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Dear Fellow Donors,

As I have the privilege of beginning my second term, I do so with great enthusiasm. In 2017 we continue to see economic improvements in Ireland, North and South. Unemployment is falling, new businesses are being created and a renewed sense of confidence is establishing itself after the ravages of the Great Recession.

However, we cannot afford to overlook the considerable challenges Ireland, North and South, could face, not least as a result of Brexit. Despite the progress that has been made, many sectors of society remain untouched by the recovery and many others are still feeling the wounds of such a difficult period.

To help strengthen society, the Irish not-for-profit sector plays a critical role. They are doing outstanding work reaching out to those with the most need and helping people to improve their lives. Just some of the 200 projects we are currently supporting are reviewed here in Connect Magazine including Anam Cara and Youth Initiatives in Northern Ireland. I hope you take great pride in their work and the difference they are making.

Equally, I hope you will enjoy the coverage of the 150 events across 12 countries where friends of Ireland can come together. Yes, people have a good time and they deserve to. But ours are parties with a purpose. As is said of these events, “we come for the party and stay for the mission.” I would like to thank all those who have been part of these events across the globe and are making such a difference across Ireland.

Your support is vital and vibrant. You are true friends of Ireland.

With much appreciation,
John Fitzpatrick
Chairman, The Ireland Funds America

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The Ireland Funds is a global philanthropic network established in 1976 to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland, and Irish-related causes around the world. With chapters in 12 countries, The Ireland Funds has raised over \$550 million for deserving causes in Ireland and beyond, benefitting more than 3,000 different organizations.

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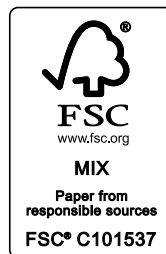
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A young musician from Music Generation Laois with U2's Adam Clayton at the launch of Phase 2 of Ireland's national performance music education program in January, 2017. Philanthropic investment by U2 and The Ireland Funds will enable Music Generation to launch a new phase of expansion, creating access to vocal and instrumental tuition for thousands more children and young people in Ireland. Photo: Naoise Culhane

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We welcome your comments about The Ireland Funds and Connect magazine. Please send all correspondence to the Editor.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to this latest edition of Connect Magazine which is a reflection of your generosity and the difference you are making across Ireland and to Irish communities around the world.

2017 marks the opening of a very important time in our history. Our boards are progressing a very ambitious development plan for The Ireland Funds. This includes increasing our asking capacity, measuring precisely the impact of our grant-making and bringing about the biggest increase in the value of our endowment. All of this is to ensure that we have the capacity to maximize what we deliver for our grantees.

This is essential as we are now one of the largest sources of private philanthropic support for the not-for-profit sector across the island of Ireland. A key objective of ours is to help this sector grow. We wish to enhance asking techniques to promote giving across Ireland. Critical to this is increasing transparency within the not-for-profit sector. We are particularly proud to be backers of Benefacts, an organization that is producing an online database of all Irish charities giving a full profile of their work and their financials. This will give the Irish public the details they need to make informed decisions about what organizations to support.

The importance of the not-for-profit sector in Ireland is reflected in the quality of the projects you see in the pages of this magazine ranging from Inner City Enterprise to Music Generation. As you can see, these projects are doing extraordinary work and achieving great returns. They are truly maintaining Ireland's social fabric and helping to create opportunities as the country continues its recovery from the economic crisis. I hope you are proud to be supporting them and for that support, we thank you profoundly.

You are making a great difference when and where it counts the most.

Kind regards,
Kieran McLoughlin
Worldwide President & CEO, The Ireland Funds



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thank you



The generosity of our donors has changed thousands of lives across the island of Ireland and around the world. The Ireland Funds has never wavered in its commitment and core mission: to deliver private philanthropy support to worthy causes that promote peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development. On behalf of the organizations doing extraordinary work, we thank you.

Progress Through Philanthropy

"Co-operation Ireland is committed to peace-building on the island of Ireland and we will continue to deliver innovative programs which challenge people's thinking and attitudes. Support we receive from The Ireland Funds highlights what can be achieved with funding that allows for more creativity and input from the people the programs aim to help." — CO-OPERATION IRELAND

"The Ireland Funds have been huge to our charity. We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for The Ireland Funds. In those early years the funding was so critical because when we started there was nothing else coming in. It's been a great relationship." — IRISH DOGS FOR THE DISABLED



"Historically, there hasn't been a tradition of private philanthropy in Ireland. But it's organizations like The Ireland Funds that have taken the lead. Their role has been absolutely vital to philanthropy here." — THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN

"Our work is pioneering and without The Ireland Funds' support we would not be able to deliver this. Support from The Ireland Funds is helping us to change the lives of these young people in Northern Ireland." — THE PLAYHOUSE

BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF THE OVER 3,000 OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS YOUR GENEROSITY HAS ASSISTED.

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174 Trust
Abbey School
Abbey Theatre
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
Adult Literacy and
Basic Education
Age & Opportunity
Age Northern Ireland
Age Concern Network
of Newcastle and District
Aisling Community Center
Akidwa
A K Ilen Boatbuilding School
ALONE
Alzheimer Society of Ireland
American Irish Historical Society
Amber, Kilkenny Women's Refuge
AnamBeo
Anam Cara Parent & Sibling
Bereavement Support
An Taisce—The National Trust
for Ireland
An Cosán—The Shanty
Apex Housing Association Derry
ARC Healthy Living Centre
Ardglass Development
Association
Ardoyne Holycross Boxing Club
Arthritis Care Northern Ireland
The Ark
Ashoka Ireland
AslAm
Athlone Community Radio
Autism Speaks
Aware
Baboró International Arts Festival
for Children
Backstage Theatre
Ballinglen Arts Foundation
Ballybeg Community
Development Project
Ballyclare Family Focus
Ballyhoura Heritage
& Environment
Ballymacormack Community
Development Group
Banbridge Arthritis Care
Bantry Inshore Search and
Rescue Association
Barnardos
Barretstown
Beara Tourism Development
Bedford Row Family Project
Belfast Beltway Boxing Project
BeLonG To Youth Services
Belvedere College S.J.
Belvedere Youth Club
Benefacts
BirdWatch Ireland
Brothers of Charity Clare
Blanchardstown Traveller
Development Group
Blue Box Creative Learning
Centre
Blue Teapot Theatre Company
Bonmahon Parent/Carer
Toddler Group
Boyne Garda Youth
Diversion Project
Brain Injury Matters NI
Bray Area Partnership
Bridge21
Bridgeways Family
Resource Centre
British-Irish Association
Blackrock College
Building Ballysally Together
Burrenbeo Trust
Business to Arts
The Butler Gallery
The Cabbage Patchers
Cahoots Northern Ireland
Camara Ireland

Camerata Ireland
Camphill Communities of Ireland
Cancer Fund for Children
Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)
Care After Prison
Care Local
Carers' Association
Carers Northern Ireland
Carmichael Centre for
Voluntary Groups
Catholic Institute for Deaf People
ChangeX
Charities Institute Ireland
Charleville Castle Heritage Trust
Chicago Irish Immigration
Support
Child Abuse Prevention
Programme
Children's Law Centre
Northern Ireland
Children's Medical and
Research Foundation
Children's Rights Alliance
Children's Sunshine Home—
Laura Lynn House
Christopher L. Keeley Scholars
Cill Rialig Project
Cill tSeandán Teo
Cinemagic
CIT Blackrock Castle
Observatory
Citóg
City of Dublin YMCA
Citywise Education
Clondalkin Travellers
Development Group
Cloughmills Community
Action Team
Club Shine
Cnoc na Gaoithe—Tulla
Comhaltas Cultural Centre
CoisCéim Dance Theatre
Coalition of Irish
Immigration Centers
Coláiste Mhichíl
Comharchumann Forbartha
Community Action Network
Community Focus Learning
Community Relations in Schools
Concern Worldwide
Co-operation Ireland
Cope Galway
Cork Boat Club
Cork Counseling Services
Cork Foundation
Cork Institute of Technology
Cork Penny Dinners
Corrymeela Community
County Roscommon
Disability Support Group
Cross Border Orchestra
Cross Community Schools
Project
Crumlin Children's Hospital
Crusaders Youth Academy
Cuidigh Linn
Cuisle Cancer Support Centre
Cystic Fibrosis Association
of Ireland
Darndale/Belcamp Integrated
Childcare Services
DCU Ryan Academy
DeafHear.ie
Depaul Ireland
DIT Foundation
Diversity Challenges
Diversity Sligo
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House Association
Donegal Teen Parent
Support Programme

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Down Syndrome Ireland
Draocht
Dress for Success
Drogheda & District Support
4 Older People
Dromboughil Community
Association
Druid Theatre Company
Drumlane Community
Partnership
Dublin City University
Dublin Civic Trust
Dublin International Piano
Competition
Dublin Jewish Board of
Guardians
Dublin Simon Community
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Dublin Theatre Festival
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Dun Laoghaire Refugee Project
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East Clare Community
Cooperative Society
Eden Alternative
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Educate through
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Emer Casey Foundation
Empowering People in
Care (EPIC)
Enactus Ireland
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Energy Action
Epilepsy Ireland
FACE Fermoy Action
Children's Education
Families First
Feeny Community Association
Feile an Phobail
The Festival of Curiosity
Fettercairn Youth Horse Project
Fighting Words
Flax Trust
Focus Ireland
FoodCloud
Foróige Network for Teaching
Entrepreneurship (NFTE)
Foyle Search & Rescue
Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC)
Front Line
Funky Fish Youth Café
Gaelic Players Association
Gaelscoilanna
Gaisce - The President's Award
Galway Arts Centre
Galway Autism Partnership
Galway Rape Crisis Centre
Gate Theatre
Generations in Action
Giants Community Foundation
Gig'n the Bann
Glenstal Abbey
Glentoran Academy
GOAL
The Goal Line Youth Trust
Gorta
Greystones Family
Resource Centre
Groundwork Northern Ireland
Grow It Yourself
Habitat for Humanity Ireland
Habitat for Humanity
Northern Ireland
Haven
Hawk's Well Theatre Sligo

Headstrong
Headway
Headway Belfast
Healthy Food for All
Heartshare
Helium Arts
Hello World Foundation
Henrietta Adult &
Community Education
Home Share Clare
Home Start Down District
The Icon Walk
Independent Age
Inner City Enterprise
Inspire Ireland
Integrated Education Fund
Inter-Aid
Intercom
Iorras Le Chéile CDP
Ireland Chamber of
Commerce in the US
Ireland US Council
Irish Ancestry Research
Centre (IARC)
Irish Architectural Archive
Irish Association of
Youth Orchestras
Irish Arts Center
Irish Autism Action
Irish Chamber Orchestra
Irish Community Rapid Response
Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Irish Cultural Centre of New
England
Irish Deaf Kids
Irish Dogs for the Disabled
Irish Film Institute
Irish Forum for Global Health
Irish Georgian Society
Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
Irish Heart Foundation
Irish Hospice Foundation
Irish Immigration Center
Irish International Immigrant
Center
Irish Men's Sheds Association
Irish Museum of Modern Art
Irish Penal Reform Trust
Irish Repertory Theatre
Irish Seed Savers
Irish Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals
Irish Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children
Irish Stammering Association
Irish Technology
Leadership Group
Irish Traveller Movement—
Yellow Flag Programme
Irish Wheelchair Association
Irish Youth Foundation
iScoil
ISPCC – Irish Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty
to Children
Jack and Jill Children's
Foundation
Jewish Home of Ireland
KASI Ltd.—Killarney Immigrant
Support Centre
Keltic Dreams
Kerry Diocesan Youth Services
Kerry Film Festival
Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence
Kildare Traveller Action
Kilkee Civic Trust
Kilkenny Age Friendly
County Programme
Killaloe and Ballina Civic Trust
Killarney Immigrant
Support Centre
Killarney Community College
Knockanawley Resource Centre

Knocknagoshel Over 55's Social
Club and Women's Group
Limited
LARCC Cancer Support Centre
Larne YMCA
Learmount Community
Development Group
Learning Hub Limerick
Leisure Buddies Project—
St. Christopher's Services
Leitrim Calling
Letterkenny IT
Lewis Glucksman Gallery
Lifestart National Office
Lifford/Clonleigh Resource
Centre
Lighthouse
Ligoniel Family Centre
Limerick Enterprise
Development Partnership
Limerick Institute of Technology
Link Academy CIC
Listowel Writers' Week
Little Museum of Dublin
LOGIC
Longford Women's Link
Lost Lives
Lyric Theatre
Macnas
Macushla Dance Club for 50+
Mahon Blackrock Local
Educational Committee
Making Connections
Mark Pollock Trust
Mary Immaculate College
Mater Foundation
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Mayo Mountain Rescue
Meánscoil Mhuire
Meath Youth Federation
Mental Health Reform
Merchants Quay Ireland
Mercy International Association
Mercy Law Resource Centre
The Michael Smurfit
Business School at UCD
Midlands Science
Midlands Simon Community
Migrant Disability Network
Ireland
Mind Wise New Vision
Monaghan Integrated
Development
Move4Parkinson's Foundation
Moy Cosy Club
Moy Valley Community
Services Programme
MS Ireland
Music Generation
Music Network
MyMind
Na Piobairí Uilleann
Nasc
National Autistic Society
National College of Art & Design
National College of Ireland—
Parent-Child Home
Programme
National Concert Hall
National Gallery of Ireland
National Institute for Intellectual
Disability (NIID)
National Library of Ireland Trust
National University of Ireland
Galway
National University of Ireland
Maynooth
Native Woodland Trust
Navan Young People's
Development
New York Irish Center—
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New York University—
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Next Step
Nexus Institute
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Scholarship Programme
North Kerry Older Persons
Services
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Northern Ireland Cancer Fund
for Children
Northern Ireland Children's
Hospice
Northern Ireland Community of
Refugees and Asylum
Seekers
Northside Learning Hub
North Connaught Youth Services
North Tipperary LEADER
Partnership
North West Tongues, Tones
and Tapping
Nurture Post Natal Depression
Support Services
Offaly Dyslexia Group
One in Four
Open Heart House
Order of Malta Ambulance
Corporations Midland Region
Origin Theater
Ossory Youth
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Our Lady Immaculate
Senior School
Participation and the Practice
of Rights
Partners Training for
Transformation
Peacebuilders International
PeacePlayers International

Percy French Festival
Philanthropy Ireland
Pieta House
The Playhouse
Port Garda Youth Diversion
Project
Presentation De La Salle College
The Prince's Trust
Project Ballynahinch
Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA)
The Pushkin Trust
Queen's University
RADE
Ramoan Friendship Group
Railway Preservation Society
Rainbow Child & Family
Centre Derry
Reach Across
ReCreate Arts and Education
Resource Store
Richhill Community & Arts
Association
Right to Sight
The Rise Foundation
Roots of Empathy
Roscommon Women's Network
Rossinver Youth and
Community Project
Rothar
Royal Hibernian Academy
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Regimental Museum
Royal Irish Academy
RUA RED South Dublin Arts
Centre
Ruhama
Rural Resettlement Ireland
Safe Home Programme
Samaritans

Saoirse Foundation—
BUMBLEance
Saplings School for Children
with Autism
Select Vestry of Lissadell Parish
Self Help Africa
Sensational Kids
Sesame Street Northern Ireland
Sharing Point
Show Racism the Red Card
Siel Bleu Ireland
Sli Eile
Sightsavers
Sligo Cancer Support Centre
Sligo Dyslexia Group
Smock Alley Theatre
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland
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Society of Vincent de Paul
Solas Project
SOS Bus Northern Ireland
Special Olympics Ireland
Specialisterne Ireland
Spectrum Centre Trust
Speedpak
Speedwell Trust
Spinal Injuries Ireland
Sport Changes Lives
Sported
Sports Against Racism
Ireland (SARI)
Spraoi agus Spórt
Springboard Opportunities
Spun Out
St. Bernadette's Primary School
St. Brigid's Family Resource
Centre
St. Camillus Bethany
Bereavement Support
St. Christopher's Services—

Leisure Buddies
St. Colman's Care Centre
St. Dominic's Secondary School
St. Francis Hospice
St. Gabriel's School & Centre
St. James's Hospital Foundation
St. Jarlath's Court Residents'
Association
St. John of God Menni
Services—WayBuddy App
St. John's Amateur Boxing Club
St. Luke's Home
St. Michael's Estate Family
Resource Centre
St. Patrick's Cathedral
St. Patrick's College—Teachnet
St. Stephen's Green Trust
St. Ultan's After School Project
Step by Step Northern Ireland
Suas Educational Development
Suicide or Survive
Tallaght Centre for the
Unemployed
Tara Centre
TechSpace
Temple Bar Gallery & Studios
Temple Street Children's
Fund for Health
Temporary Emergency
Accommodation Mullingar
(TEAM)
Terry Enright Foundation
The Peter McVerry Trust
Third Age Foundation
Thomas F. Meagher Foundation
Tipperary Excel Heritage
Company
Tir Boghaine Teoranta
TLC4 Cystic Fibrosis
Trinity College Dublin

Truagh Development
Association
Tuesday's Children
Turn2Me
Ulster Historical Foundation
Undergraduate Awards
UNICEF Ireland
University College Cork
University College Dublin
University of Limerick
University of Ulster
Upper Springfield
Development Trust
Urban Junction
Victim Support at Court
Vineyard Compassion
VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern
for the Environment)
Void Art Centre
WALK
Washington Ireland Program
Waterford Healing Arts Centre
Waterford Walls
Waterside Women's Centre
West Cork Music Festival
West Cork Women Against
Violence
West Limerick Resources Ltd.
Wexford Festival Opera
Wicklow Hospice Foundation
Women for Election
WOW Group -Winners on Wheels
Write to Read
Writers' Week Listowel
Young Enterprise Northern
Ireland
Young Social Innovators
Youth Horizons
Youth Initiatives
Youth Work Ireland Galway



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FLAGSHIP GRANT ROUND

The Ireland Funds Flagship Grant Round identifies organizations that have particular impact in their field and have demonstrated innovation and effectiveness with prior support received. As 2016 Flagship Grant recipients, the following organizations will receive two years of financial and non-financial support that includes training, advice on fundraising, and opportunities to connect with members of The Ireland Funds' network.

THANK YOU

to our Donors and the thousands of people that attend our events—your generosity is what enables these key investments in great work.

FOODCLOUD HUBS

FoodCloud Hubs reduces food waste by matching surplus with scarcity. FoodCloud technologies allow retailers to announce to local charities when they have surplus food that can be collected. The FoodCloud Hubs are warehouses in Cork, Dublin and Galway, from which non-profits can obtain items with a longer shelf life in bulk. The Ireland Funds has committed €90k over two years to this initiative and will be supporting FoodCloud Hubs to secure more retail partners. These partners will provide additional food for non-profit organizations and help FoodCloud on its path to becoming fully self-sustaining.



