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Grant Round 2023

Your Generosity Changes Lives

The Ireland Funds Australia (IFA), with the support of our generous donors, has delivered meaningful grants and valuable support to inspiring and committed organisations through our 2023 Annual Grant Round.

Operating under four key pillars of Community, Education, Peace and Culture, The Ireland Funds Australia awards grants based on each organisation's ability to deliver at least one of these objectives:



Invest in local communities and contribute to the avoidance of poverty and hardship.



Support programmes that contribute to the reconnection people of all ages with education, employment and re/upskilling opportunities.



Support the promotion of arts and culture that connect groups with Irish culture and heritage and share it with the next generation



In Northern Ireland, strengthen cross-community relations, the treatment and resolution of transgenerational trauma and assist young people at risk.

We are grateful to our many donors and friends whose support through the year makes our Annual Grant Round possible. Grateful thanks also to The Ireland Funds Board of Directors, who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to ensure grants are provided to outstanding organisations delivering real impact in their communities. Read on to see the reach that your generosity, combined with the tireless work of the supported charities, will have this year.

The Impact of your Generosity

The Ireland Funds Australia June 2023 Grant Round was \$1,894,174 and saw the following 18 projects supported.

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174 Trust

The 174 Trust is a Christian Community Development Organisation located in the most divided and disadvantaged area of North Belfast and is committed to "Building peace & promoting reconciliation".

Our support assists in developing facilities at the Duncairn Complex, a "shared space" which is used on a day to day basis by Protestants, Catholics and others, and where prejudice & sectarianism are challenged and people are changed.



Community Action Network

Community Action Network is a social justice organisation that has been working with local communities in South Dublin for almost 40 years to innovatively tackle local issues such as poor housing conditions, education, poverty, youth alienation and community safety threats arising from drug abuse, unemployment and racism. With the continued help of a Donor Advised Grant of \$30,000 CAN has managed to consolidate and strengthen their community safety work to establish an innovative street based youthwork response - Targeted Response with Youth - this process is now mainstreamed within the Dept of Justice. CAN continue to work with low-income communities to persuade public bodies to include social clauses in public procurement this has led to the building of the New Children's Hospital in Dublin. With minimal funding from local councils, these ongoing donations enable CAN to put the required level of time into the project and continue with the innovation, design, development of these essential projects.



Home Tree Ireland

Home Tree Ireland work to establish and conserve permanent native woodland in Ireland, encouraging land regeneration and biodiversity through afforestation, restoration and education. Our core value is stewardship. Through education and supporting increased awareness and consideration of Ireland's natural environment, we hope to nourish a new way of relating to nature conservation and rehabilitation.

Home Tree planted 200 trees, on the West Coast of Ireland with funds provide from The Ireland Funds in 2023. Planting the trees young to allow them time to adapt and stand firm in their new home, as they grow , they will produce oxygen, store carbon, and create shelter and homes for many insects , flora and fauna.





Inner City Enterprise (ICE)

Advises and assists unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to set up their own businesses or create their own self-employment.

2022 grant supported the Young Entrepreneurs Training Programme (YETP) and a Start Your Own Business (SYOB) Programme for the Ukrainian community. The YETP Programme provided skills training to 110 young people, with 25 new businesses launched.



Learning Hub Limerick

Works in partnership with parents, education providers, statutory agencies and the wider Limerick community to provide a safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environment where young people can reach their true potential. As well as providing education support and coaching.

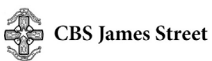
The Hub provides access to enriching experiences, such as kayaking and rock-climbing to help young people develop active lifestyles. Each week in 2022, 150 children aged 5-15 and 100 young adults aged 17-25 received support at The Hub.



MyMind

MyMind is the first and largest blended model of mental health care in Ireland and is putting Ireland at the forefront of mental health innovation, providing counselling and psychotherapy services.

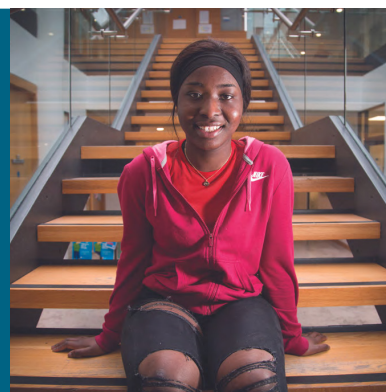
MyMind work towards giving every person in Ireland equal access to mental health support early, affordably, directly, without stigma or delay.



No Mind Left Behind

No Mind Left Behind is an initiative designed to give promising young people from areas of social disadvantage an opportunity to complete third-level education.

An annual scholarship of €4,000 is provided to cover the costs of books, accommodation, and other key expenses. Our \$54,000 donation this year is supporting 9 students from St James Street CBS. The programme has helped 300+ students so far.



The Royal College of Surgeons

Supported for the purpose of furtherance of education and research by educating healthcare leaders who make a difference worldwide. The range of scholarships offer financial help to students from low-income families who have the potential to be outstanding doctors.





Trinity College Dublin

Trinity Access Programmes

We are delighted to continue to support this programme in a very small way from Australia but the programme itself has pioneered initiatives to reach underrepresented students and support them in reaching their full educational potential. It delivers projects for students of every age from Primary through to Third Level.

Trinity Law School

One of the leading Law Schools in Europe, consistently ranked as one of the top 100 Law Schools in the world. With yearly scholarships donated by Ruth Tarlo to honour her Husband Hyman Tarlo, we are so very grateful for Ruth's continued support this year via bursaries to students to attend Trinity College, we thank Ruth and remember her Husband Hyman.

