

SAFE HAVEN IRELAND

ANNUAL REPORT 2017





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Safe Haven Ireland was founded in 2015 to provide youth development opportunities, such as sail training, to young people in Ireland.

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Safe Haven Ireland Directors present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017. This is Safe Haven Ireland's first annual report since its foundation in 2015, and since its registration as a charity in 2017. The report is accompanied by Safe Haven Ireland's financial statement for 2017. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements as well as the requirements of Safe Haven Ireland's governing document.



CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

From tiny acorns... Safe Haven Ireland is a product of what happens when you take two entirely different things that you are passionate about and combine them. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

I know from personal experience that a sailing voyage is the kind of experience that a young person will remember for a life time. At Safe Haven Ireland we believe that a modern, vibrant Ireland is one that welcomes diversity and cultivates strong community ties. This process starts by extending our *céad míle fáilte* to newcomers to our shores.

Our sail training voyages are exciting, immersive experiences that break down perceived barriers between different communities and knit together a strong crew on board. The teams that we build on board step off the vessel with changed perceptions about other communities and a greater understanding of the 'other'. We believe the time to act for integration is now, at a time of mass movement within Europe and the wider global community. We are proud to play a small part in building the kind of Ireland we want to live in.

Safe Haven Ireland is privileged to have had the support of an amazing team of volunteers since our inception, as well as the goodwill and support of numerous individuals who came together to help us make the project a reality. Without our major funders, our voyages could not happen, and to them we are extremely grateful. An equally vital part of the process is the donation of time: people volunteering their skills.

Support in kind has ranged from bands like Old Hannah giving their time to play at our first ever fundraiser, kindly hosted by McGarrigles Sligo, to a local lighthouse keeper, Vincent Sweeney, ferrying our young people to and from the vessel in Blacksod, Co. Mayo. Simon Sweeney was our first ever skipper, generously volunteering his time for a week on board our maiden voyage.

We are regularly told by young people "this is the best thing I have ever done". It is that kind of feedback which has been the fuel in our engines, the wind in our sails. Our participants, and their enthusiasm, is what has kept this show on the road through its trials and tribulations and rocky start. We know we are providing life changing experiences to an extremely deserving cross-section of Ireland's young people. We hope to continue to do so for a long time to come. Sail training for all!

SHAUNA GILLAN

Chairperson

About Safe Haven Ireland

OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR JOURNEY AT GLANCE

**SAFE HAVEN IRELAND
WAS FOUNDED IN 2015**

**+ 110 YOUNG PEOPLE
HAVE SAILED WITH US
SINCE OUR INCEPTION**

+ 17 NATIONALITIES

**+ 16 NOMINATING
ORGANISATIONS**

Building Community through Sailing

Director's report

This is our first annual report as a registered charity. We have decided to take this opportunity to share our journey and where it has taken us until now, shedding some light on what lies at the heart of what we do.

Safe Haven Ireland is a charitable organisation with twin aims: integration and youth development.

We promote integration between communities in Ireland and empower young people from all backgrounds through the medium of sail training.

Our sailing programme provides opportunities for young people from a variety of backgrounds to take part in voyages along the Irish coastline on sail training vessels. We prioritise the inclusion of two groups: (i) ethnic minority groups, such as migrants and refugees, and (ii) Irish young people from inner cities or rural Ireland, who would not otherwise have access to sailing voyages of this kind.



About Safe Haven Ireland

OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Building Community through Sailing

Director's report

Through our programme, we enable the participants to gain much more than sailing skills. They build strong bonds with each other by virtue of a shared experience, which in many cases will go on to have a profound influence in the rest of their lives. The young people educate each other about their backgrounds and different cultures and together forge a new vision for their shared futures on the island of Ireland.

