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### Dear Fellow Donors,

As Ireland faces great challenges North and South, I am proud to say that The Ireland Funds are playing their part in helping the Irish meet those challenges. Economically, the Republic of Ireland is experiencing a huge correction to its finances. In fact, if the US went through the same fiscal correction as Ireland, it would now enjoy a surplus of \$1.5 billion. So the Irish are showing great fortitude and ensuring that the country will recover. Indeed, we believe that Ireland will be the "come back nation" of the Western World. However, while these corrections take place, people on the margins are under great pressure. We in the Funds are delivering support to not for profit organizations on the ground that are reaching out to those most in need, enabling them to maintain their services and safeguard Ireland's social fabric.

In Northern Ireland huge progress has been made. This year, Queen Elizabeth II shook the hand of Sinn Féin's Martin McGuinness. This was an event that was unthinkable up until very recently. It is a wonderful symbol of how the two traditions are overcoming centuries of enmity and are crafting a new and shared society together.

In fact, Northern Ireland presents an exemplar for the world in conflict resolution. However, its key lesson is that peace building is a tortuously slow exercise and the North's Peace Process remains a work in progress. While Northern Ireland may no longer be headline news, which is a good thing, we must not forget that divisions persist. We remain focused on that unfinished business and on working to ensure gaps between the two communities are closed.

So please, rest assured and allow me to thank you for the fact that you are meeting need where it is needed most. You are doing so with exceptional generosity. I am proud of the charities we are funding together across Ireland and in Irish communities around the globe. Your extraordinary response to our *Promising Ireland* Campaign is a testament to your generosity and pride. The fact that we reached our initial Campaign goal a year and a half early and that we have now increased it by 40% will ensure that, through you, we are making an impact when it counts most.

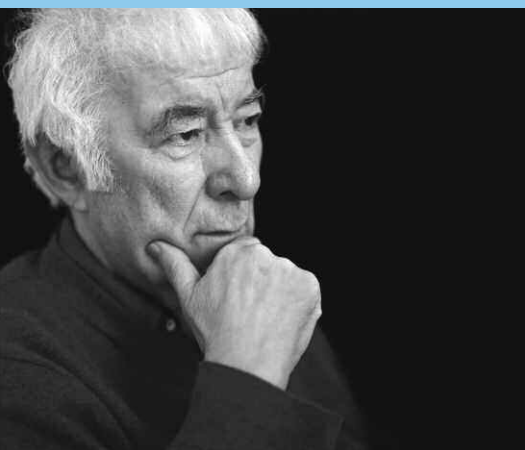
Thank you for all you do to help and support the Irish as they rebuild their economy and society, North and South.

Kind regards,

Loretta Brennan Glucksman  
Chairman  
The American Ireland Fund

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The Worldwide Ireland Funds are a philanthropic network that supports worthy causes in Ireland and around the world. Our mission is to be the largest network of friends of Ireland dedicated to supporting programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland. Founded in 1976, The Worldwide Ireland Funds currently operate in 12 countries and have raised over \$430 million for more than 1,200 outstanding organizations.



## On the Cover

A highlight of The 2012 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Cork was the awarding of The Lifetime Achievement Award to Seamus Heaney. Mr. Heaney was the second recipient of the AWB Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award back in 1973 and has remained a dear friend to The Ireland Funds ever since. In June, before an audience of 250 donors and guests that included Taoiseach Enda Kenny and former US President Bill Clinton, Mr. Heaney thanked The Ireland Funds for their endorsement in the early days of his career and for the difference they had made to the work of Irish writers over the past 40 years. (photo: Antonio Zazueta Olmos)

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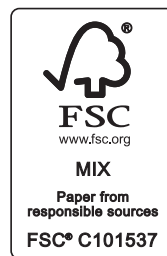
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### Dear Friends and Supporters,

Your generosity is remarkable and you are really standing up for Ireland when it counts most. Despite difficult circumstances across the world, you are giving at an unprecedented level. As a result, the original goal of our *Promising Ireland* Campaign to raise \$100 million by December 2013 was exceeded 19 months early. We have now revised the goal upwards to \$140 million by December 2013 and, because of you, we are confident of getting there.

In the last three and a half years, you have generated almost one-third of all income raised by The Ireland Funds since they were founded in 1976. Thank you for this remarkable response in such challenging times.

Of course, the most important feature of the Campaign is that over 350 outstanding projects across Ireland and among Irish communities worldwide have benefited so far. In this edition of *Connect* you will read of such excellent projects such as the Belfast H.E.R.O.S. program and Third Age. These projects and hundreds like them, represent the Irish at their best meeting circumstances at their worst.

At this year's Ireland Funds Worldwide Conference in June, we connected the two elements that make up the essence of The Ireland Funds: our donors and the projects they support. Over three days in the glorious surroundings of Castlemartyr in County Cork, over 250 of our leading supporters from 8 countries gathered to see the impact of their generosity across Ireland and to discuss their priorities for the Fund. We committed ourselves, of course, to not only completing the new Campaign goal but looking beyond it to ensure that The Ireland Funds play their full role in supporting Ireland's economic recovery. We have launched a number of economic initiatives, including the National Business Plan Competition, the No Mind Left Behind program and the US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program. We look forward to becoming involved in and launching additional projects to help the Irish people as they drive the country back to prosperity.

Thank you so much for creating opportunities, hope and change across Ireland. Your philanthropy is practical patriotism at its finest.

Kind regards,

Kieran McLoughlin  
President and CEO  
The Worldwide Ireland Funds



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The Worldwide Ireland Funds launched the *Promising Ireland* Campaign to raise \$100 million by the end of 2013 on behalf of Irish charities and causes worldwide. In 2012, 19 months ahead of schedule, that goal was exceeded thanks to donors' generosity.

Charities across the island of Ireland and beyond are experiencing an increased demand for their services at a time of a major reduction in resources. The Campaign's title—*Promising Ireland*—reflects The Ireland Funds' pledge to these groups as well as a belief in Ireland's future. Here is just a sample of the over 350 outstanding organizations that have already received support from the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

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174 Trust  
Abbey School  
Adult Literacy and Basic Education  
Age & Opportunity  
Age Concern Network of Newcastle and District  
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BeLonG To Youth Services  
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Dublin Civic Trust  
Dublin International Piano Competition  
Dublin Jewish Board of Guardians  
Dublin Simon Community  
Dublin SPCA  
Dublin Talmud Torah  
Dublin UNESCO City of Literature  
Dun Laoghaire Refugee Project  
East Belfast Community Agency  
Educate Together  
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Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC)  
Front Line  
Gaelscoileanna  
Gaisce - The President's Award  
Galway Arts Centre  
Gate Theatre  
Generations in Action  
Giants Community Foundation  
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GIY  
Glenstal Abbey  
Good Shepherd Day Centre  
Gorta  
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Kerry Diocesan Youth Services  
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Pushkin Prizes Trust  
Queen's University  
RADE  
Railway Preservation Society  
Richhill Community & Arts Association  
Right to Sight  
Ringsend Community Services Forum  
Rothar  
Royal Hibernian Academy  
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Regimental Museum  
Royal Irish Academy  
RUA RED South Dublin Arts  
Ruhama  
Rural Resettlement Ireland  
Samaritans  
Saplings School for Children with Autism  
Select Vestry of Lissadell Parish  
Self Help Africa  
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SIFE Ireland  
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Sligo Dyslexia Group  
Smock Alley Theatre  
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland  
Social Justice Ireland  
Society of Vincent de Paul  
Solas  
Special Olympics Ireland  
Speedpak Limited  
Speedwell Trust  
Spinal Injuries Ireland  
Springboard Opportunities  
Spun Out  
St. Bernadette's Primary School  
St. Brigid's Family Resource Centre  
St. Christopher's Services  
St. Colman's Care Centre  
St. Francis Hospice  
St. James's Hospital Foundation  
St. Jarlath's Court Residents' Association  
St. Johns Amateur Boxing Club, Fermoy  
St. Michael's Estate Family Resource Centre  
St. Patrick's College—Teachnet  
St. Stephen's Green Trust  
St. Ultan's After School Project  
Sticks and Stones  
Sticky Fingers  
Street Feast  
Suas Educational Development  
Tara Centre  
Temple Street Children's Fund for Health  
The Abbey Theatre  
The Ark  
The Carers' Association  
The Corrymeela Community  
The Educational Trust  
The Emer Casey Foundation  
The Little Museum of Dublin  
The National Concert Hall  
The Next Step  
The Nexus Institute  
The Organic Boys  
The Playhouse  
The Prince's Trust  
The Pushkin Trust  
The Safe Home Programme  
The Terry Enright Foundation  
The WOW Group -Winners on Wheels  
Third Age Foundation  
Tipperary Excel Heritage Company  
Tir Boghaine Teoranta  
TLC4 Cystic Fibrosis  
To Russia With Love  
Trinity College Dublin  
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Tuesday's Children  
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Walk with You  
Washington Ireland Program  
Waterside Women's Centre  
West Cork Chamber Festival  
West Cork Music Festival  
West Cork Women Against Violence  
Wexford Festival Opera  
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Wired Fm  
Women for Election  
Youth Initiatives  
Youth Work Ireland Galway

### The priority areas of The Worldwide Ireland Funds are:

- Investing in Ireland's Communities
- Supporting a shared future in Northern Ireland
- Promoting Philanthropy in Ireland
- Providing Access to Education
- The Promotion of Irish Culture and Heritage
- Assisting Disadvantaged Youth
- Assisting the Elderly 'Forgotten Irish'



Learn more about how you can support the Promising Ireland Campaign by scanning the code, visiting [www.theirelandfunds.org](http://www.theirelandfunds.org) or calling 1-800-IRL-FUND (1-800-475-3863)



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The *Promising Ireland* Campaign is helping Irish charities now, when they need it most. Your generosity to The Ireland Funds is bringing services to people in need all across Ireland and around the world.

# Thank you

"I have told you in the past about the magnificent work this, the largest organisation helping Ireland in the world, does for charities both here and abroad. The Ireland Funds remain a resource of incomparable benefit to Ireland..."

— Enda Kenny, An Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland



*"Our attitude towards ourselves has changed dramatically because of The Ireland Funds. Before, we saw ourselves as a charity. We don't see ourselves as a charity anymore. We like to ask people to invest."* — Joan Freeman, Pieta House

“We were delighted to receive support from The Ireland Funds. The grant means that we can run our *Stand Up! Don't Stand for Homophobic Bullying Campaign* into every school in Ireland for another year. It makes all the difference.” — Michael Nanci Barron, BeLonG To Youth Services

*“The Ireland Funds have been hugely important to The Ark. It hasn't been just about the money, though the money really matters. The support of The Ireland Funds is philosophical. It is an absolute energetic support that stands for the creative life, for children, and for their potential. It is the act of coming alongside and standing with us. We are constantly reinterpreting culture and The Ireland Funds are part of that journey.” — Eina McHugh, The Ark*

“A project like this is unlike anything the club has undertaken in the past and the grant from The Ireland Funds has helped immensely. Funding from The Ireland Funds gives us a level of respect and status because of their rigid review process before giving money.” — Tom Kenny, Our Lady's Boys' Club

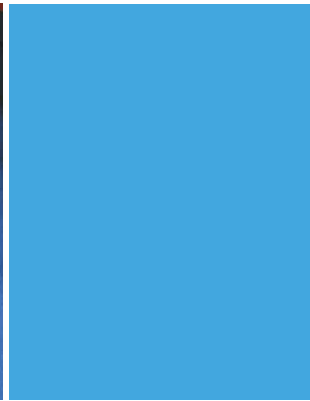
“When Lagan College opened 30 years ago, 28 children were able to attend the first planned integrated school in Northern Ireland. Since then, The Ireland Funds have supported the integrated education movement by improving facilities in existing schools, supporting the opening of new schools and expanding access to integrated education to early childhood education. Thanks to the supporters like The Ireland Funds, 21,000 children and young people across Northern Ireland are enrolled in one of 61 integrated schools and the movement continues to gain momentum.” — Paul Caskey, Integrated Education Fund



“Thanks to the ongoing support from The Ireland Funds, the Pushkin Trust has been enabled to maintain both its Schools' Programme and its Partners in Education Programme in both parts of Ireland. Even in this year of financial uncertainty for many, The Ireland Funds' commitment to our essential work with children and educators has provided us with a singular endorsement that we value deeply. ” — Alan Boyd, The Pushkin Trust



# THE ARK TAKES CHILDREN ON A CULTURAL JOURNEY WITH HELP FROM THE IRELAND FUNDS



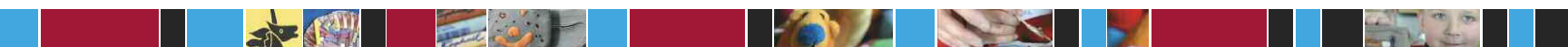
THE ENERGY OF TWENTY 7-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN EXPLORING A NEW ENVIRONMENT IS A JOYFUL THING TO WATCH.

Some go straight to the clay; others stare with wonder at jars of sea creatures and coral. Artist Terry O'Farrell gathers the group together in the sun-filled room and asks, "Tell me, what is important to you? What would you like to carve into this clay?"



The Ark is a place where children age 2-12 are empowered and encouraged to answer such questions through creative expression. Opened in 1995, it was Europe's first cultural center for children. The multi-story building in the heart of Dublin is laid out with children in mind: colors, textures, and

**A "TOUCH EVERYTHING" ATTITUDE MAKE CHILDREN FEEL ENGAGED AND WELCOMED.** The Ark's deliberately broad definition of "culture" is inclusive: literature, dance, music, new technologies, and film are just some of the mediums used to inspire children, their families, schools, and communities. Programs are developed in-house with an eye to hands-on interaction. These programs are complemented by a cadre of visiting artists who hold workshops with children.



## A RICH CULTURAL LIFE

One of the first things parents and teachers note when children come to The Ark is the quality of engagement. It is not uncommon to see children who struggle in the classroom develop newfound confidence and concentration through creative activities at The Ark. Parents report that children who don't speak about what they are doing at school have come home and not been able to stop talking about their visits.

**"EVERY SINGLE CHILD, REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND, INCOME, OR ABILITY, HAS A RIGHT TO A RICH CULTURAL LIFE," SAID EINA MCHUGH, DIRECTOR OF THE ARK. "WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT ART CAN DO IN A CHILD'S LIFE."**

Eina explained that while fun is an ever-present theme for children as they come through the doors, there are larger benefits that come with it. "Outside evaluators have shown us that children who are involved in our programs miss fewer days at school. They have a higher level of well-being. Their communications skills improve. A key quote from one of the reports was, 'The Ark has proven that high-quality arts can make a transformative difference in communities.'"

The Ireland Funds were early supporters of The Ark back before the doors even opened. In 1991, the Irish Government decided to establish Temple Bar as a "cultural quarter" and a space geared toward children was explored. The Ireland Funds identified The Ark as a project with great potential and provided early funding. Today, over 1,000 artists, including award-winning authors, poets, and musicians have partnered with The Ark to bring quality arts experiences to children. The name "The Ark" was chosen not only because it was a word that children found easy to say, but also because it represented a voyage to someplace new and wonderful.

## MUSIC AND THEATER-A RENEWED FOCUS

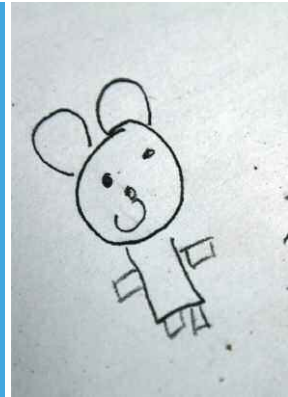
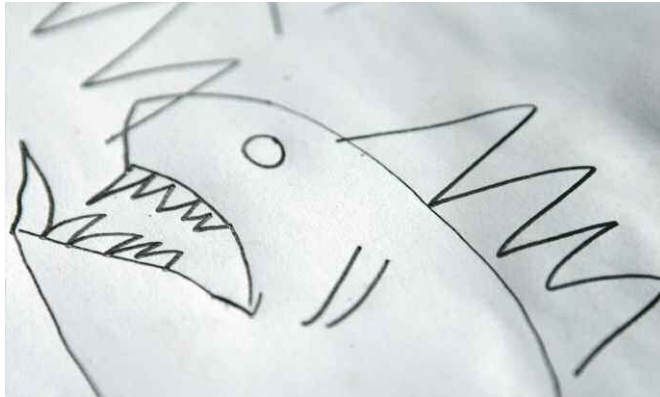
Maria Fleming, Theater Programmer at the Ark expressed gratitude for The Ireland Funds' involvement over the years. "It makes such a difference to have people alongside us like The Ireland Funds. Projects like The Ark are for dreamers and visionaries, for people who see beyond today and actually believe in and commit to the future. That commitment is so rare and we are grateful."

In June 2011, The Ark launched a three-year focus on music programs for schools and families. The most recent grant from The Ireland Funds has supported this initiative by funding a music program called "Play", which was a series of hands-on workshops and concerts for children that were held with world-class musicians. The theater program at The Ark continues to drive forward the next generation of new theater work for children and is additionally exploring performances that are geared to children with autism.

"This is a difficult time for Ireland," said Maria. "We have a unique culture here in Ireland and it really is our strength. When we get funding from the diaspora it is such a vote of confidence. The Ireland Funds are known to many people and the funding is a stamp of approval that we deeply appreciate."

Gallery spaces, a theater, a rooftop garden, and interactive digital exhibits are all part of The Ark experience. In addition to the content-rich programs for children, the organization advocates for arts education through symposiums, workshops, and initiatives that have shown benefits across Ireland.

The evaluations show the organization's impact and after 17 years, the methodology used is proven. But a seven year old doesn't much care about these things. All that really matters to her is the joy of her hands in clay, a jar of terrific sea creatures, and an opportunity to have fun while learning. The Ireland Funds are proud to support The Ark, where the children can begin a creative and cultural journey that hopefully lasts a lifetime.

