



Projects supported

The Ireland Funds Australia — Grant History

2021

The Ireland Funds Australia June 2021 Grant Round was \$361,966 and saw the following 13 projects supported.

Ireland

Heart of The Community Fund

Due to the challenges of COVID-19, communities around Ireland have become more isolated than ever before. The Heart of The Community Fund is an immediate investment in the life of Ireland's communities, providing critical and timely funding to a wide range of not-for-profit organisations across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Globally The Ireland Funds came together to direct \$500,000, including \$100,000 from The Ireland Funds Australia, to assist 100 projects across the island of Ireland and truly making an impact. We were delighted our friends at the Lansdowne Club provided some support towards this initiative too.

Learning Hub Limerick

In disadvantaged areas of Limerick, only 6% of young people progress to a university education, so instilling a love of learning is key. Learning Hub Limerick (LHL) is a place where art, science, music, health, stories, and digital learning for all children come together. Before the pandemic the Hub was thriving, and they had wonderful plans in place for their 2020 programmes. Then COVID hit and unforeseen costs in delivering these programmes via post and online evolved. The Ireland Funds contacted LHL and, including a Donor Advised Grant of \$50,000 from The Ireland Funds Australia, provided a safety net to enable LHL to pivot and deliver its educational and mentorship programmes to hundreds of families, in a secure, child-friendly and safe online environment.

Community Action Network

Community Action Network is a social justice organisation that works with local communities in South Dublin to innovatively tackle local issues such as poor housing conditions, community safety threats arising from drug abuse, unemployment and racism. With the continued help of a Donor Advised Grant of \$32,000 CAN has managed to consolidate and strengthen their community safety work into a single project called Building Community Resilience. With minimal funding from local councils, these ongoing donations enable CAN to put the required level of time into the project and continue in fourth gear rather than in second!

Inner City Enterprise

Inner City Enterprise helps unemployed individuals, social enterprises and potential youth entrepreneurs establish their own businesses in the inner-city Dublin area, with a strong focus on trying to reach underserved

and low-income young people who may not have had any opportunities to engage with entrepreneurial training previously. The continued support from The Ireland Funds Australia via a Donor Advised Grant of \$32,000 enabled ICE to run free Youth Enterprise Training Programmes, a 4-week course to train young people aged 18-30 in hard and soft business skills and consider entrepreneurship as a future career. In 2020 over three rollouts in February, May and October, ICE supported 102 young people through the programme. The advent of Covid-19 in March 2020 meant that ICE had to quickly pivot their services and move all of their training online. Whilst this was challenging, ICE successfully recreated the programme using virtual tools and as a result of this programme, 36 new businesses were started!

MyMind Ireland

With \$15,000 raised from the 2020 Australian Remote Global 5k, the Australian Young Leaders supported MyMind, the first and largest blended model of mental health care in Ireland, putting Ireland at the forefront of mental health innovation, providing counselling and psychotherapy services. MyMind works towards giving every person in Ireland equal access to mental health support early, affordably, without stigma or delay.

Scholarships

As part of our commitment to supporting important projects of education, The Ireland Funds Australia has been able to provide the following scholarships:

No Mind Left Behind, which gives promising young people from areas of severe social disadvantage access to an annual scholarship to enter third-level education and covers the cost of books, accommodation and other key expenses. With the help of one of our generous donors, scholarships were given to help 6 students from his former school, James St CBS, providing them with an opportunity to fulfil their potential.

UCD School of Medicine, via a generous donor-advised grant, a Masters of Science in Clinical and Translational Research bursary has been established at UCD, aiming to train the next generation of investigators who will lead cutting edge clinical research into the future. This bursary will be available for many years to come and will help ensure novel interventions are developed to improve patients' lives.

Trinity Provost PhD Scholarship

In 2017 TCD launched the Provost's PhD Awards which provides 40 scholarships to PhDs across all areas in the College. With a very generous Donor Advised Grant, The Ireland Funds Australia was able to support this fantastic initiative in 2021 for a wonderful student, as a tribute to Dr. Patrick Prendergast and his extraordinary leadership.

Trinity College Dublin

Our long-standing funding partnership with Trinity College continued this year with two Donor Advised Grants to support: Trinity College Library and Trinity Access Programmes.

Australia

Irish Support Agency

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have been felt far and wide. The Irish Support Agency in Australia experienced a significant increase in requests from more than 18,000 vulnerable Irish citizens living in Australia. Most are young individuals and families who fall outside any assistance from the Government and are struggling to fund their basic needs. The Ireland Funds Australia, together with The Lansdowne Club, supported the ISA's ongoing fundraising initiative with a \$10,000 donation to help Irish people in need in Australia.

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.

