



Connecting Communities

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Habitat's global volunteer programme in Cambodia



Connecting Communities Over 30 years of Impact in Ireland

- Vision:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live.
- Mission statement:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

At Habitat for Humanity, we believe that everyone, everywhere should have a safe place to call home.

Driven by the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair their home in more than 70 countries.

In a world where one in four people don't have a safe place to live, vulnerable people face huge challenges in terms of safe shelter; escaping poverty; seeking to improve their health and living conditions - and all this exacerbated by climate change. Habitat has helped more than 62 million people build their lives on the solid foundation of decent, affordable homes.

Since 1993, our mission has called thousands of people in Ireland to action; breaking down barriers, challenging stereotypes; focused on building a better future for families at home and around the world.

In Ireland, Habitat for Humanity directly tackles poverty through its network of Habitat ReStores. As they build sustainable communities, ReStores provide access to low-cost home improvement materials, employability training for people of all abilities and divert tons of material from landfill, protecting the planet. Habitat also raises funds to support long-term partner programmes in some of our world's poorest communities.



A message from our Chief Executive

I have the privilege to lead Habitat's work in Ireland. It was Habitat's commitment to radical inclusivity which inspired me. I saw the power that working together on practical projects in Belfast had to build bridges between divided communities. The fierce commitment of Habitat's founders to the equality of all people is an inspiration as we seek to put God's unconditional love into action, by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Good relations principles are embedded in all of our work, with people of all faiths and none, understanding that diversity builds community. We see the impact every day; in the lives of volunteers, when we help struggling families find what they need for their home in ReStore at a price they can afford, when we bring together hundreds of young people from across our community to learn more about active citizenship or empower people of all ages through training to find employment.

We see the impact in communities globally when, through funds raised in Ireland, we make life better for those most in need of safe homes; help communities build capacity through urban resiliency programmes, see lives changed through effective water and sanitation programmes or reach those whose lives have been turned upside down because of disaster or conflict.

For more than 30 years Habitat's mission has called thousands of people to action in Ireland; breaking down barriers, building community and hope that change is possible.

Building bridges matters; division limits what it means to be human, it creates fear and suspicion, can justify prejudice, racism and war, keep people trapped in poverty.

We see firsthand, here at home and around the world, that living into our mission principle, when everybody has something to give and something to gain we build the kind of world where equality and justice are lived out and where we celebrate our shared humanity.

We measure the impact of our interventions and the numbers are important, but it is in the stories that we best understand how lives are transformed.

Thank you for your partnership in making it possible...

Jerry Wilkerson



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Some of the numbers

Hundreds of families in **Ukraine** stayed warm and able to heat a bowl of soup on locally produced wood burning stoves



1,688
tonnes of waste diverted from landfill

57
kitchens rescued from landfill last year

Supported **126** refugees fleeing **Gaza**, including 83 children whose urgent medical needs were met in **Romania**

121
households supported through the House to Home programme

Supported disaster response to Cyclone Freddy in **Malawi** – new homes, training, livelihood support for families and communities

25
local people supported to employment



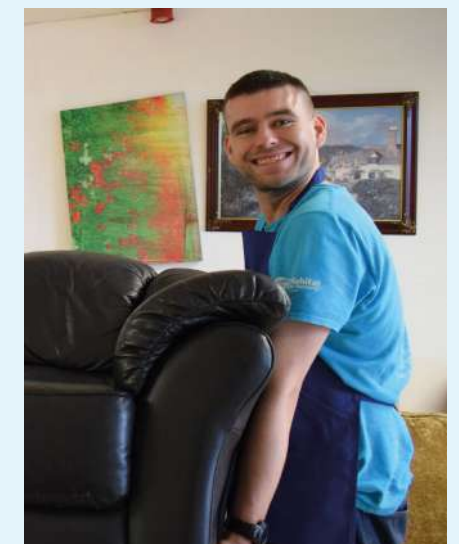
More than **3,000** local families were supported through ReStore's Christmas Toy Stores

40%
of ReStore volunteers are on a supported placement or need extra support

Every month volunteers give more than **4,000** hours of their time in ReStore

1,428 young people took part in education programmes

Empowered a community in **Cambodia** through Urban Resiliency Programme with new homes, WASH programmes and livelihood support



Upgraded 4 collective shelters housing families forced to flee their homes and provided technical support for 50 families whose homes were damaged in **Lebanon**.

