



## December Update

It's impossible to believe we are reaching the end of 2019. The Ireland Funds Australia has had a wonderful year, with your support we have hosted 12 fantastic events bringing together friends, old and new, across Australia, enabling us to continue our vital support of projects in Ireland and Australia.

From the success of our events and the generosity of our supporters we were able to have a grant round of over \$400,000 in June to 18 projects, a snapshot of which is included below. Full details of our grant round can be viewed in our [Trustee Report](#) and additional information regarding our projects can be viewed [here](#). We are very proud of the fact that averaged over the last five years, 80.16% of tax deductible donations received by us have been allocated to our projects.

One of the absolute highlights of 2019 was of course our return to Fairwater in October for the Sydney Garden Party, where the grounds were transformed into Ancient Ireland, Land of Saints, Scholars...and Sinners. We were extremely privileged that the new owners hosted us and gave us an incredibly warm welcome. We were also delighted to be the first Ireland Funds event globally on the journey to being carbon neutral; we worked with [Mossy Earth](#) to rejuvenate a Native Irish Wasteland with non-invasive native species and we helped regenerate select native species that support natural ecosystems and wildlife here in Australia with the help of the [Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund](#).

I am very pleased of the partnership we have formed with [The Lansdowne Club](#), Australia's premier Irish business network, to support the work of The Ireland Funds as their "Charity of Choice".

I would love to connect and work with as many Irish organisations as we can, sharing information and supporting each other at the very minimum. Please feel free to reach out to me.

I am extremely proud of the work that the Young Leaders have done in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane; they are without doubt, some of the most active Young Leaders globally. Leading another successful Global 5k, and nominating projects to support around mental health, community development and science, including Irish Men's Sheds, an Australian initiative, to bring men shoulder to shoulder in their local communities, improving their health and well-being.

The Young Leaders truly are the next generation of philanthropy and are vital to ensuring the longevity of the work of the Fund.

My heartfelt thanks for your support and donations throughout the year. I keep asking and you keep giving. However, I have personally seen a number of the projects we support in action, and can assure you that with your help the support we provide changes lives, many of them young lives. Hope is a powerful gift to be able to give and I thank you for enabling us to give it on your behalf.

On behalf of our Chairman Yvonne Le Bas, our Board of Directors, Young Leaders and myself thank you for all that you do. We wish you, your family and loved ones a very Safe and Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

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**Teresa Keating**

**Executive Director**

**PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2018-2019**



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN IRELAND**

- Community Action Network
- Inner City Enterprise
- Integrated Education
- Jigsaw
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Men's Sheds
- Soar
- Suas
- Trinity College Dublin



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA**

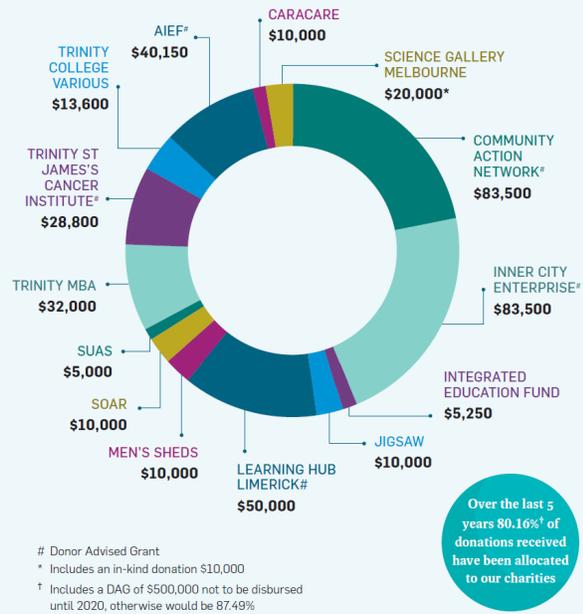
- AIEF
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- CaraCare



**DONOR ADVISED GRANTS**

- Inner City Enterprise
- Community Action Network
- Learning Hub Limerick
- Trinity St James's Cancer Institute
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- AIEF

