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# Ireland Vinayaka Temple

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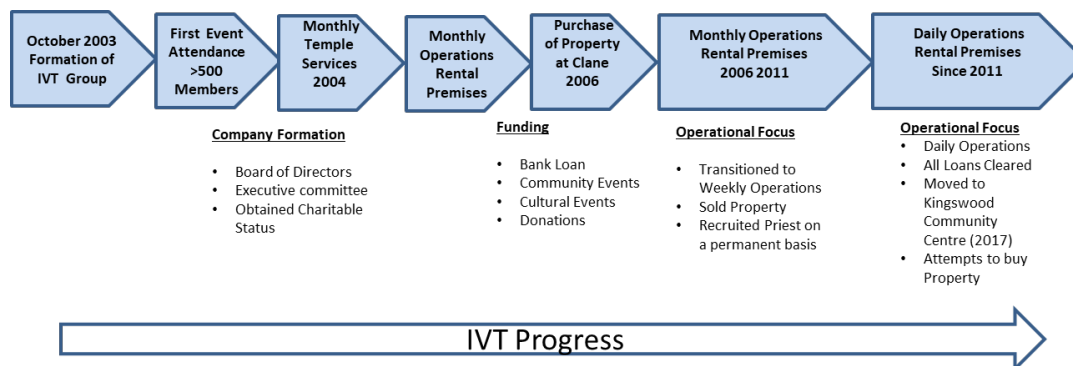


## 1. IVT Overview

### 1.1 Progress

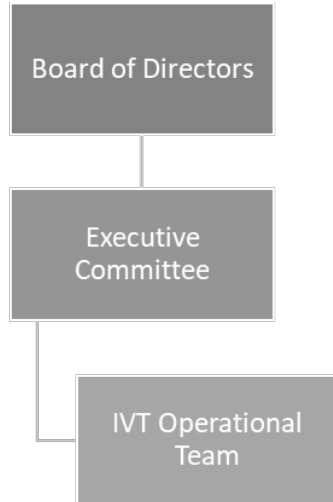
Ireland Vinayaka Temple (IVT) Company Limited by Guarantee is a registered charitable organisation which started its operations in April 2004. IVT was conferred with charitable status by the revenue department on 30.06.2004. IVT serves the local community for spiritual and cultural needs with a view to establish 'a Community place including a place of worship for the Hindu community living in Ireland. The community comprising families from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius, South Africa, UK, USA and other parts of Europe living in Ireland. IVT's primary objectives are:

- Promote an understanding of the teachings, Philosophy and culture of Hinduism.
- Facilitate engagement of Hindu religious and cultural activities in Ireland
- Aid understanding of Hinduism to the interested wider Irish community and
- Provide means to cultural and religious integration within the society.
- To contribute to the community by religious integration & promote universal brotherhood and promote cultural, education and well-being activities as part of the overall vision of IVT
- Spiritual Activities (Bhajans, group prayers, medications etc.)
- Promote Indian Languages to Children
- IVT being a charity, to support and promote charity activities to the support community in local and needed countries
- Build, Maintain and operate a Vinayaka Temple for the community.