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FLAGSHIP GRANT ROUND

In **2016**  **217** applications submitted
by organizations applying for Flagship Grants

10 finalists 
presented to The Ireland Funds Flagship Grants Panel



5 Flagship Grants Awarded

€350k

total invested in
The Ireland Funds
Flagship Grants in

2016



GIY COTTAGE MARKETS

Grow it Yourself (GIY) piloted the concept of Cottage Markets in 2015. Cottage Markets provide opportunities for people in both urban and rural communities to trade and develop their communities; they make a positive contribution to the local economy by supporting microenterprises, with community members selling crafts, baked goods, produce and other items. The Ireland Funds has committed €60k over two years to roll out Cottage Markets in small towns and rural villages in Ireland and Northern Ireland.



CHARITIES INSTITUTE IRELAND (Cii)

Charities Institute Ireland is a new entity whose aim is to create the conditions for a vibrant, transparent and effective charities sector. The Ireland Funds' investment will support Cii in completing its targeted membership drive, produce current and relevant marketing materials about the sector in Ireland and cover the cost of developing a world-class training program covering topics like financial reporting, governance, fundraising and communication. The Ireland Funds is proud to support Cii with an investment of €78k over two years.



SPECIALISTERNE IRELAND

Specialisterne Ireland is a social enterprise that works to assess adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) with a view to securing employment for those who are work ready. In Ireland, there are over 17,600 adults of working age with ASD, of which 85% are unemployed. More than 60% of these adults have a third-level qualification but need support to obtain and retain employment. The Ireland Funds has committed €78k over two years to ensure that more adults are assessed and more companies are recruited.



WASHINGTON IRELAND PROGRAM (WIP)

The Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership is a six-month program of personal and professional development that brings outstanding university students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to Washington, DC for summer work placements and leadership training. More than 450 students to date have gained invaluable practical experience by completing internships in US government, media, business and non-profit organizations. The Ireland Funds has committed £60k to allow WIP to expand its service learning program with an additional two weeks in New York. Developing relationships with supporters in the New York area will allow WIP to recruit more candidates with an interest in business, further diversifying its portfolio of participants and extending its impact into other sectors.



Ireland's National Music Education Programme
A Music Network initiative, co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds,
The Department of Education and Skills
and Local Music Education Partnerships

FOLLOWING SIX EXTRAORDINARY YEARS
REVOLUTIONIZING THE LANDSCAPE FOR
PERFORMANCE MUSIC EDUCATION IN
IRELAND, MUSIC GENERATION HAS EMBARKED
ON AN EXCITING NEW PHASE OF EXPANSION.

THE MUSIC GENERATION REVOLUTION: PHASE TWO

FROM 2017, IRELAND'S NATIONAL MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM WILL BE ESTABLISHED
IN NEW AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, CREATING ACCESS TO INSPIRING ENCOUNTERS AND
TRANSFORMATIVE MUSIC-MAKING EXPERIENCES FOR THOUSANDS MORE CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THIS REMARKABLE SUCCESS STORY

WAS LAUNCHED IN JANUARY, WHEN AN OPEN NATIONAL CALL WAS ANNOUNCED FOR MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS TO APPLY FOR PHASE 2 OF MUSIC GENERATION.

THIS NEW PHASE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF FURTHER PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT BY U2 AND THE IRELAND FUNDS, TO BUILD ON THE STRENGTHS OF MUSIC GENERATION'S FIRST SIX YEARS, BROADEN ITS REACH AND IMPACT, AND WORK TOWARDS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO MUSIC TUITION FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON.

FURTHERMORE, THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF PHASE 2 HAS BEEN SECURED THROUGH A COMMITMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS TO SUSTAINABLY CO-FUND THE PROGRAM FROM 2020 ONWARDS.

“We’re so proud of Music Generation’s great achievement – and the government’s commitment is so important – in bringing this program to 38,000+ children across the country. The sky is the limit over the next five years.” – *Adam Clayton, U2*

THIS PIONEERING MODEL OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PHILANTHROPY, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS WILL ENSURE LASTING OUTCOMES FOR U2 AND THE IRELAND FUND’S MOST RECENT PHILANTHROPIC GIFT, AND A BRIGHTER MUSICAL FUTURE FOR OUR NEXT ‘MUSIC GENERATION’.



Young musicians from Music Generation Laois with U2's Adam Clayton and Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton T.D. at the launch of Phase 2 of Ireland's national performance music education program in January, 2017. This next phase of **MUSIC GENERATION** will enable access to music tuition for thousands more children and young people in new areas of Ireland over the next five years.

A NEW FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN WILL GUIDE MUSIC GENERATION ON THE NEXT STAGE OF ITS JOURNEY.

“Much has been learned from our journey so far – about the quality of musical experience for children/young people, about engaged partnership working, about innovation and about the multiple dimensions of performance music education. As a learning and development organisation built on partnership, from 2016 - 2021 we look forward to

continuing to strengthen our work with a renewed sense of enquiry, to embedding a strong culture of reflection and, most especially, to aligning our learning in order to continue to achieve positive musical outcomes for children/young people.” — *Music Generation Strategic Plan, 2016 - 2021*

LANDMARK RESEARCH REVEALS A GROUNDBREAKING NEW MODEL FOR PERFORMANCE MUSIC EDUCATION

Music Generation reached a significant milestone in 2016 when it published the outcomes of a two-year research partnership with St. Patrick's College (DCU).

The document, titled *Possible Selves in Music*, challenges traditional thinking about music education and opens up a wealth of knowledge to all who are interested in bringing music into children and young people's lives.

“The concept of possible selves in music is a powerful one that conveys the transformational potential for children and young people's meaning-making experiences in music.” – ‘Possible Selves in Music’, 2016

Launched on a global stage at the International Society for Music Education (ISME) Conference in Glasgow, and nationally at the Annual Conference of the Society for Music Education in Ireland, the research looks at how a new approach to music education can achieve truly powerful and positive outcomes for children and young people.

“What is at the heart of Music Generation is strategically leveraging the best outcomes for children and young people, personally and socially within vibrant communities, which have music as part of their fabric.” – ‘Possible Selves in Music’, 2016

By working ‘in-the-field’ alongside the local partnerships involved, the research investigated how Music Generation is enabling thousands of children and young people in Ireland to reach their potential and experience transformation through music.

Possible Selves in Music was commissioned by the Board of Music Generation in 2013. The research was carried out by Postdoctoral Research Fellow Dr. Thomas Johnston and Principal Investigator to the project, Dr. Patricia Flynn (DCU).

The research document is available to download free of charge from www.musicgeneration.ie



“WE ARE THE NEXT GENERATION”

MUSIC GENERATION YOUNG AMBASSADORS SHINE ON A GLOBAL STAGE

An ensemble of 14 Young Ambassadors from Sligo and Donegal wowed delegates at the ISME Glasgow Conference in July 2016 when they performed their own original compositions to mark the launch of the Music Generation research document, *Possible Selves in Music*.

The ensemble, formed especially for this significant performance opportunity, included young musicians ages 14 to 19 who worked together with a skilled professional musician team to develop a dynamic 30-minute program fusing genres and styles including traditional Irish music, rock and pop.

“It’s very unique because you get to learn so many different skills, you get to perform with other musicians, you get to perform at big venues, you get to perform for family and friends, which gives you confidence, and you get to make friends.”— *Music Generation Young Ambassador*

Their set included ‘Time Travel’, a track written and recorded by the young Donegal musicians as part of the ‘Soundwaves’ project in 2015 (funded under the Music Generation/Arts Council Partnership), as well as ‘The Three Wishes’, an original composition by the group from Music Generation Sligo.

“This was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for me and I’m proud to have represented Ireland along with the others in my group. I made new friends and we all had loads of fun rehearsing and performing at the Piping Centre in Glasgow... I found this trip and the rehearsals so educational and I have learned lots from it.”

— *Music Generation Young Ambassador*

In addition, the ensemble premiered two brand new pieces—‘Synerjig’ and ‘Generation Music’—which received a rousing, standing ovation from the audience of international musicians and educators.



REACH + IMPACT

38,000	children and young people reached
350	employment opportunities
610	tuition centers
12	instrument banks
51,000	tuition hours
99	different programs across all genres of music
6,800	musical instruments for young musicians

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016

- More than 100 young traditional Irish musicians from six Music Generation partnerships performed live to a crowd of hundreds at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, Ennis in County Clare last August.
- Young Ambassadors from Laois and Carlow travelled to Sitges, Barcelona in October to share their wonderful traditional Irish music-making with international audiences at the Creative Connexions Festival.
- A choir of young singers from Counties Offaly and Westmeath treated guests at the US Ambassador's Residence, Dublin, to a choral repertoire of festive favorites as part of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Annual Reception 2016.



THE IRISH FILM INSTITUTE

THE IRELAND FUNDS HELP TO GIVE AUDIENCES ACROSS THE WORLD
INSTANT ACCESS TO IRELAND'S MOVING IMAGE HERITAGE





THE IRISH FILM INSTITUTE **(IFI)** IS IRELAND'S NATIONAL CULTURAL INSTITUTION FOR FILM. IT PROVIDES AUDIENCES WITH ACCESS TO THE FINEST INDEPENDENT, IRISH AND INTERNATIONAL CINEMA; IT PRESERVES AND PROMOTES IRELAND'S MOVING IMAGE HERITAGE THROUGH THE IFI IRISH FILM ARCHIVE, AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS TO LEARN AND CRITICALLY ENGAGE WITH FILM.

A LIVING ARCHIVE

The IFI Irish Film Archive (part of the Irish Film Institute) collects, preserves and shares Ireland's national moving image collection, a diverse resource that chronicles over one hundred years of Irish achievement and experience. The Archive collection spans 1897 to the present day, and the cameras of filmmakers have captured the development of modern Ireland in a uniquely accessible manner. The most important social, political and historical events of the last century are represented, enabling audiences to explore the Irish cultural identity and connect with the past.

On any given day, the airy space that houses the Irish Film Institute is abuzz. Film-goers come in to catch a feature film or do research, the café is full of conversation and throughout the building archivists and technicians are meticulously restoring and preserving Ireland's cinematic history and treasures. The Institute is truly a treasure to the public, but until now was not able to extend its offering beyond the brick and mortar of its Temple Bar location.

THE IRISH FILM INSTITUTE PLAYER-NEW ACCESS TO A LIVING ARCHIVE

Most recently, The Ireland Funds provided a grant to help create the IFI Player. With a single click, visitors to The Irish Film Institute's website www.ifoplayer.ie can now enjoy a virtual viewing room of their remarkable collections, giving audiences across the globe instant access to this rich heritage. The material on the IFI Player has been selected to give audiences a taste of the breadth and depth of the collections preserved by the Archive. Home movies, newsreels, travelogues, animations, feature films, public information films and documentaries have been included as they have tried to reflect all aspects of indigenous amateur and professional production.

This project is the result of an extensive Digital Preservation and Access Strategy developed by the IFI. When the IFI Archive chooses titles for inclusion on the IFI Player there are a number of technical and practical considerations. In

addition to aiming to include a broad cross section of the material they preserve, they also have to clear each film with the relevant copyright holder and take into account any conservation issues. The material in IFI's collections goes through a long process of management, preservation and digitization before they are able to share it with the public. The final clip of film that audiences can access on the Player, is the result of months and even years of work by Archive staff. The IFI Player is a significant step for the IFI, as it truly democratizes access to their collections.

"The IFI relationship with The Ireland Funds goes back many years," says Ross Keane, Director of the Irish Film Institute. "We've been very grateful for the grant given to support the IFI Player, something that we've been working on for a long time. We have this vast and wonderful collection of material dating from 1897 to the current day. Feature films, documentaries, newsreel, amateur collections, so much material that we have showing Ireland's social, cultural and



Once Upon a Tram: 1960

A nostalgic trip along the beautiful Dublin coast, escaping the hustle and bustle of the city while enjoying the clatter and clang of the old Howth tram. This gentle film, directed by John Sarsfield and James Maguire and narrated by Cyril Cusack, records one of the last journeys of the Howth Tram, as it passes through the village, past the golf club and along the coast – a most elegant form of transport from a bygone era.

"WHAT WE'VE DEVELOPED WITH HELP FROM THE IRELAND FUNDS IS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS I THINK THAT HAS COME OUT OF THE IFI IN MANY YEARS," REFLECTS ROSS. "IT'S ONE OF THOSE TRULY GROUNDBREAKING STEPS IN MAKING THIS HISTORIC MOVING IMAGE ARCHIVE ACCESSIBLE TO THE WORLD."



Portrait of Dublin: 1952

This short film was made for the Department of External Affairs' Cultural Relations Committee by filmmaker (later archivist) Liam O Laoghaire (aka Liam O'Leary). The film was designed to promote the city of Dublin to its inhabitants and to potential visitors from abroad.

political history. We really wanted a way to make that material accessible to people all around the world to get that real taste of Irish culture and Irish heritage. Visitors will find there are some really funny pieces and some moving pieces in there as well."

Visitors to the website can watch a wide variety of clips and films ranging from 5 minutes to over an hour. From footage of President John. F. Kennedy's historic visit to Ireland in 1963, produced by The Columban Fathers, to the now-humorous "Manners in Church" instructional feature produced by Radharc in 1962, glimpses into Irish life unfold.

REPATRIATING AND RESTORING— A GIFT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

"We were fortunate enough to get some funding to 'repatriate' a large collection of historical news-reels from 1914 to 1924 that we identified a number of years ago as not being available to Irish audiences," explains Kasandra O'Connell, Head of the IFI Archive. "During that period, Ireland did not really have indigenous film production so an awful lot of what was recorded during that particularly historic part of Irish history was by American, French and British news-reel companies. We felt that it was really important that this representation of Irish history was available and held and preserved in Ireland. So we began conversations with British Pathé and with the British Film Institute who owned so much footage of this period."

Once the assessment began, it was discovered that the films were held on original nitrate film, a highly flammable material also prone to disintegration if not cared for. It became clear that the desired material hadn't been digitized to a high quality file format and so the IFI took a step back to see how they could first care for the footage. "It was a wonderful opportunity for us," says Kasandra. "At first it was about making this material accessible to the public, but now we could also put in the time to restore it and to ensure there was a really high quality digital copy for future generations. So that's the work that we're doing now." Over the coming months and years, this material, along with a host of other curated collections from the IFI Archive, will be released on the IFI Player allowing it to be enjoyed by a global audience for many years to come.

Go to www.ifoplayer.ie to discover more.



President John F. Kennedy's Visit to Ireland: 1963

This documentary film produced by the Columban Fathers chronicles President John F. Kennedy's historic visit to Ireland in June 1963, only 5 months before his tragic assassination. The producer, Fr Gerry Smith, a Cavan-born missionary priest had studied filmmaking in the U.S. and made a number of films about "the old country" before making this documentary which was intended to be shown at fundraising events for Irish-American audiences. There were several films made of the Kennedy visit, but his was the only professionally-made film shot in color.

YOUTH INITIATIVES



BRINGING TEENAGERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND TOGETHER TO TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES

"MY EXPERIENCE OF GROWING UP WAS REALLY SECTARIAN," explains Bridgette, age 16. "It was really confusing for me to know what was actually the truth."

Bridgette and her friends Rachel and Saorlaoith are growing up in Belfast exploring the question of 'truth' and what it means to be a teenager in Northern Ireland today. They explain that the ingrained sectarianism is difficult. But thanks to Youth Initiatives, a program supported by The Ireland Funds, their generation is questioning much of what it has been taught and choosing to push the boundaries of friendships that for so long have been delineated by different identities.

"We were always told, 'stay away from people who aren't like us, they're bad, they're going to be mean to you, they've done this or that to us,' says Bridgette. "Well in the past that may have happened, but here no one is doing anything to me. The girls here are as much my friends as the girl who lives next-door."

Youth Initiatives began over 25 years ago as a church mission group. Around 20 teenagers would get together on Wednesday nights with a few youth workers.

Today, close to 40 staff members and 100+ volunteers work across East Belfast, West Belfast, Downpatrick, Derry and Ballybride bringing hundreds of teenagers of diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds together six nights a week. Responsibility, character building and accountability are all emphasized across their offerings. Through arts and drama programs, outreach and summer programs, Youth Initiatives explores identity, cultural diversity and community issues. Of course to the teens, it often just begins as something cool to do on a Friday night. For many, it's their first time meeting people from another neighborhood. With the face of Northern Ireland changing through immigration, "cross-community" is no longer applicable to just religion, but ethnicity as well.

"I think this is something that young people need, especially living in Belfast, says Saorlaoith Brady, age 18, who participates in a Youth Initiatives program called Crosslinks. "We fill in evaluations after participating and I always remember this one question: 'if you hadn't been a part of Crosslinks do you think you would have been as interactive with Protestants and people from the Polish community?' I answered no I wouldn't have at all. This is the only extra-circular way I can get to know people from those communities."

Ashley Holmes began as a participant with Youth Initiatives when she was a 12. Today she has chosen to remain and work with the program that nurtured her love for the arts.

"I grew up in East Belfast in a working-class area. I came from a Protestant family. When I started coming to Youth Initiatives I was asked, 'Why are you hanging about with Catholics on a Monday night?' I remained because I wanted to work in community relations by using the arts as a tool. As a young person, Youth Initiatives gave me a place to explore dance and

music through their programs. It didn't cost anything which was good because my parents didn't have any money to pay for it."

Six nights a week the Youth Initiatives center in West Belfast is humming with activity. In one room young people begin an arts project (accompanied with the expected amount of flying paint and teens shrieking that results from a dozen teenagers involved in an arts project). Down the hall, twenty or so teenagers do a drama exercise of what it means to be from different backgrounds, followed by conversation and dialogue around those differences.

Thanks to the grant from The Ireland Funds, hundreds of young people have been able to participate in Youth Initiative's programs. Young people are creating a more inclusive truth and contributing to reconciliation in their communities, one friendship at a time.



IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) works with, and on behalf of, people with physical disabilities to drive positive change in Ireland through the influencing of public policy, the provision of quality services and enabling accessibility to all aspects of society. With 2,000 registered volunteers and 2,221 dedicated staff, the Association provides over 2 million hours of service annually to people with disabilities in their homes and communities throughout Ireland. The Ireland Funds has supported the far-reaching work of IWA for over a decade. Most recently the organization was given an Ireland Funds Flagship grant in 2015 to support a new Sports Development Officer position serving the southeast part of Ireland. Connect magazine sat down with Joanne Wall, who has been appointed to that position to learn about the positive improvements that grant has brought to counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford.

Joanne Wall, Irish Wheelchair Association's Sports Development Officer. Her role is made possible by a grant from The Ireland Funds.

