



THE EAMONN O'LOGHLIN IRISH
CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CENTRE

NATIONAL • ACCESSIBLE • RESPONSIVE • TRUSTED

ANNUAL REPORT YE JUNE 2026



*"It changes the whole experience knowing you have a
dedicated team in your corner."*

MISSION

The Eamonn O’Loghlin Irish Canadian Immigration Centre, operating since 2012, assists diaspora from across the island of Ireland, offering outreach and information, nationally, in 3 key areas:

1. Immigration System Navigation
2. Employment Guidance and Resources
3. Social Services Navigation



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REAL STORIES. REAL IMPACT.

“warm and welcoming, creating a comfortable yet highly informative environment”

Annual reports often begin with numbers. We begin with people. Success cannot always be measured in statistics alone. Sometimes it is found in a message of gratitude, a new job secured, an immigration challenge resolved. Before we share our activities, achievements, and performance over the past year, we invite you to hear directly from the people we serve.

Hear what our clients have to say



Scan the code, or tap the button, to watch our clients share their experiences in their own words.

WATCH HERE ▶



Barry



Doireann



Niamh

Luke, Vancouver

I decided to move to Vancouver from Cork to pursue a career in science communication. While it has certainly been an exciting journey so far, navigating a new country comes with its fair share of complexities, both known and unknown.

My journey with I/CAN started before I even left home when I attended Rhonda's employment webinar series. Once I arrived, I/CAN proved to be the perfect first port of call for any query. The team has been incredibly helpful and prompt with assistance, both online and in-person. I could not recommend reaching out to them enough.



"I honestly credit the I/CAN team members for helping me land a wonderful role in my field here."

Sarah, Toronto



"You never know – you might just find the support network and friendships that make a new city feel like home"

Attending an I/CAN coffee morning a week after landing in Toronto was the best decision I made. Katie and Kyle welcomed us with coffee, tea, and Tim Hortons doughnuts, creating a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where no question felt too small. It was the perfect opportunity to ask all those burning questions about settling into a new city. I left feeling reassured about my decision to move and confident that I had support for any future questions about immigration, employment, or healthcare.

What I didn't expect was to walk away with such an amazing group of friends whom I met at the coffee morning. They've brought much-needed laughter, Irish sarcasm, and support as I've navigated my first few months in Toronto. Together we've already organised trips to Canada's Wonderland, a 2000s rave, and monthly potluck dinners. If you're wondering whether to attend an I/CAN coffee morning or any of their other events, I couldn't recommend it more.

Simon, Calgary

"At least my hurl came in handy this time!"

When I first landed in Calgary, I had no idea where I was going. WestJet had left my luggage in Dublin, so I arrived with nothing but a small backpack and a hurl. With no data to use Google Maps, I was wandering the city looking for a phone shop. A Wexford woman spotted the hurl and came straight over: 'Is that a hurl in your hand?' We had a good laugh, she helped me get sorted and I learned that the very next day, by pure luck, there was an I/CAN meeting on!



Darren, Nationwide!

I grew up in rural Fermanagh, not far from the border and the village of Newtownbutler, but a world away from where I have eventually settled in Toronto, Ontario. Moving here in February was daunting. Having never been to Toronto and knowing no one, I wasn't sure what to expect. With no work lined up, I reached out to the I/CAN centre for help and advice.

The team was superb. I attended their regular newcomers' coffee mornings and the career resources webinar. Not only was I greeted with the best Irish welcome, but I also received practical advice on tailoring resumes, building networks, and managing the mundane but essential details of starting a new life in Toronto. What really stood out, however, was the sense that I wasn't alone. There was a community of people willing to help and who truly had my back. That early foundation was invaluable. I have since managed to continue my career in journalism as a Breaking News Host for the CBC, where I help tell the stories that matter to Canadians, both at home and abroad. ***I will always be grateful for the warmest of welcomes provided by the entire I/CAN team during that cold mid-winter.***



Darren, seen here upon arrival, watching a fellow newcomer marking home on our map – and today, on air as a CBC Breaking News Host.

Where are they now?

