

English

Location for Resettlement - Tralee **General Information on Tralee**

Introduction

Tralee is located in County Kerry in the south west of Ireland. It is situated beside the River Lee-the Gaelic translation of Tralee means "Beach of the Lee". Industry in the town is varied to cater for a large tourist population.

Tralee is 70 miles from Cork city and has a population of approximately 19,000 with almost 1,000 living in the rural district in the vicinity of Tralee.

It is approximately 188 miles from Dublin, Ireland's capital and largest city.

Local sights include Blennerville windmill, Ireland's only remaining windmill that is still being operated commercially. The Slieve Mish and the Stack's mountain ranges add an impressive backdrop to the landscape. Tralee's is most famous for the Rose of Tralee festival which is held annually on the last week of August each year.

Iarnrod Eireann & Bus Eireann provide the local Bus and Train services in the area.

Tralee has a population of approximately 20,000.



Allocated Accommodation: Ballymullen Accommodation Centre, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Tel: 066 7144911

Manager: Elaine O'Sullivan

Your accommodation will consist of a modern, fully equipped mobile home which will be located on this site. Full board, recreational and medical facilities will be provided on site.

Your proprietor will make every effort to ensure your stay is a pleasant one. Your co-operation and good behaviour will be expected.

There is also 24 hour security on-site.



Mainstream Services

Below is a list of contacts, addresses and phone numbers for mainstream services available to asylum seekers in Tralee and closeby.



Health

The **Southern Health Board** is responsible for health and medical issues in Tralee. Health is obviously an important issue for asylum seekers and a system is in place within the Ballymullen Asylum Accommodation centre to deal with your health needs. The SHB has its own office in the centre.

The SHB will provide you with information relating to health services and they work closely with the medical team. The representative of the Health Board is the Community Welfare Officer (**CWO**). The CWO is assigned on a full time basis to the Ballymullen Asylum Accommodation centre.

Staff in the Southern Health Board will provide you with the name of the CWO who works at the centre. The CWO assesses an asylum seekers need for health services.

A number of General Practitioners / Doctors attend the residents of Ballymullen Asylum Accommodation centre. The names of the doctors and the times of their surgery will be provided to you by the CWO or by the SHB staff.

The full range of health services that are currently available to the indigenous population are also available to those residing in Ballymullen Asylum Accommodation centre.

Health services currently available on site:

GP (General practitioner / doctor) services.
Public Health Nurse services.
Medical screening.

General Hospitals

Tralee County General Hospital
Off Killarney Road, Co. Kerry Phone (066) 7126222.

Maternity Hospitals

Tralee County General Hospital (Maternity Unit)
Off Killarney Road, Co. Kerry Phone (066) 7126222.

Security

Local Garda (police) station in Tralee. Phone Number: 066 7122022. The Gardaí aim to serve the community and protect the rights of Irish citizens, refugees and asylum seekers.

The **Gardaí** (police) aim to serve the local community and protect the rights of refugees, asylum seekers and Irish citizens.

You, like all Irish citizens, must abide by the laws of the land during your stay in this country. Any breach of the laws will be dealt with accordingly.

For example the following are offences under Irish law:

- ◆ Begging
 - ◆ Carrying a weapon.
 - ◆ Larceny (Stealing, Shoplifting).
 - ◆ Creating a nuisance or disturbance.
 - ◆ Driving without a licence or insurance.
 - ◆ Assault.
 - ◆ Domestic violence.
 - ◆ Drunk and disorderly behaviour.
- Garda Ethnic Liaison Officer: Frank Mannion

Education

Children who are four years of age on 1st September in an academic year may start primary school. It is the law that children from 6 - 16 years attend school.

Children in Ballymullen accommodation centre are allocated to primary and post primary schools in the Tralee catchment area. Parents will be informed by letter of the name and address of the school to which their child/ children have been allocated. They will be provided with general information on the school, the name of the principal and a telephone contact number. The CWO will ensure that parents will be assisted with obtaining their school uniforms. Transport will be provided for each student to and from school. Pupils will be allocated to schools taking cognisance of family groups.

