

## International Focus

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Welcome to the Depaul International newsletter. Below are some of the key highlights from our subsidiaries over the last few months, I hope you find it interesting. Thank you again for your support and commitment to Depaul International and it's work with homeless and marginalised people.

### /// Depaul UK breaks World Record



On June 16 2011 Depaul UK staff, volunteers and supporters broke the Guinness World Record for the most number of people solving the Rubik's Cube in one place at one time. The event was held at The Camden Centre in central London and 306 people successfully solved the cube within an hour. The event was supported by Seven Towns Ltd, the company that owns the rights to the Rubik's Cube and they donated £100 for every person that completed the cube, helping to raise over £35K

### /// Depaul Ireland starts work in Derry



Foyle Haven, a homelessness support service in Derry, has amalgamated with Depaul Ireland to ensure their sustainability in a cost effective and impactful way. The organisation has been running for 10 years and offers a range of services for homeless people including a warm meal, laundry facilities and a full health and education support programme. This project will now continue and develop under the management of Depaul Ireland. There was a celebration at an event in Derry on June 23 where the Mayor of Derry welcomed the partnership.

### /// Macon residents help plan Depaul USA's development



A recent community meeting in Macon, Georgia has helped Depaul USA to plan out their development strategy in the area and ensure that local people are on board. As a result of a two month study into local homelessness need and provision the residents announced their intention to work with Depaul USA to develop a day/resource centre for the homeless. The centre will help clients improve their daily living skills and access community services. Workshops will be taking place over the coming months to engage local people with the programme.

### /// Depaul Slovensko clients perform in Bratislava theatre



In partnership with a theatre in Bratislava, clients from Depaul Slovensko's theatre group produced and performed a play over three nights in Slovakia's capital city. From June 10-13 the clients performed a play entitled Spoved (Confession) that follows the lives of five homeless people and discusses the fragility of human life. The play was based on the true stories of those who have used the Depaul services and was written by the clients in the theatre group. The play was a great success and discussions are underway to do a similar run at the theatre next year.

### /// Depaul UK staff member runs 3 marathons in 3 Depaul countries



Ted Haughey, Project Manager of Depaul UK's Simonside accommodation project in Newcastle, took on the challenge of running three marathons in three Depaul countries within just four weeks! He also managed to complete this athletic challenge with a final 10K in Manchester. Ted ran the marathons in Paris, London and Belfast - all areas where Depaul is working, or planning to work - and raised money for the work of the different Depaul charities

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Thanks again for your continued support.

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