Gemma Healy-Murphy: From Client to Board Member



Left: Gemma at our 2018 Parent and Toddler Christmas Drop-in (front row, second from left).

Right: Gemma with her family in 2026, visiting Heart's Content, NL, at the transatlantic cable line connecting Canada to Ireland!

LISTEN TO GEMMA ▶

Martin and Ruairi: Paying it Forward

Martin (left): I'm from the Donegal Town area.

Ruairi (right): I'm from Rathfarnham in Dublin.

We both arrived in Toronto in January 2018 and attended the I/CAN Employment Seminar within a few days of arriving and this is where we actually met each other. We found that the session was incredibly helpful not only for resume assistance and getting to know how Canadian employers hire but also it gave us the opportunity to meet others in the exact same position as us at the time. We built our own newcomer group out of this, and we continued to help each other by sending different job postings or by introducing each other to new contacts that we had met.



Ruairi: I am now a Partner and a Relationship Manager at EdgePoint Wealth Management. I have been in this role for almost 8 years now and was introduced to this company by members of the Irish community.

Martin: I am now a Managing Director with Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets in Vancouver. I moved to BC in 2021; the local Irish business community were very helpful in getting set up in a new city.

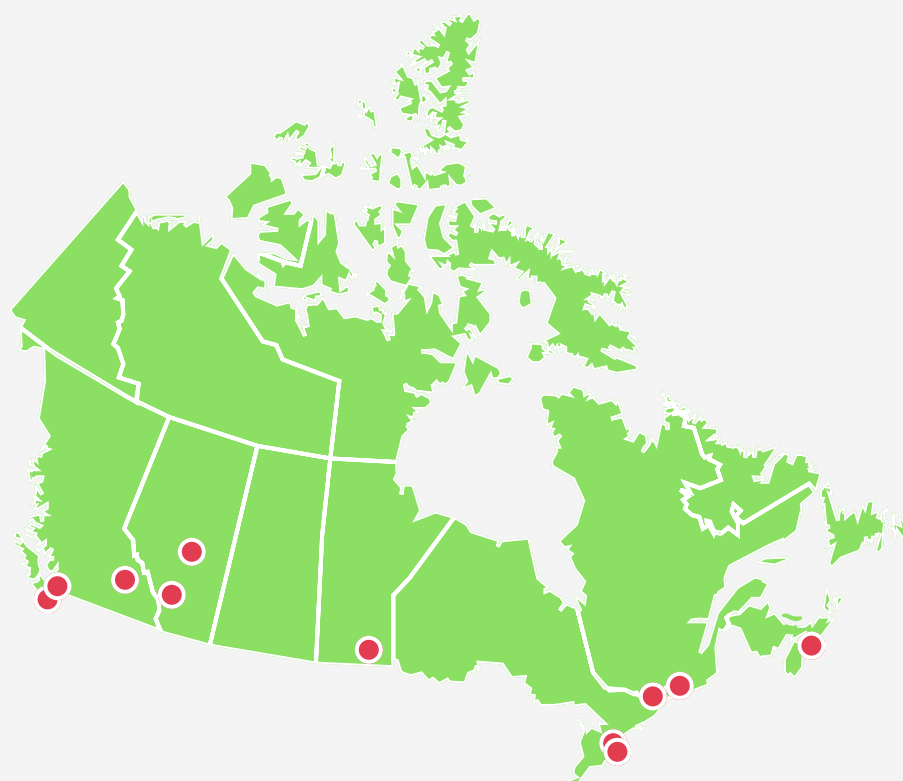
Ruairi: When the concept of I/CAN Celebrity Bartenders started a number of years ago, I always thought it was such a great initiative to support the work that the team does at the Centre which I have directly benefitted from. I've attended each year and volunteered where I could help.

Looking back on how helpful everyone was at that coffee morning has encouraged us to now help newcomers in any way possible. I would say between the two of us in Toronto and Vancouver, we have met countless newcomers over a coffee, sharing our experiences and helping them out just as we were helped back in 2018.

SERVING COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA

"I definitely would recommend [I/CAN] to anyone new to Canada and anyone who thought they could do it on their own."

