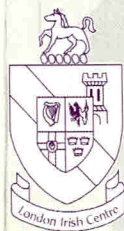


London
Irish centre



The London Irish Centre

Annual Report 2003/2004



Charity No. 221172

OUR HISTORY - 49 YEARS OF SERVICE

The London Irish Centre was formed 49 years ago with the aim of providing the following services to the Irish community in London:

- To form a social service bureau to give advice on various problems and to keep a register of decent lodgings for men and women.
- To provide a hall for social and recreational functions.
- To provide temporary hostel accommodation.

In 1955 the London Irish Centre was formally opened and it has delivered all of the above services with consistency over the past 49 years.

MISSION STATEMENT

London Irish Centre Charity Community Services aims to respond to the unmet needs among Irish people for a culturally sensitive and supportive welfare advice/advocacy and training service which celebrates and promotes Irish culture, and counteracts the negative discrimination Irish people face as an ethnic minority group, especially in terms of their access to employment and mainstream provision.

Our Aims

- To provide a well managed and resourced Referral, Advice and Information service
- To provide support and training for disadvantaged persons
- To provide a range of in-house and outreach service to elderly Irish persons
- To provide services that will improve the health and well being of the Irish community
- To provide a missing persons service
- To provide a range of Irish cultural and educational programmes
- To provide a venue for Irish organisations to work from and meet.

Quotes:

"You know staff will do their best."

"If I have friends who need help I tell them about the Centre."

"Possibly the nicest office I have ever been to."

"It's a great service."

"I am a traveller and I like the way we are treated here."

"The advice given is easy to understand and the staff are very nice."

TRUSTEES' REPORT 2003/04

During the course of the past year the London Irish Centre achieved the objectives that it set out in its development plan. A number of new initiatives were put in place and its existing services performed to a high standard. The Centre's services were externally monitored and evaluated during the past year. Once again the Centre demonstrated its ability to deliver a range of efficient and effective services that make a real difference to peoples lives.

The Centre exceeded all best value criteria. It demonstrated excellent levels of performance and exceedingly high outcomes. The Centre is grateful for the assistance that it received from CEMVO (Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations). We are grateful to Irish Post and Irish World newspapers for highlighting important and key issues in the Irish community. The trustees deeply appreciate the excellent service given to the Centre by its staff, volunteers and committees. They are grateful to all who support the Centre through grants, fundraising and donations.

CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

We've had another busy year. Our volume of service as measured by our Standardised Information Monitoring System continues to show substantial outcomes. We demonstrate our outcomes empirically rather than anecdotally. Frontline endeavour has extraordinary exigencies and continuity of service delivery remains paramount. The high service volumes achieved are proof of such continuity. They are also a sign of increased demand on our services. This has been noticeable in the wake of the closure and downsizing of similar services elsewhere.

In March we were honoured to welcome Ambassador Daithí O' Ceallaigh and Dame Jane Roberts, leader of Camden Council to formally launch our Irish Healthy Living Centre.

The award of the Community Legal Service's Quality Mark for our advice work was a significant achievement for us. The Mark sets very high standards in advice provision in terms of case management and organisational governance. We now join a national network of excellence. For a BME provider such as us, this is a major breakthrough.

The Irish Government's Task Force Report on Emigration remains a benchmark document for Irish agencies. We have continued our dialogue towards the implementation of its recommendations. The setting up of the Irish Abroad unit within the Department of Foreign Affairs is most welcome. A unit dedicated to emigrant provision will be a key resource for all Irish agencies

This note would simply not be complete without an expression of sincere thanks and tribute to the Centre's staff. Their dedication and purposefulness are a marvel.

DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The year 2003/04 was a remarkable period in the growth and development of services at the London Irish Centre.

New Funding Secured:

Association of London Government – Development Worker.

Heritage Lottery Fund – Irish Centre Heritage Project.

Irish Government, Dion Grant – New Elders Outreach.

Irish Youth Foundation – Youth Resettlement Project.

2 Private Donors – Heritage Book Publication.

Renewed Funding:

Irish Government, Dion Grant – Advice Service.

Irish Government, Dion Grant – Kilburn Elders Outreach.

London Borough of Camden – Co-Ordinator and Administrator.

