of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. Our work on seeking reforms of our broken system is on-going. Finally, as the year drew to a close, we made a submission to the government ahead of the publication of Ireland's first EU-required Roma Integration Strategy.

## PROTECTING MIGRANT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Drawing on the vast experience of our legal clinics we identified this as an issue that needed to be addressed. We formed a National Coalition of diverse NGOs working for victims of domestic violence to seek independent status for migrant women experiencing domestic violence. We lobbied policy makers and members of the Oireachtas to seek legislative and policy change. They have now committed to work with us to implement our suggested changes.

## PROTECTING ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Nasc highlighted in the media the state's failure in its duty of care to asylum seekers and their children living in Direct Provision throughout 2011. We worked with a growing network of organisations nationally to campaign for urgent change. The support of decision-makers with the power to influence change in the system was consolidated at briefing events in Dáil Éireann in May 2011 and 2012. While we are pleased that the body charged with managing the centres has begun to record complaints on foot of these efforts, we are determined to continue to build on this momentum to achieve meaningful change.

## WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ALLIANCE (PILA) TO REFORM DISCRIMINATORY SOCIAL HOUSING RULES

Nasc legal clinics identified that migrants from outside the EU were being routinely refused access to social housing. This was due to a discriminatory circular issued to Local Authorities responsible for processing applications for Social Protection. Nasc sought a legal opinion on the circular from PILA. We then raised the issue with the Department of the Environment and highlighted the discrepancy in the media. As a result the department changed its circular, allowing more equitable access to social housing for all migrant residents of Ireland.

## CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE TO THE CITIZENSHIP PROCESS

In June 2011 we launched a joint publication with the Immigrant Council of Ireland entitled "Living in Limbo: Migrants' experiences of Applying for Naturalisation in Ireland." The event was well attended and publicised, and we were delighted when it was followed by an announcement by Minister Shatter to introduce clear reforms in the system. These reforms include a reduction in application processing times and the introduction of Citizenship ceremonies. Whilst we welcome the changes we remain concerned that many people have continued to wait three or four years to receive a response to their applications. Nasc is pursuing this issue through the courts in partnership with private practitioners and Independent Law Centres.





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STEPHEN O’FLYNN, NASC LEGAL INTERN

# NASC INTERNS



**CLAIRE LARKIN,**  
Legal Intern and Roma Rights Officer

I have always had a keen interest in Human Rights and International Law and following the completion of an LLM Immigration and Refugee Law module, I was eager to gain experience in the area. I had previously worked with a human rights organisation, Galway Traveller Movement, and I was delighted to have the opportunity to intern with Nasc.

As a Legal Intern in Nasc, I work as part of the Legal Information Service (LIS) team, conducting drop-in clinics. The LIS deals with a wide demographic including refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their dependents; consequently I advise in diverse areas of law - Immigration Law, Protection Law, Social Welfare Law, Human Rights and International Law. The legal information that we provide in Nasc is of a confidential and non-judgmental nature and it is my responsibility in conducting the drop-in service to assess the client's needs, identify any human rights issues at stake and advise or refer to the appropriate organisation.

I also represent Nasc in the Capacity Building and Social Inclusion Working Group as part of the Roma Research Project. My role within this group is to provide specialist legal information regarding Roma Rights which will go towards the formulation of Cork City Partnership policy in relation to inclusion of communities.

As a Nasc Legal Intern, I have gained extensive legal knowledge and invaluable experience in one-to-one advocacy with clients. My experience in Nasc has been both rewarding on a professional and personal level and has served to strengthen my interest and determination to continue working in the human rights field.



**STEPHEN O'FLYNN,**  
Legal Intern

I have been a legal intern at Nasc for three months, and am thoroughly enjoying the experience. My work is interesting and varied. Nasc has been a great opportunity to see the interaction between Immigration and Refugee law theory and practice. That leap from theory to practice has been invigorating for me.

In my position as legal intern, I meet people through the drop-in legal advice service. They come for advice relating to their residency in the state, social protection, and family unity, amongst other issues. There are two highly experienced Legal Officers at Nasc to whom I refer the more complicated problems to, and they are always accessible for any questions I have, so that people get the best advocacy possible.

I still have three months left in my internship, and I feel there is still a huge amount to learn. I would like to become more involved in the family reunification process, as having met some of the refugees who now have their families with them, and those who are still waiting, it is clear how life-changing a moment it is for them when their families join them.

The service provided to clients is extremely professional, and it is fantastic that Nasc provides it for free. The economic downturn has hit many migrant families extremely hard. Nasc's work has never been more relevant.



**AIMÉE LYONS,**  
Campaigns and Communications Intern

I became aware of Nasc while pursuing an MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies at UCC. Having recently returned to Ireland after years living as a migrant, I had an immediate interest in learning more about a Cork organisation dedicated to helping people in the same position. Toward the end of my MA, I saw that an internship was available at Nasc and applied.