This year we served clients in:



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria
Vancouver
Revelstoke

ALBERTA

Calgary
Edmonton

MANITOBA

Winnipeg

ONTARIO

Toronto
St. Catharines
Ottawa

QUEBEC

Montréal

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax

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TIME ZONES

Welcomes East to West



TORONTO



OTTAWA



CALGARY



VANCOUVER



Through our wrap-around settlement supports, we are working to ensure I/CAN clients:

1

are more aware of resources available to them upon entry and while they are settling, reducing vulnerability;



2

have better knowledge of immigration processes, troubleshooting next steps in a timely manner, lessening uncertainty;



3

participate in local labour markets, broader communities, and social networks, strengthening their potential for advancement and wellbeing in Canada.



Learn

about our Online Immigration Legal Clinic, offered several times a month coast to coast to coast.



Louise Willis

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Niall Carry

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Explore

our Social Care and Settlement Guides — practical, self-serve resources providing guidance 24/7, wherever you are in Canada.



Useful Information



Predeparture & Upon Arrival



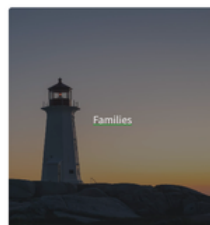
Work Permits



Employment & Financial Matters



Permanent Residency & Citizenship



Families

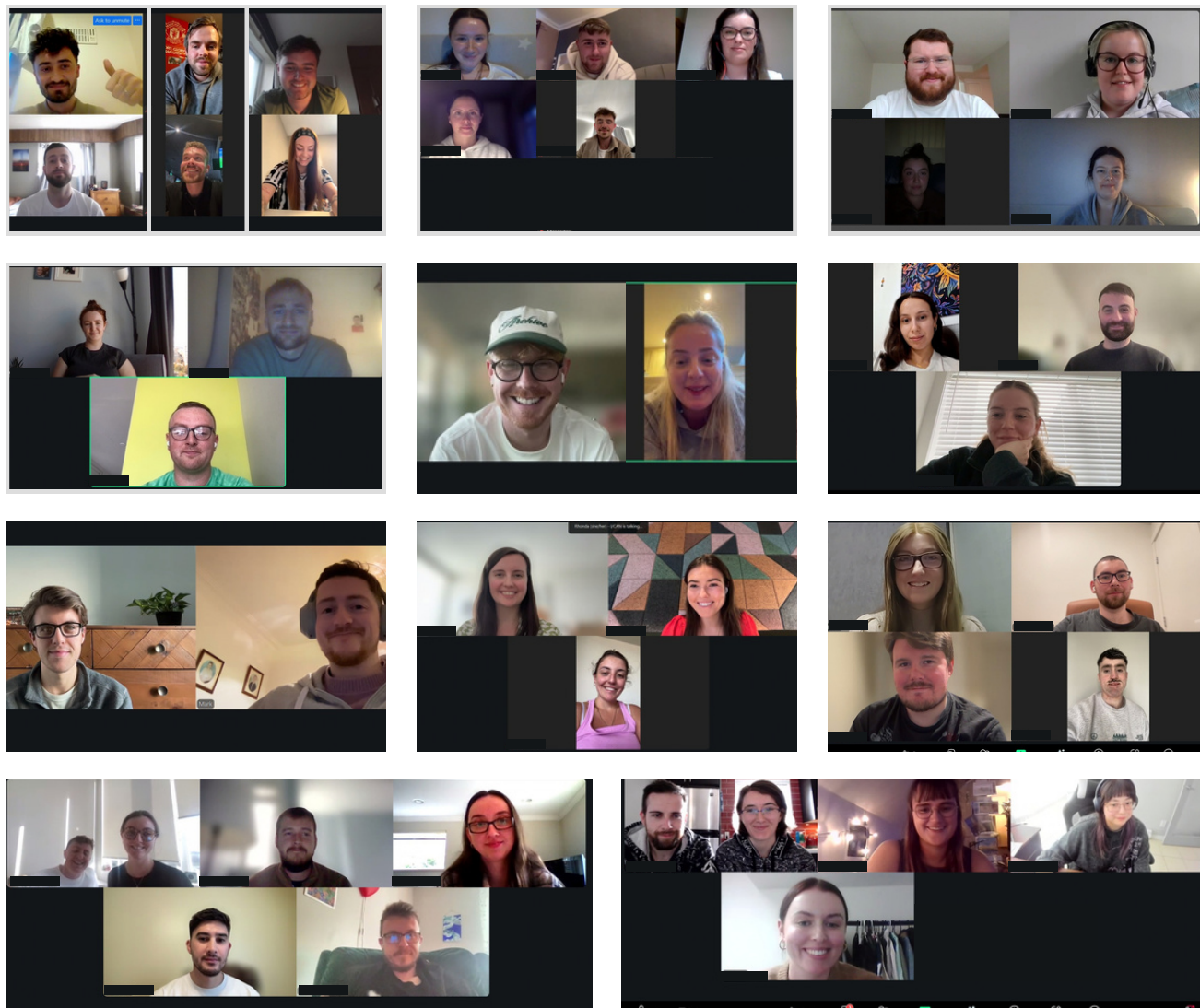


Scan to find guidance for your province, any time.

EXPLORE ▶

See

our Employment and Career Resources in action.



Regular national weekly webinar!

Our Year in Numbers

A snapshot of our reach and impact this year: July 2025 – June 2026

118

learning and informational events held across Canada

9,500

individuals accessed our self-serve Settlement Guides and other online resources

38

virtual Legal Clinics offered, providing case-specific immigration guidance

46

employment webinars delivered, connecting newcomers with practical career strategies

64

individuals experiencing vulnerable circumstances received compassionate, one-to-one support through our Social Care Program

44

welcome events hosted from Ottawa to Toronto to Calgary to Vancouver

15,200

people followed our social media across all platforms helping us share preventative, upstream approaches

And behind the numbers?

A lean team — just two full-time and two part-time employees — delivered our programs, outreach and support across Canada this year.

