



**IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED (incorporating The Lawlor Foundation)**  
**Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005**







# History

The Irish Youth Foundation (UK) is a voluntary charity set up in 1989 by a small group of Irish men and women who were concerned about the consequences of heavy, sustained emigration from Ireland to Britain. In the decade of the 1980's tens of thousands of young Irish people came to Britain to seek a new and better future, but many of these were unprepared for life in a different culture and environment.

The IYF and its founders set out to raise money to support organisations and projects which aim to improve the lives of children and young Irish people under the age of 25 in both Britain and Northern Ireland who are socially, economically or culturally disadvantaged and assist them in leading a more integrated and fulfilling life. These projects provide help and support for the homeless, employment and training schemes, women and children escaping violence, young offenders and prisoners, drug rehabilitation, and cultural activities. It is the only national charity in Britain specifically aimed at helping young Irish people and has raised over £2.75 million – an average of £200,000 annually – since it started. The charity was honoured in 2000 when Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, agreed to become Patron.

The structure of the Foundation was kept simple. A small board of Trustees was established, initially led by Cathal Ryan and John O'Neill, to decide upon policy and strategy. Subsequent Chairpersons have been Lady Hatch (Mary Clancy), Jim O'Hara and currently (a different!) John O'Neill.

A separate independent Advisory Committee assesses grant applications on an annual basis and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees. In 2004 two special awards were inaugurated: the Innovation Award for the project judged to be the most innovative in addressing the changing needs of the young Irish community, and the Quality Award for outstanding achievement and excellence over time.

In the last few years, the Irish Youth Foundation (UK) and the Irish Youth Foundation (Ireland) have established a joint fund to provide support for community and voluntary groups in Northern Ireland and a joint Advisory Committee assesses these grant applications.

The IYF receives particularly generous support from the Women's Irish Network which in recent years has contributed annual sums ranging from £25,000 to £35,000 to its funds. In return, the Foundation ensures that these funds are directed specifically towards welfare groups working with young Irish women and children.

A major innovation occurred in 2005 when the Lawlor Foundation chose the Irish Youth Foundation as its partner for the future, and on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 the IYF officially incorporated the Lawlor Foundation.

The IYF is aware of the changing needs of young Irish people in the United Kingdom. In particular, reduced emigration from Ireland is changing the structure of the Irish population. While there are still those arriving in Britain fleeing from difficult social and personal circumstances in Ireland, there is a renewed focus on the needs of the young second and third generation Irish people, born in Britain but with particular requirements.

After almost 17 years of existence, the Irish Youth Foundation, with the continuing help of its friends and supporters looks forward with both pride and confidence to the future.

## IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION



John O'Neill,  
Chairman,  
Irish Youth Foundation



The presentation to Virginia Lawlor by the IYF Trustees at the IYF Annual Ball at the London Hilton on 26 November 2005 to mark the merger of the Lawlor Foundation and the Irish Youth Foundation. Left to Right: Jim O'Hara, Nessa O'Neill, John O'Neill, Virginia Lawlor and David Murray





## Chairman's Report

As Chairman I would first of all like to offer a huge thank you to all our supporters and sponsors who so generously contributed to our success in 2005. In particular I would like to thank Anglo Irish Bank, our main sponsor represented on our Board of Trustees by David Murray.

The IYF funds young Irish people under the age of 25, who find themselves in difficult circumstances, often isolated and alone. We focus on projects dealing with drug addiction, shelters for women and children fleeing abusive homes, homelessness and mental illness to name but a few.

2005 proved to be a milestone for the IYF in Great Britain culminating in our merger with the Lawlor Foundation on June 30th. I would personally and on behalf of our Trustees like to thank Virginia Lawlor for choosing the IYF to take forward her excellent work in the years ahead.

The Lawlor Foundation was established in 1988 by Edward and Virginia Lawlor in memory of their son, Peter. Since inception it has distributed over £2.2 million in grants to organisations working with troubled adolescents, projects underpinning the peace process in Ireland, the relief of poverty and the advancement of education in Northern Ireland. Following the merger with the IYF, the Lawlor Foundation will continue to provide support to schools in Northern Ireland, individual students, and students at Jesus College in Cambridge and London Metropolitan University as they have in the past.

When the proposed merger was announced, Virginia Lawlor said, "We have decided that the best way to ensure the future of the work of the Lawlor Foundation is to join forces with the vibrant and dynamic Irish Youth Foundation, UK. The aims, objectives and areas of work of both are extremely similar." The trustees see the merger to be a natural fit. The IYF will provide the infrastructure necessary to ensure the interests of the Lawlor Foundation live on in the years ahead and in return the Lawlor Foundation transfers a substantial investment portfolio to the IYF.

