

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

I am always really enjoying meeting people having the same values for life and trying to do something good for other human beings. Thank you Colleen and Claire! to do so with this welcoming cosy space. As long as you are standing, give a helping hand to those who have fallen." Sophia, Oct 2024

Obrigada for EVERY knowledge, and lessons. I'm grateful for the support conversations & friendships. I wish you all the success. FÁILTE IN THE FÁILTE! MARIANA 2024.

What a joy to meet & work with such inspirational and genuine people! Clare x

Aidan B



Merci pour cette belle expérience avec vous! I had 2 amazing weeks at the Fáilte Centre! Wishing you the best Noa

Thank you for creating such a beautiful space to learn and grow. It was a gift to be part of it

Lots of love, America

SO PROUD OF YOU GIRLS! AN AMAZING & INSPIRATIONAL PLACE. I WISH YOU EVEN FURTHER SUCCESS! ALANA



I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. The time I spent here, meeting so many different individuals, was so meaningful to me. I truly wish you all the best for what is coming next.

Forever grateful, Lola

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2024 IN REVIEW

The Fáilte Centre in Athens, Greece is thriving! In 2024, our second full year of operation, we focused on:

- stabilising our Education and Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Programmes by continuing to offer individualised and tailored English lessons, Professional Preparation sessions, Safe Space and Children's Area activities, as well as Individual Support Sessions;
- adapting our programming to meet the needs of individuals through volunteer-led initiatives, including establishing an online music programme, offering new language sessions, and hosting special events for children and adults; and
- focusing on connecting with like-minded organisations as an extension of our mission, including our new on-the-ground partner, Global Connect Courses.

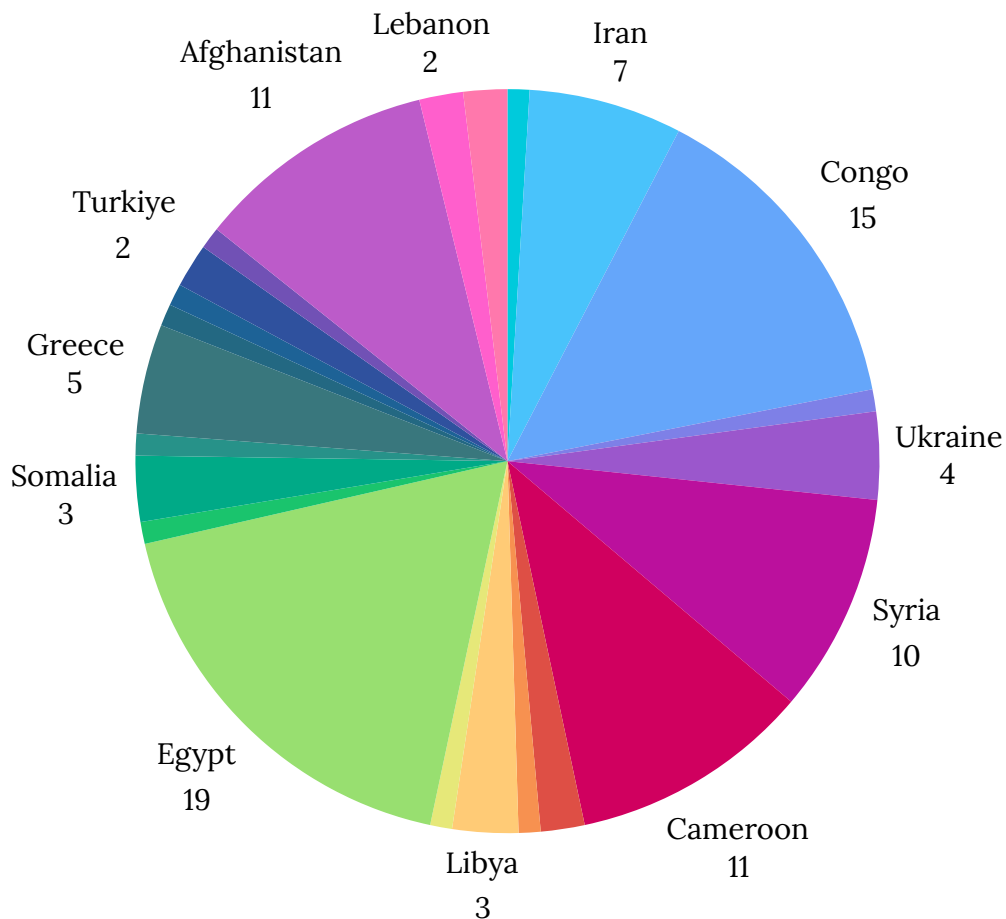
We are particularly proud of the relationships we have built with those who come to Fáilte; in fact, over 20% of our visitors in 2024 had also come in 2023.

