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Grant Round 2023

Your Generosity Changes Lives

The Ireland Funds Great Britain (IFGB), with the support of our generous donors, has delivered meaningful grants and valuable support to inspiring and committed organisations through our 2023 Annual Grant Round.

Operating under four key pillars of Community, Education, Peace and Culture, The Ireland Funds Great Britain awards grants based on each organisation's ability to deliver at least one of these objectives:



Invest in local communities and contribute to the avoidance of poverty and hardship.



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



Support the promotion of arts and culture that connect groups with Irish culture and heritage and share it with the next generation



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

This year, with the increased pressures on communities across the country due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, particular emphasis was placed on the ability to alleviate poverty and hardship. Charities were invited to apply for funding to cover core operational costs or programme costs.

We are grateful to our many donors and friends whose support through the year makes our Annual Grant Round possible. Grateful thanks also to The Ireland Funds Great Britain Board of Directors and Grants Committee, who volunteer their time to ensure these grants are awarded to outstanding organisations delivering real impact in their communities. Read on to see the reach that your generosity, combined with the tireless work of the supported charities, will have this year.

The Impact of your Generosity



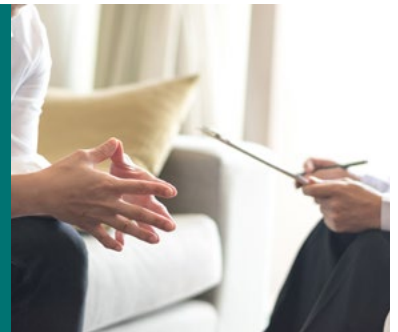
Brent Adolescent Centre

Brent Adolescent Centre will support disadvantaged young people of Irish descent; helping them to address mental health difficulties and critical life problems and enabling them to grow up and live as healthier and happier adults.



Brent Irish Advisory Service

Funding from IFGB will support the continued success of BIAS's busy welfare advice and advocacy service, which has seen a huge increase in client numbers in the past 12 months, helping to ensure that no-one is turned away.



Community Sports Network

This year's grant will help Community Sports Network to provide support mechanisms for vulnerable ex-offenders who need structure, stability and reliability from knowledgeable, informed and reliable professionals to encourage positive rehabilitation through sport.



Coventry Irish Society

IFGB will help fund an additional advice and information worker to provide a more comprehensive service to the Irish community in Coventry.



Cruse Bereavement Support

A grant from IFGB will allow Cruse Bereavement to continue to provide training for bereavement specialists and vital support and services to those people suffering from loss.





IAMI Ltd (IamIrish)

IamIrish will use their grant to part-fund a Youth & Community Worker, allowing them to expand their reach in supporting a growing number of families from mixed Irish heritage.



Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy

icap will expand its offer of individual counselling, group therapy and helpline services to support Irish women aged 40 to 60 years in London and Birmingham. 60% of the women using icap's service are unwaged and would not otherwise be able to access therapy.



Irish Chaplaincy

Grant funding allows specialist support to be offered to older Irish individuals, in prison or living alone, including visits, letters and advocacy on a range of issues. Critical assistance is also provided upon release from prison and re-entry into the community.



Irish Community Care

With the help of IFGB, Irish Community Care will deliver its 'Cultural Connections' programme – establishing and hosting group activities that celebrate Irishness, connection and belonging including coffee groups, dementia friendly activities, health and wellbeing groups, key cultural activities & facilitated sessions in a warm, safe environment.



Irish Community Care Manchester

ICCM will connect with under-represented groups within the local community and will develop new and innovative projects and cultural activities which strengthen ties with the diaspora, reaching out to engage with those who are less connected to existing Irish networks.





Irish Community Services

Funding will ensure that there are support and services available to address the needs of the increasing number of vulnerable individuals and families referred to Irish Community Services, due to the cost-of-living crisis and challenging economic climate.



Irish Cultural Centre Hammersmith Ltd

A grant from The Ireland Funds will ensure the continuation of outreach services and free community groups that Irish Cultural Centre Hammersmith provides for both elderly and young people; these popular exercise, dance, singing and craft sessions offer a welcome and supportive environment for new friendships and connections.



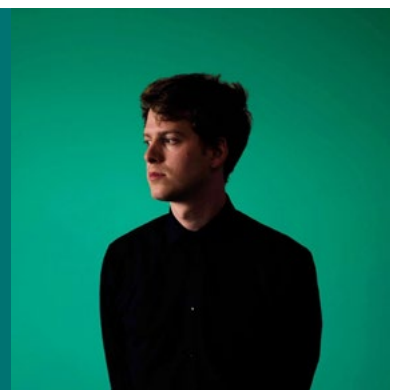
Irish Elderly Advice Network

Irish Elderly Advice Network will extend their befriending scheme through regular phone calls and face to face meetings, to tackle isolation in older Irish people. IFGB funding will contribute towards the costs of two part-time Befriender posts.



