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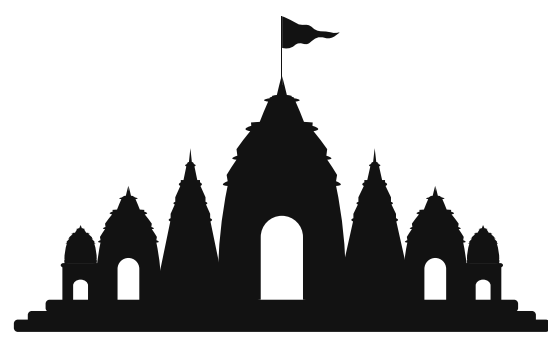
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ISKCON Dublin New Temple Project



Manu Das (Temple President) signing the contract of new land in presence of Office Bearers

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna,
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare |
Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama
Rama Hare Hare

Radharani and Krishna have truly
showered their mercy on us,
helping us step into 2026 with a
Divine Mahotsav!

The news we've all been praying
for is finally here: ISKCON
Dublin has officially signed the
contract for our new land which
will eventually be home to our
Radha Krishna Temple and
Community Center! The
paperwork is with the solicitors
now, and we're on track to have
everything wrapped up by the end
of February.

As we take this massive step, we
remember Srila Prabhupada and
his incredible grace. It was his

compassion that brought the Holy
Name to every corner of the
world, and we feel his guidance as
we finally establish a customised
Temple in the Republic of Ireland.

Thank you to the homes that held
us

Since the early 70s, the Maha
Mantra has echoed through many
doors. We want to honor every
space that helped our community
grow over the last 50 years: The
70s & 80s: From the first small
gatherings in Sutton (1973) to
Rathfarnham and the energy of
Belvedere Place (1978).

The City Center Years: We're so
grateful for our time at Castlefield
House, Dawson Lane, and the
memories from Temple Bar on
Crow Street and Temple Lane.
Our Current Sanctuary: And a

huge thank you to our "Top of the
Stairs" home on Middle Abbey
Street—our heart for the last
twenty years.

Realizing the Vision together

This land is the dream of a
lifetime. It's going to be a peaceful,
self-sustaining sanctuary with a
permanent Radha-Krishna
Temple, a Goshalla for our cows,
and organic gardens—just as
Prabhupada envisioned.

To every volunteer, donor, and
friend: you are the real foundation
of this project. Every kirtan and
every plate of prasadam we've
shared brought us to this
signature. The contract is signed,
the future is waiting, and we can't
wait to step into this new home
with you all.



ISKCON Dublin Distributed 3861 Books During Srila Prabhupada Book Marathon



From left to right: Yulia, Manu Das, Ishwar Puri Das, Praghosa Das, Vimala Devi Dasi



"Yes, we are fighting impersonalism and voidism with pure devotional service. Impersonalism and voidism kills the natural aptitude of devotion which is lying dormant in everyone's heart. Therefore, we are printing books like our KRSNA book so that people may know that the Supreme absolute truth is a person. The perfection of every living creature is to render transcendental loving service to the Supreme person there by go back home back to Godhead. Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita that whoever explains My transcendental glories to others is most dear to Me in this world and never will there be one more dear to Me than him."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to Bhagavan, November 24, 1970).

During the worldwide Srila Prabhupada Book Distribution Marathon 2025, ISKCON Dublin pledged to distribute 1,600 Bhagavad-gitas and joyfully surpassed this goal by placing 1,675 Bhagavad-gitas into the hands of the public. In addition, 2,186 other books by Srila Prabhupada were distributed, bringing the total to an inspiring 3,861 books. This marked a significant 28% increase compared to the previous year's distribution.

It is noteworthy that more than 65% of the books were distributed on the streets. Special emphasis was placed on

