

Annual Grant Round 2024



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Your Generosity Changes Lives

The Ireland Funds Great Britain (IFGB), with the support of our generous donors, has delivered meaningful grants and valuable support to inspiring and committed organisations through our 2024 Annual Grant Round.

Operating under four key pillars of Community, Education, Peace and Culture, The Ireland Funds Great Britain 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 the promotion of arts and culture that connect groups with Irish culture and heritage and share it with the next generation.



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



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

Once again, this year, The Ireland Funds Great Britain has placed a particular emphasis on the alleviation of poverty and hardship, with increased pressures on communities across the country due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Organisations were invited to apply for funding to cover core operational costs or programme costs.

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 IFGB Board of Directors and our Grants Committee, who volunteer their time to ensure these grants are awarded 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 organisations, will have this year.

The Impact of your Generosity



Brent Irish Advisory Service

This year's grant will allow BIAS to continue its weekly social clubs, events and activities and yearly outings for its Irish elders.

Cruse Bereavement Support

A grant from IFGB will sustain and extend the reach of Cruse's bereavement support to vulnerable bereaved people across Northern Ireland.



IAMI (IamIrish)

IFGB will make an important contribution to a Youth & Community Worker post, including salary and NI contributions, thus expanding its capacity and service delivery to beneficiaries.

HERe NI

The grant awarded to HERe NI will ensure that its service users have a safe, welcoming and warm building to receive support in.

Conradh na Gaeilge i Londain

Funds will enable Conradh na Gaeilge i Londain to promote the Irish language through educational resources and social outlets for Irish speakers of all levels in London.

Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy (icap)

icap will use its grant to engage with and improve the mental wellbeing and mental health of elderly Irish people in London, helping with issues such as depression, loneliness, bereavement and social isolation.

Irish Chaplaincy

Grant funding will give specialist support to older Irish in particular need, whether in prison or living alone.

Irish Community Care

Irish Community Care will continue to keep Irish communities in the North West of England safe, well and connected. It will work within its community to build strength and resilience, nourish independence, break down barriers and change lives.

Irish Community Services

With the support of IFGB, Irish Community Services will continue to deliver crucial support to a growing community of beneficiaries navigating an ongoing cost-of-living crisis, and still suffering the after-impact of the COVID pandemic.



Irish Heritage Limited

IFGB will fund the Music Bursary for Composition. The Bursary is open to young Irish composers of senior conservatoire or early career level up to the age of 30, studying at recognised music conservatoires and other colleges in Ireland and Britain.

Irish Music and Dance in London (IMDL)

The grant will enable the encouragement of teenagers and young adults to continue playing Irish music as a lifelong pursuit. Learning about, celebrating and sharing their cultural heritage, and connecting with others.

Irish Pensioners Choir

IFGB funding will support an initiative with women from the Irish Pensioners Choir working with acclaimed Irish actor and writer, Jacqui Hynes, to develop pieces of music and theatre telling stories of older Irish women.

Irish Community Care, Manchester

A grant from IFGB will further the Advice and Information service reaching more people who are suffering severe hardship, exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis.



Leeds Irish Arts Foundation

With the support of IFGB, Leeds Irish Arts Foundation will provide a positive focus for the celebration of Irish culture, engaging people from across the city of Leeds in Irish music and arts and community participatory performance workshops.

Irish Cultural Centre Hammersmith

Funding will cultivate a more inclusive programme, providing enhanced educational, social and cultural benefits for its senior community members, especially amid the challenges posed by the cost-of-living crisis.



Leeds Irish Health and Homes

Leeds Irish Health and Homes will continue to provide a safe and warm space where members of their community experiencing dementia and their carers can meet weekly to get support.

Irish Elderly Advice Network

The grant awarded will enable the provision of Welfare Advice and Housing Services in five London boroughs, supporting older Irish people and other older people living in all 32 boroughs of Greater London.

Lewisham Irish Community Centre

Funding will help develop a program of Irish language, storytelling and music with members of the Irish community to enable them to share Irish heritage across the generations and cross culturally.

Liverpool Irish Centre

The grant will be used for core funding to help manage the volunteer base and keep the Centre and services accessible.

Luton Irish Forum

LIF will use this grant to improve the prospects of local Irish and Irish Travellers by providing accredited information advice and guidance on welfare benefits and related housing and debt.



The Edge

The Edge have identified levels of anxiety, confirmed by parents, within a significant group of young people. With the funding awarded, they will directly address this in a new programme of work providing coping skills and techniques to manage stressful situations.

MyBag Charity

The grant awarded will provide practical help to the most vulnerable young adults in the Nottingham/shire area living in semi-independent care, by providing a box of essential items.



Nottingham St.Patrick's Festival

The grant from IFGB will contribute to the sustainability of the annual Festival, especially for young dancers and musicians, who regard the open-air concert as their annual Feis/Showcase.



The Parent Rooms

Funding will help to provide a non-judgemental, responsive service to parents who are struggling with their mental health and who have been unable to access support due to statutory capacity and/or eligibility criteria.

Via Wings

With the grant awarded, Via Wings will help people resolve crises they face and break the cycle of poverty and its effects. Specifically, the funding will be put towards the salary of a part time Support Worker who will journey alongside each family/individual, identifying their problems, trying to resolve their issues and signposting them to free mental health services at Via Wings – counselling, reflexology, aromatherapy, yoga and mindfulness.

Parallel Histories

The funding will strengthen cross-community relations between young people in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Britain through fostering respectful debate about the history of Northern Ireland.

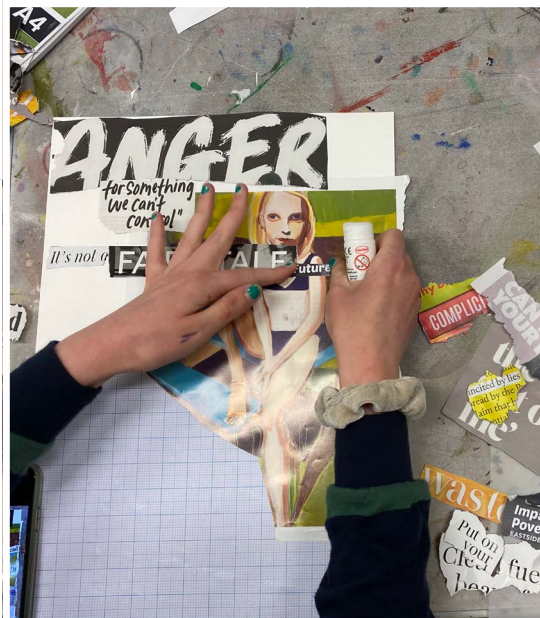


Read for Good

Grant funding will help Read for Good to improve the lives of seriously ill children and young people in Northern Ireland through the joy of reading and storytelling.

Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity

With this grant, Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity will fund the salary of its General Manager, who will enable them to deliver all their services.



The Blackmore Vale Charity

Funding will help The Blackmore Vale Charity to equip its new building with facilities to offer hands-on cookery education, with a café area providing space for people to come and talk, a toddler play area and a breakfast club for youngsters, along with a homework corner.

On behalf of all of us at The Ireland Funds and the organisations we support, **Thank You.**

Together we can make a huge difference. To find out more about how you can support us, please contact ifgb@irelandfunds.org