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The Ireland Funds Great Britain Grant Round 2022

Your Generosity Changes Lives

Following the challenges of the pandemic, we are pleased that The Ireland Funds Great Britain (IFGB) and our generous supporters were able to return with renewed vigour to our full fundraising activities in the past year. As a direct impact of your donations and support, our 2022 Annual Grant Round awarded funding totalling £138,300 to 34 charities across Great Britain and Ireland.

The 2022 Annual Grant Round had four core objectives, and grants were awarded based on each charity's ability to deliver at least one of these objectives:

- Invest in local communities and contribute to the avoidance of hardship.
- Support programmes that contribute to the reconnection people of all ages with education, employment and re/upskilling opportunities.
- Support the promotion of arts and culture that connect groups with Irish culture and heritage and share it with the next generation
- In Northern Ireland, strengthen cross-community relations, the treatment and resolution of transgenerational trauma and assist young people at risk.

Thank you to our private and corporate donors, 100 Club members, Young Leaders and guests at our fundraising events. Grateful thanks also to The Ireland Funds Great Britain Board of Directors and our Grants Committee who volunteer their time to ensure these grants are awarded to outstanding organisations delivering real impact in their communities. Read on to see the reach that your generosity, combined with their tireless work, will have this year.

The Impact Of Your Generosity



Aisling Return To Ireland

The Aisling Project provides practical intervention for long-term Irish immigrants living in London to make and maintain contact with families, friends and their homeland. Our support allows them to fund two rehabilitative trips to Ireland for 20 returners.



Bikes For Refugees (Scotland)

IFGB funding will support the resettlement and social inclusion of isolated and socio-economically disadvantaged refugees and asylum seekers (New Scots) through the refurbishment and distribution of free bicycles and the transformational power of cycling.



Brent Centre For Young People

Brent Centre for Young People will identify young Irish people experiencing mental health difficulties and provide tailored holistic mental health support; including therapy, help resolve practical life problems and give support to parents and carers working with them.



Brent Irish Advisory Service

The successful Active Aging Club will be funded by an IFGB grant, and allow them to continue supporting the health and wellbeing of older Irish people in North London, reducing their social isolation and helping them to share their Irish culture.



Community Sports Network

The Community Sports Support Hub has continued to provide stability and support for ex-offenders and adults at risk by creating a positive routine through physical activity and social interaction. From boxing training to hiking, Community Sports Network has used the financial support from IFGB to help make a real positive change and wellbeing to the lives of many in their community.



Cruse Bereavement Support

In the wake of the pandemic, wait time has increased for bereaved clients seeking vital counselling; this year's IFGB grant helps Cruse Bereavement Support with their aim to reduce waiting lists and provide interim support.





Feith An Cheoil School Of Music

IFGB support helps Feith an Cheoil School of Music to develop the promotion of Irish culture and heritage, enabling young Irish people and their families to learn and understand their heritage through Irish music, singing and dancing.



Herstory Education Trust

Herstory launched the Peace Heroines exhibition and education programme in Stormont on the International Day of Peace 2022. This timely and essential new education project explores the pivotal women played in the Northern Ireland Peace Process with the aim to inspire and empower the next generation of peace builders



IAMI Ltd

IAMI Ltd connects, supports, advocates, and empowers Irish people of mixed ancestry/multi ethnicity. With IFGB funding, they will run workshops to provide the skills and competencies needed to valorise Irish culture & heritage through an intergenerational-based approach, using music, art and storytelling.



Immigrant Counselling And Psychotherapy

icap improves mental health in the Irish community in Britain through the provision of counselling and psychotherapy; IFGB funding will support individuals as well as clients in a group setting.



Irish Chaplaincy

Irish Chaplaincy supports Irish people and Irish Travellers in particular to get out of and stay out of prison. This grant funding allows Irish Chaplaincy to supply essential items on release to assist people at the most vulnerable times.



Irish Community Care

Our funding allows Irish Community Care to provide direct practical, material and financial support to individuals who are struggling to make ends meet- especially in the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic.



Irish Community Care Manchester

ICCM organise lunch groups for the elderly Irish; bringing people together to mix with peers and community, celebrate culture and to enjoy time together with lunch, music and support from the team at ICCM.





Irish Community Services

Exciting intergenerational projects are being provided over two initiatives; the first focuses on gardening and local climate change initiatives, while the second is a forum for Irish History & Literacy discussion. With the help of an IFGB grant both projects provide a space and forum to connect, learn, and share with all ages.