To help facilitate a smooth transition two of the Lawlor Foundation trustees, Virginia Lawlor and Frank Baker, have joined the Board of Trustees of the IYF. The merged organisation now has a new dynamic, as well as additional funds, to help improve the lives and opportunities of young Irish people.

Our major event this year was, as always, our Annual Ball held at The London Hilton in Park Lane. This year's Ball was the most successful yet and exceeded our expectations. Particular thanks goes to our Fundraising & Events Manager, Cecilia Gallagher and our Administrator, Linda Tanner.

We are extremely fortunate to enjoy the benefits of the tireless work of Lady Hatch (Mary Clancy) and Nessa O'Neill, who through WIN (Women's Irish Network) have exclusively donated £165,000.00 to the IYF since its inception.

Our main focus as a charity is to support and distribute your generous donations to over 45 projects nationwide. This year, as before, we will invite the project representatives and our supporters to our Awards Ceremony at the Embassy of Ireland, thanks to the generous hospitality of the Ambassador of Ireland, His Excellency Dáithí O'Ceallaigh and his wife, Antoinette O'Ceallaigh. This always proves to be a very rewarding and enjoyable evening giving the opportunity for our supporters to meet our grant recipients.

We thank you, our friends, for your much needed ongoing support and enthusiasm.

**John O'Neill, Chairman, Irish Youth Foundation**



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2005**

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# **IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION**

## **IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)**

### **LEGAL STATUS**

Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited is a company limited by guarantee, company no. 2397878, and not having a share capital. The Trustees of the Company are liable to contribute up to £1 each should the Company be wound up insolvent.

The company is a registered charity, with registration number 328265.

### **OBJECTIVES**

To raise funds and make grants available for:

- (a) Youth projects in Great Britain that assist young Irish people.
- (b) Emigration related programmes in Ireland.



**IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

PRESIDENT	<b>Norma Smurfit</b>
CHAIRMAN	<b>John O'Neill</b>
VICE CHAIRMEN	<b>David Murray</b> <b>Jim O'Hara</b>
COMPANY SECRETARY	<b>Linda Tanner</b>
TREASURER	<b>John E McGrath</b>
OTHER TRUSTEES	<b>Frank Baker (appointed 18 January 2005)</b> <b>Mary Clancy</b> <b>John Dwyer</b> <b>Fred Hucker</b> <b>Paddy Kelly (resigned 26 October 2005)</b> <b>Virginia Lawlor (appointed 18 January 2005)</b> <b>Colin McNicholas</b> <b>Nessa O'Neill</b> <b>Sean O'Neill (resigned 10 November 2005)</b> <b>John Power (resigned 8 November 2005)</b>



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**COMPANY INFORMATION (Continued)**

BANKERS	AIB Group (UK) Plc., Private Banking, Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London W1X 5LA, England.
REGISTERED OFFICE	c/o The Irish Centre, Blacks Road, Hammersmith, London, W6 9DT.
AUDITORS	Day, Smith & Hunter, Chartered Accountants, 24 Church Street, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 1DD, England.
REGISTERED COMPANY NO.	2397878
CHARITY NO.	328265



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

*Creation of a Designated Fund*

The year was dominated by the merger with The Lawlor Foundation, which took effect from 1 July 2005. The merger involved absorbing a property-based investment portfolio and other assets. On merger the value of all assets and liabilities introduced was £2.28 million. As part of the Transfer of Charitable Undertaking the Trustees agreed to give special consideration to the wishes of those Trustees who had previously been Trustees of The Lawlor Foundation.

The practical way to do this was to create a Designated Fund which, whilst Unrestricted in nature, is presented as separate from the General Fund. The income generated from the investments within the Designated Fund was applied to grants that had been committed to by The Lawlor Foundation, with the surplus being transferred to the General Fund.

The value of the investments grew during the six months from 1 July 2005, benefitting from strong performance of commercial property during the period. The Trustees also chose to revalue certain investments which are unquoted but which are readily convertible into cash. They had been introduced at cost on merger.

The total increase in value of the Designated Fund as a result of unrealised gains was £299,262.

*Fund raising*

The income generated from Events and Other Donations was £245,814 (2004 : £429,887). The principal reason for the reduction was that 2004 had been an eighteen-month period including two Annual Balls.

*Grant Allocation*

The Trustees allocated Grants of £258,520 out of the General Fund, in the knowledge that the General Fund was likely to show an overall reduction, after deducting governance and fundraising expenditure. A total of £47,750 had been allocated but not disbursed by 31 December 2005.

*Fundraising costs*

These costs, totalling £38,176, represent the fees of the fundraising manager and half the costs of the Administrator, as these relate partly to fundraising and partly to the Governance of the Charity.

*Governance costs*

These include half of the Administrator's costs, as well as costs in relation to premises, meetings, office overhead and professional and other costs on merger. All governance costs have been allocated to the General Fund. Total governance costs were £35,702. The Charity remains committed to keeping Governance costs as low as is realistically possible.