BEHIND THE SCENES

“super knowledgeable and friendly staff”

Behind every webinar, online guide, legal clinic, client consultation, and new arrivals' coffee morning, is a dedicated team. From direct client support and outreach to program development, communications, and operations, our team works collaboratively and compassionately to deliver trusted services to new arrivals.

We work across Canada through in-person outreach and virtual services, ensuring that wherever you settle ... we are never far away.

Introducing Kyle Burke, Social Care Coordinator

Prior to moving to Canada, I had a Canadian connection through my work with Crosscare in Finglas, County Dublin, where I helped to deliver HEROS, a youth development program run in partnership with the Canadian charity HEROS Hockey. Through the program, I worked alongside Canadian coaches and volunteers, using ice hockey to support young people from communities across Ireland and Northern Ireland.



**6 MONTHS
LATER →**



Kyle (far left) as a new arrival at our Toronto Coffee Morning in October...

...and (far left) six months later as our new Social Care Coordinator!

The greatest impact in my day to day happens when...

Kyle Burke, Social Care Coordinator

"...a client contacts me with nothing but fear and anxiety, and slowly throughout the interaction a sense of ease washes over them, knowing that what they are going through is not unique or new."

Katie Haberlin, Administrative Assistant

"...a client pops in unexpectedly. They may have been trawling the streets looking for jobs or contacts, but to see the hope and difference in body language when they leave our office, ready to face their journey with a bit of confidence, makes me very proud of our team and organisation!"

Katie, sporting her Toronto GAA kit ahead of the finals.



Rhonda, heading off to facilitate our regular Vancouver New Arrivals' Welcome.

Rhonda McDowell, Career Resources Advisor

"...I get to witness how courageous and adventurous clients are in the initial phase of relocation. During the Career Resources Workshop there is excitement, hope, worry, and uncertainty about what comes next. Seeing newcomers relax into their decision making and connect back to the expertise, skills, and value they bring on the plane with them is rewarding and impactful."



WATCH RHONDA ▶

TEAM MOMENTS

PRIDE WEEK



Kyle and Katie with our Executive Director, Cathy, during Toronto Pride week.

HAPPY RETIREMENT



Bookkeeper Jane Jiang, retiring after 14 years of commitment to I/CAN - thank you, Jane!