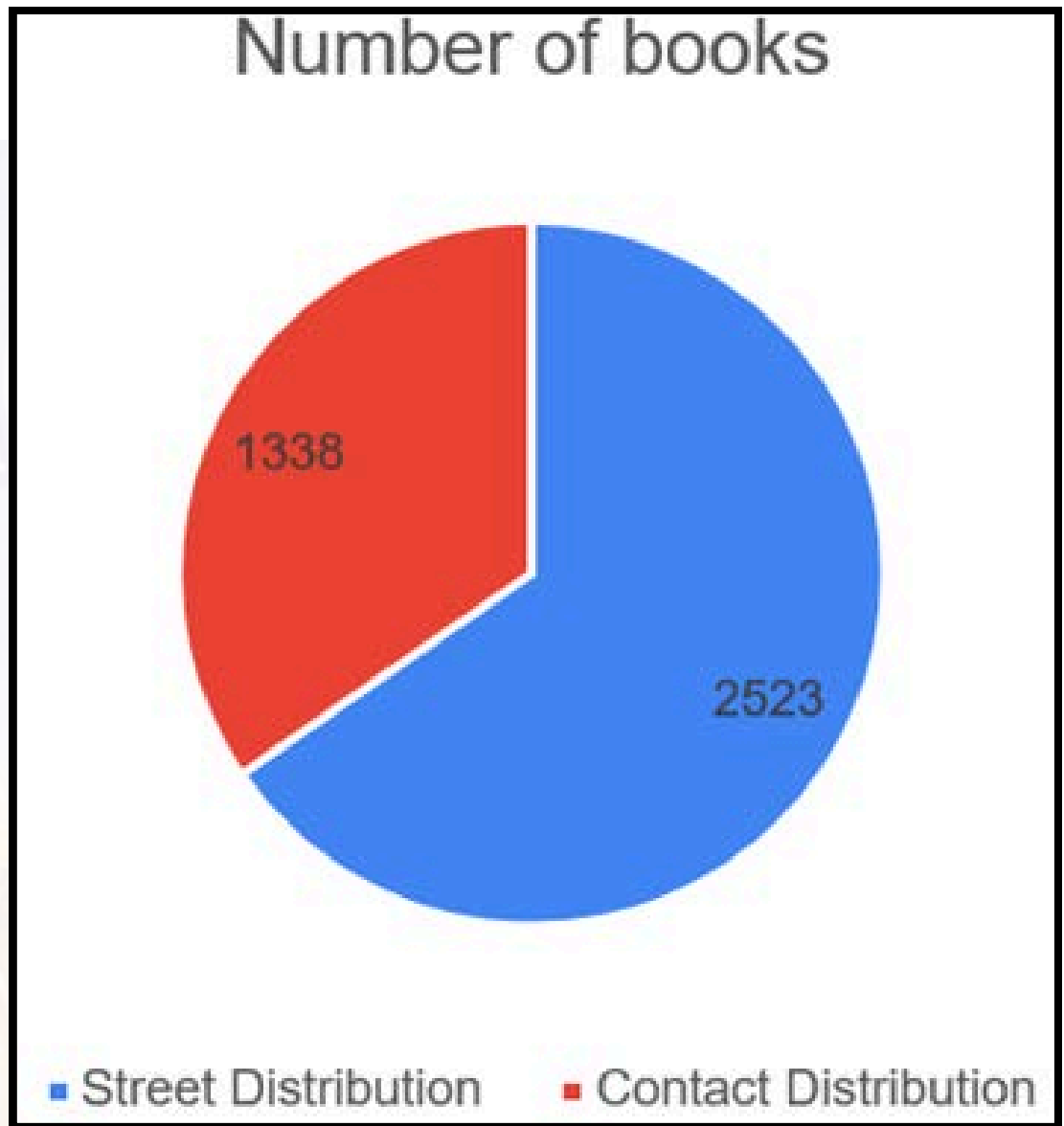
street distribution worldwide, as it remains one of the most challenging forms of outreach—particularly in the West, where cold weather and cultural dynamics can make it difficult to introduce this wisdom to those encountering it for the first time.

This offering was made possible only through the tireless service of the devotees who dedicated themselves throughout the month to book distribution. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the book distributors, who went out day after day with determination and compassion to place Srila Prabhupada's books into the hands of the public.

We also thank everyone who contributed to the marathon in one way or another—by singing in Harinam, playing the mridanga and kartals, lovingly preparing prasadam for the devotees, and supporting the service in countless unseen ways. Our special thanks go to the sponsors, whose generous contributions greatly eased the service of distributing the books.

This entire marathon was inspired and sustained by the daily podcasts conducted by the UK & Ireland Book Committee, which helped keep our hearts focused and our enthusiasm strong.

This joy is not fleeting, nor born of the senses. It is a deep and abiding peace that flows from the sacred pages of Srila Prabhupada's books, carried throughout the world as transcendental sound vibration, touching hearts beyond time and circumstance. Each book lovingly placed into the hands of a fortunate soul carries immense spiritual potency—the power to calm a restless heart, awaken forgotten remembrance of the Supreme Lord, and gently yet irrevocably transform the direction of one's life.





