



Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator

Project Proposal Summary

Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator's Thematic Area	Promoting Dignity in Migrant and Refugee Host Communities
Rotary Focus Area	Community economic development
Contact: Contact person within your group (Name and email)	Sinead McGrath: sineadoneillmcgrath@gmail.com
Project Title: Provide a full title (and acronym if any)	Refugee Business Initiative
Project Partners and Participating Organisations:	Rotary-led <i>Potential Dissemination Partners in Ireland: Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland (MASI), the Africa Centre, New Communities Partnership, Recruit Refugees Ireland, Irish Refugee Council (many are on board already)</i>
Geographical Scope	Initially in Ireland – To be expanded across districts
Summary: Please provide a concise summary with a maximum of 500 words outlining the project and explaining the community needs your project will address and how these needs were identified. Ensure that you include what your project aims to achieve (objective) and how (method/procedure). What will be the main outcomes? Explain in a few sentences how you will incorporate the objective of sustainability into your project.	Project 4 proposes a Rotary-led initiative to use the business and community networks of Rotarians to sponsor asylum-seekers or recent refugees in professional paid traineeship positions in local communities, ensuring a beneficial business experience for those uprooted from their home countries and who may be having difficulties integrating into the local business sector. Dr Ebon Joseph of University College Dublin recently published work on the discrimination faced by many migrant groups in accessing local labour markets in Ireland, stating a trend across Europe (https://inar.ie/the-centrality-of-race-and-whiteness-in-the-irish-labour-market/), and this is often exacerbated by spending a significant amount of time waiting for a decision to be made on one's refugee status and limitations in access to job markets. A traineeship programme matching Rotarian to uprooted individuals will be beneficial not only for the trainees (who will gain local work experience and build networks) but also for local Rotarians, who will benefit from new perspectives and build bridges between communities from across the globe.
Beneficiaries:	

Who are the beneficiaries?
Please include the estimated
number of direct beneficiaries

Depends on how the project is implemented across districts.