As we look forward to 2025, we hope to continue offering long-term, consistent and quality programming to individuals in Athens, Greece.



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

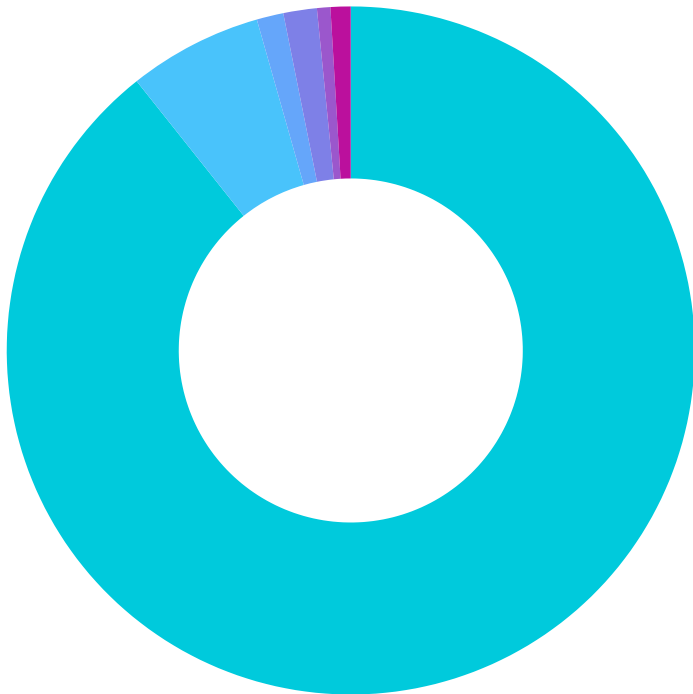
Total Unique Visitors to Fáilte in 2024: 74 adults and 31 children



In 2024, a total of 105 individuals used our Education and MHPSS Programming at Fáilte. These individuals came from 23 different countries, with the majority from Egypt, Congo, Afghanistan and Cameroon, with ages ranging from 18-month-old triplets from Congo to a 70-year-old woman from Iran.

OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Group English sessions
6.3%



Individualised English sessions
89.3%

Individualised English sessions remained the most popular Education Programme activity, followed by small group English sessions. Thanks to a generous donation of educational materials, Fáilte students are provided with brand new workbooks, notebooks and writing utensils. In terms of our Professional Preparation sessions, University Writing Support was the most popular, followed by CV-making sessions, computer literacy and English language exam preparation sessions. Here, **Andreea from Romania** leads a CV-making session.

Education Programme Totals:

- 63 students (25% returning and 75% new)
- 377 Sessions



Thanks to our diverse community of volunteers, we were also able to expand our language sessions to include French, German, Greek and Spanish. All new teachers received training sessions on both facilitating lessons and planning curricula in order to support their classes. On the right, **Jaime from Spain leads a one-on-one Spanish class.**



FIGURE 1: PERCENTAGE OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE SESSIONS OFFERED AT FÁILTE

In 2024, 17 students participated in 58 one-on-one and small group French, German, Greek and Spanish lessons. Of these four languages, German was the most popular class for Fáilte students.