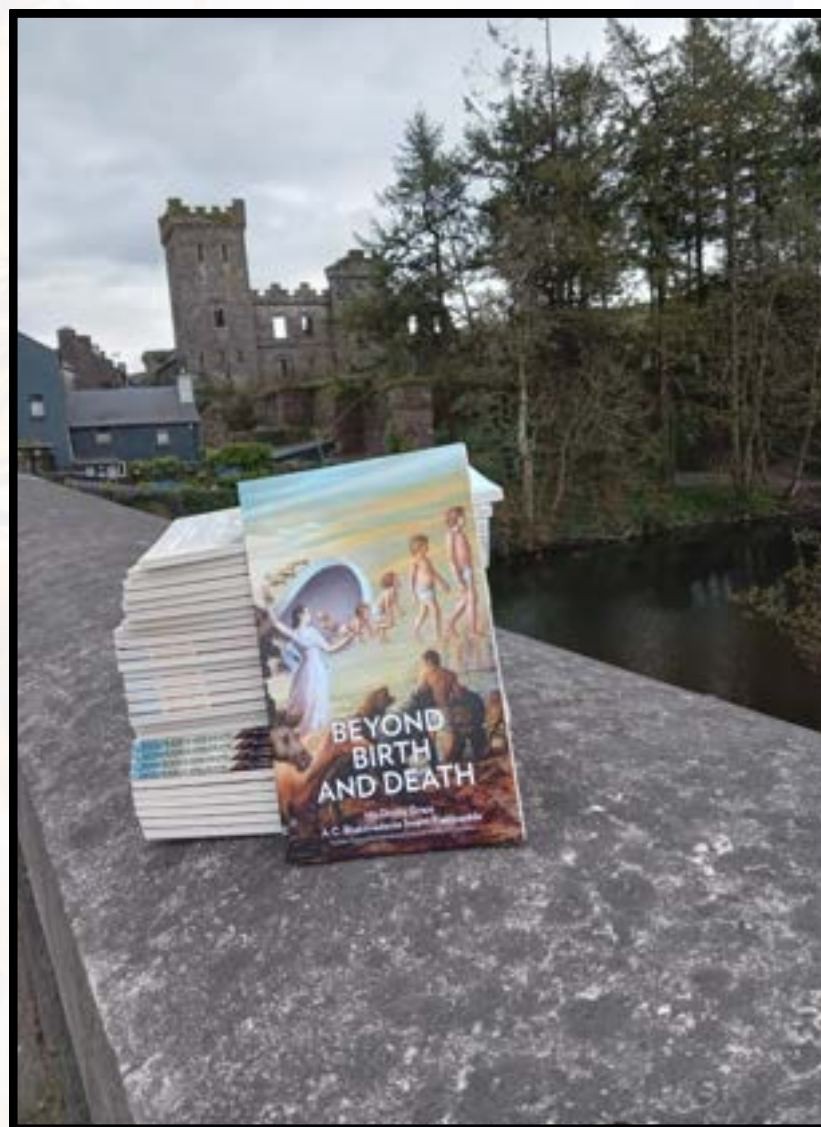
Vimala Devi Dasi distributing Prabhupad's book



Premarnava Das with a SP's book - Easy Journey to Other Planets



Devotees in Street Harinaam Sankirtan



Srila Prabhupad small book - Beyond Birth and Death



Krishna Club's Annual Function: A Celebration of Children's Devotion and Talent



By the mercy of Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga, the Krishna Club Second Annual Function was successfully held on 21st September 2025, creating a joyful and spiritually uplifting atmosphere for everyone present. Nearly 60 children and parents participated, coming from different parts of Ireland including Wicklow, Galway, Cork, and Kerry. Children from the Santana Organisation also joined, making the gathering even more vibrant and inclusive.

The programme was specially designed to bring out the talents and devotional spirit of the children. The inauguration was conducted by Manu Prabhu,

ishani Mataji, Govinda Dasi, and Sanjeeb Prabhu, marking an auspicious beginning to the event. One of the main highlights was the Śrīmad Bhāgavatam Tableau, where children beautifully recited Bhāgavatam ślokas while depicting Navavidha Bhakti on stage. Eighteen children participated in this presentation, wearing different costumes that brought the devotional themes to life.