Approximately **40%** of ReStore's customer base come from deprived communities

138,802 people accessed low-cost materials through ReStore

ReStore in Ireland

- 2012 - Lisburn
- 2016 - Ballymena
- 2018 - Newry
- 2019 - Newtownards
- 2022 - Drogheda
- 2023 - Belfast
- Sept 2025 - Lisnagelvin
- Oct 2025 - Glasnevin



Building sustainable communities

Poverty and inequality, inter-generational unemployment and persistently high reusable waste to landfill was the backdrop to Habitat launching the first ReStore in Europe in 2012. Habitat ReStores directly tackle poverty and deliver real impacts for local people, the wider community and the planet.

As the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact households across Ireland, ReStore supports those who are least able to afford commercial prices to improve or maintain their home, with at least 40% of ReStore’s customer-base coming from deprived communities.

- ReStore’s mission is to build sustainable community by:
- Helping local people access low-cost materials to improve their homes
 - Providing skills and employability training for people of all ages and backgrounds
 - Diverting tons of reusable material from landfill

Habitat Ireland lives out its mission principle ‘everyone has something to contribute and something to gain in building strong communities’ through the strength of its diverse volunteer programme in ReStore.

Since the first ReStore opened in 2012 local people have invested more than 300,000 volunteer hours helping build sustainable community.

ReStore delivers employment and volunteering opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; engaging retired volunteers helps reduce isolation and improve well-being and with their support we are able to provide buddy support for those who are marginalised; with mental health challenges, offending histories or needing support for employment.

Power in partnership

In the last year around 250 volunteers across Ireland invested more than 4,000 hours every month to support our mission.

Retired individuals, like Brenda and Arthur, make up 30% of our volunteer base in ReStore.

Brenda’s volunteering journey in ReStore Newtownards began when she retired earlier this year,

“I loved it from the minute I came in. I don’t believe that you’ll find a better place to volunteer. I think that young people should volunteer so that they can gain skills with people and older people should volunteer to help fill your day. You need company and you need to be in a place that makes you happy. This place makes me happy.”

After he retired, Arthur chose to volunteer in ReStore believing Habitat’s mission aligned with his Christian values. From the beginning Arthur provided buddy support for James, helping him reach his full potential.

“James has changed so much since we started working together. He’s more confident and can work independently now. The experience has taught me so much, James has some great ideas and there’s so much value in working together as a team.”



“I’m more confident now than when I started. Arthur has helped me by keeping me calm. I use to be very quiet but now you can’t get me to keep my mouth closed.”

James, ReStore Volunteer



Pathways to Employment

As well as the positive impact of volunteering on mental health, skills development and community benefit Habitat delivers free OCN-accredited training to provide a clear pathway to employment for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities including many considered “hard to reach”.

In the last year 63 individuals have undertaken OCN training and funding partnerships with The Gallaher Trust in Ballymena and The National Lottery Community Fund in Belfast and Newtownards, are helping ReStore to support more local people into employment.

New partnerships with companies, including Dougies Goodies and Pilgrims, will enable more local people to gain valuable skills and experience and create new opportunities for volunteers to transition into permanent employment.

Two local people have secured permanent employment at Dougies Goodies. Adam and Emily have both volunteered at ReStore Ballymena for several years, with a combined 3,500 hours.

