

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting the next generation of leaders. The mission of The Ireland Funds Young Leaders Network is to attract professionals aged 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change.

The Ireland Funds Australia is a part of The Ireland Funds, a global philanthropic network established 42 years ago to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland, and Irish-related causes around the world. With chapters in 12 countries, The Ireland Funds has raised over \$600 million for deserving causes in Ireland and beyond, benefiting more than 3,200 different organisations.

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

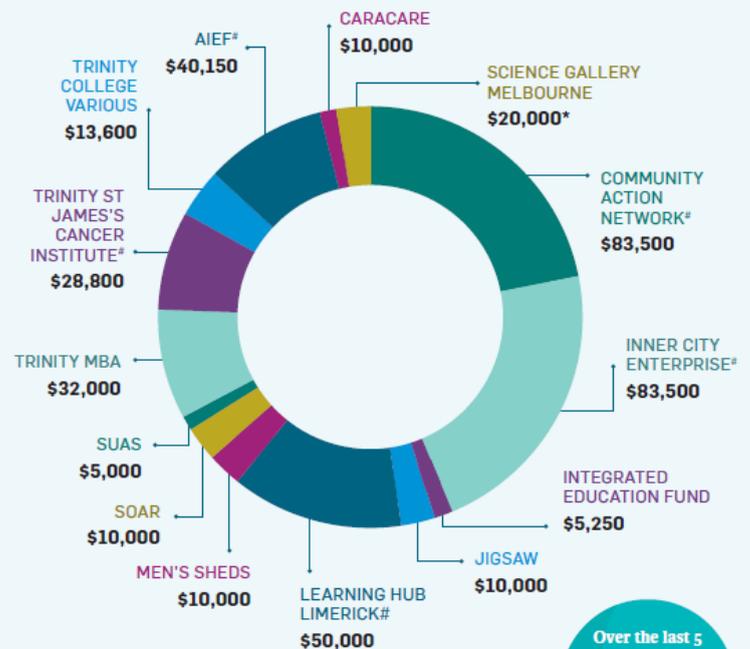
- AIEF
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- CaraCare



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 Charities:

BECOME A YOUNG LEADER

We invite you to join our Young Leader Network giving programmes in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane to help further the work of The Ireland Funds.
Upon payment of an annual contribution you can join:

Level 1 - Young Leader with a gift of \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax deductible OR

Level 2 - Benefactor gift of \$1,000 annually, which is tax deductible

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Exclusive members only invitation to the Young Leaders Summit IX in New York in January 2020
- Ticket price discounts to major events e.g. the Sydney Garden Party, the annual Brisbane and Melbourne lunches.
- Enhancing your personal and professional networks whilst supporting people less fortunate than ourselves.

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Chairman's Statement

At the end of my third year as Chairman of the Ireland Funds Australia, looking back, I feel both proud of what we've done together and excited for what's next.

I am extremely proud of the work that the Young Leaders have done in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, they are without doubt some of the most active young leaders globally. Leading another very successful Global 5K 'The Irish Run the World' and supporting projects around mental health, community development and science and innovation including Men's Sheds, an Australian initiative, to bring men shoulder to shoulder in their local communities to improve their health and well-being.

Some highlights of the year included forming a partnership with the Lansdowne Club, the Premier Irish Business Network, as their Charity of Choice, spending the day at the Embassy of Ireland in Canberra working on our long-term strategic plans, hosting a Young Leader Breakfast with video links to Dublin so we in Sydney could hear from and engage in dialogue with Soar founder Tony Griffin, and our return to the magnificent grounds of Fairwater for the Sydney Garden Party in October. The 2019 Sydney Garden Party was also the first Ireland Funds event globally on the journey towards being carbon neutral, working with Mossy Earth in Ireland to rejuvenate a Native Irish wasteland and helping regenerate select native species that support natural ecosystems and wildlife here in Australia together with the Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund. Our very successful events in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney enabled us to have a grant round of over \$400,000 in June supporting 18 projects, details of which you will see in the preceding pages.

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.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for supporting the work we do so generously throughout the year. 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 2020 and beyond.

Yvonne Le Bas
Chairman
The Ireland Funds Australia
October 2019

The Ireland Funds Australia is audited by KPMG.

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