WWF

The devastating bushfires in Australia saw more than 12 million hectares of forest and bushland burnt, at least 1.25 billion animals perished, 34 lives were lost and around 2,700 homes destroyed. The Ireland Funds Australia mobilised with our supporters, raising funds to respond to the devastation and be part of the rebuild and recovery effort by helping to regreen Australia and rescue and regenerate the wildlife population now and into the future. We have become a Conservation Partner of World Wildlife Fund Australia, aiding them in their bushfire recovery effort to respond with emergency support to the front line of the fires, rescuing and caring for injured and fire-affected wildlife; protect by working together to safeguard the wildlife and restore habitats after the fires; and future-proof Australia's native wildlife and precious natural resources for people and nature for many generations to come.

Inner City Enterprise

Inner City Enterprise helps unemployed individuals, social enterprises and potential youth entrepreneurs establish their own businesses in the inner-city Dublin area. Currently, half of people aged under 24 in Ireland are unemployed and the COVID-19 pandemic has only made this worse; ICE is committed to changing that statistic. With the help of The Ireland Funds Australia, ICE is running a Youth Enterprise Training Programme, a 4-week course to train young people aged 18-30 in hard and soft business skills and consider entrepreneurship as a future career.

Community Action Network

Community Action Network is a social justice organisation that works with local communities to tackle local low-socioeconomic issues with innovation. As a direct result of our funding, CAN will further their work in the inner-city communities of Dublin South Central to respond to serious anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods arising from the drug trade, enable effective youthwork to draw young people engaging in anti-social behaviour into more productive lives, and support the regeneration of inner-city communities especially flat complexes.

Learning Hub Limerick

Working with parents, schools and the wider community, Learning Hub Limerick provides a safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environment where young people can explore education. As a result of the COVID19 outbreak, LHL endeavoured to adapt their learning delivery and programmes to online resources and platforms. Funding from The Ireland Funds Australia enabled LHL to reach more children most in need of help, raising educational aspirations and creating positive experiences in a happy, child-friendly environment.

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National Indigenous Culinary Institute

In 2019, four talented young indigenous chefs from Australia's National Indigenous Culinary Institute were invited to attend the famous international food festival in Ireland "A Taste of West Cork". With the support of the then Ambassador to Ireland Richard Andrews and The Ireland Funds Australia, amongst others, the chefs cooked in restaurants throughout West Cork and at special gala dinners in Dublin, using Australian indigenous ingredients such as kangaroo, pepper berry and finger lime and exchanging culinary and cultural ideas that will only help to strengthen our nations' special bonds.

Northern Ireland

Since our inception The Ireland Funds Australia has supported projects in Northern Ireland. This year, with the help of The Australian Young Leaders, we continued that support to impactful projects such as: YouthAction, who work 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. Fighting Words, which uses the creative practice of writing and storytelling to strengthen children and young people to be resilient and successful shapers of their own lives. Suas, who are launching their literacy interventions in Northern Ireland in late 2020, through their proven literacy and numeracy education models, providing 1:1 support to children across DEIS schools in Ireland since 2002. WOMENSTEC is helping to break down gender stereotypes and promote opportunities for women through their programme #notjustforboys, raising awareness of career opportunities in non-traditional areas where women are underrepresented. Extern works with more than 22,000 children, young people, individuals and families each year tackling societal issues such as homelessness, living with an offending past, living with the impact of suicide, dealing with mental health and dealing with drug and alcohol issues.

Scholarships

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Men's Sheds

There are over 460 sheds across the whole of Ireland and more than 10,000 men attend a shed each week, sometimes the only human contact vulnerable people receive. With the coronavirus outbreak, many older people are socially isolating in order to reduce their risk of contracting the coronavirus, and Men's Sheds demonstrated resilience in this trying time by launching #CallThemForACuppa, helping people act together to lessen the impact of social isolation.

Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne is internationally recognised for helping to lead the search for cancer cures and their researchers are dedicated to preventing, treating and curing all types of cancer. Funds raised from the 2019 Global 5k were given by The Ireland Funds Australia and the Emery Casey Fun Run to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. Emer Casey was a young Irish woman who died of ovarian cancer at the age of 28, just 4 months after being diagnosed.

Trinity College Dublin

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2019

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 enabled ICE to hold 28 training and networking workshops and events, establish a formal mentoring programme, and organise a Corporate Social Enterprise Adoption Programme involving the adoption of 7 social enterprise programmes by private sector companies.

Community Action Network (CAN) supports communities facing a range of socio-economic challenges in the south inner-city neighbourhoods of Dublin. The support of The Ireland Funds Australia provided core funding to strengthen and develop 8 of CAN's initiatives addressing threats to community safety from the drug-economy, supporting community members distant from the labour market, and poor housing conditions.

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 achieved their 2019 goals of creating an active learning environment that extends beyond the traditional, creatively embedding technology and the core skills of literacy and numeracy into active learning projects across all curriculum areas, and preventing early school leaving while raising the educational aspirations of families, schools and the wider community.

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 create 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, with an estimated 10,000 men using Men's Sheds each week across the country. This wonderful initiative is supported by the Australian Young Leaders.