When he first began volunteering in ReStore back in 2017, it was a big step out of Adam’s comfort zone. He struggled with socialising due to his Aspergers Syndrome, and had never worked in a retail environment before. Now, as he begins work in Dougies Goodies, he is completely transformed. “I can answer the phone, help customers and work on the till. I wouldn’t have been able to do any of that before, especially talking to people I didn’t know. Now at Dougies, I can use everything I learned in ReStore to do well in my job.” - Adam, ReStore Volunteer

“I’m really excited to start my new job at Dougies. All my volunteering at ReStore has helped me to learn new skills and become more confident, so I feel ready to try something new and can’t wait to get started. This whole experience has made me feel like I have a purpose and I can’t wait to keep learning and growing at Dougies.”

Emily, ReStore volunteer



Building a circular economy

Everything in ReStore is donated by organisations and individuals who want to help improve their community, the environment and the lives of families in need. From paint and flooring to office furniture and tools, even the kitchen sink, ReStores across Ireland accept donations of new and used DIY, home improvement and building materials, diverting 1,688 tonnes of reusable material from landfill each year.

ReStore’s ‘Kitchen Rescue’ programme gives local people who are fitting a new kitchen an opportunity to ensure their old one doesn’t end up in landfill.

Kitchens are carefully removed by the ReStore team, rescued for resale, enabling ReStore customers to access good quality kitchen units and appliances at low cost.

“I was looking for somewhere to donate furniture, when I learned about ReStore and the Kitchen Rescue programme. I was getting rid of my old kitchen, and just because I’m fed up with it doesn’t mean it should end up in a skip. It feels good to know it will be used again, finding a new home with someone in the community who needs it.” – Anna, ReStore Donor



Support at Christmas

Christmas can be a challenging time for families and the cost-of-living crisis has deepened the affordability gap. Every year, toys in great condition are thrown away as children outgrow them.

The Christmas Toy Stores in ReStore Lisburn and Ballymena are delivered in partnership with local councils; Mid & East Antrim, Antrim & Newtownabbey and Lisburn & Castlereagh. Local people are encouraged to donate their pre-loved toys to ReStore. Families who need a low-cost option should have the same joy of choosing and paying for the toys they want for their children.

Last year, more than 3,000 local families were able to choose gifts for their children’s Christmas at prices they could afford and over 25,000 toys were diverted from landfill.

“The Toy Store brings so much joy to families across the country, at what can be a very difficult time of year for many who are struggling to afford even the basics. Seeing local people able to choose toys for their children, and hearing their stories, it’s so impactful.”

Isobel Kerr, ReStore Manager



Global Partnerships

Habitat Ireland is a partner in Habitat for Humanity's global mission; raising funds to support international programmes in some of the world's poorest communities.

We have developed a number of long-term partnerships, maximising the impact of our support and ensuring a better understanding of the needs of communities. Habitat Ireland focuses on partnerships which fit with key themes; peacebuilding, vulnerable groups, impacts of urbanisation and disaster response.

Habitat Ireland currently supports partner programmes in Malawi, Kenya, Romania, Cambodia, and Zambia.

Disaster response is a strategic priority; supporting families whose lives have been turned upside down in the wake of natural and man-made disasters. Habitat programming incorporates disaster resilient design and mitigation training into programmes to reduce the impact of future disasters.

In the last year, the focus remained on Habitat's response to war in Ukraine. While neighbouring countries such as Poland and Romania are continuing to provide shelter for those forced to flee from war, Habitat is also working in Ukraine



to support those internally displaced. This programme has included refurbishing vacant buildings and spaces, upgrading collective centres and providing more than 200 stoves for families to keep families warm in cold winters.

Support from Ireland continued to fund Habitat's response to those displaced in Lebanon. The conflict in the Middle East, since October 2023 has caused a severe humanitarian crisis in Southern Lebanon. Habitat immediately focused on maintenance repairs for three public schools operating as collective shelters in Tyre. The work included urgent electrical upgrade and improving conditions and safety measures in bathrooms, particularly for girls and women. In addition, the team installed solar systems to mitigate water shortages caused by electricity outages which will provide a sustainable energy solution in the long term.

Habitat's approach is always flexible and community-led. As the situation changed on the ground and some families returned home, Habitat began to support individual families repair their war-damaged homes.



