

English

Location for Resettlement - Limerick General Information on Limerick

Introduction

Limerick City is located in County Limerick in the south west of Ireland. It is the third largest city in the Republic of Ireland after Dublin and Cork. It is approximately 60 miles from Cork and 130 miles from Dublin. On a more local level Limerick is about 23 miles from Ennis in County Clare. Indeed, Limerick is also close to counties Cork and Kerry, which are huge tourist centres.

The city is also situated in the mouth of the River Shannon and just east of Shannon airport, a major stop-off between Europe and the US.

Limerick is a thriving city with a cultural and commercial centre on the River Shannon and offers the best of both worlds, being a vibrant city alongside a rural and green environment. The City has undergone a transformation in recent years and is now an excellent centre for shopping, dining and entertainment while its castles, ancient walls and museums are a testament to its colourful and fascinating history.

Limerick city has three distinct historical areas namely Englishtown, Irishtown and its current modern centre, Newtown.

Despite the turbulence of the past the people of Limerick have a good sense of humour and one of the main interests is sport.

Transport in Limerick:

There is a daily bus service between Limerick city and Shannon Airport; it runs on a half-hourly basis

Central Station in Limerick: Colbert Station

Limerick to Cork, 6 daily buses

Limerick to Dublin, app. 8 per day

Other services run on a daily basis to Ennis, Galway, Tralee and Killarney

Limerick city has a population of approximately 60,000.

Allocated Accommodation: Shannonside Hostel, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick

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

Address: Shannonside Hostel, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick

Phone: 061-325588.

Mainstream Services

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

Health

The Mid Western Health Board is responsible for health and medical issues in Limerick. The representative of the Health Board is the Community Welfare Officer (CWO)

The CWO assesses an asylum seeker's need for health services.

The list of local GPs (General Practitioners / Doctors) will be provided to you by the CWO.

General Hospitals

Limerick Regional General Hospital Phone: 061 301111

St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick Phone: 061 326677

Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, Croom, Limerick Phone: 061 397276

Maternity Hospitals

Regional Maternity Hospital, Limerick Phone: 061 327455

Security

Local Garda (police) station in Limerick. Phone Number: 061 212400 (Henry Street) 061 415342 (Mary Street)

The Gardaí aim to serve the community and protect the rights of Irish citizens, refugees & asylum seekers. Garda D. Mulcahy is the **Garda Ethnic Liaison Officer** in your area. His role is to liaise with leaders of ethnic groups and to inform and assure asylum seekers, refugees and non-nationals of Garda services.

Phone number: 061 456980

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.

Primary Schools (4-12 year olds)

St. Michaels, Barrington Street Phone: 061 315927

Post-Primary Schools (12-18 year olds)

Colaiste Mhichil, Sexton Street (teaching through English) Boys only Phone: 061 416628

Scoil Carmel, O'Connell Avenue Phone: 061 229511

Villiers Secondary School (teaching through English) Mixed - boys and girls

Phone: 061 451447

Colaiste Cnoc na Labhras FCJ (teaching through Irish) girls only Phone: 061 313636

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 / Support Facilities

Groups which deal with refugee and asylum seeker issues, providing advocacy and support -

Doras Luimní

Mount St. Alphonsus, Sth Circular Road, Limerick

Tel: 061 310328

Doras consists of local people and representatives of local groups who aim to help with the integration of asylum seekers. Activities include social events, art and music workshops and general advice.

Irish Refugee Council

1 Bank Place, Ennis, Co. Clare

Tel: 065 326059

E-mail: irc.ennis@eircom.net

The IRC deals with promoting awareness of interculturalism, human rights and international law. The Ennis branch offers support to local asylum seekers and refugees.

Amnesty International

5 Birch Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick

Tel: 061 326059

Watchdog and International campaign for victims of torture.

3rd World Development - 99 O'Connell Street, Limerick Tel: 061 414142

Gingerbread

Glenworth Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 413822

Provides a self-help service for lone parents including legal information.

Bernardos - 27 Castle Park, Moyross, Limerick

Tel: 061 328420.

Organisation aimed at the rights and entitlements of marginalised children.

