

# Amplifying Voices

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# Background of Amplifying Voices

In 2021, Development Perspectives organised a pilot project called 'Amplifying Voices'. This was an online storytelling training course aimed at migrants that wished to learn about storytelling principles, creative approaches to creating stories and skills related to diverse methods of telling stories (e.g. podcasting). The result of the project was a series of 7 podcasts that were produced in which the participants of the training course told their stories of integration and/or resettlement in communities throughout Ireland.

Having received an Aontas Star award in 2022, Development Perspectives received funding through the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's International Protection and Integration Fund to host a second edition of Amplifying Voices. However, for this edition the scale of the project has increased with face-to-face workshops in our offices in Drogheda and the inclusion of photography skills as another medium for participants to share their stories.

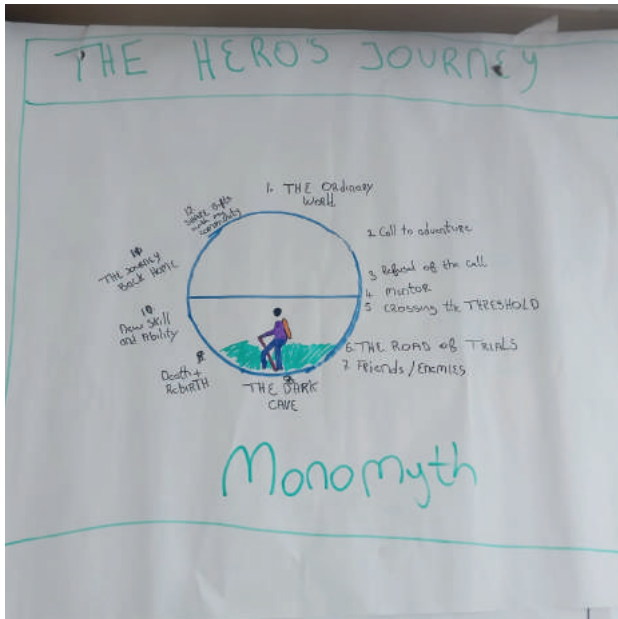


Caption: July 2023, Drogheda. Participants of Amplifying Voices exploring the Hero's Journey.

# Activities

Participants developed skills in relation to storytelling, podcasting (editing and production) and photography skills by taking part in workshops facilitated by experts in these areas. They then applied these skills by developing their own stories via podcasting and or a photography storyboard. Within the next pages of the booklet, you will find the final photo-based stories of two of our dedicated participants, Tulip and Ira.

**We hope you enjoy!**



Caption: July 2023, Drogheda. Amplifying Voices.



An aerial photograph of a coastline, showing a dark landmass on the left and a lighter, possibly water-filled area on the right. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

# A New Chapter

by Iryna Vdovenko



YOU WON'T CROSS THE OCEAN IF YOU DON'T FIND  
THE COURAGE, YOU'LL LOSE SIGHT OF THE SHORE.