London Borough of Camden – High and Dry Club and Alcohol Assessment.

Bridge House Estates – Youth Resettlement Project

Volunteering England – Volunteer Organiser

New Opportunities fund – Irish Healthy Living Centre – Co-ordinator.

Community Fund – Camden Elders Outreach.

Ireland Fund of Great Britain – Cultural Services.

Applications Ongoing:

Bridge House Trust

Dormant Accounts

OLDER PERSONS OUTREACH

The Older Persons Outreach Project is now in its seventh year. The project provides older people with on-going support and referral to services in order to enable them to live independently.

The Project Aims:

- To inform older people on services and encourage the take-up of such services in order to promote a good quality life.
- To ensure that appropriate services are provided.
- To minimise the risks of isolation and loneliness by encouraging social interaction – introduction to Lunch Club, Group Activities.
- To link housebound older people with volunteer befrienders.
- To promote and encourage activities which will benefit health and well being.

How can Older People avail of the Outreach Service?

People can self-refer, be referred by family, friends, GP, Community Nurses, Social Advice Workers.

Older People are visited in their own homes. A basic checklist is used to establish the persons needs – it covers the following themes:

- Housing
- General Health -registered with GP, contacts with other health professionals.
- Income/Benefits check – give advice and guidance on benefits
- Daily Living Tasks – check the ability to attend to personal care matter, meal preparation, shopping, laundry and household chores.
- Social Networks/Hobbies – provide information and encourage links into social activity.
- Family Contacts

We continue to assist and support clients with resettlement to better housing. The move to a new home is a big life change for people. The older person needs support, reassurance and assistance in order to cope with transition. The resettlement process requires the outreach worker to focus on all the tasks associated with moving in order to make the transition less stressful and successful for the older person.

It is very rewarding to observe the positive changes to people's health and wellbeing as a result of moving to a better quality housing.

Outreach Volunteers

The project is linked to Age Concern Camden's 'Good Neighbourhood Scheme'. There are currently a team of volunteer befrienders supporting the project. They are each linked with older housebound people who value the support they provide. Volunteers make planned visits to the older person with whom they are linked to on a weekly basis.

Daycentre

There is a Lunch Club facility three days per week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is regular attendance of 25-30 people. It provides Older People with the opportunity to meet socially, to take part in group activities and share a meal together. It is also the gateway to our Elders Learning Programme. The programme offers professionally tutored classes (in partnership with Westminster Kingsway College) in :-

Computer Skills – weekly on Wednesday afternoons – started September 2003 and continues to be very popular.

The following activities are also provided:

Art – weekly on Monday afternoons. A colourful class enjoyed by 10 people.

Exercise – weekly on Monday mornings. Gentle exercises to music appreciated by 8 people.

Crafts and needlework

A quote from a member of the art group;

"This is wonderful. It gives me a lift. It helps me cope with ageing and illness. It reassures me that the interests of older people are acknowledged by providing activities and information in the lunch club".

Thanks to Westminster Kingsway College for providing the Tutor support for the classes.

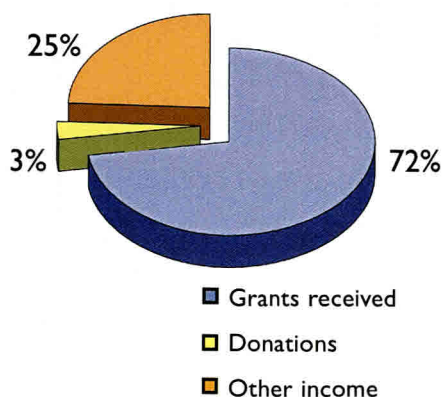
Advice Case History

Helen is a 60 year old Grandmother of 4 children. She has been the legal Guardian of the children for 3 years because their mother developed cancer and could not care for them. The children are aged between 16 and 8 years old. Helen approached the Centre when the children's mother died. She was struggling financially, the children were traumatised and she was finding it very hard to cope with her own grief and that of the children.