Transfers of Income were made from the Designated Fund in the sum of £28,883.

The total assets at the year end were £2,702,119, of which £2,569,157 related to the Designated Fund and £132,962 related to the General Fund.

# **IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION**

## **IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005**

##### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and which enables them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

##### **TRUSTEES**

The trustees are listed on the company information page.

##### **AUDITORS**

A resolution to reappoint Messrs. Day, Smith & Hunter as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Trustees on 7 April 2006

.....  
J. O'NEILL  
Trustee



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE**  
**MEMBERS OF IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditors**

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities the company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding the trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information beyond that referred to in this paragraph.

**Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**DAY, SMITH & HUNTER**  
Registered Auditors  
24 Church Street,  
Rickmansworth,  
Hertfordshire. WD3 1DD

# IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION

## IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Notes

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			18 months ended 31 December 2004 Stg£
	31 December 2005 Stg£			
	Designated	General	Total	Total
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
Donations 4		245,814	245,814	429,887
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Deposit interest		4,442	4,442	3,270
Investment income - quoted	21,472		21,472	
- unquoted	29,011		29,011	-
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				
Capital fund transferred from Lawlor Foundation		2,269,895	2,269,895	-
Income fund transferred from Lawlor Foundation		10,228	10,228	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	50,483	2,530,379	2,580,862	433,157
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Allocation of grants	(21,600)	(258,520)	(280,120)	(191,290)
Fundraising services	-	(38,176)	(38,176)	(21,150)
<i>Governance costs</i> 5	-	(35,702)	(35,702)	(50,483)
	(21,600)	(332,398)	(353,998)	(262,923)
<i>Net incoming resources before transfers</i>	28,883	2,197,981	2,226,864	170,234
<b>TRANSFERS</b>				
Capital fund transferred to Designated Fund	2,269,895	(2,269,895)	-	-
Income transferred to General Fund	(28,883)	28,883	-	-
	2,241,012	(2,241,012)	-	-
<i>Net incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses</i>	2,269,895	(43,031)	2,226,864	170,234
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>				
Unrealised gains on quoted investments	120,407	-	120,407	
Unrealised gains on unquoted investments	178,855	-	178,855	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	2,569,157	(43,031)	2,526,126	170,234
Funds brought forward	-	175,993	175,993	5,759
Funds carried forward	£2,569,157	£132,962	£2,702,119	£175,993

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the statement of financial activities. Therefore no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

All figures for 2004 have been restated in accordance with SORP 2005.

The following notes form part of these financial statements.



# IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION

## IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Notes	31 December 2005 Stg£	31 December 2004 Stg£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	899	1,199
Investments	7	2,544,435	-
		<u>2,545,334</u>	<u>1,199</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Bank		193,715	194,132
Debtors	8	19,320	10,520
		<u>213,035</u>	<u>204,652</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	9	56,250	29,858
		<u>156,785</u>	<u>174,794</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>£2,702,119</u>	<u>£175,993</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>£2,702,119</u>	<u>£175,993</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>			
Designated Fund		2,569,157	-
General Fund		132,962	175,993
		<u>£2,702,119</u>	<u>£175,993</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 7 April 2006

.....  
J. O'NEILL  
Trustee

.....  
J. E. McGRATH  
Treasurer

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

**IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) LIMITED**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2005**

**I. THE COMPANY**

The company, which is limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, is incorporated in the United Kingdom and was formed to provide grants for the following activities:

- (a) Youth projects in Great Britain that assist young Irish people.
- (b) Emigration related programmes in Ireland.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

- (a) Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of listed investments, and comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice", published in March 2005, and applicable accounting standards. Where appropriate comparative figures have been restated.

- (b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds for whose use special attention is to be paid to the wishes of those Trustees who were previously Trustees of The Lawlor Foundation.

Income and capital funds acquired on mergers are introduced as additions to General funds and are transferred in accordance with the transfer of undertaking document.

Income generated from the Designated fund, less resources expended, is transferred to the general fund.

- (c) Incoming resources

Income from fundraising events, grants and covenants, is brought into account in the year to which it relates, after receipt is known to be certain.

- (d) Resources expended

Expenditure is charged in the period to which it relates.

Grants are charged to Income in the year in which they are awarded.

Fundraising costs are those costs expended in connection with fundraising events.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2005 (continued)**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on tangible fixed assets at a rate of 25% on the written down value of the assets, so as to write them off over their expected useful lives.

(f) Investments

Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date, where market value is readily ascertainable.

Unrealised gains and losses, representing the movement in market values during the year, are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of gain or loss.

3. TAXATION

As a result of the company's charitable status no liability to corporation tax arises.

