

DELIVERING FOR
IRELAND IN 2022



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Through
Philanthropy
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OUR DONORS' GENEROSITY MADE 2022 A YEAR OF GREAT IMPACT

In 2022, our donors enabled The Ireland Funds worldwide to make

1,100+ grants totaling **€17 million+**

which supported the work of **300+** organisations.



ARTS & CULTURE

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION

PEACE &
RECONCILIATION

THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE IRELAND FUNDS

THANK YOU

2022 was a year of immediate response to urgent needs and strategic investment in communities across the island of Ireland.

The Heart of the Community Fund saw its second year of providing operational and programmatic support to nonprofit groups working diligently in areas including environmental sustainability and cross-community relations. Our Reconnection Fund ensured that nonprofits serving disadvantaged and marginalised communities were strengthened and vulnerable people were not forgotten.

2022 also saw The Ireland Funds continue its investment in providing access to high-quality education through our scholarship programmes: No Mind Left Behind and the George Moore Scholars. Thanks to these programmes, hundreds of bright minds have been able to advance their studies, explore their potential, and invest in their futures.

Our Ukrainian Relief Fund deployed support to seven Irish organisations serving the complex needs of refugees fleeing war and arriving in Ireland. Our donors stepped up to support an impactful response to this humanitarian crisis and their compassion has now made a difference to thousands of people in crisis. Thanks to you, these carefully chosen organisations provided key services ranging from provision of much-needed mental health care to resettlement and community integration.

The opportunities we had to connect with you were a highlight of 2022. We worked closely with our donors to connect them with impactful programmes and ensured their Donor Advised Gifts had the maximum impact across a broad range of priorities. We welcomed thousands of friends back to our in-person fundraising events. Working with donors and grantees, we translated that love for Ireland into results. This report shares some of the highlights and we hope you will read it with pride. Much remains to be done and as stewards of your investment, we will continue to identify the areas of greatest need and greatest promise.

All across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, our donors transform lives. Take a look at the headline numbers of 2022 and know that through your generosity, you made this possible.