Building home from the rubble

In 2023, Cyclone Freddy devastated communities across Southern Malawi, destroying homes and displacing more than 600,000 people. Funds from Ireland have supported families like Malita's to rebuild their homes following the disaster. Habitat Malawi is working in communities, building new, safe, disaster resilient homes reusing the rubble that the cyclone left behind. "I never thought we would live in a real house again," Malita says with tears of joy.

"This home has restored my hope for a better future."

A stable place to call home

In Cambodia, nearly 75% of the population live on less than \$3 per day. Funds raised in Ireland are focused on supporting Habitat Cambodia's 'Urban Resiliency Programme' (URP). The programme addresses the challenges of the urban poor communities, such as exposure to hazards, vulnerabilities, health risks and insufficient basic services.

Rem, 44 and a widow, and her daughter Sonita, 14, feel safer and securer in their Habitat home. She partnered with Habitat for Humanity Cambodia to build a home that would give her and Sonita a fresh start. With a stable home, she is about to cultivate a vegetable garden for her family's consumption.

Rem said,
"I love the construction because it is strong and sturdy. It has a strong lock and walls for our security."



Supporting those forced to flee

Habitat Ireland partnered with Habitat Romania to support families and children evacuated from Gaza providing shelter, support and safety to those who have lost everything.

Working with the Romania government and IOM, the medevac evacuation was one of the most complex humanitarian, medical and social evacuation operations from a war zone.

Through rent support, relocation to other cities, a social rental model in Bucharest and emergency shelters in hotels and military bases, we've been able to help hundreds of families and children regain safety.



“When we come out of the house, I can see a difference in the person. With volunteers and members of the community coming in, working with them, they feel that people do care about them”

Rab Branney,
House to Home Supervisor



Making a house a home

The House to Home programme supports vulnerable people who have been homeless or who are at risk of repeat homelessness, to sustain tenancies for the long-term.

The programme fills a gap in the statutory provision, painting and providing other light touch refurbishments and repairs. Individuals are empowered to choose their own paint colours, helping to make their house feel like a home.

Clients also get ‘toolbox training’ which equips and enables tenants with basic DIY skills and simple ‘How to Guides’, which empower them to continue to look after their home in the long-term.

Engaging volunteers as part of programme delivery, helps break down barriers as they understand more of the complex nature of homelessness. Every week, volunteers like Karen are making a difference by giving their time to support the programme.

In the last year, in partnership with support agencies, including Depaul, MACS, Womens Aid, NIACRO and others, 121 households were supported through the programme.

“My client was feeling quite down, her hallway and stairs were very dark and paint was old. The volunteers changed this, and it is now light and fresh and clean. Alison stated that this really lifted her, as she felt she couldn’t have managed to get this done herself and the change this has made to her home has helped her to face the day on a more positive note.”