Since Safe Haven Ireland's inception in 2015, we have enabled the participation of more than 110 young people in our programme. Summer 2018 will be our fourth year running the project. We believe that projects such as ours strengthen community ties in Ireland at a time when migration is increasingly part of the national discourse, due in part to the ongoing European 'refugee crisis'. As such, the external environment, the demand within the voluntary and youth sector and that from the community dictate our core ideologies and values.

Integration is so important in modern Ireland – we believe that sail training is an ideal way to foster bonds between communities. All our participants on board tend to live in similar areas, meaning that they have an opportunity to make lasting friendships in their own local community. We hope that the integration benefits ripple through once they return to dry land from their experience through their newfound relationships with each other, their parents and wider social networks.

Several of our participants have remained involved with Safe Haven Ireland and have undertaken training to become Watch Leaders, returning to the project in subsequent years in a leadership role on board. Our trainees have won national awards at the Irish Sail Training Awards: **'Trainee of the Year' 2015** (Ram Rameli) and **'Special Contribution Award' 2016** (Victor Springbok). In 2016 our project was honoured to receive an international award: **'Best Small Sail Training Operator'** at the annual Sail Training International Awards. We have been featured in the Irish Times and in videos for CNN and UNHCR.

Through our journey, we have relied on the the support of committed long-term volunteers as well as partner nominating organisations, who continue to help us with the recruitment process. They have enabled us, together with our donors and supporters, to be part of cultivating an inclusive and diverse Ireland.



OUR IDEOLOGIES

OUR MISSION

Safe Haven Ireland aims to promote integration between communities in Ireland and empower young people at risk of social exclusion through the medium of sail training.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for an inclusive and integrated Ireland in which young people from all backgrounds are empowered to achieve their full potential.



OUR VALUES



PARTICIPATION

Through collaborating with communities and other non-profit organisations, we have ensured that our work was guided by local knowledge, expertise and the experiences of the young people we engage with.

INCLUSIVENESS

We practice and promote inclusiveness and diversity within Ireland. We honour diverse strengths, needs, voices, and backgrounds of all members of our community.

EQUALITY

We strive for equity and we focus primarily, but not exclusively, on young people who might be at risk of social exclusion.

ADAPTATION

Through our own reflective practice, we are aware of the limits of our work and are resilient and receptive to development and change in light of our integration goals.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We hold ourselves to the highest standard of ethics, integrity, service and fiduciary responsibility.

OUR IMPACT

OUR TRAINEES

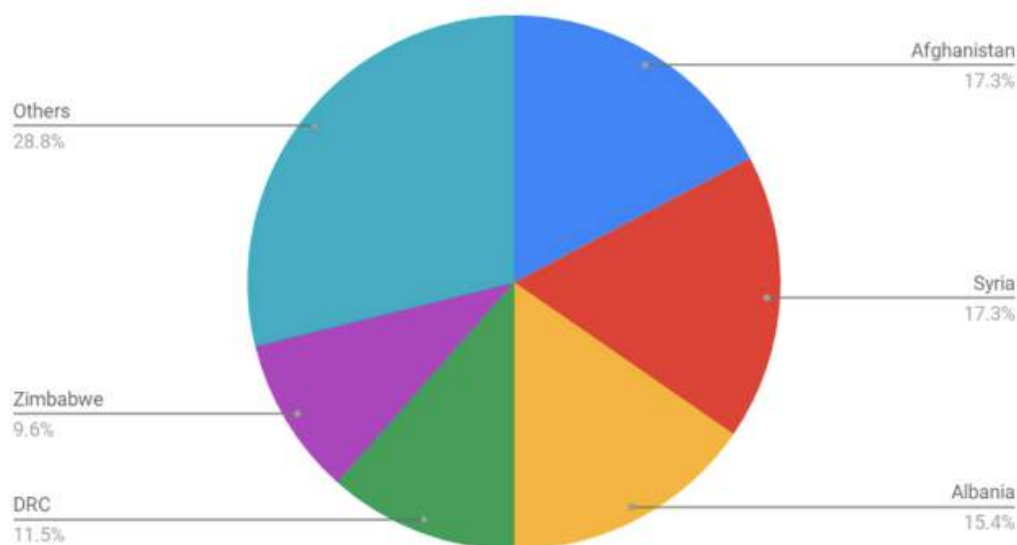


Since our inception, we have had trainees of over 17 nationalities on board with us. Our trainees are usually between the ages of 15-21. In order to keep our sailing voyages gender balanced, we aim to have an equal number of girls and boys on board.