4. DONATIONS

	31 December 2005 Stg	31 December 2004 Stg£
Activities and events	134,745	283,246
Other donations	111,069	146,641
	<u>£245,814</u>	<u>£429,887</u>

Activities and events are shown net of any expenses incurred on the event.

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31 December 2005 Stg£	31 December 2004 Stg£
Office and secretarial services	22,293	48,981
Venues and meeting costs	903	599
Sundry	255	30
Depreciation	300	720
Audit fee	2,000	-
Merger costs	9,951	-
Bank charges	-	153
	<u>£35,702</u>	<u>£50,483</u>

All governance costs have been borne by the General Fund.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2005 (continued)

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost		
At 1 January 2005 and at 31 December 2005	1,919	1,919
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2005	720	720
Charge for the year	300	300
At 31 December 2005	1,020	1,020
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2005	£899	£899
At 31 December 2004	£1,199	£1,199

#### 7. INVESTMENTS

	31 December 2005 Stg£	31 December 2004 Stg£
Analysis of investments at 31 December by category of holding		
<b>Quoted</b>		
The Fledgeling UK Equity Fund	1,094,114	-
The Fledgeling Bond Fund	371,466	-
	1,465,580	-
<b>Unquoted</b>		
COIF Charities Property Fund Income Units and the Charities Property Fund	1,078,855	-
	£2,544,435	£-
Analysis of movements in quoted investments		
Market value at 1 July 2005	1,345,173	-
Net gains	120,407	-
Market value at 31 December 2005	£1,465,580	£-

Unquoted investments with a cost of £900,000 had a market value of £1,078,855 at the year end. On transfer to the company they were stated at cost. The revaluation to market value is shown as an unrealised gain during the period following the merger with The Lawlor Foundation.



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2005 (continued)

#### 8. DEBTORS

	31 December 2005 Stg£	31 December 2004 Stg£
Event income	£19,320	£10,520
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### 9. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2005 Stg£	31 December 2004 Stg£
Trade creditors	-	4,908
Grants allocated but not yet disbursed	47,750	24,950
Accruals and deferred income	8,500	-
	<u>£56,250</u>	<u>£29,858</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### 10. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL FUNDS

##### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Designated Funds	General Funds	2005 Total	2004 Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	899	899	1,199
Quoted investments	1,465,580	-	1,465,580	-
Unquoted investments	1,078,855	-	1,078,855	-
Net current assets	24,722	132,063	156,785	174,794
	<u>£2,569,157</u>	<u>£132,962</u>	<u>£2,702,119</u>	<u>£175,993</u>
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## Irish Youth Foundation Grants 2005

### AN TEACH IRISH HOUSING ASSOCIATION, LONDON

£8,000 has been awarded towards the expansion costs of the Life Skills Project, including a contribution towards the salary of a Life Skills co-coordinator to provide life skills training for young people and assist them in personal development and social inclusion. An Teach aims to provide culturally sensitive housing and support services to young Irish homeless people.

“Peter came to London after a spell in prison in Ireland. We helped him find accommodation and assisted him in enrolling in a City and Guilds course in electrical installation, where he completed levels 1 and 2. Peter now works in North London and is soon to become a father for the first time”

### ARTSWAVE, WALES

£500 has been awarded towards the continued development and expansion of an Irish and Welsh cultural exchange programme for young people, including workshops and performances including traditional, classical & choral music, storytelling, art & craft. Artswave (formerly Celtic Connections) aims to forge links between Wales and Ireland through cultural exchange visits and festivals.

### BIAS (BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE), LONDON

£11,000 has been awarded towards the continued development of the Prison Project, a 3-year project to include an Irish intervention to all London based prisons by offering Irish prisoners a culturally sensitive support service. This award will particularly support the young people amongst the beneficiary population, which will also include Irish Travellers. BIAS is a community development and welfare agency providing a range of advice, information and specialist support services to the Irish community in North-West London primarily and London generally.

\*BIAS has also been awarded the Irish Youth Foundation Innovation Award for 2005 and £1,000 for the Prison Project's innovative approach adopted in its work amongst some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

### BIRMINGHAM IRISH YOUTH GROUP

£2,000 has been awarded towards an Irish Animation Project for young Irish people in Birmingham to explore Irish identity and culture by producing animated films. Birmingham Irish Youth Group is a new group established in 2004 to provide a voice for young people of Irish heritage in Birmingham and a forum where young Irish people can discuss issues affecting them, as well as activities for young Irish people to explore their heritage and culture.

### BLACK COUNTRY SCHOOLS GAA, WEST MIDLANDS

£3,000 has been awarded towards a Gaelic Games Primary School Initiative to introduce and promote Gaelic Games to socially deprived young people in the West Midlands regions of Sandwell, Walsall, Dudley, Birmingham and Birmingham North. The BCSGAA is a community/school partnership focusing on the preservation and cultivation of Irish pastimes through the promotion of Gaelic Games within primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and the wider community in the Black Country.

