

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987. Since our inception we have supported 135 projects, many more than once, across the island of Ireland and in Australia. This report provides an overview of our fundraising activities and grants made from The Australian Ireland Fund Limited in 2021 - 2022.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2021 – 2022



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN IRELAND

- Community Action Network
- Inner City Enterprise
- Learning Hub Limerick
- No Mind Left Behind Scholarships
- Special Olympics
- Trinity College
- Trinity St James Cancer Institute
- Ukraine De Paul Ireland



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

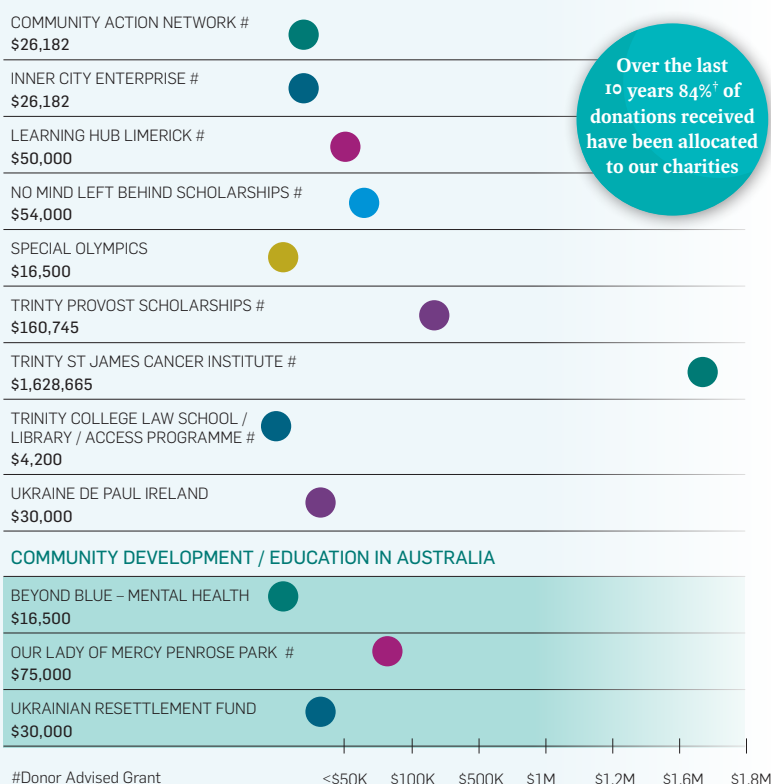
- Beyond Blue – Mental Health
- Ukrainian Resettlement Fund



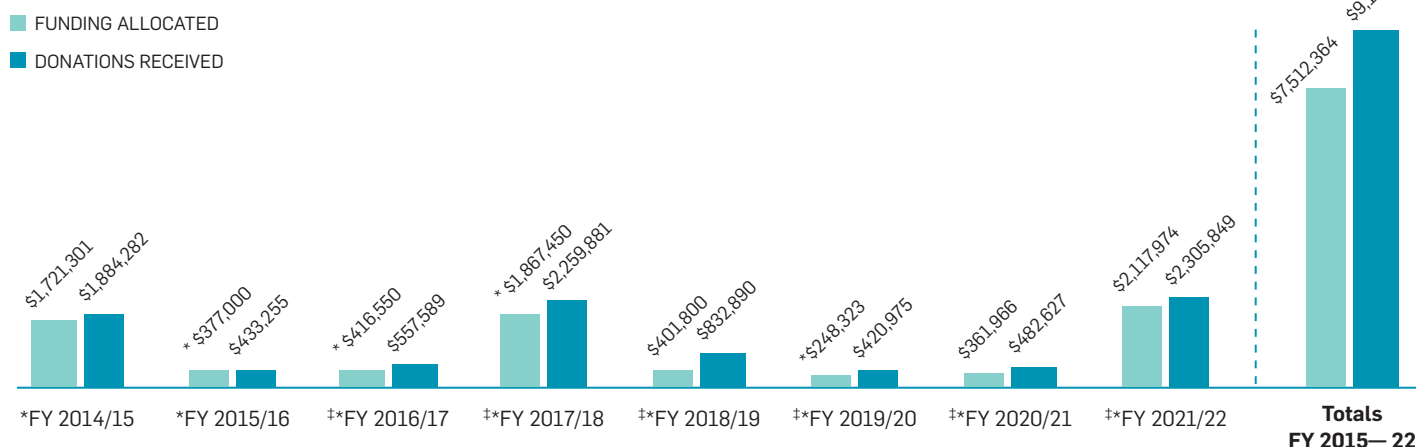
DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