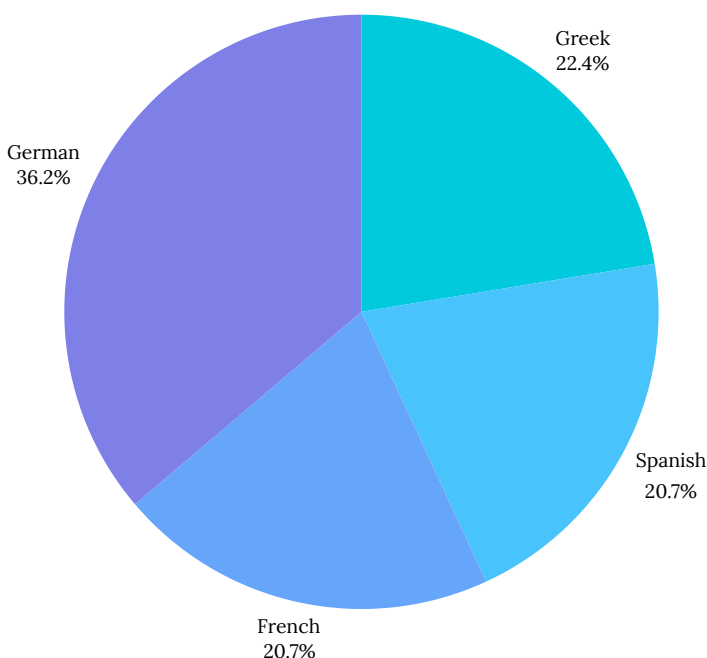
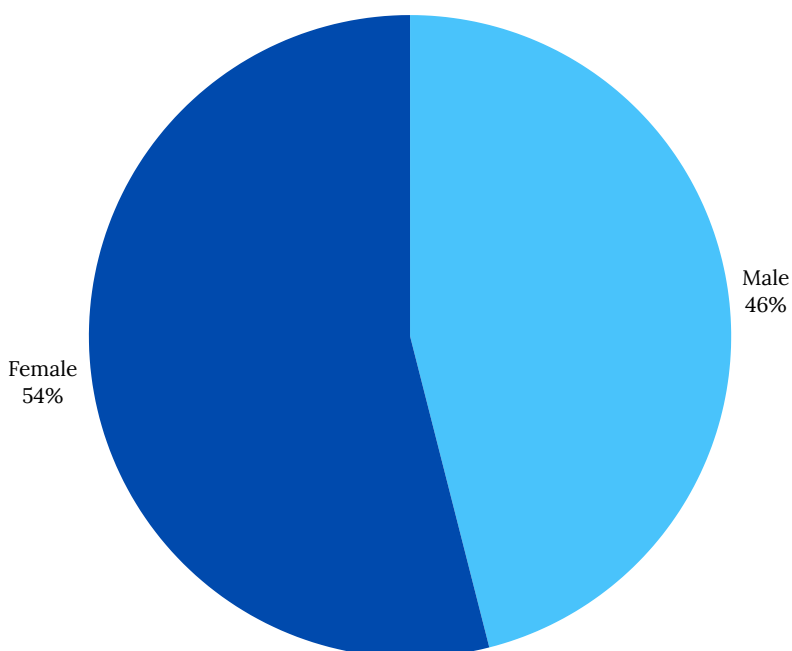


FIGURE 2: GENDER DISTRIBUTION OF FÁILTE STUDENTS

A little over half of the students in our Education Programme identified as female, while a little less identified as male. These students ranged in age from 10 years of age to 70, from countries including Afghanistan, Congo, Egypt, Palestine, and Somalia.



WORDS FROM OUR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

Thank you for letting me
be part of this project!
This place and you girls are
truly inspiring. ♥️
-Pahaka