### BRISTOL PLAYBUS

£13,500 has been awarded towards salary costs for the development of culturally sensitive play & youth provision for young Irish travellers in the Bristol area. Bristol Playbus is a mobile community development play and youth resource, which aims to work with people isolated from community provision throughout Bristol and the surrounding areas, identifying their common needs and offering support so they may independently fulfil these needs. It provides training, crèche facilities, youth and play sessions and liaises with other agencies to provide a high quality service and help achieve equal access to mainstream services.



## IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION

\*Bristol Playbus has also been awarded the Irish Youth Foundation Quality Award for 2005 and £1,000, for its unique and sustained support over a long period for isolated Irish people in rural areas.

### EAST MIDLANDS SCHOOLS GAA, BIRMINGHAM

£3,000 has been awarded for the EMSGAA Primary Schools Initiative, which aims to deliver Gaelic Games to young people in nationally recognized socially, deprived areas in the East Midlands. The project intends to involve 1,000 children in 26 primary schools in Coventry, Leicester, Nottingham, Rugby and Burton on Trent. The EMSGAA is a community/school partnership, which intends to follow in the footsteps of the successful West Midlands Schools GAA by focusing on the development of Irish pastimes through the promotion of Gaelic Games within primary, secondary schools and the wider community in the East Midlands.

### FEDERATION OF IRISH SOCIETIES, LONDON

£3,000 has been awarded towards the FIS Development and Information programme including the provision of training & information to assist the development of the Irish voluntary welfare sector and improve Irish access to statutory and mainstream services. FIS co-ordinates the work of its affiliates in Britain and provides a range of development, information and training services designed to build the capacity of the Irish voluntary sector in Britain, in order to ensure its sustainability. It also works to identify Irish needs and to raise awareness of these both within the community itself and through the British statutory and voluntary sectors. It seeks to influence public policy, nationally and regionally.

### FINN HARPS ADULT FOOTBALL CLUB, LIVERPOOL

£420 has been awarded for coaching sessions for 5 Junior Football teams for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Irish children aged 10-14. Finn Harps Adult Football Club has been in existence for 28 years and aims with this project, by running a Junior section, to continue the club for the next generation of players and to help to keep the children active in the Irish community.

### HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM IRISH CENTRE, LONDON

£6,000 has been awarded towards the Irish Arts & Education programme for children and young people incorporating a children's Irish Saturday school, 2-week Irish Summer School and after school Irish education courses including drama, dancing & language. Hammersmith & Fulham Irish Centre aims to provide a high quality Irish Arts and Education programme, which is available to all Irish people and to everyone who wishes to share and participate in Irish arts, education and cultural activity.

### HARINGEY IRISH CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTRE, LONDON

£500 has been awarded towards IT equipment for the Advice & Information Service. Haringey Irish Cultural & Community Centre is a focus for a wide range of community activities including the Advice & Information Service, Social Club and a Resource Centre.

### HERRING-CLARKE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, CHESHIRE

£300 has been awarded towards an annual class competition for all pupils including the provision of trophies the hire of premises, musicians and adjudicator, and to assist the participation of pupils without financial resources.

### IRISH COMMISSION FOR PRISONERS OVERSEAS, LONDON

£12,000 has been awarded towards the salary costs of the Administrative Assistant. Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas provides information and support services to Irish and their families.

“Eileen a mother with two children, husband serving a 15 year sentence. Family had to move three times causing severe financial hardship. ICPO helped them contact support agencies, helped with money over Christmas and ensured that the children were able to get uniforms and books for their new school”

## IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION

### (ICAP) IMMIGRANT COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

£7,500 has been awarded towards the Irish Youth Mental Health Initiative, which aims to provide young Irish people with one-to-one psychotherapy for one year. Icap, established in 1996 aims to provide accessible, culturally sensitive professional counselling and therapeutic services to people of Irish origin. Whilst the target group is Irish, immigrants from any ethnic background are also welcomed. Icap is focused on working with community-based organisations as well as with the Primary Care Services to provide specialist support through counselling and psychotherapy.

### IRISH COMMUNITY CARE, MANCHESTER

£9,500 has been awarded towards the salary of a Youth Development Worker to continue the development of welfare, rights and advice services for with young Irish and Irish Travellers in Manchester and surrounding districts. Irish Community Care, founded in Manchester in 1986, aims to promote the welfare of the community in general and Irish people in particular in Manchester and surrounding districts regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, religious, cultural or political considerations.

### IRISH COMMUNITY CARE, MERSEYSIDE

£14,800 has been awarded towards the salary of a full-time worker on the Irish Youth Project. Irish Community Care Merseyside is a small dynamic needs-led agency aiming to identify and respond to the needs of Irish people, offering a range of professional and culturally sensitive services. The Irish Youth Project works to develop resources for young Irish people in Merseyside and encourage the development of an Irish Youth network.

