

The Ireland Funds 2017 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 2017 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 major investments to bring about major impact for the island of Ireland.



Irish Film Institute

The Irish Film Institute (IFI) is Ireland's national cultural institution for film, comprising three core activities: Exhibit, Preserve and Educate.

The IFI are undertaking a major cultural & heritage preservation & access project – known as the IFI Digital Preservation and Access Strategy. The key aim of this project is to save critically at-risk material of culturally significant documentary films spanning three decades, and making it freely available to view on the IFI Player for a worldwide audience.

The Ireland Funds has committed €100k over two years to join the IFI in its mission to preserve the past for the future generations to come.



The Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA) is a community-based, non-profit, creating space for men of all ages to gather in a safe, friendly environment where they can work on interesting projects – all with the goal of reducing social isolation, enhancing community cohesion and improving the health and wellbeing of men throughout Ireland.

The Ireland Funds is proud to support the Irish Men's Sheds Association with an investment of €100k over two years to implement a Shed Support Program, which will allow IMSA to better support the growing network of 440+ Men's Sheds throughout Ireland. Through this support, the implementation of a National Volunteer Programme will see some 40 volunteers engaged and trained to liaise directly between sheds and IMSA's head office.



- In 2017, **90** organizations submitted applications for Flagship Grants
- **11** finalists presented to The Ireland Funds Flagship Grants Panel
- **5** Flagship Grants Awarded
- **€450k** total invested in The Ireland Funds Flagship Grants in 2017



Speedpak Group is a social enterprise which was set up in 1995 in response to high long-term unemployment in disadvantaged communities. Speedpak provides a bridge to employment through accredited training and commercial work experience.

The Ireland Funds is proud to support the work of Speedpak with an investment of €50k over two years to develop an Enhanced Skills Traineeship Program targeted at logistics/manufacturing for young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) to bring them from a low education and work experience base to quality employment.



Blossom Ireland works with children with intellectual disabilities aged 8 to 18 years and their families through fun, affordable, innovative, inclusive activities. Based in Dublin, they provide therapy led camps and after school activities, including life skills and social skills programs.

The Ireland Funds has committed €100k over two years to allow Blossom Ireland to roll out Blossom Gateway, which is a community and employment engagement program for teens aged 16-18 with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities.

This program will allow teens to gain practical experience and invaluable life skills to support them as they enter adulthood.



The Ireland Funds has been proud supporters of Integrated Education for more than 30 years. Integrated schools educate children of all faiths and cultural backgrounds together in Northern Ireland to instil qualities of respect, tolerance and conflict resolution. The Integrated Education Fund (IEF) is a significant financial support to the establishment of new schools, the growth of existing schools and those schools seeking to become integrated through what is known as the 'transformation' process.

Integrate My School is a campaign spearheaded by IEF to empower parents who want their child's school to become integrated. Integrate-MySchool.com provides a digital platform for registration, promotes transformation and steers those schools who wish to pursue it.

The Ireland Funds has committed £100k over two years to enable the Integrate My School campaign to make transformation accessible, understandable and achievable in Northern Ireland.