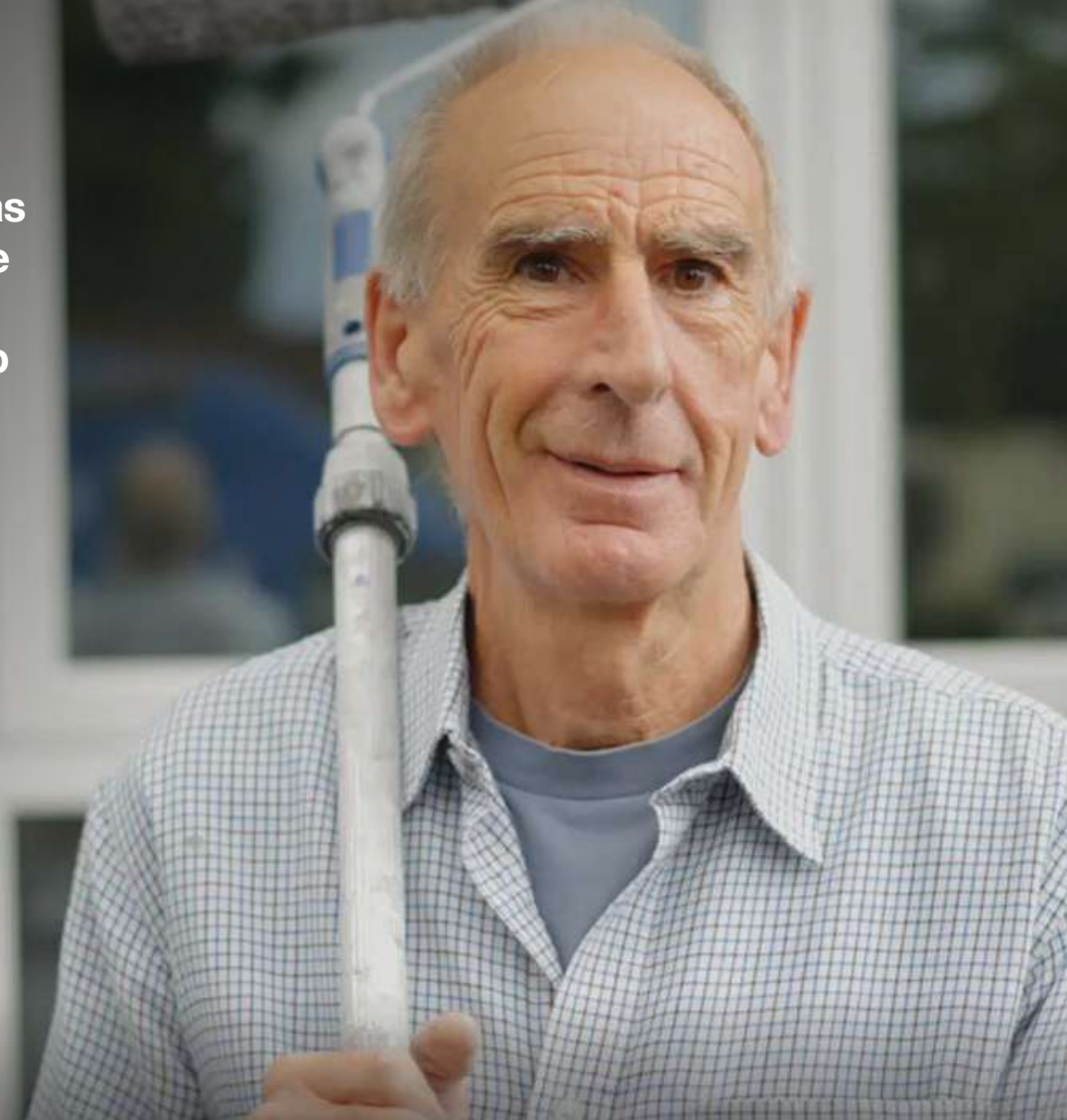
Support worker, NIACRO

“I’m so thankful that you came. It’s amazing what Habitat has done for us. It’s a like a different home, a new start, a fresh beginning for me and my children. I can live again. I can breathe again.”

Irma, received support through the programme

“It’s like a light has come on because they’ve managed to put their stamp on it. It is their home.”

Neville, volunteer



“It is very humbling to see how something as simple as a coat of paint can help lead to a fresh start. It is a privilege to be involved with the programme, supporting people in our own community to make their house a home.”

Karen, volunteer





Faith in Action

It was the potential to use the Habitat model as a platform for reconciliation which led Peter Farquarson to bring Habitat to Northern Ireland in 1993.

The powerful, prayerful support of many church partners has underpinned our work since the beginning.

We've seen hearts and lives changed and relationships built across geographic, religious and socioeconomic divides, with physical walls going up and the invisible barriers that separate us tumbling down in Northern Ireland and around the world.

Habitat was born in deeply divided Georgia in the US. Whilst it was Millard Fuller who founded the organisation in 1976, it was Clarence Jordan's commitment to justice, reconciliation, and partnership of black, white, poor and rich who helped create our mission principles.

