

Irish Red Cross Head Office

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Sharon Commins

Head of National Services



Sharon joined the IRC as our new Head of National Services in 2024. She was CEO for almost 3 years with a Local Development Company, delivering a range of community programmes. She worked as strategy & service manager with SafetyNet Primary Health Care which is an NGO delivering healthcare to the most marginalised including migrants, the homeless, travellers and Roma and those with drug addictions. Sharon has 10 years' experience in delivering humanitarian primary health care programmes and community health programmes in Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda through her work with Concern and Goal. You can email her on scommins@redcross.ie

Rosemarie Hayden

Community, Unit & Youth Manager



Rosemarie provides oversight management and support to the volunteer operational areas of Community, Unit & Youth supporting the desk officers in each of those areas to best support volunteers under each pillar of the volunteer activities of Irish Red Cross. You can contact Rose with any queries on nationalservices@redcross.ie

Páraic McGahey

Branch and Volunteering Manager



Páraic has worked in the charity sector since 2014 and has 30+ years of volunteering experience across the National Society and his local community. Páraic leads the team responsible for supporting membership, volunteering and branch development to build strong branches. He works closely with IFRC to ensure Irish Red Cross follows and is up to date on movement best practice in branch and volunteering development. Contact Páraic with any branch or volunteering queries, challenges and advice at pmcgahey@redcross.ie or call 087 491 5539.

Catriona Finn

Membership Recruitment & Engagement Manager



Catriona has worked with Irish Red Cross since 2009 and has recently been appointed to oversee the delivery of The Fix – Volunteer Engagement Roadmap. The Fix focuses on finding solutions to the issues raised by members – including key areas such as branch development, membership, volunteer management, and training. You can contact Catriona with any queries on cfinn@redcross.ie



Nicola Monaghan National Services Assistant

Nicola has worked with Irish Red Cross since 2022. Nicola is your first point of contact for queries relating to your membership and volunteering with Irish Red Cross. Nicola can guide you through membership renewals, accessing volunteer emails, contacting your local branch and queries related to membership and Garda Vetting processing. You can contact Nicola on nmonaghan@redcross.ie or membership@redcross.ie



Abby Aylward Volunteer Support & Development Officer

Abby is the National Volunteer Development Officer, supporting volunteers and works closely with the Volunteer Support & Development Working Group. Abby looks after volunteer recognition including the National Volunteer Awards. Abby took up her position in 2024, having previously worked as National Services Admin since 2023. You can contact Abby with any queries, concerns, or information regarding volunteering on aaylward@redcross.ie



Silvia Garces Branch Outreach and Engagement Officer

Silvia recently joined the National Services team in Irish Red Cross to assist branches in the West and South regions through our outreach and engagement programme. She has experience with the Spanish Red Cross and the voluntary sector. You can contact Silvia with queries, suggestions or information on sgarces@redcross.ie



Louise Deegan Community Support Officer

Louise has been the National Development Officer for Community Support at Irish Red Cross since 2021. You can contact Louise with any queries, concerns or information regarding our Skin Camouflage service, Therapeutic Care service, Psychological First Aid training and all other Community based queries on communitysupport@redcross.ie



Juliet O'Dwyer National Youth Officer

Juliet is the central point of contact for Irish Red Cross Youth. She has worked with Irish Red Cross since 2022. Juliet manages our National Youth events, Youth administration and supports the development of our youth programmes. You can contact Juliet with any IRCY related queries at youth@redcross.ie

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Patrick O'Reilly
National Unit Management Officer

Patrick has worked with the Irish Red Cross since 2024. For the last seven years in his previous job his primary focus has been on facilities management, first response and health and safety with one of Ireland's largest multinational companies. Patrick's role in the Irish Red Cross covers unit support generally and he can be contacted on these matters via unitsupport@redcross.ie. This includes matters relating to vehicles (including CVRT, insurance, tax certs etc.), PHECC matters, radios & phones and NUF & NUM meeting support.



Maxine Kelly
National Safeguarding Manager

As the Designated liaison Person (DLP), Maxine is the first point of call for all child protection and adult safeguarding concerns. She coordinates and co-delivers in-person safeguarding training for members. Maxine can provide information, advice, guidance, and support to all members with a safeguarding question or concern by emailing mkelly@redcross.ie



Mareike Eccleston
National Training Officer

Mareike Eccleston, National Training Officer, joined the National Training Team October 2023 providing PHECC compliance support for the Faculty, and training staff. Mareike is also an active member of the Portlaoigh Branch with over 10 years of volunteering. She is EMT-qualified and currently the Branch Secretary. You can contact Mareike at meccleston@redcross.ie



Anne McColl
National Training and Commercial Manager

Anne McColl, National Training and Commercial Manager, joined the IRC in July 2023 and provides management support for the National Training and Commercial Training Teams. Anne has a strong belief in the value of first aid training and has 12 years' experience at the British Red Cross leading national delivery of first aid training in the community and as a commercial offering. You can contact Anne at amccoll@redcross.ie

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Suzanne O'Brien
National Training Coordinator

Sue has worked with the Irish Red Cross since 2003 and is the National Training Coordinator. She coordinates the delivery of national training courses and ensures the compliance of faculty qualifications aligned to the standards of the organisation and awarding bodies. Sue has accountability for the supply of training materials and certificates together with customer focused administration and support for the Training Working Group (TWG), the Quality Assurance Committee and the Faculty as required. You can contact Sue on sobrien@redcross.ie



Seána Ryan
Community Fundraising & Events Coordinator

Seána works with community groups like schools and sports groups who are interested in supporting the Irish Red Cross, and with IRC branches to support with fundraising. She is here to help with advice and resources. Seána can answer questions you or your branch might have about fundraising and would love to hear about any events you are planning on sryan@redcross.ie



Cianna Ryan-Lynch
Implicit Implementation Manager

Cianna has worked in the IRC since November 2022 and has recently begun the process of digitally transforming the branch accounts. She is setting up the branches on our new head office finance system and will be rolling this out to all branches during the year. You can contact her at cryanlynch@redcross.ie



Chris Young
Branch Consolidation Accountant

Chris has worked at the IRC since January 2024. As a qualified Chartered Accountant Chris's role is to prepare Consolidated accounts for the Area & Branches division as well as provide guidance and support to Area & Branch Treasurers on all finance related issues. Chris can answer all questions you or your branch might have on preparation of financial sheets as well compliance. You can contact him at cyoung@redcross.ie