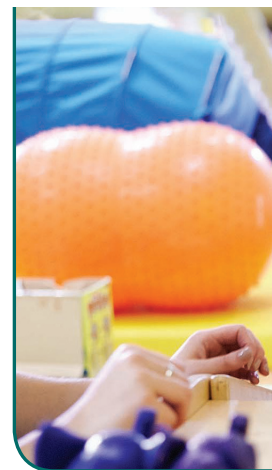


The Ireland Funds Flagship Awardees 2018

The Ireland Funds Flagship Investments program provides grants for core funding, capacity building or program costs for non-profit organizations working within one of our key program areas of Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Peace & Reconciliation. Our aim is to improve the quality and sustainability of existing program, or to help scale initiatives that are already having an impact. The Ireland Funds is delighted to announce our support of these outstanding organizations who collectively will receive a total of a €465,000 Flagship Grants Investment over 2 years.



Dogs for the Disabled €40,000 x 2 years

Dogs for the Disabled improves the lives of children and adults living with physical disabilities in Ireland. Over the last eleven years, Dogs for the Disabled placed 160 highly trained Assistance Dogs in Partnerships nationally. Demand for their services is increasing and they currently have a 5-year waiting list. **The Ireland Funds Flagship Grant will allow Dogs for the Disabled to scale up and increase their assistance/therapy dog program by up to 30% over the next two years.** The grant will support the breeding of an additional two litters of puppies each year, as well as help Dogs for the Disabled identify and grow their external program to assist in the delivery of this expansion.



Abbey Theatre €32,500 x 2 years

The Abbey Theatre is the national theatre of Ireland whose mission is to imaginatively engage with all of Irish society through the production of ambitious, courageous and new theatre in all its forms. **The Ireland Funds Flagship investment will support the Abbey Theatre's 5x5 Initiative for the next two years.** Each year, The Abbey Theatre will invite citizens from all communities, particularly those who feel underrepresented on the Irish stage, to submit an idea or project that they want to develop. From these applications, they will choose 5 projects and provide them with 5 days' worth of space, technical assistance and €5,000 to explore their ideas. Five projects from diverse communities and interests will be given the opportunity for their voice to be heard on Ireland's national stage. As advocates of inclusiveness, diversity and equality, The Abbey is addressing the lack of diversity on national stages.

Children in Crossfire €40,000 x 2 years

Children in Crossfire was founded in 1996 by Richard Moore and its' mission is to support children who are caught up in the crossfire of violence, poverty and injustice through development education. In 1972, as a 10-year-old child, Richard was blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British soldier during the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Amazingly from childhood to the present day, he has accepted the loss of his sight without any feelings of resentment. **The Ireland Funds Flagship Grant will be supporting the 'Educating the Heart' program, instilling compassion, emotional awareness, critical thinking and reduced bias in 60,000 young people across Ireland.**





Sensational Kids

€40,000 x 2 years

Sensational Kids was founded by Karen Leigh and was inspired by her son who was 1 in 4 children with additional needs in Ireland. He was put on waiting lists for basic services like speech & language therapy and occupational therapy. And so, Sensational Kids was established to provide subsidized early intervention services for young people with special educational needs. Ten years on, the problem persists as there are now 30,000 children in Ireland waiting for speech & language therapy and another 15,000 waiting for occupational therapy. To date over 5,000 children with additional needs, from all over Ireland, have benefited from Sensational Kids vital early intervention services based at their Leinster Centre in Kildare Town. **Support from The Ireland Funds, will enable Sensational Kids to provide early intervention services to an additional 500-600 children per year in two new centers in Clonakilty and Claremorris, allowing them to triple their social impact.**

CyberSafelreland

€40,000 x 2 years

CyberSafelreland is the Irish children's charity for online safety. Since 2016, they have conducted workshops with over 14,000 children aged between 8 and 13 and thousands of parents and teachers, educating them on online safety and empowering them to use it safely and responsibly. CyberSafelreland have collected data from over 5,000 children aged 8 – 13 over the last year and alarming results have shown that that children are getting online at an increasingly young age.

- 68% of pre-teens had a smartphone
- 70% were already signed up to social media or messaging apps
- 10% of the 8-year olds were online for more than 4 hours a day
- 41% of 8-9-year-old boys are playing games intended for over 18s

Support from The Ireland Funds will allow CyberSafelreland to hire an Education Officer for the next 2 years.

Through increased education programs, awareness raising initiatives and online resources, CyberSafelreland aim to reach 500,000 families across Ireland and teach them to be stronger, smarter and safer online.



Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities

€40,000 x 2 years

Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities (TCPID) aims to promote the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in education and society. TCPID provides people who have intellectual disabilities with the opportunity to participate in a higher education program designed to enhance their capacity to fully participate in society as independent adults.

Flagship support from The Ireland Funds will allow TCPID to develop a Graduate Internship Programme, extending on the two-year certificate (Level 5, QQI) in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice in TCD to include a third year of employment internship experiences. This will ultimately enable people with intellectual disabilities to compete for employment on a more equal level to their non-disabled peers and, as a result, to lead more independent lives.

