

# Advocacy

IRVA works together with all stakeholders to help improve road traffic legislation, police investigation and enforcement, and victim support services. We do this work in order to try to spare others.

We are not seeking vengeance or retribution, and justice for us may not mean lengthy prison sentences. Rather, we are looking for details of the full circumstances surrounding our loved one's death and for lessons to be learnt from their untimely death, in order to spare others and prevent a recurrence.

Thorough police investigations form not only the cornerstone for justice, but also serve to inform future road trauma prevention efforts. Our advocacy work in this area is therefore vital, and we are very active both at home and abroad.

Our Chairperson was one of the first Victim Advocates appointed to the board of the Road



IRVA Vigil at Leinster House

Safety Authority by the Minister in January 2018 and is currently serving a second term. The IRVA board meets regularly with both the RSA and the Assistant Commissioner Roads Policing and their teams, and the Departments of Justice and Transport.



On the occasion of the first High-Level Ministerial meeting on Improving Global Road Safety convened by the President of the UN General Assembly, we stand in memory and honour of all of those who have been killed and seriously injured on the roads of the World. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bereaved and the Injured on this time. June 30th, 2022

As a founding member of the International Road Victims' Partnership, IRVA'S Chairperson also attends quarterly meetings of the UN Road Safety Collaboration, which is chaired by the WHO, and contributes to global road safety and victim support efforts through that forum.



IRVA Victims' advocates appointed to board of Road Safety Authority. (L-R) Gillian Treacy, RSA Board member; Minister Shane Ross TD; Donna Price, Chairperson, IRVA and Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson, RSA.



Sam Waide CEO RSA, Asst. Commissioner Paula Hilman AGS, Donna Price, IRVA



IRVA bereaved families at launch of new drink driving legislation by DTTAS & RSA

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# Irish Road Victims' Association



THE HUMAN IMPACT OF ROAD CRASHES

150 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO DIE ON IRELAND'S ROADS IN 2022

THESE DEATHS ARE TOTALLY PREVENTABLE



Our lost loved ones, each one much more than a number to their families, friends and communities. RIP

Registered Charity No. 20100070

# Support

## About IRVA

The Irish Road Victims' Association (IRVA) is the national charity for road victims in Ireland. IRVA assists bereaved families as they deal with the legal processes which follow such sudden and unnatural deaths.

These include:

- The Garda Investigation
- The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)
- Any following Criminal Prosecution
- Any following Civil court proceedings
- The Coroner's Inquest

All of our services are provided free of charge and include:

- a helpline;
- bereavement counselling;
- a guide for bereaved families;
- support group meetings;
- remembrance events;
- educational events and
- advocacy.

## IRVA Helpline

**Our HELPLINE is open 7 days a week.**

**Call or Text: 086 8634194 anytime**

## Support Group Meetings

IRVA holds an online support group meeting on the 1st Wednesday of every month for bereaved families. All families affected by road death and serious injury are welcome and invited to attend. Please email [irva@eircom.net](mailto:irva@eircom.net) and we will send you the meeting link to attend.

## Guide for Bereaved Families

IRVA has developed a guide for families bereaved by road crashes. We encourage you to ask for your copy or to download it from the Victim Support area of our website: [www.irva.ie](http://www.irva.ie)

## Bereavement Counselling

IRVA also offers bereavement counselling and peer support for those in need of assistance following the sudden death or serious injury of a loved one in a road traffic collision.

Please email [irva@eircom.net](mailto:irva@eircom.net) to avail of this service or phone our helpline.

Bereavement Counselling is co-ordinated by:

- Marie Percival, Trauma Counsellor
- Good2Talk Mullingar

# Remembrance

## World Day of Remembrance

Bereaved families come together once a year in Mullingar to collectively remember their loved ones killed on the roads.

This is always on the **3rd Sunday in November**. Details of the event are circulated on social media and everyone is welcome to join us for a light lunch at this sad but unique and comforting event.



To help us in our efforts to keep the precious memory of our loved ones alive and to save lives and prevent further needless death and injury on our roads in their honour, IRVA has created a scroll of photos and has also placed each photo in individual white photo frames. We use these to help raise awareness of the human impact of road crashes and to highlight each precious life lost.



## Memorial Candles

IRVA offers personalised memorial candles to bereaved families in advance of the World Day of Remembrance.

Please look out for these offers on social media.



## Fundraising & Events

Fundraising events are held throughout the year to raise funds for our charity. IRVA provides personalised t-shirts and other materials for families participating in events such as marathons, cycling runs, runamucks and skydives as well as coffee mornings, waxathons, etc. These events help to honour our loved ones' memory while also raising awareness for road safety.

