



— AMBER WOMENS REFUGE —
*One Million Stars
to End Violence*
— IRELAND —

One Million Stars Ireland

The One Million Stars Ireland project needs individuals, groups and communities to JOIN THE MOVEMENT. The One Million Stars Ireland project is an inclusive community arts project connecting communities across Ireland in solidarity against domestic abuse and all forms of violence. Each eight-point star woven represents light, hope and solidarity against domestic, sexual and gender based violence.

The One Million Stars Ireland project is part of the global One Billion Stars project, founded in Australia in 2012 by artist Maryann Talia Pau after the rape and murder of an Irish woman living in Melbourne. The project was brought to, and is being directed in Ireland by, Art Therapist Siobhan McQuillan and Amber Women's Refuge in Kilkenny. We currently have star weavers in 18 counties who have woven 100,000 stars so far!

★ How do I get involved?

There are three ways to get involved:

1. Star Weave Solo

Weave stars yourself in the comfort of your own home.

2. Star Weave

Host a Star Weave workshop by gathering friends, family, neighbours and colleagues in your home, studio, or workplace. (Covid 19 restrictions Permitting)

3. Star Weave Community

Start a Star Weave Community and coordinate your local community to weave.

★ **Register:** www.onemillionstarsireland.ie and we can link you in with a county coordinator.

Once you have registered to become a Star Weave Community, we will

- include you on the website's Star Weavers Map
- register your county star count for Ireland
- offer support & guidance to help you get started
- send you One Million Stars Ireland logo, promotional posters for social/print media and weaving instruction PDF to send out with weave packs

★ **Exhibit** your stars to end violence throughout your county as we count down to one million stars for Ireland. If each county on the island of Ireland weaves 31,250 stars then we will reach our goal.

Learn How to Weave a Star via our online tutorial at www.onemillionstarsireland.ie

★ Stars can be made from whatever material you have access to, for example, ribbon, paper or old magazines.

Poly ribbon can be purchased online via the following suppliers

www.flowersmadeeasy.ie or www.irishpartysupplies.ie





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What should I do with my stars?

✨ Exhibit your stars to end violence throughout your county as we count down to one million stars to end violence in Ireland.

How Do I Build a Star Weave Community and Reach the Goal of 32.000 Stars per County?

✨ Make a super star team. Explain the project to neighbours, colleagues, friends, and family and invite them to join your star weaving team.

✨ Think about the strengths of the people in your team and nominate roles. There are a number of different roles that people can adopt including ribbon cutting and counting, teaching star weaving, star stitching, helping with installation and exhibitions. Nominate one person to link with your county coordinator.

✨ Link with your county coordinator for hosting workshops, coordination of groups, distribution of ribbon kits, counting and storing of stars, regional what's app groups and exhibition coordinators.

✨ Plan how to reach your goal. Engage partners and supporters by contacting local councils, shops, schools, clubs, youth groups, craft groups, schools, universities and local festivals.

✨ Display Stars in Your Local Community?

You can install your stars in your own community in a suitable safe venue, always link with the Amber Star County Coordinator. Send info of exhibitions to us at onemillionstarsirl@amberwomensrefuge.ie.

✨ Spread the word on social media and distribute posters. Follow and tag
Instagram: @Irelandstarweavers @amberwomensrefuge @weaveonebillionstars

Facebook : Ireland Star Weavers to End Violence - AmberWomensRefuge. Use social media to spread the word.
Twitter @WeaversStar @AmberWomensRefuge Use any of the following hashtags #amberwomensrefuge #irelandstarweavers

#onemillionstarsireland #amberonemillionstars #amberstarhost #weveastartostandagainstviolence

✨ Send us photos of your star progress and star displays and star stories with credits and names to
Email: onemillionstarsirl@amberwomensrefuge.ie. We'll support your achievements by sharing on our socials.

✨ Send press releases to your local media – press / radio - to promote your achievements/work or to recruit more star weavers in your county. We have press release templates that you can adapt for your own use with your local media. Contact communications@amberwomensrefuge.ie for sample press releases.

