

2012

- First pilot of Partnership with Parents takes place
- Barnardos marks 50 years working to support children and families in Ireland
- Referendum on inserting Children's Rights into the Constitution is successful

2013

- Barnardos becomes lead agency for Finglas Area Based Childhood initiative; Homemaker service established in Limerick; Rialto family support service transfers to Barnardos

2014

- This year Ireland records highest ever number of children living in consistent poverty – 1 in 8
- Tusla – the Child and Family Agency is established
- National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 – 2020 (BOBF) is published

2016

- Fermoy, Mitchelstown and Youghal family support services opened

2017

- Barnardos supports 15,300 children in 40 centres across Ireland

2019

- Barnardos family support services expanded into Portlaoise
- Barnardos begins implementation of a Trauma organisational Informed Strategy in services
- Internet Safety partnership with Google commences
- Barnardos works with 21,168 families and children in 41 centres across the country
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs becomes Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Affairs

2020

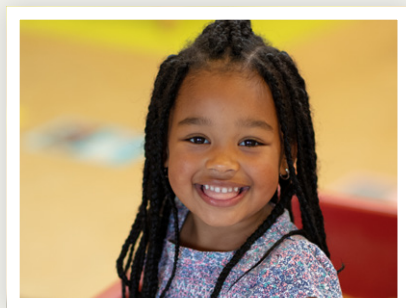
- Outbreak of the global Covid pandemic requires Barnardos to pivot its entire operations. School based service delivery impacted by school closures
- Parent Support line opens
- Barnardos works with 17,918 children and families in 45 centres across the country

2021

- Barnardos works with 16,831 in 56 service locations

2022

- Barnardos Ireland celebrates 60th Year Anniversary
- New strategic plan 2022 – 2027 is launched



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We are extremely proud to continue to work alongside them towards our shared goal of supporting the most vulnerable children in Ireland.



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60th Year Anniversary



Our timeline over the years

1962 ■ After its founding in 1867 by Dublin born Dr. Thomas Barnardo, the organisation Barnardo's continues to grow setting down roots in Ireland, initially in Dublin and the border counties

1974 ■ The Barnardos bus makes its first appearance on the streets of Dublin, providing pre-school education to children in areas with social and economical disadvantage

1975 ■ Barnardos works with unaccompanied young people experiencing homelessness, providing social work support to Hope Hostel

1977 ■ Barnardos establishes an Adoption Support Service working with birth parents

■ Launch of the Adoption Support Service as a helpline which is still running.

1980 ■ Barnardos opens the doors of its first Early Years centre working with children in Tallaght, Dublin

80s (mid) ■ Further Early Years centres open in Blanchardstown and Loughlinstown

80s (early) ■ Barnardos opens its first shops in Dun Laoghaire, Dundalk and on Camden Street. Two more shops follow in 1988 on Liffey Street and in Drogheda.

1989 ■ Barnardos opens family support services in Mulhuddart

■ Launch of Barnardos National Advisory and Information Service for Nurseries and Creches

■ 2nd Barnardos Children's Bus formally recognised as pre-school for children and children from Traveller community. The bus also includes mobile toy library for Travellers

■ Barnardos works with over 4,000 children and families

■ Barnardos Ireland becomes a wholly independent organisation

■ Other services the organisation provides at this milestone include social work with one parent families and expectant parents; day foster care in Dun Laoghaire; groups for parents and children in selected areas; and toy libraries

1990 ■ Barnardos national office moves to its current home in Christchurch Square, Dublin

■ First Birthmothers Group is held in response to numerous queries for support from mothers who had been forced to give up their child for adoption

1991 ■ Childcare Act 1991 is signed into legislation

1992 ■ UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is ratified in Ireland



1993 ■ Barnardos National Children's Resource Centre is officially opened by Minister for Health

1994 ■ Barnardos commences Horizons Traveller Training Programme, the first accredited childcare training programme and 17 women from the Travelling community participate and receive qualifications

