

Subject: Appeal for Local Accommodation – Can You Help?

To the Kinvara and wider community,

We are reaching out to ask for your help in finding local accommodation for several individuals and families who have been living and working in our community for some time. Due to changes in their current housing situation, they are now facing imminent eviction from the Merriman Hotel in Kinvara and are urgently seeking alternative places to stay.

These are Ukrainian refugees who have built strong ties in our area — working in local businesses, attending local schools, and receiving ongoing medical care. Many have been here for nearly three years and are well integrated into life in and around Kinvara.

We're asking the community to consider whether you — or someone you know — might have any available accommodation, even short-term, to help these individuals and families remain part of our local life. We can assist with the Accommodation Recognition Payment ARP -(a very straightforward process and tax free payment for accommodating Ukrainians) and support with any application processes.

Here's a brief overview of those currently looking for housing:

- Family of four: A mother, grandmother with mobility issues, and two teenage daughters attending Seamount College. The family have a car, which gives them some flexibility, but they are eager to stay locally where the children are settled and receiving support.
- Family of three: An elderly visually impaired woman, her caregiver daughter (who works in Kinvara), and a college student commuting to Galway. They do not have a car, so proximity to services and transport is important.
- Family of three: Parents both employed full- and part-time in Kinvara, and their adult daughter who studies online and is seeking part-time work. (Transport not specified, but likely have a car due to work commitments.)
- Three adults: A woman and her elderly parents, both with significant health needs. The daughter has worked locally for several years. They do not have a car and need to remain near health services, pharmacy, and transport links.
- Family of three: A couple employed full-time in Kinvara and their teenage daughter, studying online and planning to apply to college in Galway. This family have a car and would like to stay close to work and school opportunities.
- Family of three: A mother and two sons — one currently in Seamount College, the other due to start there in September. The mother works locally. They do not have a car and would benefit from being near schools and transport.
- Single woman Working full-time in Kilcolgan. She has a car, offering flexibility in location.
- Single woman Employed full-time in Clarinbridge. She does not drive, so would need accommodation accessible by public transport.

- Single woman Works full-time in Kinvara. She has chronic spinal issues and requires regular medical support. She does not have a car, so housing close to services is essential.

Some of these households are relatively self-sufficient with cars, while others need to remain close to public transport, schools, healthcare, and local employment.

If you think you may be able to offer a room or property — or know someone who might — please reach out. Every lead helps. Maeve Kelly of Failte Kinvara ([maevekelly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maevekelly@yahoo.co.uk)) and Gort Resource Centre (0852022066) can provide further information, advise on financial supports such as the ARP, and assist with applications.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and care.

With appreciation,

[Your Name / Group Name]

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