



The London Irish Centre

Annual Report 2005/06

Together we are better

52 Years of The London Irish Centre

Charity Number: 221172

Chair's Report

I am very pleased to report on the ongoing strength and commitment of the London Irish Centre as an organisation delivering tangible and often vital welfare services to the Irish Community in London.

This welfare work is complemented by LIC as a leading provider of cultural activity ranging from traditional music and dance through many events both by our in-house team or outside organisations utilising our superb facilities.

We are proud to have completed another year of service. Our service record is unique. We are the largest Irish Centre in the UK and are also the longest established. At a local level, we are one of Camden's oldest community welfare Centres, in a borough that has a fantastic community tradition. Our welfare team is larger than it has ever been in our 52 year history. The numbers using our many services continue to be very substantial. We regard matters such as these to be positive tokens, signs of getting things right.

We are developing and extending our facilities and are currently constructing a new access to the building which will be of benefit for our visitors.

We can only maintain and increase our facilities and activities by harnessing the wonderful support we receive from our funders and by the people who use the centre who make it what it is - a place of welcome to the whole community.

Philip Fitzpatrick
Chair of Trustees.

Co-ordinator's Report

The Centre has experienced another busy year, reflecting the continuing need for provision of vital services to the Irish community. We continue to develop and grow an expanding portfolio of projects, enhancing our reputation for facing up to the many challenges put before us, with total commitment to our clients.

It is the nature of our work to protect and promote the basic dignities of life. This is a task that we readily acknowledge and accept and client flow through the Centre is as high as ever. Access to benefits and housing, having the means of subsistence, the problems of social inclusion and the need for counselling and healthcare continue to be our focus and priorities.

Much of this work is made easier if clients can come to the Centre, where advice and care workers have immediate access to information. Once the new lift is installed and fully operational, our access will be enhanced. It will make it less stressful for older and less mobile clients to access our community services workers. However, our aspiration to expand our outreach activities remains paramount; there are still many vulnerable people living in areas where there is little culturally sensitive social provision.

Regular visits from the Irish Abroad Unit have facilitated an increased focus on the exigencies facing 'frontline' services such as ours. A crucial aspect of our work is continuity and consistency, something that in the past has been difficult when staff have moved on. The new focus from Díon on staff funding has helped us greatly in the recruitment, development and retention of personnel. We are now fully staffed, with new positions such as the Day Centre Co-ordinator having been created and filled.



London Irish Centre Staff

We continue our contact with housing providers, but the biggest concern in this area has been the loss of referral rights during the year. Under the 'Supporting People' scheme, the statutory sector have a far greater influence regarding access to accommodation under the, putting a strain on voluntary sector services such as ours. Launched in 2002 and rolled out in 2004, we are now feeling the impact of this change of focus, which affects both short-term accommodation for people with low to medium support needs and long-term tenure. This new focus is services led, rather than needs led and fails to take into consideration the problems of specific communities, such as the Irish, where there is a higher than average incidence of homelessness.

Our staff and volunteers continue to be the backbone of the Centre and without them, much of what we are able to achieve would not be possible. With around 5,000 one to one service instances a year in the form of interviews and visits, they continue to offer guidance and assistance with a level of compassion, knowledge and good nature that can only enhance our work. The success of the London Irish Centre and its standing in the community is a tribute to their dedication.

Development Report

One of the major positive developments affecting the Centre has been the new funding which the Díon Committee was able to grant us during the past year. A focus on staff funding has been of great value to the Centre, enabling the existing services structure to be consolidated and strengthened. We now have the new position of the Day Centre Co-ordinator and been able to continue the Volunteer Befriending project.

However, I have become cautious when discussing future funding prospects as and there are clouds forming on the horizon from other funders. These are changing to focus on outcome levels rather than inputs and outputs. This translates into a move towards shorter-term tactical funding, rather than objective-led longer-term strategic funding.