Nationalities on board have included: Ireland, Syria, DRC, Albania, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, South Africa, Poland, Kenya, Malaysia, Ghana, Malawi and USA.

The charts below are an indicative of the most frequent nationalities and migration backgrounds which have sailed with us up until 2017. These percentages do not include young people from Ireland. They also do not include the young people we have placed on bursaries to go on voyages offered by other service providers.

Migrant Young people in Safe Haven Ireland voyages



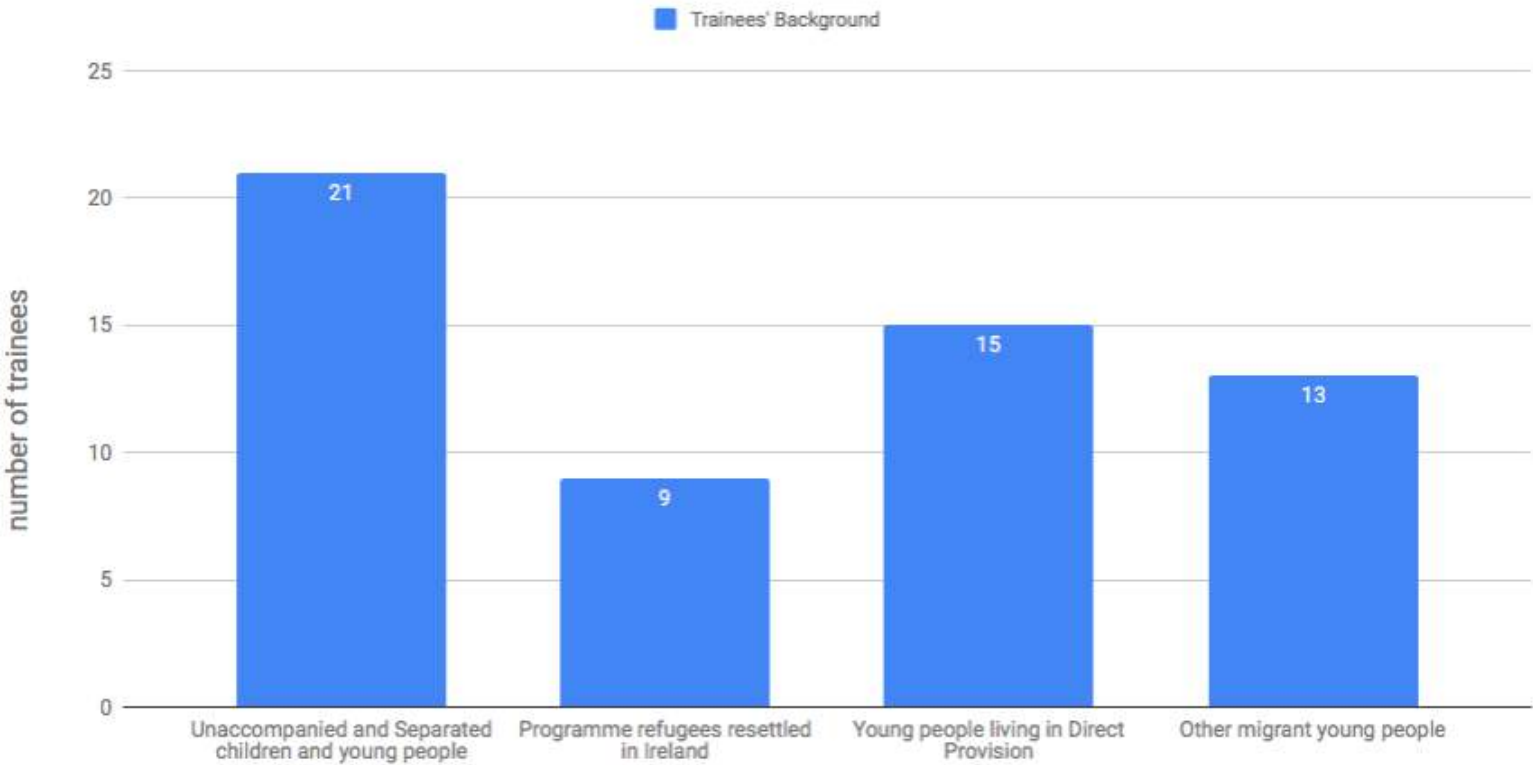
+ 90 TRAINEES IN SAFE HAVE IRELAND VOYAGES

