



Trustees' Report: Activities from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

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.

Our Mission Statement:

We aim to be the largest network of friends of Ireland in Australia, and to mobilise this network to contribute to worthy causes in Ireland & Australia. We support projects that advance and promote education, peace & reconciliation, community development and arts & culture. We are part of the global philanthropic network that is the Worldwide Ireland Funds.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2014 — 2015



Community Development and Education Southern Ireland

- Solas
- Suas Educational Development
- Soar



Education Australia

- Centre for Irish Studies at University NSW

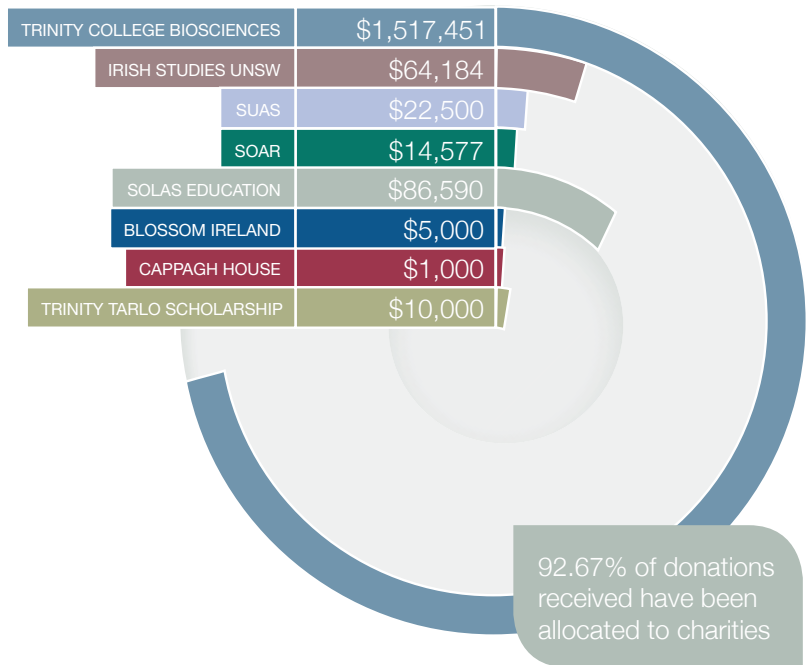


Donor Advised Grants

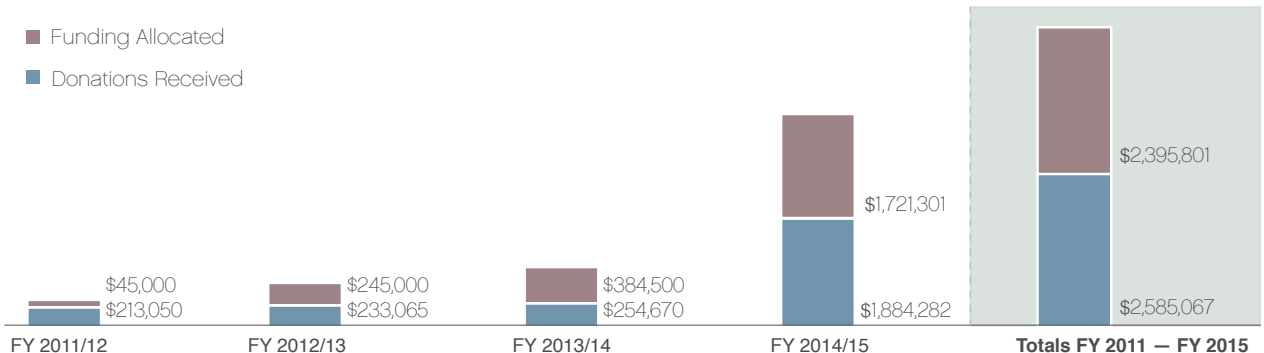
- Trinity College
- Blossom Ireland
- Cappagh House

TOTAL DONATIONS 2014-2015

\$1,721,301



TOTAL AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2011 — JUNE 2015



SOLAS

Solas works to address the imbalances that contribute to certain children and young people in Ireland growing up at a socio-economic and/or educational disadvantage.

They have been extremely successful and grown rapidly from providing services to 11 girls in 2007 to serving over 500 young people in 2015.

The AIF is delighted to support Solas for the next 12 months to enable Solas to reach an additional 250 children at least.