KIND REGARDS,



Caitriona Fottrell
President & CEO,
The Ireland Funds

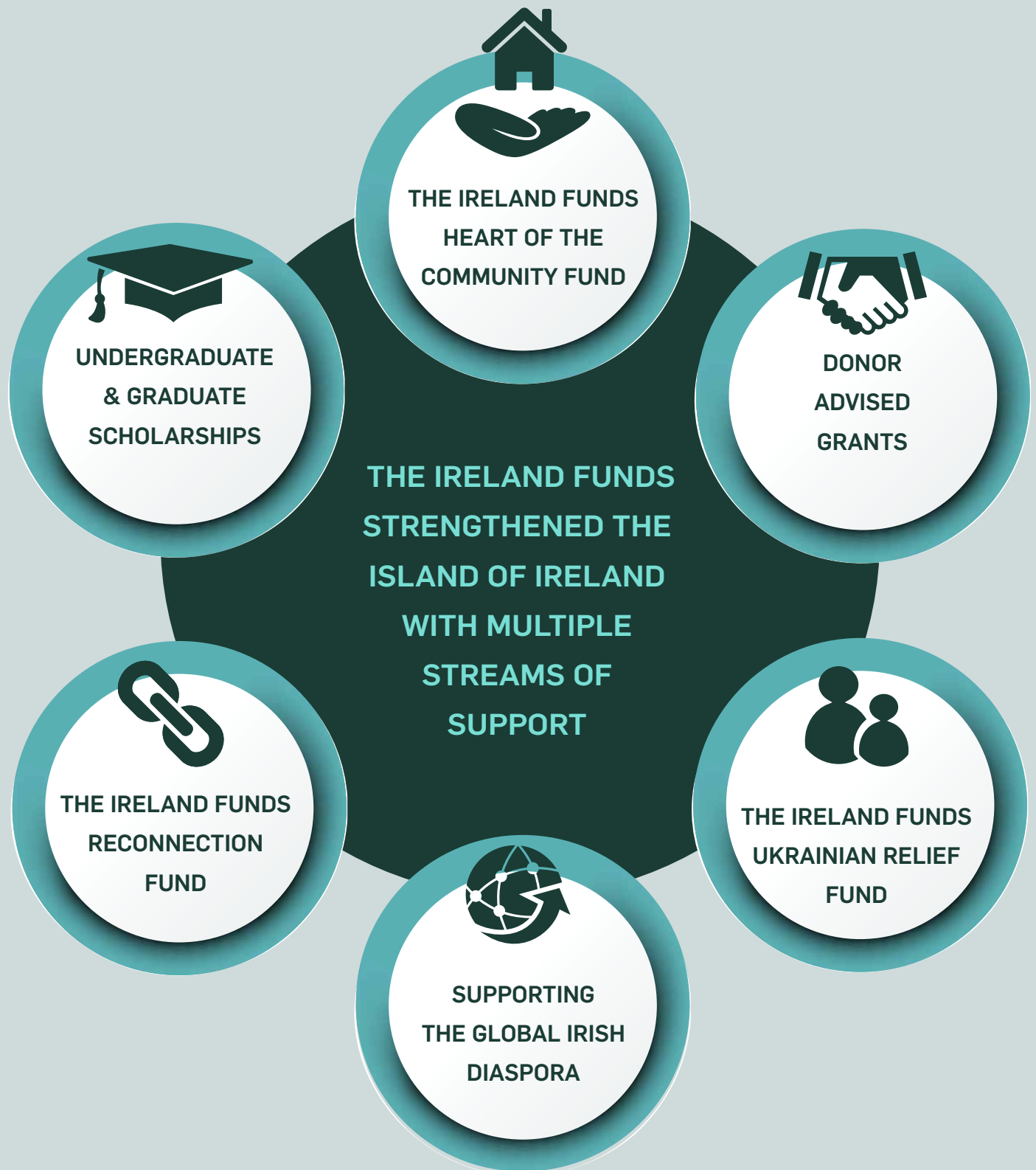


Siobhán Gallagher
Executive Director,
The Ireland Funds



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HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?



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I wanted to say a big **THANK YOU**. With support from The Ireland Funds, Children's Books Ireland has been able to bring the joy of reading to many children which in turn will open the minds of these young readers and ignite the passion and joy that reading can bring to a child's life."

— Gráinne Kennedy, Development
Manager, Children's Books Ireland

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HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?

Donor Advised Gifts

CHILDREN'S GRIEF CENTRE

The Children's Grief Centre in Limerick works with children between the ages of 4 and 18 years old who have experienced loss or trauma through bereavement, separation, or divorce. The Centre is the only one of its kind in Ireland and all services are provided free of charge.

IMPACT:

A 2022 grant helped fit out child support rooms in the brand new, state-of-the-art space. Due to open in April 2023, it will support up to 500 children per year.



BELVEDERE YOUTH CLUB

Belvedere Youth Club empowers and educates young people in Dublin's north inner city and helps break the cycle of systemic poverty and marginalisation.



IMPACT:

A 2022 grant supported the Homework & College Supports Programme, providing a safe, free, wraparound environment for up to 50 young people to participate in homework and recreational activities along with a hot meal.

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The Royal Irish Academy of Music is Ireland's oldest conservatoire, ranked in the top 50 institutions in the world for the performing arts. For almost 175 years it has nurtured over 1,000,000 gifted musicians from all over the world.

IMPACT:

In 2022, support contributed to its capital campaign to redevelop the Royal Irish Academy of Music, including the construction of a state-of-the-art 300 seat recital hall on their new campus.



In 2022, we worked with our donors to achieve their philanthropic goals with great impact. Our team's understanding of needs and how philanthropy can make a difference across Ireland is unparalleled. This expertise enables us to tailor plans with donors, giving them the freedom to focus on their areas of interest.

The following are just a few examples of the ways The Ireland Funds partnered with donors to make gifts to the causes most important to them.

LEARNING HUB LIMERICK

Learning Hub Limerick works in partnership with parents, educators, statutory agencies and the community to provide a safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environment, broadening the horizons of young people. A 2022 grant enabled Learning Hub Limerick to reach more children in need.

IMPACT:

Each week, 150 children aged 5-15 and 100 young adults aged 17-25 received support at Learning Hub Limerick.



MUSIC GENERATION

In 2022, Music Generation celebrated 10 years of transforming lives through music. Co-founded by The Ireland Funds and U2, Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme which helps children and young people access high quality musical training in their own communities.



IMPACT:

Music Generation has now expanded to 29 cities and counties and employs 442 staff. In 2022, it reached 80,000 children and young people.