NEW BOARD MEMBER



Our new board member Seána Glennon marking our map with a pin in her home county of Longford.

I/CAN

CONNECTED BY PURPOSE

“It was such a pleasure to work with your team...we share your keenness on upstream prevention.”

— Dr. Leslie Buckley, Chief of Addictions Division, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

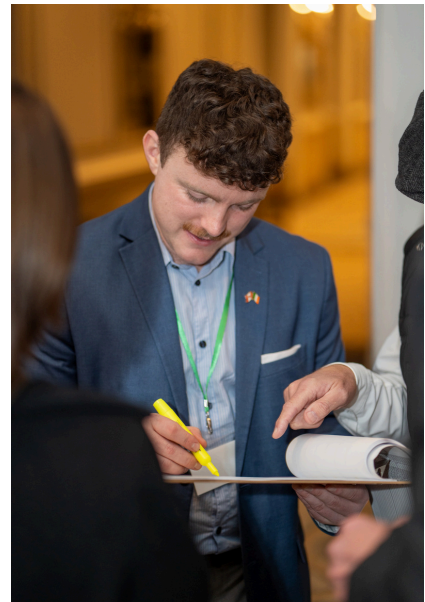
Whether partnering on fundraising events, extending career networking opportunities for our new arrivals, building community connections in cities across Canada, or co-producing public service announcements on critical issues, our cross-sector partners are instrumental to our work.

The Ireland Funds Canada

This year we joined the Ireland Funds Canada for a “memorable gathering of community, culture and connection.”



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I/CAN clients – some having landed within the week! – volunteering at the event.

Whiteboard Collective: Kevin Lawlor

I hail from Loughshinny, Fingal, North Dublin, and moved to Canada in April of 2012. When I first arrived, I utilized the resume writing workshop at I/CAN. It was invaluable in helping me gain an understanding of the Canadian landscape as well as the importance of networking. After 5 years of a career in staffing, I launched the Whiteboard Collective, a social enterprise focused on creating clear pathways to employment for people experiencing barriers Canada wide. Since inception, we have helped fill over 800 jobs and were acquired by Drake International in June 2026. We are now partnering with I/CAN so that their clients can avail of the programming and employment events we offer across Canada. We strive to consistently increase hires from the Irish community year over year.



Kevin Lawlor, Whiteboard Collective

Nuages Consulting: Gloria Kapuku

Hear Gloria talk about her journey from Dublin to Toronto and her contribution to our informational tools on social media.

[WATCH GLORIA ►](#)



CAMH

Dr. Leslie Buckley, Chief of Addictions Division at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, appeared on our Cannabis Use Awareness podcast this year.



Canada's largest mental health hospital and
a global leader in mental health research

14 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Irish Cultural Society of Calgary

THEN • 2012



Welcoming us for a PR seminar back in 2012.

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So many of the young newcomers that we have met via the I/CAN events at our centre have been coming faithfully to our pub nights and the pub nights have taken on a new life of their own thanks to all the new faces. We are very grateful and look forward to more opportunities to partner with you in order to reach out to new Irish in Calgary.

— Irish Cultural Society of Calgary

NOW • 2026



Displaying our banner during their 40th anniversary celebrations in 2026 – congratulations!

Partners since 2012 • Calgary, Alberta

Our Partners Across Canada

Just some of the organizations that helped us welcome, connect and support newcomers this year.



NI CONNECTIONS

NI (Northern Irish) Connections Canada Manager Ciara McKinney, with I/CAN client Dermot McPeake, board Chair Dermot Muir, and our Administrative Assistant Katie Haberlin.



IRISH IN BC

Our board member Eric Keogh pictured with our community partner Irish in BC at Celtic Fest Vancouver.



WE ARE GLOBAL IRISH

Founder and CEO, Jackie Gilna (right), with our Executive Director, Cathy, at St. Brigid's Well, Ottawa.



ICCC VANCOUVER

Career Resources Advisor, Rhonda, pictured with Vancouver board member, Eric, at our joint Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce Vancouver Job Seekers Event.