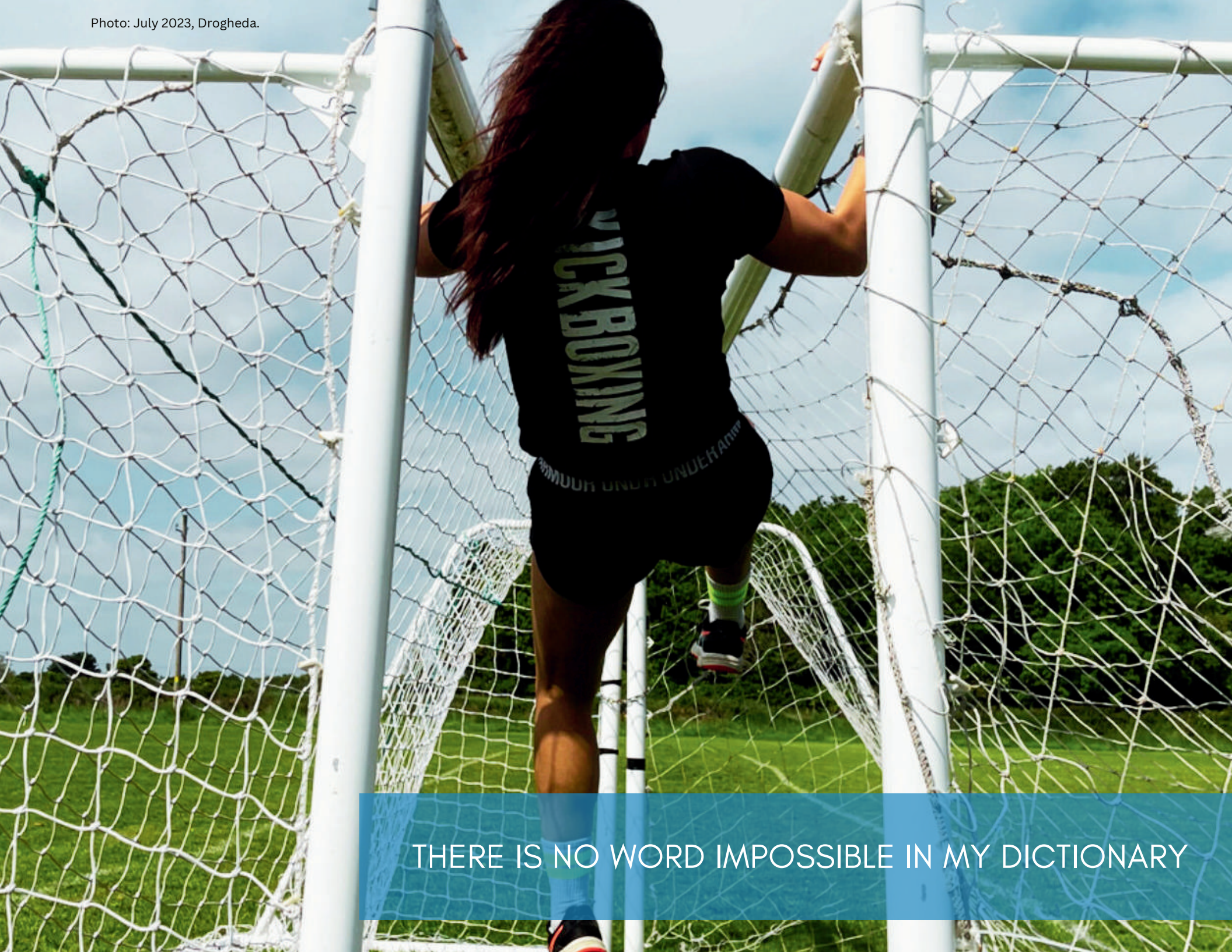
THE ARRIVAL OF POSITIVE ENERGY





Photo: July 2023, Gormanstown





THERE IS NO WORD IMPOSSIBLE IN MY DICTIONARY





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda





THE PATH TO A NEW GOAL

Photo: July 2023, Drogheda





Photo: July 2023, Gormanstown





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KICK BUTT IN MY LIFE

UNDER A HOUR UNDER

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THE BEGINNING OF A NEW STORY







A group of people is holding a large rainbow banner. The banner has the word "Drogheda" written on it in a large, white, serif font. The background is a blue-tinted image of the banner and the people holding it.

Drogheda

A large, solid red heart shape is centered on the page. It is semi-transparent, allowing the background banner and text to be visible through it.

Love is Love.

by Soe Nandar Htun



## Soe Nandar Htun (aka) Tulip

### *Artist's statement*

In my photography, I explore the humane support of the minority and show solidarity in the diversity of our society. The colorful photographs of mine tell the story of minority group LGBTQ + community and their demand for equal rights.

The photographs highlight the beautiful moments of the Drogheda Pride 2023 Parade that was held on the 22nd of July. My photographs embrace people of different ages from various backgrounds and locations that support LGBTQ + rights. It is crucial to make sure that no matter what gender(s) you identify with, you are entitled to equal rights with no gender discrimination, and you can fall in love with any human being that choose because Love is Love.





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda. Patrick Blue, Grand Marshall, Drogheda Pride.





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda.





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda. Brody Lyons





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda.





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda.





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda, Christina Matthews





Photo: July 2023, Drogheda.













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