“Anthony is a 21 year old Irish man who has history of poor mental health, gambling addiction and street/night shelter living. He has been helped to find better accommodation, accessing a local supported living project for young people. Twelve months later Anthony is busy decorating his own flat and attending job interviews”

### IRISH COMMUNITY CARE, MERSEYSIDE

£2,000 has been awarded towards short-term financial & material support for newly arrived vulnerable young people prior to accessing benefits.

### IRISH MUSIC PROJECT, LEEDS

£6,000 has been awarded towards the salary of a full-time Project Co-coordinator for further development of the after school music clubs, family events & activities. Irish Music Project, Leeds is a community based youth and cultural development project which aims to provide access to and participation in Irish music and cultural activities.

### LONDON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER UNIT

£2,000 has been awarded towards a part-time Youth Worker for one year's programme to work with young Travellers aged 15-19 in the Hackney, Haringey areas. London Gypsy and Traveller Unit provide direct services, support and advocacy to Irish Travellers living in Hackney, Haringey and adjacent London boroughs. It aims to influence and improve policy and practice, particularly on accommodation issues in London and nationally, and to provide an information and resource service.



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### LONDON IRISH CENTRE

£15,000 has been awarded towards the salary of a dedicated Youth Resettlement Project worker. The Youth Resettlement Project aims to prevent or alleviate homelessness among young vulnerable Irish people by providing a service including advice, information, referral, advocacy, counselling and practical help. The London Irish Centre charity provides a culturally sensitive service to Irish people including welfare, information, advocacy, training and advice, and promotes Irish culture and the counteraction of discrimination towards Irish people.

### LONDON IRISH CENTRE

£2,000 has been awarded towards the Repatriation Project. The Repatriation Project is a long established service provided by the London Irish Centre, which facilitates the emergency repatriation of vulnerable and at risk young Irish people.



### LONDON IRISH CENTRE

£1,500 has been awarded to the Return to Camden Town Festival towards the cost of Irish traditional dance and music workshops, concerts and ceilis for young people. The festival is a key cultural event for the London Irish Centre. It provides a link to the ongoing classes hosted by the Centre and the wide range of cultural and social activities that the Centre provides for the London Irish community.

### LONDON IRISH WOMEN'S CENTRE

£10,000 has been awarded towards the provision of a comprehensive advice service for young Irish women including counselling, group work, advice, advocacy, representation & mediation both at the centre & through outreach mental health & advice service at sites across London.

London Irish Women's Centre aims to provide a specialist advice service tailored to individual needs, information, counselling, group work and outreach work with women of Irish origin and descent. The service targets vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of women, homeless women, Travellers, women with mental and physical health problems and women in abusive situations.

### NEW HORIZON YOUTH CENTRE, LONDON

£2,000 has been awarded to the Advice Centre project towards securing identification & travel costs for job interviews, hostel appointments and other training related costs for young people. The New Horizon Youth Centre Advice and Outreach Information Shop provides practical support, advice, resettlement support and advocacy to homeless people from 16-25 years old.

### NORTHAMPTON IRISH SUPPORT GROUP

£3,000 has been awarded towards the costs of a part-time employee and overheads for the extension of an established drop-in service to provide specific support and advice for Traveller families, young homeless and drug and alcohol abusers. Northampton Irish Support Group provides a front line welfare support and advocacy service for Northampton Irish people including the vulnerable, socially excluded, homeless and Travellers.

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### SHEFFIELD GYPSY & TRAVELLER SUPPORT GROUP

£4,000 has been awarded towards the continuing work of the Youth Group, which helps young Travellers develop confidence, and learning skills and increasing their opportunities for employment. Sheffield Gypsy and Traveller Support Group provide welfare rights advice, pre-school playgroups, women's and family support, skills development and drop-in services to the Gypsy and Traveller community.

### SÓLÁS ANOIS, LONDON

£9,500 has been awarded the Children's Play Scheme and annual holiday.

“Living in a refuge can be a very difficult time for children, many have witnessed violent behavior and being the recipient of violence. The play schemes and holidays are important part of the children's time in the refuge, distracting them from the harsh reality, which they face. This project would not be possible without the Irish Youth Foundation's funding.”

### SÓLÁS ANOIS, LONDON

£9,500 has been awarded towards the salary of a part-time Children's Worker. Sólás Anois promote the physical, emotional and psychological safety and well-being of Irish women and children who seek protection from domestic violence. It provides culturally sensitive refuge accommodation and related practical and emotional support services, including resettlement and after care, counselling and children's services.

### SOUTHWARK IRISH YOUTH, LONDON

£1,000 has been awarded towards the provision of Irish music and language after school classes for young people in Southwark. The Southwark Irish Youth project started in 2003 in response to demand in the local and surrounding areas. There is no other provision for Irish classes in Southwark where Irish are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest ethnic group.