Another outstanding performance was the children's drama on Lord Krishna lifting Govardhan Hill. The children performed

with great enthusiasm, supported by specially prepared craft work that created a realistic Govardhan backdrop on stage.

The programme also featured a wide range of inspiring performances including Bhagavad-gītā Chapter 12 recitation, Antākṣarī, Balamukundāṣṭakam, group kīrtan, Bhīṣma-stuti recitation, classical dance, and fancy dress. Children trained by ISKCON devotees in mṛdaṅga and harmonium also showcased their musical talents. An Antākṣarī of Bhagavad-gītā ślokas was presented by children from the Santana Organisation.

The event was honoured by the presence of Dún Laoghaire County Councillor Mr Thomas Joseph, who appreciated the spiritual and cultural value of the programme.

A very special moment was the awarding of certificates to 19 children who had memorised 50 Bhagavad-gītā ślokas. All other children received participation prizes. Parent volunteers who support Krishna Club were also honoured with certificates from ISKCON Dublin, and a few parents were recognised for memorising Bhagavad-gītā verses as well.

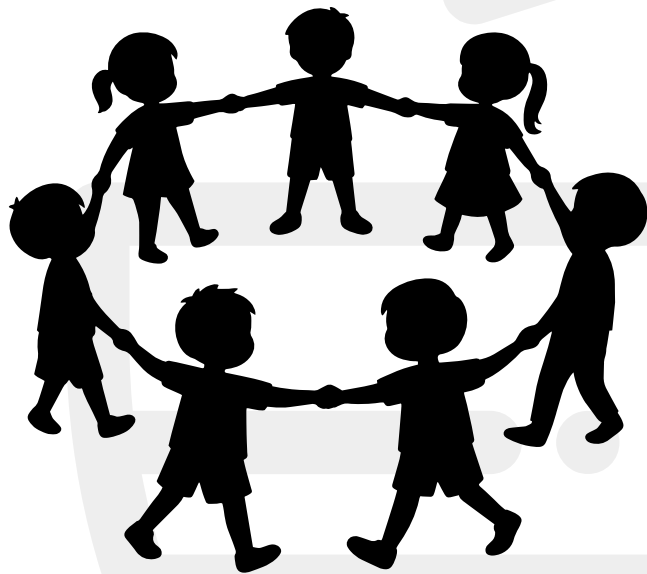
The success of the event was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the children, parents, and ISKCON Dublin, with the support of five permanent Krishna Club volunteers. The club plans to hold more physical programmes and workshops and will also be introducing a Mayapur-based syllabus this year.

With Krishna's mercy, Krishna Club looks forward to many more inspiring and meaningful events in the future.

~Madhvi Manjuhasini Devi Dasi
Krishna Club



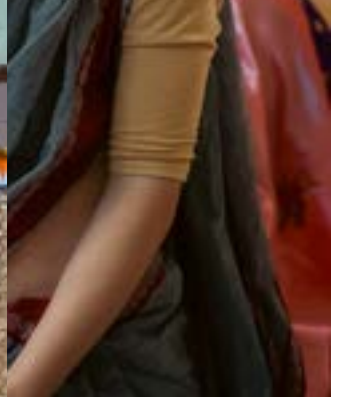
Govinda Dasi with children



Manu Das(left) and Madhvi Manjuhasini Devi Dasi(right)



Dún Laoghaire County Councillor Mr Thomas Joseph (centre) with Sugati Achyuta Das(left) and Abhay Giriraj Das(right)





