



The Amber Star Project - information Sheet

The One Million Stars to End Violence project needs individuals, groups and communities to join in the **Amber Stars Project**. The One Million Stars to End Violence project was created in 2012 by Australian artist Maryann Talia Pau, What began as a personal response to the murder of an Irish women in Melbourne Australia grew into an international star weaving movement. Each star symbolises light, hope and solidarity against violence. Until November this year, there were no star weavers in Ireland. Led by art therapist Siobhan McQuillan, Amber Womens Refuge launched the One Million Stars @irelandstarweavers in Nov 2019 in Kilkenny..

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

How do I make a star?

Learn how to make a star by watching the tutorial video at www.onemillionstars.net when you register we will send you a PDF iweave instructions and info to get you started

Stars can be made out of whatever material you have access to, for example; ribbon, paper or old magazines. Poly ribbon (45 mm) can be purchased online on the following website:www.flowersmadeeasy.ie or call ask for Graham or recieve discount when you register as a customer and use the code. AMBER

What should I do with my stars ?

If each county in Ireland weave 31,250 stars then we can reach

One Million Stars to End Violence for Ireland

Register with us at info@amberwomensrefuge we will link you with a county coordinator.

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

What skills do I need to start a Star Weave Community in my county?

Anyone can start a Star Weave Community, all you need is:

- An understanding of the Amber One Million Stars to End Violence Project
- Some practice at star weaving (see tutorial video on www.onemillionstars.net)
- A group of people to help you form a team to get the project rolling.





How Do I Register a New Star Weave Community?

Register your Star Weave Community or DONATE visit : www.onemillionstarsireland.ie

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. Nominate one person to link with your county coordinator.
- 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 (Find 100 people to make 100 stars or 200 to make 50 stars, etc).
- Spread the word and distribute our posters and follow and tag @Irelandstarweavers on Instagram. Use social media to spread the word. Link with your county coordinator for hosting workshops, coordination of groups distribution of ribbon kits, counting and storing of stars regional WhatsApp groups, exhibition coordinators.

How Does the One Million Stars to End Violence Project Support Star Weave Communities?

Once you have registered to be a Star Weave Community, the following support will be provided:

- One Million Stars to End Violence logo and Amber Womens Refuge logo
- Promotional poster to use on social media and print media. Weaving Instruction PDF
- Join Instagram @irelandstarweavers and post up your star progress and photos of county exhibitions.
Follow on Ireland Star Weavers to End Violence Facebook page
- Email Siobhan : artsreachireland@yahoo.com

Can We Display Stars in Our 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 exhibition and star numbers to info@amberwomensrefuge.ie. Send and post photos and tag on social media see below.

How Do I Promote Our Star Weave Community on Social Media?

Social media is a great way to spread the One Million Stars to End Violence message around the world.

- Send photos of your star progress and star displays and star stories with credits and names to Instagram: @irelandstarweavers @amberwomensrefuge @onemillionstarstoendviolence
- Facebook : Ireland Star Weavers to End Violence. Twitter @WeaversStar Use any of the following hashtags #amberwomensrefuge #irelandstarweavers #onemillionstarsireland #amberonemillionstars #amberstarhost #weavestartostandagainstviolence