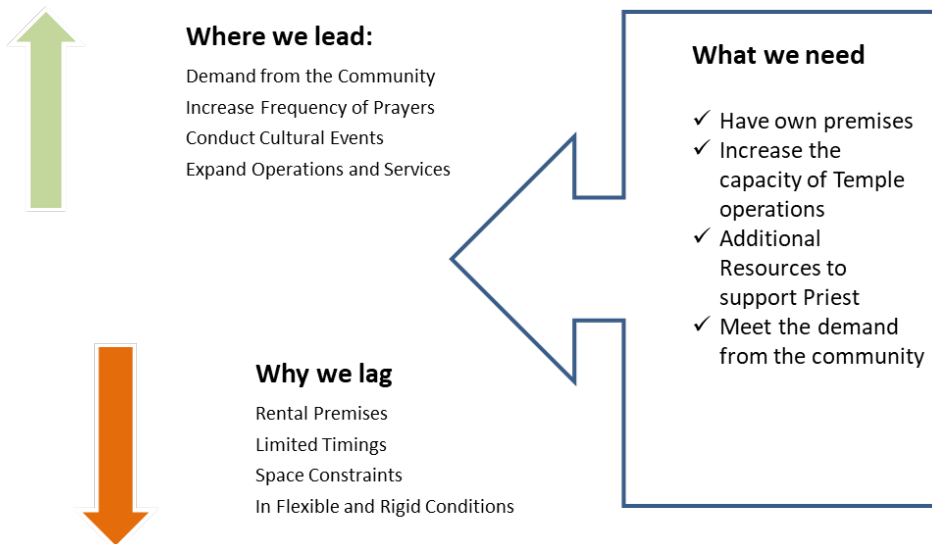
All the temple activities are carried out by executive committee members, volunteers from the community and IVT expects these to be continued. Over the years, IVT's feedback has been one of tremendous support to its objectives and there has been a consistent demand to increase the level of service from the organisation. At present all its prayer meetings and socio-religious functions are held daily to serve the needs of growing population of Hindus in Ireland, hailing from countries as diverse as India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, Nepal, UK, USA, South Africa and Ireland among others. Although precise figures are not currently available, it is believed that on a very conservative estimate, between fifty to sixty thousand Hindus are resident in the country at present.

## 2.4. Organisation Structure



## 1.2 IVT – Where, Why, and What

As an organisation serving the community with consistency IVT has grown rapidly in the past sixteen years. The visibility and direction is clearly set within the organisation and the choice to have own premises has a strong desire with the organisation and from the community.





### **1.3 Information Technology and Tools**

**Salesforce.com:** Salesforce.com has offered us to use 10 full licence account as part of their campaign of promoting non-profit charity organisations to use their product at no additional cost to IVT. All email campaigns, surveys, member updates, new member registrations are done through Salesforce.com. Salesforce.com also offered us to use internal domain secured website for publishing the content on IVT's new devotional products, marketing campaigns, event registrations, generate email templates to suit our operating model with inbuilt templates used for charity organisations.

IVT maintains its own website and also uses social media such as Facebook to campaign its activities.

### **1.4 Community support**

We have around 2000 people who are registered with us and support us regularly. This number is increasing regularly. It not only comprises of Hindus from India, but also from various other countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, UK, Ireland, Nepal, South Africa, Mauritius etc., There is also good support from the Irish community.



## 1.5 Key Highlights

### 1.5.1 Temple Operations

- Daily temple operations, Priest performs the devotional services and chants special prayers for individuals and families.
- IVT temple facilitates special devotional services on occasions (Specific days during some months) or festival days or On important days such as New year and festival days
- Facilitates Indian classical Dance classes, Indian classical singing including children activities
- Facilitates individual and family requests to conduct private prayers such as naming ceremony (i.e., christening) house warming, and other Hindu rituals)
- Facilitates request for Wedding rituals through priest services requested
- Request for private prayers and special prayers at temple premises from devotees
- IVT conducted special prayer requests as requested by members in Dublin County and other counties. Also number of schools conducted tours to the temple bringing the students.

### 1.5.2 External Activities

- IVT hosted its flagship cultural event “Laya” on number of occasions during these years.
- Participated in interactive sessions with county council for the awareness of Hindu traditions
- Participated in schools initiatives to educate the students on Hindu culture
- Regular participation in Multi faith community based programmes organised by the Department of Integration and Culture.
- IVT successfully organised fund raising events to support Tsunami victims in the year 2004.
- IVT made applications to various county and city council requesting them to zone an area for the purpose of facilitating a place of worship.
- IVT participated in the Festival of Lights (Diwali) celebrations in RDS, IVT participation was to promote the religious aspects of the Hindu belief.
- DCU – Interfaith centre through culture and integration – workshop – update with brief description
- IVT made representations to various county council and to the political bodies for assistance in the identification and provision of a permanent place of worship

