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**Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited  
(incorporating The Lawlor Foundation)  
Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007**





**Mary McAleese, President of Ireland**  
Patron, Irish Youth Foundation



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT McALEESE**

It gives me great pleasure, as Patron of the Irish Youth Foundation, to send warmest greetings and good wishes to all of its members on the occasion of the publication of the Annual Report for 2007. Once again, I am delighted to congratulate all who are involved in making the Irish Youth Foundation such a dynamic force for good.

Your work and your organisational skills, channelling the generosity of your many donors toward improving the lives of young Irish persons, has quite simply transformed their lives. We—and they—are deeply fortunate to be able to rely on the Irish Youth Foundation when times demand it.

I am honoured to continue my association with this wonderful organisation, and I extend my good wishes to all who are involved with it. I wish you ever success over the coming year.

MARY McALEESE  
PRESIDENT

## 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 £3.75 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.

An independent Advisory Committee, using well-defined criteria, 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 to assess grant applications.

A major innovation occurred in 2005 when the Lawlor Foundation chose the Irish Youth Foundation as its partner for the future, and on 30th June 2005 the IYF formally incorporated the Lawlor Foundation. The merger was seen as a natural fit as both organisations had similar aims and objectives. The Lawlor Foundation was established in 1988 by Edward and Virginia Lawlor in memory of their son, Peter. Since inception the charity distributed over £2.2 million in grants to organisations working with troubled adolescents, projects underpinning the peace process, the relief of poverty and the advancement of education in Northern Ireland. Virginia Lawlor and Frank Baker, Lawlor Foundation trustees, joined the IYF Board and the merged organisation provided a new dynamic for the future, as well as additional funds, to help improve the lives and opportunities of young disadvantaged Irish people.

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.

Irish Youth Foundation is now entering its 19th year and, with the continuing help of its friends and supporters amongst the Irish business community in Britain, as well as many British companies and individuals, the charity looks forward with both pride and confidence to the future.

## Chairman's Report



The Irish Youth Foundation has raised £3.75 million since inception in 1989 for Irish welfare, educational and cultural groups working with disadvantaged Irish youth in Britain and Northern Ireland. This is a remarkable achievement for a largely voluntary organisation and the funds really make a difference to the lives of these young people who find themselves in difficult circumstances, often isolated and alone, and who have not experienced Ireland's latter-day economic prosperity.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and everyone involved with the Irish Youth Foundation, I wish to express our gratitude to all our supporters and sponsors who so generously contributed to our success in 2007. In particular, I would like to thank Anglo Irish Bank, our major sponsor throughout the year, for their continuing generosity and for the personal contribution of David Murray, who is a member of our Board of Trustees and co-Vice Chairman of the charity.

Following our merger with the Lawlor Foundation in June 2005, the Irish Youth Foundation made a commitment to continue its work with troubled adolescents and the advancement of education in Northern Ireland and, in order to preserve the history, named the programme of student support "The Lawlor Educational Grants". Last year we were pleased to expand our support for disadvantaged students to include Protestant and Integrated, as well as Catholic schools. Support for welfare groups and community projects based in Northern Ireland was also increased last year, funded jointly by Irish Youth Foundation (UK) and Irish Youth Foundation (Ireland).

The IYF is fortunate to benefit from the particularly generous support from the Women's Irish Network which has raised over £230,000 since the network was established. Each year we direct WIN's donation towards welfare groups working with young Irish women and their children. We admire the success of WIN and congratulate Lady Hatch, Nessa O'Neill and their fellow members on their exceptional achievement. The contribution made by WIN to our fundraising efforts is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

We would also like to extend our particular thanks to Ricky Fagan for generously making the Irish Youth Foundation the nominated charity at the Ricky Fagan Golf Trophy held in March last year, and to John Dwyer for making the IYF one of the recipients of his very successful Charity Poker Evening in April.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of Sir David Hatch CBE, Maeve Mac Lua and Brian McNicholas, all of whom were loyal supporters and friends of the IYF for many years and who are greatly missed by everyone involved with the charity.

Our Annual Ball, held in November at The London Hilton on Park Lane, is always the highlight of our social calendar, and last year's was no exception with an Egyptian theme - "Everywhere the Glint of Gold" - to mark the opening of the exhibition in London of Tutankhamun's treasures. I would particularly like to thank Linda Tanner and Michelle Laven, together with all the members of our Fundraising Committee, for their hard work in making the night so memorable.



Nessa O'Neill, IYF Trustee and Ricky Fagan, Chairman of Autodex Limited at the Ricky Fagan Golf Trophy



We were delighted to be able to offer a particularly warm welcome to the new Ambassador of Ireland, H.E. David Cooney and his wife Geraldine who joined us at the Ball for the first time. The elegant surroundings of the Embassy in London have been the venue for the annual ceremony celebrating our grant awards for many years. This occasion is always rewarding and enables our friends and supporters to hear directly from those who benefit from their generous help throughout the year. Our warmest thanks are due to all the staff at the Embassy of Ireland for their traditional hospitality and generosity.

Last year we invited some of the organisations that we support to a discussion day in order to re-address the changing needs of the young disadvantaged Irish community, with particular reference to the requirements of the young 2nd and 3rd generation Irish people born in the UK. For the first time we were pleased to welcome representatives from groups and schools based in Northern Ireland. Those who attended came away inspired by the day's discussions with the projects about the challenges they face now and in the future, and with the need for the charity's continued funding reaffirmed.

I look forward to continuing the development of the Irish Youth Foundation in future with my fellow trustees and wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all our sponsors and friends for their very generous support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O'Neill".

