

Lord Mayor's Message

Welcome to Cork, which is first and foremost a maritime city; the port is our gateway to the world. A city of ideas and a city of individuals, at the core of our ethos has been a respect for the individual. Our people are known for their friendliness, warmth and willingness to help others.

Throughout its history, people from all parts of the world have made Cork their home; people whose customs and cultures have helped to shape today's City. As a new Corkonian you are now part of this rich tradition.

I am sure this guide, which is full of useful information on living and working in Cork, will help you settle in to your new home.

Cllr Seán Martin
Lord Mayor, Cork City



Introduction

This guide aims to introduce newcomers to all aspects of living in Cork – from finding somewhere to live and a job to understanding the school system and what bus goes where. Printed in English, French, Russian and Romanian, it also signposts readers to where they can find more detailed information and support.

The guide has been produced by the Cork - One City, Many Communities group. This broad partnership brings together organisations such as Cork City Council, Cork City Partnership, Cork Social and Health Education Project, Irish Immigrant Voice, NASC – Irish Immigrant Support Centre, YMCA, Youth Information Centre and others, with the aim of promoting interculturalism and awareness of cultural diversity in the city

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