ICCC TORONTO

Our clients Jamie and Beth volunteering at our table at the Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce Toronto Marketplace event.



THE OLD TRIANGLE, HALIFAX

Community members and Irish-owned businesses across Canada help us to spread the word about our free services. Hear Brian, proprietor of The Old Triangle, share his journey to Canada 46 years ago in our podcast Finding Your Community in Canada.



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TORONTO IRISH SUMMER CAMP 4 KIDS

Facilitators Colleen Mulvey O'Leary and Maureen Mulvey visiting us to promote the camp.



MOVING2CANADA

A visit from Vancouver-based Moving2Canada CEO, Ruairi Spillane. 14 years of partnership!



Our Executive Director, Cathy, with Irish Women's Network of BC President, Eilis Courtney. 14 years of friendship between our two organizations! Eilis and Cathy also met Irish President, Catherine Connolly, together at the Global Irish Civic Forum in Dublin in April. (group photo below)



IRISH WOMEN'S NETWORK OF BC

OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

"We are happy to help. It may be 44 years ago, but it lives with me arriving in Canada with \$400 in my pocket and knowing nobody in Winnipeg. The Irish people I met in the early days really helped me out."

— Niall Finnegan, Finnegan-Marshall Inc.

We are grateful to every donor who supports I/CAN, whether by booking a foursome at our annual I/CAN Invitational Golf Tournament, leaving a generous tip at our Celebrity Bartenders event, purchasing a ticket through the community Pot of Gold raffle, or donating directly through CanadaHelps.org. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the I/CAN Invitational golf committee, the Celebrity Bartenders team, and unique this year, the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon crew, whose time and energy make these events possible. We are also fortunate to have the ongoing support of The Irish Cultural Society of Toronto, The Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce Toronto, and our annual corporate partners:

**IRL Ltd.
Vancouver**

**Construction Labour Solutions
Vancouver**

Aer Lingus

**A Little Taste of Home
Calgary**

**Noonan's Irish Pub
Toronto**

**Canadian Visa Specialists
Montreal**

**Coastal Crews
Vancouver**

**Carry Immigration Services
Vancouver**

**LUX Toronto
NEW THIS YEAR**

Finally, we extend our appreciation to our c-Gaming volunteers and the players at Dolphin (Ontario Charitable Gaming Association), whose participation creates a special partnership that delivers direct charitable benefit to our community.

Míle buíochas!

Irish for "a million thanks" – tap to learn more

Tee-rific!



Meet the Golf Committee: Cormac Mac Lochlainn, Owen Cartwright, Ken Tracey, Mark O'Brien, Tracey Lyng, Geraldine O'Dowd, and Cathal O'Connor.

Par for the course? You went above and beyond!

I/CAN INVITATIONAL SPONSORS, TORONTO

Salthill Capital

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LiUNA Local 183

Bridgehouse Asset
Managers

PJ O'Brien Irish Pub

Merrion Executive
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Finnegan Marshall

Georgetown Volkswagen

A round of applause for the players!



Consul General of Ireland in Toronto, Claire Fitzgibbon, with our Board Chair, Dermot Muir, handing out prizes at the tournament.

Cheque, please! Community giving in action.



*Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce
Toronto President, Carmel Drumgoole (right),
and Executive Director, Philip Geraghty (left),
delivering a donation to our Executive
Director.*

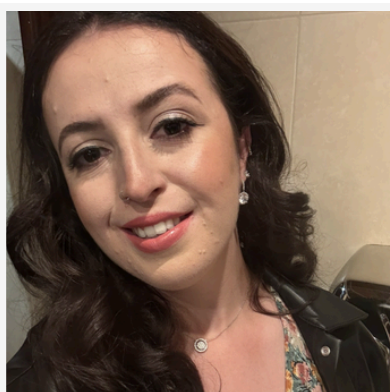
A Toast to the Tipplers: Our Celebrity Bartenders and everyone who filled the tip jar.



Kyle and Katie giving a lesson in how the Irish say thank you:

Go raibh maith agat!

Bingo!



Niamh's journey with I/CAN began as a client. Today, she is one of our dedicated volunteers, contributing two shifts each month at Dolphin (Ontario Charitable Gaming).