John O'Neill  
Chairman

H.E. David Cooney, Ambassador of Ireland and Geraldine Cooney with John O'Neill and Geraldine Rice O'Neill at the IYF Ball



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**Trustees' Report And Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 31 December 2007**

# **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007**

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# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

The Trustees present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

## Reference and Administrative Information

|   |  |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Charity name</b>                               | Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited  |                              |
| <b>Charity registration number</b>                | 328265   |                              |
| <b>Company registration number</b>                | 2397878  |                              |
| <b>Registered office and Operational address</b>  | c/o The Irish Centre<br>Blacks Road<br>Hammersmith<br>London<br>W6 9DT   |                              |
| <b>President</b>                                  | Norma Smurfit  |                              |
| <b>Chairman of Trustees</b>                       | John O'Neill   |                              |
| <b>Vice Chairmen</b>                              | David Murray<br>Jim O'Hara   |                              |
| <b>Other Trustees<br/>(in alphabetical order)</b> | Frank Baker  | (resigned 10 September 2007) |
|   | Mary Clancy  |                              |
|   | John Dwyer   |                              |
|   | Mark Gilbert   |                              |
|   | Fred Hucker  |                              |
|   | Virginia Lawlor  |                              |
|   | Colin McNicholas   | (resigned 10 September 2007) |
|   | Nessa O'Neill  |                              |
| <b>Company secretary</b>                          | Linda Tanner   |                              |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                  | Declan Cunningham  |                              |
| <b>Bankers</b>                                    | AIB Group (UK) plc<br>Private Banking<br>Berkeley Square House<br>Berkeley Square<br>London W1J 6BZ  |                              |
| <b>Auditors</b>                                   | Day Smith and Hunter<br>Chartered Accountants<br>Batchworth House<br>Batchworth Place<br>Church Street<br>Rickmansworth<br>Hertfordshire WD3 1JE |                              |



# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company was incorporated on 22 June 1989 and registered as a charity on 7 July 1989. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The Trustees of the company are liable to contribute £1 each should the company be wound up insolvent.

### Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law.

Much of the charity's fundraising work consists of the staging of prestigious fundraising events and Trustees are often people who are able to use their contacts to encourage corporate attendance at such events. A wide range of business and occupations is represented in the Board of Trustees, reflecting the diverse nature of the people whom the Charity seeks to benefit.

Many Trustees are also company directors and are familiar with the duties and responsibilities under Company Law. They are also encouraged to attend relevant courses held by the Charity Commission and remain apprised of Charity Law in relation to Trustees' duties.

### Risk Management

Following the merger with the Lawlor Foundation with effect from 1 July 2005 the charity acquired an investment portfolio with a value in excess of £2 million pounds. The portfolio is spread amongst various investment funds designed for charities and is under the management of three investment management companies. The charity has set up an investment committee to oversee the performance of the investment managers and to consider the Charity's investment strategy, balancing the need for income with the desire for capital appreciation.

Public liability Insurance is purchased in respect of certain events where the potential for liability exists.

Appropriate financial controls have been in place for many years to minimise the risk of misappropriation of Charity assets.

### Organisation structure

The charity's trustees meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A strategy day is held annually, with the purpose of focusing on high level direction and policy.

# Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

## Organisation structure (continued)

The company secretary is also the Charity's Administrator but has no voting rights. The Administrator's time is divided between the organisation of events with the fundraiser, the organisation of the grant application programme, processing grants awarded to applicant bodies, as well as the duties of running the office and liaising with Trustees and third parties.

Grants are recommended to the Board of Trustees by an independent Advisory Committee. The sum available to be awarded by the Advisory Committee is advised by the Board of Trustees.

## Objectives and Activities

For the year under review, the objectives of the charity were to raise funds and make grants available for:

- (a) Projects in the UK that assist young Irish people and their families
- (b) The advancement of education in Northern Ireland for example by making available grants for individual students and support for organisations

## Achievements and Performance

### Summary of the main achievements during the year

The charity continues to organise well-attended and prestigious fundraising events that it hopes are seen as highly enjoyable.

During 2007 the following events were staged:

Wednesday 23rd May, Golf Day at St George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, Surrey  
Friday 28th September, Wine Lunch at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4  
Saturday 24th November, Annual Ball at London Hilton on Park Lane, London W1

### Performance achieved in charitable activities against objectives set:

The Irish Youth Foundation continued its programme of support for a wide range of welfare organisations and community groups whose work aimed to improve the lives of young Irish people and children in the UK who are socially, economically or culturally disadvantaged. Grants ranging from £500 to £14,000 were awarded to projects including help for the homeless, employment and training schemes, support for women and children escaping violence, help for young offenders, drug rehabilitation, cross-community initiatives as well as social and cultural activities. Support for community and welfare organisations spreads throughout the United Kingdom, not only financially, but also recognising the work, commitment and needs of all those involved. Two special annual awards are made over and above the grant recommendations from applications received: the Innovation Award for the project judged to be the most innovative in addressing the changing needs of the young disadvantaged Irish community, and the Quality Award for outstanding achievement and longstanding excellence. The work of the Lawlor Foundation continues in the advancement of education in Northern Ireland with increased support for Irish students and educational organisations.

The Irish Youth Foundation (UK) and the Irish Youth Foundation (Ireland) have increased the joint fund supporting welfare organisations and community groups based in Northern Ireland.

A discussion day with Irish Youth Foundation's stakeholders was held to discuss the changing needs of the young disadvantaged Irish community, with particular reference to the requirements of the young second and third generation Irish people born in the UK.

## Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### Performance achieved in fund raising activities against objectives set:

The Irish Youth Foundation's fund raising activities during the year continued to enhance its reputation for organising successful and enjoyable events and to expand its network of Irish and British friends and supporters. Funds raised through these well-attended events and from voluntary corporate and individual donations have enabled the charity to make a difference to the lives of young Irish people in need in the UK and help them toward a more integrated and fulfilling future.

### Investment performance achieved against objectives set:

The performance of the charity's investments during the year provided income to meet the requirements of grant commitments continuing the work of the Lawlor Foundation whilst aiming to preserve and increase the capital value of the portfolio.

Reductions in value during the year reflected market conditions and steps were taken after the year end to reduce exposure to market fluctuations.