Irish Heritage Limited

IFGB will fund the Music Bursary for Composition, which is open to young Irish born or first generation Irish composers, studying at recognised music conservatoires and other colleges in Ireland and Britain. The award will be used in furthering their artistic and professional development.



Irish Pensioners Choir

Irish Pensioners Choir uses Irish culture, music and song to enrich the lives of older people and friends, and to keep alive the songs of the older Irish generations. IFGB funding will support the running costs of the choir.





Leeds Irish Arts Foundation

Leeds Irish Arts Foundation will deliver 36 participatory and performance workshops, providing a positive focus for the celebration of Irish culture and engaging people from neighbouring West Yorkshire areas in Irish music and arts.



Leeds Irish Health & Homes Limited

Leeds Irish Health and Homes will set up a safe and warm space where up to 30 members of the community experiencing memory loss and dementia, and their carers can meet weekly to get support in a culturally sensitive environment.



Lets Unite For Autism Limited

Lets Unite for Autism will run a project to provide opportunities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to take part in regular sport and physical activity to enhance individual opportunities and improve whole family wellbeing, creating a sense of inclusivity and belonging.



Lewisham Irish Community Centre

Lewisham Irish Community Centre will support and encourage the elderly Irish community to engage in social and culture activities on-site, at home and online, allowing them to stay connected by attending weekly exercise classes, engaging in social activities, and meeting friends.



Liverpool Irish Centre

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Liverpool Irish Centre is developing a garden and shed so people in a deprived area can enjoy the outdoors and learn skills to help to create a beautiful and peaceful community space. Funding will enable the shed to grow and flourish, helping to develop a comprehensive programme of activities to be put in place.





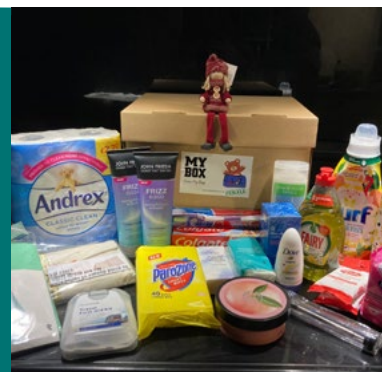
Luton Irish Forum

Funding will allow Luton Irish Forum to improve the prospects of local Irish and Irish Travellers by providing accredited information, advice and guidance on welfare benefits and related debt and housing.



My Bag Charity

My Bag continues to provide practical help to the most vulnerable young adults living in semi-independent care. Funding from IFGB will help to provide a quarterly My Box filled with essential and comfort items, including hygiene products, ingredients to make a meal, recipe cards, books, and a blanket.



Parallel Histories

IFGB will fund a project that will strengthen cross-community relations between young people in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Britain through fostering respectful debate about the history of Northern Ireland; equipping young people with the skills of empathy for the other, critical thinking and speaking, and with an understanding of the different perspectives on the history of conflict in Northern Ireland.



Read for Good

By harnessing the benefits of reading and storytelling, Read for Good improves the lives of children and young people in Northern Ireland who are disadvantaged by ill health and hospitalisation. The IFGB grant will ensure a regular supply of curated new books for all ages, interests, abilities and backgrounds.



Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity

Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity sought grant funding to support the salary of a dedicated General Manager; this post means that SWCC will be able to process referrals more quickly and increase the number of people they can work with; supporting the welfare of some of the most vulnerable families in their community.





The Blackmore Vale Charity

The Vale Pantry works with families and individuals to alleviate food poverty whilst providing help and support to overcome the underlying causes and assisting households back on their feet. The rising costs of food and energy have been especially challenging, and an IFGB grant will help to provide ongoing assistance to over 300 families each week.



The Parent Rooms

The Parent Rooms provides wellbeing education and networks of peer support to address mental health struggles experienced by parents in Northern Ireland. With over 100 parents on their waiting list, an IFGB grant will allow The Parent Rooms to deliver their 12 week Space for Me and Space for Me Too programs for wellbeing and early intervention to more parents in need.



Via Wings

Via Wings will support those suffering from food poverty by providing regular fresh food, ambient food and essential items – helping them to move from crisis to potential. By providing additional positive, practical and emotional support Via Wings will empower people to find solutions to overcome challenges and break the cycle of poverty.



Void Gallery

Void is driven by the conviction that the arts should be accessible to all people. Core funding from IFGB will assist Void with its operational costs and allow the gallery to deliver its Engage learning and outreach programme which brings together people from diverse backgrounds and from rural and /or marginalised areas to explore personal and collective creativity.



On behalf of all of us at The Ireland Funds and the programmes we support

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