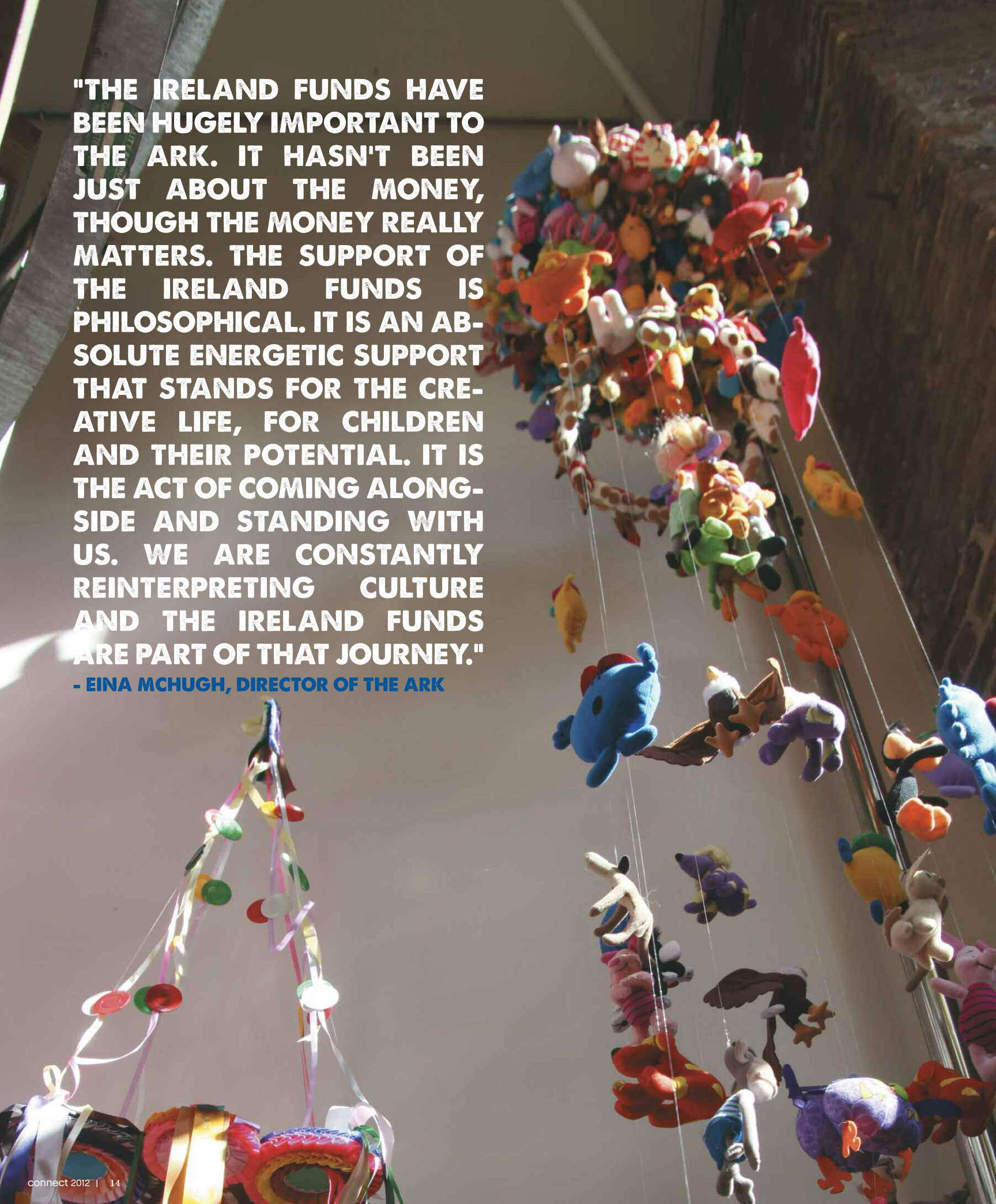


**"I LOVED IT, I'D COME A MILLION TIMES IF I COULD."**  
- ELIZABETH, AGE 9



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**- EINA MCHUGH, DIRECTOR OF THE ARK**



**"I THOUGHT IT WAS THE GREATEST THING  
I HAVE EVER DONE IN A LONG, LONG TIME."**

**- JAMES, AGE 8**




# A STATE *of* INDEPENDENCE

THE IRELAND FUNDS ARE HELPING  
**COPE GALWAY** MEET THE  
NEEDS OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY,  
ONE MEAL AT A TIME.



**COPE Galway**

*Let's help together*



COPE Galway has been providing vital social services throughout Galway for over 40 years. Their services for older people, the homeless, and those affected by domestic violence have helped thousands of people since the 1970s. Most recently, a grant from The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign has helped them grow their innovative Lunch Club program that tackles the isolation and loneliness often experienced by the elderly.



OVER 200 MEALS A DAY, EACH MARKED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, ARE DELIVERED TO HOMES BY A NETWORK OF MORE THAN 140 VOLUNTEERS.



## LAST YEAR, COPE GALWAY

prepared and delivered over 50,000 nutritious and customized meals to older people living in Galway. Their Community Catering program is an award-winning approach that breaks the mold of the stereotypes many people associate with "meals on wheels." Instead of a cookie-cutter menu with no choice, meals are prepared based on recipients' dietary requirements and preferences. Over 200 meals a day, each marked with an individual's name, are delivered to homes by a network of more than 140 volunteers. On 16 routes that range from the urban center to rural routes in the Galway countryside, a highly personalized system ensures that if someone is unable to eat sodium, or simply doesn't enjoy apples, those items will never be included in their delivery.



What are always delivered, however, are kind words, a listening ear, and an eye for any issues that may require a helping hand. The volunteers who bring the meals are often the lifeline for older people who maintain a proudly guarded independence, but may need assistance on occasion.

Geraldine Ryan, Executive Chef at COPE Galway Community Catering, said, "Our service is not new; however, our approach to it is new in a sector which now needs to embrace change. While we have advanced significantly with the production aspect of our service, we are proud to have maintained equal emphasis on the value of the daily social contact. This is rated by older people as being of equal importance to the food they receive. The flexibility and the personalization of our service are unique. Our ability to respond in a way to our service users cannot be achieved via commercial ready-to-eat meals."

## THE LUNCH CLUBS

### *A Place, A Song, A Meal Together*

Another facet of COPE Galway's outreach to older people is their Lunch Club program. For those who are able to come out and socialize with others, COPE Galway sponsors weekly Lunch Clubs at locations around Galway where older people drop in, enjoy a beautifully prepared and nutritious meal, and also enjoy the social aspect of an

"I came to the Lunch Club and thought, 'Hey...there's something going on here!' If I don't go, they ask after me. The staff has the best of humour; they have a heart of gold."

**-PAT**, lunch club attendee and volunteer



**"I come every week. The lunch club has given me a new lease on life. I have new friends. You can stop in for a lovely cup of tea and some biscuits. I'm living on my own and it has made a big difference. And there's never a bad day on the menu."**

**-ARTHUR**, lunch club attendee



afternoon with others. The opportunity often allows them to learn about the other services available to them through COPE Galway such as their Day Centres, where activities like cooking, art, exercise, and computer training are offered.

At one Lunch Club held in the local GAA hall, over 20 people gathered on a Monday afternoon. On the menu were hearty Irish stew and beautifully prepared salmon. Volunteers welcomed diners to set tables and conversations from the week before were resumed. The affectionate joking made it clear that many had known one another for decades, but those new to the Lunch Club were also welcomed.

Anne Kenny, Manager of Senior Support Services with COPE Galway, and Jacquie Horan, CEO of COPE Galway, sat down to discuss COPE Galway's impact today and what the future would hold. Anne explained, "It is hard for people of any age to participate in organized activities. But we say to people, 'You can come just for lunch...that's OK, or you can engage with additional services.' There is a relationship building element to what we do. Many of the folks that come to our Lunch Club may not have realized the services that are available to them. We build that trust and then can see that they benefit."

Jacquie elaborated on why their programs will continue to be important in the future. "Ireland's population is aging. The statistics tell us that over the next two to three decades, a quarter of our population will be over 70 years old and a significant number will be over 80 years old. This tells us that our planning needs to gear to this. One of our goals is to get the older population to think about their nutritional needs. Part of opening that conversation is the establishment of our Lunch Clubs. The positive association they have carries over to the time when they may need our meal delivery service."

"The grant that came from The Ireland Funds last year made a significant difference to the services we provide here in the city," said Anne. "Thanks to that funding, we have a community worker who was able to go out into three new communities to begin additional Lunch Clubs."

We asked Jacquie what it was like running the organization at a time of great need in Ireland. Had it become harder to do the work that was needed in the community? Jacquie answered, "There is a strong coming together of community now. I think that this was missing during the Celtic Tiger. People want to offer their time and their services in a way that helps communities. An increased number of older people are experiencing loneliness. I think this is why the Lunch Clubs are coming into their moment. And here, they can come together once or twice a week to have a nutritious meal in great company. We are constantly seeking new sources of funding to bring lunch clubs to more and more areas of the county as older people are often very isolated in rural areas."

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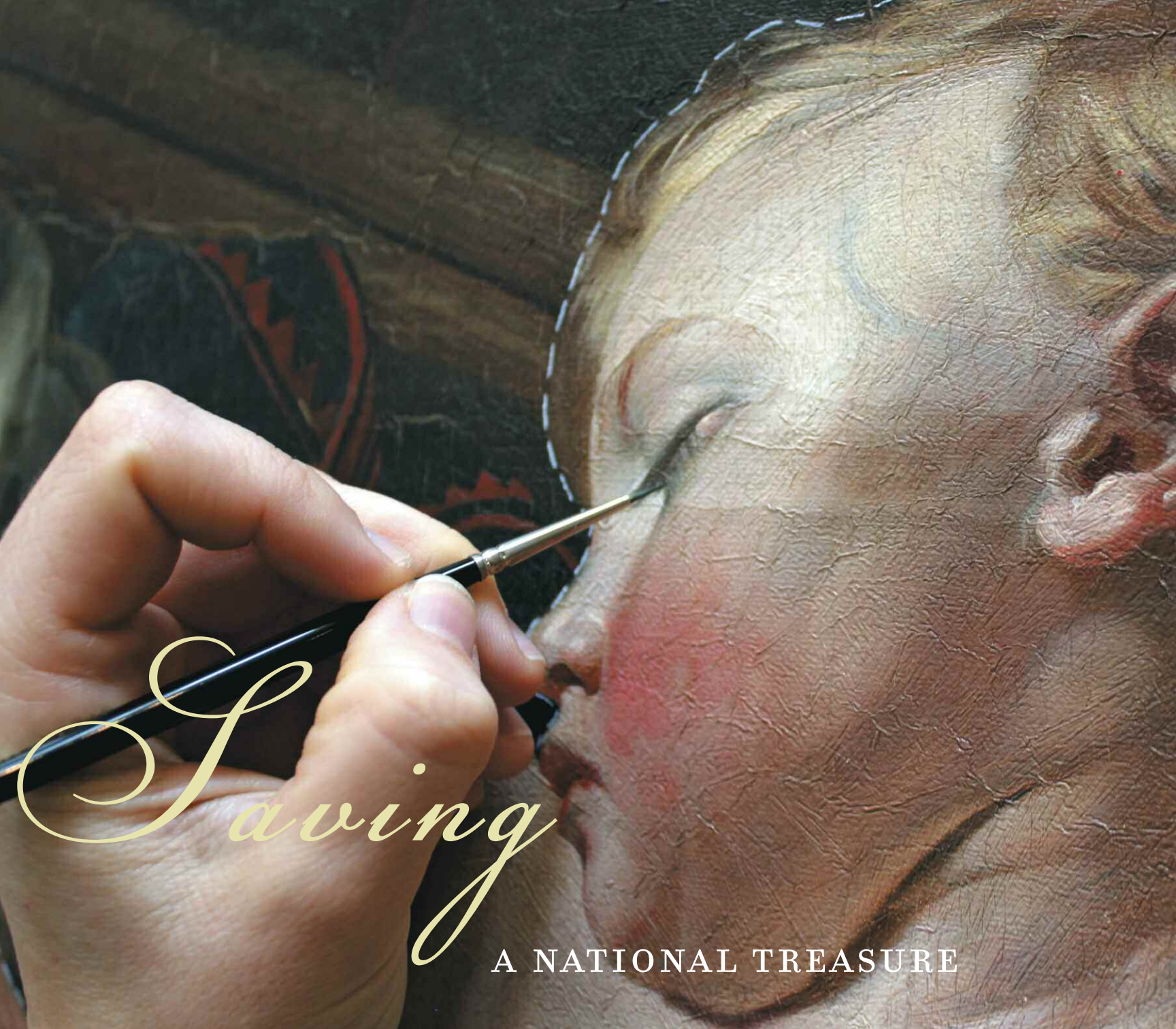
— ANNE KENNY

Manager of Senior Support Services with COPE Galway






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MERRILL LYNCH ART CONSERVATION PROGRAMME HAVE  
JOINED WITH THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND TO  
CONSERVE THE MAGNIFICENT IRISH MASTERPIECE  
PAINTING: THE MARRIAGE OF STRONGBOW AND AOIFE  
(1854) BY DANIEL MACLISE (1806-70)



**IT** is considered one of the beloved pieces of iconic Irish art. Every Irish schoolchild knows of its importance. *The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife* depicts the marriage of the daughter of Leinster King, Dermot MacMorrough, to Strongbow, the Norman conqueror of Ireland. It is a massive piece, full of symbolism, and is considered one of Maclise's best works. And today, this national Irish treasure is in need of care and conservation.

In partnership with The Ireland Funds and their focus on preserving the best of Irish culture and heritage, this care and conservation is now underway. The project is one of ten international projects enabled by the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Art Conservation Programme. The Bank of America Merrill Lynch Art Conservation Project was piloted in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa in 2010 and provided funding to restore a diverse range of works of art in 10 countries. The project has been expanded to Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the United States in 2011-2012 to facilitate the restoration of 20 art and artifacts that display important cultural and historical value around the world.

Below, the National Gallery of Ireland tells of the importance of this work and how support from The Ireland Funds and Bank of America Merrill Lynch Art Conservation Programme will benefit generations to come.



Daniel Maclise (1806-70)  
*The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife*, c.1854  
Photo © National Gallery of Ireland

**THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND** is the country's premier cultural attraction devoted to the care, research, and display of its national collection of fine and modern art. Founded in 1854 by an Act of Parliament, and opened to the public in 1864, the Gallery houses over 14,500 works of art spanning the period circa 1300s to 1950s. As a national institution, the Gallery has an important collection of historic Irish paintings dating from the seventeenth century with works by Thomas Roberts, James Barry, Nathaniel Hone, Daniel Maclise, Roderic O'Connor, John Lavery, William Orpen, Mary Swanzy, Paul Henry, and Jack B. Yeats. The Gallery is also renowned for the range and quality of its European collection, which comprises important works by Fra Angelico, Caravaggio, Rembrandt, Poussin, Goya, Picasso, Bonnard, and Van Gogh. Funded by the State, the Gallery provides free access to the public seven days a week.

Since its inception, the Gallery has been the fortunate recipient of bequests and gifts. In 1950, the Gallery was listed as a beneficiary of the estate of Irish writer and playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), who had a long relationship with the institution. The income from Shaw's royalties has greatly benefited the Gallery over the years, contributing to the acquisition of over 100 works of art, in addition to a generous contribution towards the construction of the Millennium Wing (2002). Other prominent benefactors of the Gallery include Alfred Chester Beatty (1875-1978), the Irish American mining mogul who gifted 93 paintings representative of the realist and orientalist traditions in nineteenth-century French art. Without doubt, the presentation in 1987 of seventeen masterpieces from the prestigious collection of Sir Alfred and Lady Beit constituted one of the most celebrated gifts of the twentieth century comprising rare works by Vermeer, Velázquez, Goya, Hals, and Metsu. Paintings by Picasso and Gris entered the collection in 1986 through the generosity of Máire MacNeill Sweeney, whose brother-in-law, James Johnson Sweeney, was former director of the Guggenheim Museum in New York. In 1993, Caravaggio's long lost masterpiece *The Taking of Christ* was unveiled to the public and placed on indefinite loan to the National Gallery, where it takes pride of place in the collection.

The last two decades have seen enormous development in the form of gifts to the collection and contributions towards building projects. The Gallery's library and archive collections, which house and research material from the Yeats Archive, Centre for the Study of Irish Art, and Fine Art Library have been enriched with items of historic value and enable members of the public, students, and historians to better understand the development of the visual arts in Ireland. In 2010, Sir Denis Mahon (1900-2011), one of the foremost collectors and scholars of the twentieth century, presented his entire personal library and archive to the Gallery. This gift is considered the most important scholarly resource to the Gallery in recent years.

Many benefactors to the National Gallery of Ireland have been introduced through The Worldwide Ireland Funds. The Millennium Wing is the most recent addition to the Gallery's complex of buildings, which was designed by Benson & Forsyth and opened to the public in 2002. This award-winning architectural facility in Dublin city was funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Shaw Fund, and numerous Ireland Fund supporters such as Lew Glucksman and Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Sir Anthony and Lady O'Reilly, Brian and Eileen Burns, Fred and Kay Krehbiel.

More recently, a donor-advised gift by the Bank of America Foundation has enabled the conservation of one of the most important historic Irish pictures in the Gallery's collection, *The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife* (1854) by Cork-born artist Daniel Maclise (1806-1870). The project on this enormous canvas (317 x 515 cm) commenced in October 2010 with the aim of preserving this significant work for future generations. Given its history, execution, and exceptional scale, the project, which is being carried out by the Gallery's Conservation Department, led by Simone Mancini, presents many exciting challenges. To ensure

that the conservation process on the painting can be communicated to a wider public, the Gallery has devoted a special section to the project on its website ('Saving a National Treasure'), with video footage on progress to date together with commentaries from sponsors and conservation scientists. The National Gallery of Ireland, like many of its sister institutions, is responding to the changes in today's society and environment that present new challenges for the museum sector. A growing awareness of cultural tourism encourages heritage sites like the National Gallery of Ireland to develop its programmes and services in line with twenty-first century

practices, both onsite and online. Today, the institution has enabled greater access to its collection and ancillary programmes through developments in its web technology. Visitors can access over 2,500 works from the Gallery's collection through its website ([www.nationalgallery.ie](http://www.nationalgallery.ie)), as well as follow progress on exciting conservation projects such as Maclise's *The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife*. In 2011, the National Gallery of Ireland embarked on an extensive refurbishment programme of its historic complex of buildings on Merrion Square, namely the Dargan and Milltown wings which date to 1864 and 1903 respectively. The project involves the repair and replacement of the roofs to provide advanced daylight control for the exhibition spaces below. The entire fabric and services of the building will also be upgraded to modern standards, which will greatly improve the Gallery's ability to protect, preserve, and display the collection. It will provide for new accommodation for the collection and a range of key operations, including conservation, education, library, archives, and photography. While the refurbishment and development programme will be the main focus of activity for the Gallery up until 2015, visitors will continue to have access to the best of the collection on display. There will also be opportunities to bring its collection to a wider audience nationally and internationally.