- Community Action Network
- Inner City Enterprise
- Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
- Learning Hub Limerick
- No Mind Left Behind Scholarships
- Trinity Provost Scholarships
- Trinity St James Cancer Institute

TOTAL DONATIONS 2021 – 2022 \$2,117,974



AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2014 - JUNE 2021



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of The Australian Ireland Fund Limited.

† Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

Audited by KPMG

Snapshot of our Projects

Our grant round in June 2022 totalled \$2,117,974

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

No Mind Left Behind gives promising young people an opportunity to complete **THIRD-LEVEL EDUCATION** by providing an **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** 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 **200+ students** so far with a life changing scholarship.



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.**



LHL is a place where **art, science, music, health, stories** and **digital learning** is provided for all children.



LHL 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.



TRINITY ST. JAMES'S CANCER INSTITUTE

The Trinity St James's Cancer Institute (TSJCI) is transforming cancer care in Ireland by combining world-class science with excellent patient care to pioneer **new ways** to **prevent, detect** and **treat cancer**.

This is essential: **IRELAND HAS THE THIRD HIGHEST CANCER RATE IN THE WORLD, AND CANCER IS THE CAUSE OF ONE IN FOUR DEATHS NATIONALLY.**

The first cancer centre in Ireland to be accredited by the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI), TSJCI is now working towards becoming Ireland's first Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCC). Globally, cancer centres that integrate research, clinical trials, patient care and education are proven to deliver the best care for patients. A CCC is a national priority for Ireland, and TSJCI is leading the way. A significant donation was made by a very generous donor.



SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

At our first major fundraising event since Covid, a Black Tie Dinner in March 2022 in Sydney Ukraine had just been invaded by Russia and whilst there are still many people to be assisted in Ireland Chair Yvonne le Bas announced on the night that all proceeds from our Live Auction would be directed to displaced Ukrainian people in Ireland and Australia.

WE DONATED \$30,000 to the **UKRAINIAN RESETTLEMENT FUND - ROTARY PROGRAM** IN SYDNEY and **\$30,000** to the **IRELAND FUNDS UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUND** to provide:



ACCESS TO
EDUCATION



RESETTLEMENT
& COMMUNITY
INTEGRATION



ACCOMMODATION



EMPLOYMENT



PROVISION OF
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES

CAN

CAN is a **social justice organisation** working on issues such as **housing, education, poverty, youth alienation, racism** etc in a unique and innovative way. When tackling a problem, they work closely those most impacted by the issue, placing them at the **heart of the change process**. They are **interested in change** that is **systemic** and **lasting**.



CAN achieves much with very limited resources their added value is their innovation – Our Support from a generous donor in Australia has helped CAN to roll out their innovative ideas over the last few years.



ICE

ICE is a not for profit charity, set up to **help long term unemployed individuals, social enterprises and youth entrepreneurs** to establish their **own businesses** in Dublin's Inner City.

Over the last **9 years**, (since 2012), ICE has established circa **1,400 new businesses**. Over 50% of these enterprises are still in business after 2 years in operation, with a further percentage securing full time jobs or full-time education courses.

ICE has awarded **38 Dublin City social enterprise awards** in partnership with Dublin City Council. ICE works to support this group offering **ONE TO ONE SUPPORTS, TRAINING, NETWORKING AND SUPPORT WITH ACCESSING FINANCE**.



TRINITY PROVOST SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2017 TCD launched the Provosts PhD awards which last year provided **50 scholarships** to PhD's across a wide variety of disciplines. With a very generous donor Advised Grant, the Ireland Funds Australia was able to support this fantastic initiative in 2022.



TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Our long standing funding partnerships with Trinity College continued this year with three donor advised grants to support **TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY, TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMMES** and **TRINITY LAW SCHOOL**.



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. **OUR YOUNG LEADERS** have supported Beyond Blue for the last 3 years and this year have **donated \$16,500**.



Supported the St. Patrick's Day Parade's Festival in Sydney which attracted 15,000+ visitors. In particular we sponsored their Citizenship Ceremony in the Rocks celebrating Irish people becoming Australian citizens and having dual citizenship.



Sponsored the Irish Film Festival one of Australia's finest sources of innovative, quality film that showcases the culture, traditions, history and character of Ireland and the Irish people.

How you can support The Ireland Funds Australia and our Projects:

GIVING PROGRAMMES

Supporters can help us to further our vital work by joining one of our Giving Programmes. You can make a one off, or annual, tax-deductible contribution to become a member of:

GIVING PROGRAMME	ANNUAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION
The Platinum Programme	\$25,000
The Governor Programme	\$15,000
The Associate Programme	\$5,000
The Benefactor Programme	\$1,000

DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend projects they are passionate about and wish to support. This is a wonderful way for The Fund to work with donors to make a difference and to, where possible, ultimately match them with specific projects.

CORPORATE

BECOME A PARTNER SPONSOR

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Ireland Funds Australia by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period**. This would allow us meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

EVENT SPONSOR

We are very lucky to have many companies donate items to us for our Live and Silent Auctions at our 3 major fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane throughout the year. We also welcome support for our Young Leader activities. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

BECOME A YOUNG LEADER

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme. In Australia we attract professionals aged 25–40 in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change. Membership costs \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax-deductible.

OTHER WAYS

If you have a particular skill and some time you can donate to us, we would love to talk to you. If you like what we do please promote the work of The Ireland Funds Australia to your friends and colleagues.

For more information
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Fundraising Activities 2021 – 2022



REMOTE GLOBAL 5K

227 runners joined us remotely
from all around Australia
\$33,500 RAISED



VIRTUAL AUCTION NOVEMBER 2021

21 ITEMS
\$32,700 RAISED



35TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER, ST PATRICK'S DAY 2022

377 GUESTS
\$233,800 RAISED



CLOSING STATEMENT

At the start of 2021/2022 we were getting through the last of COVID and were still very unsure of the challenges that lay ahead for us here in Australia and indeed the world. However with our 35th Anniversary year starting in 2022 we were so very proud of our achievements, together with our supporters to date donating \$15 million+ supporting 142+ charities in Ireland North and South and Australia – many more than once.

Here is a reflection of some of our impact: \$7.26 to Education. A significant proportion of our grants have focused on education most notably: Integrated Education in Northern Ireland a journey of over 30 years; Australian Indigenous Education Foundation over 10 years; Chair of Modern Irish Studies at UNSW; Science Gallery Melbourne and numerous educational programs in Ireland from preschool early learning to PhD scholarships. Our partnership with Music Generation and U2 to provide musical education to every child

Supporting communities across the island of Ireland and in Australia to the tune of \$3.2 million has been incredibly rewarding especially where we have played a role in linking approaches between Australia and Ireland –

where solutions which are having an impact here are transported to Ireland – two great examples are Men's Sheds and the REACH/ SOAR partnership.

In times of great difficulty we have played our part in providing help following 9/11, the "Heart of the Community Covid Relief Fund" and our support for displaced Ukrainian people in Ireland and Australia.

Public Private partnerships are essential in delivering major structural change and we are delighted to support the establishment of the first ever integrated cancer care centre, across the island of Ireland, the Trinity St James's Cancer Institute, via donor advised Gifts \$4.6million.

This year saw us provide our largest grant round ever at \$2.1 million thanks to your generosity. There is still much work to be done and we are so very grateful to you for your continued friendship and support and for joining with us to continue to make a difference in the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves!

THANK YOU!

Yvonne Le Bas
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Chair
Ireland Funds Australia