In particular, the Association of London Government and to some extent Camden Council are moving from a grants allocation system towards a commissioning process. Previously organisations such as the Centre bid in a needs-led rather than service-led approach to the provision of services. We have recognised this change of direction and are preparing to face the challenge of the new commissioning process to ensure that funds continue to flow.

Donations from private sources continue, with companies such as Durkan helping with our services to Older People. County Associations, Alumni groups and other private individuals continue to support the Centre's work. We are always grateful for such funding and hope that private donations will continue to support our work.

With regards to building works, construction has commenced on the Disabled Access Project and installing the new lift and will continue through the winter of 2006/2007. Once completed in early 2007, this will afford clients with mobility problems better access to both the community services building and to the social and conferencing areas, complying with the statutory Disability Access requirements.

Following the installation of a new kitchen, plans for the redevelopment of the Day Centre are being reviewed with the new Day Centre Co-ordinator taking a leading role in recommendations to ensure that any development will meet the Centre's needs into the future and that the Day Centre will be a community resource for all age ranges.

Advice Workers' Report

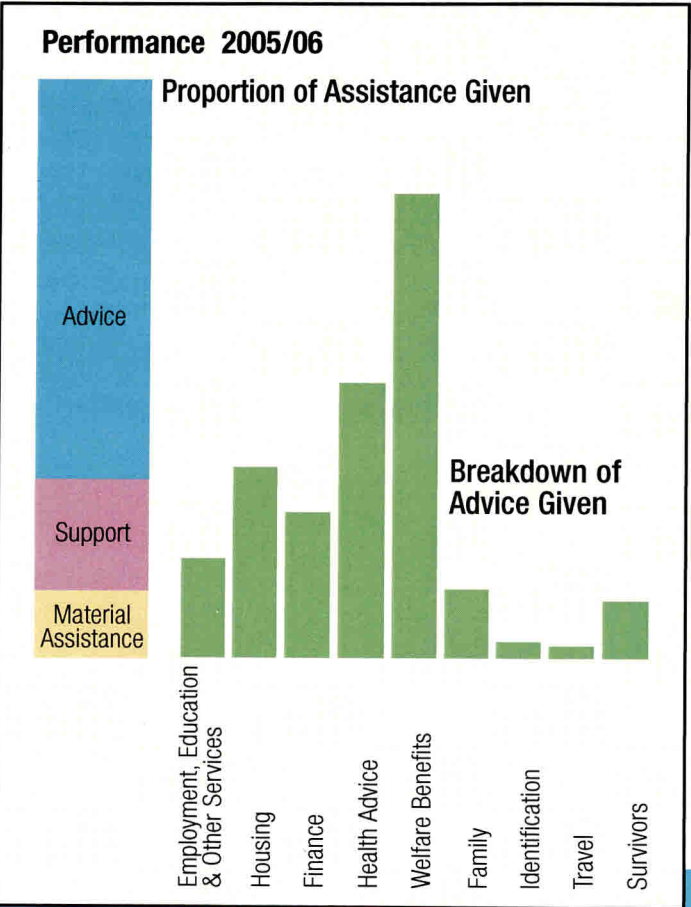
The London Irish Centre has offered a drop-in advice service since the Centre's creation. Staffed by three full-time social advice workers, Lesley Ryan, Jean O'Rourke and Marcella Doyle, the service sees an average of 20-30 clients each day. Clients between the ages of 18 and 25 years old are referred to Greta Flynn in Youth Resettlement.

Many of the clients have multiple issues and the advice worker has to identify their immediate needs. Most are seeking assistance with welfare rights, housing and health related problems, but often there can be an underlying problem which might include drug and or alcohol problems, domestic violence and harassment, literacy problems, social isolation, undiagnosed mental and physical health problems and chronic financial situations.

Very often, clients need help understanding and completing the various forms associated with claiming benefits and the advice workers' experience in this area saves a lot time and frustration.