+ 18 TRAINEES PLACED ON BURSARIES IN VOYAGES OFFERED BY OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

+ 38 IRISH YOUNG PEOPLE FROM REGENERATION AND RURAL AREAS ON BOARD



Background of Migrant Young people in Safe Haven Ireland voyages



SAILING BENEFITS



Sail training offers participants the opportunity to overcome fears, push boundaries and take on new responsibilities in a challenging environment. Each participant will learn how to steer the boat, set and stow sails, tie knots, follow weather patterns, navigate, and much more. The experience has been shown to promote self-confidence, enhance self-esteem and develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills among participants. For some it may open doors to potential maritime careers, or be an adventure that will have a profound effect on their outlook on life.

Highlighting benefits: On the left, Guelord Mubenga, who carried on sailing as a Watch leader in 2016 after taking part in our voyages as a trainee in 2015.

- + 630 PARTICIPANT DAYS
- + 12 VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED
- + 8 YOUTH MENTORS RECRUITED
- + 16 NOMINATING ORGANISATIONS
- + 9 ORGANISATIONS FROM THE MIGRANT SECTOR



OUR JOURNEY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 23 Jul 2015
The crew @Foroige @EuropeanYouthMF @OysterHavenCrew @ShaunaGillan @OysterHavensail onboard #safehavenvoyages #WAW RT



European Youth MF, European Commission, European Parliament and 7 others



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 5 Aug 2015
Second voyage! Keep the sponsorships rolling in! fundit.ie/project/safe-h... @EuropeanYouthMF



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 24 Aug 2015
Voyage Three-here we go! @Nascireland



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 16 Dec 2015
Best team meeting ever! bit.ly/1Ro3KYh #youthdevelopment #sailing #charity #volunteers #weneedyou



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 23 Jan 2016
Our trainee Ram Rameli awarded Outstanding Achievement Award by @SailTrainingIre #soproud #sailing #youthdevelopment



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 23 Jan 2016
Our trainee Victor speaking at @SailTrainingIre event about his experience on @OysterHavenCrew #inspiration



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Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 13 Jun 2016

Check out the amazing video @EuropeanYouthMF did on the time they had with us on board of the #Spiritofoysterhaven



Trainees' video: Sailing with Safe Haven Ireland!

We love this video made by a group of our trainees! Safe Haven Voyages is a not-for-profit initiative that empowers young people through the medium of sail t...
youtube.com



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 25 Jul 2016

Less than 1 week away from our @DubCityCouncil voyage! Departing from @DLMarina_Dublin on sunday.



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 5 Nov 2016

Insightful article featuring our former sail trainees published in today's Irish Times. Check it out! :)



Friendships sealed at sea

Safe Haven Ireland brings together young people from diverse backgrounds, including those living in direct provision centres, to learn t...
irishtimes.com



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 21 Jun 2016

Our new Voyage is in full swing! Check out how good Safe Haven trainees are looking on board of @OysterhavenCrew



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 12 Sep 2016

Our most intercultural voyage to date wrapped up last Friday. Read more about it on: facebook.com/SafeHavenIrela...