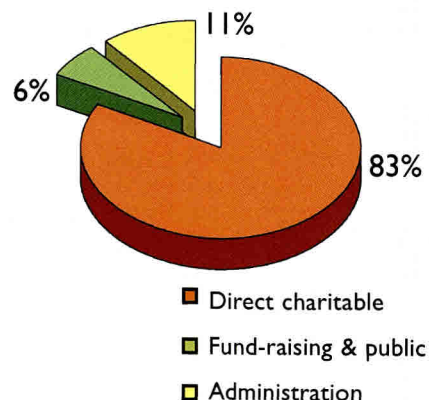
The Centre checked Helen's finances. It transpired that, although Social Services had withdrawn financial support for the 16 years old grandchild, Helen was still entitled to Child Tax Credit. We helped to obtain a Funeral Grant of over £1200 for the cost of her daughter's funeral. Helen was referred to bereavement counselling. We applied to a family holiday charity so that the family could enjoy a sea-side break. We secured funds for a fridge-freezer to replace her small old fridge. This will make it possible to shop once a week, instead of several times.

Helen's situation has very much improved since her initial visit to the Centre, and she is looking forward to attending our computer classes.

INCOMING RESOURCES



OUTGOING RESOURCES



LONDON IRISH SURVIVORS SERVICE

The service has continued to expand and now has in excess of 600 clients, as opposed to 400 clients during the previous year. Due to the concern that the Redress Board had not been adequately advertised here in the UK, large mail-outs were sent to all the GPs' surgeries, homeless shelters and Irish affiliated organisations in London, we now receive 12 new enquiries per week. Thirteen more institutions were added to the (Residential Institutions Redress Act, 2002) this year. Many clients on the centre's database still do not qualify for compensation, as their institution is not acknowledged. Communications are ongoing between LISOS and the Department of Education and Science in Dublin regarding this.

The aim of this project is to provide advice and support to individual survivors of child abuse whilst in institutional care in Ireland. Our service helps with issues of the Redress Board, the commission to inquire into Child Abuse and the Education Fund. We also assist clients with instructing a solicitor, requesting records from the Freedom of Information Unit, Religious Orders, Barnardos and Irish Health Boards. There are many clients who were not registered at birth and require assistance via the General Records Office to do this. Due to the sensitive nature of the work and the sheer number of survivors involved, this process can take as long as three years to complete. An outreach service is provided to those who are unable to attend the office for any reason.

The project facilitates a monthly support group for women survivors. This is the only group of its kind in the UK and the turnout is always large, with women travelling from as far as Bristol, Gloucester and Portsmouth to attend.

Many clients have now been awarded compensation from the Redress Board. However, rather than reducing caseload many clients have been seeking post-award support. In some cases they require as much emotional and practical support as before. A matter of concern to LISOS clients has been the effect their financial award will have on their means-tested benefits.

This issue has necessitated increased knowledge on the part of the outreach workers in the area of Trust Funds and how they operate.

Lisos continues to offer more generic advice including information relating to benefits, health issues, housing and records and family tracing.

HIGH & DRY

The Centre provides a twice-weekly Club for persons who refrain from alcohol. The quality of support provided to persons who have completed a time of detoxification and rehabilitation is exceptional. The Club is deeply grateful to Bryan Boylan who runs the club and to Cavan County Council, Killnacrott Abbey and their supporters in Cavan for providing them with a wonderful holiday this year.

Advice Worker's Report

The London Irish Centre offers a drop-in advice service, staffed by three full-time Social Advice Workers. This service has been offered for 50 years.

Social Advice Workers assist clients with a variety of issues. A large majority of clients seek assistance with Welfare Rights, Housing and Health related queries. Frequently these three main issues are presented in a single interview, and it is a role of an Advice Worker to decipher the client's immediate needs.

From experience it has been found, that while a client presents with a query relating to one topic, there are generally underlying issues. These include drug and or alcohol problems, domestic violence and harassment, literacy problems, social isolation, undiagnosed mental and physical health problems and chronic financial situations.

New issues that the advice team has seen emerge this year include the introduction of Pension Credit, the Direct Payments of Welfare benefits and the "bidding" system introduced by many Local Authorities to allocate Social Housing. Many of the centre's clients would not be able to deal with these changes and they would be at risk of further social disadvantage.

As a long established and respected Advice Service the London Irish Centre has built up strong links with other statutory and voluntary agencies. These contacts are a very important resource to the Advice Worker as they assist in meeting the needs of the presenting clients. Along with referrals to specific agencies, it is a growing trend for clients to be referred to the London Irish Centre as it is seen as a service that specifically addresses the needs of disadvantaged Irish in London.