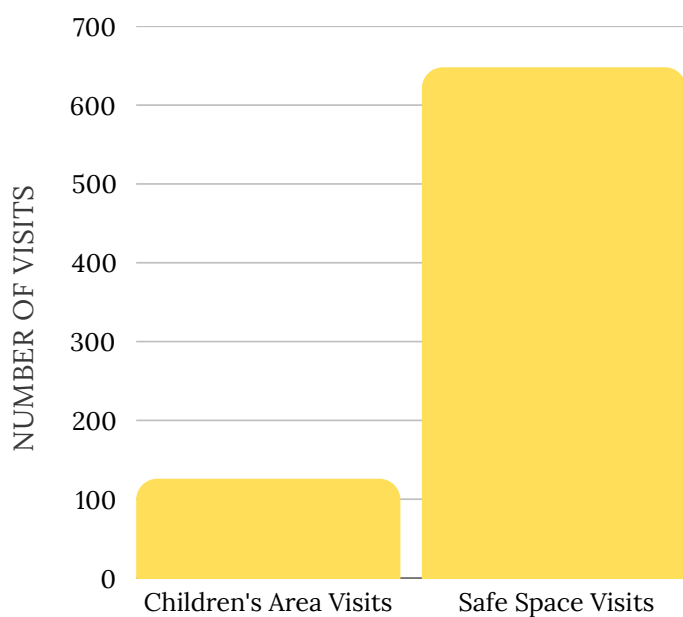
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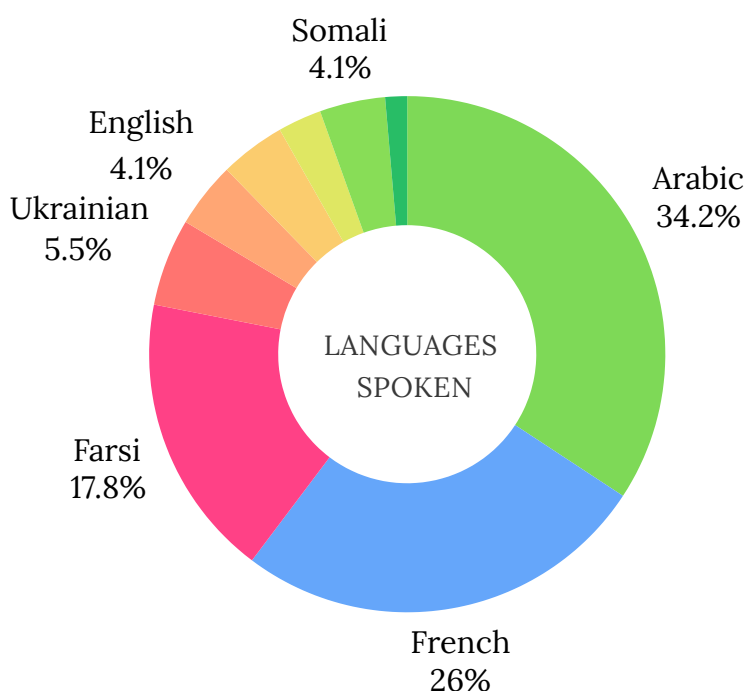
Thank you for
welcoming me into
your beautiful community ♥️
-Narmer

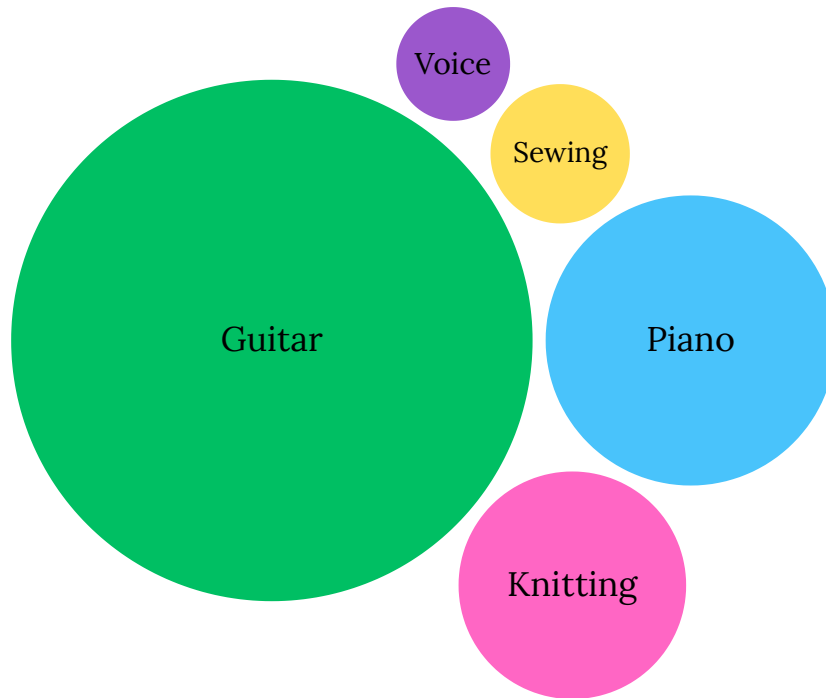
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OUR MHPSS PROGRAMME



Our Safe Space continued to be our most popular activity in our MHPSS program with 105 individuals (adults and children) engaging in our Safe Space, Children's Activities and Individual Support Sessions. In 2024, our Safe Space had 648 visits and our Children's Area had 126 visits. Our Individual Support Sessions focused on trauma and integration into Greece. 100% of participants identified as Female and sessions took place in English.