Clarence said

“It is not enough to limit your love to your own nation, to your own group. You must respond with love even to those outside of it... This concept enables people to live together not as nations, but as the human race.”

Powerful words for our deeply divided world.

Building on faith

Partnership between churches of different backgrounds demonstrate the potential for changed perspectives and lasting change here at home.

For example, Gilnahirk Presbyterian and St Colmcille's Roman Catholic church have partnered with Habitat for more than 20 years, breaking down barriers in our own community while reaching to serve in solidarity with vulnerable communities around the world.

Hillsborough Parish, Ballyclare Presbyterian, Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla and other churches testify to the impact of 'HopeBuilder' partnerships with Habitat.

Global Volunteering can be a catalyst for change. The experience puts a face to a global issue and we have seen it deliver real impacts in the lives of volunteers and the communities they serve. One example, Father Raymond McCullagh, through the University of Ulster Chaplaincy mobilised many students to travel to support our work in Ethiopia. The heart connections became a catalyst for change; and the Ethiopia partnership raised funds which have touched the lives of thousands of families; including those affected by leprosy, over the last 15 years.

Rev Colin McConaghie, Castleknock, spoke about the impact of global volunteering, “The thing about building with Habitat for Humanity is that the build is secondary.

What is important is the connection in the country and coming away with an understanding of why having a house matters.”

Many individuals representing church communities across Ireland put their 'faith into action' by volunteering locally in ReStore or House to Home, helping facilitate our schools programmes or volunteering globally.

Building hope brick by brick

We were delighted to announce a new partnership with the Dioceses of Meath & Kildare at the Diocesan Synod this year, 'Building Hope Brick by Brick', which will raise funds to support Habitat's work in Malawi.

The two-year campaign will raise funds for bricks, bricks which will transform communities in Malawi. Bricks which will build homes for vulnerable people, bricks which will build latrines beside homes or schools keeping families and communities healthy.





Every year, companies from across Ireland send teams of volunteers to support Habitat's work locally. Most recently, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, US Bank and others supported the launch of ReStore Glasnevin by sending staff members to help get the store ready for opening.

“The best part of the day was knowing we were working together for a good cause and giving back to the community.”

Staff member



Corporate Partnerships

Corporate partners play a vital role in creating local and global impact by empowering families, building sustainable communities, and advancing shared ESG and CSR goals.

Partnerships with Habitat for Humanity Ireland go beyond philanthropy. They demonstrate purpose in action uniting employees around hands-on volunteering, sustainability, inclusion, and leadership development while transforming lives in Ireland and around the world.

In May, Habitat launched a partnership with Northern Ireland Screen which will help reduce waste, support the circular economy, and foster sustainable practices within the screen industry. Through this collaboration, productions supported by Northern Ireland Screen will be encouraged to donate surplus materials, props, and furniture at the end of filming.

“Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity provides practical, impactful steps toward a more sustainable industry. Together, we’re making it easy for crews to build sustainability into every production, until it becomes second nature.”

Gavin Kelly, Northern Ireland Screen

Last year, 192 volunteers from 16 companies completed volunteering days in ReStore



Kube Kitchens is working with Habitat Ireland to promote this sustainability initiative and encourage all of their new customers to donate their old kitchens, helping others and diverting waste from landfill.

“We are delighted to partner with Habitat for Humanity on Kitchen Rescue, a fantastic initiative which diverts old kitchens from landfill and gives them a new lease of life, as well as raising vital funds for the wonderful work of this charity. Kitchen Rescue benefits our customers as their kitchen is removed for them and they obtain the feelgood factor of doing something positive for the environment, while also donating to charity.”

Pat McGrath, Kube Kitchens



Global Citizenship Education

We passionately believe in the power of young people to shape our future.

At Habitat Ireland we have been running Global Citizenship Education Programmes for young people since 2006. The impact of our engagement includes connections across divided communities, increased knowledge and understanding in global development through the lens of housing, over 40% of programme participants committing to act beyond the GCE programme.