Citizenship Awareness Raising

This is a key element of our work at a broad community level. Encouraged by the Association of London Government the Centre in January 2004 we embarked on a campaign to get Irish residents to register to vote (by mid-April) and to participate in the elections in June 2004. We ran an awareness raising campaign through the Irish press in Britain. We informed other Irish groups. We also ran stalls at major events at the Centre. In these ways several thousand people were reached. It was a valuable example of what an organisation with a strong frontline profile can achieve.

London Irish Survivors case history

Tom grew up in a very large institution in the West of Ireland. His experience there was one of harshness and loneliness. Educational opportunity was scant. When he turned 16, he was sent to work with farmers as a labourer. The work was hard and pay and conditions were poor. Like so many survivors, Tom came to England in search of a better life. He worked on the railways as a labourer, continuing this type of work for a number of years moving from job to job, before finally settling in London in his late forties.

When forced to retire from work through injury in his sixties, Tom's quality of life diminished. He missed meaningful occupation; he no longer had company and his income dropped significantly. He found it difficult to motivate himself and fell into depression. His reduced income caused financial problems. He fell into major rent arrears and repossession proceedings were issued against him. A friend referred him to LISOS.

We helped him to access the remedial opportunities available to him, including engaging a solicitor to prepare a Redress Board claim. He was also receptive to counselling and was successfully referred very quickly. We also took a number of steps to protect and enhance his housing, enabling him to understand the benefits system and helped him to make a proper housing benefit claim. We then made a successful claim for a very substantial backdate on the grounds of Tom's vulnerability, enabling the arrears to be cleared. We accompanied him to court to see the proceedings struck out. Finally, at Tom's request we undertook a housing transfer application on his behalf to a sheltered housing scheme in the borough of Camden, an area where he could renew old friendships and acquaintances.

Tom is very pleased to have avoided a catastrophic descent into homelessness at an advanced age. His redress Board claim is proceeding rapidly and he is looking forward to retirement with a modicum of comfort that he had never imagined possible.

VOLUNTEERS

The Outreach Volunteer Project seeks to maximise the health and well being of older Irish people. In particular the Project seeks to prevent isolation and loneliness and ensure that older people feel valued and part of the community.

There are currently 35 dedicated and loyal volunteers who donate their time and skills in the London Irish Centre.

This year the project has grown and volunteers serve 38 older people on a weekly basis.

The scheme is expanding into Islington and therefore the need for more volunteers will increase. Volunteers benefit from our accredited induction and training programme which includes:-

- First Aid
- Health Awareness
- Risk Management
- Safety in the Home
- Communication Skills

The Centre's plan is to expand the project. In this way we hope to continue to bring life to years not just years to life.

The London Irish Centre is indebted to the many volunteers who give their time to the organisation. We are confident that throughout the next year there will be a rapid rise in the number of volunteers who join the London Irish Centre.

Youth Resettlement Project

This project aims at maximising the; housing, benefits and welfare rights opportunities for our client group, (18-25 year olds.)

We work to assess the client's situation and needs to be addressed and contact the relevant government departments to arrange help in the matters outlined above. We always help the clients to navigate the benefits system to ensure they receive all the help that they deserve.

We also arrange referrals to outside services such as counselling, detoxification or rehabilitation centres should the client wish to pursue these avenues to improve their circumstances, something we always strongly advise.

In some cases, when the clients display acute distress and vulnerability, (e.g. under 18's, victims of abuse,) and no longer wish to stay in London, preferring to return to Ireland to be with family/friends. Through the invaluable funding of the IYF, (Irish Youth Foundation,) we can then fund the cost of the ticket to return home. This is often a huge boost to our clients, who feel that they have nowhere to turn in order to get back to a safe environment.

A significant part of the project is aimed at helping young single mothers to secure council accommodation in order to stabilise their lives and provide a suitable environment to raise their children. We also discuss training opportunities to enable them to return to work.

Many of the young people assisted by the Youth Resettlement Project during the past year are educationally disadvantaged and marginalized.

