

Country Specific Information for Ireland

Migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers pupils



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The Irish Refugee Council works to promote best practices for the protection of the rights of children and young people, including separated children, at a national level through awareness raising, policy development, networking and advocacy.

The Children's Rights Alliance unites over 100 members working together to change the lives of all children in Ireland by making sure that their rights are respected and protected in our laws, policies and services.

Citizens Information provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland

[Social Personal and Health Education \(SPHE\)](#)

The SPHE programme reflects the unique ethos of each school. The attitudes, skills and values fostered in the SPHE classroom can only truly flourish in a school where all members of the school community are treated with respect and dignity.

Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)

The PDST is Ireland's largest single support service offering professional learning opportunities to teachers and school leaders in a range of pedagogical, curricular and educational areas.

TUSLA

The Child and Family Agency is the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children. It represents the most comprehensive reform of child protection, early intervention and family support services ever undertaken in Ireland. The Agency operates under the Child and Family Agency Act 2013.

Children First

Provides the national guidance for the protection and welfare of children in Ireland. The guidance is the roadmap to help parents, professionals, organisations and the general public to identify and report child abuse and welfare concerns.

[Links](#)

<http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/>

<http://www.childrensrights.ie/>

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/asylum_seekers_and_refugees/refugee_status_and_leave_to_remain/education_for_refugees.html

www.sphe.ie

www.pdst.ie

<http://www.tusla.ie/>

[Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children \[2011\]](#)

[Child and Family Agency Act 2013](#)

Useful Links Provided by the Department of Education and Skills

[Intercultural Education Strategy](#)

Queries regarding Department's migrant policy can be referred to Social Inclusion Unit at social_inclusion@education.gov.ie

Queries regarding allocation of English as an Additional Language (EAL) posts can be referred to either Department's Post Primary Allocations (Allocations@education.gov.ie) or Primary Allocations (Primaryallocations@education.gov.ie) divisions. See **Circular 0007_2016: Appendix D (Form GAM/EAL Cluster 2016 - Notification of newly clustered GAM/EAL posts for the 2016/17 school year)** in relation to primary schools.

[Press Release 10-06-2016 \(Supporting Multilingual Classrooms\)](#)

[Development of a National English Language Policy and Framework for Legally Resident Adult Immigrants - Horwath Report](#)

External links:

[Up and Away: A resource book for English language support in primary schools \(2006\)](#)

[Citizens Information website - resources for non-English speaking pupils](#)