## Financial Review

### Review of the Charity's financial position

The surplus from events was £125,867 (2006: £206,932) and other donations totalled £57,989 (2006: £59,342).

Fundraising services totalling £29,732 (2006: £32,282) consisted of the fundraiser's costs and an appropriate proportion of the costs of the Charity's administrator.

Governance costs were £36,222, (2006: £34,414), and include the Administrator's costs in managing the day-to-day business of the Charity, rental and office operating costs, audit fees and other sundry items. Trustees' and officers' liability insurance was acquired during the year and is included within this heading.

Grants awarded totalled £255,260 (2006: £249,800).

Income from the charity's investment portfolio was £113,498 and of this, £113,498 was transferred from the Designated Fund to the General Fund.

A further transfer of £21,013 from the Designated Fund to the General Fund was agreed, representing the surplus on the Designated Fund for 2006 that had been retained.

Net incoming resources on the general fund were £5,152, increasing general funds to £176,830.

Net outgoing resources on the designated fund were £21,013.

Other recognised gains and losses comprised unrealised losses on the quoted and unquoted investment portfolio totalling £208,413. This reflects the performance of the Stock Market in general and commercial property in particular.

The balance on the designated fund became £2,650,305.

Total funds at the end of the year were £2,827,135.

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007**

### **Principal financial management policies**

The charity exists to award grants out of the income it generates. The level of grants that can be awarded is determined by reference to the balance in the General fund, and also by reference to income from investments that can reasonably be expected to arise in the forthcoming year. Overhead costs are kept as low as realistically possible and are hoped to be covered by donations or covenants, so that funds raised at events are available for grants.

### **Investment policy**

The charity's investment policy is to achieve sufficient income to meet grant commitments, whilst maintaining growth in capital value. Investment managers are appointed who advise on specific investments suitable for Charity Trustees.

### **Plans for future periods**

#### **Aims, objectives and activities planned to achieve them**

To further the charity's well-established reputation for organising enjoyable events with the minimum of formality, and to expand the network of supporters, with the aim of raising funds to help projects in the UK that benefit young Irish people and their families. An annual calendar of fundraising events will continue to be organised including the Annual Golf Day, a Wine Lunch and the Annual Ball in November, as well as other events.

To continue to address the changing needs of the young disadvantaged Irish community, with particular reference to the requirements of the young second and third generation Irish people born in the UK.

# Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2007

## 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.

## Members of the Board

Members of the Board, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the beginning of the Trustees' Report.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

## 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 2 April 2008.

.....  
J. O'NEILL  
Trustee

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

**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 2007 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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 trustees and auditors**

The Trustees' (who are also directors of Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

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 whether in our opinion, the information in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity 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 trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charity 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 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 charity'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.

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

**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 charity's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information in the Trustees Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

**Day, Smith & Hunter**  
**Registered Auditors and Chartered Accountants**

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Batchworth Place  
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Rickmansworth  
Hertfordshire WD3 1JE

2 April 2008

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2007

|   | Notes | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS |                 |            | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£<br>Total |
|---|-------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
|   |       | 31 December 2007   |                 | Total      |                                   |
|   |       | Designated         | Stg£<br>General |            |                                   |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>   |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| <i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>                              |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| Donations   | 4     | -                  | 183,856         | 183,856    | 266,274                           |
| <i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>                                    |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| Deposit interest  |       | -                  | 7,999           | 7,999      | 4,626                             |
| Investment income - quoted  |       | 53,592             | -               | 53,592     | 45,175                            |
| - unquoted  |       | 59,906             | -               | 59,906     | 60,150                            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>   |       | 113,498            | 191,855         | 305,353    | 376,225                           |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>   |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| <i>Charitable activities</i>  |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| Allocation of grants  |       | -                  | (255,260)       | (255,260)  | (249,800)                         |
| Fundraising services  |       | -                  | (29,732)        | (29,732)   | (32,282)                          |
| <i>Governance costs</i>   | 5     | -                  | (36,222)        | (36,222)   | (34,414)                          |
|   |       | -                  | (321,214)       | (321,214)  | (316,496)                         |
| <i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</i>                         |       | 113,498            | (129,359)       | (15,861)   | 59,729                            |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>  |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| Income transferred  |       | (113,498)          | 113,498         | -          | -                                 |
| 2006 surplus transferred  |       | (21,013)           | 21,013          | -          | -                                 |
| <i>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses</i> |       | (21,013)           | 5,152           | (15,861)   | 59,729                            |
| <b>Other Recognised Gains And Losses</b>  |       |                    |                 |            |                                   |
| Unrealised (losses)/gains on quoted investments                                   |       | (80,343)           | -               | (80,343)   | 153,525                           |
| Unrealised (losses)/gains on unquoted investments                                 |       | (128,070)          | -               | (128,070)  | 136,036                           |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>  |       | (229,426)          | 5,152           | (224,274)  | 349,290                           |
| Funds brought forward   |       | 2,879,731          | 171,678         | 3,051,409  | 2,702,119                         |
| Funds carried forward   |       | £2,650,305         | £176,830        | £2,827,135 | £3,051,409                        |

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.

The following notes form part of these financial statements.



## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2007

|                            | Notes | 31 December 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>        |       |                          |                          |
| Tangible assets            | 6     | 1,294                    | 1,135                    |
| Investments                | 7     | 2,625,583                | 2,833,996                |
|                            |       | 2,626,877                | 2,835,131                |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |       |                          |                          |
| Bank                       |       | 208,438                  | 265,178                  |
| Debtors                    | 8     | 46,240                   | 19,000                   |
|                            |       | 254,678                  | 284,178                  |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |                          |                          |
| Creditors                  | 9     | (54,420)                 | (67,900)                 |
|                            |       |                          |                          |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>  |       | 200,258                  | 216,278                  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>        |       | £2,827,135               | £3,051,409               |
| <b>FINANCED BY</b>         |       |                          |                          |
| Designated Fund            |       | 2,650,305                | 2,879,731                |
| General Fund               |       | 176,830                  | 171,678                  |
|                            | 10    | £2,827,135               | £3,051,409               |

Approved by the Trustees on 2 April 2008

.....  
J. O'NEILL  
Trustee

.....  
D. CUNNINGHAM  
Treasurer

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 31 December 2007

### 1. 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) Projects in the UK that assist young Irish people and their families.
- (b) The advancement of education in Northern Ireland for example by making available grants for individual students and support for organisations.