The seven months since then have involved both building on past experience and developing new skills. As Campaigns and Communications Intern, I worked closely with the Campaigns and Communications Officer on effectively communicating Nasc's work to a diverse range of audiences including clients, journalists, partner organisations, academics and students by means of a varied range of methods, including social media, our website, press releases, brochures and newsletters.

Needless to say, our work does not take place in a vacuum – without the invaluable efforts of the Legal Team, we would have little to communicate. Our campaign work is also directly driven by the issues emerging from our Legal Clinics. It is therefore essential for us to collaborate closely with the Legal Team, and others in the office. This kind of teamwork, combined with the knowledge that we are having a direct positive effect on the lives of thousands of our clients as well as the countless others who are touched indirectly by our campaigns and information provision is what makes Nasc such an incredibly fulfilling place to work. I feel privileged to be able to count myself as a member of this team and look forward to continuing to develop my ability to effectively contribute to the further growth and development of the organisation in the future.



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**CLAIRE LARKIN, NASC LEGAL INTERN AND ROMA RIGHTS OFFICER**



I will forever associate you and the rest of the nasc team as bearer of the best news. It's 10pm am just doing physics questions then out of exhaustion, i decide to check my mail. I am so relieved and happy beyond what my limited english can describe.

Am so grateful. I will personally have to come down and shake everyones' hand, because i need to feel it. Let me keep some for when i get there.

I will be a life long advocate for what nasc represents, i know the organisation is suffering like every other sector of the economy, but my God your work is important, it changes lives, mine and my entire family including the extended families plus of course all those who had the privilege to be handled by your very excellent office.

I continue to hope that even when things are this tough, that people continue to get the kind of experience i have had with nasc.

Thank you so much. From the receptionist to the directors working tirelessly to secure funds to just keep it going. am indebted, to you all.

Livingstone Oponya.

*Thank you sincerely for all your hard work, support and kindness without you this battle would have been much harder. Thank you so much for all your help. ...so much!*

**Thank You Card from Nasc Client**



## Top 10 Nationalities visiting Nasc in 2011

<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>326</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>82</b>





“ As Nasc Development Officer, I have worked to create a fundraising strategy and to build an infrastructure in which that strategy can function. In a competitive fundraising marketplace this is our most important challenge - and could be our greatest opportunity. ”

**MARGUERITE MCQUAID, NASC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT CONTINUING OPERATIONS

	2011 €	2010 €
Income	325,341	474,426
Expenditure	(392,022)	(395,580)
(Deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities before interest	(66,681)	78,846
Other interest receivable and similar income	651	-
(Deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	(66,030)	78,846
Tax on (deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
(Deficit)/Retained surplus for the year	(66,030)	78,846
Balance brought forward	177,811	98,965
Balance carried forward	111,781	177,811

On behalf of the Board.

**Directors:** Dr. Margaret Linehan || Mr. Colm Stanley

*Date: 9th June 2012*

## EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

	2011 €	2010 €
Operational costs (including staff)	135,671	187,112
Advocacy & Campaigning costs (inc. staff)	50,639	145,482
Information & Advice (Including Staff Costs)	61,315	-
Integration Work (Including Staff Costs)	40,170	-
Project Work (incl. European Integration Fund)	101,115	59,715
Depreciation	3,112	3,271
	392,022	395,58

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2011 €	2010 €
Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash outflow from operating activities		
Operating loss/(profit)	(66,681)	78,846
Depreciation	3,112	3,271
Increase in creditors	42,737	7,863
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(20,832)	89,980
Cash flow statement		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	( 20,832)	89,980
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	651	-
Capital expenditure	(5,540)	-
Decrease in cash in the year	(25,721)	89,980
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds		
Decrease in cash in the year	(25,721)	89,980
Net cash inflow from issue of shares classed as financial liabilities	-	-
Net funds at 1 January 2011	214,187	124,208
Net funds at 31 December 2011	188,466	214,187

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

**Directors:** Dr. Margaret Linehan || Mr. Colm Stanley

*Date: 9th June 2012*

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT to the members of Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Limited.**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) for the year ended 31 December 2011.

We have audited the financial statements of Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Limited. for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Income and Expenditure account, the balance sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards published by the Auditing Practices Board in the UK and 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).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed. 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 Acts, 1963 to 2009. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the company; and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the company's balance sheet and its Income and Expenditure account are in agreement with the books of account. We also report, to the members if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

### **Basis of audit 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 judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the 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.

### **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 the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended ; and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account. In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Cuddy, O'Leary & Barrett**

Chartered Accountants || Registered Auditors  
Unit 3003, Euro Business Park

Date: 9th June 2012

## **Nasc, The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Limited. (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)**

### **BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2011**

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	5,087	2,659
<b>Current assets</b>	188,466	214,187
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>188,466</u>	<u>214,187</u>
		214,187
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(81,772)</u>	<u>(39,035)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>106,694</u>	<u>175,152</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>	111,781	177,811
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>111,781</u>	<u>177,811</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Revenue reserves account	<u>111,781</u>	<u>177,811</u>
<b>Members' funds</b>	<u>111,781</u>	<u>177,811</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on *9th June 2012* and signed on its behalf by:

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