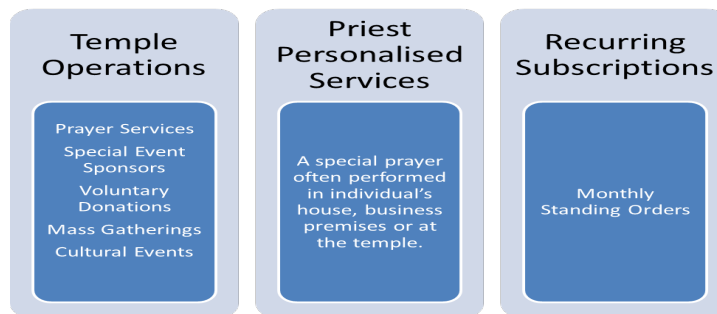


## 1.6 IVT Funding

The funding of the IVT activities is primarily achieved from the subscriptions and donations made by community on a regular basis. The operations as described above have been carried out on the strength of these donations, IVT balance sheets demonstrate such strengths and support from the community as it is evident from the audited figures which can be obtained from Revenue/CRO services. IVT regularly files all the information to Charity Regulator and are up to date in its filing. IVT's reliance on the community support has been very positive since its inception and all the board members, committee members and operational volunteers do selfless service to the community. IVT employed Priest is a well known to the community and also to various organisations where he attended as a representative of Hindu community living in Ireland.

## 1.7 Financial History

### 1.7.1 Incoming Resources



✓ In addition IVT also receiving tax claims from Revenue from the donations made by the members.

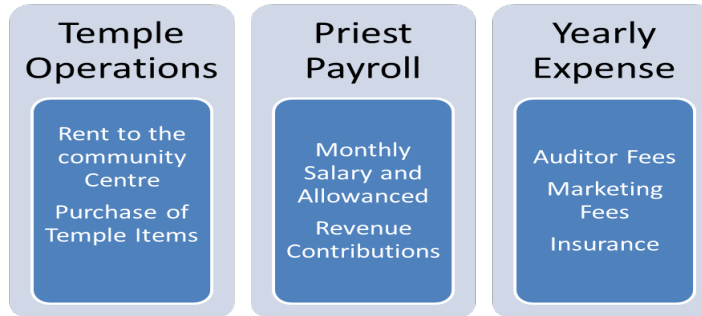
### 1.7.2 Donations information at the temple

Rituals	Description	Payments Method
Archana	A short ritual conducted by Priest to the visitor on request and a small donation is received against this service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cheque payment payable to Ireland <b>Vinayaka Temple Limited</b></li><li>2. Direct transfer to the bank</li><li>3. Standing orders</li><li>4. On-line real time payments via debit and credit cards.</li><li>5. Paypal payments</li><li>6. Cash dropped into Hundi placed at the temple (Accountable annually)</li></ol>
Abhishekam	Special Holy services to the Lord on Saturdays and on special Days. Donations are received from members visiting the temple	
Other Rituals	Short rituals are conducted by priest for specific requirements	
Plate Money	Offered to Priest and Temple Voluntarily by Devotees	
Hundi (Collection box)	Voluntary offerings by Devotees	