Trinity Old Library Redevelopment

Modest support from individuals via The Ireland Funds Australia is going towards the redevelopment plans that draws upon the best 21st-century design and technology to safeguard the Old Library structure and conserve the precious collections for future generations.

Trinity Provost PhD Scholarship



Trinity St James Cancer Institute

The Trinity St James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI) is an OEI accredited Cancer Centre that is transforming cancer care in Ireland by combining frontier science with excellent patient care and world-class education to pioneer new ways to prevent and detect cancer and to lead the transformation to scientifically driven personalised cancer care and after care for patients in Ireland.

Helping to accelerate translation of scientific discovery to patient treatments.

Helping to provide world-class education and training to the next generation of cancer leaders in Ireland.



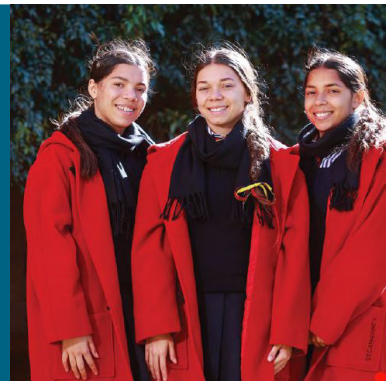
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AIEF

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 making a combined contribution for 80 Indigenous scholarship places at four leading Australian Schools to be completed by 2024.





Beyond Blue

With more than 3 million Australians living with anxiety or depression, Beyond Blue provides support and information to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.

Since the beginning of last year Beyond Blue has seen the number people reaching out to their Support Service skyrocket. With funds raised from the 2020 Australian Remote Global 5k, the Australian Young Leaders supported Beyond Blue with \$15,000. The donation will help provide immediate counselling, advice and mental health support to countless people in the community who are experiencing anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide.



Carbon Positive Australia

The Ireland Funds proudly supports Carbon Positive Australia to reduce carbon emissions and help regenerate select native species that support natural ecosystems and wildlife.

Carbon Positive Australia is an Australian charity that has been restoring degraded sites through ecologically sensitive planting since 2001. To date they have restored over 5,000 hectares, planted over 6 million trees and captured almost 650,000 tonnes of carbon, collaborating with land holders, communities and environmental organisations. While reducing our carbon dioxide emissions is essential to limit the impacts of climate change, developing a 'carbon positive' approach has wider social, environmental and economic benefits.



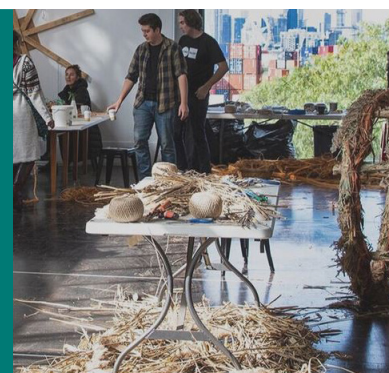
Science Gallery Melbourne

The University of Melbourne hosts 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.

Exploring the collision of art and science, and playing a vital role in shifting our understanding of science, art and innovation engaging 15-25 year olds with science with 75% of future jobs in Australia expected to require STEM qualifications, Science Gallery programs will spark the minds of tomorrow's innovators.

Science Gallery Melbourne is located in Melbourne Connect – a new innovation precinct being developed by the University of Melbourne.

The Ireland Funds has supported Science Gallery with funds to co-designed a highly engaging program focused around two Indigenous STEM workshop modules - sustainability and fire which will be delivered in 2024.



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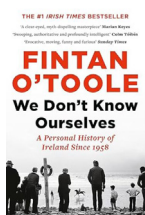
The Ireland Funds works with our local partners to serve and enhance our Irish Community here in Australia



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Clare Foley Women in Business Reception February

We partnered with the Irish Consulate to mark St. Brigid's Day with the Clare Foley Women in Business Networking event. A wonderful celebration featuring a panel discussion on the underrepresentation of women in senior positions, with guest speaker Yvonne Le Bas, Chair of The Ireland Funds, Rosie Keane Consul General of Ireland to Sydney and Simone Clarke, CEO of UN Women Australia held at the State Library of NSW.



Fintan O'Toole visit to Sydney in March 2023

The Ireland Funds Australia partnered with UNSW to sponsor Fintan O'Toole to Sydney post the Adelaide Film Festival we held an entertaining and informative event at the State Library of NSW. Fintan is Ireland's leading public intellectual, Irish Times columnist and award-winning author he discussed his latest book We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Ireland Since 1958.



St Patrick Day Parade and Citizenship Ceremony

The Ireland Funds has sponsored the St Patrick's Day Citizenship Ceremony as a Gold Sponsor again in 2023. The Sydney St. Patrick's Day Committee deliver the best international St Patrick's Day celebrations to the Irish Australian community in Sydney and the Southern Hemisphere.



Irish Film Festival

The Ireland Funds has sponsored the Irish Film Festival as a Gold Sponsor since 2021. The festival is a source of innovative, quality film that showcases the culture, traditions, history and character of Ireland and the Irish people. Since 2015 IFF has gone from strength to strength, now taking place on line and in 5 cities –Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Canberra.



Women's World Cup

In celebration of the Irish Women's World Cup team competing in Australia. The Ireland Funds joined together with other community group to produce a Supporters T-Shirt which was sold and worn at games and watch parties around the city. Funds raised from the sales of the merchandise were donated to The Irish Support Agency in Sydney.



On behalf of all of us at The Ireland Funds and the programmes we support

THANK YOU

Together we can make a huge difference. To find out more and to support us, please contact TKeating@irelandfunds.org