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Sharon Commins
Head of National Services

Sharon joins 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 am 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

Catriona Finn
National Services Manager

Catriona has worked with Irish Red Cross since 2009 and coordinates the work of our First Aid and Rescue, Youth, and Community Support Officers as well as our volunteer development team. You can contact Catriona with any queries, concerns or information regarding our national services and volunteer support 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

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 ldeegan@redcross.ie

Rachel Dunn
National Unit Management Officer - First Aid & Rescue

Rachel joined the Irish Red Cross in August 2022 and is the Management Officer for the First Aid and Rescue service. You can contact Rachel with any queries regarding Units or the First Aid and Rescue service on rdunn@redcross.ie

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Páraic McGahey
Branch Outreach and Engagement Officer

Páraic has worked in the charity sector since 2014 and is the Branch Outreach and Engagement Officer since 2023. The role was set up to strengthen local branches and improve engagement between members and staff. You can contact Páraic with branch related queries, challenges or information on pmcgahey@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 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 membership on aaylward@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 Crosssince 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 query at jodwyer@redcross.ie

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

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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 Portlaw 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

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 Executive

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
Consolidation Branch Accountant

Cianna has worked in the IRC since November 2022, working with the branches to get their twice-yearly accounts in order. She assists the branches with any financial issues they may be having. From bank mandates to receipt books, from treasurer training to year-end accounts, you can contact Cianna on cryanlynch@redcross.ie