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Welcome to the October Issue!



Myrna Mendoza proudly displays some organic vegetables from her son's Family Enterprise Project (FEP). Her son is a student of the Family Farm school in the Philippines where he has been trained in enterprise management. Photo: Yason Foundation.

A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our October issue of MissionAid!

These days we hear so much bad news about migration and the lack of hospitality given to migrants that it is easy to forget the great work a certain class of migrants are doing. Those migrants, we know as missionaries in development, who work around the world.

This month I attended the *Conrad N Hilton Foundation's* Convention in Nairobi, Kenya where the focus was on the work of Catholic sisters, a wonderful example of missionaries in development. There are over 700,000 women religious contributing to human development through their spiritual witness and service to those in need.

Development projects that Catholic sisters run, support the United Nations *Sustainable Development Goals* in communities where the state, NGO's and the formal market, often fail to reach. It is clear to me that our members and their women religious and lay workers are community-based implementers, promoting the *Sustainable Development Goals*. These 17 goals contain 169 specific targets that can be achieved, lifting our world out of poverty and caring for mother earth.

Misean Cara's unique role speaks directly to the 17th sustainable development goal, which among other targets seeks to; "Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the



CEO Heydi Foster

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achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries”.

Sharing hope, sharing information, stories and marshalling resources, lies at the heart of what we do here at Misean Cara. Please get to know us better by reading our stories and sharing your journey with us.

In this month’s edition of MissionAid we follow the journey of a film crew to Kabul to meet Malalai Joya, whom the BBC described as “the bravest woman in Afghanistan”.

We also get to read about the feeding scheme undertaken by the Loreto Secondary School in South Sudan where an entire community is learning and eating while building their school.

There is also a report on the publication of a wonderful new book on the legacy of Irish Missionaries by former Misean Cara Chairperson Matt Moran.

May I urge you to refuse to lose hope in humanity? Let us keep the ears of our hearts open to the good news as we journey together in this world.

Yours in solidarity,
Heydi

Heydi Foster



We want to help showcase the work of our members by sharing photos, stories and videos of the wonderful work you do on our website, Facebook Page and MissionAid. If you have a photo, story or video to share then please email Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie



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We Want To Promote The Wonderful Work You Do!

We want to help showcase the wonderful work you do by sharing stories; updates; photos; and videos of on our website, Facebook and LinkedIn Pages, Twitter account, and in our monthly e-newsletter MissionAid.

If you have a story, update, photo, or video to share then please email our Communications Officer Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie

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Other Funding Opportunities

We are pleased to present several funding opportunities from other donors around the world for a variety of projects. This month's funding opportunities include:

- World Wildlife Fund - Capacity Building Grants;
- Nominations Open for World's Children's Prize 2017: Contributing towards the Rights of the Child;
- Ashden International Award 2017;
- \$1 million USD available in prizes through the Roddenberry Foundation!
- Martin Ennals Award;
- The Energy Globe Awards 2017 for Environmental Sustainability Worldwide;
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Prize for Women's Contribution to Development;
- Humanitarian Innovation Fund: Innovation to Help People in Crises;
- EU Funding: Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open Call 1: TOPIC : Capacity-building on rights of the child and child protection for children in migration, focusing on guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied children;
- EU Funding: Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open Call 2: TOPIC : To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence;
- Mental Health Initiative Grants of the Open Society Foundations; and
- Echoing Green.

[Click here to find out more about each opportunity.](#)

Stories from the field

New Book on the Continuation of the Legacy of Irish Missionaries



The Legacy of Irish Missionaries Lives On is a new book exploring how the legacy of Irish missionaries is being continued in Africa, Asia, and South America. The book is written by Matt Moran former Chairperson of Mísean Cara, and includes an inspirational foreword by former Irish President Mary Robinson. Sponsored by the Irish Missionary Union (IMU) and Trocaire, it was launched on the 19th October by Senator Rónán Mullen. [Read now.](#)

An Afghanistan Diary



The following is an account of KMF Productions, the creators of the RTÉ internationally acclaimed TV documentary series 'What in the World,' recent visit to Afghanistan to shoot an episode of the upcoming series. Told through diary entries by Presenter and Editor Peadar King, we journey with him and his crew to Kabul, the capital city of Afghanistan that for the last three decades has been ruined by war. Mísean Cara is a proud supporter of 'What in the World.'