In recent years while the number of young Irish emigrants arriving in London has not been at the levels seen in the 80's, the needs profile of those seeking our help has increased sharply. The client group are those who have not benefited from the recent changes in the Irish economy. Many young people still see London as providing them with opportunities they do not feel they have at home.

It is always an ongoing endeavour to encourage our clients to seek careers advice from Job Power House. JPH helps to enhance the clients self-belief and confidence as well as valuable knowledge of the employment options available to them.

Youth resettlement case history

Noreen, aged 22

After escaping an abusive relationship with her ex-partner, Noreen presented to the Youth Resettlement Project for assistance. We aided Noreen with setting up a new benefits claim. We made a successful emergency housing application to a local authority Homeless Persons Unit. Even though she now had a place to live, she lacked the funds to purchase much-needed items of household equipment. We therefore assisted Noreen with a Community Care grant with which she was able to furnish her accommodation. We now provide Noreen with ongoing support and advice around housing, benefits and welfare.

Cultural Programme

The highlight of our cultural programme for 2003/04 was the Return to Camden Town Festival. This year the Centre was able to invite some of the internationally known musicians, singers and dancers to Camden.



A session in full swing at the London Irish Centre

Our cultural programme in 2003/04 was as follows:

Monday

Irish music classes (fiddle, whistle, flute, banjo etc.) The music classes are organised by Karen Ryan and Kathy Walton.

Irish Step Dancing Classes for adults by Leora Barrett.

Tuesday

Set dancing co-ordinated by Geoff Holland.

Wednesday

Tea dance organised by Molly Ormonde

Thursday

Irish language classes were co-ordinated by Donal Kelleher

Friday

Friday night dance organised by the Social Committee.

Members of Conradh na nGeilge and Comhlúadar Uí Neill meet in the Centre.

Sunday

Céilí and old time organised by Anton Coyle.



Anton Coyle's céilí dancing workshop at the 2003 Festival



Oisín McAuley's fiddle workshop at the Festival

DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2003-04

PREMISES

The Centre is currently following a rolling programme of premises development which is subject to prospective funding.



Brady Malleliu Architects plans for the disability access lift

During 2003 many of the facilities of the Centre were upgraded, particularly the reception area, conferencing facility and main hall.

The main future planned premises development:-

- Upgrade the facilities in the Centre and improve accessibility particularly for people with disabilities, this will include a disability access lift to comply with the new Disability Access Statutory requirements that came into force in October 2004.

- To commission a book on the history of the Centre to coincide with the Centre's 50th Jubilee year as part of the Heritage Project.
- To display panels depicting excerpts from the book in the foyer as part of the Heritage Project.
- To commission a website to promote the Heritage Project (www.irishcentreheritage.org).
- To plan an opening celebration for the Centre's Golden Jubilee in October 2004.
- To publish research commissioned by the London Irish Centre on the mental health of the Irish Community
- To encourage greater participation of the Irish Community in the formation of policy and decision making at local and London wide levels ensuring that Irish issues are being properly addressed.



PERFORMANCE

At the beginning of each year the Centre sets itself very clear and ambitious performance targets. This enables us to evaluate our service in relation to our targets.

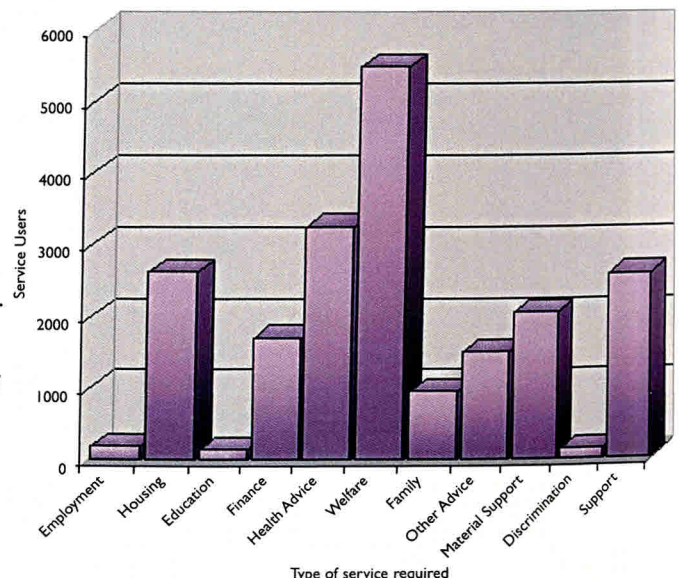
- The London Irish Centre enabled Irish elders to secure benefit entitlements, care and additional pension income in excess of £1.6 m.
- The Centre enabled children, families and single parents to obtain in excess of £750,000 in additional benefits and support.
- 4,000 people attended our various welfare advice services and 20,000 pieces of advice were given.
- The Centre's Luncheon Club provided 100 dinners per week for elderly people.

