



## Who are we?

The **Irish Heritage School (IHS)** is Ireland's leading facilitator of faculty led community focussed service learning programs. Our mission is to provide university faculty and study abroad departments with an engaging, welcoming and enriching cultural experience whilst serving their host community of **Birr**, in the hidden heart of Ireland's Midlands.

Our programs are built on an inclusive, partnership approach with the ethos that for a program to be successful, it must be of tangible value to the local community. We carefully identify stakeholders and actively engage them in all parts of the process, from design and implementation, to review and adaptation.

# Birr

## What do we do?

We will organise all aspects of your program, from the moment you arrive in Ireland to your departure for home, including:

- Faculty partnered by a dedicated academic leader
- Pre-departure advising and application assistance
- Airport transfers
- Welcome/project packs
- Homestay accommodation and all meals
- Field trips, workshops and lectures
- In-country orientation and welcome event
- 24/7 in-country support team



*Indiana State University's service-learning partnership with the IHS was a model of how service-learning should work. Our projects were planned in collaboration with a diverse group of community partners, the work was meaningful and well-designed, and the students were deeply immersed in the community. The balance of cultural and heritage programming with the service work was just right... it is one of the finest community partners we have worked with over the past decade. We look forward to continuing our partnership with them for years to come.*

**– Dr Nancy Rogers, Vice President for University Engagement and Dr Linda Maule, Dean of the University College, Indiana State University.**



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# FACULTY LED SERVICE LEARNING IN IRELAND

Award winning projects embedded in the local community



*Engage in meaningful service with your host community, all the while immersing yourself in the unique heritage of Ireland*