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 programmes 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.

CaraCare

Proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders, CaraCare provides innovative and unique group work programmes for children who have been abused in the Greater Sydney area. Trained trauma therapists assist children in overcoming trauma by harnessing the innate healing potential of music, dance, movement and creative art forms. "Cara" is the Irish word for friend, a fitting name for a programme that exists to promote resilience and recovery through the power of community and creativity.

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 STEM qualifications. The Ireland Funds Australia are proud to be in the 3rd year of partnership with SGM, including funding which assisted the launch of the first exhibition BLOOD, an Indigenous Cadetship, and Regional Schools Outreach.

Suas Literacy Support Programme

Suas partner with disadvantaged schools across Ireland to deliver literacy support to 8-14 year olds who are struggling with reading and writing - the building block of almost all future achievements. Since 2012 they have provided measurable improvements for over 4,000 students. Our continued support, including that of the

Australian Young Leaders, will enable them to achieve their goal of reaching 10,000 children in the most disadvantaged schools in Ireland over the next 3 years.

Integrated Education Fund

Today only 7% of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland, despite polls showing 80% support for integration. The Ireland Funds have been supporters of integrated education since the very first Integrated School Lagan College in the 1980s and The Ireland Funds Australia continues to support integrated education, a vital part of the Peace Process.

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 an 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, proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders' fundraising efforts.

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 a 92% retention and Year 12 completion rate, 97% tertiary retention and completion rate, and 95% of AIEF Alumni were productively engaged in career pathways such as tertiary study and full-time employment.

Trinity Business School and The Ireland Funds Australia Partnership

Officially launched by the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove, in September 2017, the partnership, supported by The Lansdowne Club, enables 20 places over 5 years and 4 scholarships per year for Australian residents. The Ireland Funds Australia also received a donor advised grant from Ruth Tarlo for the third Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2018/2019 at the Law School of Trinity College.

Trinity St James's Cancer Institute

The Trinity St James's Cancer Institute aims to consolidate cancer activities and expertise in Ireland in a dedicated facility within the next 5-7 years, intending to become an internationally accredited comprehensive cancer centre. With project costs at €150 million, the Institute welcomes partners in philanthropy to secure the delivery of this unique project with international benefit; the sources of support are expected to be a combination of philanthropy (33%), self-generated and public funding.

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Soar

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar provides workshops to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland when they are at a transitional period in their lives. Our support this year assisted Soar to provide 70 facilitators and 45 youth crew, reach approximately 62,000 teenagers by 2020, and provide a generation of young people with opportunities to improve well-being.

Integrate My School, Integrated Education Fund

Today only 7% of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland, despite polls showing 80% support for integration. The Ireland Funds Australia are very proud to be part of the next important step in the IE movement, transformation. With Liam Neeson's high-profile involvement, and an aim to improve the 6% awareness rate, the IEF developed Integrate My School, a one-stop-shop digital platform for parents with a succinct explanation of the transformation process and the ability to register schools online.

Science Gallery Melbourne

Science Gallery Melbourne, part of a global network and pioneered by Trinity College, aims to engage young adults through the collision of arts and science, with 75% of future jobs requiring STEM qualifications. Together with the Ireland Funds Australia, two vocational programmes have been developed: an Indigenous Cadetship, where a young Australian joins the team in a paid role developing professional skills as well as travelling to Dublin for work experience at Trinity College; and a Regional Schools Outreach, where a class of students from disadvantaged areas in Victoria and Dublin travel to their respective Science Gallery to spend a day on campus.

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The GO Foundation was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael McLoughlin. With around 85% of Indigenous students in public schools, GO plays a vital role in making the education of young Indigenous Australians a more fulfilling and enjoyable experience, and is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders' fundraising efforts. The GO Foundation public school scholarships provide financial assistance for educational needs, equipment and learning support, access to the broader GO Ecosystem, cultural and corporate mentoring, transition support from school to university, and employment and internship pathways.

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Solas Project

Solas provides education and mentoring interventions for young people in disadvantaged communities in Dublin's south inner city. The programmes provide young people with opportunities they would otherwise not have to reach their true potential and live fulfilled lives.

Drumragh Integrated College

First opened in 1995 by a parents group committed to providing a cross community, post primary school for local children aged 11-19, the demand on Drumragh today is so high it is educating 650 children in a building designed for 580. As a growing school with many needs, Drumragh struggled to replace approximately 50 computers, important for the school's ICT learning resources. With the help of the Ireland Funds Australia, Drumragh can now provide this much needed ICT resource.

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Suas Literacy Support Programme

Suas partner with designated disadvantaged (DEIS) schools across Ireland to deliver literacy support to 8 to 14 year olds who are struggling with reading and writing - the building block of almost all future achievements. Our continued support, including that of the Australian Young Leaders, allowed Suas to deliver at least 143 literacy support projects, work at the coalface with 1,716 struggling learners, and train up to 1,760 mentors to deliver 1:1 support.