Mary Kenny with Michael Loneran, First Secretary, Embassy of Ireland, on his visit from the Irish Abroad Unit.



Category Of Services Provided

- In partnership with other charities the Centre provided holidays for over 100 people.
- The Centre's Outreach Service visited, assessed and arranged for additional care for over 150 housebound persons.
- 50 persons per week attend our High & Dry Club.
- Over 1,000 people visited our information on website each week.
- The Centre made 35,800 telephone calls on behalf of service users.
- The Centre received and dealt with 19,000 telephone enquiries.
- In excess of 3,500 participated in the Return to Camden Festival of traditional Irish culture.
- The Centre hosted some of the key cultural and social events in the Irish community.



Network

The Centre is grateful to the various agencies that supported us and our work during past year – Camden Voluntary Sector Unit, Camden BME Alliance, Irish Centre Housing, Cara Housing, An Teach, Innisfree Housing, Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy, AP, Camden Elderly Irish Network, London Irish Elder's Forum, Kiaros, Camden Social Services, Camden Homeless Persons Unit, Aisling Project, Kerry Emigrant Association, Job Powerhouse, Solas Anois, Voluntary Action Camden, Camden Volunteers Bureau, Camden Itec, London Arts, Quex Road Parish, Irish Chaplaincy, Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas, Federation of Irish Societies, Irish Travellers Movement and Chaplaincy, The Passage, Arlington House, Rugby House, Alcohol Recovery Project, Age Concern, Camden Central Partnership, Faith Regen SVP, Kings Cross Furniture Unit, The Shaftsbury Society, Irish Voluntary Agencies, Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Irish Healthy Living Project

The Irish Ambassador to Britain, His Excellency Mr Daithí O' Ceallaigh officially launched the Irish Healthy Living Project on March 9th 2004. The project is based at the London Irish Centre and was set up in response to wide spread scientific evidence of extreme poor health amongst the Irish population in London and Britain. The Big Lottery Fund principally funds the Healthy Living Project. The project employs one worker who co-ordinates the activities but the Project includes partners which allows its messages to be spread across the Irish community in Camden and the neighbouring boroughs. Our partners are:

Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy, Irish Centre Housing and the Kairos Rehabilitation Project.

In the first year links have been formed across the Irish sector as well as the local voluntary and statutory health community. Awareness raising became a major part of the first year of the project. This was done through the production of four health leaflets. These leaflets highlight and inform people about the major areas of disproportionate ill health which exist for the Irish community, i.e. heart disease/cancer and their comorbidities.

The Project regularly gains important editorial coverage.



Publicity and awareness raising has been tackled in other ways too, including using the existing Irish media, health articles were written for the Irish specific newspapers. These articles proved very successful in targeting Irish people across London who may not be in touch with any other Irish services or the Project partners.

The second phase of the Project is now well under way and includes the infusion of a health promotion dimension into all the events occurring at the Irish Centre. It has also included the provision of healthy living sessions on; physical activity, healthy eating, falls prevention, mental health awareness, arthritis, foot care advice and many others.

These health sessions are now regularly occurring in-house, around the borough and beyond. The sessions promote the idea of healthy living and raise awareness of the ill health and high mortality of the Irish community in London.



An Irish Healthy Living Project meeting at the Centre.



His Excellency Mr Daithí O' Ceallaigh at the launch.

Moving Here Exhibition

This year the Office of the National Archives approached us as London's longest established Irish community facility to represent the Irish community in the UK in the national Moving Here exhibition. The vision of the exhibition is to explore, record and illustrate why people came to England over the last 200 years, and what their experiences were and continue to be.

