

Louth Volunteer Centre – 2015 Impacts*

Volunteer Involving Organisations supported by Louth Volunteer Centre



78% rate the quality of the services provided by LVC as very good or excellent



80% of VIOs feel volunteers are important or crucial to the running of their organisation



73% felt their knowledge of volunteering increased.



100% satisfaction with professionalism of LVC staff



93% would recommend LVC to other organisations



83% of respondents recruited volunteers through LVC



87% found the information provided by LVC useful



47% reported that they could not have delivered their service without the support and advice of LVC.

Volunteer Survey



73% satisfied with the choice of opportunities available to them



84% reported they were satisfied with the quality of information received from LVC staff



92% found LVC staff to be helpful



98% would recommend LVC to a friend



82% found it easy to find out about supports and events offered and run by LVC



96% felt that follow up post-registration was carried out in a reasonable time



87% found the overall quality of LVCs service to be very good or excellent



73% took up a role offered by LVC



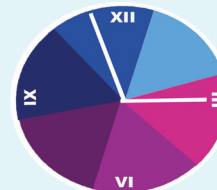
86% felt our service made it easy for them to volunteer



86% are more aware of the benefits of volunteering through information provided by LVC

*These impacts were reported by VIOs and Volunteers who responded to Louth Volunteer Centre's annual telephone survey or Volunteer Ireland's National Volunteer Survey which is completed online

Actively worked with
1,117
Volunteers



We estimate in 2015 our volunteers delivered
38,107 hours in 639
voluntary placements



This represented a
59%
increase year on year



425 Garda Vetting forms processed for voluntary groups



217 face to face meetings with Volunteers



303 new volunteer opportunities created on behalf of community groups in 2015



74 Volunteer managers attended our training events in 2015



MARCH

St Patrick's Day Parade

March 2015: St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Volunteer Centre team donned their 'morph suits' to take part in Drogheda's St. Patrick's Day parade to mark the Volunteer Centre being 10 years in the town. A further 25 Louth Volunteer Centre volunteers were placed as volunteers with the parade.

MAY

Volunteer Fairs

May 2015: Volunteer Fairs

As part of National Volunteer Week we hosted Volunteer Fairs on West Street, Drogheda and in the Marshes Shopping Centre. In total 31 Volunteer Involving Organisations availed of the opportunity to highlight their work to the public and raise awareness both of volunteerism and volunteering opportunities in our local communities.



SEPTEMBER

DKIT Sports & Societies

September 2015: DkIT Sports & Societies

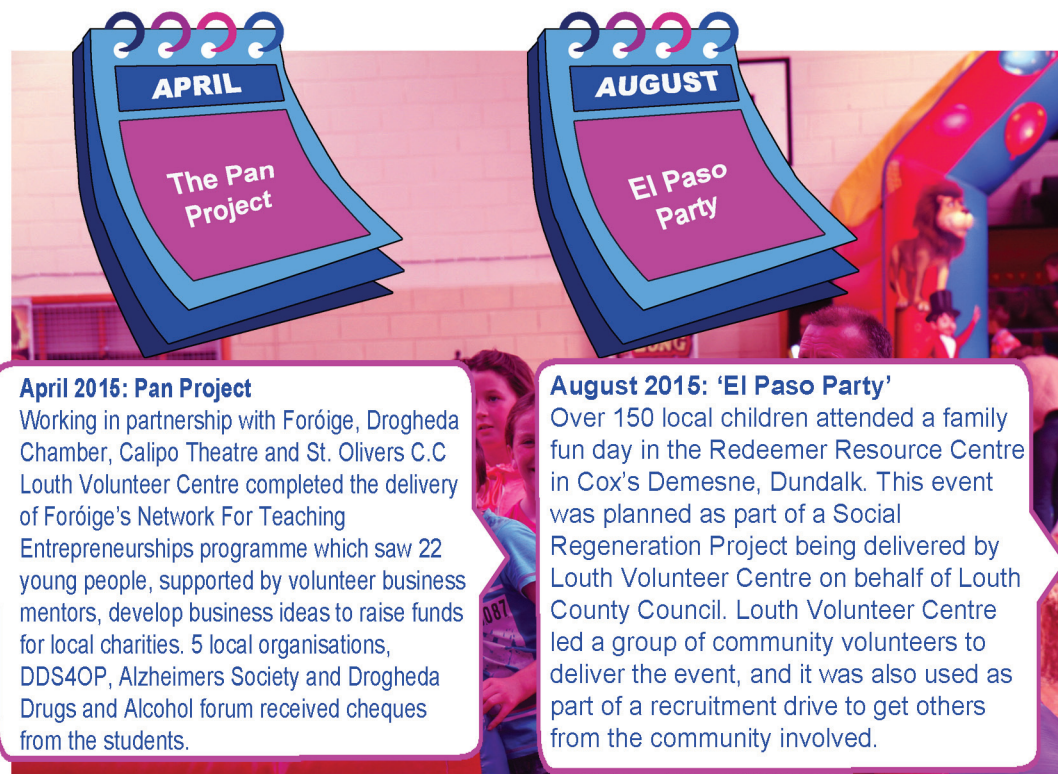
Louth Volunteer Centre supports the Volunteer Society in Dundalk IT – including identifying, promoting and placing students in volunteer roles. In total 165 students signed up to join the Volunteer Society with 135 going on to volunteer throughout the academic year.

NOVEMBER

Volunteer Manager Training

November 2015: Volunteer Manager's Training

Louth VC hosted a one-day Volunteer Management training event in November in Drogheda, with eight representatives from various organisations, including Drogheda Homeless Aid and Louth SPCA attending the event.



APRIL

The Pan Project

April 2015: Pan Project

Working in partnership with Foróige, Drogheda Chamber, Calipo Theatre and St. Olivers C.C Louth Volunteer Centre completed the delivery of Foróige's Network For Teaching Entrepreneurships programme which saw 22 young people, supported by volunteer business mentors, develop business ideas to raise funds for local charities. 5 local organisations, DDS4OP, Alzheimers Society and Drogheda Drugs and Alcohol forum received cheques from the students.

AUGUST

El Paso Party

August 2015: 'El Paso Party'

Over 150 local children attended a family fun day in the Redeemer Resource Centre in Cox's Demesne, Dundalk. This event was planned as part of a Social Regeneration Project being delivered by Louth Volunteer Centre on behalf of Louth County Council. Louth Volunteer Centre led a group of community volunteers to deliver the event, and it was also used as part of a recruitment drive to get others from the community involved.



OCTOBER

The Haunted House

October 2015: The 'Haunted House'

Through our Louth County Council funded Social Regeneration Project in the area Cox's Demesne Community Volunteers organised a Hallowe'en event aimed at bringing the community together and illustrate the benefits of volunteering in their local community. Redeemer Boys' and Girls' schools took part in an art competition in the run up to the event with prizes donated by local businesses. Over 30 volunteers helped to make the day a success, performing tasks such as sending out leaflets, sourcing props, recruiting volunteers, face-painting, and taking part in the haunted house as actors and tour guides

DECEMBER

Annual Stakeholder Survey

December 2015: Annual Stakeholder Survey

112 Volunteers registered in 2015 and 30 Volunteer Involving Organisations completed a telephone survey delivered by Louth Volunteer Centre team members. Results of this survey are outlined over.