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION (IWA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1960.

It has a vision of an Ireland where people with disabilities enjoy equal rights, choices and opportunities in how they live their lives, and where the country is a model worldwide for a truly inclusive society.



"This is the first sport Niamh felt able to participate as part of the team. While it was for keeping fit she has made lots of friends who are also wheelchair users and this has really helped build her confidence. She loves the fact that **SHE IS THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE AND IS NOT TREATED DIFFERENTLY.**" – Denise, mother of Niamh who is involved in the wheelchair basketball program



"I have 3 very different children, Jack physically disabled, Joseph is intellectually disabled and Daisy has no disability, **IT'S GREAT FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE BUILDING TO SEE EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT YET THERE ARE NO LIMITS.** We really appreciate all the different activities out there for them. It is great to be involved." – Sarah, a mother of 3 young children

"I love being on the basketball team because **IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE I REALLY FEEL LIKE I BELONG**, and when Joanne came to my school to do wheelchair basketball it was the best PE of my life because I was really good at it." – Jake, age 15

Q. Tell us more about this new position and what it is helping IWA achieve

A. So my role is to set up multi-sport clubs in southeast counties so that children with a physical disability would have the opportunity to take part in sport and to experience a number of different sports. The great thing is, they are set up in collaboration with families of kids with a disability so they ultimately aren't completely reliant on my role. They are sustainable by the local community.

Q. What is the age range of the children you're working with?

A. Ages 4-18. We have had a number of 4 year olds and we'd be keen to get them involved as well. Early intervention is really important.

Q. The model of sustainability is a unique aspect of the IWA multi-sport clubs. How do you get communities involved?

A. In Waterford alone we have 35 children who came along to a 'come and try' day. So that meant we had their 35 parents doing leadership training on how to become leaders of a club and how to run a club efficiently. We run a number of different sports for 6 week periods. So for example we'll do wheelchair basketball for 6 weeks and then they get to try another 6 weeks of judo. Most importantly, it is whatever sports the kids would like to try. At the same time, parents are trained in those sports as well.

Q. Would you say the multi-sport approach is something most communities would not have had access to before IWA brought it to their county?

A. I would confidently say they haven't had access before our arrival, and there's a been great ripple effect. There are teachers now coming to us and saying 'could you come into our class? We want to include this

little girl or little boy in our PE class and we don't want them sitting with a whistle on the sidelines.' Now we're going into the schools and working with teachers on how they can make their physical education more accessible to a child with a physical disability.

Q. What would be an example of how a teacher or a local school would do that. What are the things that you would teach them?

A. I show them simple things like what they need to do to adapt. Maybe they just need to change the equipment slightly, maybe they need more space. We've brought wheelchairs for the teachers to see what it's like to be in a chair and to do what they're asking the child to do.

Q. Are you battling misperceptions about people using wheelchairs?

A. Often teachers find they have been over-thinking it, or they think a child is going to break. Last week the PE teacher of one of the kids that plays wheelchair basketball asked if we could come to her school to show wheelchair basketball to the other students. So I went along and we showed the other kids what she does.

Q. What came out of that experience?

A. Her mother rang me later that evening and said it's the best she's felt in so long. It was something I had forgotten, that something small can have a really big impact. This child is now seen as equal. Before the other students would have thought 'she's not going to be involved in this.' Last week she pushed against everybody else. It was the first time she got to be the best. The Ireland Funds are helping us do this for so many children, one sport at a time.



"It's been **A GREAT WAY TO GET EXERCISE**, keep fit and make new friends." – Sophie, age 15

Reduce Reuse Recycle ReCreate

ReCreate is a national social enterprise in Ireland that takes end of line and surplus stock from businesses and reuses them as arts materials. Its warehouse outside Dublin is full to the brim with all types of fantastic arts materials such as paper, wool, plastics, fabric, tubing, foam and many other unusual and unexpected surprises. With help from The Ireland Funds, the organization has kept unused materials out of landfill and given them new life as educational arts materials, often to disadvantaged areas that previously had no arts programs. *Dara Connolly is the Executive Director of ReCreate. Here, he shares how this dynamic organization is working to make their arts and education materials accessible to every community in Ireland.*



It has been a phenomenal year...

for ReCreate and thanks to The Ireland Funds support, the future is bright for this dynamic and innovative social enterprise. In its 3 years of existence we have supplied quality art materials and educational supplies to over 150,000 children and adults all over Ireland via our membership base of 1700 schools and community groups. We have also completed over 600 workshops and events teaching all and sundry the nuances and techniques of Creative Reuse. This concept is a brilliant holistic solution where materials unwanted by industry (that otherwise would be going to landfill or recycling) are reused for all kinds of educational and creative projects.

By sourcing, collecting and then redistributing free of charge tons of unwanted stock to those that need it, ReCreate is a link. It is the bridge between the community and the corporate sector. The organization is making all kinds of creative and inventive pursuits possible where before many of its members did not have any arts program at all due to lack of budgets.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CREATIVITY

In this period of incredible growth, we have discovered that the unique, flexible materials that are now accessible and affordable from our Warehouse of Wonders have many other positive attributes and we are unveiling more every day. Through the many workshops our group of over 20 amazing artists facilitate, they have identified the open ended nature of the materials offer real opportunity for creativity and outside of the box thinking to flourish.

There is no right or wrong way to use the materials. It is up to the individual, they are indeed failure-free. Therefore, feelings of wellbeing, confidence and improved communication result from creative exploration with the materials. This is particularly powerful with those with special needs as observed below by Deirdre Rogers, Arts Director at ReCreate at a workshop in an inclusive school in July 2016:

"I noticed one girl standing with her back to the class, her jacket on and hood up. She was non-responsive to the excitement and activities of the other pupils around her.

Her teacher informed me that she had learning difficulties and was better left alone. I honoured this request but quietly left a selection of materials near her and observed her response throughout the workshop.

Within half an hour she had removed her hood and was engaging with the materials with help from her teacher. By the end of the workshop she was vocalizing her delight, showing off her creation and actively taking part in the clean-up process. Her delighted teacher commented on the transformation in her participation levels when introduced to the materials and noted that she would use them again as a learning tool."

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

Our members and staff are forever observing the flexible nature of the reused materials, as well as their sensory and tactile attributes. We gained the understanding that ReCreate's materials are bringing people together, encouraging communication and collaboration as individuals experiment and discover new uses and combinations, producing objects of beauty and wonderment.





ReCreate sought to prove our social impact with the help of Trinity College Dublin. We adopted an 'artist in residence' model within 18 educational and community based groups with children, young people and adults with diverse learning needs. During 300 hours of workshops we studied if the open-ended materials encouraged greater flexibility and creativity in classrooms. The results were overwhelmingly positive and the whole project is a massive confirmation to the work we are doing.

HEADS UP: THE DOCUMENTATION OF CREATIVE REUSE

To further share the results of this research, ReCreate has published a beautifully designed, engaging publication called *Heads Up*. This book, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, displays the results of the study and creative tips for practitioners as well as stunning photographs and graphics to depict the ReCreate story. It is a book for everybody and is available online and free of charge.

We will now scale up the project in 2017 to produce the first fully-documented, third-party, confirmed research paper with the aim to influence national policy, recognizing the multiple benefits of creative reuse in the areas of education, active community and mental health. This will enable ReCreate to also produce a comprehensive training manual and an educational module in conjunction with Trinity College for both artists and teachers.

The definitive findings in the *Heads Up* study that visual arts education training in inclusive schools using open ended materials was very limited, is an area ReCreate will action in 2017.

THE IRELAND FUNDS ENABLE THE SENSORY PROJECT

2016 saw ReCreate solidify its position as an enabler of arts in Ireland with major awards from Social Entrepreneurs Ireland, winning the National Community Recycling award as well as the Dublin City Enterprise Award. ReCreate now hopes to take what was learned in 2016, and thanks to a grant from The Ireland Funds, build on this in 2017 with "The Sensory Project." Focusing on play, the Sensory Project is using open-ended reusable materials to engage children's senses, provide provocations and enhance existing environments.

Our aims are to create sensory areas within crèche settings for all children to use while the carers and teachers can utilize the space as an additional learning tool that focuses on the child's individual needs. We are documenting this process with the help of Early Childhood Ireland to enable reconstruction of the spaces as the knowledge we have gained can be easily repeated. This will be supported with evidence-based research of the tactile and sensory attributes of the materials.

A VISION OF GROWTH : THE CREATIVE HUB

Our biggest challenge in 2017 is to keep up with the insatiable demand for the materials. Our main objective for the year is to secure a new premises in Dublin as we have quickly outgrown the 'Warehouse of Wonders' and we need double the space we currently occupy. In fact, we are bursting at the seams with fantastic materials, and have to turn away large groups that want workshops and refuse very large deliveries of materials. As well as opening up other centers around Ireland via social franchises, we have a vision of creating a Creative Sustainable Hub with shared spaces for other social enterprises and large workshop spaces where sculptures can be created. We would like to install recording equipment to record our programs and put online the learning of the team and our large body of artists. This concept of the online Creative Hub has the support of our new partners, the University of Massachusetts who are very interested in our work especially the results of the Heads Up project. The online Hub will signify a huge development and will greatly add to the sustainability of the organization, ensuring quality materials in abundant quantities can be accessed for all kinds of creative projects whenever and wherever they are required. We are very confident and with the help of our supporters we will create another 'Aladdin's Cave' for an even wider community to explore and enjoy.

— Dara Connolly is Executive Director of ReCreate



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The Spectrum Centre

With help from The Ireland Funds,
a creative and delicious project
comforts those with dementia
in Northern Ireland.





The Shankill area of Belfast has achieved an unusual distinction in recent years. It is recognized as a “dementia-friendly” community. Thanks in part to advocacy from the local Alzheimer’s Society and Hemsworth Court, a unique supported living scheme for people with dementia in Belfast, The Shankill community, a traditionally Loyalist area, is changing the way people in Northern Ireland address dementia. Local businesses in the area have undergone voluntary training to learn how to ease and address the needs of their neighbors with Alzheimer’s and dementia, many living at Hemsworth Court. Businesses that display a small blue flower icon in their window or door indicate that they have had this sensitivity training that helps them offer a safe and understanding space to those with dementia. And so hairdressers, taxi drivers and shopkeepers now know how to take a bit more time with a customer who may have lost their way, or needs help making change, or remembering what they came in for.



Belfast Champ & sausages

Ingredients:

- Bag of Navan Spuds
- 2 bunches of scallions
- .25 lb butter
- .5 pint milk
- Onion
- salt & Pepper to taste
- Cumberland sausages (or your preference)

Directions:

- Peel the spuds, cut into quarters & boil until soft (test with a knife)
- Chop scallions and simmer with milk and melted butter until soft
- Mash potatoes and stir into scallion mix
- season with salt and pepper
- Coat Cumberland sausages in vegetable oil and bake for 40 min. at 180/160 F

The Bread 'An' Jam Project

These efforts to address the stigma and struggle of those with dementia in the Shankill area have extended to the Spectrum Centre, a large bustling community development space at the top of the Shankill Road which is supported by The Ireland Funds. With a grant from The Ireland Funds, the Centre collaborated with the residents of Hems-

worth Court on The Bread an' Jam Project. The project was a five-week joint venture that brought residents with dementia together to create a cookbook of favorite recipes. Over the course of those weeks, residents recounted recipes from their childhoods and earlier days, sang together, cooked each person's dish, told stories and tasted

their way across those shared memories, a vital exercise for those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Sally Young, Arts Development Officer at the Spectrum Centre explains how the stimulation of memory was key to the project. "An old-fashioned rolling pin would be brought in, or a potato masher. These were things that everyone





“It may seem small, but that germ of an idea just needed a bit of support. It was like a spark. The Ireland Funds was the fan that came in and helped grow that spark. Sometimes you just need to feed a fire to keep it going and this project was brilliant.”

— Sally Young, Arts Development Officer
at the Spectrum Centre

in Belfast would have had back in the day. And the residents would recognize them and the stories would start. So they got to talking about the recipes, the war, how times were hard, how they made food go further when needed.” Those recipes and experiences culminated in the Bread

an’ Jam cookbook funded in part by The Ireland Funds. “We had a launch of the exhibition of the book and in the Spectrum Centre cafe folks came and everyone got three or so copies,” explains Sally. “The Ireland Funds have continued to help programs like this here. These programs are an

opportunity to give people a chance to actually do something on the ground. For many of the older people, this is their day to take control and do something interesting with their time.”



Gaisce

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

With Help From The Ireland Funds,
Ireland's Traveler Community
Raises the Bar of Achievement



Across Ireland, young people age 15 – 25 have a unique opportunity to push their boundaries, challenge themselves and serve their community. Gaisce is the President's Award, a prestigious honor achieved by young people who complete a series of challenges in the four areas of community involvement, personal skills, physical recreation and a journey or residential project.

Gaisce

is a self-development program, not a competition. Each young person constructs their own experience under the guidance of Gaisce and an adult mentor, often from a community service organization. Participants engage in activities that range from volunteering overseas with a nonprofit organization to training for a marathon. A Gaisce award level of Bronze, Silver or Gold is given based on the length of time a young person commits to the program. Bronze and Silver encompass the four key challenge areas and take 26 and 52 weeks to complete, respectively. The Gold program is an intense commitment of 78 weeks with five key challenge areas. In all instances, a participant commits at least 1 hour a week to the program.

The Ireland Funds has been a long-time supporter of Gaisce and its aim to provide self-growth opportunities for Ireland's youth. Most recently, a grant was made to assist a community often at a disadvantage in Ireland: young members of the Traveler community.

"We are a community of Irish people who are indigenous to Ireland," explains Willie McDonagh, Children and Young People's Service Manager, a resource for the Traveler community. "We have our own culture, our own heritage, our own history. There are around 45,000 people in Ireland who identify as Travelers. Some would use the term 'gypsies' but we have a deep history here in Ireland."

Past generations of Travelers in Ireland often struggled with traditional education as they did not stay in one location for extended amounts of time. Today's young Travelers at times still struggle with educational advancement despite the fact that their families no longer legally have the

freedom to move across Ireland at-will. Exchange House is helping the Traveler community see the value of education and programs like Gaisce. "This generation sees the value of education because we need educated and articulate Travelers to go out there into the community and take a stand on the same level playing field as their peers in the 'settled' community," says Willie. "We need them to be working side-by-side. We need to get rid of the stigma, to show them that education is the way forward."

Young Travelers from Exchange House's youth outreach participated in the Gaisce program with help from The Ireland Funds. The Personal Skills portion of their Bronze level was a focus on mental health skills development.

Mental health is a major concern within the community. It is also a topic fraught with stigma and silence which has contributed to an epidemic of suicides for Travelers.

"The rate of suicide within the Traveler community is eight times higher than the general population," explains John Paul Collins, a Youth Worker at Exchange House who led the workshop as part of the Gaisce program. "Some of our members have had issues with mental health and this was a chance to work with them."

For 13 weeks, a group of Traveler teens met on Tuesdays for "Walk the Walk." For most of the young men, it was the first time they had ever talked openly about mental health and suicide. In a safe space they explored the effect it had on their families, their community, and the resources available to them.

"It was good because we learned about some of the services that are available, says Martin McDonagh a young Traveler who went on to achieve his Bronze Gaisce level.

"Gaisce was a great experience and learning opportunity for me and a journey which I enjoyed. I finished with a better outlook on life."

The group continued to fulfill the Gaisce challenges by traveling to Romania to volunteer at an orphanage that is home to 80 orphans. For many of the young Travelers it was their first time outside of Ireland and an eye-opening experience on the impact of volunteerism.


"It was full of mixed emotions because you didn't know what to expect when you went over there," says Tom, another participant. "It was fulfilling doing activities with these little kids. The smallest thing you did for them, they appreciated. Between that and the mental health portion, it gave me a better understanding of myself."

The young men's achievement of the President's Award was a proud and important moment for the Traveler community. "It is changing perception and accessibility," says Willie. "There are a lot of people who firmly believe that Gaisce is only for the good kids, the kids who are motivated, who are well-supported, and that it isn't for our Traveler kids. We have really worked hard to change that perception. It was support from The Ireland Funds that facilitated this."

Comfort with mental health conversation will take time. The small group of teenage Travelers are pioneers in this area and are an example for other young people in the community.

"Maybe The Ireland Funds should take a pat on the back for saving someone's life," says Willie. "I could nearly say you did through the funding. Some of our young people have now come forward for more help and they mightn't have had the chance without that."

As for the Gaisce challenges? Willie knows the investment will pay returns for years to come. "We hope to see more young Travelers doing Gaisce and you have to start somewhere" he says with a smile. "To go for the Gold? You start with the Bronze."



“To actually see our young people doing Gaisce and to see young Travelers actually taking pride in who they are is amazing. The Ireland Funds has given us something that can be built on.”

—*Willie McDonagh, Children and Young People's Service Manager*



Since its inception over 30 years ago, 300,000 young people in Ireland have participated in the Gaisce challenge. Formal studies have shown that Gaisce participation leads to:

- Enhanced positive relationships
- Increased empathy and altruism
- Greater mental fortitude
- Increased positive emotions
- Self-efficacy
- Personal growth
- Increased confidence and self-esteem

Inner City Enterprise

Work Hard.
Dream Big.

Inner City Enterprise (ICE) is a not-for-profit charity established to advise and assist unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to set up their own businesses or create their own self-employment. ICE provides individual business advice and supports, as well as access to a panel of voluntary Business Advisors. ICE also provides access to micro-finance loans. Over the last 5 years, ICE has registered 1811 new clients, established 706 new businesses and created around 730 new businesses.



Melissa

Owner of Social Bee mobile tea service

“The support first gave me the confidence to go forward. Now it is about exposure and contacts and connections. I was in a room full of people a couple weeks ago and I never would have been there without the support of ICE.”

It was a spark of an idea in CEO Evanne Kilmurray's mind that brought life to ICE.

At the time, Ireland had plenty of employment centers, but no centers that focused on enterprise.

"I have master's degree in politics and I worked as a researcher in RTE for a couple of years, but I've always been interested in the community and voluntary sector," explains Evanne. "In the late 80s, I was an officer in an unemployment center here in Ireland. People were coming in and asking 'how do we get a business off the ground?' I said 'look, the banks aren't lending. I don't know.' So I got interested in enterprise and started doing a lot of research around the Scottish and Welsh experience in this area. They had things called local enterprise agencies and there was nothing in Ireland like that at the time. My friend Kieran was working in the same sector and I went out on a limb. I said, 'Let's do it. Let's get our own enterprise agency off the ground.'"

Helping entrepreneurs get off the ground is important, but ICE also continues to support and maintain the businesses it fosters. ICE has recently initiated a client-tracking system to track clients over two years in business, and 60 percent of those clients are still operational with a further 15 percent having secured full-time employment.