There is an appeal system for unsuccessful claims, which is difficult to move through, but the Centre achieves a creditable 60% success rate.

One of the current major concerns is the loss of referral rights with respect to accommodation. Finding a place for a client in a hostel is relatively easy, but there the client may be exposed to the same social problems they need to avoid; options for moving on are narrowing as many support organisations only accept clients who meet specific criteria. Finding a home for someone who just requires a 'leg-up' the housing ladder is of particular concern, despite the London Irish Centre's strong links with other statutory and voluntary agencies, which provide an invaluable resource for the advice workers.



Advice Workers' Case History - James

James first came to the Irish Centre 2 years ago when he had hit rock bottom; He was a 34-year-old alcoholic who had just split up with his partner. His partner was addicted to crack and they had an 8-year-old child together.

Since splitting up with his partner, James was on the streets. He was sleeping in doorways and had been beaten up several times. He spent all his benefit money on strong Cider. He was too ashamed of his situation to attend access visits with his little girl. He had recently left prison after a short stay for drunk driving and other driving offences. He was suicidal and desperate to improve his situation.

We discussed his problems and agreed that housing alone was not the answer. He realised that he must first tackle his drink problem if his life was to improve and he could be a positive influence in his daughter's difficult life. We referred James first to 'detox' and then onto 'rehab' for 6 months. It was then possible to secure independent housing for him with Cara. James continued to improve; he began to train as a Plumber get interested in fitness and started seeing his daughter regularly.

9 months ago he returned to the centre with a new set of problems: His child had been taken into care as his partner's drug use had escalated to such an extent that his daughter was in danger. He applied for sole custody and his improved lifestyle and commitment to his child's welfare impressed Social Services and the Courts sufficiently for them to grant him custody of his daughter permanently.

We helped James to apply for Child Benefit and Child tax credits. We helped him to make a successful application to the Homeless Persons Unit for more suitable family accommodation and also for a grant from social services to help with furnishings.

Recently, both father and daughter visited the centre: both of them looked healthy and happy. They wanted help with passport application forms. James was doing a paid apprenticeship and had saved enough to go on holiday to Spain. It was a first trip abroad for both of them. He told me he had been in touch with his family in Ireland for the first time in 10 years and his parents were going to visit them at Christmas to see their grandchild for the first time.

Day Centre

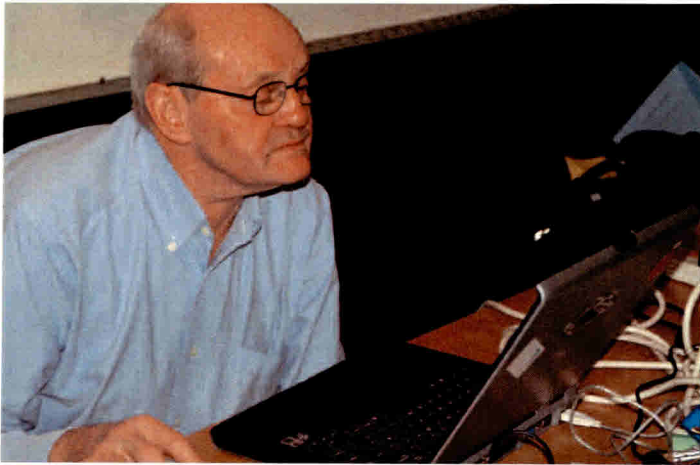
Over the years, many clients have come to rely upon the services provided by The London Irish Centre for support and to provide a friendly respite from the daily stresses of life.

Social inclusion is particularly important in building an individual's self-esteem and confidence, especially for the older Irish. Here, the Day Centre has excelled in creating a focus for those whom otherwise might not experience such benefits, providing a programme of social, cultural, free educational and healthy living and fitness activities relevant to the members' needs.

The Day Centre is open three times a week, with an average of 25-30 attending the lunch club and enjoying the facilities and activities during the afternoon. Social trips out, such as the annual trip to the seaside and art exhibitions, are always popular.

