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## Welcome to the November Issue!



Bibiana Joseph Awad is a teacher at the John Paul II School in Wau, South Sudan. Supported by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa, she writes some notes on the blackboard in advance of her class. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

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## A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our November issue of MissionAid! November was a busy month for Mísean Cara. Thank you to all of the 110 members, students, staff from other NGOs, and Mísean Cara representatives who attended the 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from Four Interventions' event, and our last Members Meeting of the year.

Missionaries are present before, during and after the crises, and have a long history of accompanying people through these unexpected hardships. Missionary projects, by nature of their long-term presence, regularly link humanitarian relief to post-disaster development, as one fluid but adapting intervention. This was greatly illustrated by panellist Assistant Director David Moriarty with the Jesuit Missions during the 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from Four Interventions' event. We organised this event to highlight resilience in action. I have seen many people, after some of the most horrific events, somehow find the strength within to keep going. Some call it faith, others call it humanity, but wherever people get the strength from, it is truly remarkable.

The Members Meeting culminated with the launch of our new IT system Mission Links, which paves the way to a new era for our wonderful organisation. We were also excited to have our three Development Mentors Paul, Michael and Andrea visit us to meet with



**CEO Heydi Foster**

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members, and be part of the Mission Links launch. With the mentors, our Misean Cara family extends from Ireland to support our members in more than 50 countries to work with communities.

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than celebrating the successes of our members, and this last month I'm happy to say we have three members to celebrate. Congratulations to Columban Fr. Shay Cullen who received the 2016 Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award. Fr. Shay was recognised for his outstanding contribution to human rights for setting up the People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance (PREDA) Foundation in the Philippines.

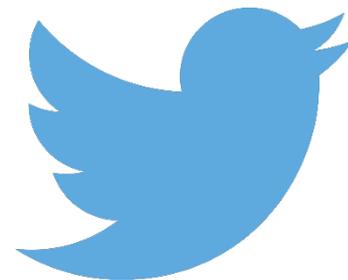
Congratulations to Viatores Christi Volunteer Gena Heraty on being announced as this year's recipient of the Leinster House Human Dignity Award. Gena has dedicated her life for 23 Years to the children of Haiti through her work with the Our Little Brothers and Sisters (NPH) orphanage.

Well done also to Sr. Mary Sweeney SJC from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny who received the 'Presidential Distinguished Service Award' from Irish President Michael D. Higgins. Sr. Mary was recognised for her work as a missionary for the last 44 years in Sierra Leone primarily working with children with impaired hearing in St. Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired in Makeni.

Last but not least, well done to the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood on celebrating 70 years working with communities in Zambia.

### **Send us your photos and videos!**

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](mailto:tfinglas@miseancara.ie)



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As we prepare for the holiday season, I'd like to encourage you to take a moment with me to reflect on some of the things we are thankful for. I'm thankful for the amazing Misean Cara members, and supporters who have spurred us on this year.

Yours in solidarity,  
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*Heydi Foster*



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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](mailto: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:

- Anne Frank Fonds: Seeking Projects to Build Peace around the World;
- 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;
- Call 2: TOPIC : To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence;
- Child Victims of Violence;
- The Africa Innovation Challenge: Encouraging Entrepreneurial Thinking in Africa;
- Mental Health Initiative Grants of the Open Society Foundations; and
- Echoing Green.

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

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## Stories from the field

### Mayo Volunteer Receives Leinster House Human Dignity Award For 23 Years Of Love & Care



Well-known Irish volunteer in Haiti, Gena Heraty, will receive the Oireachtas Human Dignity Award from Ceann Comhairle, Seán Fearghail TD, at a ceremony in Leinster House on 8 December next.

