

**KILKENNY** 

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## 2021 - A Milestone for Volunteering



#### **National Volunteering Strategy**

Launched in Dec 2020





#### **8 New Volunteer Centres**

Kilkenny, Laois, Waterford, Leitrim, Roscommon, Offaly, Wexford and Cavan

# **Kilkenny Volunteer Centre**



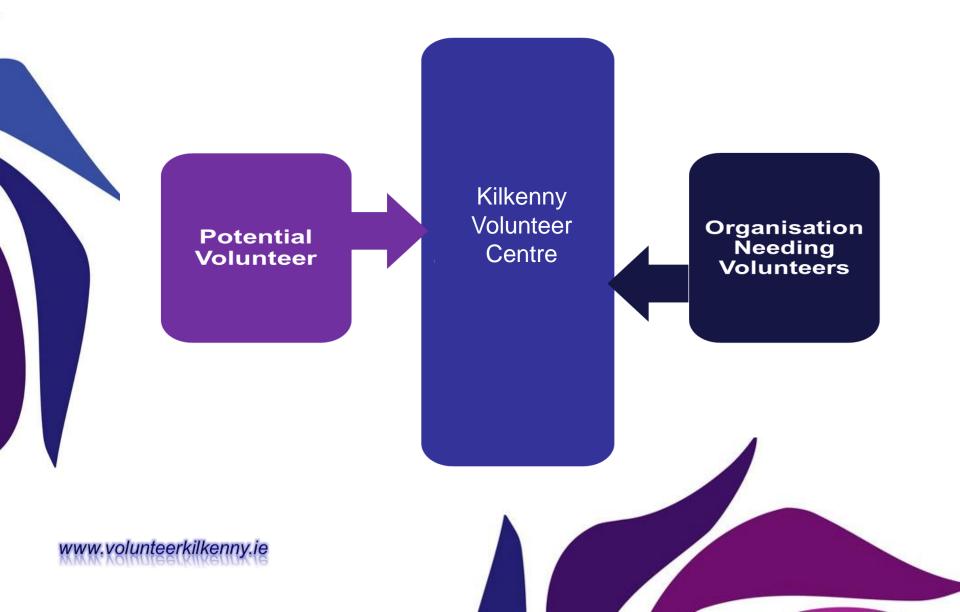
#### **BACKGROUND**

- Newly formed charity which commenced operation in Jan 2021
- Funded by Department of Rural and Community Development
- Part of a National Structure 29 Volunteer Centres around country affiliated with Volunteer Ireland
- Based in Hebron House, MacDonagh Junction, Kilkenny
- Service for whole of Co. Kilkenny



### **What We Do**





#### For Volunteers



- Potential volunteers can register with KVC and receive advice and support to find a suitable role
- Keep a database of current volunteering vacancies on our website

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# Are You Interested in Volunteering?





# Does Your Organisation Need Volunteers?





# **For Organisations**



- Register with KVC and post up any volunteering vacancies
- KVC advertise their vacancies on our online database and refer interested volunteers
- Training on best practice in volunteer management and consultancy on all things volunteer related
- Garda Vetting service
- Website resources / templates / downloads



## The Impact of Volunteering



- Economic benefits Volunteers contribute 230 million hours per year (CSO 2013). This is a substantial contribution to GDP
- **Private benefits** Satisfaction, increased employability, broader social networks, lower stress, improved physical and mental health, longer life expectancy
- Social benefits Benefits to society at large and public purse as a direct result of volunteer contribution to social causes

**Volunteering is a good investment!** 





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