



# MEET THE NEIC INTERCULTURAL AMBASSADORS



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The **Intercultural Ambassador Programme** aims to create a diverse network of intercultural ambassadors and encourage active involvement by local people in promoting intercultural dialogue and addressing the barriers to integration in the North East Inner City.

With the programme's objectives in mind, members will:

- Connect with others, share and promote intercultural dialogue and understanding between the many cultures within the NEIC
- Develop leadership skills and inform policy
- Engage members of the community in intercultural work
- Bridge the gap(s) in the provision of resources, opportunities and supports for people from different countries

**16 Ambassadors - Representing 12 Countries – Covering 21 Languages!**

Their focus will include:

- Celebrating diversity through sports, music and other art forms.
- Addressing barriers to Integration for migrant groups such as language barriers, lack of access to information, opportunities and resources.
- Utilising Parks and public spaces

**Meet our ambassadors here:**



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## ANA CLAUDIA PINHO DE MORAES

Ana is Brazilian and has been living in Ireland for almost 7 years. Although she misses the warm Brazilian weather, Ana loves living in the North East Inner City (NEIC), and particularly in close proximity to Mount Joy Square Park. She loves the fact that she can access almost everything by foot and is enthusiastic to work with the other Ambassadors within the NEIC for the greater good of the whole community.



**contribution**



**connectivity**

## ANNA CAROLINA MÖRSDORF

Anna Carolina is proud of her Brazilian, French & German heritage. Anna Carolina moved to Ireland just over a year ago for work and loves the diversity of cultures within Dublin's North Inner City. She particularly loves the engagement of others and is looking forward to her role as Intercultural Ambassador where she wants to facilitate the sharing of ideas and experience among her peers with a vision of inclusivity for all.



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## ANTONELLA SCANU

Antonella is Italian and has been living in Ireland almost twenty five years and is passionate about world music, history, art and unloved period/industrial buildings. She initially came to Ireland to increase her career opportunities but she fell in love with the culture, lifestyle, arts and landscape of this small country which she compares to her native Sardinia. She loves the Irish sense of humour as well as the various accents and dialects and her curiosity of Interculturalism is what inspired her to become an Ambassador.



**curiosity**



**discovery**

## BOLORTUYA DOODAMBA

Bolortuya is Mongolian and moved to Ireland 4 years ago to study. She loves the variety of cultures around her, a stark contrast to her native Mongolia. Parnell Street with its mix of cultures gives Bolortuya a real sense of home. She believes there is lots to discover and is excited for the future and what can be achieved through the Intercultural Ambassador programme not just for society today but for her daughter's generation.



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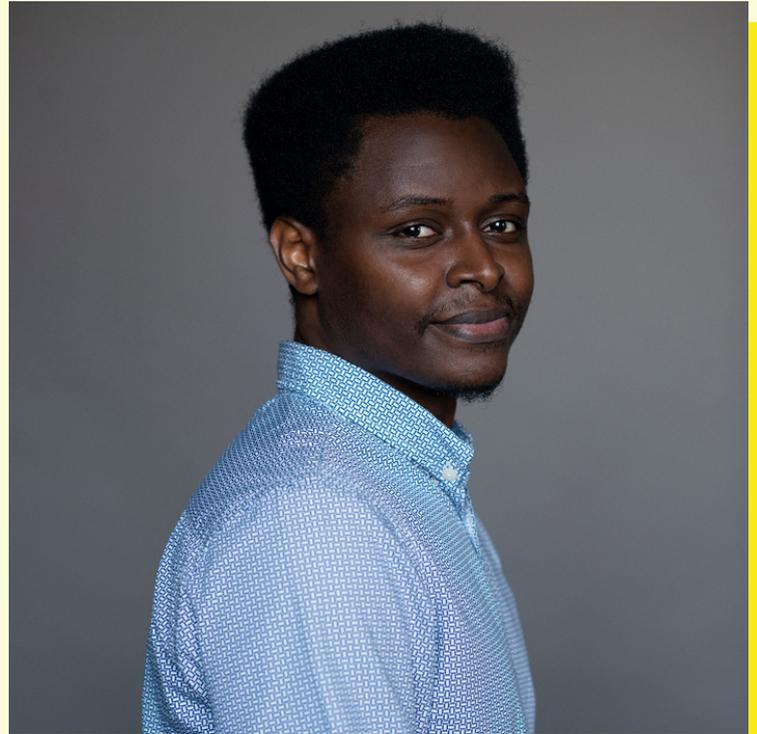
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## DANIEL KAMENYEZI

Daniel is Congolese and has been in Ireland almost 2 years. He arrived Ireland without any English and learned through music and practicing at a Youth and Education service for refugees and migrants. Daniel has found solace in Ireland and feels there is a lot of progress here in terms of education and human rights. His passion for helping others has motivated him to stay positive through difficult times. It is no surprise that Daniel volunteered for the Intercultural Ambassador Programme as he believes everyone's voice should be respected and heard.



**inclusion**



**diversity**

## DANUT NAE

Danut is Roma and has lived in Ireland 11 years. The prospect of employment and a better life for Danut and his family brought him to Ireland and he wishes to promote his culture among not just the Roma community within the NEIC but the wider cultures too. He values the diversity of cultures and their individual language, traditions and cultures and he is excited to be an advocate for the Roma community in particular as part of the Intercultural Ambassador Programme.