■ Focus on Children Summit held in Dublin Castle and Stormont – this was a North South Initiative established by 24 child welfare agencies in 1992. Barnardos is joint Chair of the Initiative

1995 ■ Barnardos opens its first centres outside of Dublin in Limerick city and Edenderry, County Offaly

■ Official launch of the Children's Rights Alliance – the Alliance, chaired by Barnardos includes 47 organisations whose aim is to promote awareness on of the Convention on Rights of the Child and seek implementation of the Convention in Ireland

1996 ■ Barnardos opens a national Bereavement Counselling service, Sólás, for children impacted by bereavement

1997 ■ Barnardos opens a Guardian ad Litem service for children

■ TESO Traveller Education & Supports Options Programme formed. This multi-agency programme grew out of earlier preschool work that Barnardos provided via the Barnardos Bus at traveller sites

1998 ■ Barnardos opens Family Support Centres in Waterford city, Tullamore, Athlone, Thurles, Carlow, Cork city and Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10

1999 ■ Southill, Athlone, Ballybeg, Thurles, Cherryorchard, Mahon opened as part of the springboard initiative

2000 ■ National Children's Strategy is published

2001 ■ National Children's Advisory Council established of which Barnardos is a founding member

■ Barnardos Carlow family support service opened

2002 ■ Family Welfare Conference services opened in Cavan/ Monaghan; Meath, Louth, Wexord and South Tipperary

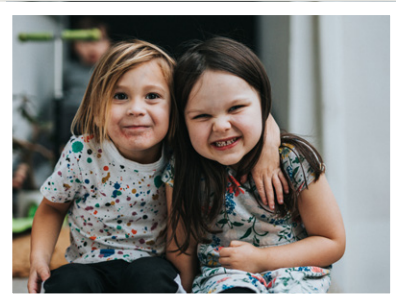
■ Origins, a service for people who spent all or part of their childhood in an Irish industrial school and wish to trace parents, siblings or other relatives, is launched

2004 ■ Barnardos completes a strategic plan 2005 – 2009 with support from Atlantic Philanthropies and One Foundation

■ Expansion into Dungarvan of family support services

■ Office of the Ombudsman for Children is established

■ Barnardos has expanded to 38 project centres located in communities throughout the country, working with 4,803 children and families



2005 ■ Advocacy department set up in Barnardos – first major campaign Seven Steps to Ending Child Poverty is launched

■ New Service Design and Development Team is established, alongside a new Research Department

■ First Back to School Survey is launched

2006 ■ Barnardos calls for referendum to insert children's rights to the constitution

2007 ■ Barnardos secures funding from Atlantic Philanthropies for the Family Support Strategy 2007 – 2011 (later extended to 2015)

■ Family support service opens in Buckingham Street

■ Wexford family support established

■ Barnardos pilots its first Wizards of Words project, a paired reading programme proven to support literacy of young children

2008 ■ A global financial crisis impacts the organization and Barnardos receives a cut in statutory funding – this funding cut is never reinstated

■ First Tender Loving Care (TLC Kidz) domestic violence service in North Tipperary and has expanded nationally since

■ Barnardos opens a purpose built Early Years centre for children living in Knocknaheeny, Cork

■ Tomorrow's Child research report launched by Barnardos

2009 ■ Barnardos launches its twentieth Family Support Centre in Clonmel, Co Tipperary

■ Barnardos pilots Tús Maith curriculum in Early Years Services

■ Report of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (the Ryan Report) published

2010 ■ Barnardos launches its fifth Teen Parent Support Service providing support to expectant teenagers and young parents living in north Wexford

■ Launch of Mulhuddart purpose built Child and Family Support Centre

2011 ■ Delivery of the Roots of Empathy programme commences

■ Barnardos supports 6,300 children and families in 42 project centres

■ Office of the Minister for Children and Young People is established

■ Barnardos Blueprints for Children 2011 – 2016 is developed

