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As a serving Irish diplomat, as Political Counsellor in London, Philip played a part in the Northern Ireland peace process in the build-up to the Good Friday Agreement. He later served as Head of Mission in India, the Holy See, Finland, Russia, and the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe). Philip has published poetry and works for the theatre, including *The Song the Oriole Sang* (Dedalus Press, Dublin, 2010) and *Gondla, or the Salvation of the Wolves* (Arlen House 2016), a translation of Nikolai Gumilev's Irish-themed play written during WWI.



Roos Demol, a Flemish woman from Cork, mother of 4, has been a passionate advocate for refugees and International Protection Applicants for many years. She is the co-founder and current CEO of International Community Dynamics trading as Recruit Refugees Ireland.

Her past experience as a nurse in the Belgian prison hospital has helped shape her views on life and politics. Roos moved from Belgium to Ireland in 1998 and has a (European) experience of life as a migrant, She has a blog and a podcast, *Migrants in Ireland*, and has been asked on many platforms, such as IHREC, IBEC, Tech4Good, UCC Refugee Week, to talk about the plights of refugees and International Protection Applicants in Ireland.

Roos' motto is to implement change through positive actions. She has been seen on stage with the world music band, Citadel, with residents of the Kinsale Accommodation Centre, and has been seen supporting the KRAC 11 cricket team, also from the same accommodation centre, which she helped form.



Ruairí de Búrca has been Director General of Irish Aid in the Department of Foreign Affairs since 2017, with responsibility for development cooperation and, also, relations with Africa. Prior to this, Ruairí was Joint Secretary to the British-Irish Secretariat in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2014-17).

He served as Ambassador of Ireland to Mozambique, Angola and Botswana (2010-14), and has also worked in the Embassies of Ireland to Mexico, Spain and Greece.

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