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 29 Jan 2017

We have won an International Award!

Best Small Sail Training Operator at the Sail Training Awards. Jointly shared with :@OysterhavenCrew





Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 25 Jun 2017

We are off on our first voyage of 2017 - The @CallanTansey Voyage! #Sligo to #Galway aboard the Brian Boru!



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 3 Jul 2017

Voyage 2 on @traditionalisail leaves @Seafest_ie! Young people from Afghanistan, Albania, Bolivia, Botswana, S. Africa & Aran Islands!



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 17 Jul 2017

Sailed past Old Head Kinsale - spotted dolphins, seals and a minck whale 🐳
@MHCLawyers Voyage #sailtrainingforall @UNHCRireland



Kayli Smyth

★★★★★ · 23 August 2017

One of the best experiences of my life. I met some of the greatest people of my life and learned so so much about sailing, navigation and the sea. If you turn down this opportunity there's got to be something wrong with you. I'm made friends for life and thank you so much for the opportunity. We all learned more than we could ask for of one another culture 💖👍



Diarmaid Geever Thanks to Safe Haven Ireland I spent a week sailing on one of the biggest yachts in Ireland off the coast of West Cork with 10 young people (five Syrian, five Irish). What a week! The trip was an adventure that I think we'll all remember for a long time to come. I learned so much about boats, sailing, sea life and life at sea! Everyone aboard was a pleasure to be with and the crew were so kind, helpful and were excellent mentors to us all.

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Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 14 Sep 2017

UNHCR's global website have run a story on our Irish refugee integration voyages! [unhcr.org/en-ie/news/sto...](https://unhcr.org/en-ie/news/stories/2017/09/14/sailing-for-all) @Refugees #Refugees #SailingForAll



Syrian and Irish teenagers pull together on sailing course

Young refugees and Irish teens have spent a week together at sea, learning to sail a 70-foot schooner.

unhcr.org



Safe Haven Ireland @SafeHavenIRL · 15 Nov 2017

Here they are! Our young #Syrian trainees Hamza and Mohammed have launched our 2018 project on Monday in Westport, together with Minister Michael Ring and our amazing partners at @LeaveNoTraceIrl and @cocacolaie! @FineGaelMayo #SailingForAll Looking good guys!



2017 IN NUMBERS



#SAILING4ALL

In 2017, we placed 30 trainees in 3 Safe Haven Ireland Sailing voyages, as well as 6 trainees on bursaries with Sail Training Ireland, thanks to generous sponsorship provided by Callan Tansey Solicitors, Mason Hayes & Curran and SeaFest.

We relied on our volunteers for the delivery of the programme. We collaborated with 6 different nominating organisations in order to recruit the young people on board.

VOYAGES IN A NUTSHELL

In 2017 our voyages took us from Sligo to Galway, from Galway to Limerick and then all around West Cork. In total, our trainees spent more than 68 days on board with us, learning how to sail a ship and how to navigate in challenging Irish coastal waters, making their own decisions about what course to plot

TRAINEES

- 30 trainees of 10 different nationalities on board
- 8 programme refugees resettled in Ireland
- 10 Irish young people from rural Ireland