Expanding Compassion with Food for Life Dublin

Dear devotees,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

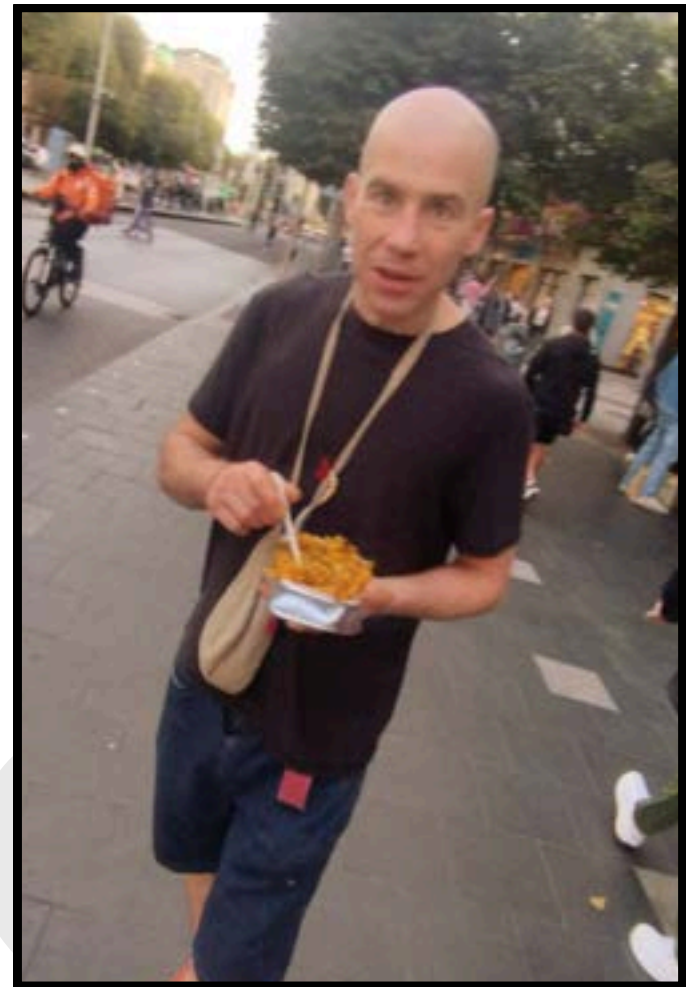
As we come to the end of 2025, we would like to share a brief update on Food for Life Dublin and to thank the many devotees whose generosity and service have enabled the programme to grow so significantly this year.

Food for Life is now serving between four and six nights per week, depending on capacity and need. Since the programme began, a total of **72,031** plates of prasadam have been served, with **62,009** plates distributed during this year alone. We are especially grateful to Kalindi, whose generous sponsorship has allowed the programme to expand so rapidly. We also thank Sanjeeb for sponsoring essential equipment, including distribution carts and urns; Bruna and Saksham for sponsoring an urn; and Vibhor for sponsoring key ingredients, including dahl and semolina flour.

We would like to sincerely thank all devotees who regularly bring offerings to the temple, such as rice, ghee, sugar, lentils, vegetables, and other ingredients,

as well as those who support the programme through online donations or cash contributions. This support is vital to the ongoing distribution of prasadam. Sincere thanks go to JJ for his essential work in the kitchen beforehand and for collecting and bringing a new cart from Swords. We are also very grateful to Aydo for his continued help with cleaning after service, ensuring facilities are left in good order.

This year has also seen important improvements in infrastructure, including a new storeroom and new fridges, helping the programme to operate more smoothly and sustainably. We would like to thank Malati for connecting Manu with both the logo creator and website developer, and to offer special thanks to Manu for taking on this additional responsibility at a very busy time, especially after his successful efforts in orchestrating the purchase of land for a new temple. We also thank Vlad for creating a new Food for Life logo, giving the programme a clear and professional identity. The Food for Life website will be launching soon.



Keith Eustace

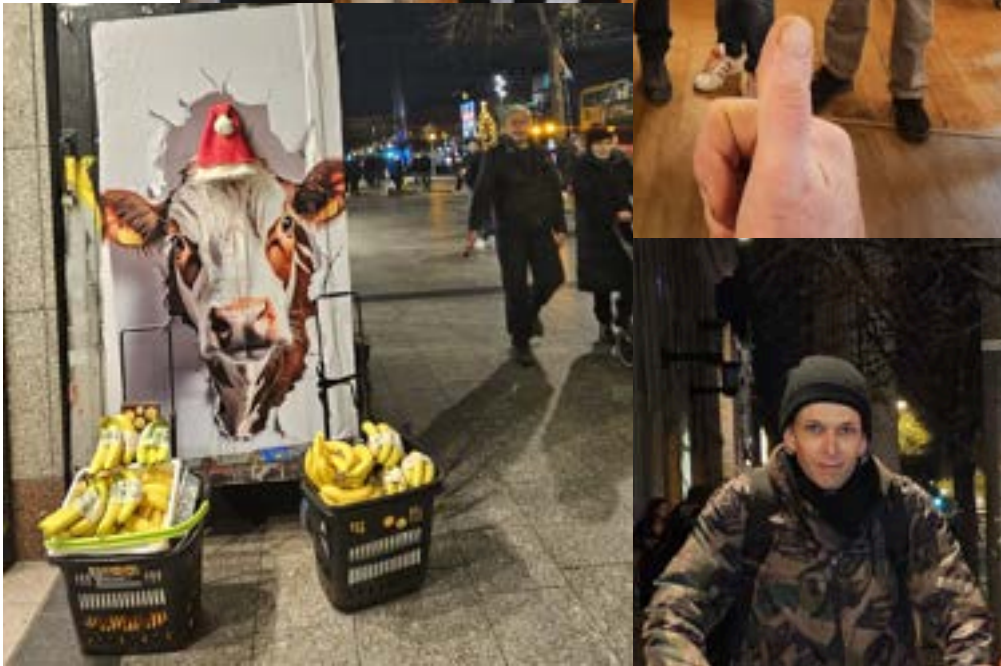
Above all, we offer heartfelt thanks to the many devotees who serve so consistently — those who come two or three times a week, and those who return week after week, making Food for Life a regular part of their devotional routine. This steady, faithful service is truly the heart of the programme.