Funding provided via the Díon Committee has enabled the Centre to employ a Day Centre Coordinator and Annie Cunningham joined in that role in March 2006. In conjunction with the volunteers who have always provided an excellent service, the Coordinator is now able to enhance a valuable resource and move it forward.

While development plans always have to be within the constraints of financial rectitude, it is hoped that the Day Centre can be developed into a community resource for all ages, possibly opening more often than currently. It is hoped that once the planned re-working of the Day Centre area has been completed, improved facilities and activities will attract a broader cross-section of the Irish Community



The Day Centre offers many activities, including a computer club

Irish Healthy Living Project

The Irish Healthy Living Project was set up in response to the widespread evidence of poor health among the Irish community in London specifically and Britain as a whole. With funding principally from the Big Lottery Fund, the project, based at the London Irish Centre, provides healthy living sessions and guidance on physical activity, healthy eating, falls prevention, mental health awareness, smoking cessation and substance misuse. Other Irish agencies and churches are supplied with literature to promote the Irish Healthy Living Project and act as information points.

Sessions, such as the weight loss and weekly exercise sessions, are held predominantly at the Centre and around the Borough of Camden, but the success of the project and its links across the



The Luncheon Club

Irish sector, voluntary and statutory health community have resulted in many requests for involvement with a broader geographical spread.

In her first year as Healthy Living Coordinator, Vicky Smith has built upon the successes of the original launch in 2004, and via an extended outreach service is assisting other projects such as at Innisfree Housing Association, St. Mungo's and the Irish in Greenwich Project. St Mungo's has reworked its menus over the following dietary advice provided by the Irish Healthy Living Project.

New sessions on coronary heart disease, foot care and breast cancer awareness have proven successful and 1 on 1 stop smoking sessions are also planned for the future. The Old Boys' Club, one session a week for 6 weeks, has provided a popular forum for Irish men to discuss their health issues and the Men's Psychotherapy focus groups are practically at capacity. These are the only therapy groups in the Borough specifically for Irish men, where the suicide rate for single Irish men is far greater than the national average.

The profile of the project is rising and awareness is improving. The project works closely with the Camden Active Health Team, which provides funds for BME (Black and Ethnic Minority) groups, who access the Irish community via the Healthy Living Coordinator.

Networks

The Centre is grateful to the various agencies that supported us and our work during past year: Camden Voluntary Sector Unit (now part of the London Borough Camden, Culture and Environment Directorate), Camden BME Alliance, Irish Centre Housing, Cara Irish Housing Association, Innisfree Housing Association, Causeway Irish Housing Association, St Mungos, Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy, Camden Elderly Irish Network, Kairos, Camden Social Services, Camden Homeless Persons Unit, Aisling Project, Kerry Emigrant Association, Solas Anois, Voluntary Action Camden, Camden Volunteers Bureau, Camden Itec, London Arts, Quex Road and St. Gabriel's Parishes, Irish Chaplaincy, Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas, Federation of Irish Societies, Irish Travellers Movement and Chaplaincy, Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, Society of St Vincent de Paul, The Passage, Arlington House, Rugby House, Alcohol Recovery Project, North Islington Drugs Service, Age Concern Camden, Good Neighbourhood Schemes, Camden Central Community Partnership, Neighbourhood Resource Centres, Kings Cross Furniture Project, The Shaftsbury Resource Centre, Camden Active Health Team, local Healthy Living Centres and a host of Irish Voluntary Agencies.

Community Services Reception

With many other organisations referring people to the London Irish Centre in the knowledge that they will be able to help, the reception seems to get busier and busier.

Maria Connolly, the Receptionist, sees all who come seeking help and advice. The enquiries are many and varied. For some, referral to an advice worker may not be necessary as help can sometimes be given and information imparted immediately.