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**Sean Rainbird, Director of the National Gallery of Ireland**

*"Projects like this are very serious undertakings. In the past, this sort of activity happened behind the scenes of a museum. But today we are bringing it forward to the public, we're making films about it, we're talking about it, we're sharing it. One of the most important aspects of this conservation treatment is the support of The Ireland Funds and Bank of America. Without that support, I don't think we would have been able to approach it in quite the same way and it would have taken much longer. We're making great progress."*



**Muirne Lydon, Paintings Conservator at the National Gallery of Ireland**

*"Worldwide interest is building in conserving Irish heritage. Bank of America as part of its worldwide art conservation project, in partnership with The Ireland Funds, is funding part of our mission at the National Gallery of Ireland; conserving our national collection. This funding is not only helping to preserve the cultural value of this significant art work, it is also helping the Gallery to engage with our audiences in new ways by making the project accessible through an online resource on our website where visitors have the opportunity to learn more about the history and on-going conservation of the painting."*



*Two conservators work on The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife (c.1854)*

*This project is one of the most significant in decades. When completed, the Gallery will deliver a revitalised institution that will not only provide a safe and secure home for the collection, but also a wonderful cultural facility that enriches the lives of all who visit.*

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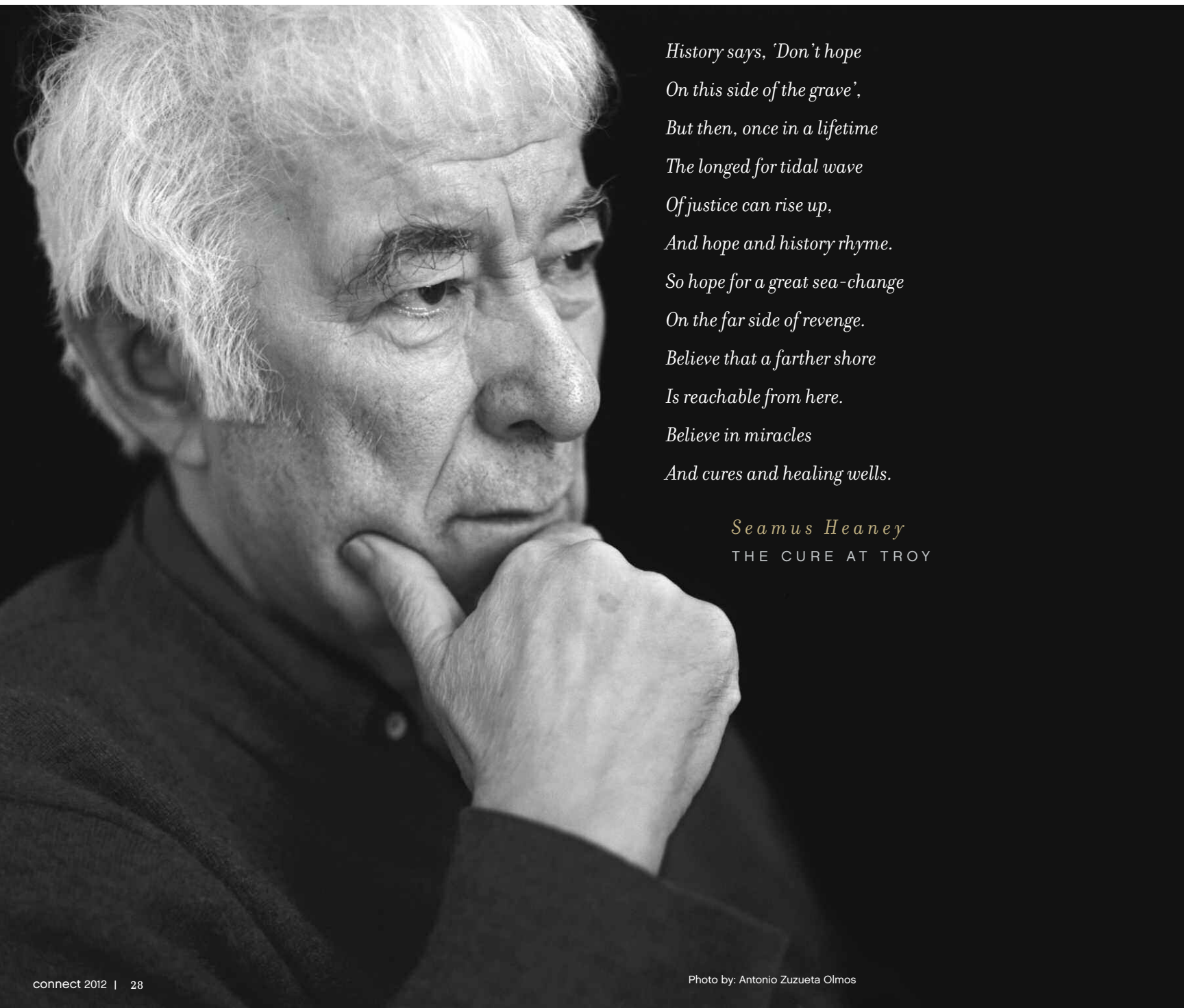
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## THE AWB VINCENT AMERICAN IRELAND FUND LITERARY AWARD

A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR NOBEL LAUREATE SEAMUS HEANEY



*History says, 'Don't hope  
On this side of the grave',  
But then, once in a lifetime  
The longed for tidal wave  
Of justice can rise up,  
And hope and history rhyme.  
So hope for a great sea-change  
On the far side of revenge.  
Believe that a farther shore  
Is reachable from here.  
Believe in miracles  
And cures and healing wells.*

*Seamus Heaney*  
THE CURE AT TROY



Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award on the 40th Anniversary celebration of The AWB Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award



**JUNE, 2012** A highlight of The 2012 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Cork was the awarding of The Lifetime Achievement Award to Seamus Heaney. Mr. Heaney was the second recipient of the AWB Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award back in 1973 and has remained a dear friend to The Ireland Funds ever since. In June, before an audience of 250 donors and guests that included Taoiseach Enda Kenny and former US President Bill Clinton, Mr. Heaney thanked The Ireland Funds for their endorsement in the early days of his career and for the difference they had made to the work of Irish writers over the past 40 years. Below is a reflection on Seamus Heaney by Dr. Maurice Hayes.

When in 1973 the Trustees of the American-Irish Foundation made a modest award to the young Seamus Heaney, they displayed prescience, a critical acuity and a nose for a winner that was to be vindicated by the ultimate accolade of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

The first award had gone to the venerable Austin Clarke in recognition of a lifetime of service to poetry. For the second, the Trustees put their money on a young emerging talent—and what a talent that turned out to be. As a safe bet, it must have been the greatest racing certainty since Pegasus bounded down Parnassus bearing Poetry.

That award enabled the young poet to complete his important second collection, *North*, as he acknowledged in a prefatory note. Since then it has been The Ireland Funds (as

successors in title to the Foundation) who have been indebted to him—not only for the poetry, but for his friendship (which is equally legendary) and his willingness to oblige. Along with Marie, his constant Muse, he has been a familiar presence at events, a source of inspiration and encouragement, even in the darkest days, lighting the candle of hope. His tutelage and kindly monitoring over the years have helped maintain the standard, and the standing, of the Literary Award.

Of another beloved Irish writer of an earlier age who also managed to be a Citizen of the World while remaining firmly earthed in the soil of his native place, the great Dr. Johnson wrote that 'There is nothing which he touched which he has not adorned'.

**WE CAN SAY NO LESS OF SEAMUS.**

—Dr. Maurice Hayes

THE HISTORY OF THE AWB VINCENT AMERICAN IRELAND FUND  
LITERARY AWARD

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In 1972, Tom Jordan conceived for the American-Irish Foundation the notion of a bursary which would allow a promising young writer to devote a full year to her or his work. When the American-Irish Foundation and The Ireland Fund were merged, the Award, by then well established and well regarded, was continued.

The objectives of the Award are to give young writers a boost and creative space and also recognize those whose life-time contributions have enriched Ireland’s cultural heritage.

Since 1972, The AWB Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award has established itself as one of the most important accolades given to Irish writers. Supported initially by Thomas F. O’Neil and family and since then by Maryon Davies Lewis, the Awards’ honorees have been men and women of great artistry and creative skill whose work has given voice to Ireland’s past and present, its delights and its sorrows. Since its inception, Award recipients have gathered an array of prestigious honors including, The Nobel Prize in Literature, The Man Booker Prize and Pulitzer Prize.

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1972	Austin Clarke	1986	Seán Ó Faoláin and Hubert Butler	2000	Edna O’Brien
1973	Seamus Heaney	1987	Derek Mahon	2001	Tom MacIntyre
1974	Thomas Kilroy	1988	John B. Keane	2002	Dermot Healy
1975	John Banville	1989	Seamus Deane	2003	Marina Carr
1976	Dervla Murphy	1990	Michael Hartnett	2004	Paul Muldoon
1977	Aidan Higgins	1991	Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill	2005	William Trevor
1978	Paul Smith	1992	Frank McGuinness	2006	Eugene McCabe
1979	Mary Lavin	1993	Bryan McMahon	2007	Cathal Ó Searcaigh
1980	Benedict Kiely	1994	Eavan Boland	2008	David Park
1981	Brian Friel	1995	John Montague	2010	Colm Tóibín
1982	Michael McLaverty	1996	Michael Longley	2011	Colum McCann
1983	Richard Murphy	1997	Sebastian Barry	2012	Seamus Heaney
1984	Thomas McCarthy	1998	Medbh McGuckian		(Lifetime Achievement Award)
1985	John McGahern	1999	Brendan Kennelly		



Former US President Bill Clinton with 2012 Lifetime Achievement Awardee Seamus Heaney



The 39th Literary Award, 2011, Colum McCann.



Brendan Kennelly, Literary Award recipient 1999 with Sir Anthony O'Reilly and Seamus Heaney.



Marina Carr, Literary Award recipient 2003 and Loretta Brennan Glucksman.



Maryon Davies Lewis, William Trevor, Literary Award recipient 2005 and AWB Vincent.



Edna O'Brien, Literary Award recipient 2000.



John B. Keane, Literary Award recipient 1988.



AWB Vincent, Brian Friel, Literary Award recipient 1981 and US Ambassador William V. Shannon.

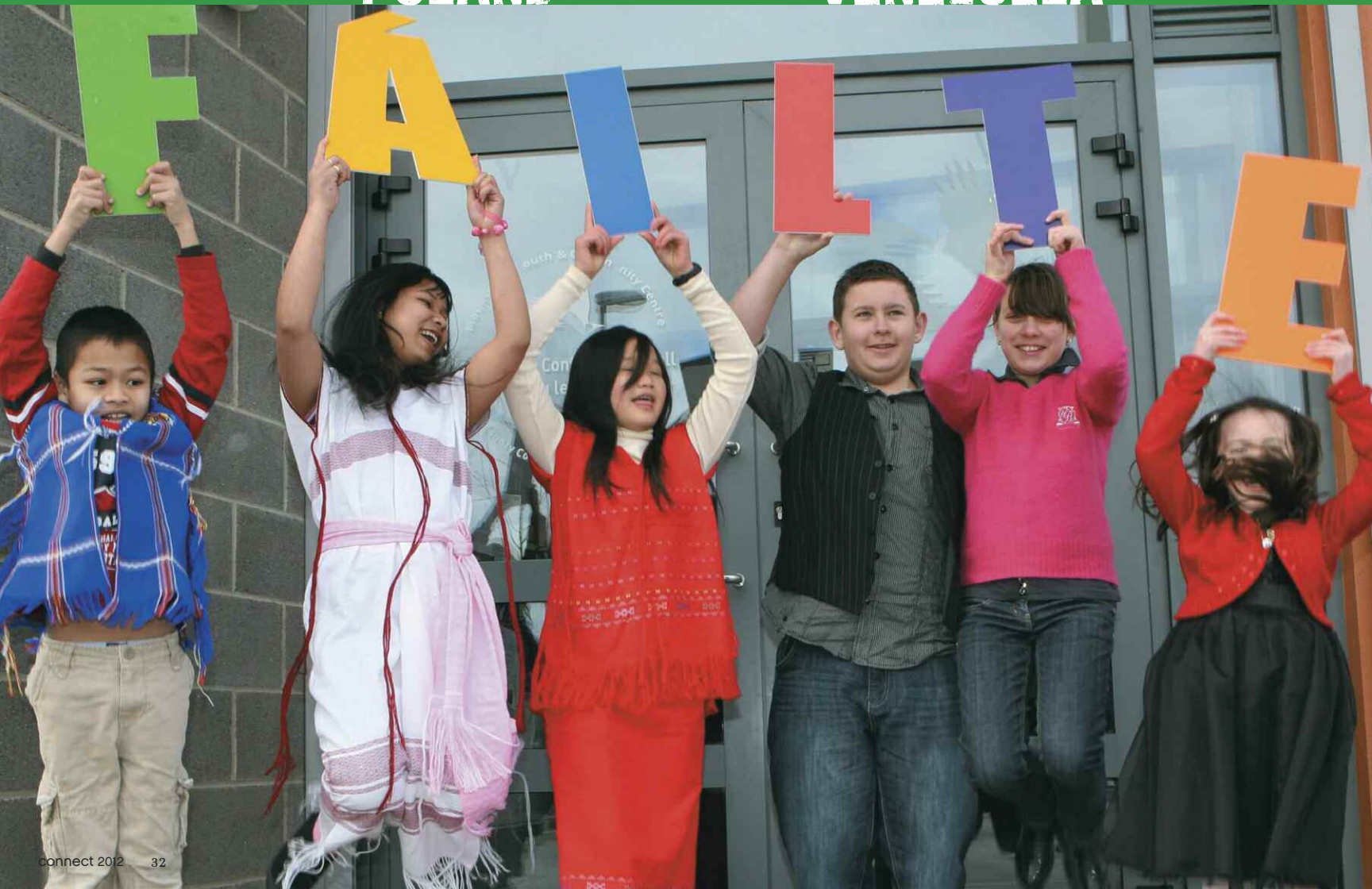
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*Fáilte Isteach Embodies the Spirit of  
A Hundred Thousand Welcomes  
to Ireland's New Communities*

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“When I first came to Ireland, my world was so small. I was afraid to go to shops and I couldn’t tell the doctor what was wrong. Today, I can speak confidently in English, my children do well in school and my daughter speaks with an Irish accent.”

— *Rima, from Lithuania*

LITHUANIA

CHINA

ROMANIA

Mary Nally stood in the grocery store aisle and watched as the young mother from Argentina struggled to read the back of a can. “She had two small children with her, and was clearly frustrated at not being able to understand the label. My heart went out to her as I realized how isolating it must have been to not be able to read English.”

That experience six years ago in the small village of Summerhill, Co. Meath was the beginning of a nationwide movement to teach English language skills to those who have come to Ireland from other countries. Mary Nally was CEO of Third Age, a national organization that works with older and retired people to remain engaged with their lives and their communities. She asked what role Third Age might take in helping people who wanted to learn.

“I came back to Third Age and shared the story with the volunteers here,” said Mary. “So we began teaching conversational English. We put the word out in the community and on the first night we had twelve tutors and six students from Eastern Europe. Then, by word of mouth, it spread. It became so clear that there was a real need to make people feel welcome because Ireland has changed, especially within the last ten years. There are new communities of people who want to contribute.”

The offer of free, friendly, conversation-based classes struck an immediate chord in the community and soon the number of students and tutors grew. While English classes are often taught in urban centers of Ireland, it was apparent that there were many non-English speakers living in rural areas who wished to learn English as well. This fact, paired with senior citizens with the time and desire to teach, created a perfect opportunity to address a previously unmet need.

Not surprisingly, the effect was positive not only for those who were learning, but for those who were teaching. “We find that the communities have become stronger,” explained Liam Carey, Head of National Development for Fáilte Isteach. “The students begin to meet their neighbors. And our tutors learn about a world beyond Ireland while offering a valuable skill to the community.”

Liam addressed the question of whether the current economic struggles in Ireland have made immigrants feel more, or less, welcomed by local communities. What message does Fáilte Isteach impart to those who may be unsure of these new arrivals? “At an economic level, it does not benefit a community if part of that community can’t participate,” explained Liam. “We want people to come and be able to contribute to society, not be

“Ireland is a place of a thousand welcomes. It is so important that we uphold that. The new communities that we have in Ireland are bringing so much and they are enriching Ireland. We must not just welcome it, we must value it.”

— Mary Nally, CEO of Third Age



LATVIA

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reliant upon it because they can't speak English. Diversity is a fact of life for Ireland today. A warm, friendly welcome has a positive impact on the existing community. We should all want to build a better society, a society where people don't feel alienated.”

And so today, all across Ireland, neighbors are reaching out to neighbors. Fáilte Isteach has retained the program's personalized and friendly feel by encouraging small classes that use conversation as the primary teaching tool. The initiative has evolved to offer professional training to those who volunteer. Every week, over 550 trained tutors now teach over 1,400 students in 19 counties across Ireland. With help from The Ireland Funds Promising Ireland Campaign, the program has recently opened its 53rd branch. “Support from The Ireland Funds has meant we can sustain our growth throughout the country,” explained Mary Nally. “Funding has made a real difference. It says that people see the value of our project and its impact. What I love about this project is that it works because of its simplicity. English is just a way to bring people together and it is life-changing. People tell us they are no longer isolated. They

are no longer afraid to say hello. Parents don't depend on their children to translate. They become active citizens.”

One example of an “active citizen” is Anna, a Fáilte Isteach student who came to Ireland from Poland speaking no English. “I was shy and embarrassed. I wanted to be independent and not rely on other people. And I wanted to meet Irish people. They are so friendly. They have open hearts. For those of us that are coming here, that makes all the difference. I learned about this program and thought, ‘It's free, and so close to where I live!’ I had taken another course but it was far from home, and it was expensive. Fáilte Isteach is so different. It's not just grammar, it is conversation. I feel comfortable asking about things I may not understand. I can ask anything here.”

Anna is now giving back to her local community. “Last July, I opened a local business here in town. I didn't take a bank loan; I saved in order to open this. It's a tough time in Ireland and I want to do my small part to give back and provide jobs. I didn't come here to take, I came here to give. Thanks to Fáilte Isteach, I'm able to do that.”



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## WHAT IS MUSIC GENERATION?

Music Generation is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that the next generation is a musical generation. Ireland's new National Music Education Programme, **MUSIC GENERATION**, which was initiated by Music Network and funded by U2 and The Ireland Funds, is now helping thousands of children and young people access performance music education (vocal and instrumental) in their own locality. U2 has donated €5 million and The Ireland Funds are raising another €2 million in support.

AT THE 2012 WORLDWIDE IRELAND FUNDS CONFERENCE, SUPPORTERS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET A GROUP OF YOUNG MUSICIANS AT THE NORTH MON IN CORK CITY TO HEAR FIRST-HAND THE MUSIC THAT THE PROGRAM WAS MAKING POSSIBLE. THE INCLUSIVE ENSEMBLE WAS MADE UP OF PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS FROM UCC, CIT, MUSICIANS FROM COMMUNITY MUSIC INITIATIVES, AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHO PERFORMED USING SOUNDBEAM®—A DEVICE THAT USES SENSOR TECHNOLOGY TO TRANSLATE BODY MOVEMENT INTO DIGITALLY GENERATED SOUND. THEY PERFORMED AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION WRITTEN BY CILLIAN MCSWEENEY, A YOUNG MAN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY WHO USES SOUNDBEAM® AND AN IPAD TO COMPOSE MUSICAL SCORES. THOSE IRELAND FUND SUPPORTERS WHO WITNESSED THE DAY'S PERFORMANCE CAME AWAY TOUCHED NOT ONLY BY THE BEAUTY OF THE MUSIC, BUT BY THE TALENT AND DETERMINATION OF THE GROUP.



Cillian's original composition was performed for visitors from The Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Cork

HERE, CILLIAN MCSWEENEY, ONE OF THE DAY'S PERFORMERS AND THE COMPOSER OF "EQUAL", SHARES THOUGHTS ON HIS WORK AND THE DIFFERENCE THAT MUSIC GENERATION IS MAKING TO HIS MUSICAL LIFE.

**Q.** *Cillian, have you always had an interest in music?  
As a composer, how does music affect your life?*

**A.** I have always loved listening to music. As a child, I would watch music videos and listen to CDs all day long. I attended a school for physical needs in Cork called Lavanagh where I first dabbled in writing lyrics and completed my first Fetac Level 3 in music appreciation. I found for the first time in my life I could express myself through writing lyrics. I joined Gráinne McHale in SoundOUT, and with her help and encouragement I came to see that I had a talent for this. She introduced me to Soundbeam® and I was able to perform alongside other musicians to different styles of music, which was exciting as I am disabled as well as nonverbal. I had just never imagined there was another world out there! When I hear my name I feel proud of myself. I still have to pinch myself when I am introduced as a "composer." Since I began composing, I find that I listen more intently to the words of the songs, especially if the song has any relevance to me or my life.

**Q.** *How did you learn about Music Generation?*

**A.** Gráinne introduced me to Music Generation and informed me of this exciting new initiative that would help young people to have access to music education in our own locality. It means a lot to have such an organization. Last year I wrote a song called "Equal" and was in the Knocknaheeny Youth Music Initiative, a band of young musicians in a local community who put music to my lyrics with the added bonus of me using Soundbeam® as an instrument. We even got to perform in the Áras for President McAleese. It was followed by some interviews in our local papers and I was on the local TV news; it was all very exciting.

**Q.** *What has Music Generation done for your musical training and education?*

**A.** Music Generation has given me the opportunity to perform my music locally. With the support of Music Generation, I can now access other training such as one-to-one songwriting lessons. This has meant a lot to me. I have also just started to write my own music with an iPad and application called Garageband. I struggle a bit as I can only use a head pointer to access the iPad. It is hard work but I love it and it

will help me achieve my dream: to write and/or perform my music with someone famous. I want to show people what can be done with determination.

**Q.** *You had the opportunity to perform an original composition in front of visiting donors from The Ireland Funds during the Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Cork. What was that like?*

**A.** That was a fantastic day! I usually get very nervous before a performance, but on that particular day, there was a warm feeling from the audience. I could feel they were enjoying it as much as we were. I was the last to perform when Grainne introduced me as the "composer" as well as a musician; I thought I would burst with pride. I loved every bit of that performance and wished I could go on playing. The reaction from the visitors was amazing and it will go down as one of my proudest moments.