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## FABIANA CALABRESE

Fabiana is proud of her Paraguayan, Brazilian and Italian heritage. She received a job offer in Ireland over a year ago and didn't think twice in accepting it. She has always been passionate about social causes and has been involved in intercultural education since 2014 so she sees the Intercultural Ambassador Programme as an opportunity to create connections in her new home and do what she loves. Fabiana loves to sing and dance and although she misses the sunshine in her beloved Rio, she won't let that dull her commitment in creating awareness among her peers of the true value of each and everyone's identity and heritage.



**listen**



**insight**

## GEORGE NJERI

George is proud of his Kenyan heritage and has been living in Ireland for 3 years. He is currently preparing for his Leaving Certificate and when he is not studying he likes to switch off at the Swan Youth Club where he is part of the International Club. George admits he has had many happy and positive experiences since he came to Ireland, however some have not been so pleasant and it is for this reason he chose to volunteer as an Intercultural Ambassador: a position he hopes will give insight, confidence and reassurance to other young people within the NEIC.

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## IBRAHIM S. ROCHE

Ibrahim was born in England, moved back home to the NEIC at five and lived in the USA as a teenager. As a UCD graduate, he took a position with the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia and lived in Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Morocco. He is a community representative for the Anwar E. Medina mosque and the Irish Sufi Foundation and involved in cultural awareness training, environmental advocacy, spiritual wellbeing and addiction counselling. Much of Ibrahim's family continues to live in this 'little village within a city' and he actually loves the Irish weather. He is passionate about the Intercultural Ambassador Programme and firmly believes in the power of engagement.



**engagement**

## JACINTA SILOMA

Jacinta is Kenyan and has lived in Ireland for 18 years. She likes the sense of security Ireland provides as well as the ease of accessibility if she wishes to travel within the City or wider country.

She finds it interesting that not everyone here may necessarily know their neighbours – a contrast to her native Kenya and she wishes to change that through the programme by bringing people together through sports, for example.



**celebration**



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## JOE TREACY

Joe is a proud Irish Man and is very passionate about preserving the culture and heritage of Ireland. In his spare time Joe loves to cruise the canals of Ireland. Joe recognises the increasing diversity of cultures within the North East Inner City and as a native he values that diversity among the community as a whole. Joe wants to welcome the many individuals who bring their own culture and traditions with them and help them feel at home in Dublin.



**guidance**



**information**

## MINGZHU CHEN

Mingzhu is Chinese and arrived in Ireland 17 years ago to study. Settled now with his family, he lectures in Engineering at Technological University of Dublin and believes Ireland provides great learning opportunities for those who wish to pursue their education. Mingzhu wishes to help other migrants settle and embrace all that Ireland has to offer. Through informal engagement, he believes the Intercultural Ambassador Programme can provide valuable resources to those who need them.



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## NATALIA MARMOLEJO

Natalia is a proud Chilean and has lived in Ireland for 5 years. She loves Ireland's ancient Celtic heritage not to mention the 'craic', and like Bolortuya from Mongolia, she too loves Dublin's infamous Parnell Street. Natalia never takes for granted the simple things that, in her native Chile, might not be so easily accessible to her: like books, education, theatre and travelling. Natalia hopes to help remove the barriers between cultures and generate spaces where we can discuss, taste, live and celebrate different communities within the NEIC.



**appreciation**



**building**

## RUQAIYAH SHAHEEN

Ruqaiyah is from India and has spent the last 8 years in Ireland. She loves gardening, reading and building on relationships with existing and new friends. Her favourite place in the NEIC is Mountjoy Square Park. Ruqaiyah prides herself on her problem solving skills as well as friendly charm and wants to welcome and help new cultures settle into life in the NEIC.

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## XIAN GUO

Xian is Chinese and came to Ireland to study 14 years ago and loves the natural beauty of Ireland. Her jobs as a waitress and yoga instructor brings her in contact with people from all walks of life and she appreciates the uniqueness of and importance of culture within society as a whole. She sees the variety of cultures within the NEIC as an opportunity to bring together the many cultures and celebrate each of them collectively.



**collective**



**conversation**

## YVETTE CHEEVERS

Yvette is Irish, loves being part of a group with a common purpose and appreciates how this leads to strong friendships..Living in Ireland for almost three quarters of her life, she loves the nuances of everyday life such as how people who may not know each other can have a full-blown conversation whilst waiting on a bus. Curiosity and conversation comes easy to Yvette and she became a NEIC Intercultural Ambassador to work towards creating colourful community in the long term, achieved through chats and cups of tea. Her favourite thing about the programme so far has been talking to people she otherwise may never have spoken to.



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This programme is about bringing together everyday members of the community from diverse walks of life to learn from each other and become active participants in addressing the issues that concern them. If you would like to find out more, or get involved, please visit [www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie) or contact [joy.eniola@dublincity.ie](mailto:joy.eniola@dublincity.ie)

The Intercultural Ambassador Programme is one of many strategic steps in recognising and embracing the different migrant cultures within the North East Inner City. The programme is supported by Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Taskforce.



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