Keith Eustace
Food For Life Coordinator



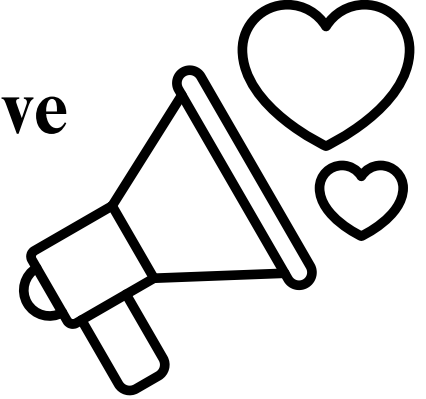


FROM JJ'S JOURNAL





Four Years of the Sunday Love Feast: Growing in Devotion, Community, and Service



Every Sunday, the ISKCON Dublin temple comes alive as a vibrant hub of spirituality, joy, and community through the Sunday Love Feast. What began as a small gathering has now completed four beautiful years of continuous service, devotion, and growth, blossoming into one of Dublin's most cherished weekly spiritual events. Today, the program warmly welcomes an inspiring 150–170 participants each week, a testament to its deep impact on the community.

Rooted in the vision of Srila Prabhupada, the Sunday Love Feast continues to offer a complete spiritual experience. The evening opens with uplifting kirtan, where heartfelt chanting fills the temple with positive energy and devotion. This is followed by an insightful Vedic discourse, providing practical wisdom for modern life and helping attendees reconnect with their spiritual purpose. Marking this four-year milestone, ISKCON Dublin is also launching an exciting new initiative for those with a passion for cooking. This program invites people who love to cook—or wish to learn—to become actively involved in preparing and offering prasadam to Lord Krishna. More than just cooking, it is an opportunity to



Attendees at Sunday love feast Program

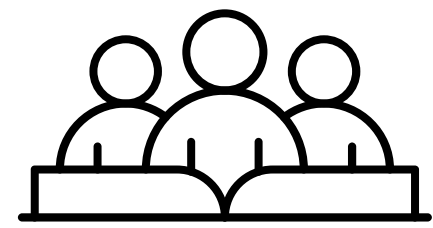
practice devotion through service, teamwork, and creativity in the kitchen while nourishing hundreds of visitors each week.

The lovingly prepared prasadam remains the heart of the Sunday Love Feast—offered first to Krishna and then shared with everyone, it nourishes both body and soul. With this new cooking initiative, even more people can now

become part of this sacred offering and contribute to the growing spiritual family. As the Sunday Love Feast enters its fifth year, it stands not only as a weekly gathering but as a living, growing movement of devotion, service, and community—bringing people together through chanting, wisdom, and now, the joyful art of cooking for Krishna.



A Quarter of Sādhana, Youth, and Outreach in Bhagavad Gītā Āshraya



Bhagwad Gita Ashray Group devotees in Galendalough

The Bhagavad Gītā Āshraya group has enjoyed a deeply fulfilling quarter marked by sincere service, heartfelt study, and dynamic outreach, all aligned with Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Each activity carried a compassionate and uplifting spirit, strengthening devotees while extending the message of the Bhagavad-gītā to new hearts.

