



THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND

Trustees' Report: Activities from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

The Australian Ireland Fund was established in 1987. It is a non-political, non-sectarian registered Australian charity which funds community level projects in Ireland and in Australia. The Fund's mission is to support dedicated programmes which focus on education and community development, peace and reconciliation and arts and culture.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE AIF IN 2013–2014



Integrated Education / Reconciliation
Northern Ireland

➤ Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh



Community Development and
Education Southern Ireland

➤ Barnardos

➤ Suas Educational Development

➤ Junior Achievement Ireland



Indigenous Scholarships with Australian
Indigenous Education Foundation

➤ Kincoppal Rose Bay, Sydney

➤ St. Catherine's Anglican Girls, Waverley

➤ Marist College Ashgrove, Brisbane

➤ St. Peters Lutheran College, Brisbane



Education Australia

➤ Centre for Irish Studies at University
NSW

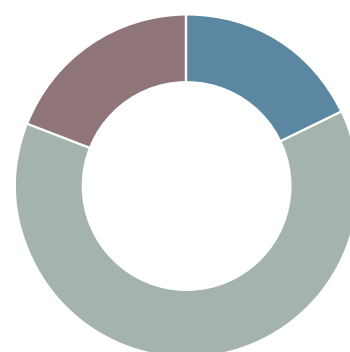
TOTAL GRANTS MADE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

\$384,500

■ Drumragh, Omagh
\$76,000

■ Southern Ireland
\$268,500

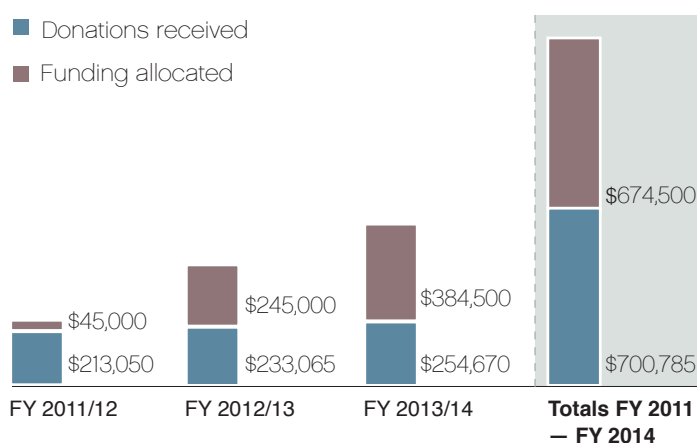
■ Indigenous Scholarships
\$40,000



TOTAL AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2011 — JUNE 2014

■ Donations received

■ Funding allocated



96% of donations received have
been allocated to charities

BARNARDOS LOUGHLINSTOWN, DUBLIN

Barnardos provides an early years service for children aged 0–5 living in areas of high disadvantage.

These children are typically referred to Barnardos because there are child protection and welfare concerns, including parental addiction, parental mental health and parental discord, resulting in developmental problems. The Barnardos programme works intensively on skills with these children to prepare them for mainstream school.

Of the money donated to Barnardos, 90c in every dollar is spent directly on helping disadvantaged children.



Consistent poverty among children in Ireland increased from 6.3% in 2008 to 9.9% in 2012 with almost half of all families relying on social welfare or low paid work



\$120,000

About our Projects



Only 7% of children in Northern Ireland are educated in integrated schools

\$76,000



DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE, OMAGH

Drumragh Integrated College in Omagh was opened in 1995 by a parents' group committed to providing a cross-community, post-primary school for local children aged 11–19.

Drumragh is the only integrated post-primary school in the Omagh area. There is not enough classroom accommodation available to cater for the demands of parents and their children.

Between 30 and 50 children each year in Omagh are being denied the integrated education they want in their school of first choice.

The Australian Ireland Fund and the Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust in partnership are contributing to two additional class rooms in the school, benefitting an additional 70 children and their families.

SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suas provides direct literacy support tailored to the specific needs of school children from disadvantaged communities in Ireland and overseas.

The AIF donation will enable this programme to become the leading national literacy initiative in Ireland.

It will increase the literacy levels of 1,475 children aged 8–14 from disadvantaged communities in Louth and Westmeath.

This will give them the potential to grow into young adults who have educational opportunities equal to that of their peers from non-disadvantaged schools.



\$67,500

In Ireland 1 in 10 children have serious literacy difficulties. In designated disadvantaged schools (DEIS), this figure can increase to 1 in 3



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT IRELAND

Junior Achievement Ireland runs programmes in partnership with volunteers from their partner businesses, which encourage young people to remain in education and helps them develop the skills they need to succeed in the world of work.