**Q.** *Where do you see your music education going?  
What are your plans for the future?*

**A.** Now that Music Generation is on board, I feel confident that the resources will be there in order for me to continue with my music education. With big names like U2 and The Ireland Funds behind it, it's going to make such a difference. It will open up a whole new world to young musicians in Ireland. It can only encourage others like myself who may not have access to music because of their disabilities. Music Generation Ireland has helped to show the world that everyone is equal and deserves an opportunity to express themselves through music.

**Q.** *Anything else you'd like to share?*

**A.** I have been working the lyrics and music for a new song that I'm excited about. I hope to record it in the autumn. I must mention another very important person in my life—my personal assistant, Brian. He has been with me from the start of my music career and has become a very special friend to me and my family. He has helped me to start up a new venture called Cork Music Zone, an outlet run by volunteers to help young musicians. We just got news that Music Generation has donated an amplifier to get us started and I want to say "thank you."

# **EQUAL** *by Cillian McSweeney*

Equal judging people  
Equal everyone's the same  
Equal everyone's equal  
Got a lot more to give so get on with the game  
Look into your heart  
Change the way you see me  
Don't judge me from the start  
Try to get to know me  
What do you say, what do you say when I turn away  
What do you say, what do you say...say it to my face  
Try to get to know me try to get to know me  
...know me




#### A NOTE FROM CILLIAN'S FAMILY TO MUSIC GENERATION SUPPORTERS

WE KNOW THAT THE HELP OF MUSIC GENERATION WILL HELP TO SHOWCASE OUR SON'S ABILITIES IN MUSIC AND THEREFORE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MUSICIANS WITH DISABILITIES TO MAKE IT IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. WE HOPE THAT SOMEDAY THERE WILL BE AN EASIER ROAD FOR OTHER MUSICIANS WITH DISABILITIES TO GAIN ACCESS TO COURSES, AS WE KNOW THAT MUSIC HAS CHANGED OUR SON'S LIFE FOR THE BETTER. WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY PROUD OF HIM, NOT ONLY AS OUR ELDEST SON AND BROTHER, BUT ALSO AS A MUSICIAN AND AN INSPIRATION TO HIS PEERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GOING ON THIS MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH HIM, WHEREVER IT TAKES HIM.

—Angela & Tom (parents) Andrew, Josh and Craig (brothers)

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*We look forward to bringing you updates on the difference this project is making across Ireland. If you would like to be a part of this unique initiative to bring music to Ireland's children, please visit [www.theirelandfunds.org](http://www.theirelandfunds.org) or [www.musicgeneration.ie](http://www.musicgeneration.ie)*



**The Ireland Fund of Great Britain  
Celebrates 5 Years of Care  
and Concern for Great Britain's  
Forgotten Irish Community**

# *The Forgotten Irish*



The Ireland Funds have made caring for the “Forgotten Irish” a key focus area. Several chapters within the network now sponsor programs that are committed to supporting elderly Irish men and women. These programs provide access to a wide range of services and educational opportunities that tackle loneliness and isolation and improve quality of life.

It was The Ireland Fund of Great Britain that first actively identified the “Forgotten Irish” as a community of people in need. Most of the “Forgotten Irish,” now elderly men and women originally from Ireland, came to Britain in the second half of the twentieth century, during one of the darkest and most impoverished periods of Ireland’s history. The majority came to find work and sent billions of pounds home to their families. Thousands of others came to escape the hardship, marginalisation, or, all too often, the abuse of institutional life.

As the campaign approaches its five year anniversary, **Basil Geoghegan**, Co-Chair of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain’s Board of Directors, offers this reflection on the impact of the campaign and the people it has touched.

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### **The Ireland Fund of Great Britain**

is looking forward to its 25th anniversary in 2013 and in that time has lived through many different chapters—the “Troubles”, the London bombing campaign, the Good Friday Agreement and the peace that followed, the Celtic Tiger and Irish prosperity peaking with many trophy London properties being Irish owned up to the current fallout from the financial crisis.

As an organisation, the biggest challenge for us is to be relevant to Irish living in Britain, regardless of whether those are donors or beneficiaries, and whether the object of the philanthropy is in Great Britain or Ireland. Like many charities in Great Britain, our donors come from many sections of society with individual interests and who give to us in many different ways. Some may just throw coins in a bucket collection at tube stations on St Patrick’s

Day. Then there are the Irish professionals working in the UK, second generation business people, family trusts, individuals whose charitable giving we handle on their behalf and adherents to The Worldwide Ireland Funds' diaspora of support.

## Once Forgotten

It was during a time of plenty, when the difference between the haves and the have-nots was very pronounced, that we stumbled upon a cohort of emigrants who were literally forgotten. They were forgotten by friends, hidden from view, unknown to social services, and definitely forgotten by Ireland. These were the men and women who left Ireland in the 1950s in one of the deepest recessions ever. They took the boat to England, ending up working in hard manual labour, on building sites, on the roads and the railways. The women who made the same journey usually ended up in domestic service or working as nurses in the many training hospitals in London, Liverpool, and Birmingham. Not only did these people escape the harsh poverty of Ireland in the 1950s, but they also sent money home to ease the burden on the family left behind. Indeed, such was the impact of the funds they sent back to Ireland that they became known as the "Remittance Generation."

## A Campaign is Born

Following this discovery, The Ireland Fund of Great Britain commissioned a study into this group to ensure that funding was secured that met demonstrated needs and allowed us later to measure the resulting impact. This is how the "Forgotten Irish" campaign was born. Since it was launched just five years ago, we have raised and distributed over £1M from this campaign. Funds have been dispersed to provide the widest possible scope to meet the needs of the "Forgotten Irish"—trained welfare workers who help the elderly access the pension and benefits to which they are entitled; lunch clubs to ensure that the most isolated have an opportunity to socialize with their peer group in a safe environment where they can raise concerns; return visits to Ireland for those who have become estranged from their families; and a wide variety of health and social welfare projects, including the victims of institutional abuse. As part of the campaign each year we present the "Forgotten Irish" Award to an individual or an organisation that has made a significant contribution to helping this group of people. This year, we were delighted to honour Sally Mulready and Phyllis Morgan for their work with survivors of abuse. Both Sally and Phyllis were raised in orphanages, and although neither suffered abuse, they have first-hand knowledge of what happened during those terrible times. They are both experts on the needs of survivors and The Ireland Fund of Great Britain has just signed an agreement to provide three years core funding to their organisation. President of Ireland Michael D Higgins appointed Sally to the Irish Council of State earlier this year—a fitting tribute to a woman who has spent her life working for the Irish in Great Britain.



### IRISH ELDERLY ADVICE NETWORK

This grant was used to reach out to elderly and vulnerable Irish in East London where there is currently a lack of Irish services. This was done through newsletters and home visits and liaison with GPs.



### IRISH WOMEN'S SURVIVORS SUPPORT NETWORK

This group was created to help female survivors of institutional abuse, who now live in the UK. It empowers these women through information and the support of other women who have had similar experiences.



### ST MICHAEL'S IRISH CENTRE

This grant was used to extend the information and advice service in Liverpool by offering a drop-in centre, where pensioners can drop in for a cup of tea and get advice on housing and pensions, etc. at the same time.



Above: Alice Kennedy, (Irish Pensioners Choir), Sally Mulready (FI Award winner), Ruth McCarthy (IFGB Co-Chair), Basil Geoghegan (IFGB Co-Chair), Phyllis Morgan (FI Award winner), Margaret Gieger on the terrace at the House of Lords, Jan 27th 2012 at the presentation.

Below inset: Irish Ambassador to the Court of St James, Bobby McDonagh, addressing the assembled guests on the importance of the "Forgotten Irish" campaign and the work it supports.

We go through a rigorous grant application process to ensure that we only support organisations that are meeting identified needs and can provide us with regular reports on the impact donors' contributions make. We offer our supporters many ways to become involved from fundraising balls, sporting lunches, regular giving, large gifts that are restricted to particular programmes or organisations. We also work with schools as we introduce fundraising to the next generation of "Forgotten Irish" campaign supporters.



## The Campaign Expands

We are so pleased that other Funds in the worldwide family have launched their own "Forgotten Irish" campaigns—imitation is the sincerest form of flattery after all! No doubt the stories and experiences will be similar and I have no doubt that the impact will be as great too. In Great Britain, the "Forgotten Irish" campaign is an integral part of the overall strategy and we have our own projects that are contributing to the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Our regular round of grant making provides essential funding to organisations that depend on us to provide social, cultural, and heritage projects throughout Great Britain. And while we do that, at least the cohort we discovered are no longer forgotten.

— Basil Geoghegan, Co-Chair of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain's Board of Directors

# Creating Opportunities for Northern Ireland's Youth

## The US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program

### THE BENEFITS TO BUSINESS AND TO NORTHERN IRELAND



**Declan Kelly** is the Chief Executive Officer of Teneo. Prior to Teneo, Mr. Kelly served as the US Economic Envoy to Northern Ireland at the US Department of State.

The US-NI Mentorship Program was established with the support of The Ireland Funds and Northern Ireland Science Park (NISP) CONNECT when I served as US Economic Envoy to Northern Ireland. The program is designed to provide young people from Northern Ireland with the opportunity to work in the United States and gain valuable experience in a US corporate environment.

I have undertaken many trips to Northern Ireland over the years.

The region has one of the youngest populations in the world and the potential that exists knows no bounds. Northern Ireland's universities produce some of the highest quality graduates anywhere in the world, and

these graduates play a key role in attracting foreign direct investment to the region. I continue to support and fund

the Mentorship Program in a personal capacity and feedback on the program from both participants and host companies is exceptionally positive. I am pleased to report that many of the world's leading corporations have signed up for the program again for 2013.

Each year, the program selects approximately twenty-five graduates, from across Northern Ireland, and places them in US corporations for a one year placement.

The graduates are individuals who have demonstrated academic promise and have shown an interest in developing entrepreneurial and management skills. The goal of the program is for the participants to be able to return to Northern Ireland with the skills and experience to start businesses and become business leaders in their communities. Having had the opportunity to meet with many of the participants in the first two years of the program, I can tell you that they will be well prepared to return and invest in the future of Northern Ireland.

Each year, we actively seek new placements for Northern Ireland's graduates. If your company is interested in participating, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this unique program.

For more information, please visit:

[www.theirelandfunds.org/usni](http://www.theirelandfunds.org/usni)



U.S. Northern Ireland Mentorship Program participants meet with Northern Ireland's First Minister, Rt. Hon. Peter Robinson, MLA and Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness MP, MLA; along with Kieran McLoughlin, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds.

"I became involved with the mentorship program because I believe it will provide a great opportunity for young people in Northern Ireland to gain valuable business experience. The companies participating in the program are all world-class organizations, and I have no doubt that the mentorship program will help produce business leaders for Northern Ireland."

— Robert McCann, *CEO of UBS Wealth Management Americas*  
Chairman, Mentorship Program Steering Committee (US)

"The opportunity to spend a year working in the U.S. and interacting with a different culture will undoubtedly stand to the participants for the rest of their future careers. I look forward to watching these young achievers continue to enjoy great business success when they return to Northern Ireland."

— Joanne Stuart, *Chairman of the Institute of Directors in Northern Ireland*  
Chairman, Mentorship Program Steering Committee (NI)

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# The Inaugural Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS IN IRELAND

OVER 100 BUSINESS AND EDUCATION LEADERS FROM IRELAND AND THE US GATHERED AT AVIVA STADIUM FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INAUGURAL IRELAND FUNDS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS. TEAMS FROM EACH OF THE NINE UNIVERSITIES ACROSS IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND WERE SELECTED TO PRESENT INNOVATIVE BUSINESS PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION.



President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds Kieran McLoughlin with winner of the Inaugural Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition Lukas Decker and William S. McKiernan, chair of the judging panel and founder of CyberSource Corporation

Below: the judging panel reviewed the merit of each individual proposal at The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition



Modeled on a similar competition at Harvard Business School, The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition requires teams to pitch their business plans before a panel of distinguished entrepreneurs and executives. Business plans were assessed based on criteria ranging from market potential of the idea to the tasks and milestones required for implementation.

Lukas Decker from University College Dublin was the winner with his business plan that introduced “Coindrum,” an innovative plan to exchange unwanted loose coins from airline travelers in exchange for vouchers that can be redeemed at duty-free shops. Mr. Decker took home the top prize of €10,000, with first and second runners-up receiving prize money of €5,000 and €1,000, respectively. In addition, teams selected to represent their universities were able to complete a masterclass in pitching, delivered by the DCU Ryan Academy, which was established to promote an entrepreneurial mindset and innovation focus among existing Irish businesses and start-ups through training, supports, and finance.

Announcing the winner, William S. McKiernan, chair of the judging panel and founder of CyberSource Corporation said, “The judging panel was so impressed with the high quality of business plans and pitches from all nine universities. I congratulate all of the finalists for developing such innovative and compelling business plans and thank them for the role they will play as Ireland’s next generation of business leaders.”

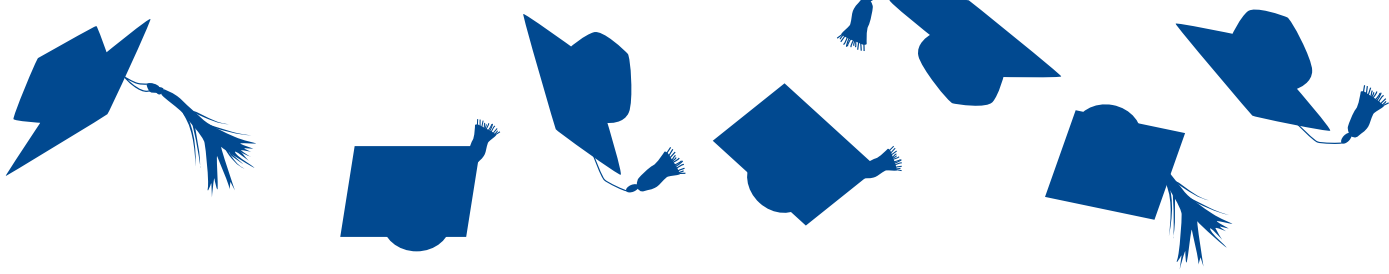
*“Winning this competition is a milestone for Coindrum—not only due to the finance raised, but also in terms of the learning experience and network gained throughout the competition. Thanks to The Ireland Funds, we are now in a strong position to take the next steps in bringing our innovation to market.”*

— Lukas Decker, winner of The Inaugural Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition

Worldwide Ireland Funds President and CEO Kieran McLoughlin said, “Through The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition we hope to support this next generation of entrepreneurs by helping them develop the skills required to succeed in business.”

Other judges included Declan Ryan, Co-Founder of the One Foundation and Chairman of Irelandia Aviation; Jerry Kennelly of Tweak.com; Anne O’Leary of Kinematik; Marty Mannion of Summit Partners; and Moya Doherty of Tyrone Productions. Bank of Ireland sponsored the competition event and will provide a banking mentor to the Coindrum to provide advice and direction to Lukas as he works towards commercializing his plan.

To learn more about The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition go to [www.theirelandfunds.org/bpc](http://www.theirelandfunds.org/bpc)



# No Mind Left Behind

No Mind Left Behind is an initiative developed by The Ireland Funds and longtime supporters John and Pauline Ryan to give promising young people from low-income households the opportunity to complete third-level education by offering an annual scholarship to cover additional costs.

Basic university tuition fees are, at present, paid by the Irish government, but students from lower income families are often prevented from completing further education due to the cost of books, accommodation, transportation and subsistence, which are estimated at \$4,000 per year (about \$100 per week) or \$16,000 total for attendance at a typical four-year university.

Donors can select the city, county, secondary school or university in Ireland to which they would like the scholarship to be awarded. The Ireland Funds are pleased to confirm that 20 scholarships have been committed by our donors and that the first awards will be made in September 2012.

Would you like to make it possible for a deserving Irish student to further their education?

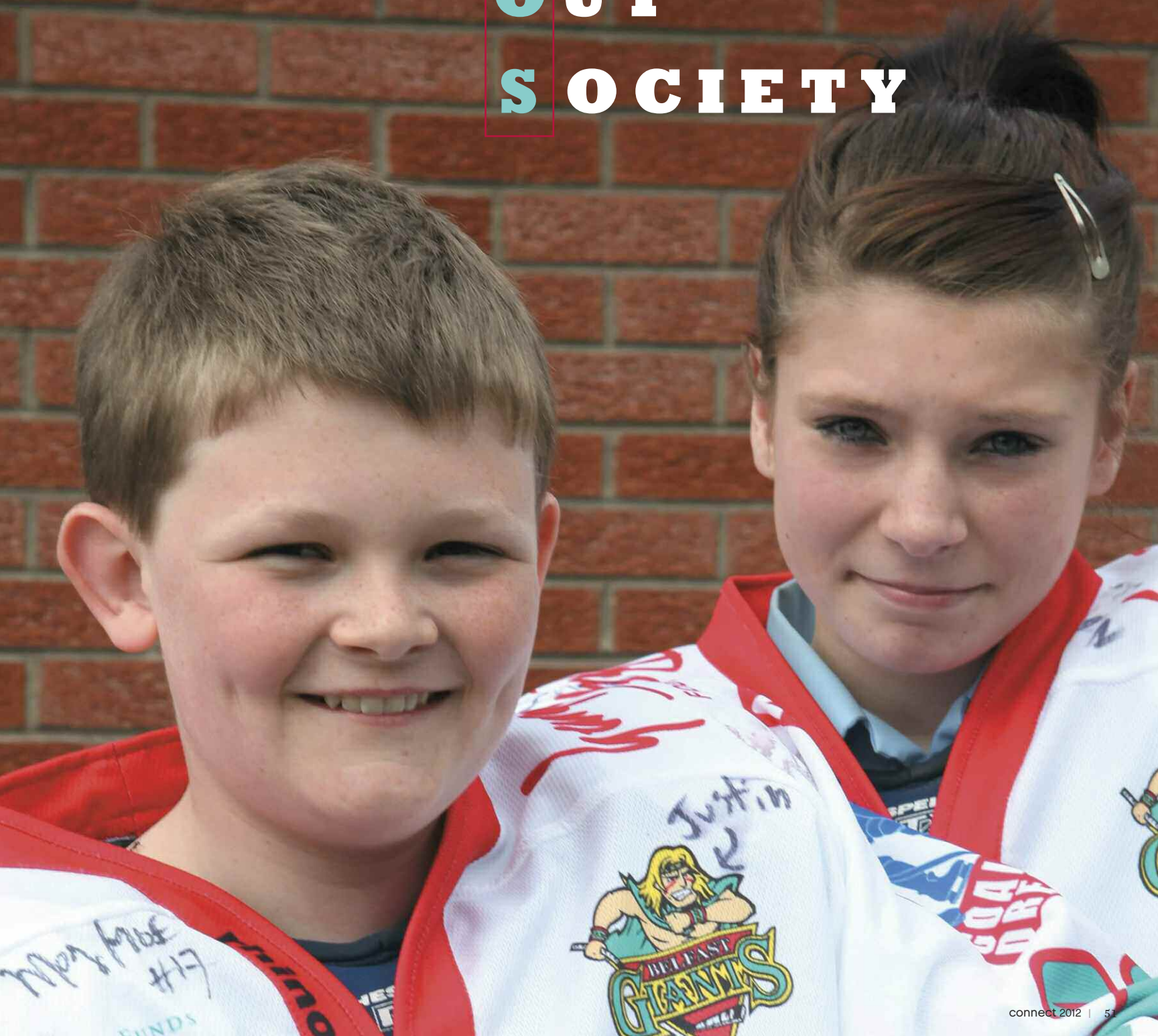
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Hockey Education Reaching Out Society

# HOCKEY EDUCATION REACHING OUT SOCIETY



**With the help of The Ireland Funds and the Belfast Giants Community Foundation, the Giant H.E.R.O.S. program is Bringing Communities Together Through Hockey.**



**"THE PROGRAM BRINGS ALL KINDS OF KIDS TOGETHER. I'VE MET KIDS FROM OUTSIDE THE CAMP, EVEN KIDS FROM DUBLIN. WHEN I FIRST MET THEM, I WASN'T SURE WE'D ALL UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, BUT WE HAD TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER FIRST. NOW WE GET ON WITH EACH OTHER. I'VE MADE LOADS OF FRIENDS. WE PLAY HOCKEY. WE TALK."**



## **IN THE LAND OF THE GIANTS, EVERYONE IS EQUAL**

A program with roots in Canada that uses hockey to empower children from disadvantaged neighborhoods is now making a difference to communities in Northern Ireland. The Giant H.E.R.O.S. program bridges community divides and offers children from high-risk and economically challenged areas in Belfast and Dublin a chance to interact and learn about one another. By bringing them together over the neutral sport of hockey, the program is teaching kids that teamwork and discipline can transcend fear and misconceptions.