CO-OPERATION IRELAND

Co-operation Ireland builds better economic and social relationships between the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. With longstanding support from The Ireland Funds, Co-operation Ireland strengthens fragile community infrastructures to help create a positive future.

IMPACT:

A 2022 grant supported Co-operation Ireland's "Future Leaders" programme, providing 150+ young people with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, gain qualifications, boost employability and create change around issues they're passionate about.





HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?

The Heart of The Community Fund

The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund supports organisations working in communities across the island of Ireland.

The essence of The Heart of the Community Fund 2022 grant round was trusting the community and responding to the needs of organisations working within our four pillars of peace, culture, education and community development. We responded to what organisations needed, be that operational or programmatic support, to make the greatest impact.

The Heart of the Community Fund 2022 provided vital support to 77 communities across 23 counties with a fund of \$1,000,000.



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY FUND:

Key Support for 77 Communities

\$1,000,000 awarded to organisations
across 23 counties



Northern Ireland

25 organisations funded

Republic of Ireland

52 organisations funded

enhancing
equality of
outcomes
in education

building
community
resilience

increasing
environmental
sustainability

providing
therapeutic
supports

improving
employability

accessing
family
support
services

supporting
LGBTQI
inclusion

encouraging
cross
community
relations

supporting
access to
education

providing
trauma
therapy

enabling
mental health
programmes

engaging
with
creative arts



HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?

The Ireland Funds Reconnection Fund

The impact of COVID-19 is still being felt today, with these groups struggling to reconnect to their communities and the organisations that were providing support to them before the pandemic. The Ireland Funds addressed this disconnection to prevent a severe long-term impact on lives across the island of Ireland.



MENTAL HEALTH

People with mental health issues are disconnected from their support structures.



YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people have been disconnected from school and cultural activities.



DISADVANTAGED & MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

Those who were most socially and economically disadvantaged suffered the most.



The Ireland Funds Reconnection Fund was launched at the end of 2021 and throughout 2022 met the urgent needs of organisations serving these vulnerable groups.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

COMMUNITY LAW & MEDIATION

Community Law & Mediation is an independent community law centre providing free legal advice, advocacy, mediation and education services. IMPACT: Funding provided free legal advice clinics on topics such as housing, homelessness, employment, equality, family, consumer, and social welfare law to 120 individuals. It also delivered two virtual 'Know Your Rights' legal information talks to 60 individuals from across the island of Ireland, covering the importance of making a Will and Enduring Power of Attorney.

"Without access to justice, it is impossible to challenge injustice or hold decision makers to account, particularly for vulnerable people or at vulnerable times. Community Law & Mediation is very grateful for this grant which allowed us to meet a real need in communities experiencing poverty, social exclusion or inequality for access to justice."

CRAIGAVON TRAVELLER SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Craigavon Travellers Support Committee improves the quality of life of Travellers in the Craigavon area of Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland, by adopting a community development approach which enables Travellers to articulate their needs and supporting them to ensure these needs are met. IMPACT: Funding financed 50% of the core running costs of the organisation's Family Support Service, which worked with 178 families, supporting 381 members of the community. 82% of people accessing this service reported feeling less anxious and more in control of their family's finances as a result of the support provided.

"Dedicated Traveller support services have been decimated in recent years in the North of Ireland. Special thanks are due to funders such as The Ireland Funds, who recognise the need to support and fund core services. Without these services, Craigavon Travellers Support Committee would not be able to deliver a community development programme or partake in the development of regional policy and good practice."

WAVE TRAUMA

WAVE Trauma Centre was established during the darkest days of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Now, it is the largest cross-community victims' group, serving those injured or traumatised by conflict. IMPACT: The Ireland Funds helped establish WAVE by the Sea, a respite centre providing space for healing, for reconciliation and for the pursuit of lasting peace. To date, 23 families have benefitted from a weekend away by the sea with 80% reporting positive changes to their mental health and wellbeing.

"We had a fantastic few days, it was just what the family needed."



HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?

Access to Education

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND PROGRAMME

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. Students come from the Irish Government's DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity In Schools) schools, a programme of the Department of Education and Skills aimed at lessening educational disadvantage in primary and second-level education.