AIF funds support a quality assured entrepreneurship education course for 685 students from Cavan, Monaghan and Sligo.

It aims to inspire students to maximize the opportunities that their education provides.



\$80,000



Students who participate in early entrepreneurship education make better higher education choices, have higher rates of employability and are 4–5 times more likely to start their own business

\$40,000

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOUNDATION



The Australian Ireland Fund supported scholarships for eight Indigenous students at four leading Australian schools.

The donation of \$40,000 was matched by the AIEF with another \$40,000.

2013 was the most successful year on record for the AIEF, both in terms of fundraising and the growth and results of their programs.

AIEF supports over 500 students per annum and has a retention and year 12 completion rate of 93%.

Almost 100% of year 12 graduates from AIEF's programs have embarked on a productive career pathway.



Young Leaders Networks in Australia

The Young Leaders program cultivates young friends of Ireland in Australia to network and support the philanthropic work of The Australian Ireland Fund. There are also Young Leaders Networks in Ireland, UK, Canada and 8 cities in the USA.

In Australia, we launched the Young Leaders Network in Sydney at the end of 2009, and in Melbourne at the end of 2013. Benefits of becoming a Young Leader include:

- Enhancing your personal and professional networks.
- Discounted tickets to major fundraising events, including the Sydney Garden Party and the Brisbane Luncheon.
- Invitations to exclusive members only events, e.g. to “Meet the Board” of the Australian Ireland Fund, who are very successful business people and entrepreneurs.
- Access to our global network of Young Leaders in the various chapters of the world and the global network of the Irish Funds, in 12 countries.
- Invitation to the Young Leaders Summit IV in New York, January 2015.



We continue to create more awareness of the Young leaders Network in Australia. Several ‘Young Leader’ events took place in 2013–2014:

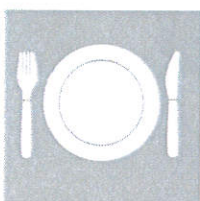
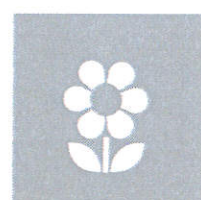
- An exclusive opportunity for Young Leaders to meet Board members and special guest Nessa O’Sullivan, CFO of CCA Amatil.
- Inaugural Melbourne Green Shoots Reception with guest Speakers Niall O’Muilleoir, Strategic Advisor to the Ireland Funds and Geoff Doyle former CEO of Adecco Group.
- Young Leaders Christmas drinks at the prestigious Opera Bar at Sydney Opera House.
- YL Melbourne Christmas Drinks on 10 December at the Sheebeen.
- Australian Ireland Fund Young Leaders attended the Lansdowne Club St Patrick’s Day Lunch in March 2014, the largest St. Patrick’s Day business lunch in the world.
- YL Melbourne hosted a bowling green evening.

Highlights of 2013–2014 AIF fundraising activities

The
Brisbane Lunch
over
200 guests
raised
\$84,000



Sydney Garden Party
over
500 guests
raised
\$165,400



The
Melbourne Lunch
over
200 guests
raised
\$46,600

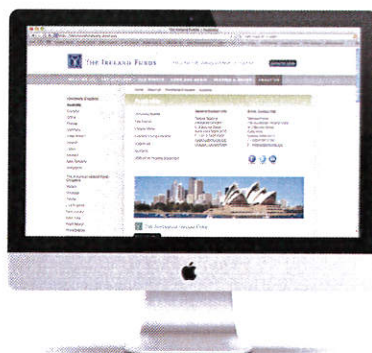


Communications — how we connect with you:

We update our website regularly with details of upcoming activities and reports on events. We also provide information on the projects we support and updates from those projects. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Linked In for coverage and photos of our events and to join the Global Ireland Funds worldwide conversation.



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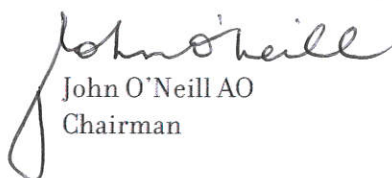
Chairman's closing comments

We are continually heartened by the tremendous support we receive from our Governors, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters. Thank you, your generosity is making a difference.

We are committed to promoting philanthropy; developing our Young Leaders Network; and playing a leading role in supporting and growing the Global Irish Network.

We will continue to support projects in Ireland and here in Australia and we look forward to sharing our progress with you.

For and on behalf of the Directors of the Trustee.


John O'Neill AO
Chairman