THE RIGHT MATCH

A hallmark of ICE is its pragmatic delivery of individualized business advice through its Enterprise Development Officers and volunteer Business Advisors. The Enterprise Development Officers help clients navigate the nuts and bolts of starting a business: from tax registrations to loan applications and business plan development. The Business Advisors come from top companies such as Tesco, Accenture, A & L Goodbody Solicitors, Irish Distillers, Bank of Ireland, Grant Thornton and the Ulster Bank, and provide clients with extraordinary pro-bono access to business intelligence. So a start-up company making baked goods can work with a top packaging expert and a new clothing business can get marketing advice from a Business Advisor with decades of experience.

Eoin Kernan owns Slick, a successful video production company. When he first came to ICE

he had more questions than answers.

"I had a bit of an idea. I had started to work freelance and was developing a production model in my head," says Eoin. "I was connected with ICE through the local unemployment office. I didn't know a huge amount about ICE but the minute I discovered a wealth of knowledge and information that I could garner there, it was just fantastic."

ICE paired Eoin with Business Advisor Tony Kelly of Anton Motors. While video production and the automotive industry may have appeared at first to be an incongruent match, it proved to be ideal.

"I explained to Evanne that I possessed basic business skills, yet there were certain things I didn't know," explains Eoin.

Tony has provided advice to Eoin as someone who had also started his own business from the ground up. "Evanne took time to find Tony whose experience and style suited me. Having someone who I can explore ideas with has been key. If I hadn't had access to ICE, I'd probably be floundering away with some ideas wondering why they were working or not working. Any time I've asked for it, advice has been there in spades. It has opened up opportunities for me that I would never have had otherwise. There are times when you've made mistakes or you lose that client that you really wanted. Every business is going to have that but not every business has someone on the end of the phone to talk it through. It's like having a business partner without having a business partner, that's the best way to describe it."

RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT LIFESPANS

Robert Giffney is a small business owner in Dublin. His barbershop HIM is another ICE success story.

"I was working only three days a week as a barber and it seemed like I couldn't get anywhere," says Robert. "I wanted so much more. Then I lost my job so I met with the social welfare department and they introduced me ICE. From the first meeting I had with them I felt someone was behind me and wanted to guide me in the right direction."

"I left school at 16," says Robert. "I was never academic. I was more creative. I am an idea person and there's always things going on in my head. ICE understood that I didn't want to just

create a shop, I wanted to create a brand. They steered me and sometimes even pulled me back a bit. Dublin is a cut-throat town with a competitive barbershop scene, but it's three years on now and we're growing and getting stronger. I still pick up the phone for advice. Without them I genuinely would not be where I am today."

Another aspect of ICE is its informality and ongoing relationships with launched businesses. "We don't have a lifespan for our relationships," explains Evanne. "Part of what makes ICE work is the informality. We offer sound business advice and support, but people can just pick up the phone to say, 'May I run something by you?' We hold networking events so established businesses help those starting out. What I really love is that we're building up a community in ICE."

INNOVATIVE IDEAS DESERVE PRACTICAL ADVICE

Melissa Curley was a secondary school teacher with a passion for tea. Her business Social Bee is a mobile afternoon tea service. "We do bespoke events that are based around the setting of a vintage-style afternoon tea-party. I had a business idea of going into people's homes and turning the idea of afternoon tea on its head."

Melissa came to ICE with two challenges: an unusual business idea and no business background. "The business I was starting was clearly a bit quirky. I like to call it niche. Other people humored me but they thought I was mad. All I heard was 'You can't make money out of a mobile tea business, are you crazy?'"

ICE not only saw value in her ideas, it provided the structured advice around marketing, social media, and a plan for eventual expansion that Melissa needed to succeed. "I would have known nothing about the practical things I needed at the beginning, says Melissa. "The advice is delivered in such a friendly manner that you don't feel silly asking things. When you're self-employed and trying to build a business on your own, you don't have partners to bounce ideas off or troubleshoot things with. It can be very lonely in your own head. This is where the main support has been for me. Knowing you have an organization like ICE that will help me in any way they can, gave me the confidence to go on."

PHONE
WATCH

HIM Barber Shop



HIM
BARBER SHOP

Robert

Owner of HIM Barbershop

"I went from working three days a week for someone else to having my own business. We have two staff members and we're hiring more. I'm 100% thankful to ICE. I'm now waking up every day doing something that I absolutely love."



Shane

Owner of The Stylish Guy men's clothing

"ICE is my support service. If I have a question about taxes, human resources or law issues, they are always on-hand to help me out. They are like my parents in the business world."



SUPPORTING THE SUPPORTERS

The Ireland Funds saw the value in the tightly-run and impactful model presented by ICE. Funding has helped ICE produce its own marketing materials as grow and expand their offerings. "This year we've started doing specialized training, around book-keeping, social media, and communications. We also have client networking events. "The Ireland Funds were incredibly supportive and showed faith in us," says Evanne. "We are building something here that is exciting, innovative and entrepreneurial and that faith makes all the difference."



Anam Cara: Soul Friend

“I genuinely do not think there is any other grief like it,” says Adrian Hendrick.



Adrian and his wife Aine lost their daughter Aoife to an infection contracted while battling leukemia when she was just five-years old. Aoife had met her idol, Irish boxer Katie Taylor, just 10 days before.

“She had actually been doing really well and was coming home,” explains Adrian. “So this sudden turn was just a massive shock to us.”

At the time, the Hendricks did not know any other parents who had lost a child and they, like many families in Ireland, did not know where to turn in the terrible and confusing days after Aoife’s passing.

Weeks later, Adrian heard a radio advertisement for Anam Cara. He attended a meeting and realized their family was not alone.

Anam Cara which means “soul friend” in Gaelic, was launched in 2008 by a few families seeking to support one another in the midst of experiencing the grief of losing a child. Today, it is a national peer-support program across Ireland available to the 2,000+ families who experience the death of a child each year, regardless of the age of their child or circumstances of their death.

“Grief is not linear,” explains Sharon Vard, CEO of Anam Cara who herself lost her young daughter Rachel in 2004 to an inoperable brain tumor. “Parents may feel the depth of their grief immediately or six months after the death of a child. By coming together with other parents, they find that they are not alone and have a safe space to grieve at whatever stage they are at.”

Anam Cara groups meet monthly across Ireland in comfortable community spaces and offer online peer-support at all times. Groups are co-facilitated by a professional counselor, psychologist or psychotherapist and a volunteer

parent. The small groups address everything from the physical and emotional effects of grief, to how to handle milestones and life-changes in the years that follow the death of a child. When professional support may be needed by a parent, Anam Cara serves as a resource to guide them to the best services.

A distinction of the program is that the age of the child lost does not matter—parents who have lost a 45-year-old son or daughter are as welcomed as parents who have lost a young child. Yet the different needs of those affected are addressed. Specific resources are offered to young bereaved parents, fathers, siblings, mothers and those experiencing a child’s sudden-death. In addition, family days are held so that when they are ready, families around the country can meet to celebrate and remember the children that were lost and have camaraderie with others experiencing the same.

The Ireland Funds have provided Anam Cara with funding for peer-services and meetings attended by hundreds of parents across Ireland. "The money is one thing," says Sharon Vard, CEO of Anam Cara. "But it's also the knowledge that an organization as important as The Ireland Funds believes in your work. That is the most valuable."

Adrian Hendrick shared with Connect magazine some of the unique challenges grieving parents face and how Anam Cara cares and guides families through that unique journey.



We were concerned some months after Aoife died whether or not it was ok for us to consider having another child. It was only by attending Anam Cara that we learned other parents had gone on to have another child and that these children were often referred to as 'rainbow' babies, born after a terrible storm. We did go on to have another baby after Aoife died, and she is our precious little Amy.



We wondered what should our answer be when people asked us how many children we had. It was from other parents that we learned it always seemed right to mention and include your child who has passed. We always include Aoife and say we have four children, that one has sadly passed, and this is a comfort to know she continues on as part of our family.



Parents worry about whether or not they are mad not to want to change the bedroom of a child that has died. They may not want to discard any clothes or belongings, or even change their car from the one their child used to sit in. These were all things we could relate to and at Anam Cara meetings we learned that this was perfectly normal and many parents held onto items for many years as a comfort. We have also done this.



We learned from Anam Cara meetings how other parents handled the tricky questions of death and burial with younger siblings of a child that has died. This has been a help too. Sometimes by attending meetings it can be a connection just to look into another grieving parents' eyes and see the sadness, knowing how it is and being able to relate.



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THE IRELAND FUNDS YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY

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To learn more about the Young Leaders Society in the US contact **Pat Tully** at ptully@irelandfunds.org and to learn more about the international chapters contact **Siobhán Gallagher** at sgallagher@irelandfunds.org

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Invitation, and for preferred levels—discounted admission, to The Ireland Funds Conference in Ireland and complimentary admission to The Global Young Leaders Summit

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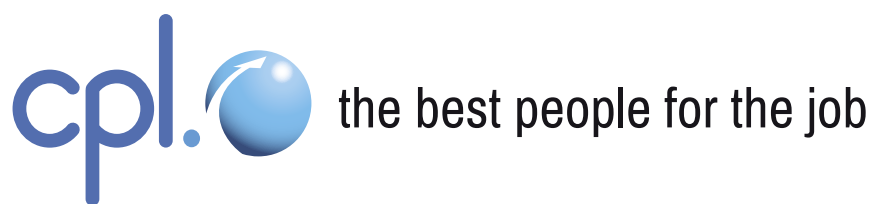




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GLOBAL 5K – SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

The Irish Run the World

On Saturday 24 September, Young Leaders across the world laced up, to give back and support the work of The Ireland Funds.



On your mark, get set, give back.

Sydney



Melbourne



Hong Kong



London



Dublin



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The Ireland Funds Global 5k 2016 spanned over 20 hours and covered 80km in 16 different cities and 6 different countries.

The Global 5k started in Brisbane, and from there the baton was passed to Sydney, Melbourne, Hong Kong, London, Dublin, Belfast, Toronto, Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and finally Los Angeles.

In Melbourne runners were lucky to have Global Patron and Olympic medalist Sonia O'Sullivan run the course, taking time to chat and encourage participants along the way.

Despite a drizzly day in Dublin, the global winner Paul Robinson, ran the 5k in the incredibly speedy time of 14 minutes and 40 seconds, taking home the prize for fastest male runner. In Belfast, the day was equally grey, but it also encouraged speed with the fastest female Kathryn Walls running a time of 18 minutes and 42 seconds.

The baton was finally passed to Los Angeles where at Venice Beach Pier, the runners ran the final leg of the Global 5k on a sunny beach on the other side of the world from where it started.

Seeing a movement of Young Leaders bound together across the world to give back to Ireland was truly inspirational.



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New York



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Los Angeles

*Thanks to the **sponsors, runners, timekeepers, and cheerleaders** who came out to support great causes and not-for-profit work across the island of Ireland. We're looking forward to coming back next year.*

The Ireland Funds America **GOLF** Events

New Jersey Golf **SEPTEMBER, 2016** The morning started with a capacity crowd of over 120 golfers packing **Bayonne Golf Club's** private ferry in downtown Manhattan and taking a scenic water tour past lower Manhattan, past Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, to the dock at Bayonne Golf Club. Out on the course the golfers competed in multiple skills contests for a first-class golf trip to Ireland aboard Delta Air Lines and a chance to win a BMW two (2) year lease. The guests then moved down to the dining room for dinner and were addressed by The Worldwide Ireland Funds President and CEO **Kieran McLoughlin** who thanked the sponsors and supporters and congratulated the committee on a successful fundraiser for Irish charities both in the US and in Ireland. Kieran pointed out that a portion of the evening's proceeds would go to a program in Jersey City, NJ to help stop youth gang violence. The program was inspired by **Co-operation Ireland's** work with a similar and successful youth program in Belfast. Co-Chairs **Patrick Leahy** and **Matthew McBride**, introduced the evening's honoree, **Jim Clerkin**, CEO of **Moët Hennessy USA** and Chairman of **Co-Operation Ireland**. Jim spoke about the importance of The Ireland Funds' role in the continuing peace process and thanked the supporters for coming out to support its work. The event continued with a live auction and concluded with the golf awards being handed out. Special thanks to the 14th annual NJ Golf Committee, our presenting sponsors: **Delta Air Lines** and **BMW of North America** as well as event patron and National Board Director, **Bob McCann**.



Matthew McBride, Kevin Byrne, Honoree
Jim Clerkin, Devon Rausch



The NJ Golf Committee: Thomas Ryan, Matthew McBride, Patrick Leahy, Kyle Clifford, Angus Miller, Martin Kehoe, Jim Higgins, Anthony Callaghan, honoree Jim Clerkin, Shaun Kelly, Pat Tully, Chuck Reagan, Tom Kennedy, Bill Murphy, Carla Capone, Kieran McLoughlin



Tadhg O'Connor, Angus Miller, Patrick Leahy

15th Annual Philadelphia Golf Classic **OCTOBER, 2016** The Philadelphia chapter of The Ireland Funds hosted its 15th annual golf classic at the **Philadelphia Cricket Club**. The golfers were treated to an unseasonably warm summer's day in mid-October as over 115 golfers headed out on the course to take on the challenging course, complete with a hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive challenge. After a competitive and fun day on the course, the golfers gathered on the patio for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. National Director of The Young Leaders, **Pat Tully** thanked the event's presenting sponsor, **Pepper Hamilton LLP** as well as the event Co-Chairs Board Director **Mike Gallagher** and **Jason Early**, the Philadelphia Young Leaders Steering Committee Chair. The Ireland Funds Worldwide President & CEO, **Kieran McLoughlin** who spoke about the needs in Ireland today and how the golf classic would support The Ireland Funds' grant round, helping organizations across the entire island of Ireland.



Kevin Lucey, Jason Early, Tim Klagholz, Dave Gaunt



Pat O'Connor, Fran Van Kirk, Bob Brown, Jack Zoo



JD White, John McCrudden, Mike Gallagher

Los Angeles West Coast Golf Classic **OCTOBER, 2016** The Ireland Funds' West Coast Golf Classic was held on Monday, October 17th at the spectacular **Bel-Air Country Club**, with panoramic views overlooking Los Angeles. The event was chaired by **Tom Barry** of UBS and **Jim Layden** of **D.A. Davidson**. The Classic was won by **Matt J. Hart** who led an enthusiastic foursome for best score in a scramble format with **Matthew Doran, Shane Dwyer and Dave Larkin**. The Golf Classic was followed by a reception and awards ceremony in the **Top of the Tee** with a traditional Irish band playing. Vice President of Development **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed everyone and provided an update on The Ireland Funds' activities. She was joined by newly-appointed Vice President of Development **Jonathan Loughran**. Tom Barry and Jim Layden presented Matt Hart and his team with a striking Golf Swing trophy hand-carved out of a piece of Irish bog oak wood almost 5,000 years old. Thanks also to **Brendan Carroll** and **Colin McCafferty** for their generous support.



Shane Dwyer, Matthew Doran



The 2016 West Coast Golf Classic winners: Jim Layden, Matthew Doran, Shane Dwyer, Dave Larkin, Matt Hart, Tom Barry



Players and caddies

The Dallas Shamrock Shootout **OCTOBER, 2016** The 23rd Texas Shamrock Shootout was hosted by The Ireland Funds America National Board Director **Kevin Curley** to benefit **Integrated Education** in Northern Ireland. The overall winning team was the O'Brien Clan comprised of **Pat O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Pete Adams and John Phillips**. All retired to the clubhouse for a grand finale of dinner, drinks, and auction. **Brian Small**, Fundraising Manager (NI) for the **Integrated Education Fund**, attended. He expressed his profound gratitude to Kevin for his support. The Shamrock Shootout has raised over \$1 million for charitable causes since its inception. Kevin Curley will be receiving the **Anam Cara Award** at the 5th Annual Texas Emerald Ball in September, 2017.



Kevin Curley



Brian Small and team



Pat O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Pete Adams, John Phillips



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New York Women's Group Leadership Forum

July, 2016 The Ireland Funds hosted its second New York Women's Group event of 2016. The event was crowned by the participation of Former President of Ireland **Mary Robinson**. Consul General **Barbara Jones** kindly hosted the event and welcomed President Robinson speaking of her many achievements as Ireland's first female President and UN Commissioner of Human Rights. President Robinson then spoke passionately to those gathered about climate change and the importance of building a sustainable world for future generations. The event

then moved into a panel discussion which was moderated by **Kristen Shaughnessy** of **NY1**. The panel comprised of **Susan Davis**, Chairman of **Susan Davis International**; **Kara Ross**, Founder, **Diamonds Unleashed**; **Aine Brazil**, Vice Chairman, **Thornton Tomasetti** and **Magee Hicke**, journalist with **PIX11**. The conversation highlighted the challenges facing women seeking to progress their careers; advice on how to overcome these challenges and what role Women's Groups can have in helping advance women into leadership positions.

- 1 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, President Mary Robinson, Consul General Barbara Jones
- 2 The Panel
- 3 Cliona Doyle, Kate Kelly, Kara Ross, Aisling Reidy, Jaclynn Brennan, Meghan Pues



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New York Leadership Breakfast with An Tánaiste

September, 2016 The Ireland Funds hosted a breakfast for Ireland's Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) **Frances Fitzgerald** with Board members and key donors. **John Fitzpatrick**, Chairman of The Ireland Funds America, welcomed the Tánaiste and **Kieran McLoughlin**, Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds, spoke of importance of private philanthropy working in partnership with Government. The Tánaiste spoke about the improving economic state of Ireland, but also highlighted is-

ssues surrounding housing problems and crime. The floor was opened to questions and offered insights on a variety of topics in Ireland, including the charity sector in Ireland and the implications of Brexit. The Tánaiste was acknowledged for her empowerment of the Charity Regulator in Ireland as it is seen as a crucial step in professionalizing the sector. The breakfast concluded with dialogue on how the Government and The Ireland Funds could further cooperate.