Primary Schools (4-12 year olds)

Moyderwell Primary School, Tralee Tel: 066 7124403
CBS Boys School, Fairy's Cross, Tralee Tel: 066 7124029
Presentation Primary School, tralee Tel: 066 7123314

Post-Primary Schools (12-18 year olds)

Mercy School, Mounthawk, Tralee Tel: 066 7126827
CBS, The Green, Tralee Tel: 066 7145824

A number of people in the Tralee area have formed a local support group to coordinate provision of support activities to the residents in the Ballymullen accommodation centre. This support is provided on a voluntary basis. It would be hoped that you, the asylum seekers, would work with the members of the support group to arrange activities that interest you.

Classes in English, computers and other areas can be arranged by asylum seekers who are skilled in these areas and you may obtain assistance with this from members of the local support group. It is important that any such classes and other activities be arranged through the management of Ballymullen Accommodation Centre.

❖ **Other Facilities**

A list of support groups - representing the views of different nationalities/groups etc. - located in the area will be available from your CWO.

✚ **Community Groups / Voluntary Agencies**

Other groups of asylum seekers have been resettled in nearby Johnston Marina Hotel and Atlas House.

Citizens Information Centre, Bridge Lane, Tralee

Tel: 066 7123655

Provides information on rights and entitlements.

Tralee Community Development Project - Rock St. Industrial Estate, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Tralee Social Services - 43 Ashe Street, Tralee Tel: 066 7120622

Tralee Centre for the Unemployed

5 High Street, Tralee

Tel: 066 27617

Includes asylum seeker and refugee information service.

Women's Resource Centre

3, the Mall, Tralee

Womens support group

Youth Information Centre - Denny Street, Tralee

STEPS, Youth Advice & Drop-in centre, 4 Bridge Place, Tralee, Co Kerry. Tel: 066 20078.

Providing information for young people on issues of concern.

Samaritans:

44 Moyderwell, Tralee Tel: 066 7122566

Provides a confidential 24 hour listening service for people with emotional problems.

St. Vincent de Paul

Ozanam House, Tralee

Provides support for disadvantaged members of the community.

Kerry Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) ,

45/47 Ashe Street, Tralee

Tel: 066 7129750

Resource and personal budget management.

Kerry Rape Crisis Centre

11 Denny Street, Tralee

Tel: 066 29588

Provides a confidential service for victims of sexual assault and rape.

Siamsa Tire Arts Centre, Town Park, Tralee Tel: 066 7123055

Siamsatire@eircom.net

The Arts Centre promotes an interest in the arts and cultural values among the local & wider population.

There are classes, workshops and exhibitions on a regular basis.

Library:

Kerry County Library HQ, Tralee
Tel: 066 712 1200

Libraries provide you with access to the Internet. Most libraries have tapes that can be used for learning English. They also provide access to a wide range of newspapers in a warm and friendly atmosphere. As a member of the library you may hire books.

☛ **English classes** - contact your CWO for details.

⚔ **Sporting Groups**

Aquadome, Dingle Road, Tralee Tel: 066 7128899
Tralee Fitness Studio - Walpole's la Castle Street, Tralee, Phone (066) 7129877.
Tralee Snooker Club - 20 Pembroke St, Tralee Phone (066) 7126388.
Tralee Sports Centre - Clounalour, Tralee Phone (066) 7126442.
Tralee Super Bowl - Goffrey pl. Tralee Phone (066) 7122311.

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Roman Catholic - St. Johns, Tralee, Co. Kerry Phone (066) 7122522.
St. Brendans, Upr Rock, Tralee Phone (066) 7125932.
Church of Ireland - Tralee, Co. Kerry Phone (066) 7122245.
There is a Mosque in Cork
Dominican Church, Godfrey Place, Tralee