

MEDIA NOTICE 16/6/16

PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS LAUNCHES WORLD REFUGEE DAY FAIR PLAY FOOTBALL CUP

Who: President Michael D. Higgins launches World Refugee Day Fair Play Football Cup, hosted by the UN High Commission for Refugees Ireland (UNHCR) and Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI) with teams from across Ireland's refugee and immigrant communities.

When: Sunday June 19th 2016, 11am

Where: Law Society Gardens, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.

What: UNHCR and SARI host the 7th annual Fair Play Football Cup to mark World Refugee Day. Over 16 teams representing Ireland's immigrant and refugee communities will compete for the Fair Play Cup. Other entertainment at this free family friendly event includes face painting, juggling and circus workshops. World Refugee Day is held to celebrate the strength and courage of the millions forced to flee their homes due to war or persecution, the solidarity of these countries, including Ireland, who assist refugees, and the contribution refugees make to countries around the world.

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Note to Editors

UNHCR Ireland works to safeguard the rights and wellbeing of refugees, asylum seekers and stateless people in Ireland through the provision of guidance, training and support to the authorities and the promotion of best international standards in legislation, policy and procedures.

Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI) was founded in 1997 to promote and support cultural integration and social inclusion in Ireland and uses sport as a medium to combat racism, sectarianism and other forms of discrimination.