**TOTAL DONATIONS 2018-2019 \$401,800**



# How Your Support Made a Difference

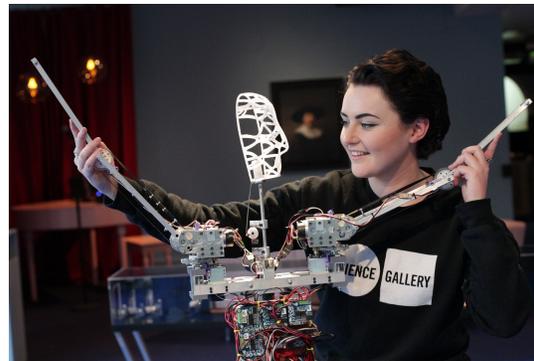


## Inner City Enterprise (ICE)

ICE has helped more than 2,000 unemployed people in Dublin's inner city to establish over 1,000 for-profit and social enterprises. With our help, ICE will hold training and networking workshops and events and establish formal mentoring and Corporate Social Enterprise Adoption programmes

## Science Gallery Melbourne

Pioneered by Trinity College Dublin and part of a global network, Science Gallery Melbourne aims to engage young adults through the collision of arts and sciences, as 75% of future jobs will require STEM qualifications. We are proud to be in our 3rd year of partnership with SGM



## Soar

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, since 2012 **Soar** has worked with more than 30,000 young people in Ireland, delivering early intervention-preventative wellness workshops. Since 2015, The Ireland Funds Australia has contributed more than \$195,000 in grants to Soar



[View our Trustee Report](#)

With the end of the year fast approaching we would be grateful if you would join or rejoin one of our [giving programmes](#) or make a [one-off donation](#). Our giving programmes include the [Governor](#), [Associate](#), [Benefactor](#) and [Young Leader](#) Programmes, all of which are tax deductible. Details can be found by clicking the button below.

[Giving Programmes](#)

## Recent Past Events



### **2019 Sydney Garden Party**

On a balmy evening with a view of the Iconic Opera Bar and Sydney Harbour Bridge over 100 guests enjoyed the craic, canapés and cocktails at the [Young Leaders' Sydney Soirée](#).

Reflecting on a successful 2019 the event was an opportunity to say thank you to members and friends for their support during the year.

[Click here for the event report and photos](#)

We celebrated our return to Fairwater with the [Ancient Ireland Sydney Garden Party](#). More than 520 guests came together for fun and philanthropy overlooking sparkling Sydney Harbour, with great company, food and entertainment. Having all that fun allowed us to raise good profits on the day and we are extremely grateful for the generous support of all involved including our Table Captains and in particular our Major Sponsors.

[Click here for the event report and photos](#)



### **Young Leaders' Sydney Soirée**

On a beautiful night along the river at Blackbird Bar, the Ireland Funds Australia hosted our [2019 Brisbane Christmas Drinks](#). Friends and supporters of the Fund gathered together to reflect on a successful year and raise awareness of the Ireland Funds and the worthy projects we support. A great night was had by all. We look forward, with your help to continue to grow our Brisbane base in 2020!



## **Brisbane Christmas Drinks**

An inspiring morning brought three worlds together for the annual Sydney Young Leaders' Corporate Breakfast at the shiny new offices of Facebook in Barangaroo. Guests heard a rich tapestry of discussion including (via video link from Dublin) inspiring words from Tony Griffin Co-Founder & former CEO of Soar, a youth foundation working to uncover the greatness in all young people in Ireland. [Click here for the event report and photos](#)

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## **Sydney Young Leaders Corporate Breakfast**

## **Global 5k**



Across Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne more than 330 runners participated in the 6th annual Irish Run the World, cheered on by friends and family. Runners and spectators alike refuelled themselves at the post-run barbeque featuring Irish sausages and treats from home. Irish Olympian and Ireland Funds Australia Board Member Sonia O'Sullivan spoke in Melbourne as the Global 5k Ambassador and thanked everyone for participating.

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## Dates for the Diary

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### **Global Young Leader Summit**

**23 - 25 January 2020**

**New York**

### **June Conference**

**24 - 27 June 2020**

**Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney**



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