In Loving Memory

This year, we received memorial donations in memory of Eddie Brett, a long-time supporter of our Centre. The family's decision to support I/CAN reflects the confidence they place in our work and honours Eddie's enduring connection to our community.

Eddie Brett, far left, at our inaugural I/CAN Invitational in 2024.

Ireland's Emigrant Support Programme

Since its establishment in 2004, the Emigrant Support Programme has assisted more than 900 organisations in 53 countries. Grants issued to date total over €265 million. This work is conducted in partnership with Ireland's Embassies and Consulates.



A group of our board members welcomes Ireland's Ambassador to Canada John Concannon (centre right) and Consul General of Ireland in Toronto Claire Fitzgibbon (centre left).



Our Chair Dermot Muir, Executive Director Cathy Murphy, and board director Eithne Heffernan welcome Taoiseach Micheál Martin (Ireland's Prime Minister) with His Excellency John Concannon Irish Ambassador to Canada and James Maloney MP / member of the Canada-Ireland Interparliamentary Group.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Board Chair, Dermot Muir

Another year of dedicated service by the I/CAN team has come to a successful conclusion. We are deeply honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to the lives of thousands of new arrivals and not so new arrivals in Canada. The work of our team spans a vast continent and encompasses all sectors of the Canadian economy. As Canada confronts the challenges of this age, we are proud of the many contributions made by Irish immigrants past and present and our role in facilitating their successes.

I extend my thanks to our many sponsors, our dedicated volunteers and most of all to our amazing team under the leadership of our dedicated Executive Director Cathy Murphy.

We are greatly honoured to receive the ongoing support of the Government of Ireland through the Emigrant Support Programme, without which we would be unable to do our work. We are also grateful for the support that we receive through the Province of Ontario's cGaming Programme.

Go raith maith agaibh a chairde

Dermot Muir
Board Chair



Dermot Muir (right), pictured with board member Seána Glennon.

Executive Director, Cathy Murphy



"I/CAN helps them find their way through complex systems, ensuring they are informed and not alone."

Irish new arrivals are working across the economy: engineering, finance, hospitality, natural resources, manufacturing, digital industries, life sciences, education, healthcare, and construction. Many volunteer on evenings and weekends at sports clubs, homeless shelters, community centres and more. We are committed to supporting them as they build their lives here, helping foster engaged newcomers who strengthen the economic resilience and social fabric of both Canada and Ireland.

In this report, we highlight the voices of many who are thriving. Running alongside those stories are more complicated narratives of individuals navigating the loneliness that can accompany a new life in another country, the difficulty of finding employment and building a career in an unfamiliar labour market, the cost-of-living pressures facing those in Canada generally, and an increasingly challenging permanent residency landscape. Through our Immigration Legal Clinic and our Career Resources and Social Care Programs, we work to lessen the impact of these pressures.

What happens when a client is in crisis: seeking a shelter bed, assistance following a traumatic accident, information on how to bring a claim against a fraudulent immigration consultant, guidance on how to report unsafe conditions in the workplace, or support in leaving an abusive relationship as a single parent? I/CAN helps them find their way through complex systems, ensuring they are informed and not alone.

Looking ahead, we will respond to the clear call from our clients for even more employment services by expanding our Career Resources Advisor from a micro- to a part-time role. We will grow our Immigration Legal Clinic into a weekly service, strengthening our wrap-around supports. And we will continue our pursuit of long-term financial sustainability for the organization.

To the I/CAN Board of Directors: thank you for your dedication to our fundraising and the community connections you cultivate. To the I/CAN team, Katie, Kyle, and Rhonda: thank you for the lived experience, practicality, and kindness you bring to every client interaction, coast to coast to coast.

Cathy Murphy
Executive Director

THANK YOU

Every statistic in this report represents a person who reached out for reliable information, practical guidance, or a warm welcome. Thank you to our funders, donors, partners, volunteers, and all our supporters for making that possible. And thank you to our clients for your continued trust.

"Having access to such excellent, compassionate advice completely free of charge took an immense weight off my shoulders."