Our Safe Space activities in 2024 included knitting, sewing, chess as well as an expanded Music Programme. In fact, music was one of our most popular Safe Space activities, with almost 60 individual music lessons taking place where students had the opportunity to learn guitar, recorder, piano and voice.

We also held a dedicated Music Week as part of the annual Refugee Week Greece event, where students tried new instruments such as trumpet and clarinet. We observed the importance of music as part of psychosocial support and building positive coping mechanisms among our individuals.



WORDS FROM OUR SAFE SPACE VOLUNTEERS

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. The time I spent here, meeting so many different individuals, was so meaningful to me. I truly wish you all the best for what is coming next.

Forever grateful, Lola 

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS WONDERFUL PLACE!
IT IS TRULY VISIBLE THAT EVERYBODY IS ENJOYING THE CENTER.
ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS WHERE
TALKING *




Thank you for creating such a beautiful space to learn and grow. It was a gift to be part of 

Lots of love,
America

Such a wonderful place! Good Luck and well done for making a loving and beautiful community!

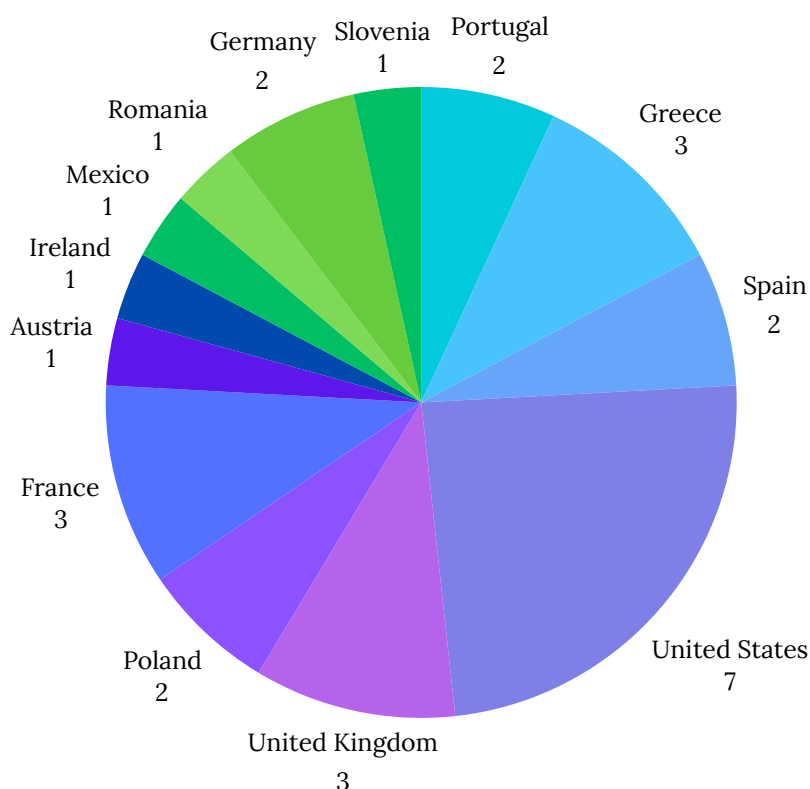
love,
Portia

OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Thanks to the variety of talents, skills, and incredible leadership of our volunteers, we were able to offer special events for children at Fáilte, including a music-filled week to celebrate Refugee Week Greece 2024, a juggling workshop, parent-child English literacy sessions and a special theatrical performance with music and dance.



OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY



In 2024, 29 volunteers from 14 different countries supported the work of Fáilte. This included leading language lessons, facilitating art or music workshops, and sharing their passions and skillsets with the Fáilte community. One volunteer, our Fundraising Intern, supported our work remotely. Two volunteers from the U.S. used their experience at Fáilte in order to fill graduation requirements for their university degrees.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS



This year we welcomed two new partnerships: Global Connect Courses and GlobalGiving. Our partnership with Global Connect Courses, which supports refugees with receiving a General Education High School Diploma, includes tutoring and university preparation sessions, all of which are held at our Centre. We were also accepted as a partner on the GlobalGiving platform, which allows us to connect with donors and fundraising opportunities, including matching incentives on special donation days around the world. We are also grateful to continue working with our previous partners from 2022 and 2023, including local organisations and supermarkets, which provided us with vouchers to use for essential items.



