**Crosscare Food Poverty Services – North Inner City**

Crosscare has been engaged in the delivery of food support in Dublin since 1941.

Our services have developed over the years to meet the changing times and demands.Presently our **North City Community Café** is located on Portland Row, Dublin 1 and we have **Food Banks** in Darndale and Swords. **Our Food Poverty Case Work Service** is a new initiative which is also based in the north inner city.

**What we offer?**

**Community Café**

* We operate an Open-door policy with everyone welcome.
* We open 5 days a week Monday – Friday from 8am-10am for breakfast and 12pm-2pm for lunch.
* Between 60-80 people per day access our community cafes for our sit down and takeaway service.
* Our service remained open throughout the Covid 19 lockdowns offering a takeaway meal service to our client group during this vulnerable time.
* We offer a variety of hot meals at subsidized rates with a three-course meal costing 4euro.
* Anyone experiencing food poverty or food insecurity can access our community cafés to chat to our friendly and approachable staff and enjoy a meal with friends and family in a safe supportive and relaxed environment.

**Food banks**

Working locally and in partnership with the Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP)

* We offer free food parcels for individuals and families who are in need
* Information and advocacy service is also available for individuals and families by appointment.

**Food Poverty Case Work** **Service**

This service is located in the North City Centre and utilising the full range of Crosscare Services, offers support across the whole City.

* We take requests for help directly from the public through our main Casework Service phone line (01 8913022) and from our own existing Crosscare services.
* Callers will be put in touch directly with our Food Poverty Case Worker who will
1. Arrange for emergency food parcels to those in immediate need
2. Assess the reasons behind the presenting need for food and help people to access services such as drug and alcohol support, teen counselling, homeless accommodation, information and advocacy and migrant services
3. Offer one to one support, advice, and education to those experiencing food poverty, ensuring peoples primary need for food is met whilst also helping them to access appropriate supports and services.
* We are committed to addressing the root causes of food poverty. Through on-going action research and collation of data we hope to capture the true experience of food poverty and identify pathways both into and out of food poverty for our client group.

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