2022 / 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



252 Students

RECEIVED A NO MIND LEFT BEHIND
SCHOLARSHIP. 300+ SCHOLARS
FUNDED TO DATE



41 DEIS Schools

SELECTED TO RECEIVE
SUPPORT THROUGH THESE
SCHOLARSHIPS



**166 Continuing
Students**

SUPPORTED TO RETURN
TO YEAR 2,3 OR 4 OF
UNDERGRADUATE STUDY



**9 Counties
Represented:**

CAVAN
DONEGAL
DUBLIN
LOUTH
MAYO
MONAGHAN
ROSCOMMON
SLIGO
WATERFORD



89 New Students

SUPPORTED TO COMMENCE
THE FIRST YEAR OF
UNDERGRADUATE STUDY



€1,020,000

AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
€4.9M+ AWARDED TO DATE



**22 Third-Level
Institutions**

REPRESENTED ACROSS
THE ISLAND OF IRELAND,
UK AND EUROPE



"One parent began to cry when I called her... The other student's dad was over the moon as this will remove his financial worries for his daughter... Our third student could not believe this was happening for her. It was compared to winning a jackpot." —School Principal after sharing the news with selected students



GEORGE MOORE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The George Moore Scholars programme is an ambitious, all-Ireland scholarship programme that offers extraordinary supports to talented students in all academic disciplines who wish to undertake a master's degree in the US, UK, Europe or Canada. The programme helps them to realise their full career potential and make a lasting impact in their chosen field.



**10 Higher
Education
Institutions**
REPRESENTED



SCHOLARS ARE ENROLLED AT 29 UNIVERSITIES
ACROSS THE US, CANADA AND THE UK, AND
ARE PURSUING COURSES SPANNING 24
DIFFERENT ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES.



18 Scholars
RECEIVED SUPPORT TO RETURN FOR THE
SECOND YEAR OF THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE



**39 New
Scholars**
94 SCHOLARS FUNDED
TO DATE



14 Counties
ACROSS THE ISLAND
OF IRELAND
REPRESENTED



"I am very honored to have been chosen as a George Moore Scholar. The scholarship has given me an amazing opportunity and will greatly impact my future." —Louise, MA Communication: Design

Kingston University London



HOW DID WE DELIVER FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN 2022?

The Ukrainian Relief Fund

**IN 2022, THE IRELAND FUNDS DELIVERED
CRUCIAL RELIEF SUPPORT FOR THE 65,000+
UKRAINIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN IRELAND**

WE SUPPORTED ORGANISATIONS IN IRELAND WORKING TO ENSURE:

- Access to education
- Resettlement and community integration
- Accommodation
- Employment
- Provision of mental health services

"We are extremely grateful for the support of The Ireland Funds which has enabled us to assist thousands of refugees from Ukraine. This has been an exceptionally challenging year. Our organisational capacity had to increase rapidly, which was made possible with the support of The Ireland Funds."

— *Irish Refugee Council*

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

DEPAUL IRELAND

Depaul Ireland is a cross-border charity and a pioneering organisation in the area of homelessness, supporting the most vulnerable in society. **IMPACT:** Funding provided basic, essential items such as clothing and toiletries to refugees. It also allowed for an integration service to connect refugees with their new communities through English classes, educational opportunities, and information on housing.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ALLIANCE

Uniting 100+ organisations serving Ireland's youth, Children's Rights Alliance has led the children and youth sector response to Ukrainian people arriving to Ireland. **IMPACT:** A grant co-funded a child refugee coordinator to provide a sectoral response to support the thousands of Ukrainian children seeking refuge on the island. The post facilitated information sharing and vital connections between member organisations and services.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Making Connections alleviates loneliness and isolation among older people by providing befriending and wellbeing supports that empower them to stay healthy and socially connected. **IMPACT:** Funding enabled a new lead advocate role which meant that 100+ refugees over the age of 65 received support to access government welfare, medical assessments and English classes.

MYMIND

MyMind is putting Ireland at the forefront of mental health innovation by creating a unique movement for community-based mental health services that provide every person in Ireland equal access to mental health support early, affordably, directly, without stigma or delay. **IMPACT:** Ukrainian mental health professionals were recruited to engage with almost 100 individual clients providing much-needed psychotherapeutic and trauma support. It also provided intensive trauma training to its wider network of current therapists, who will train fellow clinicians and non-clinicians to support those suffering from the effects of trauma.