### 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.

#### (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 to match grants allocated.

#### (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.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 31 December 2007 (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 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Activities and events | 125,867                  | 206,932                  |
| Other donations       | 57,989                   | 59,342                   |
|                       | <b>£183,856</b>          | <b>£266,274</b>          |

### 5. Governance Costs

|                                 | 31 December 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Office and secretarial services | 27,081                   | 29,409                   |
| Venues and meeting costs        | 5,067                    | 934                      |
| Sundry                          | 382                      | 432                      |
| Depreciation                    | 432                      | 379                      |
| Audit fee                       | 3,260                    | 3,260                    |
|                                 | <b>£36,222</b>           | <b>£34,414</b>           |

All governance costs have been borne by the General Fund.

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### 31 December 2007 (continued)

#### 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

|                       | Computer Equipment | Total  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                    |        |
| At 1 January 2007     | 2,534              | 2,534  |
| Additions             | 591                | 591    |
| At 31 December 2007   | 3,125              | 3,125  |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                    |        |
| At 1 January 2007     | 1,399              | 1,399  |
| Charge for the year   | 432                | 432    |
| At 31 December 2007   | 1,831              | 1,831  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b> |                    |        |
| At 31 December 2007   | £1,294             | £1,294 |
| At 31 December 2006   | £1,135             | £1,135 |

#### 7. Investments

|  | 31 December 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analysis of investments at 31 December<br>by category of holding             |                          |                          |
| <b>Quoted</b>  |                          |                          |
| The Fledgeling UK Equity Fund  | 1,185,783                | 1,264,134                |
| The Fledgeling Bond Fund   | 352,979                  | 354,971                  |
|  | 1,538,762                | 1,619,105                |
| <b>Unquoted</b>  |                          |                          |
| COIF Charities Property Fund Income Units<br>and the Charities Property Fund | 1,086,821                | 1,214,891                |
|  | £2,625,583               | £2,833,996               |
| Analysis of movements in quoted investments                                  |                          |                          |
| Market value at 1 January 2007   | 1,619,105                | 1,465,580                |
| Net (loss)/gain  | (80,343)                 | 153,525                  |
| Market value at 31 December 2007   | £1,538,762               | £1,619,105               |

Unquoted investments with a cost of £900,000 had a market value of £1,086,821 at the year end. On transfer to the company they were stated at cost.

After the year end, quoted investments were disposed of, realising a loss on disposal of £55,012 when compared to the market value at 31 December 2007. The proceeds of £419,310 have been invested in a high interest deposit account.

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## 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 8. Debtors

|              | 31 December 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Event income | 43,196                   | 19,000                   |
| Prepayments  | 3,044                    | -                        |
|              | <b>£46,240</b>           | <b>£19,000</b>           |

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

|  | 31 December 2007<br>Stg£ | 31 December 2006<br>Stg£ |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trade creditors                        | 896                      | 2,744                    |
| Grants allocated but not yet disbursed | 46,200                   | 60,300                   |
| Accruals and deferred income           | 7,324                    | 4,856                    |
|  | <b>£54,420</b>           | <b>£67,900</b>           |

### 10. Analysis of Total Funds

|                       | Unrestricted Funds  |                  | 2007<br>Total     | 2006<br>Total     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | Designated<br>Funds | General<br>Funds |                   |                   |
| Tangible fixed assets | -                   | 1,294            | 1,294             | 1,135             |
| Quoted investments    | 1,538,762           | -                | 1,538,762         | 1,619,105         |
| Unquoted investments  | 1,086,821           | -                | 1,086,821         | 1,214,891         |
| Net current assets    | 24,722              | 175,536          | 200,258           | 216,278           |
|                       | <b>£2,650,305</b>   | <b>£176,830</b>  | <b>£2,827,135</b> | <b>£3,051,409</b> |

## Irish Youth Foundation Grants 2007

### Awards for Projects in England, Scotland & Wales

#### **BIAS (BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE), London**

£12,000 was awarded towards Year 2 of the London Prisons-Link Resettlement Project: aiming to increase the number of young Irish and Irish Travellers accessing accommodation and resettlement support services on release from prison. 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.

#### **BIRMINGHAM IRISH COMMUNITY FORUM**

£3,000 was awarded towards Animation for Life: a school animation project for young 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation Irish children. Birmingham Irish Community Forum's main activity is to support Irish not for profit organisations. Activities include sport, culture, housing, heritage, education and welfare and the organisation is currently promoting employment, learning and training. It is committed to the regeneration and community development of the Irish Quarter, Digbeth.

#### **BRANDON CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, London**

£5,000 was awarded towards the provision of a priority counselling and psychotherapy service for young Irish people aged 12-21. The Brandon Centre was formerly The London Youth Advisory Centre which was founded in 1968. The principal objective of the centre is to provide an accessible and flexible professional service in response to the psychological, medical, sexual and social problems of troubled young people aged 12-25 and their families. It aims to relieve distress, mobilise personal resources and facilitate growth in adolescents towards responsibility and self-fulfilment.

#### **BRENT ADOLESCENT CENTRE, London**

£8,000 was awarded towards salary costs for a Mental Health Engagement and Support Worker to complement existing services and develop a system of referrals for young Irish people in need of services provided by the Centre including mental health, sexual health, drugs and alcohol and social care. The Brent Adolescent Centre provides a comprehensive service to young people 14-21 years of age in the following areas: Mental Health, Drugs & Alcohol (Advice and Treatment), Sexual Health and a Connexions Personal Adviser Service. These services are provided mainly to residents (including Irish) of the borough of Brent, and other London boroughs.