Compassion, an understanding nature and a smile go a long way to putting a client at their ease on their first visit to the Centre. Asking for help can be a big step to make, but once they realise they are in the presence of dedicated staff and volunteers, then clients soon appreciate the guidance and care on offer.

London Irish Survivors Outreach Service

Now in its fifth year, this service has around 1,000 clients, an increase of 66% over the previous year. The project provides support and advice to individuals who have survived child abuse whilst in institutionalised care in Ireland. The majority of clients are aged 50-70, but some have been in their 30s.

The Redress Board enables survivors from specified institutions to claim compensation without going through the courts. It closed to new applicants in December 2005, but some exceptional cases may still be examined and applications presented prior to then are still being processed. When it closed, the Board had received 14,768 applications.

The Commission of Inquiry into Child Abuse has also closed to hearing new evidence. We are awaiting the report due at the end of this year which we will then explain to survivors.

But the project, run by Phyllis Morgan and Marie Aubertin, continues to provide support services through redress claims, accompanying clients to hearings in Dublin, helping to trace their backgrounds and offering help with Barnados and supporting and advising members of the family. Some claims may take 4-5 years to process through solicitors and many clients who have received compensation still return for support.

The project also offers advice to clients on how to set up a special needs trust fund, assists with tribunals for benefit appeals,

organises a women survivor's monthly support group, assists clients with applications to the Education Finance Board. This Board was set up for all residents of the institutions specified in the schedule to the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002, their spouses, sons, daughters, and now grandchildren and stepchildren.

Youth Resettlement

The Youth Resettlement project, run by Greta Flynn, is designed to cater for the needs of young Irish adults, aged 18-25 years, focusing on housing, benefits, welfare rights and health to help stabilise their lives and rebuild their self-confidence. They may face issues such as mental ill-health, drug and alcohol misuse, domestic violence, single parenthood, literacy problems and unemployment.

The biggest workload is with new arrivals from Ireland. Many young people wait until they get to the UK before thinking about their new life in London and as there can be a 4-6 week delay in receiving benefits, they turn to the Irish Centre for assistance who can help them apply for a crisis loan. With no National Insurance number, delays are inevitable.

In some instances where the client is displaying acute distress and vulnerability and wish to return to Ireland to the safe environment of their family and friends, the London Irish Centre is able to fund the cost of a ticket home to Ireland via the Irish Youth Fund.

With this age group, thankfully the changes to referral rights have had little impact, as the service is still able to refer homeless clients to associations such as Causeway Irish Housing Association and hostels such as Centrepont Safe Stop. However it is a sad thought that if problems with placement do arise, or long waiting lists are encountered, some clients may have to go back out onto the street.

Referrals to outside services such as counselling, detoxification or rehabilitation centres give help to give clients who wish to take control of their circumstances and improve their lives. A significant proportion of clients in this age bracket suffer from drug or alcohol misuse, which may lead to depression and mental health problems.

Youth Resettlement Case History - Sean

Sean, aged 23, had been living in London for several months and was employed in a local bar. He became severely depressed following a relationship break-up and was signed off work. When he tried to return to his post some weeks later, he was told that his position had been filled. With no job, he could no longer afford to remain in his flat and spent one month sleeping on the floor in the kitchen of a friend's studio apartment before seeking advice. He presented to the project depressed and confused. He had applied to several bars for work but his efforts had been unsuccessful. He was now without funds and did not want to return to Ireland as his family relationships were very strained. He viewed the past year of his life as a struggle and had become emotionally stressed and anxious as a result. He had wanted to retrain and had successfully completed a computer course hoping to find work in this area, but ended up in bar work to make ends meet.

Sean was advised on welfare benefits, starting a claim and accessing the social fund for a crisis loan. His housing options were also discussed. It was felt that as Sean was depressed and needed extra support with life skills, training and finding work, a referral to Safe Start Foyer would be the most appropriate housing option as it would offer him a supportive environment in which he would receive help in the areas concerned. A referral was made to the project and Sean was offered a place following an interview.

