



THE IRELAND FUNDS FLAGSHIP INVESTMENTS GRANT ROUND

EXTRAORDINARY INVESTMENT IN EXTRAORDINARY ORGANIZATIONS

In 2014, The Ireland Funds' inaugural Flagship Investment Grant Round enabled The Worldwide Ireland Funds to support seven outstanding organizations throughout the areas of arts and culture, community development, education and peace and reconciliation.

In 2015, The Worldwide Ireland Funds were delighted to offer a second Flagship Investment Grant Round, awarding larger amounts of support to help organizations scale up program reach, achieve greater financial sustainability and become impactful leaders in their field.

Over 200 organizations submitted letters of inquiry for Flagship funding. Of those, a final 25 applications were selected and invited to submit a full application. Following review, eight organizations were selected and invited to present to a panel of judges in the National College of Ireland in September, 2015. The judging panel consisted of Ireland Fund Board Members John Crimmins and Trevor Ringland; Ireland Fund Young Leader George Dargan and Director of The Ireland Funds, Caitriona Fottrell.

Through much deliberation, six organizations were each awarded Flagship Investment commitments of €50,000 over the course of two years. These six organizations have been identified as having particular impact in their fields and have all demonstrated innovation and effectiveness with prior Ireland Funds' support they have received.

IT IS OUR DONORS' GENEROSITY THAT ENABLES THIS GREAT WORK AND THE IRELAND FUNDS LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING YOU UPDATES ON THE REACH OF THAT GENEROSITY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED FOR 2015 FLAGSHIP INVESTMENTS.

MOVE4PARKINSON'S

This grant will provide Move4Parkinson's with the funding to expand their reach and increase the number of set dancing classes and choirs offered throughout Ireland for those suffering with Parkinson's disease. This will be accomplished by growing class and choir participation via community outreach, enhancing the continuous improvement of service quality via teacher development and purchasing of new equipment and finally, by enabling greater access to Parkinson's information online through their website.



ATLANTIC CORRIDOR

This grant contributes to the core services and capacity building supports needed by Atlantic Corridor to promote and enable STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) education within the Midlands Region through their Science Lives programs. Science Lives is a project which aims to create greater interest in STEM education among students, teachers & the public in Laois, Offaly, Longford & Westmeath, which have traditionally experienced educational disadvantage & associated economic issues. Under the umbrella program of Science Lives, Atlantic Corridor will use this grant to expand and increase their delivery of their projects such as JUMP Maths, the Midlands Science Festival, the Atlantic Conference on STEM promotion and Science With Inspirational Mentors Programme.

SCIENCE GALLERY DUBLIN

This grant will fund Science Gallery Dublin exhibitions from 2015-2016 and will support the many education programs that build on exhibition themes through structured, targeted curricula for secondary and third level students and also teachers. Through this, our funding will also assist Science Gallery in implementing their "Going Deeper" Strategic Plan for 2014-2017. This plan features three key strands:

- Experimenting: Through delivering dynamic exhibitions and events
- Learning: By expanding and delivering STEM education initiatives
- Sharing: By growing Science Gallery's off site presence through pop up programs for school, national festivals, Makeshop, events etc.



PEACEPLAYERS INTERNATIONAL – NORTHERN IRELAND

The support of this grant will fund PPI-NI's Champions 4 Peace program. It will allow PPI-NI to expand their key programs to more geographical areas, strengthen their programmatic capacity and support the organization in its shared learning initiatives with other community, cultural and sports based organizations within Northern Ireland. This program will allow PPI-NI to extend their leadership pipeline by providing training and experiential learning opportunities for PPI-NI graduates aged 14-20 years. These young leaders will then assist in delivering the Champions 4 Peace program to new geographic locations, communities and participants across Northern Ireland. For more on PeacePlayers see page 28.



IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

Funding will enable the IWA to increase their Sports Development Officers Team, allowing the IWA to expand their services into underserved regions and to meet their increasing demand. The new Sports Development Officers will be responsible for creating opportunities for inclusion of people with disabilities with particular focus on working with communities in the South East region of Ireland. They will work in conjunction with local organizations, schools and clubs to target young talent, raise awareness, sustain inclusion, provide greater opportunity for participation and give participants a pathway for integration into their local community.



MYMIND

MyMind provides affordable and accessible community based mental health services to everyone. This grant will allow MyMind to continue to expand and increase its services across Ireland. In addition, this funding will assist MyMind to reach a self-sustaining business model. This is made possible as MyMind charges their clients fees based upon their employment status, allowing the unemployed or full time students to access services at reduced rates. The revenue generated from full fee clients is then reinvested into the organization, enabling MyMind to provide services that are affordable to all.

