

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987. Since our inception we have supported 122 projects, many more than once, across the island of Ireland and in Australia. This report provides an overview of the combined activities of the Australian Ireland Fund and our Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund (established in 2015 to support projects in Australia) in 2018–2019.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2018–2019



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN IRELAND

- Community Action Network
- Inner City Enterprise
- Integrated Education
- Jigsaw
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Men's Sheds
- Soar
- Suas
- Trinity College Dublin



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

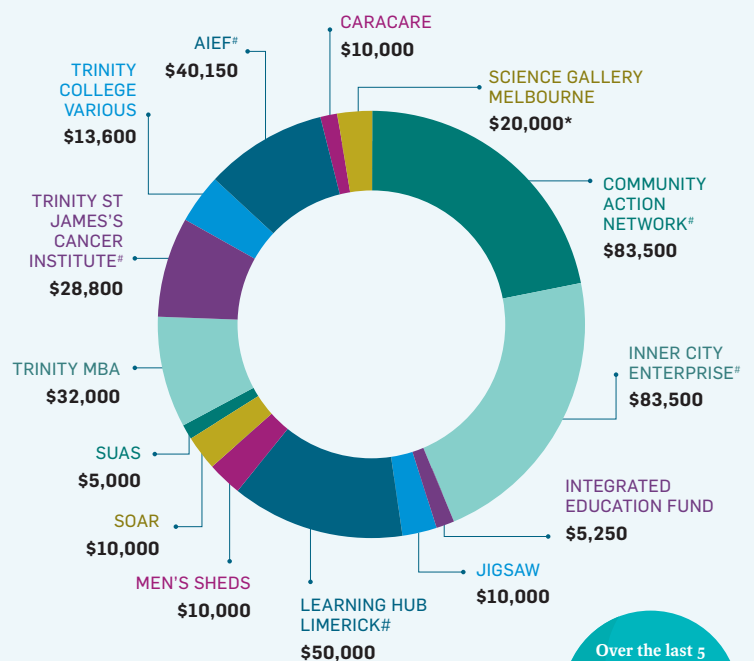
- AIEF
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- CaraCare



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

- Inner City Enterprise
- Community Action Network
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Trinity St James's Cancer Institute
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- AIEF

TOTAL DONATIONS 2018–2019 \$401,800



Donor Advised Grant
 * Includes an in-kind donation \$10,000
 † Includes a DAG of \$500,000 not to be disbursed until 2020, otherwise would be 87.49%

Over the last 5 years 80.16%† of donations received have been allocated to our charities

AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2014 – JUNE 2019



* 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.

Snapshot of our Projects

Our grant round in June 2019 totalled \$401,800 supporting 18 projects. Here is a snapshot of 8 of those projects*.

COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Community Action Network (CAN) supports communities facing a range of socio-economic challenges in the south inner-city neighborhoods of Dublin. The support of The Ireland Funds Australia will provide core funding to strengthen and develop 8 of CAN's initiatives in the challenging areas of:



Threats to community safety from the drug-economy



Having to support a large number of community members who are distant from the labor market



Poor housing conditions



INNER CITY ENTERPRISE

Inner City Enterprise (ICE) was established to advise and assist unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to set up their own businesses or create their own self-employment. Over the last 7 years, ICE has helped 2000 people establish over 1000 for-profit and social enterprises in Ireland. The support of The Ireland Funds Australia in 2019 will enable ICE to:



Hold 28 training and networking workshops and events



Establish a formal mentoring program



Organise a Corporate Social Enterprise Adoption Program involving the adoption of seven social enterprise programs by private sector companies

LEARNING HUB LIMERICK

In County Limerick, Learning Hub Limerick (LHL) is a place where art, science, music, health, stories and digital learning for children all come together.

In disadvantaged areas of Limerick

only **6%** of young people progress to a university education, so instilling a love of learning is key.



With our help LHL can achieve their 2019 goals of:

- Creating an active learning environment that extends beyond the traditional
- Creatively embed technology and the core skills of literacy and numeracy into active learning
- Prevent early school leaving and raise the educational aspirations of families, schools and the wider community



IRISH MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

Shoulder to shoulder, the Irish Men's Sheds Association is improving the health and well-being of men across Ireland. Originally an Australian initiative, Men's Sheds creates a community space for men of all ages to gather in a safe, friendly environment where they can work on interesting projects.



There are currently **422 Men's Sheds** in Ireland



an estimated **10,000** men use Men's Sheds each week across the country.

This wonderful initiative is supported by the Australian Young Leaders.