Belfast has become the natural hub of the program as it has two ice rinks including the Odyssey Arena, home of the Belfast Giants pro hockey team. The Belfast Giants' motto is "In the land of the Giants, everyone is equal." The team believes that as a non-sectarian sport, the game of hockey can play a role in bringing diverse communities together.

The Belfast Giants Community Foundation has supported the Giant H.E.R.O.S. program. In a program sponsored in part by The Ireland Funds, over 30 young people from Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods in Belfast, disadvantaged neighborhoods in Dublin and Hollywood Army Barracks come together each year for a camp experience with the Belfast Giants team. Team-building activities include the development of hockey skills (culminating in a final game held at the Odyssey Arena), DVD production, swimming, and workshops around the four Giant H.E.R.O.S. pillars: discipline, respect, listening, and fun. In addition, the participants meet throughout the year to further foster the interactions between young people.

**"The Giants really believe in the ability of this program to change lives. By developing the experiences of young people today, we will encourage them to grow as people and help build a vibrant and peaceful society in the future," said Todd Kelman, Belfast Giants General Manager.**

**"THROUGH GIANT H.E.R.O.S. WE MET KIDS  
FROM DUBLIN. I MET THIS GUY NAMED CONOR.  
HE WAS MY FRIEND ALL THE WAY THROUGH."**

— Peter,  
age 12





The Giant H.E.R.O.S. kids from diverse communities in Ireland and Northern Ireland gather on the ice.

## COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER

The Ireland Funds have been involved with many cross-community and cross-border programs in Northern Ireland. Donors to The Ireland Funds are familiar with various initiatives that bring Catholic and Protestant children together including PeacePlayers International, Northern Ireland Children's Enterprise, and Cooperation Ireland. In addition to bringing Protestant and Catholic children together from various neighborhoods, the H.E.R.O.S. program has focused on a third and often-forgotten group of children in Northern Ireland: the youth living in the local Hollywood Army Barracks whose parents are British military personnel stationed in Belfast.

Ken McQuillan, Brigade Welfare Support Officer for Northern Ireland, explained, "The unique position that our personnel find themselves in is that they have largely gone unnoticed since the Peace Process and essentially still live 'behind the wire' with a sense of marginalization and isolation. So in addition to kids from Dublin and Belfast neighborhoods, the Giant H.E.R.O.S program reaches out to these kids from the barracks and says 'you are welcome here.'"

The Giant H.E.R.O.S. program has come a long way in bringing families together from all communities. Early on, the program had to convince families this was something their children could enjoy and get behind because of misplaced fears and misconceptions. Today, over 100 children have gone through the program and it has a waiting list of over 200 more who want to be involved.

**"Everyone shook hands.  
We were really good to each other,  
it was brilliant."**

—Charlotte, age 13

**"We've been coming to Belfast for 4 years and we love it! Each year we have watched the young people develop real friendships with each other, face and overcome some big challenges together, and learn how to work more effectively with their differences as well as what they have in common."**

—Norm Flynn, H.E.R.O.S. Canada Founder & Director



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# The Ireland Funds Inaugural Global Young Leaders Summit 2012



OVER 100 DELEGATES FROM 10 CITIES AROUND THE GLOBE DESCENDED ON NEW YORK CITY FROM JANUARY 19TH-22ND FOR THE IRELAND FUNDS INAUGURAL GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT.



## DAY ONE

The Young Leaders discussed issues of governance, membership, communications and engagement throughout the four day event that started with a reception at the host hotel, The Fitzpatrick Grand Central, where the Young Leaders were welcomed to New York by City Council Speaker, Christine Quinn who addressed the group and talked about the kindred bond between New York City and Ireland.

## DAY TWO

Day two began with the group attending a breakfast at the New York Stock Exchange, with an address by NYSE/Euronext CEO Duncan Niederauer, who spoke about his personal connection to the Fund as both a Board Director and a former Dinner Chairman. The group then went onto the historic floor of the NYSE to witness the ringing of the opening bell for the day's trading activities. After presentations by Dublin Young Leader Darren Ryan, from Social Entrepreneurs Ireland and Amy Selco of PeacePlayers International, the group headed up to the US headquarters of UBS for lunch, which was kicked off by Young Leader Patron, CEO of UBS Group Americas, and AIF Board Director, Bob McCann.

*"2012 is going to present a unique set of challenges in our homeland and around the world, and the efforts of the Young Leaders to come together, and find new ways to help the Irish community persevere and prosper have never been more critical." — Bob McCann*

Following the speech, Young Leaders broke into critical thinking sessions, to discuss the steps to building a true global network. After an exhaustive session, the group headed to the home of Consul General of Ireland in New York, Noel Kilkenny, for a cocktail reception with The American Ireland Fund Chairman, Loretta Brennan Glucksman; and Norman Houston, Director of the Northern Ireland Bureau. The evening concluded with dinner at Bayard's at India House with an acoustic performance by Larry Kirwan of Black 47.



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## DAY THREE

Day three featured a two-session business brunch sponsored by Board Director John Duffy at the exclusive CORE Club with a presentation by fellow Board Director John Fitzpatrick. John's speech was followed by breakout sessions to discuss how the Young Leaders would operate from a global standpoint, going forward. Following the session, the Young Leaders enjoyed dinner at Soho House, with a round table discussion hosted by Bloomberg's Margaret Brennan and featuring Sean Love of The Ireland Fund's supported project "Fighting Words"; New York Congressman Joe Crowley; Aidan Connolly of The Irish Arts Center in New York; New York Times bestselling author, Colum McCann, and NY Young Leader entrepreneur, Shane Naughton. The discussion revolved around the Irish identity, Philanthropy and the future image of "brand Ireland."

## DAY FOUR

Day four began with a visit to the remarkable Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park City. The Summit completed with a casual brunch session at the Dubliner, where the Young Leaders downloaded the positive outcomes of the weekend, and agreed to immediately put in place a quarterly conference call to continue the conversation and strengthen the global network that was launched in New York. This will lead to the next task which is setting up a global advisory structure with a key Young Leader volunteer serving in each market. The group also agreed to gather again in County Cork at The Ireland Funds Conference in late June and to have round two of the Global Young Leaders Summit.

The Summit closed with the key announcement that the Young Leaders pledged to raise over \$1 million for The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. The Campaign is The Ireland Funds' initiative to assist charitable organizations in Ireland meet the challenge of an increased demand for their services at a time of major funding reductions. President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds Kieran McLoughlin said, "The announcement demonstrates amazing generosity from people in the early stages of their professional careers. Their commitment to the future of the diaspora and also to developing philanthropy in Ireland is tremendous."

- 1 Young Leaders assemble outside New York Stock Exchange
- 2 Round table discussion at Soho House, Pauline Turley, Congressman Joe Crowley, Colum McCann, Margaret Brennan, Aidan Connolly, Shane Naughton, Sean Love, John Fitzpatrick
- 3 At Soho House, Kat Woodruff, Michael McGrath, Bridget Monahan, Colleen Nolan
- 4 Margaret Molloy, Kristen Lee, Richie Huggard, Colleen Nolan, John Fitzpatrick
- 5 Young Leaders applaud the opening bell from the floor of the NYSE
- 6 Maureen Kelly, Pat Tully, Tom Kennedy
- 7 At Soho House, Megan Molloy, Erica Roseingrave, Naomi McMahon
- 8 Bridget Monahan, Darren Ryan and Bridget Bray show what networking is all about
- 9 New York Young Leader patron Bob McCann addresses the group



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## The American Ireland Fund

### Young Leaders Society Membership Levels

#### GLOBAL PATRON — \$1,000

*All of the benefits of the Friend and Associate levels plus these additional benefits:*

- Admission for one to an Ireland Funds Dinner Gala in the city of your choice
- Listing on Host Committee for the signature Young Leaders event in your home city
- Selected access to The American Ireland Fund's Board Directors, a group including top executives in finance, government, the arts, and communications



#### ASSOCIATE — \$250 or \$500 (fee dependent on city)

*All of the benefits of the Friend level plus these additional benefits:*

- Admission for one to the local signature Young Leaders event in your home city
- Access to The American Ireland Fund's Board Directors, a group including top executives in finance, government, the arts, and communications
- Discounts at Fitzpatrick Hotels, NYC & Dublin
- The opportunity to join The American Ireland Fund Golf Society at a special Young Leaders rate of \$500 (regularly \$1,000)
- Admission for one to the Annual Young Leaders Global Summit
- Invitation and discounted admission to the annual Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Ireland
- Access to The Young Leaders Society online Membership Directory



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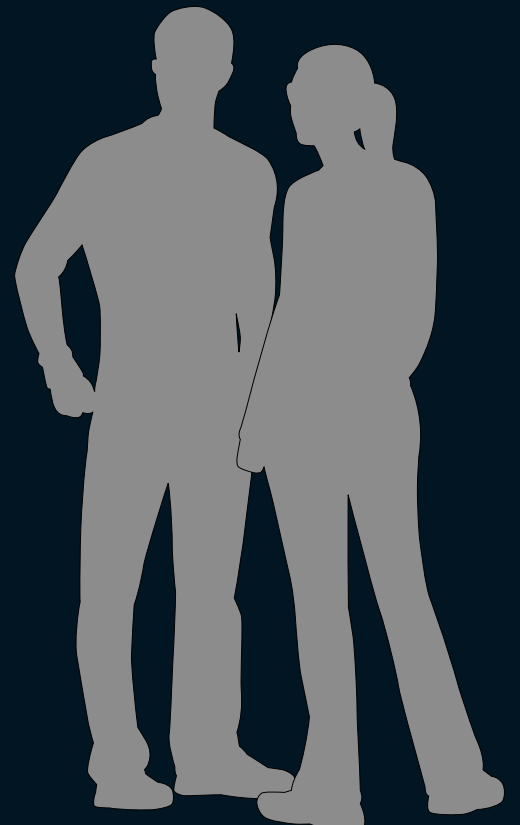
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# The Worldwide Ireland Funds 2012 Conference



## *From the moment*

the 250+ supporters arrived in Cork for The Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference, it was evident that this would be a very special three days. Eight countries were represented as guests gathered to hear about the progress of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and see the difference that the campaign was making for local projects in Cork. The setting for the gathering was the stunning Castlemartyr resort.

# DAY ONE

## Seeing the Impact of the Promising Ireland Campaign

A welcome lunch was held at Castlemartyr as the first official event. Supporters were welcomed by President & CEO Kieran McLoughlin who gave an overview of the importance of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and the opportunities supporters would have over the next few days to hear of its impact on over 350 outstanding projects and organizations. Supporters then fanned out in groups and were welcomed to the Glucksman Gallery at University College Cork, Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, Music Generation Cork, NASC—the Irish Immigration Centre, Rebel Wheelers, and Irish Dogs for the Disabled. The groups had diverse hands-on experiences ranging from an inspirational musical performance at Music Generation where Cillian, a young man with cerebral palsy, debuted a piece he had meticulously written with his eye movements, to a game of wheelchair rugby with beneficiaries at Rebel Wheelers—a multi-sport club in Cork for children



"Even if the era of the Celtic Tiger is over, something new is being born. It will be bigger and better if it is done right. The government's job is to try to help the private sector, and organizations like The American Ireland Fund, work together to beat the historical clock. Ireland has one of the best education systems in the world, one of the best developed information technology systems, a good business climate...and the youngest workforce in Europe." — Former US President Bill Clinton addressing *The Worldwide Ireland Funds Annual Conference*

with disabilities. RTE television covered the afternoon visit at Music Generation. All of the projects were delighted to have the chance to thank donors and supporters in person for their support of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

The group reconvened later in the evening for the opening dinner which was hosted by Irish Riverdance star Michael Flatley and his wife Niamh at their home, Castlehyde. Guests were greeted at the door by Michael and Niamh and enjoyed dinner punctuated by the presentation of a Pittsburgh Steelers-signed football from US Ambassador Dan Rooney. Michael and Niamh were inducted as honorary members of The Ireland Funds WineGeese Society. Their extraordinary hospitality set the standard and the tone for the rest of the conference.





"There is magnificence in all this. The aim of magnificence, Aristotle says, is like the aim of any other virtue: it is beautiful action. It is exercised not for the glorification of the magnificent person who gives it, but for the good of public things, so that even the private gifts have a resemblance to a votive offering. I think that sense of a votive offering for something beyond, distinguishes everything that has been done by The Ireland Funds. It distinguishes everything they aspire to." — Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of The AWB American Ireland Fund Literary Award given at The Worldwide Ireland Funds Annual Conference



"What a great conference, the best ever. It is so easy to return home having enjoyed ourselves and then suddenly realize we are being invited to next year's conference. In the meantime, we can all be ambassadors. Now it is our turn to reach out and spread the word of the needs of Ireland in its endeavors to get back on its feet. There are so many ways in which you can promote The Ireland Funds and the Irish in general. Keep the flame of the last few days alive and let us speed up our promise to Ireland." — Pauline Ryan

"Our experience in Ireland was a trip of a lifetime. Many, many thanks." — Tom & Missy O'Neill



"The Conference was exceptional. Thanks for your great leadership. I had a fabulous time in Cork at the meetings, events and festivities. Thanks for all you are doing for The Worldwide Ireland Funds." — *Tom Codd*



"Great conference and I was proud to be part of it. The hospitality shown us in settings of true Irish splendor is something we will always remember" — *Gene & Peggy McQuade*



"I'd like to extend our appreciation and our gratitude for what you do and how you involve yourself with the diaspora around the world. To set a target of \$100 million, and to now exceed that target and set a new one of \$140 million by the end of next year, is quite phenomenal. To those around the world, to the diaspora who have contributed to this, I say thanks. But I also say to those in this country, who are considering contributing to The Ireland Funds, I say thanks in advance because these funds will not be wasted. They will be used for the benefit of our own." — *An Taoiseach Enda Kenny addressing The Worldwide Ireland Funds Annual Conference*





# DAY TWO

## A Day of Strategy and an Evening of Celebration

The day began with the Plenary Session where supporters heard from Ireland Funds leadership about the progress of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and plans to come. Hugo MacNeill, the Chairman of The Ireland Funds in Ireland, first spoke to the group about the impact that the *Promising Ireland* Campaign had made to so many organizations in Ireland.

Kieran McLoughlin, President & CEO of The World-wide Ireland Funds, then delivered the big announcement of the day. Those gathered already knew that the *Promising Ireland* Campaign had smashed through its original goal of raising \$100 million for charities, 19 months ahead of the campaign's end. Kieran announced that the Board of Directors had approved the increase of the Campaign's goal to \$140 million to be raised by the end of 2013. The announcement was met with resolve and enthusiasm by those gathered.

Caitriona Fottrell, Vice President, spoke about the impact of the latest grant round. Over 900 applications had been received from organizations seeking funding. The grant round, core to the mission of The Ireland Funds, was the largest ever in the history of the organization and would deliver much-needed support to over 150 worthy organizations doing work on the ground.

After the Plenary Session, over 60 Young leaders gathered for an afternoon of planning. Young Leaders from every chapter were present to hear an update on the program. Pat Tully, National Director of the Young Leaders and Caitlin Duffy, Irish Young Leader Director, kicked off the session by providing an update on the

program since the Inaugural Young Leaders Summit in January. The session included an update on the Young Leaders \$1.35 million fundraising goal by the end of 2013. The group was delighted to learn they are 1/3 of the way there just five months since setting the target at their summit in NYC.

The evening capped off with the highlight event of the Conference: the Gala dinner at the famous Ballymaloe House in Shanagarry. The buzz had been building for days about the arrival of former US President Bill Clinton. President Clinton had travelled to Cork to attend the evening along with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny to celebrate the progress of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, introduced Nobel Laureate and longtime friend of The Ireland Funds, Seamus Heaney. She recapped that Seamus had been the second recipient of The American Ireland Fund AWB Vincent Literary Award many years ago. Loretta added a personal note to the evening by reading a poem that had been written for her by Seamus Heaney. Seamus Heaney recalled his own career as a struggling poet and the difference receiving The Ireland Fund's Literary Award made to him as he established his reputation. He shared that he had taken great joy being associated with the program for 40 years and seeing new and emerging artists who were encouraged and supported.

Supporters retired late that evening to the Knight's Bar at Castlemartyr for a terrific sing-song and after-party, in true Irish style.

# DAY THREE

## Enjoying the Beauty of Cork

The final day of the Conference began with terrific coverage in Ireland's news outlets about the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and the impact it was having for hundreds of charities across Ireland and beyond.

It was also a day of relaxation and an opportunity for visitors to see some of the highlights of the Cork area. Golfers teed off at the esteemed golf course of Old Head. Another group visited the Midleton Distillery and learned the steps in Irish whiskey making. Lastly, a group went to Lismore Castle, an ancient Irish estate. Lord Burlington, son of the Duke of Devonshire and resident of the castle, joined the group to provide a private tour.

Later that evening, Chairman Loretta Brennan Glucksman opened her home—East Grove House—as the venue for the closing dinner of the Conference. Loretta spoke eloquently about the importance and “specialness” of the gathering, about the good work that was being done by The Ireland Funds, and of her hope that the group would gather again a year from now. The Irish National anthem was sung with emotion by the group, closing the Conference on a high and emotional note.





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- 1 Emmie McKiernan, Tom & Missy O'Neill, Betsy McKiernan
- 2 Patricia Rooney, Michael Flatley, Amb. Dan Rooney
- 3 Anne Daly, Caitriona Ryan, Patricia Morehan, Davey Devlin
- 4 former US President Bill Clinton and Taoiseach Enda Kenny
- 5 Kieran McLoughlin, former US President Bill Clinton, Declan Kelly
- 6 Entertainment at Friday's Gala
- 7 Tom Quick
- 8,9 Supporters of The Ireland

- Funds visit Rebel Wheelers
- 10 Dr. Stanley Quek
- 11 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Seamus Heaney, Kieran McLoughlin
- 12 Michael & Niamh Flatley, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 13 The Ireland Funds Young Leaders with former US President Bill Clinton
- 14 Terry LeFevour visits Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
- 15 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Caitriona Fottrell

- 16 Supporters enjoy Midleton Distillery in Cork
- 17 Taoiseach Enda Kenny
- 18 Michele Kessler, former US President Bill Clinton, Howard Kessler
- 19 former US President Bill Clinton, Peggy & Kip Condon
- 20 Bart Murphy, Chris Hagan, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 21 Caitriona Fottrell, Kieran McLoughlin
- 22 Lord Burlington, Pauline Ryan, Margaret Hayhurst

- 23 A visit to Rebel Wheelers
- 24 Donors visit Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
- 25 The Ireland Funds WineGeese Society induct Michael & Niamh Flatley as Honorary Members
- 26 Eileen & Bart Murphy, Pauline Ryan
- 27 The Ireland Funds Young Leaders strategy session
- 28 Peter Rooney & John Curran



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John Sharkey presents the WineGeese pin to the Duchess of Magenta with Ted Murphy, Ken Gorman, Michael Jackson

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AS OF THIS WRITING, THE IRELAND FUNDS WINEGEESE SOCIETY HAS 120 MEMBERS AND 65 HONORARY MEMBERS.

