

Volunteering Strategies in the COVID-19 Crisis

Lessons from Ireland

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Volunteer Ireland and Volunteer Centres' role

- Official role from government:
 - Volunteer Recruitment
 - Support for organisations
 - Communications
 - Partnership with other key organisations

→ Budget allocated from central government: €407,000
- #Volunteerfromhome campaign
- Resources and training

Issues arising

- Informal groups
- Lack of roles
- Working with local authorities
- Garda (police) vetting
- Insurance
- Fund for volunteer involving organisations
- HSE (national health service) volunteers
- Shopping protocol - entering homes and cash handling



Resources developed

- For volunteers
 - What to expect when volunteering during a crisis
 - Guide to informal volunteering
 - Volunteering safely during COVID-19
 - Your wellbeing while volunteering during COVID-19 (with Mental Health Ireland)
- For organisations
 - Volunteer management in an emergency
 - Supporting volunteer wellbeing during an emergency
 - Volunteer screening and garda vetting
 - Suspending/stopping your volunteer programme
 - Rights and responsibilities for organisations and volunteers (in partnership with a leading law firm)
- Templates
 - Code of conduct
 - COVID-19 risk assessment
 - COVID-19 Volunteer registration form
- Videos
 - Organising volunteers during an emergency
 - Moving to virtual volunteering



Questions?

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recruiting volunteers to support the
response to COVID-19 >>