Irish Cultural Centre, Hammersmith

IFGB funding is supporting a partnership with Age UK Hammersmith to run digital inclusion classes. It is an opportunity in which anyone who is lacking confidence in their digital skills or has a specific problem needing to be solved digitally, can drop in to a session with a trained tutor who is available to help.



Irish Elderly Advice Network

This welfare project supports the older Irish population applying for pensions, benefits, housing and other grants, by setting up a phone helpline as well as setting up home visits and welfare outreach projects.



Irish Heritage Limited

IFGB has funded a bursary prize to be awarded to a young composer born in Ireland or of recent Irish descent, studying music at degree level at an Irish or UK Music College or Conservatoire. Past recipients have described the bursary award as "life-changing".



Irish Music And Dance In London (IMDL)

IMDL's London-wide Youth Project: 'The Trad Gathering' are providing education, shared cultural experience and performance opportunities for 60+ young Irish musicians between the ages of 12 and 25 across London with the support of IFGB funding.



Irish Pensioners Choir

We are supporting the Irish Pensioners Choir which celebrates and preserves the songs and culture of older generations, whilst celebrating older Irish people and tackling isolation through enjoyment, friendship, and Irish music.



Leeds Irish Arts Foundation

Project support from IFGB, provided the Irish Arts Foundation in Leeds additional project planning and delivery costs for eighteen afternoon and evening live and online intergenerational music, reminiscence, spoken word, participatory and performance workshops and activities.





Leeds Irish Health & Homes

We are supporting Leeds Irish Health and Homes to alleviate social isolation for over 500 people at Easter and Christmas 2022 through the continuation of the Craic Pack initiative, which delivers Irish goods, gifts, and messages of support to lonely and vulnerable people in the community.



Lets Unite For Autism Limited

The project we are supporting will help Lets Unite for Autism to work with families from diverse communities, running courses to help them overcome barriers of autism stigma and denial, and giving them the confidence to ask for and access the essential education and support services that their autistic children need.



Lewisham Irish Community Centre

We are supporting Lewisham Irish Community Centre to celebrate and increase access to the Irish language across the generations of Irish in Lewisham by capturing the stories and contributions of the members and the local Irish community as part of their anniversary.



Liverpool Irish Centre

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Liverpool Irish Centre are creating a community space for men to connect, learn and create. The activities within the Men's Shed will help reduce loneliness, isolation and enable the men to have fun, take part in educational workshops and use these skills in other areas.



LUTON IRISH FORUM

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LIF provides a welfare helpline and specialist support, including information on returning to Ireland, Irish Passport assistance/witnessing, befriending and reassurance calls, access to face to face or online social groups, engagement and events, newsletters with ideas for on/offline activities and daily digital information.



Parallel Histories

Parallel Histories are strengthening cross-community relations between young people in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Britain through fostering respectful debate about the history of Northern Ireland in workshops in schools.



Quaker Service

Our funding supports Quaker Service at their cross-community family support centre situated in West Belfast. The centre provides intensive day support services for vulnerable mothers, children and young people.





Read For Good

Our grant will help Read for Good support children and young people in Northern Ireland whose learning, well-being and development is particularly at risk due to ill health and hospitalisation. This funding helps provide new books and story sessions.



School of Folk

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We are supporting the School of Folk to teach Irish music and songs to both adults and children, taking an intergenerational approach and teaching fiddle, tin whistle, guitar, piano and song.



Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity

Sunshine Wishes Children's Charity are providing care packages of healthy food, hygiene and cleaning products for disadvantaged children in East Dunbartonshire whose families survive on very low incomes.



The Parent Rooms

The Parent Rooms are creating and delivering three Parents in Mind programs to support and improve mental health and wellbeing for parents using education, CBT and practical activities using IFGB grant round funding.



The Vale Pantry

IFGB are supporting The Vale Pantry to provide food parcels to financially disadvantaged individuals and families, whilst helping and supporting the many underlying issues such as domestic violence, unemployment and homelessness which may have led to their food poverty.



Via Wings

Via Wings is meeting needs and changing lives for disadvantaged and vulnerable families and individuals by tackling the underlying root causes of poverty and its effects; isolation, brokenness, loneliness and more.



Void Gallery

We are supporting Void Gallery to create a cross community visual arts group that brings together like-minded young people, aged between 15 and 20 to explore their personal and collective creativity whilst gaining experience on a professional level.