Sean has resided at the Foyer since June 2006 and has settled in well. During this time he has been able to focus on career options and training opportunities. He is currently considering an access course at the local university. He has also endeavoured to rebuild family relationships and is now in regular contact with his mother.

Volunteering

Each year, the number of volunteers coordinated by the London Irish Centre increases. Their commitment, skills and time create an invaluable resource which enhances the Centre's welfare and social function. The volunteers enrich the lives of the vulnerable people they help and find enjoyment in their work.

Volunteers complement the work of paid staff and extend the services that are provided. Their diversity and talents mean they make a real difference to a client's life. Matching a volunteer to the needs of the client is of vital importance. Volunteers come from a cross-section of society (including a musician, merchant banker, property developer, midwife, psychotherapist) enabling us to draw on a broad spectrum of experiences, backgrounds and interests.

Befriending volunteers might visit the client at home, accompany them on shopping trips, take them out and assist with health issues. At the London Irish Centre, volunteers will assist in running the lunch club and support activities at the Day Centre. This can add life to a client's years, not just years to their life and the clients value the fact that a volunteers help because they want to, not because they are being paid to.

Currently there are 52 volunteers, coordinated by Mary Leyne. 43 of these are befrienders, 4 work in the Day Centre's lunch club and 4 run classes and activities (art class, computer class, bridge and music). All volunteers attend induction training and can benefit from the London Irish Centre's accredited training courses in first aid, all risks, safety in the home, communication skills, healthy living and wheelchair handling.

The funding for the Volunteer Organiser's Project from Volunteering England ceased in March 2006 and is now mainly covered by the Díon Committee, with support from Durkan, Ireland Fund of Great Britain and London Catalyst.

List of Volunteers

Geraldine Ahmed	Gary Dunne	Bernadette Nestor
Sr. Helena Bohane	Ronan Falsey	Vivienne Neylon
Bridget Brennan	Kim Fontana	Margaret O'Connor
Louise Brocklehurst	Mauro Galluzzo	Darryl O'Donnell
Michael Bulfin	Rosaleen Haddow	Colin O'Flaherty
Mary Burke	Julia Howard	Helen O'Grady
Gina Cavalzani	Louise Jefferson	Michael O'Keeffe
Janet Chute	Sean Kennedy	Jer O'Mahony
Maura Clinton	Teresa Lynagh	Cathy O'Sullivan
Sr. Consolata Smyth	Maurizio Marmotta	Sean O'Tarpaigh
Lucy Coogan	Marguerite Mason	Patrick Roper
Anne Cunningham	Angela Masterson	Ann Slavin
Claire Dolan	Helen Milne	Monica Sweeney
Charmaine Doherty	Claire Murphy	Kathy Sheppard
Patricia Doherty	Gobnait Murphy	Bridget Timlin
Daniel Donovan	Sally McDonald	Radmila Vujnovic

Older Persons Outreach

Providing a service that is sensitive to the needs of Irish people over the age of 55, often house-bound and socially isolated, the Older Persons Outreach project facilitates, develops and extends access to day-care and other support facilities such as mainstream health and social services, assisting older people to maintain their independence within the community.

Its aims are:

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

The Project employs three workers; Berney Folan, Brian Boylan and Mary Gleeson, covering Camden, Islington, West Hampstead, Kilburn, Brent and parts of Westminster. The Project works closely with statutory and voluntary organisations to ensure that the needs of the older Irish population are met.

Social isolation is a major problem with the older Irish, as many will have lost contact with friends and relatives over the years, lost their partner and have been unable to adjust to a different life. Many feel excluded from Ireland itself as having left many years ago, the new life they sought did not turn out to be the one they wished for, and they missed out on the improved lifestyle that many Irish remaining in their homeland experienced. Via the London Irish Centre's Volunteer Organiser, Mary Leyne, volunteers with compatible interests to the client are found to befriend and help.