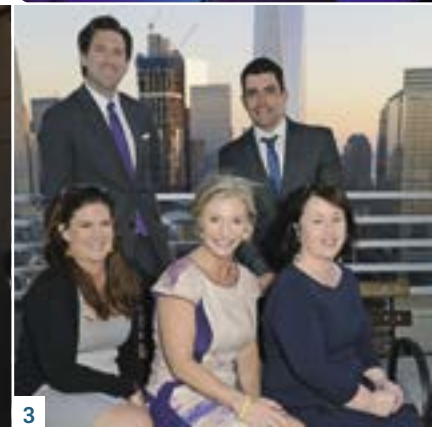
- 1 John Fitzpatrick, An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald, Consul General Barbara Jones
- 2 Angela Moore, An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald, John Fitzpatrick
- 3 Rob MacGoey, Bill Mills, Kieran McLoughlin, Adrian Jones, Shane Naughton



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New York Dinner Committee Reception

- 1 Bill Mills, Gene McQuade, John Fitzpatrick, Kieran McLoughlin
- 2 Vasili Tsamis, Kyle Clifford
- 3 (standing) Gary McSharry, Patrick Caulfield, (seated) Aisling Reidy, Grainne McNamara, Andrea Haughian

September, 2016 A reception was held to recognize the New York Dinner Committee for raising \$2.7 million at the New York Dinner Gala held in May of 2016. In addition, a gift of \$1 million made by the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation** to support Music Generation was announced at the Dinner. The evening was kindly hosted by Dinner Co-Chairs, **Bill Mills**, CEO, North America, **Citi** and **Gene McQuade**, Chairman, **XL Group**, in Citi's

headquarters. **John Fitzpatrick**, Chairman of The Ireland Funds America, thanked the Committee for their extraordinary work on the largest of the 150 events The Ireland Funds hold across 12 countries. **Kieran McLoughlin**, Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds, spoke of the impact the support raised at the New York Dinner has had on projects in Ireland and locally in NYC.



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New York Women's Group with Louise Kennedy

- 1 Kristine Covillio Lynch, Jennifer Harrington
- 2 Guests admiring the collection
- 3 Louise Kennedy, Kieran McLoughlin, Chantel O'Sullivan

November, 2016 As part of a series of events that celebrate the business, political, philanthropic and creative achievements of the women of the Irish diaspora, The Ireland Funds' Women's Group gathered together in the **Carlisle Hotel** in New York to meet with leading Irish fashion designer, **Louise Kennedy**. Following launches in Dublin and London, Louise, a longtime friend and supporter of The Ireland Funds, presented her latest

collection to all those who attended. Highlights of Louise's career include being commissioned by President **Mary Robinson**, the first female President of Ireland, to design for her inauguration ceremony. The evening was attended by a group of influential women from across the sectors of finance, healthcare, tourism and the arts.



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Young Leaders Meet with Ireland's Minister of State for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement

October, 2016 The Ireland Funds' New York Young Leaders gathered at the offices of **NFP** for a conversation with **Eoghan Murphy**, Ireland's Minister of State for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement. Minister Murphy greeted the guests, many of whom were in the financial services industry and welcomed the opportunity to meet and discuss the sector with the Minister. National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully** welcomed the Minister and his staff and thanked the evening's host, Young Leader **Brendan Kenny**. Minister Murphy discussed

Ireland's key position in the world, post-Brexit, as the only English-speaking country in the European Union. The roundtable conversation continued with the Minister praising the work of The Ireland Funds and specifically highlighting the work of an Ireland Funds-supported project, **Social Entrepreneurs Ireland**, for giving people the opportunity to explore entrepreneurial ideas with a social conscience. After the roundtable, the informal conversation continued and those gathered had a chance to thank the Minister for sharing his perspectives.

- 1 Min. Eoghan Murphy
- 2 Steve Lenox, Min. Eoghan Murphy
- 3 Patrick Bogues, Tim Fetherston, Brendan Kenny



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New York Young Leaders Bill Raftery Screening

October, 2016 Supporters and friends of The Ireland Funds gathered in New York at the **Bryant Park Hotel** for a screening of the **CBS Sports** documentary **With A Kiss**. The documentary is about the inspiring career of first generation Irish-American and basketball broadcasting legend, **Bill Raftery**. Following the screening, National Director of The Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**

led a Q&A with Bill and the film's Director and narrator, his son **Billy Raftery**. The interaction between father and son during the making of the film was discussed and also Billy's personal connection with Ireland Funds' grantee, **PeacePlayers Northern Ireland**. Billy was part of the first group to expand PeacePlayers beyond Northern Ireland to South Africa.

- 1 Bill Raftery, Billy Raftery, Pat Tully
- 2 Lou Lipani, Bill Raftery, John Smith, Billy Lipani
- 3 Erin Fitzsimmons-Tully, Dean Thomas, Ann Murtagh, Brendan Kenny



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New York Young Leaders Summer in the City

- 1 Colin Quinn, Kathryn & Jason O'Connor
- 2 Colin Quinn
- 3 Guests enjoying Colin Quinn's routine

July, 2016 Over 100 New York Young Leaders and friends gathered at **The Ainsworth Midtown** for the annual Summer in the City fundraiser. National Director of the Young Leaders **Pat Tully**, addressed the crowd and talked about the Young Leaders recent visit to Ireland and the success of the 40th Anniversary Ireland Funds' Conference. Pat also explained that events like Summer in the City support numerous organizations, including many that had been visited by the Young Leaders at the recent Conference. Pat conducted a live auction that included a trip

to The Ireland Funds' Rugby Weekend in Chicago and a trip to London to attend The Ireland Funds' Winter Ball. After the auction, Pat introduced the special guest of the evening, Comedian/Actor/Author/Producer **Colin Quinn**. Colin's classical observations about the Irish and life in New York had the audience in stitches and suddenly forgetting about the heat. Special thanks to: **Jameson Irish Whiskey**, **Andrew McLeod** and **Union Beer Distributors** and **Delta Air Lines**.



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New York Young Leaders Celtic Christmas Celebration

- 1 Dan Delaney, Paul Cleary, Ailise Smith, Patrick Bogues
- 2 Kelly Jones, Brendan Kenny
- 3 Brendan Kenny, Katie Curley, Tara McCabe, Shannon Lewis, Brendan McCarthy

December, 2016 Over 100 New York Young Leaders and supporters gathered at **The Core Club** in midtown Manhattan for their annual Celtic Christmas Celebration. National Director of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders, **Pat Tully** welcomed the guests and reflected on another great year for the New York Young Leaders. **Paul Finnegan**, Executive Director of the **New York Irish Center**, spoke about the great support The Ireland Funds had provided to the center for the **Forgotten Irish Program** in New York City. The 2015 Young Leader of the Year and Steering Committee chair, **Kelly Jones** introduced the 2016 Young Leader of the Year **Brendan Kenny**. She highlighted his contributions including co-chairing the 2016

St. Patrick's Celebration. Brendan Kenny shared some great stories of his involvement with The Ireland Funds and spoke of his pride for impact it has had. He encouraged others travel to Ireland to see the impact of that work on the ground. A live auction began that included a New York VIP weekend and a trip to see the USA Rugby Sevens tournament in Las Vegas. Later, guests continued with the holiday cheer and continued on to the after party down the street at **Draught 55**. Special thanks to **Bill Dessoiffy**, Core Club sponsor, **Deirdre Connolly** and **Embassy Row Productions**, **Ann Murtagh** and **The FIFTY NYC Hotel** as well as **Rob Cornelius** and **USA Rugby Seven's** and the **G2G Collection** for their auction donations.



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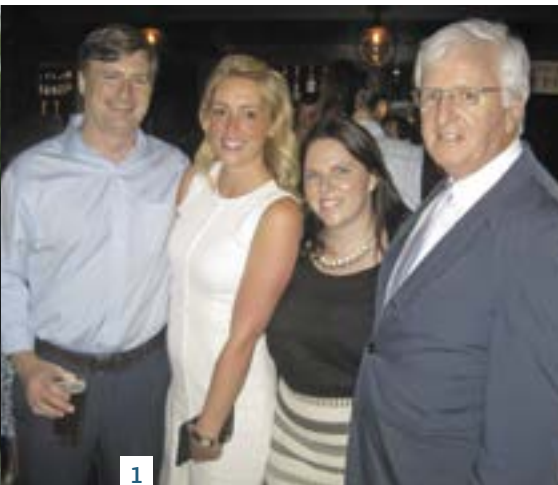
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Nantucket Celebration

July, 2016 The Ireland Funds hosted over 125 people at its annual Nantucket Celebration. Held at the beautiful summer home of **Bruce & Elisabeth Percelay**, the event was Co-Chaired by **Bob & Laura Reynolds**, **Chris & Ann Quick** and **Jim & Susan Geraghty**, and the evening's special guest was Ireland's Ambassador to the United States, **Anne Anderson**. The Ireland Funds New England Director and VP of Development **Steve Greeley** paused to note the recent passing of **Suzanne Wright**, long-time Ireland Funds supporter in Nantucket and Palm Beach, who, with her husband, **Bob**, co-founded **Autism Speaks**. Steve spoke about the vital work of The Ireland Funds as he described his recent visits to two projects that were recipients of recent support: the completion of a 5 GI Unit at **Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin** and **The Parent Child Home**

Programme. Ambassador Anne Anderson eloquently concluded the formal program with remarks about the ever-deepening bonds between Ireland and America strengthened by the positive influence of The Ireland Funds across the island of Ireland. Among the guests attending were: **Anne Finucane**, The Ireland Funds America National Board member and Vice Chairman of **Bank of America**; **Vanity Fair** feature writer **Maureen Orth**; **Jim & Roselee Wayman** of Boston and their daughter **Lia**. Many thanks to Nantucket Committee Members **George Albrecht**, **Ben Barnes**, **Bill & Cindy Burke**, **Kevin Callahan**, **Bob Crowe**, **Bart & Lesley Grenier**, **Linda Holliday**, **Scott & Sheila Knight**, **Bob & Laurie Monahan**, **John Osborn**, **Bob & Beth Scannell** and **Guy & Dede Snowden**.

- 1 Bruce Percelay, Amb. Anne Anderson, Steve Greeley
- 2 Scott & Susan Dudley, Greg & Tracey Morzano, Kelly & Brian McKernan
- 3 Andrew & KC Arnott, Steve Greeley, Amb. Anne Anderson, Jim Geraghty
- 4 Sheila Knight, Peter & Kay Bernon



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Boston Young Leaders Summer Social

- 1 Matt Gaughan, Shannon McAllister, Carolyn Molloy, Steve Greeley
- 2 Elizabeth McManus, Jennifer Corcoran, Steve Greeley, Cathleen Connors, Tommy Greeley
- 3 Elizabeth Parker, Cathleen Connors, Elizabeth McManus, Katie Kistner, Bethany Scalise

June, 2016 180 of Boston's Young Leaders celebrated summer at the beautiful **Bostonia Public House**, owned by The Ireland Funds' supporter **Dave Greaney**. The event was the largest and most successful Social in Boston Young Leaders' history. Glasses were raised to toast the St. Patrick's Celebration Committee and the event's Chairman **Amy Koch Flynn** and her three Vice Chairmen **Terence Connell**, **Mike Greeley** and **Aengus McAllister**, whose efforts set a new Boston Young

Leaders fundraising record. **Steve Greeley**, The Ireland Funds New England Director and VP of Development, thanked everyone for their hard work on the event that exceeded all expectations while maintaining its reputation as Boston's best St. Patrick's Celebration. He also reported on the 40th anniversary of The Ireland Funds' Conference recently held in Dublin and his visits to several critical projects there funded by The Ireland Funds.



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Boston Young Leaders Christmas Social

- 1 Olivia Packenham, Chapin Duke, Blake McLaughlin, Lindsay Walker, Cathleen Connors, Liz Walker
- 2 Marcus McAllister, Aengus & Shannon McAllister
- 3 Chris Scott, Blake McLaughlin, Brannan Knott

December, 2016 150 Boston Young Leaders gathered at **Bostonia Public House** to celebrate the holidays and fundraising records of 2016, and talk about what's in store for 2017. It was a great opportunity to thank all those who made 2016 another strong year for Boston's Young Leaders. **Steve Greeley**, The Ireland Funds' New England Director and VP of Development, thanked everyone for their continued support throughout the year and noted the impact that Ireland Funds' Young Leaders are having on many charities in Ireland as well

as within the Greater Boston area. Thank you to the Christmas Social Committee for an enthusiastic close the year: **Patrick Burek**, **Ryan Connolly**, **Cathleen Connors**, **Jen Corcoran**, **John Cronin**, **Shane Early**, **Maura Fitzpatrick**, **Clancy Galgay**, **Matt Gaughan**, **Megan Greeley**, **Michael Greeley**, **Chris Hagan**, **Kelsey Johnson**, **Mike Lynch**, **Patrick Malone**, **Aengus McAllister**, **Blake McLaughlin**, **Allie Morey**, **Pat & Chelsea Savery**, **Christopher & Stephanie Steele**, **Steve Sypek** and **Lia Wayman**.



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Irish Night on Cape Cod

August, 2016 The Ireland Funds held its seventh annual Irish Night on Cape Cod on the **Ocean Terrace** at **Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club** in Brewster, MA. **Joe Corcoran**, The Ireland Funds America National Board Director and longtime supporter and family were once again the gracious hosts of 140 attendees at the Corcoran's resort. The Ireland Funds New England Director and VP of Development **Steve Greeley** spoke about the Irish bond shared by those gathered and The Ireland Funds' long tradition of celebrating that bond while delivering real support to many vital Irish non-profit projects. Host Joe Corcoran spoke about his deep appreciation of his Irish heritage, his admiration for the work of The Ireland Funds and how

much he enjoyed the recent Conference of The Ireland Funds held in Dublin, encouraging those gathered to attend next year. The event's Chairs **Kevin & Rita Gill**, **Tom & Gina Flannery** and **Ed & Jenn Murphy** led a hard-charging Committee to a most successful night. Committee Members included: **Steve & Kathryn Brackett**, **Jack & Trish Brennan**, **Jay Calnan**, **Chris & Nancy Coburn**, **Kip & Peggy Condron**, **Bill & Barb Connolly**, **Jim & Kerrie Coughlin**, **John & Kathy Drew**, **Ryan & Maura Fitzpatrick**, **John & Maureen Hailer**, **Jay & Linda Hooley**, **John & Tracee Hynes**, **Paul Kingston**, **John & Carla Morey**, **Tom & Shelly O'Neill**, **Scott & Nancy Powers**, **Paul & Mary Beth Sandman**, and **Jack & Alissa Sebastian**.

- 1 Joe Corcoran and family
- 2 Steve Greeley, Jay Hooley, David Joy
- 3 John P. & Helene Drew, Brian & Katherine Cingel
- 4 Tom Flannery, Jim DiStasio



The 35th Annual Boston Gala

November, 2016 1000 guests gathered The Ireland Funds' 35th Annual Boston Dinner Gala at the **Westin Boston Waterfront**. Nearly \$2 million was raised to support nonprofit organizations across the island of Ireland and around the world. The 2016 Boston Gala was chaired by **Chuck Clough, Jr.**, Chairman & CEO, **Clough Capital Partners**, L.P. Vice Chairmen were **John E. Drew**, Chairman of **The Drew Company** and **Michael R. Minogue**, Chairman, President and CEO of **Abiomed**. In attendance were Governor **Charlie Baker**, Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh** and noted business and community and philanthropic leaders including **Jack Connors** of **The Connors Family Office**, **Jay Hooley** of **State Street Bank**, **Bob Reynolds** of **Putnam**, **Jim Judge** of **Eversource**, **Frank Doyle** of **Connell Limited Partnership**, and **John Hailer** of **Natixis Global Asset Management**. **Steve Greeley** led with welcoming remarks, followed by the Chairman of The Ireland Funds America **John Fitzpatrick** and Worldwide President and CEO of The Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin**. Kieran thanked Boston, acknowledged its importance to The Ireland Funds and spoke about the important work being supported across the island of Ireland. Dinner Committee

Chairman **Chuck Clough** told of his strong Irish grandmother who actually changed the family's last name to make it sound "more Irish" and T.D. **Joe McHugh** from Donegal, Ireland's Minister of Diaspora, brought greetings from Ireland, expressed the country's gratitude for the work of The Ireland Funds and its valuable contribution to keeping Ireland's diaspora connected to Ireland. Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh** thanked The Ireland Funds and assembled guests for their generous support of vital Irish nonprofits and Governor **Charlie Baker** talked of his many memories of Ireland and his recent visit there. After Dinner, the father/son Irish flute duo of **Jimmy** and 13-year-old son **Seamus Noonan**, and soloist 16-year-old **Celia Walsh**, brought the crowd to their feet with Noonans' creative playing of reels and Walsh's brilliant singing of "Oh Danny Boy", the late **Bill Connell**'s favorite Irish song. The 2016 Gala honored **Margot Connell**, Chairman of **Connell Limited Partnership** and noted philanthropist. The highlight of the event was Margot's time at the podium along with her warm and heartfelt remarks. Margot Connell is matriarch of the Connell family of six children and seventeen grandchildren and 35-year supporter of The Ireland Funds.





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- 1 Jay Hooley, Chuck Clough,
Margot Connell, Jack Connors,
Steve Greeley
- 2 Peter Lynch, Margot Connell
- 3 Casey Condron, Rob O'Hanley,
Sheila & Howard Galligan
- 4 Jack Sebastian, John Parsons,
John Soukas
- 5 The Connell Family
- 6 Rob Griffin, Steve Greeley,
John E. Drew
- 7 Jack & Lisa Burns, Mike McKeigue
- 8 John Madden, KC & Andrew Arnott
- 9 Bob & Laura Reynolds
- 10 Peter Smyth, Eileen Connors,
Mayor Marty Walsh
- 11 Steve Greeley, Margot Connell,
Kieran McLoughlin, Bill Connell
- 12 Tim Ostrander, Brian Kelley,
Kate Macherone, Will Connolly,
Brian Lussier
- 13 Greg Jannetta, Mike McCauley,
Dick Connolly, Sheila Feeney
- 14 Nicholas White, David Mittlebush
- 15 Peter Lynch, John Fitzpatrick,
Steve Greeley
- 16 John & Elizabeth Naughton,
Dave & Kathy Greaney, Nicole
& Jim Grady, Diane &
Michael Garrity
- 17 Shelby Chamberlain, John Farina,
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- 1 Susan & Harry Hartford
- 2 Natalie Lichtenhaeler, Amy Shiels
- 3 Alan Hearty, Linda Thomas, Daithi Ó Caoimh, Caroline Morahan, Jonathan & Michelle Loughran
- 4 Darren Ryan, Claire Ennis, Keith Ennis
- 5 Chris Kyle, Kaitlyn Cafferky Kyle
- 6 Jonathan & Michelle Loughran
- 7 Marjorie Muldowney, Patricia Corrigan
- 8 The Patio at The Beach Club

The Los Angeles Beach Party

September, 2016 The Beach Club on Santa Monica Beach was the idyllic setting for the first Ireland Funds Beach Party. History combines with modern style at this private club overlooking the Pacific Ocean where **Susan & Harry Hartford** hosted this unique family party. Guests were welcomed by Vice President of Development **Marjorie Muldowney**. They were joined by Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board members **Brendan Carroll, Matthew Doran, Kaitlyn Kyle**, and **Conor Shalloe**. **Keith Ennis** attended with his sister **Claire**, as well as longtime supporters of the Funds: **Annie Murphy, Jamie**

Murphy, Adrienne Fontanella, Alan Hearty, Julie Murphy, Michele Shalloe, Jane & Sean Browne, and **Len Schwigen & Patricia Corrigan**. From the world of entertainment, we were joined by actress **Caroline Morahan & Daithi Ó Caoimh**, actors **Victor Burke & Fiona Doolan**, film director **Ciaran Foy & Olwen Kelleghan**, actress **Olivia Tracey**, film director **Nathalie Lichtenhaeler**, actress **Amy Shiels, Paul Overacker & Marjorie DeHey**. Also present was newly-appointed Ireland Funds Vice President of Development **Jonathan Loughran** with his wife **Michelle**.