*Some projects not shown include Trinity St James's Cancer Institute, CaraCare, Suas, Trinity MBA & IEF

SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar is a collective movement which believes that there is greatness within all young people. The foundation delivers early intervention-preventative, wellness workshops for young people aged 12 – 18 years from all backgrounds. With programs that aim to help young people fulfil their true potential

Since 2012

Soar has worked with more than

30,000

young people in Ireland.

Since 2015

The Ireland Funds Australia has contributed more than

\$195,000

in grants to Soar.



AIEF

Australia Indigenous Education Foundation (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.

The partnership between AIEF and The Ireland Funds Australia means **80 scholarship places by 2020.**

In 2018 the AIEF scholarship students achieved:

92%

A 92% retention and Year 12 completion rate

97%

97% tertiary retention and completion rate

95%

95% of AIEF Alumni were productively engaged in career pathways such as tertiary study and full-time employment



SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE

Pioneered by Trinity College Dublin and part of a global network, Science Gallery Melbourne aims to engage young adults through the collision of arts and science, with

75% 

OF FUTURE JOBS REQUIRING

S T E M

QUALIFICATIONS

The Ireland Funds Australia are proud to be in the 3rd year of partnership with SGM, including funding which assisted:

- Launch of the first exhibition **BLOOD**
- Indigenous Cadetship
- Regional Schools Outreach



JIGSAW

Jigsaw's vision is **an Ireland where every young person's mental health is valued and supported.**



Their mission is to advance the mental health of young people in Ireland (aged 12-25) by influencing change, strengthening communities, and delivering services through evidence informed and early intervention approach and since 2006, they have grown to **support the mental health of over**

14,000 young people across Ireland

and is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders' fundraising efforts.



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

GIVING PROGRAMMES

Supporters can help us to further our vital work by joining one of our Giving Programmes. You can make a one off, or annual, tax deductible contribution to become a member of:

GIVING PROGRAMME	ANNUAL TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION
The Governor Programme	\$15,000
The Associate Programme	\$5,000
The Benefactor Programme	\$1,000

BECOME A YOUNG LEADER

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme. In Australia we attract professionals aged 25–40 in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change. Membership costs \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax deductible.

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend projects they are passionate about and 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.

Fundraising Activities 2018–2019

 <p>THE BRISBANE LUNCHEON</p> <p>147 guests \$45,358</p>	 <p>THE SYDNEY GARDEN PARTY</p> <p>460 guests \$190,371</p>	 <p>THE GLOBAL 5K RUN</p> <p>319 runners nationally \$22,644 BRISBANE • SYDNEY • MELBOURNE</p>	 <p>THE MELBOURNE DINNER</p> <p>169 guests \$77,316</p>
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CORPORATE

BECOME A PARTNER SPONSOR

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Ireland Funds Australia by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period starting in 2019**. This would allow us meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

EVENT SPONSOR

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

OTHER WAYS

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

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

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CLOSING STATEMENT



This review that we undertake each year gives us a chance to take stock not just of funds received and distributed, but to appreciate the real people we are assisting with these donations and the tangible difference we are making to people's lives on the island of Ireland and in Australia.

There is so much goodwill towards our work, the Board and myself were extremely pleased to partner with Coolmore Australia and the Magnier family for our flagship event our "Ireland Funds Coolmore Garden Party" in November last.

In June this year we made a grant round of over \$400,000 to 18 projects, details can be seen above and we were thrilled to see first hand some of the impacts of our work at our Global Ireland Fund conference in Belfast that same month. Unfortunately, as we all know, there has been a lot of unrest in Northern Ireland with a return to violence in Derry and uncertainty around Brexit. In that regard hosting our conference in Belfast was very timely and allowed us to see and hear what people were saying on the ground. Interestingly a number of different sources said, totally unprompted, that integrated education was the way forward in Northern Ireland, if a lasting peace is to be a reality for future generations. There is still a long way to go with only 8% of children educated in an integrated school today.

None of this work would be possible without the amazing support we receive from our incredibly active and passionate Young Leaders, our Donors, Governors, Associates, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters. More recently we are working closely with Donors who want to support a particular project, termed a Donor Advised Grant, you can see details above.

We are also of course part of a global organisation, the worldwide Ireland Funds, this year we welcomed David Cronin as the new CEO of The Ireland Funds America and we look forward to working with our global colleagues as we plan for the next phase of growth of the organisation and forging closer relationships with chapters around the world.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for supporting the work we do so generously throughout 2018/2019. My hope for this year is that our supporters will continue to engage with us, guide us, and inform our direction and where we are headed in 2019/20 and beyond.

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Chairman, Ireland Funds Australia