One of the most inspiring developments has been the growth of the youth preaching initiative, Young Warriors, guided by Abhay Giriraj Das. Through his dedication, teenagers now experience a safe, encouraging environment where they gain confidence, clarity, and joy through Lord Kṛṣṇa's teachings, offering great hope for the future. held every morning from 5:00 to 5:30 AM from April to December.

Led and coordinated by Krishni, this unwavering sādhana was made possible by the devoted readers: Geetanshu, Ramya Sita Dasi, Chandrashekhar Das, Aman, Guru Charan Das, Anuradha Priti Devi Dasi, Jyoti, Bhaktin Aishani, Bhavna, Laura, and Giridhari Das. Their steadiness ensured that Śrīla Prabhupāda's life and mission entered our hearts daily.

From Makar Sankranti 2026, the group will begin reading Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, complementing the ongoing Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam readings after Maṅgala-ārati. As HG Abhay Giriraj Prabhu noted, Bhāgavatam is Kṛṣṇa's heart, while Caitanya-caritāmṛta reveals His mind—together offering a complete devotional harmony.

Outreach flourished through the Think Gita initiative led by

Chandrashekhar Das and Giridhari Das, attracting participants from Germany and Africa with its accessible, interactive approach. Preaching also expanded to Cork, where a joyful house programme sparked strong spiritual interest.

This quarter beautifully demonstrated that when devotees serve with unity and sincerity, Lord Caitanya empowers every effort to share Kṛṣṇa consciousness.





Sattva Circles in Cork: Building a Growing Gītā Community



Chandrashekar Das giving sattva circle sessions in Cork

Over the past month, the Cork outreach has been steadily growing and gaining wonderful momentum. Using the Cork Ratha-yatra on Saturday, 2nd August as a natural bridge for outreach and community building, we launched Sattva Circles in Cork—a welcoming

space for young people to come together for Bhagavad-gītā-based discussions on karma, relationships, emotional well-being, and a sattvic lifestyle. By Kṛṣṇa's mercy, we have connected with many new seekers and created meaningful spaces for reflection and spiritual nourishment. Devotees from Cork, Limerick, Kildare, and even Germany now join the weekly online sessions, with 15–20 participants regularly attending, including three from Germany.

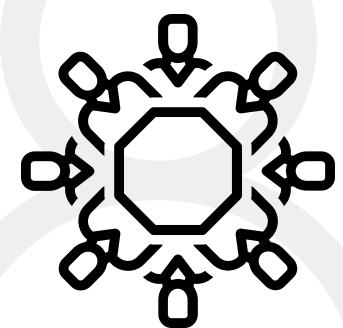
So far, we have completed four weeks of the Discover Yourself course with enthusiastic students and young professionals. Each chapter of the Gītā is studied over two weeks, using acronyms to understand its essence, followed by breakout-room discussions with introspective and practical

questions. The interactive format has been warmly received, and many participants are now preparing to continue with the Think Gita Circles programme starting this September. We are also excited to host our first in-person Cork gathering on 14 September, offering association, reflection, and prasādam.

We are deeply grateful to our mentors and well-wishers, and to all devotees supporting this service through weekly sessions and ongoing connection via WhatsApp and Zoom. We humbly seek the blessings of the Dublin yatra as this outreach continues.



Giridhari Das during the online session





About a Devotee → From a Devotee



I have been following the Krishna Consciousness Movement since 2014, when a family friend organized a Bhakti Vriksha program at their home in Sahibabad, Delhi NCR. I had the opportunity to attend, and although I was initially reluctant—believing that anything related to Bhakti might be a waste of time and energy, but my wife and daughter were deeply inspired and insisted on continuing with the program. Their sincere desire and enthusiasm gently compelled me to join them.

Three women have played a pivotal role in guiding me toward spirituality: my mother Kla Devi, my wife Svarupa Devi and my daughter Sabri. My mother was a devoted follower of Sri Ram. Even when I was not inclined toward the path of Bhakti, she would often encourage me to visit the temple and offer prayers whenever possible. Over time, I came to realize that it was her heartfelt desire and prayers that led me to connect with devotees through the Bhakti Vriksha program and discover the true purpose of my life.

By Krishna's mercy, I received initiation (Diksha) in 2022 from His Holiness Gopal Krishna

Goswami Maharaj, who later instructed me to serve the local temple and its community of devotees.