San Francisco Young Leaders Irish Heritage Night

August, 2016 The San Francisco Giants Irish Heritage Night was held at AT&T Park. Vice President for Development **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed the Young Leaders to a pre-game reception at **Momo's** restaurant. It was a chance to meet fellow Young Leaders from San Francisco before heading off to the baseball game against the **Pittsburgh Pirates**. **Rory Cameron** and **Ian Casey**, as well as **Mairead Kavanagh**, **Eoin Keane**, **Orla Clifford** and **Brian Trayers**, **Jackie Durant**, **Mark Muldowney** were in attendance. There were lots of new friends including

recent transplants from the East Coast like **Riley Fitzgerald** from New York and his fiancée, **Megan Warner**, **Kathleen Corcoran**, all the way from Boston, and **Sarah Kini Engers**. Also present were **Elizabeth Anathan** with friends **Stephanie Hubbard** and **Julie Wheeler**, **Elizabeth Carter** and **Brendan Way**, **Neal Best** from Portadown, **John Kirkpatrick**, **Julie**, **Austin** & **Curran Mahowald**, and **Pat Haines**.

- 1 San Francisco Young Leaders
- 2 Kathleen Corcoran, Sarah Kini Engers
- 3 Riley Fitzgerald, Megan Warner



San Francisco Young Leaders Pre-Summit Holiday Brunch

December, 2016 The Young Leaders gathered in the **Salesian Room** at San Francisco's renowned **Original Joe's Restaurant** for the Pre-Summit Holiday Brunch. Vice President for Development **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed the group, led by San Francisco Young Leader Chair **LJ Prendergast** and key supporters **Rory Cameron** and **Ian Casey**. Vice Consul **Colum Hatchell** attended and the Guest Speaker was Ireland Funds America Board Director **Bart Murphy**. Bart Murphy spoke eloquently and personally about his involvement with The Ireland Funds and the range of projects that had resonated with

him, including **Irish Dogs for the Disabled** and writer **Roddy Doyle's Fighting Words** program. Following brunch, **Ian Casey** described his experiences at the Young Leaders' Summit and how these were some of the most fun, unforgettable weekends he's enjoyed. Guests were encouraged to become members of the San Francisco chapter of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Society and participate in future gatherings like the upcoming 2017 Young Leaders Summit in NYC and the San Francisco Gala Dinner.

- 1 Bart Murphy
- 2 Ian Casey, Rory Cameron, LJ Prendergast
- 3 Aislinn Marron, Fidelma Butler, Roisin Hunt
- 4 San Francisco Young Leaders



- 1 Lee Woodruff
- 2 Olivia Gaynor-Long (center) and guests
- 3 Suzi Tinsley, Jeannie Sangiacomo
- 4 Marjorie Muldowney
- 5 Betsy McKiernan (center) and guests
- 6 Lee Woodruff, Joanne Hayes-White
- 7 Kim Murphy, Jonathan & Michelle Loughran, Barry O'Brien, Linda Thomas
- 8 Suzette Rennison

San Francisco Women's Luncheon

November, 2016 *New York Times* best-selling author and journalist **Lee Woodruff** was guest speaker at The Ireland Funds Women's Luncheon at the San Francisco **Four Seasons Hotel**. As co-author of the popular book **In An Instant**, Ms. Woodruff garnered critical acclaim for the compelling and humorous chronicle of her family's journey to recovery following her husband Bob's roadside bomb injury in Iraq. This Tenth Anniversary Luncheon, chaired by **Jeannie Sangiacomo** and **Suzi Tinsley**, attracted 400 guests. Honorary Chairs were **Olivia Gaynor-Long**, **Pauline Ryan** and **EJ Tracy**. Following a stylish champagne reception with **Vince Chiurazzi** on piano, guests enjoyed a spirited Irish dance program by performers from the **Whelan-Kenneally Academy**, accompanied by the **Kevin Roche Band**. Vice President of Development **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed those gathered including Ireland's Consul General **Philip Grant**, San Francisco Fire Chief **Joanne Hayes-White**, Judge **Kathleen Kelly** and **Nancy O'Malley**, Alameda County District Attorney. Other special guests included **Bart Murphy & Eileen Moore**, **Maureen Sullivan**, and **Betsy McKiernan**. **Kim Murphy** was there from UCSF as well as longtime supporters **Cinta Murphy**, **Kathleen Ryan**, **Ginny Kavanaugh**, **Barry O'Brien** of **Silicon Valley Bank**, **Kathy Grogan**, **Mary Toboni**, **Meagan Levitan**, and friends from **IDA Ireland & Invest Northern Ireland**. Special thanks to **Erin Ebeling** of **Alice Phelan Sullivan Corporation**, **Jillian Manus**, and **Dede Wilsey** for their generous support. The Luncheon Drawing, including a spectacular Ireland Trip, was generously sponsored by **The Merrion Hotel**, **Dromoland Castle**, and **Sheen Falls Lodge**. Thank you to our other wonderful sponsors including **Neiman Marcus**, **Cinta Salon**, **San Francisco Giants**, **MoMo's Restaurant**, **Fitzpatrick Hotel Group**, the **Irish Repertory Theatre**, **Butler's Irish Chocolates**, and **Four Seasons Hotel**.



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The Ireland Funds Inauguration Day Event

January, 2017 Supporters from across the United States participated in The Ireland Funds' Inauguration and Parade Celebration commemorating the beginning of the **Trump** administration. This event followed in the Ireland Funds' tradition of gathering to mark the Inauguration of a new administration established with the Inauguration of **George W. Bush** in 2001 and **Barack Obama** in 2009. Guests gathered in the magnificent rotunda of the **Ronald Reagan Building** overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue. They enjoyed the excitement of the parade and their vantage point as it passed by the celebration's venue. Viewing continued with proceedings from the Capitol including the President taking the oath of office. In their

remarks, Chairman **John Fitzpatrick** and Worldwide President and CEO **Kieran McLoughlin**, spoke of how important it was to mark this historic day. It was an opportunity to witness the smooth and peaceful transfer of power and in doing so, work to ensure that the needs and potential of Ireland were placed on the radar of the new Administration. Guests included supporters and Young Leaders from across the United States as well as representatives of the **Irish Embassy** and the **Northern Ireland Bureau**. The Ireland Funds were delighted to welcome Congressman **Mark Meadows** and Congressman **John Katko** and their families.

- 1 Susan Davis, John Fitzpatrick, Carissa Gaine, Megan Molloy, Kieran McLoughlin
- 2 John Fitzpatrick, Cong. Mark Meadows
- 3 Cong. John Katko, Kieran McLoughlin
- 4 Guests
- 5 John Fitzpatrick, Dennis Lucey



Washington D.C. Young Leaders Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- 1 Karen McMonagle, Patrick Lyden, Megan Molloy, Kevin Murphy, Pat Tully, Mary Bray, Carissa Gaine, John Gaine, Kelly Dragelin, Lauren Worley
- 2 Michael Loneragan, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland; Congressman Tom Rooney; Dillon Behr; Stewart Matthews, First Secretary of The Northern Ireland Bureau
- 3 Brenan Martin, Krista Johnson, Carissa Gaine, John Gaine

September, 2016 Over 140 supporters of The Ireland Funds packed **Bobby Van's Grill** as the Washington, DC Young Leaders hosted their signature Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration and recognized the evening's Patriot Award Honoree **Dillon Behr**. National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**, greeted the supporters and introduced **Stewart Matthews**, First Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bureau, who spoke about the great partnership between The Ireland Funds and Northern Ireland and all of the organizations that have benefitted from Ireland Funds' events. **Michael Loneragan**, Deputy Head of Mission from the Embassy of Ireland, thanked The Ireland Funds for 40 years of support of Irish charities. **Megan Molloy** was recognized and thanked for serving several years as Steering Committee Chair. Megan then introduced Vice Steering Chair **Patrick Lyden** who spoke about the network that the DC Young Leaders have built.

He then introduced Congressman **Tom Rooney** of Florida who spoke about his family's connection to the rich history of The Ireland Funds, started by his uncle **Dan Rooney**. Congressman Rooney, who sits on the Committee for Veterans Affairs, introduced **Patriot Award** Honoree Dillon Behr, and highlighted Dillon's heroism in Afghanistan in a fight that was memorialized by **National Geographic Channel** in a television series titled **No Man Left Behind**. Dillon thanked The Ireland Funds and accepted the award on behalf of the other soldiers in his unit that bravely fought with him in Afghanistan against the Taliban. Special thanks to the event committee and the sponsors for the evening, led by **Merrill Lynch**, the **Northern Ireland Bureau**, **Oldcastle**, **Jameson Irish Whiskey**, **Bobby Van's Grille** as well as **The Dupont Circle Hotel**.



Washington D.C. Young Leaders Halloween Party

- 1 Conrad Daly, Megan Molloy, Pat Tully
- 2 Patrick Lyden, Cathal Corcoran
- 3 Megan Cloherty, Carissa Gaine, Kelly Dragelin, Andrew Walsh

October, 2016 The Washington, DC Young Leaders and friends gathered for Samhain: An Irish Halloween celebration, hosted by Deputy Chief of the Irish Mission, **Michael Loneragan** at the Embassy of Ireland. Michael welcomed the Young Leaders, spoke about the ancient Halloween traditions in Ireland and thanked them for their support of Ireland. Michael also spoke about how he and his family recently participated in the 3rd annual Ireland Funds Young Leaders Global 5K that had taken place in 16 global cities on September 24th. National Director of the Young Leaders **Pat Tully** then spoke about the great job the Young Leaders did in hosting their

signature event, Halfway To St. Patrick's Day Celebration, followed the next morning by their leg of the Global 5K. In her farewell as Steering Committee Chair, **Megan Molloy** spoke about assembling a committee to put together the 7th Annual Young Leaders Summit, to be hosted in Washington, DC in 2018. **Conrad Daly** went all out for the grand "Best Mask" prize, which was for a two-night stay in The Fitzpatrick Grand Central Hotel during the 6th annual Young Leaders Summit in New York in January, 2017. The evening continued on with live music and an after-party at **The Fainting Goat**.



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Chicago Regional Advisory Board Dinner and Leadership Forum

July, 2016 The annual dinner and Leadership Forum gathers together Chicago's Regional Advisory Board members, their spouses and guests. Once again it was a wonderful summer evening of camaraderie and fellowship as **Devon & Yvonne Bruce** hosted the event in their home. The dinner was preceded by the quarterly Regional Advisory Board meeting. An update on the recent Ireland Funds' Conference was given with inspiring

comments from the board members who were able to attend the conference held in Dublin. The focus of the meeting was to kick off the dinner preparations for the 32nd Annual Chicago Dinner Gala in November that honored **Mary Dillon**, Chief Executive Officer, **Ulta Beauty** and **Walgreens Boots Alliance**.

- 1 Devon & Yvonne Bruce
- 2 John & Susan Gibbons, Bob Carey
- 3 Tom O'Neill, Devon Bruce, Amb. Jim Kenny



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Chicago Young Leaders Summer Sunset and Fireworks Boat Cruise

August, 2016 The Chicago Young Leaders set sail aboard **Shoreline's Blue Dog** boat on their annual Summer Sunset Cruise. Led by Event Chair **James Sheehan**, the Young Leaders enjoyed a perfect summer's evening. After the cruise, the group gathered at **Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub**. The Young Leaders enjoyed the setting sun and a chance to network as they looked forward to the next month's event: The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Global 5k.

- 1 James Sheehan, Michael Mulligan, Tristia Barrett, Bridget Monahan, Daniel O'Keefe, Colleen Nolan, Meghan Lee
- 2 Jenny Momkus, Tommy Zulas, Emmy Pavlick, Bridget O'Brien, Morgan Morrison, Andrew LeFevour, Murphy Morrison
- 3 Ailbhe Keating & Vice Consul General Ragnar Almqvist



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Chicago Rugby Weekend Ireland VS New Zealand

November, 2016 Over 175 friends and supporters of The Ireland Funds converged in Chicago to celebrate The Young Leaders Ireland vs. New Zealand Rugby Weekend. Guests arrived at **The Gage** for the first of a series of events revolving around the match. Guests mingled with rugby legends including **Paul O'Connell**, **Doug Howlett** and **Shane Horgan**. **Tom Hayes**, CEO of Corporate Banking at **Bank of Ireland**, welcomed those gathered and stated how proud they were to support Irish Rugby and the work of The Ireland Funds. **Paul O'Connell** of team Ireland

and **Doug Howlett** of New Zealand's **All-Blacks** spoke about philanthropy and their work with the **University of Limerick Foundation**. The match was held and for the first time in 111 years, Ireland beat New Zealand and The Ireland Funds Young Leaders were together to witness the feat. Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin** congratulated the Irish on the victory and introduced Ambassador **Anne Anderson**, who thanked so many Irish for supporting the team and flying the flag for Ireland on such an historic occasion.

- 1 Tony Dunne, Paul O'Connell, Tom Hayes, Doug Howlett, Kieran McLoughlin, Pat Tully, Hugh Lonergan
- 2 Alison Metcalfe, Min. Shane Ross, Amb. Anne Anderson, Frank Lowe
- 3 Megan Molloy, Peter O'Keefe, Siobhán Gallagher, Sally Ryan, Ger Ryan
- 4 James Keeley, Abbey Canning, David Shine, Kelly Hatton, Elizabeth Purtell, Colleen Nolan
- 5 Doug Howlett, Rob MacGoey, Paul O'Connell
- 6 The pre-game party



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- 1 Joe King, Kate Gibbons, Sen. Billy Lawless
- 2 Colleen Tully, Maggie Dolehide, Colleen Nolan
- 3 Paul O'Connell, Maggie McElowney
- 4 John Fitzpatrick, Mary Dillon, Andrew McKenna
- 5 John Fitzpatrick, Kieran McLoughlin, Patrick Dunne, Devon Bruce
- 6 Devon Bruce, Lord Iveagh
- 7 Doug Howlett, Paul O'Connell, John Fitzpatrick
- 8 Jenn & Joe Whalen

32nd Annual Chicago Dinner Gala

November, 2016 The Ireland Funds in Chicago hosted the dinner of the century on November 2 – as it coincided with the historic World Series win of **The Chicago Cubs**! The game was a constant presence on big screens. Guests did great work for Ireland while being part of this unique moment in Chicago's history. They cheered on their home team, the Chicago Cubs, to victory in the seventh game of the World Series - a title they have not won in 108 years. Over 525 friends of Ireland gathered as **Devon Bruce**, the 2016 Dinner Chairman, welcomed the guests and thanked the hardworking dinner committee. He spoke of the impact of The Ireland Funds on the entire island of Ireland that he and his wife **Yvonne** had the chance to see firsthand through their visits to projects supported by the organization. **John Fitzpatrick**, Chairman of The Ireland Funds America, and **Kieran McLoughlin**, Worldwide President and CEO of The Ireland Funds, thanked the supporters

and gave an updates on the work of The Ireland Funds. **Andrew McKenna** presented **The Ireland Funds Leadership Award** to **Mary Dillon**, CEO of **Ulta Beauty**. Mary acknowledged the impact the values passed down from her Irish grandparents of hard work and love of family have had on her life and career. **The Ireland Funds Corporate Social Responsibility Award** was presented to **Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.** It was accepted by Walgreens Boots Alliance Senior Vice President, **Patrick Dunne**. The unforgettable raffle prize of a trip to Ireland was provided thanks to **United Airlines**, **Ballyfin**, **Ireland's Blue Book** and **Sheen Falls Lodge**. Devon's special guest, **Edward Guinness**, **The Fourth Earl of Iveagh**, added a special tour of **Guinness** to the evening's raffle. And, in anticipation of the upcoming Ireland v. New Zealand Rugby Match two Rugby legends, **Paul O'Connell** and **Doug Howlett** were honored with **The Ireland Funds Sportsmanship Award**.



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Texas A & M University-San Antonio 9/11 Retrospective

- 1 Jimmy Smith
- 2 Maggie McDonnell
- 3 Maryann O'Rourke

September, 2016 **Texas A&M University-San Antonio** unveiled **GroundZero360, 9/11 Retrospective—15 Years Later**, an exhibit in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Supporters from The Ireland Funds attended the exhibit which included numerous items such as fragmented steel and broken granite from the World Trade Center, and the flag that flew over Ground Zero. On the 15th anniversary of the attacks, three survivor families, represented by

Jimmy Smith, Maggie McDonnell and Maryann O'Rourke, who lost loved ones in the 9/11 attacks were present. The Survivor Tree dedication ceremony included the planting of a seedling from the 9/11 Survivor Tree, the sole tree that remained after the destruction of the World Trade Center buildings. The ceremony took place in the Healing Garden at the University. Over one hundred people attended.



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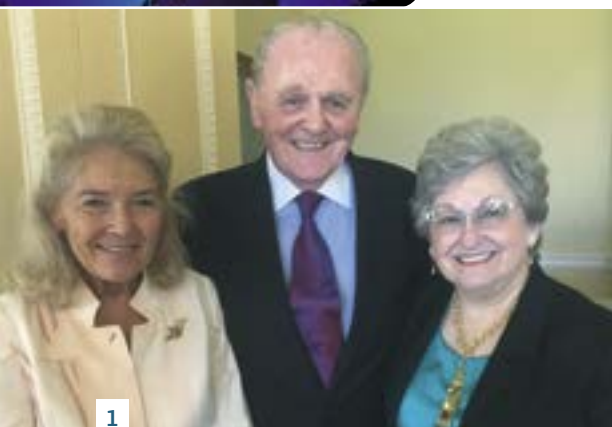
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Survivor Tree Planting and Unveiling at Ursuline Academy

- 1 Karla Stover, Kelley Geary Burks
- 2 Don Hanratty, Valerie Dates
- 3 Sandra Hallmark, Delia Prine Johnson, Karla Stover, Paul McCormack

September, 2016 The unveiling of the cast bronze, 12-foot **Texas Survivor Tree** was held at **Ursuline Academy** in Dallas, Texas. The Tree contains steel from the World Trade Center and the new Freedom Tower. Irish Artist, **Nicola McClean McCormack** adorned its many branches with butterflies to symbolize hope and rebirth to the female students. The **GroundZero360** exhibit was also displayed for a brief time

throughout **The French Family Center's Crowley Atrium**. The exhibit included personal artifacts from families of police officers and firefighters who lost their lives at the World Trade Center. It also showcased Nicola McClean's historic photography, which captures **Ground Zero** and the happenings that occurred on September 11, 2001. This event was funded by The **David M. Crowley Foundation**.