HONORARY MEMBERS ARE PRIMARILY THE OWNERS OF VINEYARDS THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED BY THE SOCIETY, OR DIGNITARIES SUPPORTING SOCIETY EVENTS.

## Save the Date

THE WINEGEESE WILL BE TOURING THE NAPA AND SONOMA VALLEYS IN OCTOBER 2013. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT [WINEGEESE@IRLFUNDS.ORG](mailto:WINEGEESE@IRLFUNDS.ORG)



Kieran McLoughlin addresses the WineGeese at the Irish Embassy in Paris



Michael Jackson, HE Amb. Paul Kavanagh



## THE IRELAND FUNDS WINEGEESE SOCIETY VISITS BURGUNDY, THE CÔTE D'OR, AND PARIS



FOR SEVEN DAYS IN JUNE, the WineGeese explored Burgundy while staying in the charming Hôtel Le Cep in the medieval heart of Beaune, its wine capital. Beaune with its cobbled streets, sumptuously tiled roofs, charming restaurants and antique shops, made a perfect base for our exploration. We were guided through the intricacies of the region by the great Clive Coates, MW—one of the most respected and entertaining wine authorities in the world. WineGeese members will know Coates for *The Vine*, his independent fine wine magazine, which ran from 1984 to 2005, back issues of which continue to be in high demand. His books are widely considered the classic works on their respective subjects including *Côte d'Or, A Celebration of the Great Wines of Burgundy* and the newly released *The Wines of Burgundy*.

We explored the Côte d'Or, that 35-mile stretch running from Dijon in the north to Chagny in the south including the revered white Burgundies of the Côte de Beaune—**Domaine Olivier Leflaive Frères**, **Château de Meursault**, and **Bouchard Père et Fils**; the reds of the Côte de Beaune including **Maison Louis Jadot** who are in charge of producing the beautiful wines of the **Domaine Duchesse de Magenta**, an original WineGeese family; lunching at **Domaine Senard** with our host the Comte du Senard. We finished at **Domaine Chandon de Briailles** with a private tasting guided by proprietor and winemaker Claude de Nicolay; the reds of the Côte de Nuits at **Domaine Faiveley**, then toured with proprietor Jean Grivot at **Domaine Ponsot**, **Comte Georges de Vogüé**, **Domaine Drouhin-Laroze** where we were guided by proprietors and winemaker Philippe Drouhin and his wife Christine, and **Domaine de la Vougeraie** with winemaker Pierre Vincent.

We spent a magical evening at **Château de Sully**, the ancestral home of Maurice de MacMahon, Marshal of France, the first elected President of the French republic, Duke of Magenta, and descendent of the MacMahon family of Limerick. Our hostess, the Duchess of Magenta guided us through this Renaissance jewel and its fascinating Irish connections.

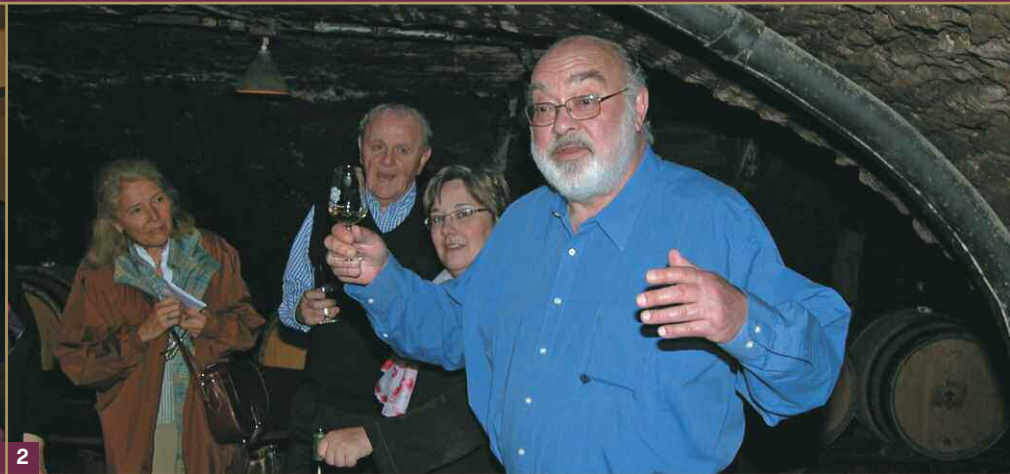
The 4th Duke of Magenta came under the spell of the Abbey of Morgeot and its vines in the village of Chassagne-Montrachet. Today, the premier wines are produced by Louis Jadot for the **Domaine Duchesse de Magenta**.

Our tour concluded with our return to Paris for a WineGeese dinner at the Irish Embassy hosted by **HE Paul Kavanagh**, the Irish Ambassador to France. Honorary WineGeese member Thierry Gardinier of **Château Phélan Ségur** joined us in what is fast becoming a most treasured WineGeese tradition. The evening was made even more memorable with pianist Michael McHale's recital on a piano that had been generously provided by The Ireland Fund of France.

The WineGeese will take flight again in October 2013 to discover the delights to be found in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys.



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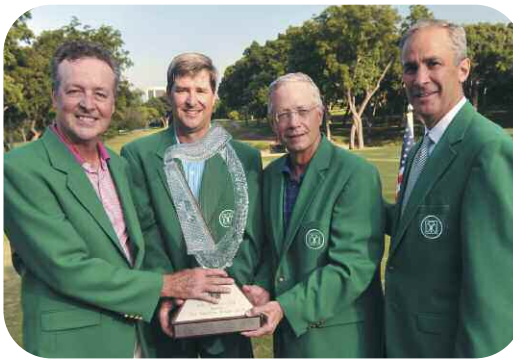
- 1 John Sharkey and Archie Bennett at Domaine Olivier Leflaive Frères
- 2 Sarah & Tommy Gallagher and Clive Coates at Château de Mersault
- 3 At Louis Jadot where the wines of Domaine Duc de Magenta are produced with winemaker Frédéric Barnier
- 4 Pepper Jackson, Frédéric Barnier of Louis Jadot, Clive Coates, Sarah & Tommy Gallagher
- 5 Pepper Jackson, Kerry & Ken Gorman, the Comte du Senard in his cellars
- 6 The WineGeese at Domaine Chandon de Briailles
- 7 The WineGeese after a superb lunch at Auberge La Miotte
- 8 Sarah Gallagher, Pepper Jackson, Ted Murphy, Rebecca Dunn, June Bennett
- 9 The WineGeese at Château de Sully
- 10 Chateau de Sully
- 11 David Newman, Waymon Levell, Archie Bennett
- 12 Bill Dunn, Mo & Charles King, Archie Bennett
- 13 Pauline Ryan, Helen Sharkey, Ann Levell
- 14 Rebecca Dunn, June Bennett, Waymon Levell
- 15 Pianist Michael McHale plays for the WineGeese at the Irish Embassy in Paris
- 16 Garry Murphy, Brinda Curley at Château de Sully
- 17 Rebecca Dunn, Brinda Curley, Ann Levell, June Bennett, HE Amb. Paul Kavanagh, Helen Sharkey, Pepper Jackson

## 15th Annual Texas Irish American Cup Challenge

**MAY, 2012 TEN AMERICAN AND TEN IRISH TEAMS TEED OFF** but the 15th tournament saw the Waterford Crystal Celtic Harp won by the American team of **Patrick Bolin** and the Celtic Shootout won by **Don Hanratty** and his son **Ryan**. NFL on Fox sports analyst **Daryl Johnston**, provided the color commentary for the final four. Special thanks to sponsors **Aer Lingus** and **JetBlue**, **Jameson Whiskey**, **Invest Northern Ireland**, **Shannon Development**, **Bill Sullivan**, **Niall O'Connor** of **Apple**, **Terry Cross** of **Château de la Ligne**, **Jim Vincent**, the **Kennedy brothers**, and **Susan Morrice** of **Belize Natural Energy**. Special thanks to Co-Chairs **Michelle Anderson** and **Kevin Hanrahan**. President & CEO **Kieran McLoughlin** presented retiring Texas Director **Netta Blanchard** with the illustrious Bird and Bell Award in recognition for the outstanding contributions that she has made over the years to The American Ireland Fund.



Lou Ann Corboy, Tommy Gallagher, Netta Blanchard, Sylvia & John Tillotson, Dolores McCall, Cliff Miercort  
Back row: Kieran McLoughlin, Mike Corboy



Art Harding, Jim Graham, Pat Bolin, Kevin Hanrahan



Ryan Hanratty, Don Hanratty

## The 19th Annual Eithne & Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Golf Tournament

**MAY, 2012 2012 WAS A MILESTONE YEAR FOR JOHN FITZPATRICK'S GOLF TOURNAMENT** as it eclipsed the \$2 million level in fundraising over its 19-year history. The event, held annually in honor of John's parents, was held at the **Sleepy Hollow Country Club** in Scarborough, NY. More than 200 guests joined and raised over \$350,000 for a variety of great charities. Upon sitting down the dinner guests were greeted in a video recorded by Irish Taoiseach **Enda Kenny**. The tournament was guest hosted by Ryder Cup winner **Christy O'Connor Jr.** This year, the Fund benefitted The American Ireland Fund, and the O'Halloran Park Boxing Club.



John Fitzpatrick, Aine Sheridan, Eithne Scott Lennon, Christy O'Connor Jr., Megan Campbell



John Fitzpatrick, Fiona & Mick McCarthy



Debbie Breslin & Christy O'Connor Jr.



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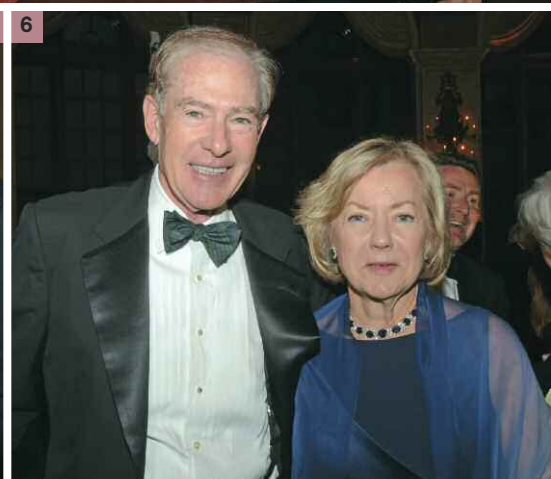
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## Palm Beach Dinner Emerald Isle Dinner

**FEBRUARY, 2012** The 22nd annual dinner dance at The Breakers was co-chaired by **Rebecca & William Dunn**, and **Mila & Brian Mulroney**. The honorary co-chairs were **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, **Michele & Howard Kessler**, **Hillie Mahoney**, and **Thomas C. Quick**. The American Ireland Fund honored the legendary investor/entrepreneur, **Wilbur L. Ross**, Chairman and CEO of **WL Ross & Co LLC**, and Chairman of **Invesco Private Capital**, with its Business Leadership Award for his contributions to Ireland through his major investment in **Bank of Ireland**. The Award was presented by **Hilary Weston**, who served as the 26th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and founded The Ireland Fund of Canada in 1979. The guests were welcomed and thanked by **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO, The Worldwide Ireland Funds, The gala evening, which raised more than \$450,000 and drew nearly 250 guests including **Paul Gleeson**, the Consul General Of Ireland in Atlanta, members of the **Irish American US Council**, the **Irish Georgian Society**, **Trinity College Dublin** and Ireland's historic **National Abbey Theatre**, began with a cocktail reception, followed by a dinner dance held in The Circle Ballroom with entertainment provided by Palm Beach Board member Hillie Mahoney's son, **Bob Merrill** and the **Sultans of Swing Orchestra**. **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, introduced **Ronan Tynan**, one of the celebrated Irish Tenors, who gave a rousing solo performance. Special thanks to Patrons **Rebecca & William Dunn** and **Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur L. Ross** as well as to Benefactors **Edward R. Herlihy**, **Mr. & Mrs. James F. Higgins**, and **Michele & Howard Kessler**.

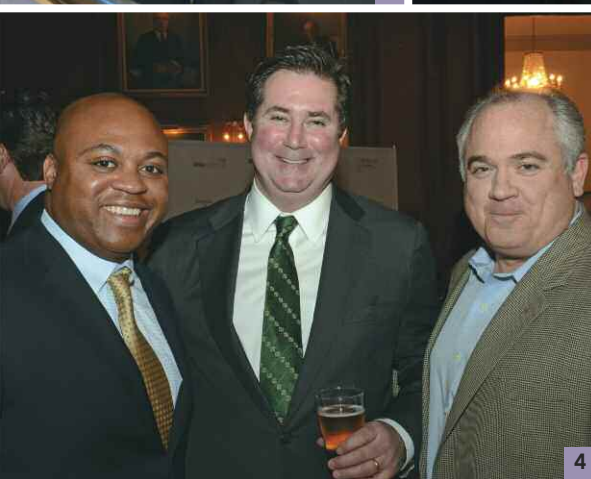
- 1 Hilary Weston, Wilbur Ross
- 2 Co-Chairs Bill & Rebecca Dunn, Brian & Mila Mulroney
- 3 Kieran McLoughlin, Hilary Geary Ross, Tom Quick, Mila Mulroney, Ronan Tynan, Hillie Mahoney, Wilbur Ross, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 4 Howard & Michele Kessler
- 5 Jim & Jackie Higgins, Connie & Bob Dwyer
- 6 Kip & Peggy Condron



## The Pittsburgh Gala

- 1 Amb. Daniel M. Rooney, Patricia Rooney, Greta K. Rooney, Arthur J. Rooney II
- 2 Mike Kennedy, Michele Rosenthal
- 3 Judy & Paul Wood, Tal Heppenstall, Dawn Ambrose Allan
- 4 Arthur J. Rooney, II and Leo Gerard.
- 5 David Malone, Leo Gerard, James Rohr
- 6 Joseph Sabino Mistick, Sylvan Holzer, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Leo Gerard

**MARCH, 2012 HEINZ FIELD WELCOMED 500 GUESTS TO THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND PITTSBURGH GALA.** The evening's honoree was **Leo W. Gerard**, International President of United Steel Workers. The theme, "Forging the Future" was reflected in the décor throughout the East Club Lounge at Heinz Field. Steel mill smoke stacks in the lobby, a working forge and iron worker, and memorabilia from Mr. Gerard's long career in the steel industry delighted guests. Honorary Gala Co-Chair **James Rohr** assisted United States Ambassador to Ireland **Daniel M. Rooney** in presenting Mr. Gerard with The American Ireland Fund Chairman's Award, while **Arthur J. Rooney, II** offered a traditional Irish toast. Celebrating the evening's success were Gala Chairman **David Malone** with wife **Nancy**; Gala committee members **Patricia Rooney, Gerry Glenn, Michael Mullen, Sylvan Holzer, Greta K. Rooney, Carol Holbay and David Soltez.**



## Philadelphia Celebrates Paddy Moloney & The Chieftains

**MARCH, 2012 AT A GALA EVENT IN PHILADELPHIA HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND** and presented by sponsors **Linksource, Wellbridge Capital Management, Pepper Hamilton LLC** and **Tourism Ireland**. CEO of the National Concert Hall **Simon Taylor** and AIF Chairman **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** along with President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin**, presented the first annual National Concert Hall Lifetime Achievement award to **Paddy Moloney** and **The Chieftains**. The award was given on the occasion of the group's 50th anniversary and in recognition of their tremendous contribution to the music industry worldwide and the promotion of the best of Irish culture. The evening reached a crescendo when Paddy Moloney and The Chieftains took to the stage and gave a mighty performance that brought the capacity crowd to their feet including VIP guests **Noel Kilkenney** Consul General of Ireland to New York and **Jane Butler** of Riverdance fame. Six time Grammy Award winners, The Chieftains are recognized for bringing traditional Irish music to the world's attention and to many they are the world's best known Irish band. The National Concert Hall specially commissioned Irish sculptor **John Behan** to develop this unique award which reflects Ireland and its strong cultural heritage.

- 1 Rosita Wolfe, Paddy Moloney, Simon Taylor
- 2 Chris Campbell, Bob Loftus, Jason Early, Bill Dalton
- 3 guest, Simon Taylor, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Jean Butler, Rosita Wolfe
- 4 Randy Letang, Michael Gallagher, Cornelius P. McCarthy
- 5 The Chieftains, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Noel Kilkenney, Kieran McLoughlin
- 6 Paddy Moloney salutes the crowd



- 1 Gail King, Julie Mayer, Jim Mulvihill, Shannon Mulvihill, Jill Walsh, Gene Walsh
- 2 Maryann Castronovo, Jaime Lunais
- 3 guests
- 4 guests
- 5 Julie Mayer, Jeanine Sahadi, Ellen Ahern
- 6 Irish step dancers

## San Diego Young Leaders Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

**MARCH, 2012** SAN DIEGO YOUNG LEADERS AND THEIR FRIENDS GATHERED AT **BARFLY IN LA JOLLA**, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. **Molly Eldredge, Julie Mayer, Gail King, John Lynch** and **Bianca Puopolo** helped plan the event, and **Daniel Mulvihill, Torrey Pines Bank, John Lynch, Ellen Ahern** and **Marianne McDonald** were table patrons. Many thanks to raffle prize donors, **Hornblower Cruise and Events, Julie Mayer, Donovan's Fine Seafood** and **The Grand Del Mar**.



The group gathered to hear Ambassador Collins on the state of Ireland

## San Diego Leadership Forum with Ambassador Michael Collins

**MAY 2012** Hosted at the headquarters at the Union Tribune by the newspaper's investor, **John Lynch**, the San Diego chapter welcomed Ireland's Ambassador to the US, H.E. **Michael Collins**, to the city, accompanied by his wife **Marie** and Ireland's Consul General, **Gerry Staunton**. The Ambassador provided an in-depth analysis of Ireland's current circumstances. He said Ireland would be the "comeback kid" of Western nations and was trading its way back to prosperity. President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds **Kieran McLoughlin** said that the response of the Fund to Ireland's challenges was its *Promising Ireland* Campaign and he reported on its progress. John Lynch and fellow AIF director, **Dan Mulvihill** reaffirmed the commitment of the San Diego chapter to assisting Ireland at this time. The event included a tour of the Union Tribune premises and music provided by **Mike Reidy** and brothers, **Noel and Bill Hall**.



## The 20th Annual National Gala

**MARCH, 2012 THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND HOSTED ITS 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GALA AT THE RONALD REAGAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE** featuring a keynote

address by Ireland's Prime Minister **Enda Kenny**. Over 750 influential American and Irish political and corporate leaders gathered to honor U.S. Senator **Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA)** and U.S. Congressman **Paul D. Ryan (R-WI)** as they were presented with the 2012 American Ireland Fund Leadership Awards for their contributions to Irish America and Ireland. Senator Casey and Congressman Ryan have faithfully represented Irish and Irish American interests in the course of their public service. In Congressman Ryan's role as Chairman of the House Budget Committee and in Senator Casey's role as a key member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They have both shown a keen interest in advancing the Peace Process in Northern Ireland and supporting the spirit of Ireland's economic recovery. Special recognition was given to the launch of **The John Hume and Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace** at the **University of Ulster**. In attendance were H.E. **Michael Collins**, Irish Ambassador to the US; **Sir Peter Westmacott**, British Ambassador to U.S.; H.E. **Daniel M. Rooney**, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland; Norman Houston, Director, Northern Ireland Bureau; Hon. **Peter T. King** and Hon. **Richard E. Neal**—Honorary Chairs.