### ST JOHN BOSCO YOUTH CLUB, LONDON

£1,000 has been awarded towards the running costs of the Youth Club Irish dance classes. St John Bosco Youth Club runs the only Irish dancing classes in the deprived Tower Hamlets area of East London.

### ST MICHAEL'S IRISH CENTRE, LIVERPOOL

£9,500 has been awarded towards the salary of an Activities Facilitator to continue the provision of activities for young people in the centre during the day. The Liverpool Archdioceses gave St Michael's Parish Centre to the Irish Community on Merseyside in May 1999. In October 2001 it became St Michael's Irish Centre and a registered charity with its own constitution and management structure, since when it has been the centre of Irish social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities in the area.

### TARA CCE, MANCHESTER

£500 has been awarded towards funding for Irish music, dance and craft classes for children and young adults coming from inner city areas. Tara CCE provides Irish music and culture tuition.

### THE MAYA CENTRE: COUNSELLING FOR WOMEN, LONDON

£1,500 has been awarded towards the provision of culturally sensitive individual & group counselling support for young Irish women (with or without children) in emotional distress, living on benefits or low incomes. The Maya Centre's aim is to develop the inner strength of the most vulnerable women and children in the community to enable them to break out of generations of social and economic disadvantage and improve their personal relationships and life prospects.



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### TIR CONAILL HARPS, GLASGOW

£1,500 has been awarded towards the costs of a summer coaching programme. Young coaches from the club will gain necessary qualifications to coach in local secondary and primary schools. Tir Conaill Harps is the only agency in the inner city area of Glasgow offering young Irish people the opportunity to play their native games and visit Ireland on community exchanges.

### TYNESIDE IRISH CULTURAL SOCIETY, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

£2,000 has been awarded towards the North East Ceili Revival project. It aims to revive and popularise ceili dancing by targeting specific groups and institutions where support for the project has been shown amongst Irish born and descended 16-25 year olds involving workshops in three regional centres, school programmes and a summer school.

### WEST MIDLANDS SCHOOLS GAA

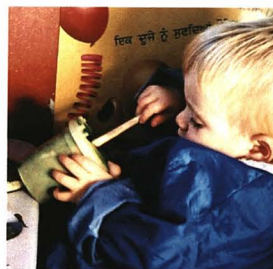
£5,000 has been awarded towards the Gaelic Games Schools Initiative. The West Midlands Schools Gaelic Athletic Association is a community/school partnership which focuses on the preservation and cultivation of Irish national pastimes through the promotion of Gaelic Games within primary schools, secondary schools, higher institutions and the wider community in the Midlands. The aim of the project in 2005 is to build on previous success and deliver Gaelic Games to an increased number of young Irish people in socially deprived areas.

### ARDOYNE YOUTH CLUB, BELFAST

£4,500 has been awarded towards capacity building of teenagers to educate their peers by providing mentoring for eight young people and training for the eight trainees. Ardoyne Youth Club aims to support the educational and social development of young people through providing support structures for the most vulnerable young people in Ardoyne. Benefits envisaged include increased social and life skills, educational ability, support services and a reduction of alienation.

### DOWN COMMUNITY ARTS, DOWNPATRICK, CO. DOWN

£3,500 has been awarded towards targetting 25 participants between 18 and 25 years in the Down Senior Art scheme in order to encourage people at that age to explore various art mediums and to improve their artistic and social skills while increasing their chances of employment.



### DRAKE MUSIC PROJECT IRELAND, NEWRY, CO. DOWN

£3,000 has been awarded to continue the provision of services that are highly specialised and specifically designed to meet with the individual requirements of some children and are not readily available within mainstream musical situations. The main objective of this project will be to enable children and young people with disabilities currently attending the Central Remedial Clinic to continue to enjoy and develop their musical composition and performance abilities.

### GREATER SHANKILL PARTNERSHIP, BELFAST

£3,500 has been awarded to develop relationships between youth groups in the great Shankill area and youth groups in North and West Belfast, utilising the creative exploration between drums, music and culture/identity in the Northern Ireland. The project is to run a series of weekend residential taking a max of 20 participants (10 from each side).



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### KILKEEL PARISH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, CO. DOWN

£3,500 has been awarded towards a full-time youth development worker to build on success to date and to secure long-term sustainability for the local youth work. The project provides children and young people in the Kilkeel area with a social or leisure facility, which promotes respect and understanding between the deeply divided communities. It aims to develop new activities for young people, as well as continuing existing services and to engage in fundraising activities.

### OCEAN YOUTH TRUST IRELAND, BELFAST

£4,000 has been awarded towards providing 24 young people under 25 with the opportunity to take part in a cross community project under sail. The aim of the project is to provide a life changing experience.