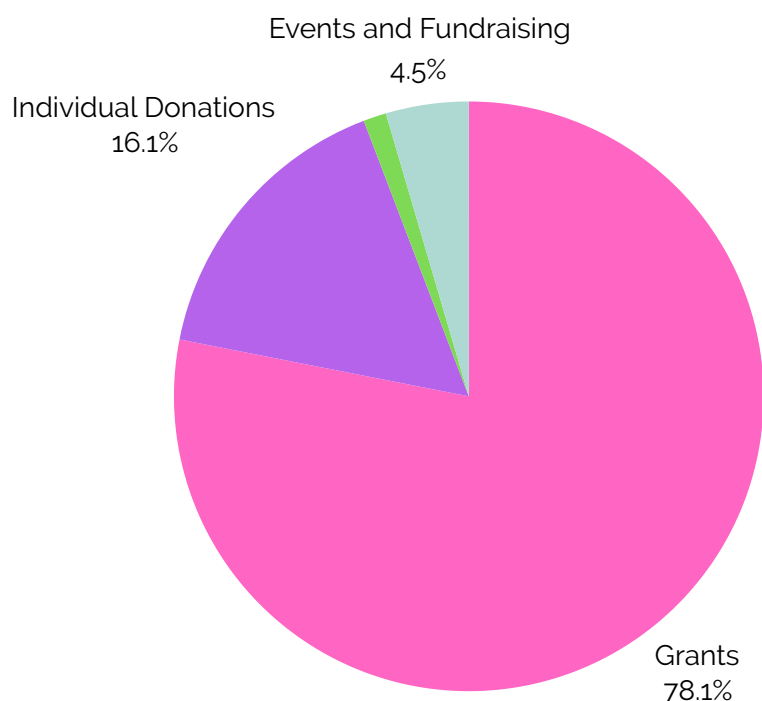
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Βασιλόπουλος
...και του πουλιού το γάλα!



OUR FINANCES

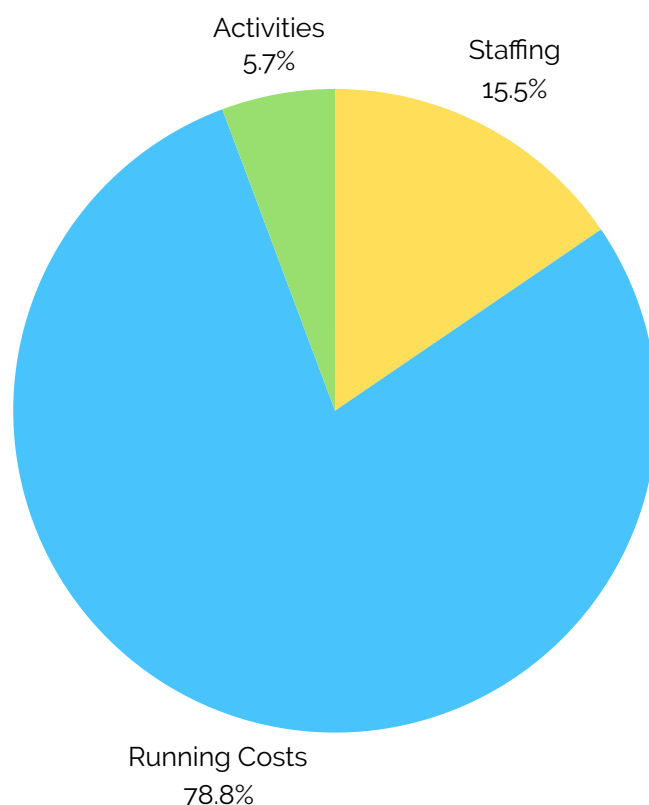


2024 Income: €23,901.71

The majority of our income came from grants, two of which were new this year. We also participated in two GlobalGiving campaigns, which increased our individual donations this year by 8.7% compared to 2023. We are immensely grateful to all of our donors, who have allowed us to continue providing a welcoming and safe environment.

2024 Expenditures: €20,439.06

At 78.80%, our expenditure of running costs (e.g. rent, electricity and WiFi) continue to be our main expense. Providing a safe, warm and comfortable physical space is at the heart of what we do; therefore covering these costs is essential for us in continuing to provide a welcoming centre in Athens.



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**THANK YOU
FOR BEING A PART OF
THE FÁILTE COMMUNITY!**

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