Last year, more than 1,428 young people, in formal and informal contexts, took part in facilitated programmes which engaged them with Habitat's mission; the SDGs and challenged them to be active citizens.

What do young people think?

"It is extremely beneficial, you can help to make a difference"

"I was able to connect with other volunteers who shared the same enthusiasm for creating positive change. These new connections gave me the confidence to take action beyond what I've learnt through Habitat."

"Really good team building experience. It makes you more aware of the world around us."

This year's Changemaker's programmes saw an average increase in participants knowledge of

43%

across five themes connected to our work.



Habitat were delighted to be one of the delivery partners of Northern Ireland Resource Network's pilot programme – Zero Waste Schools which aims to embed Circular Economy principles and actions in schools across Northern Ireland, providing our young people with the knowledge to help them eliminate waste at their schools.

Habitat were able to share of ReStore's role in tackling furniture and WEEE waste with 341 students from 12 different primary schools.

Heather volunteers each year to support our schools programme facilitation.

"It has been especially rewarding to see how pupils in both primary and secondary schools respond to the programmes. Habitat inspires and informs young people how they can make a real difference in their communities and wider society and it's been really encouraging to see sixth formers becoming involved with the charity."

Heather, volunteer schools programme facilitator

40%

of programme participants commit to act beyond their GCE programme

Youth For Housing

Developed in 2024 The Youth for Housing Delegate Programme aimed to provide a platform for young people living in Ireland to be represented at the European Housing Forum. This gave young people an opportunity to be directly involved in housing policy, innovation and decision-making.

The delegates had multiple opportunities to use their voice at the forum; presenting about the housing context in Ireland, asking questions as part of roundtable discussions and raising their voices through social media during the forum to engage with people across Ireland.



"The Youth for Housing programme reaffirmed my belief in the power of youth advocacy and the necessity of engaging diverse voices in policy discussions and I would encourage others to get involved in housing and social justice initiatives whether through advocacy, volunteering, or raising awareness, every action contributes to meaningful change."

Ella Burns,
Youth for Housing delegate

Girls Brigade Partnership

September 2025 saw the end of Habitat's three-year partnership with Girls Brigade Northern Ireland, which raised more than £25,000 and engaged thousands of young people in Habitat's mission.

Over the course of the partnership, the aim was for girls to continue to develop an understanding and appreciation of the wider world; know more about the work of Habitat for Humanity and develop a greater awareness of how they can respond to some of the key issues facing communities here and around the world.

Year 1 focused on the importance of a safe place to live; Year 2 on the issue of sustainability and how waste impacts the world we live in and Year 3 on how girls can use their voices and actions to create change, have influence and make a difference in the world.



"It has been wonderful to see the fundraising events, competition entries, visits to ReStores and Habitat-themed activities which raised funds and unpacked our work with hundreds of young people and their wider communities."

"At Habitat, we seek to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Through this partnership, all sections of GBNI were engaged in active mission and learned how we can make positive change in our own communities, and around the world."

Pete Graham, Habitat Ireland Engagement Officer

1.1 billion people around the world live in slums, or informal settlements



Home Equals

In 2023, Habitat for Humanity launched a global advocacy campaign, 'Home Equals', which seeks to expand access to adequate housing for 15 million people living in informal settlements.

Now active in over 45 countries, this five-year campaign is committed to accelerating locally led advocacy and promoting sustainable policy solutions focused on empowered participation, basic services, climate resilience and tenure security to ensure that everyone has a safe and secure place to call home.

Opportunities in Kibera

Milka's home in Kenya, where she lives with her daughter, is built of mud walls and an iron-sheet roof. It's challenging for families to access high-quality, affordable building materials particularly ones that are adapted to construction contexts of informal settlements. Milka is working to make affordable, alternative housing solutions available in her community and across Kenya.