Soar

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, Soar provides workshops to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland; specifically, 6th class and Transition Year students, and to young women aged 15-18 through their "Stripped" programme as they are at a transitional period in their lives. The Ireland Funds Australia's support allowed Soar to create an environment in which girls can explore themselves wholly and without judgement, enable girls to develop tools to improve self-confidence and emotional well-being, and reach 1,320 young women in 22 schools across Ireland.

Integrate My School, Integrated Education Fund

Currently only 7% of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland despite polls showing 80% support for integration. All schools in Northern Ireland are entitled to become integrated, provided a majority of the school community democratically votes in favour of it. Launched in February by the iconic Northern Irish actor Liam Neeson, Integrate My School is a one-stop-shop digital platform containing all the information parents require, explaining the transformation process and allowing parents to register their school. Transformation is the next exciting and important step in the integrated education movement and we are very proud to be part of it.

Solas Project

The unique point of difference of the Solas Project is its long-term, intensive intervention. The 'Step Up' teen mentoring programme provides 1:1 support to 60 students transitioning from primary to secondary education. Funding from the IFA allowed additional places in 'Step Up' which currently has a number of young people on the waiting list.

Science Gallery Melbourne

The University of Melbourne secured the rights to Australia's only node in the highly successful Science Gallery International network, founded at Trinity College in Dublin. The Ireland Funds Australia were delighted to partner with Science Gallery Melbourne for their first pop-up exhibition, BLOOD, as their official opening night partner on 2 August 2017. When it opens in 2020, Science Gallery will be a public-facing, dynamic and engaging space to inspire young adults into the STEM workforce.

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 is committed to making a combined contribution of \$800,000 for 80 Indigenous scholarship places at four leading Australian Schools by 2020.

Go Foundation

The Go Foundation in Australia was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael McLoughlin. Go partners with the AIEF to offer day scholarships to students in public schools. This project is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders fundraising efforts.

Trinity College Dublin

The Ireland Funds Australia received a donor advised grant from Ruth Tarlo for the third Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2017/2018 at the Law School of Trinity College.

2016

In May 2016 The Australian Ireland Fund Board agreed to continue their flagship support of Suas and Solas Project and increase their small grant support of The Soar Foundation to flagship support. They also provided donor advised gifts to Sensational Kids in Ireland and the Hyman Tarlo Scholarship at Trinity College. The strategy is to support fewer projects with large flagship grants to provide more impactful support for these projects.

Since 2011, Suas has provided structured literacy support to children aged 8-14 years old at DEIS schools, connecting struggling children with volunteer mentors from local colleges, companies and communities to work one on one, giving children the extra boost of reading help and practice, confidence and self-esteem. With the support of The Australian Ireland Fund, Suas was able to reach 708 children as of March 2016.

The unique attribution of the Solas Project is its long-term, intensive intervention, holding support for a young person from age 6 up to 18. This consistent presence helps Solas build a trusting, solid relationship while also challenging young people to stretch to reach goals. Solas runs 7 program areas including After Schools, Teen Mentoring, Skills Development, Prison Programme, Solas Business, Solas College and Solas Sports, working to improve the character, motivation and self-worth of each young person they work with.

The Soar Foundation, inspired by Irishman Jim Stynes and the Reach Foundation of Melbourne, creates and delivers early intervention, emotional well-being programmes to young people aged 12-18 across Ireland. In 2015 Soar worked with 5,817 young people across Ireland and over 14,000 young people since their very first workshop in 2012.

The Australian Ireland Fund received a donor designated grant of \$5,000 from The Lansdowne Club for Sensational Kids, which benefits 1 in 4 children in Ireland who have special educational needs such as autism, Down Syndrome, dyslexia and dyspraxia, providing clinical and educational services to children of all ages and abilities.

Ruth Tarlo donated \$10,000 to Trinity College to continue the Hyman Tarlo Scholarship which she created in her late husband's honour.

The Australian Ireland Fund continued its partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) for its sixth year, providing scholarships to Indigenous students at Marist College Ashgrove and St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly in Queensland, and Kincoppal-Rose Bay School and St Catherine's School, Waverley in New South Wales.

2015

University of New South Wales (UNSW) Chair of Modern Irish Studies

A fundraising dinner supported by the Irish community was held by the AIF in Sydney in September 2014 with Guest of Honour Mary McAleese. The money raised contributed to the continuation of the Irish Studies program at UNSW.

Trinity College Dublin

TCD received two donor advised grants through the Australian Ireland Fund in 2015: one from Dr Stanley Quek to support Biosciences Development for the School of Medicine, and one from Ruth Tarlo for the inaugural Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2015/16 at the Law School of Trinity College, in memory of Ruth's late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940s.

Blossom Ireland

Received a donor advised gift from the Lansdowne Club of Australia. They provide occupational therapy-led after school activities and holiday camps for children with intellectual disabilities.

Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital

Ireland's major centre for elective orthopaedic surgery also received a small donor advised gift.

Solas

Solas Project's vision is to see an Ireland where all children and young people truly know their self-worth and can take full advantage of their potential, through programs of learning, mentoring, and personal and social development. Solas grew rapidly from servicing 11 girls in an afterschool club in Basin Lane flats Dublin 8 in 2007, to running 7 programs serving over 500 young people annually by 2015. The Australian Ireland Fund extended support in 2015 to enable Solas to reach an additional 250+ children.

Suas Educational Development

In Ireland, children who don't learn to read, write and communicate effectively at primary school are more likely to leave school early and face emotional, physical and economic difficulties later in life. The Suas Literacy Program works with those furthest behind in the most disadvantaged schools, pairing children one-on-one with reading mentors. Continuing support from the Australian Ireland Fund in 2015 provided 4 months of mentorship for 600 children in 40 schools.

Soar

Soar is a 100% independently funded collective movement inspired by Jim Stynes and the Reach Foundation of Melbourne, delivering early intervention, preventative wellbeing programs for young people aged 12-18 throughout Ireland. The Australian Ireland Fund was delighted to assist Soar in kicking off the development of a girls program designed specifically for girls aged 15-17, encouraging young women to explore and question gender ideas, limitations, expectations, and the influence of mass media.

Barnardos Loughlinstown

The Australian Ireland Fund continued its support of Barnardos for the second consecutive year. Barnardos provides an early years service for children aged 0-7 living in areas of high disadvantage, typically referred due to child protection and welfare concerns, developmental delay, speech and language delay, parental addiction, parental mental health, or parental discord.

Suas Educational Development

The AIF support enabled this programme to become the leading national literacy initiative and increase the literacy levels of 1,475 8-14 year olds from disadvantaged communities in Louth and Westmeath, giving them educational opportunities equal to that of their peers from non-disadvantaged schools.

Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

AIEF is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children in financial need to build a future through quality education and careers at Australia's leading schools, universities and companies. A product of a strong partnership between the Australian Government and the private sector, AIEF is building a \$140 million fund to open the doors to leading schools and universities for 7,000 young Indigenous Australians. The Australian Ireland Fund completed a 5-year commitment together this year to fund scholarships to a combined amount of \$400,000.

Forge Integrated Primary School aims to provide an integrated learning environment which seeks to develop well rounded individuals, encouraging enquiring minds and promoting self-respect and respect for others, within a fully inclusive school community.

Junior Achievement Ireland

Junior Achievement is a quality assured entrepreneurship education course for 685 students from Cavan, Monaghan and Sligo, encouraging students to stay in school and maximize the opportunities their education provides. Participants make better higher education choices, have higher rates of employability, and are 4-5 times more likely to start their own business.

Drumragh Integrated College

Drumragh Integrated College in Omagh was opened in 1995 by a parents' group committed to providing a cross-community, post-primary school for local children aged 11-19, and is the only integrated post-primary school in the Omagh area. Enrolment demand exceeds classroom accommodation, with an estimated 30 to 50 children each year denied the integrated education they want. The Australian Ireland Fund and the Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust contributed to two additional classrooms this year, benefitting an additional 70 children and their families.

2011 – 2013

Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Services

The Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Service (DBIC) is the largest community childcare centre in Ireland, catering for 267 children aged 0-12 in severely disadvantaged communities, giving children a good start in life through high quality, safe, affordable and inclusive childcare. DBIC is the only Community Childcare Provider in Ireland with a Project Worker on site, critical given that children in the Darndale community are more likely to witness substance misuse, violence, and other traumatic events; in 2012 alone, 11 children at Darndale lost a parent to overdose or suicide. Research by University of Chicago economics professor James Heckman has shown that investing in early interventions for disadvantaged children leads to real improvements in school readiness and longer-term success. Project workers at Darndale work with some children for several years, providing support for emotional, social or behavioural problems, or trauma from abuse, and advice for parents.

Barnardos Loughlinstown

Barnardos is Ireland's leading children's charity, working with over 6,300 children and their families each year through more than 40 centres in some of Ireland's most disadvantaged communities, including the Loughlinstown area, which faces high unemployment, housing issues, substance abuse, and isolation among young and lone parent families. The Centre offers an Afterschool Group, individual work for children and parents, and a Parents and Toddler Group, aiming to enhance children's emotional wellbeing and improve their learning and development through early and effective intervention.

Rendu DePaul

Established in 2002, DePaul Ireland is a charitable organisation working in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland with those considered most marginalised in the homeless population, including men, women and families with complex support needs. Rendu Apartments, supported through a donor designated grant by the Lansdowne Club, provides 19 apartments to accommodate homeless women and families, offering one-to-one support on addiction, physical and mental health, child development and protection, resettlement, living and parenting skills, and housing, including supported accommodation for pregnant women.