### 1.7.3 Resources Expended



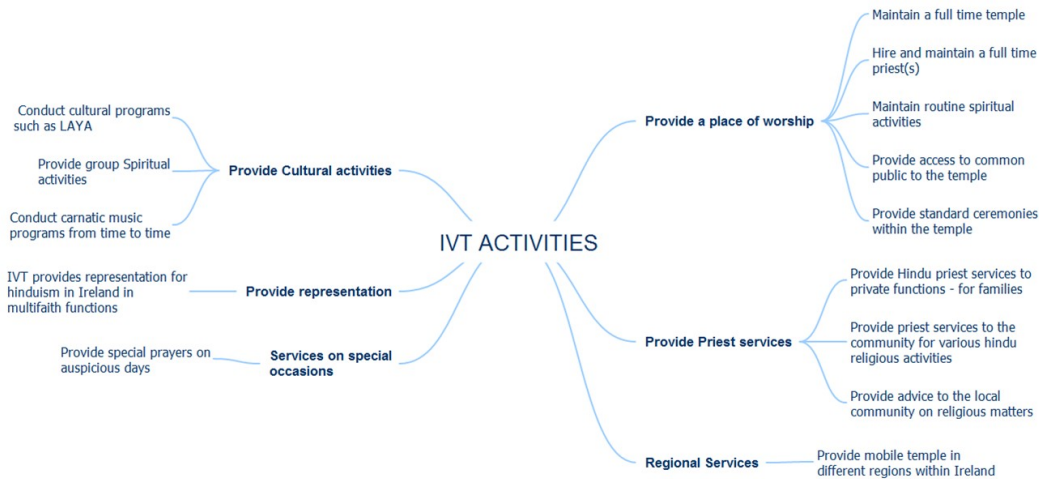


## 2. Operation model

A significant change in the IVT operation took place in 2011 when IVT moved from monthly to weekly and daily operations. Moving operations to daily had a positive impact and gave flexibility to devotees to visit at their convenience

IVT commenced its daily operations on September 1st, 2011 at Ballyroan Community Center and then IVT shifted its operations during 2017 to the current location Kingswood Community Centre, Kingswood, Tallaght Dublin 24. This was achieved through the appointment of the first resident Hindu priest in Ireland Mr. Muthukumarasamy Renganathan. Our priest apart from presiding over the daily temple in Community Centre premises has also conducted community prayer meetings in various parts of Dublin as well as in Galway, Cork & Limerick. He has also conducted Hindu ceremonial prayers in a number of member's residences. His service has helped IVT make progress towards its objectives and tremendously benefitted the Hindu community in Ireland

### 2.1 Summary of current activities



### 2.2 Limitations

- Opening and Closing timings
- Limited time for operations
- Not all the Attendees are catered for the need
- Restrictive conditions for IVT type of operations at the community centre
- Dependencies on Community management and staff



### 3. Future operating model

As indicated above due to the limitations in current operating model IVT is not able to expand its operations and provide more value-added services to its community. Hence, it is decided to purchase a property where IVT can conduct its activities and satisfy the Cultural, Religious, and Social needs of the community. IVT proposes to use the property for carrying out the following activities:

- Increase the prayer frequency and conduct special gatherings
- Use the venue as a place to get-together during auspicious days to greet each other and spread peace and harmony.
- Setup a small library area which will provide information on Hindu culture and Arts
- Facilitate for Yoga, classical dance, music & Meditation classes

**Note:**

1. Our current temple operations 7 days week, circa 1 hour in the morning and an average of circa 1 hour in the evening with extended timings during weekends. Once we procure a property, the temple operations continue for a longer duration during the day and weekends.
2. The number of devotees currently provides a regular subscription.
3. New events such as “Weddings and special gatherings” can be attracted as these types of events are currently not possible due to restrictions in the current rental model.
4. Private Pooja Services (Priest visiting to Devotees houses or other community events)  
The following table outlines the private Pooja analysis between 2016 and 2019.

Year	2019	2018	2017	2016
Private Pooja numbers	98	109	110	73

2020 and 2021 seen these services to be cancelled or minimised or restricted due to Covid situation but these requests have started normalised back again during 2022 and in the current year.

5. Temple operations are open for all the community and there will be no restrictions for attendance and praying. Temple seen the communities from outside of Indian Origin visiting and conducting prayers regularly from the Local community



## 4. Conclusions

Considering the number of years IVT gained and with previous experience of dealing on IVT buying the property, IVT is confident to take up the responsibility. With no red lines on IVT credit history and strong administration in place to run the operations, IVT expresses its confidence that it is on a strong platform with community support and continuity of its operations. IVT will be happy to provide answers to the questions which are not addressed in this document. Please visit IVT website [IVT.ie](http://IVT.ie) for further information on IVT operations and opening hours etc.,

## 5. Annexure

### Pictures from Existing Operations (Kingswood Community Centre)







## School Visits to the Temple



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**Special Occasions (Festivals etc.,)**