- 1 Kieran McLoughlin, Norah O'Donnell, Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 2 Governor Martin O'Malley, Fionnuala Kenny, Nancy Pelosi, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny
- 3 Congressman Paul Ryan
- 4 Norah O'Donnell
- 5 Kieran McLoughlin, Norah O'Donnell, Congressman Paul Ryan, Loretta Brennan Glucksman,
- 6 Thomas O'Neill III
- 7 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Patricia Rooney, US Ambassador Dan Rooney, Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.



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## The Chicago WinterGreen Gala

**JANUARY, 2012 THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL WINTERGREEN GALA** at the **Galleria Marchetti**. **Pat Tully**, National Director of the Young Leaders, addressed the group emphasizing the benefits of being a Young Leader and the need to raise funds for so many worthy causes. **Roseann LeFevour**, Midwest Director of The American Ireland Fund, talked about the history, the mission, and highlighted some of the projects that are supported by The American Ireland Fund. Following the brief remarks the guests enjoyed a night of great company and dancing to the band, **Standing Room Only**. Sponsors of the evening include **Brotschul Potts LLC**, **Grosvenor Capital Management LP**, **Invest Northern Ireland**, **Denis & Sondra Healey**, **John & Barbara Keeley**, **Jim & Margaret Kenny**, **Tom & Diane Meagher**, **Jack & Jenny O'Callahan**, **Michael & Kay O'Halleran**. Support was raised for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

- 1 Chicago Young Leaders Steering Committee
- 2 Meghan O'Halleran,
- 3 Lauren Kamm, Nora Gorman, Jenny Jules, Diana Mager
- 4 Colleen Kenny, Karen Monagle
- 5 Pat Tully, Bridget Monahan, Ciaran Delargy, Conor McMeel
- 6 Standing Room Only



1 Shannon Kenny, Blair Nugent,  
Mallory Cook, Meghan Lee,  
Courtney Kenny  
2 Tony Echevarria, Kara Finnegan

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

**MARCH, 2012 THE CHICAGO YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.** It was a terrific opportunity for the Young Leaders and supporters of The American Ireland Fund to hear about the progress of The Worldwide Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Special thanks to **Meghan Lee** for organizing the event.



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## The 37th Annual New York Dinner Gala Kick-off

**FEBRUARY, 2012** OVER 150 GUESTS GATHERED AT THE NEW YORK PALACE and were welcomed by AIF Chairman, **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** who introduced the 2012 Dinner Co-Chairs **William Mullaney** and **Brian Ruane**, CEO of Alternative and Broker Dealer Services BNY Mellon. **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds, spoke of the importance of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign to raise \$100 million for Irish charities. He announced that the honorees for this year's event would be Chief Executive Officer of Bank of America **Brian Moynihan** and the President of Ireland **Michael D. Higgins**. Prior to the reception, some forty members of the Dinner Committee held their first meeting to drive and promote the Dinner.

- 1 Naomi McMahon, Elaine Brennan, Jacqueline Botting
- 2 Dinner Co-Chairs: William Mullaney, Brian Ruane with Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 3 John Sharkey, Anthony Callaghan



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## The American Ireland Fund / Integrated Education Fund Event

**FEBRUARY, 2012** THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND HAS SUPPORTED THE INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND (IEF) SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN THE 1980S. It was with pleasure that Fund supporters attended an event in **Fitzpatrick's Grand Central Hotel** to welcome IEF Chairman, Baroness **May Blood** and special guest **Liam Neeson**. The IEF campaigns to give children of all religions across Northern Ireland the opportunity to be able to learn together, play together and to build friendships together. AIF and IEF supporters and friends warmly received Baroness Blood as she spoke about the work of the IEF and shared many positive stories emerging from Northern Ireland. Special thanks to the evening's sponsor the **Northern Ireland Bureau**.

- 1 Bob McCann, Liam Neeson
- 2 Geraldine Hughes, Oliver Jeffers, Suzanne Jeffers
- 3 Baroness May Blood and guests



## New York Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration

- 1 John Huddy of Fox 5 interviews Honoree Kevin Brennan and Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 2 Dean Thomas, Joe Tully, Mary Beth Glaccum
- 3 Siobhan Conroy, Eoin Conroy, Aisling Garvey, Alan Quinlan, guest
- 4 The Pipes and Drums of the NYPD Emerald Society
- 5 Christine Quinn, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Kevin Brennan, Patrick Caulfield, Joe Tully, Mary Beth Glaccum, Dean Thomas
- 6 Croine O'Halloran, Ann Murtagh, Pat Tully, Jennifer Blum, Lisa Kearns

**MARCH, 2012 THE NEW YORK YOUNG LEADERS HELD THEIR ANNUAL SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER FOR OVER 600 GUESTS AT CAPITALE.** After a performance by the **Smith School of Dance**, the thundering pipes and drums of the **NYPD's Emerald Society** welcomed the Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, who introduced the event Co-Chairs **Mary Beth Glaccum, Dean Thomas** and **Joe Tully**. NYC Council Speaker, **Christine Quinn** introduced the Jameson Irish Spirit Award winner, **Kevin Brennan**. Kevin gave an inspired acceptance speech about his fight for survival after a near fatal gun-shot wound to the head that he suffered while trying to apprehend a murder suspect. He talked about Irish family values, and the deep roots of the Irish in the NYPD. **The McLean Avenue Band** performed 2 incredible sets, mixed in with the DJ play of **Tim Sommers** AKA **"Onelove."** The star-studded live auction consisted of a GAA VIP Football final experience in Dublin put together by GAA Legend, **Dessie Farrell** and **Aer Lingus**. That package was followed by New York Knicks center **Jared Jeffries** offering premium tickets to an upcoming Knicks game, signed memorabilia from his teammates and dinner with Jared himself after the game. The auction was completed with an appearance by Irish Rugby legend **Alan Quinlan**, who took the stage and offered a meet and greet with himself at the Young Leaders Ireland / England 6 Nations Rugby match party on St. Patrick's Day.



## Young Leaders St. Patrick's Day Festivities

**MARCH, 2012 THE NEW YORK YOUNG LEADERS STARTED THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES IN STYLE** with a morning breakfast at **Gracie Mansion** with Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**.

Mayor Bloomberg spoke about the deep roots that the Irish have to New York City and the incredible tradition of the New York St. Patrick's Day parade. Following the breakfast, the Young Leaders headed to the next event at **Beckett's Bar and Grill** for the Six Nations viewing party of the Ireland vs. England rugby match. The event was hosted by Irish rugby legend **Alan Quinlan** who gave game insight and helped to auction off two team signed jerseys that raised thousands of dollars for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

- 1 Young Leaders at Gracie Mansion on St. Patrick's Day
- 2 Margaret Molloy, Garry McSharry, Pat Tully, Erin Fitzsimmons, Bernadette McCabe Kelly, Tara McCabe
- 3 Dean Thomas, Rob Fox, Alexandra Sciamie and guests enjoy the Ireland / England rugby match



## New York Women's Group 2012

**APRIL, 2012** The American Ireland Fund Women's Group gathered at **Lily O'Brien's Café** to launch *Wise Irish Women*, a book by authors **Patricia O'Connor Kagerer** and **Laura Prentergast Gordon**. The book brings together the voices of thirty-six women with deep ties to Ireland to tell their stories covering everything from Irish charm, Irish luck, Irish love of family and Irish passion. International best seller and keynote speaker for the evening, **Mary Higgins Clark**, shared her own story at the event. The event was attended by **Anne Anderson**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations.

- 1 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Liadain Conlan, Mary Higgins Clark
- 2 Anne Anderson, Sarah McLoughlin, Guest
- 3 Laura Prentergast Gordon, Mary Higgins Clark, Tricia O'Connor Kagerer



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# The 37th Annual New York Dinner Gala

**MAY, 2012** WITH OVER 1,300 GUESTS FROM THE SPHERES OF BUSINESS, THE ARTS, AND POLITICS, THE 37TH ANNUAL AMERICAN IRELAND FUND DINNER GALA IN THE TENT AT LINCOLN CENTER WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DINNER IN THE HISTORY OF THE FUNDS.

Breaking all records the 2012 Gala was the most successful event in the Funds' 37 year history and contributed \$4.2 million to the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

Chairman of The American Ireland Fund **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** and Worldwide Ireland Funds' President and CEO **Kieran McLoughlin**, announced at the 2012 New York Gala that the *Promising Ireland* Campaign—a philanthropic initiative to raise \$100 million for charities from among the Funds' global network in 12 countries by the end of 2013—had not only reached its goal 19 months ahead of schedule but had also exceeded its target. Mr. McLoughlin revealed that the Campaign total stood at over \$120 million. He added that The Worldwide Ireland Funds would determine the next phase of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign at their annual Conference in Ireland in June.

The 2012 Gala, honoring Bank of America's Chief Executive Officer **Brian T. Moynihan**, was attended by the President of Ireland **Michael D. Higgins**, on his first official visit to the United States since taking office in November of 2011. Other VIPs attending included Mayor of New York City, **Michael Bloomberg**, New York Police Commissioner **Ray Kelly**, Speaker of New York City Council **Christine Quinn**, Nobel Laureate **Elie Wiesel**, celebrated author **Colum McCann**, and **Martha Stewart**.

President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, spoke of the importance of the work of The Worldwide Ireland Funds. He applauded the enduring relationship that the Funds had with Ireland and noted the vital and lasting contribution that their support was making at a crucial time for Ireland. Chaired by **William J. Mullaney** and **Brian A. Ruane**, the 2012 New York Gala honored Mr. Moynihan by conferring the **Leslie C. Quick Jr. Leadership Award** on him for his corporate leadership, philanthropy, and commitment to Ireland.

Through the ongoing support of the Quick Family, the Leslie C. Quick, Jr. Leadership Award is given annually to a business person of outstanding character and acumen. The award recognizes excellence and major contributions to Ireland and Irish America. Past recipients of the award include **Irial Finan** of **Coca-Cola**, **Andrew Liveris** of **Dow Chemical**, **Bob McCann** of **UBS** and **Kip Condon** of **AXA Financial**.



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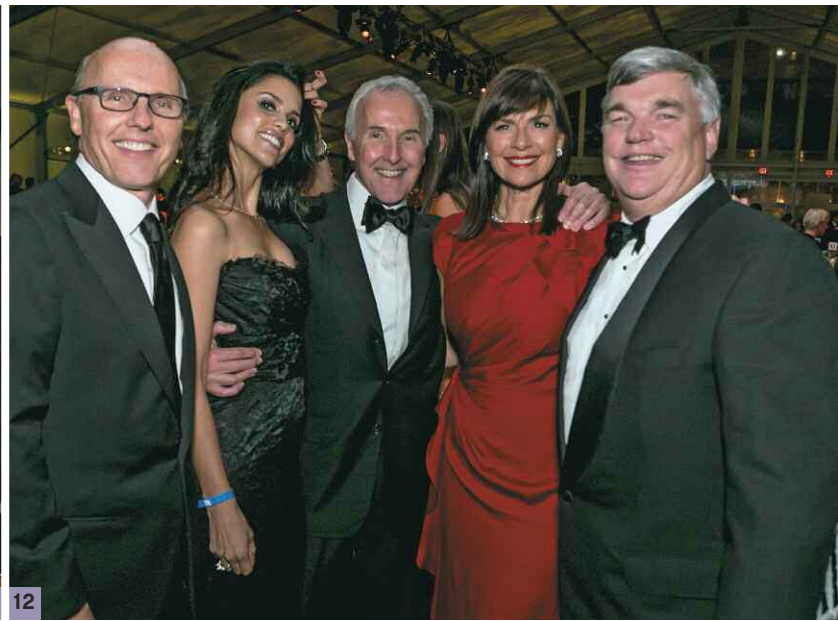


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- 1 The New York Dinner Gala Committee
- 2 Commissioner Ray Kelly, President Michael D. Higgins
- 3 Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Brian T. Moynihan
- 4 Loretta Brennan Glucksman announces The Worldwide Ireland Funds Promising Ireland Campaign has raised over \$120 million
- 5 President Michael D. Higgins
- 6 Noel McDermott, guest, Katie Gassert, Croine O'Halloran, Chris Roundtree
- 7 Martha Stewart, Brian T. Moynihan
- 8 Declan & Julia Kelly
- 9 Kieran McLoughlin, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 10 Duncan & Alison Niederauer, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Caitriona Fottrell, Kate Picco



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- 11 Leslie Quick, Brian Moynihan,  
Tom Quick
- 12 David McCourt, Monica Algarra,  
Frank McCourt, Deborah McCourt,  
Pat Keough
- 13 John Duffy, Brian & Anna Ruane,
- 14 Jennifer & Hugo MacNeill,  
David McCormack, Tara McCabe
- 15 Shane Naughton, Pamela Karawia
- 16 Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel,  
President Michael D. Higgins
- 17 Suzanne O'Sullivan,  
Deirdre Connolly,  
Jennifer Barry
- 18 Frankie Gavin
- 19 Helen & John Sharkey
- 20 James O'Reilly, Lyndsey Falconer,  
David McCormack, Kate McCormack,  
Croine O'Halloran, Rachel Conlan,  
Gary McSharry
- 21 Liadain Conlan, Ann Murtagh,  
Louise McCabe
- 22 Guests



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## Kickoff Reception for the San Francisco Dinner Gala

**FEBRUARY, 2012 GUESTS JOINED TOGETHER TO CONGRATULATE FOURTH-GENERATION SAN FRANCISCAN KEVIN WHITE** as the 2012 recipient of The American Ireland Fund Distinguished Leadership Award. Kevin was joined by his wife **Mary** and other special friends including Monsignor **Steven Ottelini**, California State Librarian and USC Professor **Kevin Starr**, **Georgeann & John Fannon**, **Marybeth Barrett**, **Bill Zappattini**, **Steve Zelencik**, **Sally & John Cella**, **Ken Ryan**, and **Mary Driscoll Toboni**. Other special guests included Consul-General **Gerry Staunton**, AIF Board Director **Bart Murphy** & his wife **Eileen**, and AIF Life Trustee **Jon Folan**. AIF Young Leaders present included Vice Consul **Barry O'Brien**, **Ryan Murray**, **Kerry Egan & Jamie Hamm**, **Melinda Miller**, and **Olga O'Hara**. **Edward Galvin & Daniel Paul** were also there and were joined by **Kathleen Ryan**, **Patrick Meade** of Bonham's, **Nola Masterson & Bruce Jennett**, **Cece McGraw**, **Tom Jordan & Rosemary Miller**, **Maryanne & John Murray**.

- 1 Kevin White
- 2 Kevin Starr, Cece McGraw, Mary Driscoll Toboni, Ken Ryan
- 3 Kerry Egan and Jamie Hamm, Olga O'Hara, Dan O'Hara



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## Entrepreneurship in San Francisco & the Irish Experience

**MAY 2012 THE SAN FRANCISCO YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED AT THE ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESS SPACE: THE HATCHERY.** West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** thanked the new San Francisco Young Leaders Steering Committee, particularly Chair **Michael McGrath** and Vice Consul **Barry O'Brien**. Other Committee Chairs who attended were **Neil Sands** (Communications) and **Laura Ward Collins** (Membership) along with **Ian Casey** and **Melinda Miller**. Guest speakers were **Jay Nath**, Chief Innovation Officer, **Mayor's Office**, **City of San Francisco**, **John McGuire**, CEO and Founder, **Active Mind Technology**, and **Ciaran Long**, Co-Founder of **CleanGrow**. Guests included **Ivan Harrow** of Intel, **Edel Coen** of Enterprise Ireland, and **Wellington Sculley** of **Boku**. Also attending were **Ryan Fox & Kathryn West**, **Beth Thomas**, **Kevin Duffy Haskell** and his wife **Karin**, **Caroline Dickie**, **Laura Leath**, **Devon Falvey**, **Alan Walsh**, **Sheetal Walsh**, **Heather McGuire**.

- 1 Ian Casey, Mike McGrath, Neil Sands
- 2 Wellington Sculley and Kathryn West
- 3 John McGuire, Edel Coen



- 1 Mary and Kevin White
- 2 Larry Ort, EJ Tracy
- 3 Dinner Committee  
Back row: Marjorie Muldowney,  
Sally Ann Flood, Edward Galvin,  
Marybeth Barrett, Mary Toboni  
Front row: Rita O'Hara,  
Kathleen Ryan, Georgeann  
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- 4 Maureen and Craig Sullivan
- 5 AIF Board Director Bart Murphy,  
Kevin White, Kieran McLoughlin
- 6 Betsy McKiernan,  
Chuck Johnson and guests

## 2012 San Francisco Dinner Gala

**MARCH, 2012 500 GUESTS ATTENDED THE ANNUAL GALA** at the **St. Francis Hotel**. **Kevin White**, President of The White Land Company received The 2012 American Ireland Fund Distinguished Leadership Award. He was joined by his wife **Mary**, his four children, family and friends. **KRON TV** News Anchor **Catherine Heenan** was Guest Presenter and was joined by Bishop **Ignatius Wang**—Archdiocese of San Francisco, who gave the invocation. Ireland Funds President & CEO, **Kieran McLoughlin** provided an update on the success of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Monsignor **Steven Otellini** introduced the honoree. The **Black Brothers** kicked off with traditional Irish music. They were followed by **Patrick Meade** of **Bonhams**, who auctioned flights on **Aer Lingus**, an Edwardian country house in West Cork donated by **Peggy & Mike McGrath**, as well as a whiskey basket donated by **Brian Sheehy** of Cask, a Napa trip donated by **Kerry Egan** of **The Villagio** in Yountville, and premium WineGeese wines from the cellars of The American Ireland Fund Board Directors and key supporters. Special guests included Consul General **Gerry Staunton**, and AIF Board Directors **Eileen & Bart Murphy**, **Maureen & Craig Sullivan**, and San Francisco Regional Advisory Board Member **John McDonnell**. The Dinner Committee included **Mary Toboni** (Honorary Chair), **Georgeann Fannon**, **Marybeth Barrett**, **Sally Ann Flood & Michael Kenny**, **Hon. Barry O'Brien**, **Kathleen Ryan**, and **Rita and Dan O'Hara**. Other supporters included **EJ Tracy**, **Joan & Dave O'Reilly**, **Mr. & Mrs. A.W.B. Vincent**, the **Irish Technology Leadership Group**, and **Diane Wilsey**. Thank you to **Tracy Industries**, **Visa**, **Digicel**, **Invest Northern Ireland**, **IDA/Enterprise Ireland**, **UCSF Medical Center**, **Deloitte**, **Kenny & Company**, and **Mary Immaculate College**.



## Young Leaders Cable Car Tour Through San Francisco's Irish History

**JUNE, 2012 THE SAN FRANCISCO YOUNG LEADERS TRAVELLED THROUGH THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO**, eager to learn about the city's Irish history. The tour began at a classic speakeasy **Bourbon & Branch** in the Tenderloin, with a secret hidden room where host, **Brian Sheehy**, provided signature cocktails. West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** gave special thanks to Young Leaders Chair **Mike McGrath** before introducing California State Librarian Emeritus and USC Professor, **Kevin Starr**. Kevin shared his love for "The City" and its many stories including the tale behind **Jasper O'Farrell** who studied in Dublin, laid out the grid system in 1846 around which San Francisco grew and which is still the foundation for the city's layout. Next stop was the San Francisco Fire Dept. Museum to meet San Francisco Fire Chief, **Joanne Hayes White**. Joanne gave insight into the roots of the SF Fire Dept. and the men, predominantly of Cork & Kerry, who built it. Young Leaders enjoyed hors d'oeuvres before heading down to the **Buena Vista Cafe** in Fisherman's Wharf for Irish coffees made with Tullamore Dew, accompanied by Winegeese wines along the way. Guests included Membership Chair **Laura Ward Collins** with **Michael Collins**, Communications Chair **Neil Sands**, with Steering Committee Members **Melinda Miller** with **Ron Sciandri**, **Ian Casey**, and **Kerry Egan** with **Jamie Hamm**. Also present were **Jacqueline Paulin & Steven Jacobs**, **Ivan Harrow**, **Caroline Dickie**, **Beth Thomas**, **Ryan Fox & Kathryn Thomas**. New friends **John Turney & Jessica Wasserman**, **Joe Leveroni**, **Langdon Mitchell**, **Katie McCaffrey Talbott & Dan Talbott**, **Erin Reidy**, **Kathy Prunty**, **John Farley**, **Mark Muldowney**, and **Chris Lonergan**. Special thanks for the generous support of **Joey Nevin** of **Giants Enterprises**, **Jacqueline Paulin** of **Tullamore Dew**, **Kerry Egan**, **Melinda Miller**, and **Brian Sheehy**.

