



# International Garden Project Launch

6th of September 2022

Ardfoyle Convent, Ballintemple



# The Project

The project is premised on creating a 'safe space' at Ardefoyle Convent where families living in Direct Provision centres can create an International Garden to grow food from their own countries in solidarity with local community groups.

The aim is to provide asylum seekers/refugees/migrants in general an opportunity to be involved in gardening work in cooperation with local members of the community towards supporting their wellbeing and integration into society. The objective is to work towards creating a network of gardens in close proximity to the DPs in Cork, that are independently run but in consultancy with a committee from this group. The model becomes the connecting tool within this network of communities and across other ethnic minority groups involved in community gardens.





# The Launch

On Tuesday the 6th of September the Lord Mayor of Cork City, Cllr. Deirdre Forde launched our International Garden Project at Ardfoyle Convent.

We were joined by our partners and sponsors who have helped us on this journey to bring the garden to life. In attendance we had Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles, Shane Clarke the former CEO of Nano Nagle Place, Nelson Abbey of Johnson Controls, Alison from Horticulture LTI at Ardfoyle, Maria Young of Green Spaces for Health, representatives from Remitly, SHEP, and of course the amazing gardeners who take care of the garden each week.

It was a fantastic moment to celebrate the people that have given their time and resources to create this beautiful safe space of shared learning, where networks were formed and friends were made.





Images by Clare Keogh



# Media

To learn more about the International Garden Project  
check out the following:

International Garden - Cork-Migrants  
([corkmigrantcentre.ie](http://corkmigrantcentre.ie))

Cork convent launches garden project in solidarity  
with refugees ([irishe Examiner.com](http://irishe Examiner.com))

Ground-breaking project to enable families to grow  
food from their native countries in city ([echolive.ie](http://echolive.ie))

Foods from afar: Convent Garden project brings  
migrants' taste of home to Cork ([echolive.ie](http://echolive.ie))

In a lush city garden, migrant families are growing  
food from their home countries - Yay Cork

Celebration and Official Launch of the Solidarity  
Garden, Ardfoyle : Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of  
Apostles ([olaireland.ie](http://olaireland.ie))



# Project Partners, Sponsors & Friends

Cork City Council

Food Policy Council

Green Spaces for Health

Horticulture LTI at Ardfoyle

Johnson Controls

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