MEDIA AND PRESS COVERAGE

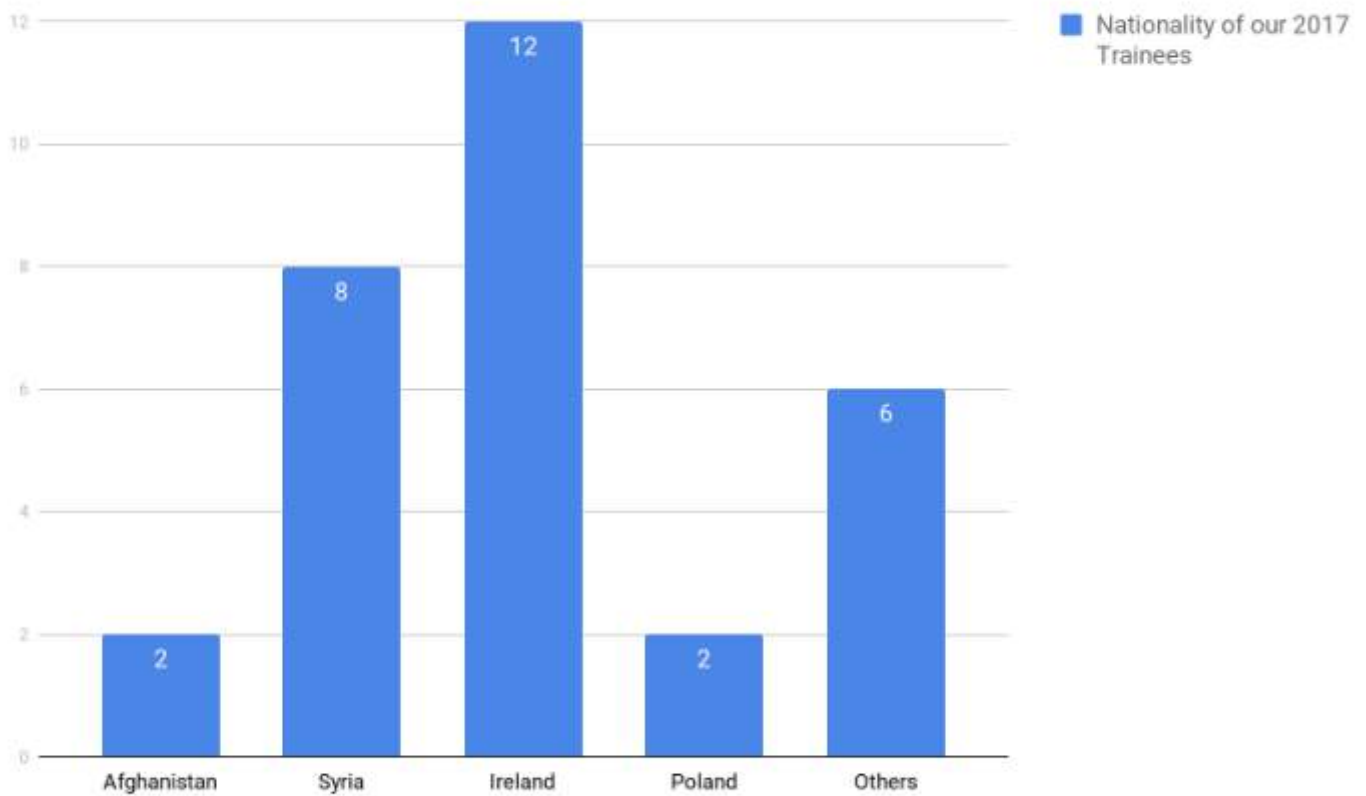
- + 7 mentions in print and online media
- + 39.6K impressions on @SafeIRL twitter
- + Release of videos on our project by UNHCR - The Refugee Agency and CNN International

OPERATIONS

- Two vessels used: The Brian Boru and the Spirit of Oysterhaven
- + 8 volunteers and youth mentors engaged



2017 in Figures



OUR DONORS

In 2017, we received generous support from corporate and community donors. We wish to acknowledge the support from Callan Tansey Solicitors, Mason Hayes & Curran and the Marine Institute. Their support has enabled us to provide spaces to 30 young people to partake in life changing opportunities, as well additional sail training bursaries to other 6 deserving young people

Winning smile from Rwanda! Boris, pictured on the right, in one of our 2017 sail training bursaries.