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US Embassy Tree Planting and Commemoration Ceremony

September, 2016 The United States Ambassador to Ireland **Kevin O'Malley** hosted a Tree Planting and Commemoration Ceremony at **Phoenix Park** in Ireland. This ceremony was one of many commemorating the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. **Nicola McClean McCormack** and **Paul McCormack** of **GroundZero360** presented Abbott **Christopher Dillon** of **Glenstal Abbey** a painting of **Trinity Church** by world-renowned

Irish artist **Jim Fitzpatrick**. Ireland Funds America Board Member **Dolores McCall** travelled to Ireland to show her support to **GroundZero360** and to her good friend Abbott **Christopher**. Other attending Ireland Funds supporters included **Eamonn Cregan**, **Sarah & Tommy Gallagher**, **Bobby Holland**, Texas Director **Karla Stover** and Dallas Young Leader **R-Jay Stover**.

- 1 Sarah & Tommy Gallagher, Dolores McCall
- 2 Abbot Christopher Dillon, Paul McCormack
- 3 Amb. Kevin F. O'Malley, Paul McCormack



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Waltz Across Texas

November, 2016 The Consulate General of Ireland in Austin and The Ireland Funds welcomed special guests to a reception opening the exhibition of artist **Gail Wendorf**'s series of paintings **Waltz Across Texas**. Guests were greeted by Consul General **Adrian Farrell**, who introduced the artist. Mr. Farrell reflected upon the historic ties of Ireland to Texas' history, culture, and music while expressing gratitude to Ms. Wendorf for her generous commitment to donate a portion of sales to The Ireland Funds.

- 1 Netta Blanchard, Gail Wendorf
- 2 Adrian Farrell, Karla Stover, Jason Guest
- 3 Texas Rose and Family



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- 1 John & Helen Sharkey
- 2 Dolores McCall, Karla Stover, Nicola McClean McCormack, Nancy & Bill Sullivan
- 3 Kieran McLoughlin, Netta Blanchard, Matt Bennett
- 4 Pauline Turley, Hozier, Dolores McCall
- 5 Vicki Sheil, Sandra Hallmark, Delia Prine Johnson
- 6 Nikki Evans, Bill Sullivan, Dolores McCall
- 7 Texan supporters of The Ireland Funds in NYC
- 8 Dolores McCall (center)

Texas-New York Weekend

October, 2016 Thirty Texans traveled to the Big Apple for a variety of events with their New York friends and colleagues. The weekend began by attending the **Irish Arts Center Gala** at **Cipriani** as guests of Ireland Funds America Board Member **Dolores McCall**. **Martin Hayes**, **Dennis Cahill**, and **Hozier** provided entertainment during the evening. Saturday morning, **Paul McCormack**, former inspector of **Precinct 41/Fort Apache**, and his wife **Nicola McClean McCormack** of **GroundZero360** welcomed Ireland Funds donors. GroundZero360 is a traveling exhibition that educates the public about the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and honors the memory of victims and 1st responders. They provided a private tour of the Ground Zero Memorial Museum and presented Dolores McCall with a branch of the Survivor Tree that symbolizes hope and resurrection. Saturday evening everyone convened at **John & Helen Sharkey's** magnificent home overlooking the East River. Thanks to **Kerry Murphy**, WineGeese Society member and owner of **Dumol Vineyard** in Sonoma, whose spectacular wines were enjoyed by all. Dr. **Matt Bennett** described his work in Ivy League schools and son of legendary Texan **Archie Bennett**, shared with us his now accomplished goal of having a Christian Union presence in all Ivy League schools. **Kieran McLoughlin**, Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds, presented Helen and John with a magnificent Waterford Crystal bowl as a small token of appreciation for their hospitality. The weekend came to an end at the infamous **Carnegie Hall**. It was here the Texans saw **Hazel: Made in Belfast – Peace Treaty** starring Irish soprano **Sarah Power**. An after-party was held at **McSorley's Old Ale House** where the Texans and the Irish said their farewells.

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The Tiffany Ireland Funds Women's Lunch

November, 2016 The Annual Tiffany Ireland Funds Lunch took place in the newly-refurbished **Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud** and was attended by a capacity crowd of 95 supporters representing the business and philanthropy sectors. The event raised funds and awareness for the work of The Ireland Funds. Two outstanding organizations supported by The Ireland Funds were highlighted for their important work in the non-profit sector: **Daisyhouse**, an organization that supports women emerging out of homelessness and **FoodCloud**, an organization that tackles the issues of food poverty and food waste by connecting businesses with surplus food to charities in need. **Caitriona Fottrell**, Director Ireland, presented a Waterford Crystal bowl to honoree **Mary McAleese**, Former President of Ireland. Broadcaster **Claire Byrne** conducted an extended interview with Mary McAleese who told those in attendance she was enormously proud of Ireland. Those who attended included First Lady Mrs **Sabina Higgins**, designer **Louise Kennedy**, award-winning costume designer **Joan Bergin**, Master of National Maternity Hospital **Dr. Rhona Mahony** and **Dee Forbes**, Director General of RTÉ. Co-Chairs of the event were **Caroline Kennedy**, **Louise Kennedy** and **Emer Gilvarry**.

- 1 Dee Forbes, Jane McDonnell
- 2 Sammy Lok Chew Ling, Emma Burns, John Murphy, Laura Talbot
- 3 Former President of Ireland Mary McAleese
- 4 First Lady Sabina Higgins
- 5 Claire Byrne
- 6 Caitriona Fottrell
- 7 Caroline and Louise Kennedy, Emer Gilvarry, Former President Mary McAleese, Caitriona Fottrell
- 8 Rachel Martin, Fiona Flannery



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Breakfast Leadership Series with Bobby Kerr

December, 2016 The Dublin Young Leaders Leadership Series held compelling conversation with **Bobby Kerr**, Chairman of Insomnia Coffee Co., a presenter on 'Down to Business' the popular **Newstalk** radio show, and one of the original Dragons on **Dragon's Den** during the first four years of the popular television series. Bobby engaged those gathered with personal stories from the early days of his career. He went on to speak about the

values and lessons he learned from his late father, and offered valuable insight into his success and what drives him. Bobby gave leadership and career advice to the Young Leaders, while speaking candidly about his life, and what matters most to him: his family, friends and health. Many thanks to Bobby for sharing his perspectives with us, and to our host **Davy**.

- 1 Bobby Kerr
- 2 Caitriona Fottrell, Bobby Kerr, Gerard Ryan
- 3 Young Leaders listen to Bobby Kerr at Davy



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Dublin Young Leaders Christmas Reception in the Ambassador's Residence

December, 2016 The Ireland Funds Young Leaders officially kicked off Christmas festivities at a Reception in the US Ambassador to Ireland, **H.E. O'Malley's**, residence in **Phoenix Park**. Guests arrived to the songs of **Music Generation's** choir from Westmeath. The players, who ranged in age from ten to sixteen years old, receive tuition in both classical and Irish harp through Music Generation's music education program, which is proudly supported by The Ireland Funds. Ambassador O'Malley began the reception by welcoming the Young Leaders to his home. **Caitriona Fottrell**, Director

Ireland, then announced the 2016/17 Ireland Funds Flagship Grantees: **Charities Institute Ireland, FoodCloud Hubs, GIY Ireland, Specialisterne Ireland** and the **Washington Ireland Program**. **John Fulham** of **Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA)** then spoke about what it meant to IWA to be a past grantee of The Ireland Funds and how it was impacting the lives of so many people on a daily basis. He specifically thanked The Ireland Funds and their donors for their contribution, and said it was making a greater difference than they could ever know.

- 1 Amb. O'Malley with Ireland Funds' Flagship Grantees
- 2 Chris Connolly, Ken Kennedy, Paul McClatchie
- 3 Zoe Kelly, L. Reece Smyth DCM, Imogen McGrath, Avril McHugh, Angela Keegan



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The Belfast Young Leaders Inaugural Meeting

- 1 Front: Fintan McGovern, Gerard Ryan, Ryan Feeney, Ruairí de Búrca, Caroline McNeill, Emma Hunt, Conor Houston, Gareth Quinn. Back: Jonny Elliott, Trevor Ringland, Andrew Trimble, Hugo MacNeill
- 2 Trevor Ringland, Andrew Trimble, Ruairí de Búrca, Bill Shaw, Hugo MacNeill
- 3 Sophie Laverty, Rachel Harrison, Aislinn Higgins

September, 2016 The best of Belfast came to launch the newest chapter of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Society. Hosted by Joint Secretary **Ruairí de Búrca** at his residence in Belfast, over 70 guests joined the Young Leaders' steering committee: **Conor Houston, Jonny Elliott, Ryan Feeney, Emma Hunt, Caroline McNeill, Gareth Quinn and Andrew Trimble**, along with Ireland Funds Board Members **Trevor Ringland** and

Hugo MacNeill. Conor Houston, Chair of the steering committee, spoke about his experiences with The Ireland Funds and the invaluable work it has done in Northern Ireland. Young Leaders Director **Siobhán Gallagher** spoke about her experience with the Young Leaders and her high hopes for the future of this newest Ireland Funds' chapter.



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Belfast Young Leaders Celebrate Thanksgiving

- 1 Anne Anderson Porter, Conor Houston
- 2 David Bell, Caitriona Fottrell, Gareth Harper
- 3 Jonny Elliott, Trevor Ringland, Ryan Feeney

November, 2016 The Ireland Funds Belfast Young Leaders gathered in the magnificent setting of the **Graduate Centre in Queen's University Belfast (QUB)** to celebrate Thanksgiving. **Ryan Feeney**, member of the Belfast Young Leaders steering committee and head of engagement for **QUB**, welcomed guests and introduced the choir led by Young Leader **Jonathan Ireland**. **Gareth Harper** of **PeacePlayers International**, **Bryan Patten** of the **Washington Ireland Program** and **Anne Anderson-Porter**

of **Co-operation Ireland**, each spoke about their organizations' longstanding relationships with The Ireland Funds and what it meant to each organization to receive a Flagship Grant. **Conor Houston**, Chair of the Belfast Young Leaders steering committee and Programme Director at **Centre For Democracy and Peace Building** spoke about his gratitude for those working to make a difference in Belfast and his hope for the part the Young Leaders would play in developing that future.



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Belfast Young Leaders Ulster Rugby Experience

- 1 Andrew Trimble, Siobhán Gallagher, Conor Houston, Craig Gilroy
- 2 Young Leaders at Kingspan Stadium
- 3 Maeve Towhill, Caroline McNeill, Catherine Hughes

December, 2016 The Ireland Funds Belfast Young Leaders along with **PeacePlayers Northern Ireland**, a flagship grantee of The Ireland Funds, came together to support **Ulster Rugby** in its game against **Clermont Auvergne** in the **Kingspan Stadium**, Belfast. To the delight of the group, it was an incredibly

exciting game with Ulster Rugby scoring five tries to beat the French side with a score of 39-32. After the match, the Young Leaders moved to the award-winning **Ox Cave**. The Young Leaders celebrated Ulster's success with team players **Andrew Trimble** and **Craig Gilroy**.

Celebrating 30 Years

OF THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND

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30 years ago, a group of Irish and Irish-Australian business people, with a connection to Ireland and a passion for supporting efforts underway there to build peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, came together and formed The Australian Ireland Fund. Inspired by the success of The American Ireland Fund, founded 11 years earlier, the group consisted of Anthony McGrath, Cameron O'Reilly, Charles Curran AO, Peter Cosgrove and Kingsley Aikins, some of Irish Australia's most influential and connected people who had a desire to contribute to a prosperous future for the country of their birth or ancestry.



►► Launch of the Governor Programme

The Governor Programme launched in 1997, enabled the AIF to provide support to flagship projects, including Northern Ireland Children's Enterprise – NICE. In recognition of that support 'Australia House', was established in Belfast, where children from selected Catholic and Protestant schools, could meet in a peaceful, non-threatening and trusting environment. The Governor programme has continued to grow and from 2011 – 2016 contributed 19.6% of our total grants, with 30 Life Governors and 14 committed to the Programme.



1987

►► The Australian Ireland Fund is launched by Chairman Anthony McGrath

Board Members include Mr Kingsley Aikins, Mrs Jane Cosgrove, Mr Peter Cosgrove, Mr Charles P Curran AO, Mr John O'Neill AO, Mr Cameron O'Reilly, The Rt Hon. Earl of Portarlington and Mrs Margaret Whitlam AO.

1997



The Australian Ireland Fund, UNSW and the Irish community in Australia have shared a longstanding history as champions in establishing Irish Studies at UNSW. A campaign to fund Irish Studies was launched on the steps of the Opera House by the then President of Ireland Mary McAleese in 1998. The Australian Ireland Fund Chair of Modern Irish Studies was funded for a five-year period from 2010. As a result, UNSW became a hub of activity where researchers exchanged ideas, students learnt about Irish literature and culture and the community immersed itself in the richness of understanding the Irish experience.



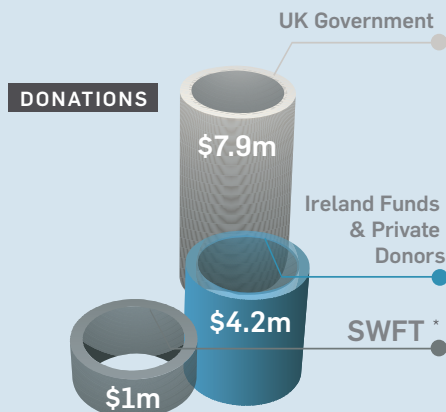
2004

► Lady Mary Fairfax donates \$1m to Integrated Education

The Australian Ireland Fund has for 30 years actively assisted the peace process in Northern Ireland through supporting integrated education. Lady Fairfax donated \$1million in the name of her late husband, creating the Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust in 2004 specifically for this cause.

... this generosity sparked a significant \$12.1m commitment to Integrated Education

- The Ireland Funds donated \$2.27m
- Private US donors committed a further \$1m
- Chuck Feeney's Atlantic Philanthropy committed \$1m to form a joint communication and lobby strategy to lobby government for integrated education
- UK government committed at least \$7.9m



All figures in AUD\$ *Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust

► The Young Leaders network is launched in the Penthouse of the Grace Hotel in Sydney hosted by Consul General Pat Scullion

The Young Leader network also now operates in Melbourne and Brisbane, in 2016 the collective chapters raised \$60,000 to support flagship charities through the success of events such as the Christmas in July, The Melbourne Rebels event and the Global 5k run.



2009



► 2014 saw the first Young Leaders' Global 5k. The race takes place in 16 cities across the world and has been kicked off in Australia each year by the Global 5k Ambassador, Irish Olympian Sonia O'Sullivan.



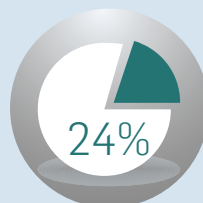
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► Australia has been a land of opportunity for many educated Irish people and we feel it's important for us to give back in Australia, the country that has been so good to so many people. One of the ways we have done this is by coming together with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and making a combined contribution of \$800,000 for indigenous scholarships at four leading Australian Schools by 2020. Figures published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show secondary school retention rates for Indigenous students are still well below the average for non-Indigenous students. In contrast, in 2015 AIEF Scholarship Students achieved a 93% retention and Year 12 completion rate.



2014

In 2004 there were 50 integrated schools in Northern Ireland and 17,149 pupils. Today there are 62 schools and 21,500 pupils.



INCREASE IN SCHOOLS



INCREASE IN PUPILS



The Sydney Garden Party, hosted in the grounds of Fairwater, home of Lady Mary Fairfax AC OBE, on the shores of Sydney Harbour has been The Australian Ireland Fund's flagship fundraising event for 27 years.

2015

- ▶▶ Dr Stanley Quek donates €1 million for the establishment of a cancer research centre at Trinity College.

The Australian Ireland Fund and Young Leaders support The Soar Foundation in Ireland. Inspired by the late Jim Styne and the Reach Foundation in Melbourne, Soar provides early intervention and emotional well-being programs to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland. To date the AIF have supported Soar with \$90,557 assisting them to reach 16,000 young people all over Ireland since 2012.



SINCE THAT FIRST MEETING IN 1987, THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND HAS:

- contributed over \$9.5 million to 104 charities in Ireland and Australia
- supported 11 flagship projects ranging from \$200k up to \$1.5m
- donated \$1 million, from Lady Mary Fairfax, in 2004 for integrated education which has leveraged at least an additional \$12.1 million investment
- established Australia's first Chair of Modern Irish Studies at the University of New South Wales
- supported Indigenous Scholarships with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation since 2010 with a commitment to 2020
- expanded from Sydney to cover Melbourne driven by local Director Kevin Luscombe AM and Brisbane with the help of Sallyanne Atkinson AO
- hosted 90 major events bringing together over 25,000 supporters
- founded three Young Leaders networks in Sydney (2009) Melbourne (2013), Brisbane (2015) hosting over 40 events bringing together 3,000 supporters
- hosted Irish Presidents including Mary Robinson and Dr. Mary McAleese, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, Australian Prime Ministers including The Hon. Gough Whitlam AO, Paul Keating and Malcolm Turnbull and every Irish Ambassador to Australia for the past 30 years as well as many Irish and Australian dignitaries and celebrities
- had generous and impressive Chairmen: Anthony McGrath, Cameron O'Reilly and Peter Cosgrove jointly, Charles P Curran AC, John O'Neill AO, Alan Joyce, and the newly-appointed Yvonne Le Bas

- The Australian Ireland Fund Board appoints its first female Chairman Yvonne Le Bas, CFO at BTFG.



2016



Today The Australian Ireland Fund marks a new era by joining other worldwide chapters in an organizational rebrand as "The Ireland Funds Australia." Yvonne Le Bas was appointed Chairman of The Ireland Funds Australia in 2016. She attended The Ireland Funds 2016 Conference in Dublin, and met charities that The Ireland Funds Australia has supported over the years.

"Our 30th year is a huge landmark for us. We're proud of all that has been achieved and looking forward to our future. We are using this opportunity to reflect on how far we've come, to thank our generous supporters and sponsors who have partnered with us on various stages of this journey, and to think about what we would like to have achieved in another 30 years."

"Attending the Conference really cemented for me that The Ireland Funds Australia, along with The Ireland Funds chapters around the world, make direct, real and lasting impacts on the lives of people in Ireland and Australia. Being able to contribute back to the country that I was raised and educated in through The Ireland Funds Australia has been a privilege, and, as I steer the organization, something I hope to continue for many years."