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For over 45 years, our donors have helped The Ireland Funds improve the lives of people in Ireland and around the world. We are proud to support a legacy of philanthropy that impacts the present and invests in the future.

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I can only say that the support offered by The Ireland Funds is invaluable. Our service users come from traumatic experiences and they left their countries because they were forced to. Most have no access to basic support. Having the funds to help them with essential needs is making a fundamental difference to their path. The team is eternally grateful for the support you have provided.

—Depaul Ireland (Ukrainian Relief Fund)

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We are extremely grateful for the support of The Ireland Funds which has enabled us to assist more than 3000 refugees from Ukraine. This has been an exceptionally challenging year. Our organisational capacity had to increase rapidly, which was made possible with the support of The Ireland Funds.

—Irish Refugee Council (Ukrainian Relief Fund)

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We thank The Ireland Funds for journeying with us over the past number of years and helping so many children and families to overcome the challenges of COVID-19 quickly, followed by the Ukrainian Crisis. Our community is ever-changing and through the support of The Ireland Funds, the Early Learning Initiative has the flexibility and agility to respond to need and ensure that children continue to play, learn and meet their milestones.

— Early Learning Initiative (Ukrainian Relief Fund)

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The young people moved from having no confidence to making content and presenting on the radio. Often they started out thinking that they were incompetent – just wanted something to do – now they run the station and edit shows. They have discovered they can manage the technology, speak, host, and lead discussions.

—YouthAction Northern Ireland (Flagship Grant)

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On behalf of everyone at Sensational Kids, thank you so much! This means we can now fund our move to our new center! It is a huge relief for us, and we will now have more space to grow our practice as we continue to fundraise for our new National Child Development Centre.

—Sensational Kids (Heart of the Community Fund)

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THANK YOU

FROM ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND

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The No Mind Left Behind scholarship was transformative to me. I wouldn't have gotten where I am today without the help of The Ireland Funds. They provide opportunities to people like me that otherwise might not have been able to progress in education.

— *Rebecca Green, No Mind Left Behind Scholar
at Queen's University Belfast*

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I wanted to thank you for saying yes to our application! It's the very best news. I'm thrilled for the kids and what the funding will mean for them. To have The Ireland Funds supporting our work means so much to us. It's a big responsibility you carry, but a very important one. Thanks again.

— *Irish Chamber Orchestra
(Heart of the Community Fund)*

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The grant will support the upgrade of our conferencing facility for the provision of community dialogues and the delivery of peace education and seminars, as we move ever closer towards becoming a Centre for Practical Peace Building. We greatly appreciate the support of The Ireland Funds in helping to make this possible.

— *Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation
(Heart of the Community Fund)*

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AsIAM is deeply grateful to The Ireland Fund for its support during the course of the Flagship Grant. This support provided vital core funding which has been instrumental to the significant and sustainable development of the organisation over the course of the last 2 years. However, we feel strongly that the links we have developed with The Ireland Funds have also had a far deeper impact - supporting us to grow and develop our network of supporters, providing us with access to advice from your deeply experienced team and strengthening the awareness and trust of our own brand amongst donors and key stakeholders.

—AsIAM (Flagship Grant)

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Very grateful for The Ireland Funds' support through this grant that will deliver a peace and reconciliation project with young people in Turf Lodge! Much needed work in testing times.

— Holy Trinity Youth Centre
(Heart of the Community Fund)

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We know that the effects of The Ireland Funds support here will enhance so many lives through singing and we look forward to sharing the impact of your support in the coming months.

— Sing Ireland (Heart of the Community Fund)

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My journey at the University of California, Berkeley, so far has been nothing short of extraordinary — personally, professionally and intellectually. For that I am truly grateful for the support of the George Moore Scholars programme! I couldn't possibly put into words just how this experience is benefiting me.

— Barry McLaughlin, Master's in Development Engineering student and George Moore Scholar

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I want to pay warm tribute to the extraordinary contribution The Ireland Funds has made over the past 45 years to the beautiful island that I have been lucky enough to be born in.

We all know that change is hard to get, but you have stayed the course and remained dedicated to making a difference. Central to that is mobilising the resources to support those all across Ireland who are trying to make it a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable place. While much progress has been made, much remains to be done. Your careful work is still very much required.

— **MARY ROBINSON**
Former President of Ireland



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