#### **BRENT ADOLESCENT CENTRE, London**

£10,000 was awarded towards costs of the Mental Health Project. The service has been available to vulnerable young people since 1967. It provides advice and psychotherapeutic treatment, independently of any formal referral, to disadvantaged adolescents who otherwise would not be able to afford this kind of therapy.

#### **BRISTOL PLAYBUS PROJECT**

£14,000 was awarded towards the salaries of the Early Years and Junior Youth Worker to support the work on 4 Traveller sites across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. Bristol Playbus is a mobile community development play and youth resource first established in 1974 aiming to work with people isolated from community provision throughout Bristol and surrounding areas. Running a fully converted double-decker bus, the project 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.

*"One family tells us that their child often gets up at the crack of dawn and waits for the Playbus to arrive.... Playbus use the Irish Youth Foundation grant to continue to deliver much needed play services to children who are very isolated and receive no other form of structured play or early education."*



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### **CAMDEN WOMEN'S AID, London**

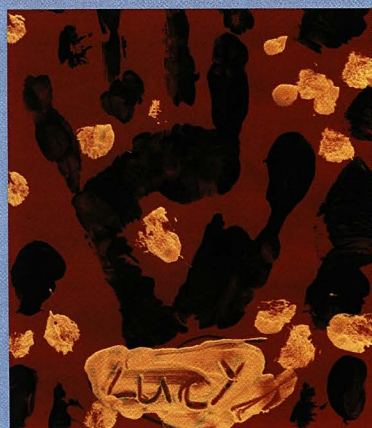
£12,000 was awarded towards the salary costs for a specialist Children's Worker for the Sólás Anois refuge. Sólás Anois integrated into Camden Women's Aid in April 2005 to preserve a specialist service to Irish women and children escaping domestic violence. CWA is a large domestic violence specialist with a thirty-year history of successfully managing refuges and services. This arrangement maintains the Sólás Anois refuge as a culturally sensitive specialist project within a larger organisation and enables clients to access a wide range of services including a Children's Service, a Floating Support scheme, a Parenting Project and a Legal and Advice Service.

**"I can't believe that someone has paid for my children and me to go on holiday...this sort of thing just doesn't happen in real life."**

### **CAMDEN WOMEN'S AID, London**

£12,000 was awarded towards the Annual play scheme and Summer Holiday at the Sólás Anois refuge.

\*CAMDEN WOMEN'S AID was also awarded the Irish Youth Foundation Quality Award for 2007 and £1,000 for the consistent high standard of service delivered over time by Sólás Anois for Irish Women and children escaping domestic violence and in recognition of CWA's continuing commitment to the future strength of the organisation and its services to women and children through its decision to merge with Islington and Enfield Women's Aid. The merger took place on 1 June 2007 and the new organisation renamed SOLACE WOMEN'S AID.



**"I enjoy it because I get to paint my hands and do messy play with the glue"**  
*(Girl aged 5)*

### **CAUSEWAY IRISH HOUSING ASSOCIATION, London**

£4,000 was awarded towards the running costs of the Lifeskills Project including a contribution towards administration, newsletter and website production, sports, arts and social activities. Causeway was set up in 1986 as An Teach Irish Housing Association to provide culturally sensitive housing and support services for young Irish people emigrating to London in urgent housing need. It aims to provide an affordable housing service which responds flexibly to the individual needs of young Irish people and to enable tenants to maintain maximum independence and achieve their full potential.

### **COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN IN BRITAIN, Manchester**

£1,000 was awarded towards the costs of the Irish Traveller Arts Project: a one-term project run in partnership with the Irish Diaspora Foundation to encourage Irish Traveller children to participate in structured Irish cultural and educational activities. CCE is an international organisation which is dedicated to the promotion of the music, song, dance and language of Ireland. It was founded in 1951 by a group of traditional pipers who felt that the musical tradition was on the decline. Comhaltas is dedicated to passing on the tradition of Irish music and arts to children and welcomes everyone who is interested in the culture of Ireland.

### **FINN HARPS ADULT FOOTBALL CLUB, Liverpool**

£910 was awarded for coaching sessions for parents to expand the Junior club. Finn Harps Adult Football Club is an Irish based club in its 30th year. The majority of players are Irish born, mainly ex-students who work in Liverpool, and the Junior section aims to maintain a constant flow of youngsters playing for Finn Harps for future generations.

**HAMMERSMITH IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE, London**

£8,000 was awarded towards Children & Young People's Arts & Education Projects: a children's Irish Saturday school, a 2-week Irish Summer School and after school Irish education courses including storytelling, drama, dancing & language. Hammersmith 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.

**IRISH ARTS FOUNDATION, Leeds**

£4,000 was awarded towards the costs of two additional Irish music tutors for capacity building and further development of the after school music club, family events & activities. Formerly Irish Music Project Leeds, Irish Arts Foundation is a community based youth and cultural development inner city project providing access to engagement in Traditional Irish music and cultural activities through classes, workshops, access to materials, resources, promotion and performance.

**IRISH COMMISSION FOR PRISONERS OVERSEAS, London**

£5,000 was awarded towards the salary costs of the Administrative Assistant. ICPO's work focuses on providing information for the prisoners, their families and friends with regard to status and conditions of imprisonment, welfare benefits, international law and other relevant matters; establishing and defining the precise rights of people in prison overseas, irrespective of the crime; making representations on behalf of prisoners to the appropriate authorities.

**IRISH COMMUNITY CARE, Merseyside**

£12,000 was awarded towards ICCM's work with young Irish people and young Irish Travellers in Merseyside. 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. This funding will help ICCM to continue to offer a comprehensive range of services to vulnerable young Irish people and young Irish Travellers presenting with a range of complex needs including homelessness, poor physical and mental health, drug and alcohol misuse, isolation and poor literacy.