— Yvonne Le Bas, Chairman of The Ireland Funds Australia





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Sydney Young Leaders Christmas Drinks In July

July, 2016 Over 100 Sydney Young Leaders donned their most festive jumpers, reindeer antlers and Santa hats to celebrate Christmas in July Irish-style at the **Magners' Rooftop Bar in Jackson's on George**. Young Leader **Donna Cluer** spoke on the night about why she has supported The Ireland Funds Australia for over a decade, then invited Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin** and event sponsor **Kevin Sinnott**, of **Sonder Consultants**, to speak. Music was provided by **The Tribesmen**, who played some classic tunes and seasonal songs, ensuring guests sang along and danced into the wee hours.

- 1 Teresa Keating and the Sydney Young Leader Committee
- 2 Kevin Sinnott of Sonder Consultants
- 3 Karen Murphy, Aoife Royston, Sinead Healy and friends



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Sydney Supporters Lunch

July, 2016 It was wonderful to see so many supporters and friends at our annual supporters' lunch kindly hosted by **David Wiadrowski** and **PwC**. We very much welcomed the opportunity to thank everyone and provide an update on The Ireland Funds Australia's activities and upcoming events. Chairman **John O'Neill AO** welcomed major sponsors, **Tim Harrowell** of **Emirates**, **David Smith** of **Diageo** and **Dwyer Ogle**, **Autosports Group**, his fellow Governors present and special guests H.E. **Noel White** and the Worldwide President & CEO of The Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin**. The Chairman informed

guests of the grants made in June which included a flagship grant to **Soar** in Ireland, inspired by Irishman **Jim Stynes** and the **Reach Foundation** in Melbourne. Support was also given to **Solas** a long-term, intensive intervention program working in some of the most disadvantaged areas in Dublin with young people from 6 to 18, **Suas Education** which provides direct literacy, numeracy and computer science support to children aged 8-14 and the **Australian Indigenous Education Foundation** supporting Indigenous Scholarships in schools in Brisbane and Sydney.

- 1 John O'Neill AO
- 2 Kieran McLoughlin
- 3 Amb. Noel White



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- 1 John O'Neill AO, Richard O'Brien, Bill Concannon, Lex Heinemann, Dick McGruther
- 2 John Jeffrey, Peter Ryan, Lex Heinemann
- 3 Donna O'Reilly, Julie O'Neill, Liz McSweeney, Phil Shaw
- 4 Tim Horan AM, John O'Neill AO, Amb. Noel White
- 5 Dr. Tom Moore, Prof. Iain Watson
- 6 Teresa Keating, Amb. Noel White, Catherine Murphy, Sabine Hochbaum
- 7 Tim Horan AM, Catherine Murphy, John O'Neill AO, Amb. Noel White
- 8 Harriet Swatmam, Katy Morgan, Prof. Iain Watson, Sallyanne Atkinson AO, Stuart Fitzpatrick



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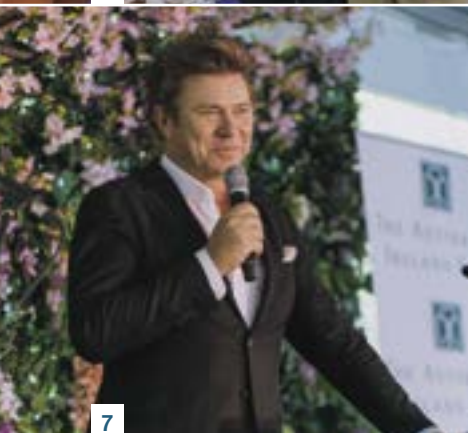


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Brisbane Gala Luncheon

August, 2016 **Hillstone St. Lucia** welcomed supporters to the annual Brisbane Luncheon. MC for the day was **Catherine Murphy** who kept proceedings on track throughout the afternoon. The Ireland Funds Australia Chairman, **John O'Neill AO**, officially welcomed guests, many from Brisbane's top corporate institutions. Special guests on the day included Ambassador of Ireland to Australia H.E. **Noel White** and his wife **Nessa Delaney**, **Julie O'Neill**, **Dick McGruther**, Directors Dr. **Tom Moore**, Professor **Iain Watson**, **Richard O'Brien** and **Peter & Toni Ryan**, as well as former Board Member **Sallyanne Atkinson AO**. The Chairman thanked major sponsors in particular; Emirates represented by **Leonie Brennan**, Regional Manager for Queensland; **Australian Radio Network**; **Ciaran Davis**, **Charles Curran AC** and **Capital Investment Group**, **The Star**, **Fleming Hotels Mayfair**, **Diageo**, **Waterford Crystal** and **Maureen McCarthy**. One of the day's highlights was an animated discussion

from a distinguished panel including H.E. Ambassador Noel White, Chairman John O'Neill AO and two-time World Cup winning Wallaby **Tim Horan AM**. With his stint in Canberra drawing to a close, the Ambassador reflected on his time in the Australian Capital while the Chairman and former CEO of the **ARU** gave a fascinating insight into the complexity of running major sports events, speaking of his time at the helm of the ARU and in particular the successful 2003 World Cup. Former Wallaby and **Fox Sports** pundit Tim Horan shared his memories of playing against Ireland during his career, not to mention being part of the famous Wallabies victory that broke Irish hearts in 1991, the **Rugby World Cup** quarter final at **Lansdowne Road**. Thank you to our table captains, sponsors, and guests and big thank you also to our guests who gave generously to a special pledge for Solas.



- 1 Peter Ryan, Jane Cosgrove, Dr. Tom Moore, Teresa Keating, Yvonne Le Bas and Amb. O'Caollai present John O'Neill AO with the Bird and Bell Award
- 2 John O'Neill AO, Lee Thomas
- 3 Dr. Stanley Quek
- 4 John O'Neill AO, Angela & Patrick Gallagher, Tim Harrowell
- 5 Dwyer Ogle, Liz Thomas, Mario Pandeli
- 6 Shane Lloyd, Alan Joyce
- 7 Richard Wilkins AM
- 8 Colin, Melissa and Jo Fisher, Sabine Hochbaum, Teresa Keating

The Sydney Garden Party

November, 2016 The Ireland Funds Australia's annual flagship event of the year, The Sydney Garden Party, took place with a record crowd of 560 guests. MC **Richard Wilkins** AM welcomed guests and outlined the day's activities including a live auction; offering an Audi A1 thanks to **APN News & Media**, **Audi Sutherland and Autosports Group**. Business class tickets flying **Emirates** to Ireland and New Zealand were auctioned thanks to **Tim Harrowell**. Chairman **John O'Neill** AO took to the stage to the sounds of **Ireland's Call** ringing in the air to congratulate Ireland on its historic victory over the All Blacks! Guests were treated to a performance by **INXS** singer and Grammy-nominated songwriter **Ciaran Gribbin** who was joined by lead guitarist **Peter Northcote**, fiddler **Mark Oats** and saxophonist **Dan Fallon**. The new Irish Ambassa-

dor His Excellency **Breandán O'Caollai**, addressed guests, endorsing and commending The Ireland Funds Australia having firsthand experience of The Ireland Funds in Boston and New York also. He thanked all guests for their support and encouraged everyone to stay engaged. Then came a very special part of the lunch when Chairman John O'Neill AO was thanked by Deputy Chair, **Yvonne Le Bas** on behalf of the Board. He was presented with the **Bird and Bell** Award by **Teresa Keating** and other members of the Board for his enormous contribution to the work of The Ireland Funds Australia. John has been on the Board for 16 years over two periods and 14 of them as Chairman. We are indeed indebted to John for the enormous contribution he has made to us.



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Sydney Young Leaders Christmas Drinks

- 1 Ronan MacSweeney, Teresa Keating, Adrian Hanley
- 2 Rory O'Neill, Donna Cluer, Donna Mullins
- 3 Arlene Reynolds, Elijah Paling, Stephanie Peet
- 4 Kevin Sinnott, Andrew Scannell, Alan Connolly, Conor Keane and guests

November, 2016 The Sydney Young Leaders held their annual Christmas get together at the **Sydney Opera Bar** to thank their fellow Young Leaders for their support throughout the year. Young Leader **Louise Kelly** welcomed guests and announced the winners of our amazing raffle, thank you to **Oscar Oscar Hair Salon** in Paddington, **Troubadour Music** and **Shauna**

Currenti for their gifts. A special word of thanks to **Peter Ryan**, The Ireland Funds Australia Board Member and **Bruce Solomon** for organizing such a wonderful venue at Opera Bar, allowing our Young Leaders to network and support the work of The Ireland Funds Australia while enjoying the views of one of Sydney's most iconic locations.



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The Ireland Funds Great Britain Young Leaders Philanthropy Breakfast

July, 2016 The London Young Leaders gathered at **RBS** on Bishopsgate to hear **Jim Clerkin**, CEO of Moët Hennessy North America, talk about his life and career and to listen to his advice on how to approach business and philanthropy. Jim spoke about his native **County Down**, his early career with **Guinness** and **Diageo** and his long-time support for **Co-operation Ireland**. He thanked The Ireland Funds for their ongoing support of the Northern Ireland Peace Process and the organizations there working to solidify that peace.

- 1 Jim Clerkin
- 2 John Paul Eaton, Victoria Wallace, Edward O'Hare, Padraig Sherry, Ciara Lynch, Marcus Walsh
- 3 Young Leaders



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The Ireland Funds Great Britain Winter Ball

December, 2016 The Ireland Funds Great Britain hosted its annual Winter Ball at the world famous **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**. Actor **James Nesbitt** OBE was honored for his contribution to Irish cultural life in Great Britain. Nesbitt is best known for starring in films such as **The Hobbit**, **Bloody Sunday** and **Cold Feet**. **Kieran McLoughlin**, Worldwide President and CEO of The Ireland Funds spoke of the critical role The Ireland Funds Great Britain had played in the history of the global organization and the vibrancy that its Young Leaders chapter indicated for its future. As he is originally from Northern Ireland and grew up during the Troubles, Nesbitt told the

capacity room of the positive impact The Ireland Funds has had on peace and reconciliation work in Northern Ireland. He noted that the support The Ireland Funds gives to so many extraordinary organizations and projects not only in Ireland but across the UK, was inspiring. The celebration marked the culmination of The Ireland Funds' 40th year and was attended by over 300 guests. Many leading figures from business, politics, sport and culture joined The Winter Ball Committee members, chaired by **Deirdre O'Sullivan**. **John Fitzpatrick**, Chairman of The Ireland Funds America, and stars including **Anna Friel** and **Andrew Scott** were also in attendance.

- 1 Kieran McLoughlin
- 2 Garrett Hayes, James Nesbitt
- 3 James Nesbitt
- 4 John Fitzpatrick, Mark Carrigan, James Nesbitt, Garrett Hayes, Caitriona Fottrell, Kieran McLoughlin
- 5 Lindsay Kenworthy, Kelly Cannon, Arwa Al Rashedi, Noora Aboukhater
- 6 Anna Friel, James Nesbitt, Andrew Scott
- 7 Derek Joyce & Jen Barry Joyce
- 8 Eleanor Egan, Meurisse Tiernan, Suzie Carley, Joanne Webb, Tara Droog



CHINA NEWS



James McKnight, Andy Ho, David Simpson, Peter Ryan

Hong Kong Guide Dogs Receives a Grant from The Ireland Funds China

Consulate General of Ireland/Hong Kong & Macau presented the Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association, The Ireland Funds China chosen charity, with HK\$35,000 raised from The Ireland Funds Global 5k event. The Hong Kong chapter of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Society was pleased to be able to support this key program with roots in Ireland. Present for the check ceremony were James McKnight, Legal and Corporate Governance Director of The Ireland Funds China; Andy Ho, CEO & Executive Director at Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association; David Simpson, Programs & Grant Management; Peter Ryan, Consulate General of Ireland, Hong Kong & Macau.

Hello

The Board of Directors is delighted to welcome Alana Byrne who joins The Ireland Funds China Executive Committee as Young Leaders Marketing Director. Alana has extensive experience in marketing for the hospitality and leisure industry and was an active participant in the successful 2016 Young Leaders “Irish Run the World” Global 5K event.

Goodbye

The Ireland Funds China marked a departure and an arrival in 2016. After several years of dedicated support to The Ireland Funds China, and indeed to a broad range of Irish support organizations in Hong Kong, Robert Agnew retired from the The Ireland Funds China Board of Directors in October. We hope to continue our friendship with Robert, and to welcome him and his family to future events.



Alana Byrne (kneeling right) at The 2016 Young Leaders Global 5k



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- 1 Check presentation to representatives of benefiting charities, Dr. John Tan, Diane Koh, Dr. Foo Fung Fong, Goh Boon Keng, Ong Yu Chan
- 2 Conor McCoolle, Ruairi Brown, Monthida McCoolle, Lindsay Courtney
- 3 Dr. Lee Sze Min, Linda Chan, Hazel, Sheila Lim, Lyndsey, Geraldine Kieran
- 4 Colin MacDonald, Dr. Francis Yeoh, Dr. Stanley Quek
- 5 Colin MacDonald
- 6 Des & Kathy Sheehy with guests
- 7 Guests
- 8 Sheila Lim, Noor Quek, Dr. Lim Hwee Leng



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The Singapore Emerald Ball

November, 2016 The Emerald Ball returned to the splendor of the **St. Regis Singapore** for the 2016 Ball. "All that Jazz" was the theme for this 8th running of the event, attended by 300+ guests. The Causes Committee headed by **Excomm** members, **Peter Tierney** and **Lyndon Mullan** identified worthy causes under the general heading of Disadvantaged and At – Risk Youth inspired by our work in Ireland. The evening's primary beneficiary was the **Singapore Association for Mental Health (SAMH)** with proceeds assisting the renovation and fitting out of a new center at **Marsiling** which will target youth at risk, young adults and caregivers who suffer from psychological or emotional issues. Other organizations supported by the 2016 Emerald Ball included **CARE Singapore**, **CATCH+**, **Equal Ark**, **Filos Community Services**, **Autism Resource Centre** and the ongoing support for **Boys Town**. Representatives from all the benefiting charities attended the Ball where they were hosted by The Ireland Funds Singapore President, **Colin MacDonald**. As well as being represented by President and his wife, **Dr. and Mrs.**

Francis Yeoh, SAMH was generous in taking a table with their immediate past President, **Dr. Daniel Fung Shuen Sheng** presiding. Chairman of The Ireland Funds Singapore **Dr. Stanley Quek** included as his guests Irish Ambassador **Geoffrey Keating** and his wife **Jane** as well as H.E British High Commissioner, **Scott Wightman** and his wife **Anne**. Also attending were visiting Provost of **Trinity College Dublin**, **Patrick Prendergast** and his counterpart **Prof & Mrs. Tan Thiam Soon** of **The Singapore Institute of Technology** who are working with together on a Student Immersion Programme supported by The Ireland Funds Singapore. Ball Committee Chairwoman, **Sheila Lim** produced the best Ball yet with excellent fare from the St. Regis kitchens complimented by delicious wines from **Straits Wine Company** as well as the traditional **Guinness** bar supplied once again, by **APB**. The Ireland Funds Singapore has now raised over \$4.5m to charities in the Singapore Community covering community relations and care of the aged and disadvantaged, education, culture and the arts and sport.

The Ireland Funds Monaco Residential Bursaries

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white dress with a black polka dot pattern and a blue floral design on the sleeves, stands on a balcony. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. Behind her is a panoramic view of Monaco, featuring a harbor filled with numerous white yachts, a dense cityscape with various buildings, and a large mountain in the background under a clear blue sky.

Liz Nugent

About the Author

Liz Nugent is an award-winning writer of radio and TV drama and has written short stories for children and adults. In early 2014 her first novel, *Unravelling Oliver*, was published. It went straight to the top of the bestsellers list and has been translated into eight languages. *Unravelling Oliver* won the Crime Novel of the Year at the Irish Book Awards. This book is available in French as *Oliver, où la fabrique d'un manipulateur*. Her second novel, *Lying in Wait*, (Profil Bas en Français) was published in July 2016 and went straight to number 1. It also won the RTE Radio Listener's Choice prize at the Irish Book Awards. It is currently in the UK Sunday Times bestseller list and has been chosen for the hugely popular Richard & Judy Bookclub Spring 2017 list.

Awarded biannually, The Ireland Funds Monaco Residential Bursaries were established to enable writers born or living in Ireland to pursue a current project during a one-month residency at the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco. We are pleased to present this personal reflection written by author Liz Nugent on her experience in Monaco.

I am incredibly grateful to The Ireland Funds

for awarding me the Monaco Bursary as Writer in Residence at the Princess Grace Irish Library [home to over 12,500 books dealing with all aspects of Irish culture]. It was a great honour and a privilege to be there, but also a great pleasure.

As part of my next novel (working title: *Skin Deep**) is set on the Riviera, there was no better way to absorb the atmosphere of the places I needed to describe. I believe that one must never write about a place unless one can smell it. Inhaling great lungfuls of Mediterranean air could only improve the authenticity of my work.

Working in the library was a dream come true. Surrounded by artefacts and some 500 books belonging to Princess Grace, I sat on a blue armchair underneath a painting by Jack Yeats and wrote for about six hours every day. Any questions I had were answered immediately by the library's Administrator, Judith Gantley, the most efficient person I have ever met. Five minutes after my question was answered, I would receive an email with links to the answers to my queries and the names of people with whom I could consult further. Judith also sought out books and maps that would help me in my research and introduced me to many fascinating people that I may touch base with later as my work progresses.

Judith went out of her way to make sure that I had everything I needed, including beautiful apartment accommodation in Beausoleil overlooking Larvotto beach, a bus pass for the month and trolley bags for my shopping. I think I have made a friend for life.

I wrote over 30,000 words in my four weeks in the library, roughly a third of a book. I have never achieved that rate of wordage before.

My fingers were not permanently glued to the keyboard though, and several events gave me an opportunity to meet with readers, students and visitors.

While Writer in Residence, the library hosted a talk and Q & A session about my work with the Trustees and Friends of the library. It was a wonderful and lively evening, and it ended with a book signing and small reception.

Also, with the approval of English teacher, Jean-René Fonquerne, I gave a creative writing workshop to a group of industrious and charming students from the local Lycée Albert I.

Another day, I spoke to a visiting group of Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland, led by the indefatigable Sighle Bhreathnach Lynch. I also had the huge privilege of reading for a visiting group of Royal Librarians of Europe, led by Thomas Fouilleron, director of the Monaco Palace Archives and Library.

The hard work I did was tempered by social events and birthday parties. I will not easily forget the stunning views on my daily commute to work.

I cannot speak highly enough of the experience I have had in Monaco. Fingers crossed that it will all bear fruit in the publication of *Skin Deep** to be published by Penguin in September 2017. I am eternally thankful.

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