

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting the next generation of leaders. The mission of the Ireland Funds Young Leaders Network is to attract professionals aged 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global irish communitiy, and inspires positive change.

The Ireland Funds Australia is a part of The Ireland Funds, a global philanthropic network established 40 years ago 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.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2016-2017



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- Soar — Youth Wellness
- Suas — Literacy
- Solas — Education
- Integrate My School — Education



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

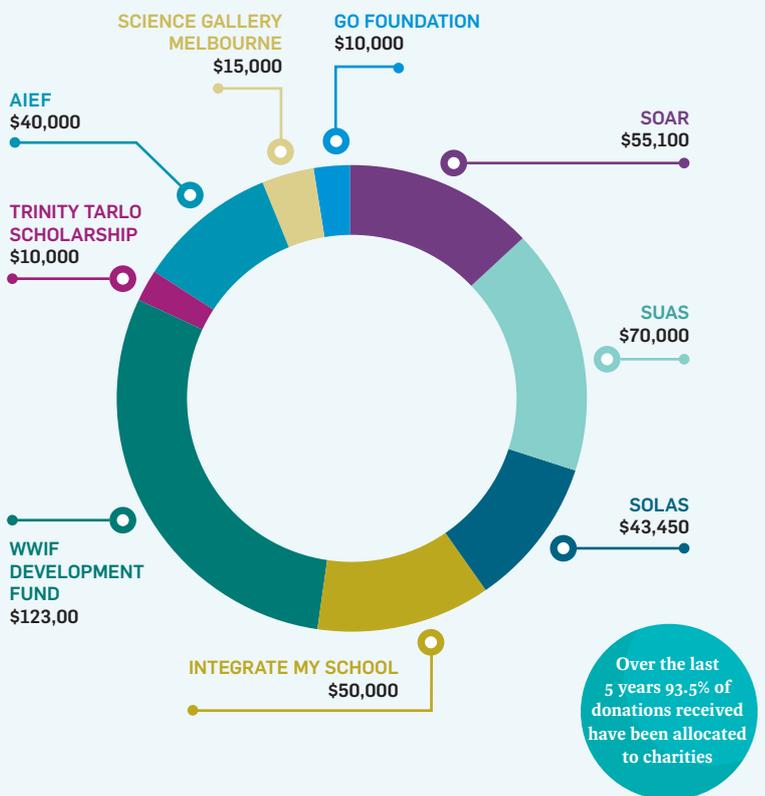
- WWIF Development Fund
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Suas



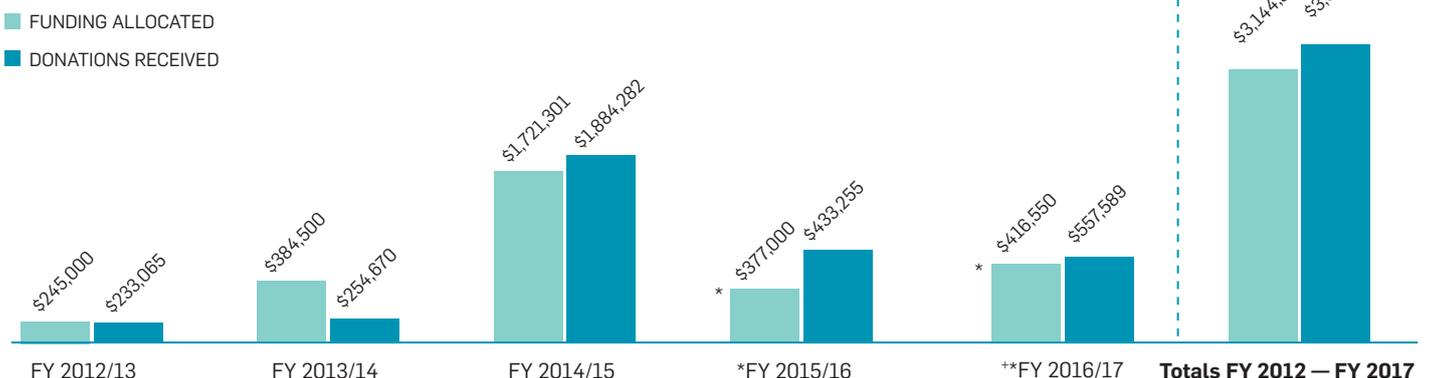
EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

- Australian Indigenous Education Foundation
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- GO Foundation

TOTAL DONATIONS 2016-2017 \$416,550



AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2012 — JUNE 2017



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of the Australian Ireland Fund and the Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund
 * Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

About our Projects

SUAS

Suas Literacy Support Programme partner with designated disadvantaged (DEIS) schools across Ireland to deliver literacy support to 8 to 14 year olds who are struggling with reading and writing — the building block of almost all future achievements.