MASON
HAYES &
CURRAN

CallanTansey

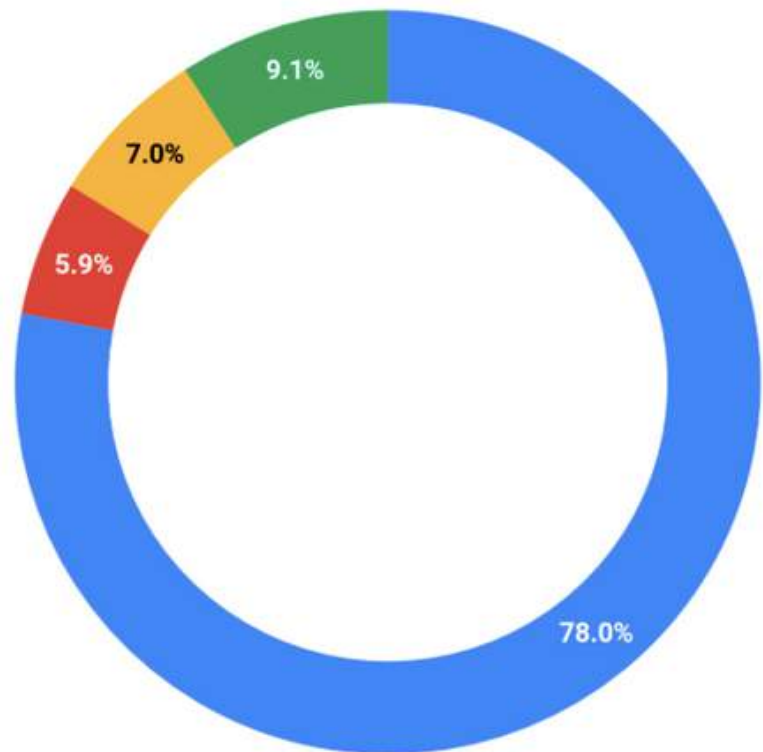


Marine Institute
Foras na Mara

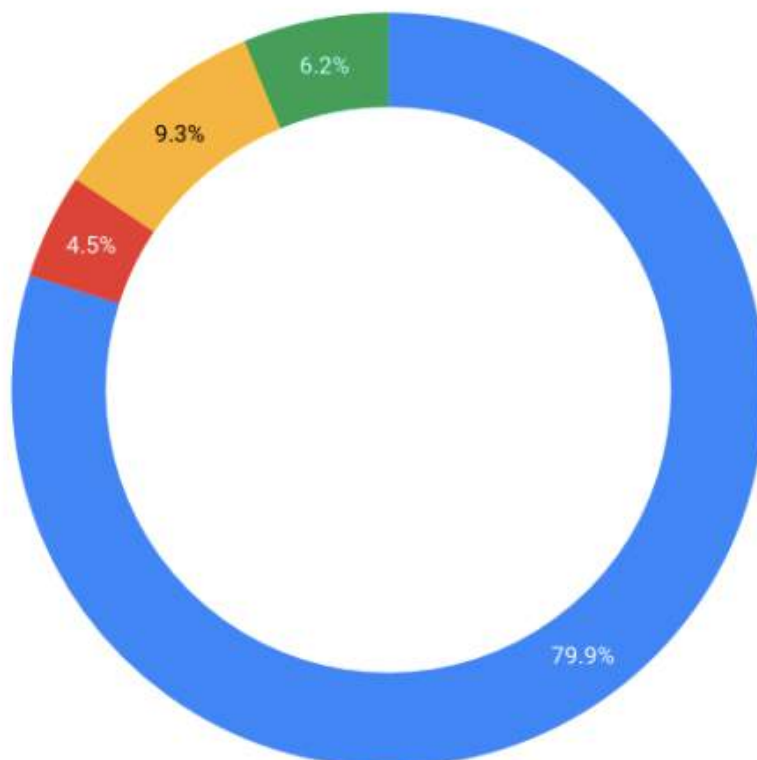
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Income: € 22,395.02

- Corporate Sponsorship: €17,500
- Trainee Fees: € 1,320
- Public Donations: €1,573.62
- Youth Exchange Project Funding: € 2,051.4



Total Expenditure : € 19,149.62



- Programme Costs: € 15,304.78
- Volunteers expenses € 863.82
- Youth Exchange (reimbursements) : € 1,789.10
- Trainee bursaries: € 1,132.92

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for 2017 as shown on page shown net operating surplus of € 3,245.40 for 2017.