***"I like listening to opinions, the way people are trying to get more sites for Travellers, keeping Travellers off the roadside. I felt comfortable in the group and want to go back. It's nice there".***

***(Feedback after attending her second meeting of the Northern Network Gypsy and Traveller People)***

**IRISH COMMUNITY CARE, Merseyside**

£2,500 was awarded towards Drop-in Information, Advice & Support Services: funding to enable ICCM to offer ongoing financial and material support to young Irish people using their services.

**IRISH DIASPORA FOUNDATION, Manchester**

£1,000 was awarded towards costs of the Irish Arts Educational Project: a year-long project aiming to involve over 300 young people and 10 schools in and around Greater Manchester in arts workshops at the Irish World Heritage Centre to raise awareness of Ireland's cultural heritage in Britain. The Irish Diaspora Foundation's aim is to enhance existing and initiate new cultural activities amongst the Irish Community and beyond. The Foundation promotes the heritage of Ireland and celebrates the wealth of Irish culture through music, the arts, dance and sport, and facilitates social events as well as education and training initiatives, cultural exhibitions and performances.

**LONDON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER UNIT**

£2,000 was awarded as a contribution towards "Young Irish Travellers Get Their Sea Legs": sailing and personal development training courses for 15-19 year old Irish Travellers in the Hackney & Haringey areas. London Gypsy and Traveller unit provides 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 provide an information and resource service.



#### **LONDON IRISH CENTRE**

£12,000 was awarded towards the salary of the dedicated Youth Resettlement Worker. The Youth Resettlement Project aims to prevent or alleviate homelessness among young vulnerable Irish people by providing advice, information, advocacy, referral, counselling and practical help. The London Irish Centre 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.

**“...young Irish people seeking work in London are unaware of the length of time it takes to apply for and receive a National Insurance Number and are still surprised and unprepared for the expense incurred before employment/or receipt of benefits.”**

#### **LONDON IRISH CENTRE**

£2,500 was awarded towards the Repatriation Project. The Repatriation Project is a long-established service that provides highly vulnerable and at risk young Irish people with an opportunity to return to Ireland. It is an option only made available when all avenues relating to health, housing and benefits have been explored and it is apparent that staying in London will negatively affect these clients' health and well-being.

#### **LONDON IRISH WOMEN'S CENTRE**

£10,000 was awarded towards the development of the Advice Outreach service to work alongside the existing culturally sensitive Counselling and Advice service for young disadvantaged Irish women in Greater 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.

#### **MANCHESTER IRISH EDUCATION GROUP**

£2,500 was awarded towards the Children's Irish Music Festival in partnership with Manchester Music Service: to provide workshops in Irish song, music and dance for 20/25 participating schools in the 2-day festival in Manchester Town Hall. Manchester Irish Education Group was founded in 1986. Its aim is to promote a positive image of Ireland and the Irish in schools, community, colleges and universities in the belief that the large Irish community should have access to its cultural background and that this should be shared with others. It also gives support to people of any age who want to explore and reaffirm their Irish identity.

#### **NEW HORIZON YOUTH CENTRE, London**

£2,500 was awarded towards funding to cover fares for training courses and for securing ID/birth certificates for accessing benefits, hostel accommodation etc for young Irish homeless people. The New Horizon Youth Centre provides a 7 day a week service including advice and tenancy sustainment as well as facilities such as food, laundry, showers and clothes store to young homeless people from 16-21 years old. The street outreach team complements the day centre services and operates in the boroughs of Camden and Islington. Projects provided in-house include drugs education, literacy & numeracy training, basic skills training, counselling, peer education and training programmes that focus on young people between 16-21 as well as sex workers 16-35.



Special Award Winners Bernie O'Roarke of Sólás Anois and Shelagh O'Connor of New Horizon Youth Centre, with H.E. Dáithí O'Ceallaigh at the Grant Awards reception at the Embassy of Ireland in May 2007

**NEW HORIZON YOUTH CENTRE, London**

£12,000 was awarded for Year 2 of the Women's Open Space – Irish Project: to provide a culturally sensitive service to help young Irish women involved in drug abuse and prostitution in the Camden/Kings Cross area, combining outreach work and in-house support and advocacy. This project will attempt through a range of services to support and divert young Irish women involved into housing, health and other related services providing an alternative to their street activity.

\*NEW HORIZON was also awarded the Irish Youth Foundation Innovation Award for 2007 and £1,000 for the Women's Open Space – Irish Project.

*"It is a great honour to receive this award and we are very pleased to be chosen. It has given us a renewed conviction and energy to pursue our goal of making a difference to the lives of this vulnerable client group."*

*Shelagh O'Connor, New Horizon Youth Centre*

**ORMISTON CHILDREN & FAMILIES TRUST, Norfolk**

£2,000 was awarded towards the Young Voices Project: a new project to enable young Irish Travellers aged between 5-16 throughout Norfolk to explore their culture and heritage by creating a film of their journeys and experiences.

Ormiston Children and Families Trust works to promote the well-being of children and young people, especially those disadvantaged by their life experiences or circumstances.

**ST JOHN BOSCO YOUTH CLUB**

£2,000 was awarded to assist children from low-income Irish families in the deprived area of Tower Hamlets to attend the Monday night dance class run by the Youth Club. St John Bosco Youth Club runs Irish dancing classes and sporting activities for young people in the deprived Tower Hamlets area of East London.

**ST MICHAEL'S IRISH CENTRE**

£8,000 was awarded towards the salary costs of a Community/Cultural Administrator and to cover the salary of the Activities Co-ordinator. St Michael's Parish Centre was given to the Irish Community on Merseyside by the Liverpool Archdioceses in May 1999. In October 2001 the Parish Centre 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.

