

We are delighted to share the first of our Bi-Annual Volunteer Newsletters.

The Saoirse Foundation Volunteer Newsletter



Welcome!

This is the first edition of our new Volunteer Newsletter and we hope that you enjoy it and find it useful. Our aim is to keep you fully informed with all that's happening at The Saoirse Foundation.

We are always looking for fun, enthusiastic volunteers to help us deliver smiles to Ireland's sickest children. In order for our service to operate we need to raise much needed funds and with your continued help that task becomes so much easier. We want to send a big **THANK YOU** from all the staff for your continuing effort and hard work.

Warm welcome to the new Bee's on the #BeeTeam



David McCarthy has joined as Chief Operating Officer. He is pictured here on the right with Cait Gallagher of Axa and BUMBLEance driver, Jim Burke.

David McCarthy - Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Hi there,

I must start by saying thanks for the warm welcome so far. I'm delighted to be part of this great team and I am looking forward to the challenge ahead.

I've come most recently from Irish Guide Dogs but I have almost 20 years experience in the Not for Profit and charity sectors.

My focus with The Saoirse Foundation will be to help strengthen and grow operations. I will also support our Volunteers to ensure that your experience is as involved and enjoyable as possible.

I look forward to meeting all of you at events around the country over the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, my details are:

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Our new Head of Fundraising & Engagement, Deirdre Lennon. She is pictured here with Irish and Leinster (and Kanturk) rugby legend Mike Ross at a recent fundraising event in Dublin.

Deirdre Lennon - Head of Fundraising & Engagement

Hi all,

I am delighted to have joined the #BeeTeam in January of this year – my background is Not for Profit work but mainly it is in the Financial Sector for over 30 years.

Every day is different, and we have fantastic supporters, but our main stars are the King & Queen Bees that travel on BUMBLEance every day and keep us going. Their smiles and laughter are the best medicine for anyone.

I'm very keen to make everyone's acquaintance and if you would like to be part of Team BUMBLEance by being a Volunteer, CSR (provide expertise/time) or a new Corporate Partner I would be delighted to come and chat to you.

Every bit helps no matter how big or small and we are here to support you every step of the way. You can contact me at:

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Our new Fundraising & Engagement Assistant Jennifer Kissane, pictured here with The Saoirse Foundation Co-Founder, Mary Heffernan and BUMBLEance driver Jim Burke at a recent event in Carlingford. Jennifer will be a point of contact for Volunteers

Jennifer Kissane - Fundraising & Engagement Assistant

Hi all,

I'm very excited to have joined the team as Fundraising & Engagement Assistant. I'm looking forward to rising to the challenges of the role. There are many great events coming up in the next few months and these will allow a lot of scope for creative involvement.

Coming from a media background I've spent the past three years in the UK, where I worked across a number of genres on television shows for BBC, Channel 4 and STV. I have a lot of experience at each level of production plus a record of generating engaging content.

If you have an idea for an event or would like more information about any upcoming fundraisers please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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Operational Updates

On 7th May, we will be launching our Chemo Cab at the Mercedes-Benz Customer Centre on the Naas Road, Dublin. This service provides dedicated BUMBLEance Transport to children receiving cancer treatment. An exciting addition to our fleet we hope that our Chemo Cab will help us to continue to deliver smiles.

Summer 2019 will see our Fleet expand with a further two BUMBLEances coming on stream. Both vehicles are currently under final construction. Our aim is to have these operational from July. These will replace some of our older vehicles, while also allowing us to increase our PR Fleet to better support Community and Fundraising activity.



We are delighted to say that we have joined forces with Glandore providers of flexible office space. This will allow us to operate in Cork and Dublin with ease. Here is COO David Mc Carthy with Danielle Healy, Sales Manager Glandore.

Here are some photos taken at recent Fundraising Events



Staff from AXA in Shannon Co. Limerick snapping up the bargains at our merchandise stand as part of their recent Fundraising Day



A great photo from the recent Kerryman's Banquet Gala held in Ovens, Cork. On the night there were fireworks, a torch parade, an auction and even a King Puck!



Get your school involved! Organise a fundraiser or a special BUMBLEance Day. If you're interested in having BUMBLEance come to your school or event contact us at +353 83 0044444



We would love to showcase your Volunteer Story with us in future editions so please send us your stories and pics to info@sairsefoundation.com with the subject line - Volunteer Newsletter



If you or any of your friends would like to host an event or a fundraiser in their school or club please get in touch with us.

You can call Jennifer Kissane on +353 86 796 1762 or email at jennifer@saoirsefoundation.com

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