The devising of our contribution was jointly discerned between service users at our older persons' art classes and the National Archive. The stories and paintings give a fascinating insight into the experience of moving here from Ireland or living among Irish people in London. The artwork was sometimes inspired by material from the Moving Here website, and sometimes by other images of Ireland.

Over 170,000 records, photographs and audio recordings from 30 different museums, libraries and archives are available on the Moving Here website for free. Visit the website to read the full versions of our users' stories and also to contribute your own story. www.movinghere.org.uk



Jerry Kivlehan OMI, Director

We cannot but be aware that this is the last Annual Report with Fr. Jerry Kivlehan as director. Clichés like "end of an era" spring to mind of course but is a time not only for goodbyes, but for a measurement of the progress of the Centre during the ten years of Jerry's directorship. Progress must take note of where one began – and it is a sobering thought that just eleven years ago the AGM was looking at an organisation which had serious financial problems. Now this year's report shows a Centre which is financially solid and organisationally sound.

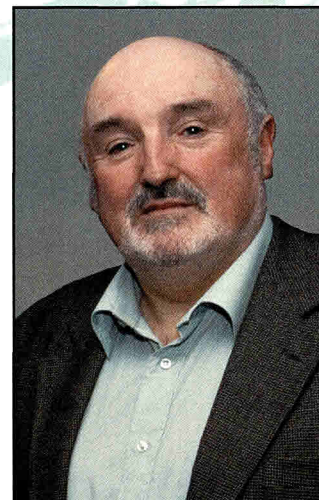
The building itself calls to mind the saying "Si monumentum quaeris, circumspice" "If it is a monument you want – just look around you." We now have a Centre which the Irish people can be proud of – its own monument to Fr. Jerry Kivlehan.

But it is the things that are not so visible which are arguably more important – the building up of a welfare service which marries two difficult concepts – compassion and professionalism. The reports of that service are in the records of the last ten years' reports and while the numbers of cases and the categories of help given are to some extent a visible record, nobody will ever really know the extent to which the lives of so many emigrants were changed for the better.

Over the years too, Irish culture has been nurtured and encouraged – witness the success of the Return to Camden festival and the activities of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, which are based here at the Centre.

Another not so visible but hugely important change which Jerry steered through was the organisational structure of the Centre, bringing it into line with the best practice in the charitable field and creating a vehicle for efficiency and accountability. As a result of that the final responsibility for the management of the Centre rests with the Trustees. This would be daunting indeed for us – but for the fact that the day to day running, the real management task, was in the hands of a director who instilled confidence in us that "all will be well, and all manner of things will be well".

We look forward to working with our new Director, Margaret Murnane, who will bring her own expertise, skills and compassion to the position.



Organisations Based at the Centre

Irish Chaplaincy in Britain
Tel: 020 7482 5528

Irish Commission for Prisoner's Overseas
Tel: 020 7482 4148

Camden Elderly Irish Network
Tel: 020 7428 0471

London Irish Elder's Forum
Tel: 020 8493 8222

Travellers Chaplaincy
Tel: 020 7482 5525

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
Tel: 020 7916 8727

Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy
Tel: 020 7485 8600

Federation of Irish Societies
Tel: 020 7916 2725

Camden Safety Net
Tel: 020 7974 8416

Aisling
Tel: 0207 813 1478

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Step Dancing: Leora Barrett
Céilí Dancing: Anton Coyle
Irish Language: Donal Kelleher
Social Club: Mary O'Brien
Elder's Tea Dance: Molly Ormonde
Comhaltas: Jim Myers
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Return to Camden Town Festival:
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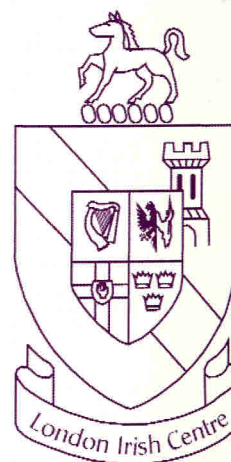
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Annual Accounts 2003/04

	2003/04	2002/03
Fixed Assets	1,832,437	1,864,627
Debtors	112,342	117,089
Cash in Bank	285,500	186,231
Creditors	91,871	81,491
Net Current Assets	305,971	221,829
Total Assets less Liabilities	2,138,408	2,086,456



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