**TIR CONAILL HARPS GAELIC ATHLETIC CLUB**

£2,000 was awarded towards the salary of a full-time Development/Health Promotion Officer to continue to develop the club's impact on the young Irish people of Glasgow. Tir Conaill Harps is a community-based club in Glasgow, founded in 1994. Although its principal activity was the playing of Gaelic games and promotion of Irish identity among young people in the city, the club has taken on a youth development role in the inner city communities as it has become more established. This included tackling issues such as sectarianism, racism, diversionary activities relating to youth crime and an award-winning programme focused on health promotion and drug awareness training aimed at primary school children.

**TYNESIDE IRISH CULTURAL SOCIETY**

£2,500 was awarded towards the Irish Music Project: to provide Irish traditional music tuition to under 21's at 3 venues in the Tyneside region. Tyneside Irish Cultural Society's Irish youth project organises music/drama cultural and educational activities for young Irish people.

## **Irish Youth Foundation Grants 2007**

### **Awards for Projects in Northern Ireland**



#### **ALLIANCE YOUTH WORKS, Coleraine, Co Derry**

£3,000 was awarded towards a project which aims to get young people involved in discovering, exploring and conserving the environment by providing a number of different programmes such as woodland walks, waste management, etc.

#### **AN MUNIA TOBER, Belfast**

£2,000 was awarded to provide traveller youth groups with increased self-confidence and positive self-awareness by improving their literacy skills and improving their personal development and communication skills.

#### **ARDOYNE YOUTH CLUB, Belfast**

£3,500 was awarded towards the provision of a tailored programme aiming to develop the life skills ability of young people aged 12-14 years enhancing their confidence, self-esteem, quality of life and educational development. Ardoyne Youth Club aims to facilitate the personal and social development of children and young people aged 5-25 years by providing informal support services that centre on their educational, spiritual, cultural, political and creative development needs. Benefits envisaged include increased social and life skills, educational ability, and a reduction of alienation.

#### **BIG TELLY THEATRE COMPANY, Portstewart**

£3,000 was awarded towards an educational and outreach programme based on Seamus Heaney's body of work known as the Bog Poems, the subject of a new piece of theatre commissioned by Big Telly Theatre Company entitled "Bog People". The programme will consist of 4 workshops focussing on different aspects of theatre-making, an open rehearsal and a post-show discussion for young people in 3 rural communities. The project aims to involve a total of around 300 young people who have limited access to arts provision increasing their confidence and self-belief as well as raising awareness about conserving and protecting endangered bogland across Northern Ireland.

#### **CONTEXT GALLERIES, Derry**

£2,000 was awarded towards a project aiming to explore the aspirations of young people in the rural St Johnstone area of Donegal by detailing through contemporary art their hopes, fears and expectations. A programme of workshops culminating in an exhibition will enable the young people to visually articulate how they see themselves and their community in 21st century rural Ireland. Context Galleries is a centre for work by emerging artists in the contemporary fine and applied arts, presented in its two galleries, through its public art projects and outreach programmes.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH CENTRE, Belfast**

£3,500 was awarded towards a civic leadership program for young people in the local area. The project will get young people aged 15-19 years to develop projects within the Belfast City Cemetery. The site is often used as a place for anti-social behaviour. The goal is to bring young people from both sides of the divide together to work on common projects that celebrate their history and help to maintain the environment.

**EAST BELFAST MISSION, Belfast**

£2,750 was awarded towards the Youth project aiming to offer young people alternatives to street pressures, taking them away from violence, building confidence in their abilities and hope for the future through creative, cultural and life skills workshops. East Belfast Mission operates in an area of considerable deprivation and aims to reach all local people irrespective of age, ability or outlook bringing community transformation and renewal to inner East Belfast.

**HARMONY COMMUNITY TRUST, Strangford, Co Down**

£3,500 was awarded towards providing opportunities for learning to disabled teenagers, to experience a wide range of activities which will develop their life skills and ability to participate more actively and positively with their peers in the community. The project will fit in with the overall aim of HCT to promote positive community relations, celebrate diversity for a shared future and target social disadvantage.

**HURT - HAVE YOUR TOMORROWS, Derry**

£4,000 was awarded towards a support service aiming to improve the physical and mental health of young people with drug and alcohol related problems, including a confidential help-line and Alternative Therapies to reduce anxiety levels and promote relaxation. The service will benefit 65 children directly and an estimated 15 children indirectly who are living with substance abusers. HURT provides a drop-in centre and core support services for individuals and their family members with drug and alcohol related problems.

**KINGDOM YOUTH CLUB, Newry, Co Down**

£3,000 was awarded towards the provision of a range of activities and services for young people in an isolated and deprived rural area. The aim of the club is to instil a sense of pride in self and community among the young people and to equip them with the necessary caring attitudes to take their place as members of society.

***“Once again we are indebted to the Irish Youth Foundation, who continue to believe in our project and its aims. Without doubt there have been many developments in the past year, but there are still many underlying social problems, including sectarianism, increased racism and in recent months an unprecedented rise in suicides/attempted suicides in this region.”***

**R.E.A.C.H Across**

**R.E.A.C.H. ACROSS, L'Derry**

£3,500 was awarded towards the Spring Induction Residential Programme. The principal aim of the project is to establish cross-community contact between young people, primarily from disadvantaged /isolated areas, or young people who have limited opportunities for personal development. The project includes a programme of residential-based activity and training courses at neutral locations, a personal development programme and the opportunity to participate in international exchanges.

**SKILL NORTHERN IRELAND, Belfast**

£2,750 was awarded towards the “Moving on Further” Project which aims to show that young people with complex and multiple disabilities can benefit from further education if given the right preparation and ongoing support. Skill Northern Ireland is a people-focused organisation promoting opportunities to empower young people with disabilities to achieve their potential in further, higher and continuing education.