The Secondary Pupil Support Service works to enable children aged 11-16 years presenting with significant social, behavioural and emotional difficulties to remain within their chosen school, providing outreach and off-site support in partnership with the home, school and other agencies. The project, supported by the Australian Ireland Fund, assists one post-primary school in the 5% most disadvantaged wards in Belfast.

Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland is a key partner in the global mission, raising funds and sending volunteers to work with families in need. In Northern Ireland, more than 90% of social housing is segregated along religious lines and only around 8% of young people are in formal integrated education. Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland's programme brings together 250 young people aged 16-17 from 22 Catholic and Protestant schools to examine stereotypes and prejudice, consider the impact of conflict, and promote respect and diversity through active citizenship.

Newbuildings Community and Environmental Association was set up to meet the social, economic and environmental needs of people in the Newbuildings area, providing access to youth clubs, older people's services, life-long learning, health and physical activity programmes, and advice services. The project supported by the Australian Ireland Fund engages young men aged 15-18 at risk of leaving school with little or no qualifications and becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and underage drinking.

Conway Youth Centre aims to inspire the people of the Greater Shankill to realise their potential and contribute positively to their communities. The project supported by the Australian Ireland Fund develops, supports and equips young volunteers as they seek to give back to their communities.

Community Relations in Schools (CRIS) is a registered charity set up in 1982, at the forefront of community relations education in schools in Northern Ireland for 29 years, developing needs-based programmes involving pupils, teachers, staff, parents and the local community, with anti-sectarianism and anti-racism programming at the core of their work. CRIS proposed working in strategic partnership with the Centre for Preventing Hate to deliver a student-centered anti-hate programme, The Northern Ireland Unity Project, to 8 schools in and around Belfast.

The Star ABC is the oldest boxing club in Belfast, delivering anti-bullying initiatives, fitness and self-harm/suicide prevention work with men, women's keep fit classes, and support for the ethos of self-help and volunteering. The project supported by the Australian Ireland Fund delivers a midnight boxing programme for young people at risk, raising self-esteem, confidence and fitness while combatting self-destructive behaviour.

ECF Links is a community-based organisation set up to address gaps in community life in Lurgan and Craigavon, areas marked by deprivation, high unemployment, family breakdown, sectarianism, paramilitary violence and division. Through its Links Youth Project, Links Counseling Service and Community Provision, the project supported by the Australian Ireland Fund offers structured cross-community programmes and a safe shared space for young people from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds.

Forge Integrated Primary School (FIPS) in Belfast provides an integrated learning environment encouraging enquiring minds and mutual respect within a fully inclusive community, and has been expanding to meet growing demand for integrated education. The Australian Ireland Fund supports FIPS by funding additional classroom accommodation.

Glengormley Integrated Primary School first opened its doors in 1935 as a public elementary school, transformed to integrated status in 2003, and now has just over 200 pupils, embracing pupils from different religious traditions and cultures. The Australian Ireland Fund supported a dedicated ICT space for online learning and research, extracurricular and homework clubs, additional teaching resources, EAL support, parent computer classes, community courses, and resources for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

AEIF Mentor Program matches Indigenous students one-on-one with an adult mentor from a successful corporate background to build long-term, trusting relationships that continue after students leave school and transition into adulthood and careers. The Australian Ireland Fund sponsors 8 of the AIEF mentorships.

2008 to 2010

Youth Action is a leading voluntary youth development agency working with disadvantaged young people to enable them to be active and equal citizens whose voices are heard, respected and valued, engaging 2,500 young people each year with a membership of 156 affiliated youth groups. Past grants assisted YouthAction to build a new youth facility in Belfast City Centre, with a training room named for the Australian Ireland Fund. The Fund's grant currently assists YouthAction's Leadership Programme Youth Apprenticeship Scheme and, in earlier years, its Cross Community Leadership Programme, an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 18-24 in marginalised and economically disadvantaged communities.

Drumlins Integrated Primary School, situated in Ballynahinch, County Down, began in the grounds of Cedar Integrated Primary School in Crossgar in September 2004 with 12 P1 pupils, moving to Ballynahinch in 2005 and again in 2008 to accommodate growth. The Australian Ireland Fund and Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust provided grants to develop the playground and establish a Resource Unit through an additional mobile classroom, which now hosts a Breakfast Club, a Fun Club, piano classes, community links and school assemblies. The school grew to 85-100 pupils with 22 teaching and non-teaching staff, remaining on a temporary site.

Soundhouse is an Australian initiative with Outreach kits placed across Ireland, North and South, at locations including The Nerve Centre in Derry, 174 Trust and Hazelwood Integrated College in Belfast, and St. John of God in Dublin, allowing people to compose, create and communicate using contemporary technology however isolated they may be. The Australian Ireland Fund is pleased to support this initiative touching so many lives through music.