Afghanistan Day 1

The departure lounge in Dubai airport was like any other international departure lounge. We joined the queue for our 09.55 flight number EK640. Airports are liminal spaces. Places that allow for quick glances knowing that you will never again be in the same place with the same people. Quick eye contact can be easily averted and carry no threat, no risk. And so a quick surveillance reveals a group of people lost in various electronic devices – phones, tablets, laptops. [Read now.](#)

A Modern Miracle in South Sudan



The event often called, 'the Feeding of the 5,000' from 5 loaves and two fish is the only miracle (apart from the Resurrection) which is recorded in all four canonical Gospels: Matthew 14:13--21, Mark 6:31--44, Luke 9:10--17 and John 6:5--15. In his homilies, Pope Francis has emphasised the sharing in this miracle more than the multiplication. If we only believe and share what we have, we can work such miracles. In South Sudan, we have a modern day version of this. I witnessed this last week. [Read now.](#)

Upcoming Events & Training Courses

Watch Now -- RTÉ Televised Mission Sunday Mass



As you know this year Misean Cara coordinated the **RTE Televised Mission Sunday Mass, which will took place on Sunday 16 October 2016** [a week before the real time Mission Sunday due to RTÉ scheduling.]. Over the last few months, a sub-committee of 18 MDOs, and representatives from the Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) formerly the IMU and World Missions Ireland have been meeting to plan the event.

Watch Fr. Emilian Kibiriti from the Rosminian Fathers, and Fr. Brendan Carr from the Spiritans lead a congregation of Misean Cara members and friends in this joyous Mass.

[Click this link to watch now on the RTÉ Player.](#)

Photo Exhibition -- The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya



Don't miss a very special Misean Cara photographic exhibition that is taking place right now in the Coolock Dublin City Library entitled: 'The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya.' This exhibition highlights Edmund Rice Development (the Christian Brothers) overseas

mission that empowers communities in some of the poorest countries. Check out the exhibition to journey to two projects in Kenya that are responding to a range of development challenges: slum dwellings; access to education; access to vocational education and income generation; and youth empowerment.

The exhibition is free and open to the public, and will continue in the Coolock Dublin City Library until the 31 October 2016, and the exhibition will travel to three other libraries too:

1. Charleville Mall: 1 November - 30 November 2016;
2. Ballyfermot: 1 December - 31 December 2016; and
3. Finglas: 1 January - 31 January 2017.

Pictured in this photo: Medical Laboratory Science students from Colaiste Dhulaigh Coolock Carla Tejada from Barcelona and Leyla Oztas from Dublin at the exhibition.
Photo: Lar Boland.

Register Now – Building Sustainable Resilience: Lessons from Humanitarian and Development Practice

Building Sustainable Resilience: Lessons from both Humanitarian and Development Practice

- Tuesday 22 November, 9.30am - 1pm
- Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Dublin 8
- Email info@miseancara.ie to register by Friday 18 November 2016



We are pleased to invite you to a panel discussion with Misean Cara members, and experts from the development sector on '**Building Sustainable Resilience: Lessons from Humanitarian and Development Practice.**' The event will take place on Tuesday 22 November 2016 from 9.30am - 1.00pm with registration opening at 9.00am in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The event will be followed by a light lunch, and a chance to network with other attendees. Please email info@miseancara.ie to register by Friday 18 November 2016.

Save The Date: Members' Meeting

The last Members' Meeting of 2016 will take place on Tuesday, 22 November from 2.00PM - 4.30PM in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The meeting will take place immediately after the 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from 4 Interventions' event. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact your Mission Development Officer.

Other Events & Training Courses:

- [Kimmage Development Studies Centre](#)
- [Child Safeguarding - Organisational Self Audit Tool \(Free\)](#)
- [The International NGO Training and Research Centre \(INTRAC\)](#)