The Ireland Funds is delighted to announce our support of Flagship Grants Investment to these outstanding organizations.

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 programs, or to help scale initiatives that are already having an impact. A total of €500,000 will be shared by six outstanding organizations over 2 years.

In addition to the Flagship Awardees, The Ireland Funds also distributed €500,000 to 90 organizations through its Small Grants Round. The Small Grants Round offers awards to small community organizations and for organizations that have not previously been supported by The Ireland Funds. These smaller investments of up to €10,000 support a wide range of not-for-profit and community organizations in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
AsIAm is an organization working to build an inclusive Ireland for autistic people, creating a society where every autistic person is accepted and valued “as they are.” Support of €100,000 over the coming 2 years will enable AsIAm to improve outcomes for autistic people, and their families, by providing the tools, information and skills required in order to access the community.
CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Cancer Fund for Children works to provide practical and emotional support to children and young people (age 0-24) diagnosed with cancer and young people who have a parent with cancer, and their families. The Ireland Funds have awarded Cancer Fund for Children €100,000 over two years to develop the RISE Project, which will improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of 40 young people aged 8-17 years old impacted by cancer.
Depaul is a charity working with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, focusing on serving and caring for those with complex needs. The Flagship Award of €100,000 over 2 years will allow Depaul to support the salary of a Resettlement Officer who will work to empower migrants, upon leaving Direct Provision, to fully exercise their rights and become deeply integrated into their new communities in Ireland.
Pieta House provides free and freely accessible professional counselling to Irish men, women and children struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm and those who have lost a loved one to suicide. The Ireland Funds will be supporting The Resilience Academy, a 6-week evidence-based program targeting 12-13 year old students, delivered in schools with the aim to reduce child suicide/self-harm and increase resilience amongst Irish youth.
SUAS EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suas is one of Ireland’s leading children’s literacy charities, providing evidence-based reading and maths supports to struggling children whose needs are not being addressed by Ireland’s education system. Support of €80,000 over 2 years will see Suas expand their services to cover the Island of Ireland, delivering their proven literacy mentorship model in disadvantaged communities in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
YouthAction NI has a 75-year history of working with young people in Northern Ireland and border counties to tackle inequalities; improve their life chances; inspire them as activists and contribute to flourishing communities in a peaceful, shared society.

The Ireland Funds has awarded €70,000 over the 2 years to fund the ‘One Small Step’ campaign where YouthAction NI will engage and inspire young people on the margins, ages 14-25, to take actions to create change.
Grants workshops were delivered in five locations across Ireland and the grants team were on hand to give advice on eligibility and how to apply. 333 Letters of Inquiry (an increase of 50 from 2018) were submitted by organizations, each providing a proposal seeking support from The Ireland Funds. 25 organizations were then invited to submit a full application and site visits to each of the organizations were conducted. 12 organizations were then selected based on the goals of the initiative, potential impact of the proposal, the organization's capacity to deliver, fit for The Ireland Funds, and long-term sustainability of the project. 12 finalists participated in a training workshop and then pitched to two panels of external interviewers. Following feedback from each panel combined with internal discussion and deliberation in The Ireland Funds, six organizations were selected as The Ireland Funds Flagship Awardees for 2019.