Tara Counselling and Personal Development Centre, Omagh, was founded in 1996 to provide counselling and psychotherapy services in the voluntary sector for those dealing with the trauma of 'the Troubles', proving invaluable after the 1998 Omagh bomb. Past grants assisted with the extension and refurbishment of the building. Around the tenth anniversary of the bomb, Tara experienced a significant increase in applications for counselling from victims still processing trauma; the Australian Ireland Fund grant assisted Tara in coping with this extra demand.

The Speedwell Trust, since 1991, has brought together Catholic and Protestant children, schools and communities to develop mutual respect and understanding through Environmental Education, based in Mid-Ulster. The Australian Ireland Fund grant assisted Speedwell in developing partnerships between Catholic and Protestant children, including those with physical and learning disabilities, and in later years supported their "Reaching Out to Schools" community relations programme, which in 2007-2008 involved over 5,000 children.

The 174 Trust was established in 1982 at 174/176 Antrim Road to tackle problems confronting the local community in a materially and socially disadvantaged area of North Belfast. Past grants enabled repair and refurbishment of the main activities hall, named Australia Hall. The Australian Ireland Fund grant assisted development of facilities at the Duncairn Complex, a shared space for Protestants, Catholics and others, and supported the 174 Trust Disability Project, which improves the lives of 380 people each week by providing a social outlet for young people with physical or learning disabilities.

Be Your Best Foundation's Rock Challenge is an Australian initiative and a drug and crime prevention vehicle in the form of a performing arts competition for secondary schools, focused on healthy lifestyles without tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. Established in the UK in 1996, by 2009 it involved thousands of participants across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, including 8 schools and 690 participants in Belfast. The Australian Ireland Fund is proud to support this initiative.

Northern Ireland Children's Enterprise (NICE) assists young people, parents and families, Catholics and Protestants, in strife-torn areas of Belfast, providing a place to reconcile difficult situations; in recognition of support, NICE named its facility "Australia House". NICE promotes reconciliation and understanding among young people; seventy-nine percent of young people NICE works with had never met a Catholic or Protestant

before doing so through NICE. The Australian Ireland Fund grant assisted NICE's "Citizenship in a Divided Society Programme" and its residential programme in Ballycastle.

Integrated Education: Portadown Integrated Primary School was established in 1990 in Portadown, a town that suffered heavily during the Troubles, by a small group of parents from across the traditional divide. Enrolment held steady around 220 while other local schools saw declines. The Australian Ireland Fund and Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust assisted development of a Multi Purpose Resource Unit through mobile classrooms, enabling growth, an After School Care Programme, cross-community activities, music clubs, quiet space for children with special needs, and a library for the school's Reading Partnership Scheme.

Fort Hill Integrated Primary School in Lisburn, the third largest city in Northern Ireland, is the most recent school to join the integrated movement through transformation, approved in March 2009, sharing a 25-acre site with Fort Hill Integrated College and enrolling around 200 children plus a Nursery Unit. The Australian Ireland Fund and Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust funded an additional mobile classroom providing numeracy and EAL support space and a quiet place for specialist teachers, work previously conducted in shared classrooms and corridors.

Other Projects Supported in 2010: In addition to continuing support for reconciliation and integrated education in Northern Ireland, the Fund began supporting community projects in Australia as well, using experience gained working with divided communities in Ireland to assist reconciliation in Australia through education for disadvantaged Indigenous young Australians. In association with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, headed by Andrew Penfold, the Fund provided scholarships at Marist College Ashgrove and St. Peter's Lutheran College in Brisbane, and at Kincoppal-Rose Bay School in Sydney, alongside mentoring encouraging young people in Ireland and Australia to share experiences of reconciliation.

Projects Supported in 2008: Ballycastle Controlled Integrated Primary School transformed to integrated status in 2006 and grew to over 124 children; the Australian Ireland Fund had supported the establishment of Lir IPS, the first integrated school in Ballycastle, whose children transferred to the transformed school, and later assisted a new outdoor play facility for Nursery and Foundation aged children. Rowandale Integrated Primary School, the most recently established Integrated Primary School in Northern Ireland, opened in September 2007 in Moira near Lisburn on a temporary site; the Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust and Australian Ireland Fund supported additional accommodation for a library and resource area, named in honour of the Trust, the Fund, and Ballycastle CIPS. Youth Action's grant assisted its Cross Community Leadership Programme, an apprenticeship scheme for young people aged 18-24 in marginalised communities. Drumlins Integrated Primary School, established in 2004, received an early years support grant and, by 2008, had 85 pupils; the Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust and Australian Ireland Fund supported indoor and outdoor play equipment. Blackwater Integrated College was formed by the merger of Rowallane Integrated College and Down Academy, welcoming 69 new pupils in September 2008; the Ireland Funds worldwide contributed around 25% of associated costs, with the Australian Ireland Fund giving \$200,000 to the project. Soundhouse Outreach kits continued to be placed across Ireland, North and South. Tara Counselling and Personal Development Centre in Omagh completed extension and refurbishment with past grants and received support for extra demand around the tenth anniversary of the Omagh bomb. The Speedwell Trust's grant supported their "Reaching Out to Schools" community relations programme, which in 2007-2008 involved over 5,000 children in Northern Ireland and Border Counties. The 174 Trust's grant supported its Disability Project, sustaining the cross-community youth aspect benefiting 380 people each week. The Rock Challenge, an Australian drug and crime prevention initiative in the form of a performing arts competition, involved 17,000 students from 245 teams in 36 events across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in 2007, including 690 participants across 8 schools in Belfast. Northern Ireland Children's Enterprise (NICE) continued its "Citizenship in a Divided Society Programme", with seventy-nine percent of young people it works with having never met a Catholic or Protestant before doing so through NICE. Education For a Shared Future saw four conferences held in August 2008 for teachers, classroom assistants and principals of Primary and Post Primary integrated schools across Northern Ireland, attended by nearly 1,000 participants representing 39 integrated schools, focused on embedding diversity and inclusion into school life, restorative justice, forgiveness education, conflict management and anti-bullying; the Australian Ireland Fund and Sir Warwick Fairfax Trust were