Older Persons Outreach Case History - Betty

Betty came to England on a flight to Heathrow. Upon arrival, she sought work immediately at the nearest hotel to the airport and was offered a job, but when it was discovered that she was only fifteen years old, she was put into the hands of Social Services.

From a good background, the deprivation that Betty has suffered over the years has affected her life dramatically. Now 57 and unable to read or write, she has lost contact with her family and friends in Ireland and the only comfort Betty has in life is caring for her collection of 27 teddybears. Although she has an oven, Betty won't have it connected.

Betty has few, if any, social skills and having taken the decision to come to England for a new life has since lost her drive and aspiration to succeed that she had when she arrived. Like many who left Ireland for a better life in London, the divide between her experience and the success and improvement in lifestyle of her contemporaries at home have resulted in a great divide and, for her, a lack of identity as a single immigrant Irish woman.

Through befriending, Betty is now being brought out of her isolation and her self-confidence is returning. Her rights to the basic dignities of life are being addressed and although it is a long haul, Betty is beginning to discover a new way of living.

Cultural Activity

The London Irish Centre continues to provide a focal point for Irish culture in London and beyond.

The Comhaltas national office is based at the Centre and staffed by volunteers from the North London Branch, which holds monthly sessions here.

The weekly classes in traditional Irish music for children and adults run by Meitheal Cheoil continue to be popular, as are the Comhaltas singing classes and events in Irish Poetry, Theatre and Oration.

Set dancing, Irish dancing and céilí dancing classes are always well attended as are the many dance events held at the Centre, such as the monthly Pensioners' Tea Dances.

The annual Return to Camden Town Festival of Traditional Music, Song and Dance celebrated its seventh year in October, drawing an international audience to the Centre. Artists such as Altan, Matt Molloy, Frankie Gavin, the McCarthy family, Noel Hill, the Begley family thrilled the crowd, with dancers appreciating the music of bands such as The four Courts Céilí Band and Heather Breeze Céilí Band. The Festival continues to be run on behalf of the Centre by a dedicated group of volunteers, with funding having been forthcoming in 2005 from Culture Ireland, Dón, Arts Council, Irish Youth Foundation, Camden, The Ireland Fund of Great Britain, Camden Lock, Bank of Ireland, EasyJet, Magners, The Irish World, Hobgoblin Music and private donations. Our thanks go to these and our many supporters. (www.returntocamden.org)



Above: Musicians on stage at the 2005 Return to Camden Town Festival

Below: The London Irish Centre had a float at the 2005 St Patrick's Day Parade



2006 Council of Irish Counties Dinner Dances

October 14 th	Carlow	Contact Clare 020 8573 1864
November 4 th	Cavan	Contact Maura 020 8886 3967
November 18 th	Roscommon	Contact Ann 020 8464 5786)
November 25 th	Wicklow	Contact Catherine 020 8800 2480
December 2 nd	Sligo	Contact Kathleen 01895 237289
December 9 th	Cork	Contact Joe 020 7625 5044

Social and Cultural Events Throughout the Year

Every Monday

Meitheal Cheoil: Traditional Irish Music Classes for Children & Adults. Various classes from 5.00-9.30pm

Contact: Karen Ryan 07813 700845 or

Kathy Walton 020 7607 6046 or email: meitheal@btinternet.com

Irish Dancing Class: Young Beginners 6.15-7.15 pm, Teenage Beginners 7.15-8.15 pm, Advanced Dancers and Adults 8.15-9.15 pm. Contact: Leora Barrett 07966 186 922