The award, now in its third year, is presented annually by the Oireachtas Human Dignity Group to a person whose commitment to the promotion of human dignity has been exemplary. Ms. Heraty, from Westport, is a member of the Catholic lay missionary association, Viatores Christi. She went to Haiti in 1993 and has remained there ever since as a volunteer with NPH (Our Little Brothers and Sisters); an orphanage in the hillside village of Kenscoff, 10 km from Port-au-Prince. [Read now.](#)

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### Defining Resilience: Not Just Bouncing Back, Building For The Future



Current humanitarian disasters like the Mediterranean Refugee Crisis and Irish-funded response to West Africa's Ebola outbreak were the hot topics at this week's panel, 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from Four Interventions,' hosted by the faith-based charity Misesan Cara.

Former Trócaire Executive Director Justin Kilcullen facilitated the conversation with leading experts from the international development sector in Dublin's Wood Quay Venue. [Read now.](#)

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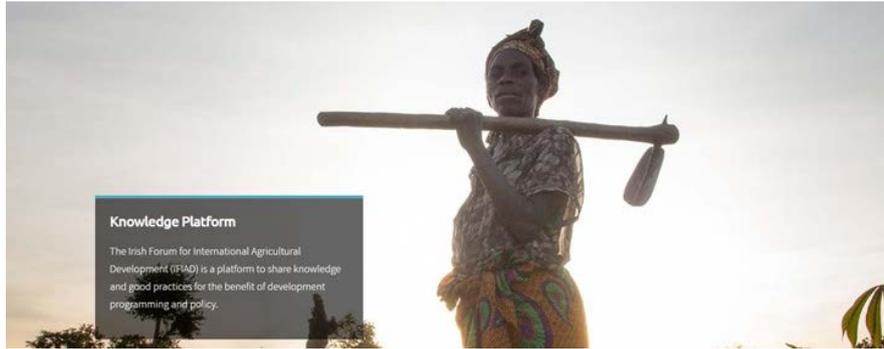
## Franciscan Sisters Celebrate 70 Years in Zambia



On 22nd October 2016, the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDMs) held a Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving outdoors in Kasanka to mark 70 years of their congregation in Zambia by Bishop Patrick Chisanga. The Mass had a great turnout with the Bishop of Mansa also attending accompanied by 13 priests and a large crowd of parishioners, and 17 FMDM sisters. The following day the FMDM sisters made a pilgrimage to mark this auspicious occasion. [Read now.](#)

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## Realising Global Sustainable Agriculture



Misean Cara welcomes the initiation of the Irish Forum for International Agricultural Development (IFIAD) that was launched last month to meet the demands of realising sustainable agriculture and food security in overseas countries.

IFIAD aims to bring together actors and experts from agriculture and food sector to share knowledge and good practices for the benefit of agricultural development programmes in support of development objectives in Ireland. The Minister of State for the Diaspora and Overseas Development Aid, Joe McHugh TD launched the event at the RDS. [Read now.](#)

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## **Columban Missionary, Fr. Shay Cullen, presented with the Hugh O’Flaherty International Humanitarian Award**



Columban missionary, Fr. Shay Cullen was in Killarney on Saturday, 5 November to receive the 2016 Hugh O’Flaherty International Humanitarian Award. He is the second Columban to receive this prestigious award – Fr. Michael Sinnott having received it in 2010. [Read now.](#)

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## Acquiring New Skills At Kakuma Camp



The sprawling refugee camp of Kakuma in Kenya is amongst the top 10 largest in the world. Children, teenagers, women and men can live there for many years. At the same time new asylum seekers, mostly from South Sudan, continue to arrive in great need of assistance. The Jesuit Refugee service (JRS) is there on the ground to help. [Read now.](#)

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## Jeffrey Sachs Endorses Faith Based Values In Taking Actions For Global Development Goals



Professor Jeffrey Sachs, a world renowned economist and advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has endorsed the values in catholic teaching as a forward thinking that is primary to achieving the development goals. [Read now.](#)

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## Upcoming Events & Training Courses

### Photo Exhibition – The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya



Don't miss a very special Mísean 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. Ballyfermot: 1 December - 31 December 2016; and
2. 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.

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## Other Events & Training Courses:

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