\$86,589



About our Projects



\$64,184

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (UNSW) CHAIR OF MODERN IRISH STUDIES

A fundraising dinner supported by the Irish community was held by the AIF in Sydney in September 2014 with Guest of Honour Mary McAleese. The money raised will contribute to the continuation of Irish Studies program at UNSW.

SOAR

Soar is a 100% independently funded collective movement with no government support which believes that there is greatness within all young people.

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar creates and delivers early intervention, preventative, wellbeing programs inside and outside of the school system for young people aged 12 to 18 years from all backgrounds throughout Ireland.

The AIF support will assist Soar to kick off the development of a program, designed specifically for girls aged 15-17.



\$14,577



SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suas Literacy Support Programme (LSP) deliver support to school children (8-14 years old) from disadvantaged communities to improve their literacy skills.

The programme currently operates in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. Through literacy interventions, 8-14 year old schoolchildren increase their literacy levels and educational attainment, improve their self-esteem and enhance their perception of the importance of learning.



\$22,500

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend projects they are passionate about and that they wish to support. This is a wonderful way for the Fund to work with donors to make a difference and to, where possible, ultimately match them with specific projects.

Trinity College Dublin received two donor advised grants through the Australian Ireland Fund in 2015:

- From Dr Stanley Quek to support Biosciences Development for the School of Medicine
- From Ruth Tarlo for the inaugural Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2015/16 at the Law School of Trinity College. The scholarship is in memory of Ruth's late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940's.

Blossom Ireland received a donor advised gift from the Lansdowne Club of Australia. They provide occupational therapy-led after school activities and holiday camps for children with intellectual disabilities.

Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital, Ireland's major centre for elective orthopaedic surgery also received a small donor advised gift.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND AND OUR CHARITIES:



INDIVIDUALS

Become a Governor of the Fund

The **Governor's programme** was launched in 1997 to support major initiatives and flagship projects of the Fund. Supporters are invited to make a tax deductible annual gift of \$10,000 a year for five years to the Fund.

Become a Benefactor of the Fund

The Benefactor Programme is at a more affordable level. Supporters are invited to become Benefactors of the Fund, upon payment of an annual tax deductible contribution of \$1,000.

Become a Young Leader

The **Young Leaders' Network** is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting the next generation of leaders. The mission of the Young Leaders' network is to encourage the involvement of an emerging generation of philanthropists, and to provide a forum for networking locally and globally, while financially supporting the work of The Worldwide Ireland Funds. We have Young Leader Networks in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Young Leaders membership is open to those aged between 20-40 and costs \$200 annually.

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CORPORATE

Become a Partner Sponsor

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Australian Ireland Fund by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period starting 2016**. This would allow us meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

Event Sponsor

We are very lucky to have many companies donate items to us for our Live and Silent Auctions at our 3 major fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane throughout the year. If you can help we would love to hear from you.



OTHER WAYS

If you have a particular skill and some time you can donate to us, we would love to talk to you. If you like what we do please promote the work of the Australian Ireland Fund to your friends and colleagues.

For more Information on any of the above activities please contact Teresa Keating, Executive Director:

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The Australian Ireland Fund is part of the Worldwide Ireland Funds – an international philanthropic network operating in 12 countries that has raised over \$513 million for worthy causes in Ireland and Irish causes around the world. It is the largest network of friends of Ireland dedicated to supporting programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development. Founded in 1976, The Worldwide Ireland Funds have benefited over 3,000 organisations.



Highlights of 2014–2015 AIF fundraising activities

The
Brisbane Lunch
had
178 guests
raised
\$63,500



The
Mary McAleese Dinner
340 guests
raised
\$64,000
for the Chair of Modern
Irish Studies at UNSW



**Sydney
Garden Party**
had
480 guests
raised
\$154,000



The
Melbourne Lunch
had
190 guests
raised
\$44,000



The Inaugural
**Young Leader
Global 5k Run**
Sydney and Melbourne
raised
over
\$8,000



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Chairman's closing comments

We are continually heartened by the tremendous support we receive from our major Donors, Governors, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters. Increasingly, our donors want to advise us on how they would like their donations directed and we appreciate their support and interest. 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 interacting more with you and sharing our progress.

For and on behalf of the Directors of the Trustee.

John O'Neill
John O'Neill AO
Chairman

30 October 2015

The Australian Ireland Fund is audited by KPMG.