**"Kibera is my home,"
"I want to see Kibera
transformed from mud and
iron sheet housing to beautiful
permanent housing."**

Milka, community member

Securing land, unlocking opportunity in Indonesia

Komariyah, a mother of three, spent 20 years living in unsafe conditions along the coast of Tanjung Kait. Night after night, she stayed awake to protect her family from dangerous flooding. Now, through advocacy led by Habitat Indonesia, Komariyah's family is one of 110 gaining legal ownership of a safer, more secure home and land.

By working with the local government and a microfinance institution, Habitat Indonesia helped address longstanding challenges to land rights and created a financing program offering small loans that create life-changing impact. To ensure the immediate safety of families living along the flood-prone coast, the government committed over \$645,000 to provide temporary housing while new homes are being built, offering much-needed relief from the risks that have threatened them for far too long.

Our impact to date:

7.9 million

people with improved access to adequate housing

65

policy successes influenced by Habitat organisations

\$1.24 billion

government funds allocated toward housing improvements



Community Connections

The Irish Aid-funded Community Connections project aimed to increase awareness of justice and development issues among social enterprise stakeholders, including hard-to-reach groups, through Global Citizenship Education. It focused on the role of social enterprises in progressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building capacity for collective action toward a better world for all.

Habitat Ireland developed two learning programmes and materials, delivered to 28 staff and 96 volunteers across Habitat ReStores in Northern Ireland. Participants engaged in peer support, six local and one national community connection events, and each ReStore launched a Global Information Hub featuring response elements to encourage public engagement.

Volunteers took part in the programme to connect the local and global dots, and gain a greater understanding of the issues that affect communities here in Ireland and around the world.

Judah, a young person who took part in the programme said, "I have also developed more proactive thinking about how everyday decisions affect wider issues and how local actions can have a global impact."

Outcomes were strong with at least 75% of participants reporting increased knowledge and understanding of local/global issues, the SDGs, and the role of social enterprises.

More than 72% felt more confident engaging with customers and donors, and all reported stronger connections across ReStore communities. The project also inspired personal reflection and 45% of participants took action beyond the project.

Astrid took part in the programme, and felt that it inspired her to make a real change in her own life, to work towards the SDGs. "As part of the workshop, we made individual, attainable goals for the future. By writing them down and hanging up our goals I was inspired by all the ideas my fellow participants came up with and felt excited to work on my goal, which is to use more public transportation, everyday."



Looking Ahead

Habitat for Humanity is driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live. Yet, as the world confronts increasing threats from social conflict, environmental degradation, economic inequality, rapid urbanization, and humanitarian crises, we are faced with an unprecedented global housing challenge.

Together with our global network we commit to “promote policies and systems to advance access to adequate, affordable housing” to more effectively catalyse change and to impact exponentially more people than one organisation could serve alone and will recruit a Policy and Advocacy Manager in Ireland to support.

In the context of the growing global need for shelter the organisation is committed to raising more funds for global partner programmes and we have recruited a Partnership & Philanthropy Manager who will enable this.

Given its impact for local people, the wider community and the planet Habitat is committed to scaling ReStore across Ireland.

In August 2024, Habitat Ireland secured funding from the Rethink Ireland Entrepreneurship Impact Fund which will underpin our strategy for scale, supporting the launch of the next three ReStores in Ireland over the next three years. The first of these stores is now open in Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

Habitat will continue to deliver the House to Home programme in partnership with local support agencies, aiming to serve more people in the wider communities around each store.

Delivering free accredited OCN training has proven success in ReStore Ballymena and Lisburn and support from the National Lottery Community Fund is enabling delivery in Ards and Belfast. The goal, when funding allows, is to deliver accredited training out of every ReStore.

“Our impact is measurable and the model is sustainable; we are excited about the opportunity to work with Rethink, to build partnerships and capacity as we scale ReStore to three new communities in the next three years.”

Jenny Williams, Chief Executive
Habitat for Humanity Ireland



Our Board

At Habitat Ireland, our Boards work together, across both jurisdictions, to increase impact for the most vulnerable, locally and globally.

Habitat Board - Ireland



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Sandra Moore



Sat Lay, outside her new Habitat home in Siem Reap, Cambodia



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