With the support of my wife, Svarupa Devi, I have been hosting Bhakti Vriksha programs at our home, where a group of aspiring devotees gathers to chant the Holy Name, discuss Vedic philosophy, and relish Krishna Prasadam (food offered to the Lord), as recommended by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Through Bhakti Vriksha, our group strives to cultivate a spiritually uplifting, positive, and Krishna-conscious environment that empowers us to face the challenges of material life.

After moving to Ireland in 2017, I was blessed to stay at the Sri Panch Tattva Temple in Dublin for four months. That period was truly golden for me, as I lived among Krishna's devotees who lovingly guided me in serving the temple deities before and after my office hours.

I would consider it a great blessing from Lord Krishna to contribute in any way to the establishment of a new Vedic temple in Dublin.

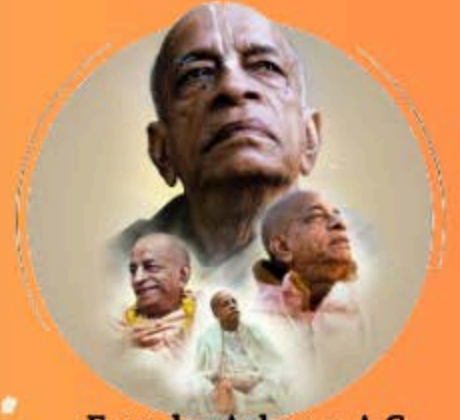
It has long been my sincere aspiration to actively promote Krishna Consciousness in



**HG Sudarshan Vasudeva Prabhu -
ISKCON Dublin Director with his wife
HG Svarupa Tulsi Mataji**

Himachal Pradesh—a region once respected as the land of saints, but now increasingly distanced from its spiritual heritage, with a noticeable shift toward non-vegetarian practices.

----Jai Srila Prabhupada---



Founder Acharya A.C.
Bhaktivedanta Srila
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SRILA PRABHUPADA BOOK MARATHON

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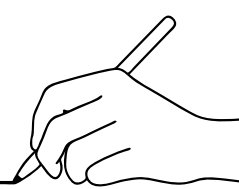
18th Jan 4pm Onwards at ISKCON Dublin

Graced by **HG Praghosa Prabhu** (ISKCON GBC for UK and Ireland)
HG Manu Prabhu (ISKCON Dublin Temple President) and other
senior devotees.



Devotees who distributed Srila
Prabhupada's books from the Dublin
Congregation will get special gifts

EDITOR'S COLUMNS



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Very Happy Krishna Conscious New Year to everyone. This January 2026 edition of the ISKCON Dublin Newsletter arrives at a time filled with gratitude and quiet wonder.

We are especially inspired by the growing reach of Bhagavad Gita Ashraya and the Sattva Circles in Cork, showing that sincere inquiry into Krishna consciousness is awakening far beyond our temple walls.

What makes this so moving is that it is happening through ordinary people offering their time, care, and hearts. A shared verse, a thoughtful conversation, a warm welcome, a plate of prasadam—these quiet acts are carrying extraordinary spiritual weight. They are touching lives, healing confusion, and opening doors to a deeper connection with Kṛṣṇa.

As you turn these pages, may you feel connected to this living current of devotion flowing through our community.

May this newsletter not only inform you, but also remind you that every small offering, when made with devotion, becomes part of Lord Caitanya's greater plan to bring light into the world.



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We wish everyone a very happy Krishna Conscious new year 2026 to our avid readers. We hope and pray that everyone is keeping themselves together for this new beginnings and new challenges of this year. We are here again with our new 7th Edition of ISKCON Dublin Newsletter while stepping into the start of this year 2026.

As we open this 7th Edition of the ISKCON Dublin Newsletter, we do so at a truly historic moment for our yatra. With the signing of the land contract for our future Radha-Krishna Temple and Community Centre, a dream cherished since the early days of Harinam in Ireland has taken a powerful step toward becoming reality. This milestone reflects not only determined leadership but the quiet, steady sacrifices of countless devotees whose prayers, service, and generosity brought us here.

This edition beautifully captures how that same spirit of dedication flows through every part of our community. From the distribution of 3,861 books during Srila Prabhupada's Marathon, to the growing compassion of Food for Life Dublin by distributing more than 62000 plates of prasadam in 2025.

This newsletter is not just a record of activities, it is a celebration of how Krishna is guiding us forward, step by step, together.

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