Oxfam Shop - 57 William Street Limerick

Phone (061) 413244.

Services: clothing etc.

Paul Partnership

Tait Centre, Dominic Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 419388

Social, economic and educational programmes for marginalised groups within the local community.

Rape Crisis Centre,

17 Upper Mallow Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 311511

Freephone: 1800 311511

provides a confidential service for women who have suffered rape and sexual assault.

Samaritans

20 Barrington's Street, Limerick

Limerick Tel: 061 412 111

Callsave: 1850 609 090

Provides a confidential service for people suffering from stress and / or depression - offers advocacy and counselling.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Regional Office Ozanam House Hartstonge Street Limerick ; Phone (061) 317327.

Moyross branch: 129 Cosgrove Park, Moyross

Help for disadvantaged members of the local community.

Irish Red Cross, Society

36 Cecil Street Limerick

Phone (061) 318580.

Limerick Social Service Centre

Henry Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 314111

Helps with development of voluntary groups and local services

GROW mental health organisation

27 Mallow Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 318 813

Provides service for people with mental health problems.

Open Mon - Fri.

Belltable Arts Centre, 69 O'Connell Street Tel: 061 319709

Belltable@iol.ie / www.commerce.ie/belltable

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.

Youth Service, 5 Lr. Glentworth Street, Limerick

Limerick Citizens Information Centre 54 Catherine Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 311444

E-mail: limerick.cic@comhairle.ie

-Info on all areas of public concern including financial and consumer affairs.

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm.

Russian Group, c/o St. Munchins Church, Clancy Strand, Limerick.

Support network for members of the Russian speaking communities.

STEPS, Youth Advice & Drop-in centre, 22 Thomas Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 400088.

Limerick Youth Information Bureau - 35 O'Connell Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 416963

Projects aimed at young people in the local community.

Limerick Vocational Education Committee

Cecil Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 417688

Educational services including adult literacy, night and day courses, and vocational training.

Limerick Centre for the Unemployed

33 Thomas Street, Limerick

Tel: 061 416056

E-mail: limejccu@iol.ie

Provides information on rights and entitlements to refugees and asylum seekers. If information is not available, refugees and asylum seekers will be referred to the appropriate bodies.

Public Library

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.

58, O'Connell Street, Limerick Tel: 061 31 84 77

Post Office - Limerick Head Office

Tel: 061 31 46 36

English classes - contact your CWO for details.

Sporting Groups:

South Hill Boxing Club - 2 Donoughmore Cres South Hill Limerick ; Phone (061) 314733.

Shannon Rugby Football Club - Thomond Park Limerick ; Phone (061) 452350.

Shannon Rowing Club - Sarsfield Bridge Limerick ; Phone (061) 415150.

St. Patricks GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) Football Club

Rhebogue Dublin Road Limerick ; Phone (061) 319737.

Limerick Lawn Tennis Club - Ennis Road Limerick ; Phone (061) 452316.

Limerick Boat Club - Sarsfield Bdge Limerick ; Phone (061) 414049.

Janesboro Sporting & Athletic Club

Stadium an Phiarsaigh Limerick ; Phone (061) 419649.

Shelbourne AFC, Shelbourne Road, Limerick Tel: 061 454456

Fairview Rangers AFC, Fairgreen, Limerick Tel: 061 411525

Churches: Limerick City

Roman Catholic - St. John's Cathedral, Cathedral House, Cathedral Place, Limerick

Very Rev. Denis Mullane Adm

Rev. Joseph Cussen CC

Tel: 061-414624.

- St. Mary's, Athlunkard Street, Limerick.

Very Rev. Brendan Canon Connellan PP

Tel: 061-414092.

Church of Ireland - St. Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick

Rev. Alan Matchett is the curate.

Tel: 061-416238.

Baptist Church - Old Cratloe Road Limerick

Tel: 061-328199.

Evangelical Church - Mallow Street Christian Fellowship, Mallow Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 377392.

Jehovah's Witnesses - Limerick Tel: 061-416710.

Islamic Cultural Centre - Old Doradoyle Road, Doradoyle, Limerick

Contact: Moosa Isbismilla - Tel: 061-227054.

(Quiblah - 118 Degrees South East)