Our continued support, including that of the Australian Young Leaders, will allow Suas to;

143

Deliver at least 143 Literacy support projects

1,716

Work at the coalface with 1,716 struggling learners

1,760

Train up to 1,760 mentors to deliver 1:1 support



SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, **Soar** provides workshops to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland; specifically, 6th class and Transition Year students, and to young women aged 15-18 through their "Stripped" programme as they are at a transitional period in their lives. Soar facilitate workshops within schools with the potential of a follow up programme.

The Ireland Funds Australia's support will allow Soar to;



Create an environment in which girls can explore themselves wholly and without judgement



Enable girls to develop the tools to improve self-confidence and emotional well-being

1,320

Reach 1,320 young women in 22 schools across Ireland

INTEGRATE MY SCHOOL INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND

Currently **only 7%** of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland despite polls showing **80% support** for integration.

All schools in Northern Ireland are entitled to become integrated, provided a majority of the school community democratically votes in favour of it. Launched in February by the iconic Northern Irish actor Liam Neeson, *Integrate My School* is a one-stop-shop digital platform containing all the information parents require, the platform explains the process of transformation succinctly and allows parents to register their school for it. Transformation is the next exciting and important step in the integrated education movement and we are very proud to be part of that.



SOLAS

The unique point of difference of the **Solas Project** is its long-term, intensive intervention. The 'Step Up' teen mentoring programme provides 1:1 support to 60 students transitioning from primary to secondary education. Solas see a significant amount of young people dis-engaged with their education in secondary school resulting in them leaving with next to no qualifications.



Funding from the IFA will allow additional places in "Step Up" which currently has a number of young people on the waiting list.

AIEF

The AIEF is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers at Australian schools, universities and companies.

Together with the AIEF the Ireland Funds Australia has committed to supporting

80 indigenous scholarship

places at four leading Australian Schools by 2020.



SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE

The University of Melbourne secured the rights to Australia's only node in the highly successful Science Gallery International network, founded at Trinity College in Dublin. Inspired by the innovation at the inaugural Science Gallery in Dublin, The Ireland Funds Australia are delighted to have partnered with Science Gallery Melbourne for their first pop-up exhibition, BLOOD as their official opening night partner on 2 August 2017. When it opens in 2020, Science Gallery Melbourne will be a public-facing, dynamic and engaging space to inspire young adults into the

STEM workforce. With **75% of future jobs in Australia expected to require STEM qualifications**, Science Gallery programmes will spark the minds of tomorrow's innovators.



GO FOUNDATION

The Go Foundation in Australia was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael McLoughlin.

Go offers day scholarships to students in public schools. This project is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders fundraising efforts.



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

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



Ruth Tarlo provided the third Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2017/2018 at the Law School of Trinity College. The scholarship is in memory of Ruth's late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940s.



The Worldwide Ireland Funds received a donor advised grant from Dr. Stanley Quek for the development of the global Funds.



The Lansdowne Club donor designated \$5,000 to Suas.

How you can support the Ireland Funds Australia and our Charities:

BECOME A YOUNG LEADER

We invite you to join our Young Leader Network giving programmes in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to help further the work of the Ireland Funds. Upon payment of an annual contribution you can join:

Level 1 - Young Leader with a gift of \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax deductible

OR

Level 2 - Benefactor gift of \$1,000 annually, which is tax deductible

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Exclusive members only invitation to the Young Leaders Summit VIII in America in January 2019
- Ticket price discounts to major events e.g. the Sydney Garden Party, the annual Brisbane and Melbourne lunches.
- Enhancing your personal and professional networks whilst supporting people less fortunate than ourselves.

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Chairmans Statement

I feel incredibly privileged to be appointed as Chairman of the Ireland Funds Australia this year as we celebrate 30 wonderful years of friendship, fun and giving.

People are at the heart of the Ireland Funds. The outstanding organizations we support across the island of Ireland and in Australia touch the lives of real people, increase opportunities and improve society every day. In this year's grant round you can see us continue mutli year journeys with flagship projects like SOAR and the Australian Indigenous Education Fund; support broader approaches on foundational issues through Integrate My School; and partner new projects like Go Foundation and Science Gallery Melbourne.

This year we also benefited from the worldwide Development Program with a roll out of the new communications and branding strategy including new website and marketing assets. We are committed to promoting philanthropy; developing our Young Leaders Network; and playing a leading role in supporting and growing the Global Irish Network. We will continue to support projects in Ireland and here in Australia and we look forward to interacting more with you and sharing our progress.

None of this work would be possible without the amazing support we receive from our Donors, Governors, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters.

Heartfelt thanks you for supporting our mission so generously throughout 2016/2017.

Yvonne Le Bas
Chairman
The Ireland Funds
Australia
October 2017

The Ireland Funds Australia is audited by KPMG.

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