***“Because of the grant from the Irish Youth Foundation Rebecca talks non-stop about the college, her new experiences and all the new activities this has opened up for her.”***



**UPPER ARDOYNE YOUTH CENTRE, Belfast**

£2,400 was awarded to run a series of activities including the use of a mobile outdoor adventure unit to build bridges between divided communities bringing together as many young people as possible and to build a sustainable programme, for the communities as a whole, where trust and confidence will grow.

**WILLOWFIELD PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, Belfast**

£2,700 was awarded towards the Active Youth Drop-in Centre to provide a safe, fun and positive environment where local young people can grow intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically and socially. WPCA aims to run a range of personal development and support programmes for those in the community struggling with deprivation and dependency.

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



AUTUMN PROJECT 2007 "UNDER THE SEA..." COMPLETED BY THE CHILDREN AT SÓLÁS ANOIS

## Lawlor Educational Grants 2007

### GRANTS TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

£12,600 was awarded to a total of 29 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.

*"I am writing to let you know that I have successfully completed my Veterinary Medicine course at Edinburgh and I am graduating on Friday 22 June. I wanted to express my sincere thanks to the Irish Youth Foundation for the financial assistance I received over the duration of my course. Having struggled financially throughout the course the help I received from the IYF made a huge difference to me."*

#### ASHFIELD BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, Belfast

£3,000 was awarded to help underprivileged students and school projects at the Principal's discretion. The funds were directed at all of the children from a very low level socio-economic background and contributed towards PE kits, school trips, sports fees and taxis for two injured pupils whose parents could not afford to send them to school.

#### HAZELWOOD INTEGRATED COLLEGE, Belfast

£3,000 was awarded to help financially disadvantaged students at the Principal's discretion. The college used the grant to support the salary of a Youth Worker who has started an after school club which provides a meeting place for students who live on a sectarian interface. By socialising together and engaging in a wide range of extra-curricular activities these young people develop mutual trust and understanding. They learn from each other and develop the personal skills required to deal positively with sectarian tensions inside and outside school.

#### JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

£5,000 was awarded to assist financially disadvantaged undergraduates from Northern Ireland participate fully in college life.

#### LA SALLE BOYS' SCHOOL, Belfast

£6,000 was awarded to help financially disadvantaged former pupils attending UK universities and to support school projects and individual pupils at the Principal's discretion. The school has a large number of students from low-income families. In total 85 deserving pupils at the school were part-funded for various activities including sports and music tuition, and a number of ex-students were able to seek higher education outside Northern Ireland.

#### LISNEAL COLLEGE, Londonderry

£3,000 was awarded to assist pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds and school projects at the Principal's discretion. The funds were used to supplement the cost of the college's 'Laptop for Pupils Package' for students in receipt of free school meals, enabling them to benefit from the offer.

*"As someone who bought one of these laptops I can honestly say that it has been a great help in my studies. Instead of looking for a computer room to work in I was able to simply find a quiet place to work and use my laptop. ...I would just like to express my sincere thanks for providing the funding to the school as the laptops are a fantastic asset to the students, especially those now hoping to go to university as they will be invaluable."*

#### LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

£1,000 was awarded to help financially disadvantaged students taking the Irish Studies course.

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### **OAKGROVE INTEGRATED COLLEGE, L'Derry**

£3,000 was awarded to assist the school's significant number of disadvantaged pupils at the Principal's discretion.

### **ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Belfast**

£3,000 was awarded to help disadvantaged pupils and school projects at the Principal's discretion.

### **ST CECILIA'S COLLEGE, Derry**

£6,000 was awarded to help disadvantaged students and former pupils attending universities in the UK. The funds contributed towards the newly appointed Leadership Team at the college participating in the Opportunity Youth residential personal development programme at Glencree in Co. Wicklow.

***"I am very grateful for the award which I received and I can guarantee you that it will help me for educational purposes. I would like to wish the Foundation the best of luck and I hope you can help others just the way you have helped me."***

### **ST LOUISE'S COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE, Belfast**

£10,000 was awarded to assist former pupils of St Louise's from disadvantaged backgrounds attending university or training college in the UK.

### **ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Belfast**

£6,000 was awarded to help financially disadvantaged students who have gone to university and to support school projects and individual students at the Principal's discretion. The 'Falls Community Council' service, together with 'Contact Youth', provided necessary extensive support and counselling for students coping with problems including bereavement, suicidal thoughts, addictions, anxiety, family break-up and sexual orientation.

***"These services have proved invaluable and are sustainable only through your patronage. As an example I draw your attention to your help for twin 14-year old boys whose father died this year and whose brother and sister had committed suicide. Their mother is deeply appreciative of your assistance this Christmas."***

### **ST MARY'S COLLEGE, Derry**

£6,000 was awarded to help former pupils attending university in the UK, and to assist pupils at the school from financially disadvantaged backgrounds with activities such as music tuition at the Principal's discretion.

Linda & John and all at the IYF.

Thanks for your support to SOSAS Anois over the  
and all the holidays and play schemes that your  
donations has made possible.

Many thanks from

*Caroline*

Dear Linda & John,

Would like to say many thanks  
for all you have done for  
us at SOSAS!! *Shirley*

Linda & John

Thanks for your generous support  
the year - Go raibh agat  
Beann n' tairne.

Thank you for the money.

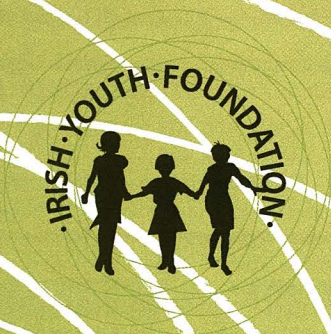
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Thank you we really appreciate it from S  
Dad. the boys!!

Thank you for the money, glad to be  
appreciated, from Anne + kids.

Thank-you from Ryan Sam  
and Lewis

THANK YOU SO MUCH X MAMIE,  
Thank you ever so much from ever  
inch of my heart. Tammy Lee Mac



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