acknowledged for sponsoring the event.

List of Grantees

Organisations supported throughout the history of The Ireland Funds Australia:

- 174 Trust
- AIEF Scholarships
- Ainsworth Community Association
- All children's Integrated Primary School
- All Hallows
- All Saints Youth Club
- Ardoyne Youth Club
- Ballyfermot It's a Knock Out
- Ballymena Drop-in Centre
- Ballymun Youth Action Group
- Ballynaveigh Community Development Ass.
- Banbridge Combine Community
- Barnardos Loughlinstown
- Be Your Best Foundation
- Benburb Youth & Resource Centre
- Beyond Blue
- Blossom Ireland
- Brisbane Writers Festival
- Cappagh House
- CaraCare
- Carbon Positive Australia
- Centre for Neighbourhood Development
- Chair of Modern Irish Studies
- Clanrye
- Clongowes Wood School
- Community Action Network
- Community Photographic Initiative
- Community Relations in Schools
- Comoradh 98
- Conway Youth Centre
- Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare
- Daughters of Charity

- De Paul Ireland – Rendu Apartments
- Derry Women's Aid
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Drumcree Community Education Project
- Drumlins IPS
- Drumragh Integrated College Omagh
- Dublin Simon Community
- Dungiven Community Resource Centre
- ECF Links
- Enniskillen Together
- Extern
- Faith Healer O'Punsky's Theatre
- Farset Youth & Community Dev. Ltd.
- Fighting Words
- Forge Integrated Primary School
- Fort Hill IPS
- Glencree
- Glengormley
- GO Foundation
- Groarty
- Habitat For Humanity
- Hazlewood Integrated Primary School
- Heart of the Community Fund (100 projects)
- Holiday Project West
- Home Tree Ireland
- Inner City Enterprise
- Integrate My School – IEF
- Integrated Conference
- Irish Association – Cultural Economic & Social Relations
- Irish Dancing
- Irish Shrine
- Irish Support Agencies
- Jigsaw – Youth mental health
- Journey of Reconciliation / Irish Round Tower at Messines
- Junior Achievement Ireland

- Kabosh
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Lir Integrated School / Ballycastle
- Maydown Youth Training Project
- Men's Sheds (Irish)
- Moyraverty Youth Club
- MyMind
- Newbuildings Community
- NICE
- NICI (Indigenous Chefs to Cork)
- No Minds Left Behind Scholarships
- Nubia Youth Centre
- Omagh Integrated School
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation
- Portadown IPS
- Portaferry
- REACT
- Rowallane
- Rowandale
- Royal College of Surgeons
- Saints and Scholars Integrated Primary School Armagh
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- Secondary Pupil Support
- Sensational Kids
- SHARE – Students Harness Aid Relief of Elderly
- Soar
- Solas Project Dublin
- Soundhouse
- South Down Educational Society
- Special Olympics
- Special Olympics Australian team
- Speedwell Trust
- Springboard
- St. Columba's Project
- St. Josephs

- St. Martin's Youth Centre
- Strabane
- Suas Education Development
- Tara Counselling & Personal Devel. Centre
- The Family Resource Centre, St Michaels Estate
- The Great Famine Memorial
- The Star ABC
- Trinity Access Programmes
- Trinity Business School MBA Programme
- Trinity College
- Trinity College – Ruth Tarlo
- Trinity College Library
- Trinity Provost Scholarship
- Trinity St James's Cancer Institute – Dr. Stanley Quek
- Trinity Law School Building
- Ukraine – Australia support with Rotary
- Ukrainian Relief Fund – De Paul in Ireland
- Ulster Historical Foundation
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin (Wong Scholarship)
- University of Ulster
- Wave
- Winegeese Society
- Women's Tec
- Workforce Training Services
- World Wide Ireland Funds Development Fund
- World Wildlife Fund Australia
- Youth Action