First and Third Monday of the Month

Northern Lights Speakers Club - Orators are Kings: 7-10 pm

Contact: 07971 882546 www.northernlightsspeakers.org.uk

Every Tuesday

Set Dancing 8-10.30pm

Contact: Geoff Holland 020 7607 8396

or email: contactgeoff@hotmail.com

Irish Language Classes - Beginners

Contact: Donngha McSweeney 07857 688800

Every Wednesday

Irish Language Classes - Intermediate

Contact: Donngha McSweeney 07857 688800

Every second Wednesday of the Month

North London Comhaltas Traditional Singing sessions 8.30-11pm

Contact: Pat Connolly 020 8904 7967

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the Month

Older Persons' Tea Dance 1pm

Contact: London Irish Centre 020 7916 7272

Every Thursday

Irish Language Classes - Advanced

Contact: Donngha McSweeney 07857 688800

Every Friday Evening

Esperanto club of London

Contact: Norah Brown 01277 218498

or email: norah.brown@virgin.net

Every Sunday Night

Céilí Night- Class 8-9 pm, Céilí with live music 9-11 pm

Contact: Anton Coyle 020 7272 5815

First Sunday of the Month

Set Dancing Session 12-4.30pm

Contact: Geoff Holland 020 7607 8396

or email: contactgeoff@hotmail.com

Occasional

Comhaltas Irish Music

Contact: Jim Myers 72639366 or email: jimmyers@ic24.net

Irish Poetry Events Contact: Roisin Tierney 020 7688 0237

Irish Theatre

Irish Writers and Actors Group

Contact: John Dunne 020 7226 0524/07713 596436

or email: john@outreech.com www.outreech.com

Praxis Theatre Laboratory

Contact: Sam Dowling 020 8333 0397

Scottish Dancing Contact: David Walton 020 7485 8619

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Additional Services

A Slavin	Missing Persons
C Nolan	Older Persons' Keep fit
M Galluzzo	Computer Class
J Bennett & J Stilman	Older Persons' Art Class

Cultural Programmes

K Ryan & K Walton	Irish Music
G Holland	Set Dancing
L Barrett	Step Dancing
A Coyle	Céilí Dancing
D McSweeney	Irish Language
P Connolly	Irish Singing
R Tierney	Irish Poetry
J Dunne	Irish Theatre
M O'Brien	Social Club
J Donohue	Older Persons' Tea Dance
J Myers	Comhaltas
J Connolly	Council of Irish Counties
K Ryan & G Holland/T O'Donnell	Return to Camden Town Festival

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Organisations Based at the Centre

Irish Chaplaincy In Britain

Tel: 020 7482 5528

Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas

Tel: 020 7482 4148

Camden Elderly Irish Network

Tel: 020 7428 0471

London Irish Survivors Outreach Service

Tel: 020 7916 7300

Travellers Chaplaincy

Tel: 020 7481 5525

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London Borough Camden and Primary Care Trust
Big Lottery Fund
Association of London Government
Dept. of Education and Science (Ireland)
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Durkan Group
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain
Irish Youth Foundation
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Heritage Lottery Fund
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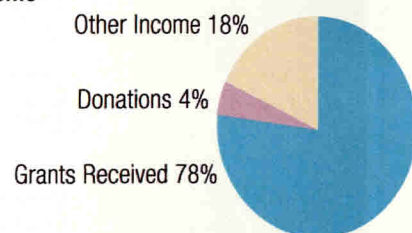
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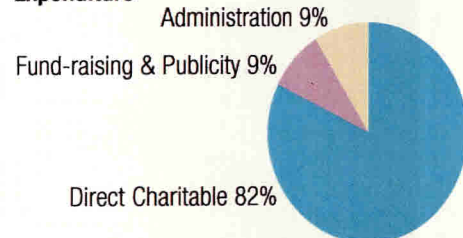
Annual Accounts 2005/06

	2005 / 06	2004 / 05
Fixed Assets	1,780,774	1,796,172
Debtors	154,712	149,619
Cash in Bank	506,519	433,189
Creditors	(309,775)	(192,736)
Net Current Assets	351,456	390,072
Total Assets Less Liabilities	2,132,230	2,186,244

Income



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