### PUBLIC ACHIEVEMENT, BELFAST

£4,500 has been awarded towards a project entitled 'WIMPS – Where is my public servant?' It is a youth-led website project. The aim is to encourage and assist young people who want to be politically active in their communities to engage with public representatives around issues that impact on their lives, through the creative use of information communication technology.

### ROEVALLEY FOLK CLUB, DUNGIVEN, CO. DERRY

£3,000 has been awarded towards the provision of monthly cultural workshops, performances and annual events for young people to enhance and sustain awareness of their cultural heritage.

### STARTING POINT (NI), BELFAST

£1,000 has been awarded towards setting up a website to make information on Starting Point's services more accessible to young people. Starting Point's main aim is to respond to the needs of homeless young people, providing short, to medium – term and crisis accommodation to young people aged 16-18yrs old who are experiencing housing crisis.

### STRATHFOYLE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, STRATHFOYLE, DERRY

£1,500 has been awarded to introduce the young people of Strathfoyle to the Arts and enable them to see Arts as another medium for expression. They aim to utilize this creativity to build confidence locally.

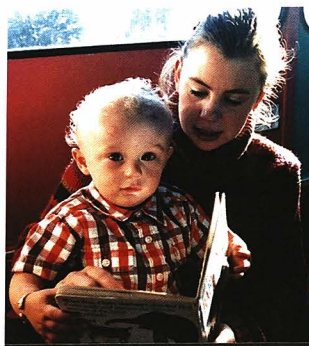
### WHEEL WORKS, BELFAST

£3,000 has been awarded towards this project which is an intensive training course for Artists working with children and young people and aims to progress the professional development of the employed Artists ultimately improve the quality of service and capacity of the organisation. It provides them with the necessary skills and information to work effectively with groups of children in and out of school environments.



*Projects based in Northern Ireland are jointly funded by the Irish Youth Foundation (UK) and the Irish Youth Foundation (Ireland)*

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### BRANDON CENTRE, LONDON

£5,000 has been awarded to assist with core funding. The Brandon Centre provides counselling and psychotherapy for young people aged 12 to 25 years. The centre offers a wide range of specialist support to young people whose mental and physical health is at risk.

### BRENT CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (BRENT ADOLESCENT CENTRE)

£10,000 has been awarded to support the organisation's core costs. The centre provides a mental health service for vulnerable young people aged 14 to 21. It also carries out internationally recognised research to improve the understanding and treatment of serious adolescent mental and emotional problems.

### LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

£2,450 has been awarded towards costs/fees for low-income Irish students reading for degrees. Many are mature students working part time. Money is distributed according to the student's needs – course books, travel costs and child care.

**“As a single parent I struggle to financially survive on student loans, so the money which the Foundation has provided will be of great benefit to my daughter and I.”**

### NEW HORIZON YOUTH CENTRE

£5,000 has been awarded for the work in a peer education-training project on drugs, alcohol abuse, exclusion from school, homelessness and crime. The project is run to help local youngsters. It connects with schools, community groups, parenting projects and youth centres aiming to give life skills and possible future careers to the participants.

### EDUCATION GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

£10,800 has been awarded to a total of 26 Irish students in full time education to assist them with the costs of fees and /or maintenance at university or training colleges in the UK.

### JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

£3,750 has been awarded to assist financially disadvantaged undergraduates from Northern Ireland participate fully in college life and also helps them keep in touch with their families in Ireland.

### LA SALLE BOY'S SCHOOL, BELFAST

£3,000 has been awarded to help financially disadvantaged ex pupils at UK and Irish universities and to support school projects and individual pupils at the Principal's discretion. The school has a large number of pupils from low-income families.



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### ST CECILIA' COLLEGE, DERRY

£3,000 has been awarded to help ex pupils attending universities in Britain and Ireland.

This school has an excellent reputation for it's academic and musical achievements and pastoral care.

### ST LOUISE'S COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE, BELFAST

£5,000 has been awarded to St Louise to assist pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds buy books, pay for travel and course materials. This enables them to get good grades and go on to university.

“As ex student of St Louise's College, I am most grateful for the funding whilst I am at university, the grant has enabled me to buy all the books I need and my radiographer's uniform, which is compulsory.”

### ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BELFAST

£3,000 has been awarded to help financially disadvantaged students who have gone to university and to support school projects and individual pupils, at the Principal's discretion.

“Your funding enables us to purchase counselling expertise of “Contact Youth”, which provides support for our students coping with bereavement, suicidal thoughts, addictions and family break up. We have also helped a student with artificial legs have their car adapted and paid for a student to have a family visit to England, as their mother is terminally ill.”

### ST MARY'S COLLEGE, DERRY

£3,000 has been awarded to help ex pupils attend university in UK and Ireland and to assist pupils at the school with various funding issues.





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