Our organisation's income for 2017 was €22,395.02 and our expenditure was €19,149.62 . We anticipate that in 2018 our overall income may improve as a result of diversifying sources of funding and of employing a part time staff member.

We currently fund our project by undertaking fundraising through (1-) funding applications; (2-) seeking direct sponsorship from corporate and governmental bodies; (3-) seeking out small donations from the public and from referral organisations we work with. Each voyage costs approximately € 6,000.00 to run. Trainee fees are paid by referral organisations.

We continue to seek ways of diversifying our income streams. Our three biggest funders in 2017 were Callan Tansey Solicitors (26.8% of total income) , Mason Hayes & Curran (26.8% of total income) and The Marine Institute (24.5% of total income). Other notable funds include trainee participation fees and donations from our supporters. The trainee fees (50€) are a symbolic amount which we ask from those participating in our voyages every year to ensure commitment on their part.

On the expenditure side, project costs were the biggest outlay (79.9% of total expenditure). We heavily relied on our volunteers (expenses amounted to 4.5% of total expenditure) to deliver the project. Other notable expenditure included additional trainee bursaries (6.2% of total expenditure), which enabled young people to take part in voyages offered by other service providers, such as Sail Training Ireland.

Financial Information

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Income from:		
Programme Activities		
Corporate Sponsorship/ Grants	17,500.00	17,000
Trainee Fees	1,320.00	1,091
Other Activities	2,051.40	100,00
Public Donations	1,573.62	551,00
Investments		
- Deposit Interest	-	-
 Total Incoming resources	 22,395.02	 18,191.00
 Expenditure on:		
Programme Activities	15,304.78	15,195.00
Other Charitable Activities	1,789.10	711.53
Trainee Bursaries	1,132.92	1,107,00
Volunteer Expenses	863,82	335,00
 Total Resources expended	 19,149,62	 17,261.53
 Net (Expenditure) income for the year	 3,245.40	 800,00
 Total funds brought Forward	 800,00 -	
 Total funds carried forward	 4045,40	 800,00

All of the income and expenditure arises from continuing operations

Financial Information

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2017

	Total 2017 €	Total 2016 €
Fixed Assets:	N/A	N/A
Tangible Assets	N/A	N/A
Current Assets	N/A	N/A
Debtors	0.00	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3,245.40	800
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	0	0
Net current assets	3,245.40	800.00
Total Net assets	3,245.40	800
The funds of the Charity	3,245.40	800.00
Unrestricted Funds		
Restricted Funds		
Total Charity Funds	3,245.40	800

Signed on Behalf of the board


(Chairperson)


(Treasurer)

23-07-18

Date: 23/07/18.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS



SAFE HAVEN
IRELAND

Board of Directors

Shauna Gillan (Chairperson)
Samantha Arnold (Treasurer)
Paula Quirke (Secretary)

Executive Director

Shauna Gillan

Charity Registration Number

20105471

Principal Bankers

Allied Irish Bank
Westmoreland Street
Dublin 2





2017 Volunteers List

Shauna Gillan - Executive Director and Youth Mentor
Samantha Arnold - Fundraising Lead/ Governance
Greta Keegan - Project Coordination
Alina Przybyl - Administration
Diego Castillo - Project Coordination / Support Administration
Stella Legradi - Social Media
Charlotte Bishop - Youth Mentor
Victor Springbok - Watch Leader

2017 Referral Organisations List

Westside Youth Project
Social Inclusion Unit Galway
TUSLA - The Child and Family Agency
Irish Refugee Council
UNHCR - the UN Refugee Agency
NASC Ireland - The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

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