- 1 San Francisco Young Leaders
- 2 Laura & Michael Collins
- 3 Kathryn West, Ryan Fox, Kevin Starr, Joe Leveroni
- 4 Kathleen Prunty, Katie McCaffrey, Melinda Miller, Beth Thomas
- 5 Joe Leveroni, Mike McGrath, Jackie Paulin, Steven Jacobs, Ian Casey
- 6 The cable car approaches the Buena Vista Cafe

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## Boston Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration

**MARCH, 2012 MORE THAN 500 GUESTS GATHERED** for The American Ireland Fund Boston Young Leaders' St. Patrick's Celebration at the Boston Harbor Hotel. The evening raised \$165,000 in support of The American Ireland Fund's work across the island of Ireland and its *Promising Ireland* Campaign to assist Irish charities. The 2012 event was chaired by **Devin Condrón** of **Morgan Stanley** and the vice chairs were **Bret Kelly** owner of **North Star**, **Maura Neal Fitzpatrick** from the **Office of Senator John Kerry** and **Mike Stevens** of **State Street Global Advisors**. Patron sponsors for the evening were **Jim and Sue Geraghty** of Westford.

- 1 Brian Haney, Brian Moore, Chris Finnerty
- 2 Kristin Connell, Ryan Heald, Terry Connell
- 3 Boston St. Patrick's Celebration
- 4 Devin Condrón
- 5 Caddy Brooks, Casey Thomas, Anne Geraghty, Annie Wardwell, Amy Campbell, Katie Briody, Kathleen Kramer, Annie Warner, Chelsea Heneghan, Grayson Palmer
- 6 Bret Kelly, Devin Condrón, Maura Fitzpatrick, Steve Greeley



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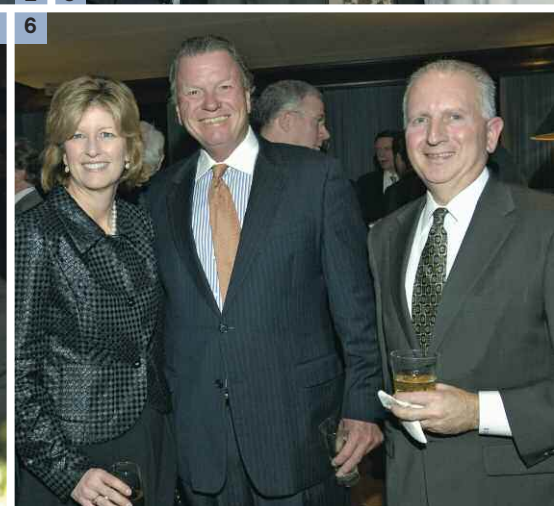
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- 1 Bob Reynolds, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Stephen Burbage, Walter Donovan, Dennis Burns
- 2 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Jim Boyle, Jack Sebastian, Steve Greeley
- 3 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Anne Finucane, Karen Kaplan
- 4 John White, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Andrew Maher, Steve Greeley
- 5 Discussion at the Leadership Forum
- 6 Kathy Murphy, John Murphy, Howard Elias

## Leadership Forum with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny

**FEBRUARY, 2012 ON THE OCCASION OF TAOISEACH ENDA KENNY'S THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES**, The American Ireland Fund, along with **Jim Boyle, Anne Finucane and Bob Reynolds**, hosted a private dinner for a select group of American Ireland Fund supporters. The event, held at the **Four Seasons Hotel**, provided a unique opportunity for many of New England's top civic, philanthropic and business leaders to hear directly from Ireland's Prime Minister on Ireland's economic recovery. The Taoiseach expressed delight at meeting so many warm friends of Ireland in Boston. He welcomed the opportunity to meet and thank in person a number of significant supporters of The American Ireland Fund.



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## Boston Dinner Committee Kick-Off Meeting

**JUNE, 2012 THE DINNER COMMITTEE GATHERED FOR THEIR KICKOFF MEETING**

as **Bob Reynolds**, Chairman of the Boston Regional Advisory Board and **Jim Boyle**, 2011 Boston Dinner Chairman were pleased to announce and welcome **Ronald P. O'Hanley**, President, Asset Management & Corporate Services at **Fidelity Investments** as the 2012 Boston Dinner Chairman. The group also welcomed new Committee Members, including 2012 Dinner Vice Chairs, **Digger Donahue** of **Brown Brothers Harriman**, **John Fish** of **Suffolk Construction** and **Bill Teuber** of **EMC Corporation**.

- 1 Dennis Burns, Ron O'Hanley, Digger Donahue, Steve Greeley
- 2 John White, John Morey, Bart Grenier, Ron O'Hanley, Bob Reynolds
- 3 Miceal Chamberlain, Steve Brackett, Jack Sebastian, Andrew Arnott



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## Young Leaders Summer Social

**JUNE, 2012 THE BOSTON YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED FOR A SUMMER SOCIAL**

**AT THE BACK BAY HOTEL** New England Director **Steve Greeley** gave the crowd of over 90 an update on the work of The American Ireland Fund, the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and The Ireland Funds Worldwide Conference that was held the week before. He congratulated and thanked the committee and event chairs of the Boston Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration and for the most successful Young Leaders event. The Summer Social was graciously hosted by Young Leader **Mark Roche-Garland**, General Manager of the **Back Bay Hotel** and Event Chairs for the evening were Young Leaders **John Cronin**, **Rob Gibbons**, **Mike Greeley**, **Abbey Reynolds**, **Sean Ryan**, and **Kate Sheridan**.

- 1 Erica & Rob Gibbons, Sean & Liz Ryan, Janet Loftus
- 2 Ellen Donovan, Steve Greeley, Chris Hagan, Mark Roche-Garland, Justin Kelly, Matt Gaughan
- 3 Connor Chamberlain, Colleen Carney, Amy Vautour, Patrick Carney

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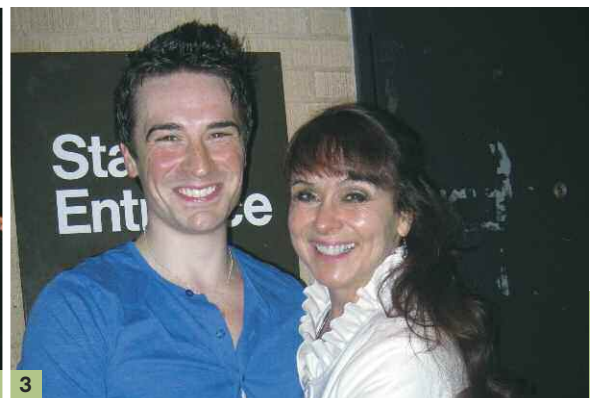
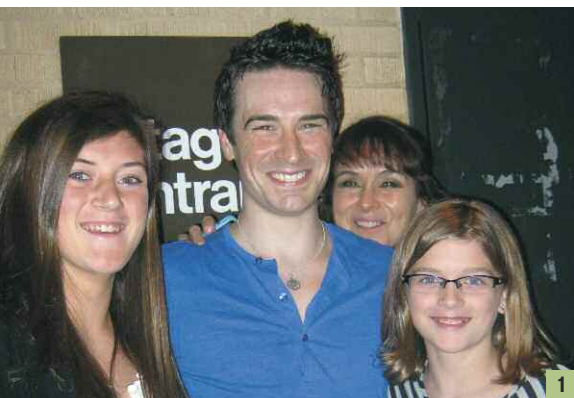
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## Riverdance

**FEBRUARY, 2012 RIVERDANCE, ON ITS FAREWELL TOUR, PLAYED THE HISTORIC MUSIC HALL AT FAIR PARK IN DALLAS.** A large contingent of supporters from The American Ireland Fund attended, including members of the newly formed Dallas Young Leaders chapter. A riveting evening was enjoyed by all with a special sense of local pride in one of the principal performers, **Kincaid Stringer**, a local Dallas boy who brought the house down.

- 1 AK Tucker, Kincaid Stringer, Shannon Kincaid, Sarah Tucker
- 2 Nancy Sullivan, Bobbie Sue Williams, Netta Blanchard
- 3 Kincaid Stringer, Shannon Kincaid



## Leadership Forum with The Hon. Aidan Cronin, Irish Consul General

**APRIL, 2012 THE HON. AIDAN CRONIN, IRISH CONSUL GENERAL FROM CHICAGO, MADE HIS FIRST VISIT TO DALLAS** to speak with a group of American Ireland Fund supporters about the economic situation and business opportunities in Ireland. The breakfast was hosted by **Kevin Curley** at the **Park City Club**. Visiting Abbot Emeritus **Christopher Dillon** of Glenstal Abbey gave the blessing. In attendance were National Board Director and WineGeese Chairman **John Tillotson**, **Kevin Hanrahan** 2012 Golf Chairman, Brother **Martin Browne** Headmaster of Glenstal Abbey, **Buzz Crutcher**, **Mike Maguire**, **Beth Struckell**, **Darren Heffernan**, and **Eddie Geraghty**.

- 1 Fr Abbot Christopher Dillon, Liza O'Connor, John Tillotson, the Hon Aidan Cronin
- 2 Br Martin Browne, Jim Falk, Page Tucker, Nancy and Barry Crossman
- 3 Kevin Curley, Liza O'Connor, Aidan Cronin



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- 1 Mike Corboy, Page Tucker, Peter Kenny, Don Hanratty
- 2 Alan Barnes, Netta Blanchard, Frank O'Neal, Dan O'Neal, Jennifer O'Neal, Belinda Barnes
- 3 Sophia Ann Bennett, Brittany Bennett, Kevin and Courtney Curley
- 4 Rachel Gaffney, Peter Kenny, Liza O'Connor
- 5 Darren Heffernan, Don Hanratty, Nancy and Bill Sullivan
- 6 Eddie and Samia Geraghty, Val Farrelly

## Dallas Young Leaders St. Patrick's Day Celebration 2012

**MARCH, 2012 THE DALLAS YOUNG LEADERS HOSTED THEIR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE GIN MILL.**

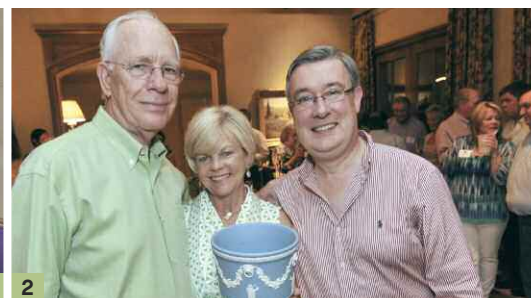
The event was a brilliant night with band **Rula Bula** coming over especially from County Monaghan. There was a live and silent auction and sponsors for the night were **Kevin Curley (Curley Financial Group, Inc)**, **Scapes Incorporated (Davey Devlin)**, **Peter and Cheryl Kenny (The Gin Mill Bar)**, **Dan O'Neal**, and **Trintech**. The evening benefitted **Fionn MacCumhaill**, Dallas's own Gaelic Athletic Association Football and Hurling Club and the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. As part of the festivities, the Young Leaders honored **Michael Corboy**, the patron of the Young Leaders in Dallas with a special gift of the book 'Great Irish Heroes' signed by Taoiseach **Enda Kenny** in recognition of Mike Corboy's years of service to The American Ireland Fund and to Irish American philanthropic causes. Mike sits on of the board of The American Ireland Fund and is a major donor to many Irish/ American and Dallas charities and foundations. Special thanks to the 2012 Dallas Young Leaders Committee: **Davey Devlin, Eddie Geraghty, Page Tucker, Emmett Long, Caitriona Ryan, Kevin Curley, Courtney Curley, Erin O'Neill Prater.**



- 1 Tommy Gallagher, Eamonn Quinn, Joe Padian, Tony Condon
- 2 Mark Roden, Kieran McLoughlin, John Sharkey, Archie Bennett

## Dinner Honoring the Golf Committee hosted by Tommy Gallagher

**MAY, 2012 TOMMY GALLAGHER HOSTED A GENTLEMEN'S DINNER AS A THANK YOU** for the 2012 Chairman **Kevin Hanrahan**, the golf committee, and prior Chairmen of the golf tournament. Of the fourteen annual dinners hosted by Tommy, this year's was special as the guest of honor was Texas Director **Netta Blanchard** who will retire later in 2012. Toasts were made in her honor and she was thanked for her tireless efforts to make the golf tournament and the AIF successful.



- 1 Johnny Fortune, Mike Corboy, Netta Blanchard, Waymon Levell, Geraldine Doran
- 2 Waymon & Ann Levell, Kieran McLoughlin

## Welcome Irish Party hosted by Ann & Waymon Levell

**MAY, 2012 ANN & WAYMON PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS TO WELCOME THE IRISH GOLFERS** for an evening of camaraderie and conversation in their home. Making sure that there was a Texas component to the evening, **Joe Tillotson** and **Buddy Cramer** sent over a Margarita machine from their new hot spot **The Katy Trail Ice House**.



- 1 Archie & June Bennett
- 2 Tom Donovan, Joe Geary, Kevin Hanrahan, Tom Codd, Andy Welch, Waymon Levell

## Dinner Honoring the Irish Golfers and Tournament Sponsors hosted by June & Archie Bennett

**MAY, 2012 THE "JEWEL IN THE CROWN" OF THE TEXAS IRISH GOLF WEEKEND IS THE JUNE AND ARCHIE BENNETT PARTY.** **Kieran McLoughlin** presented the Bennetts with a beautiful framed watercolor of Donegal painted by well-known Northern Ireland artist **David Gordon Hughes**. This was donated for the occasion by **Alan Barnes** of **Alan Barnes Fine Art Gallery**. Also attending were **Ebby Halliday** and **Daniel Sheehan**.

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## The Ireland Funds Rugby Luncheon 2012

**FEBRUARY, 2012 OVER 300 GUESTS ATTENDED THE IRELAND FUNDS TRADITIONAL RUGBY LUNCH IN DUBLIN'S SHELBOURNE HOTEL.** The lunch honoured Irish Rugby Legend, **Fergus Slattery**, one of Ireland's most celebrated players of all time. **Ollie Campbell**, the 2011 Honouree, presented Fergus with his award at the event. On hand to pay tribute to Fergus was the Chairman of The Ireland Funds in Ireland, **Hugo MacNeill**. Other former rugby internationals in attendance included **Shane Horgan**, **Brendan Mullin**, **Willie Duggan** and **Philip Matthews**. Amongst the attendees was Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government, **Phil Hogan** TD. Irish Board Directors were represented by **Caroline Kennedy**, **David Duffy**, **Michael Houlihan**, **David McRedmond**, **Jim Barry** and **Philip Nolan** and overseas chapters were represented by **Peter Sutherland**, **Oliver Murray**, **Sheila Bailey**, and AIF Chairman **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**. **Kieran McLoughlin**, President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds, who spoke to the capacity crowd about The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. The Ireland Funds Young Leaders also were in attendance to lend their support to this event.

- 1 Ollie Campbell, Fergus Slattery, Kieran McLoughlin, Hugo MacNeill
- 2 Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 3 Caitriona Fottrell, Minister Phil Hogan
- 4 Jennifer & Hugo MacNeill
- 5 Anne Marie Curran, Martha Kavanagh
- 6 Louise Kennedy, David McRedmond



## An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny addresses supporters of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign

- 1 Taoiseach Enda Kenny
- 2 Caitlin Duffy along with Ireland Fund Young Leaders
- 3 Joan, Ronan and Maurice Hayes, Alison Canavan
- 4 Kieran McLoughlin
- 5 Maria Fortune, Tommy Gallagher, Taoiseach Enda Kenny
- 6 Tony Condon, Emer Gilvarry, Taoiseach Enda Kenny

### **FEBRUARY, 2012 AN TAOISEACH, ENDA KENNY ADDRESSED OVER 200 SUPPORTERS OF THE IRELAND FUNDS.**

This event was held to thank supporters of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and to recognize the important work of the organizations supported throughout Ireland. Several representatives from these organizations were in attendance on the evening. It was an opportunity for both supporters and organizations to connect informally and see examples of the work being done. The Taoiseach addressed the full room saying, "Our global Irish family remains our greatest asset and we are immensely proud of the work that you do. Thank you for coming here, know that the work that you are doing is not forgotten by Government and is most certainly not forgotten by the recipients some of whom I see here this evening. They are our future." The Ireland Funds have been delighted to welcome the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to a number of events in the past year.



## Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration 2012

**MARCH, 2012 THE IRELAND YOUNG LEADERS GATHERED FOR THEIR FIRST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION OVERLOOKING DUBLIN AT THE GRAVITY BAR IN THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE.** A vibrant crowd of over 140 guests enjoyed an evening of music and entertainment all while raising money to support the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Honoree **Brian O'Driscoll** was unfortunately struck down with an illness on the night and could not attend but **Shane Horgan** graciously stepped in to accept The Inaugural Spirit of Ireland Award in Brian's honor. Shane engaged the crowd as he spoke on the importance of leadership. Entertainment was supplied by Comedian **Barry Murphy**, of **Apres Match** who provided endless laughs. **Delorentos**, an up and coming local band, played songs from their latest album, *Little Sparks*. Special thanks to lead sponsor, **Mason Hayes & Curran** and event sponsor **Prospectus Consulting** whose generosity made this event possible. Thanks also to **Diageo Ireland** and the **Guinness Storehouse** who enabled the use of such an iconic location. The award presented to Brian O'Driscoll was a hand crafted wood carving of the island of Ireland designed and crafted by **Kyle McMahon**, NFTE's Youth Entrepreneur of the Year 2011. **NFTE** is an organization that has received support through The Ireland Funds' grant round. The award represented of the great work of young people assisted by both NFTE and The Ireland Funds.

- 1 Young Leader Steering Committee with Shane Horgan; Back row: Darren Ryan, John Crimmins, Richard Huggard, Shane Horgan, Seamus Carey, Alan Foy, Gerard Ryan; Front: Erica Roseingrave, Caitlin Duffy, Caitriona Fottrell
- 2 Berni Hosty, Gary McSharry
- 3 Emma Malone, Carmel Kelly
- 4 Shane Horgan, Kyle McMahon
- 5 Comedian Barry Murphy



## Forging New and Stronger Links in China

**Bill Condon**, Director of The Ireland Fund of China joins **Dr. Sha Hai Lin**, Deputy Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal Government and Former Ambassador to Ireland along with Directors' of the Shanghai Commission of Commerce for lunch at the **Hong Qiao State Guest House** in Shanghai. The Ireland Fund of China is looking forward to building on the excellent relationship that exists between both countries and forging new and even stronger links through a philanthropic programme of activities that will commence later in 2012.

## Welcome to the newest Board Members of The Ireland Fund of China

The new board of The Ireland Fund of China plans to revitalise the chapter in mainland China, and the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, in line with The Worldwide Ireland Funds guidelines, and to develop connections and opportunities between Ireland and the People's Republic of China. Additional appointments will be made to further diversify the board and the first fundraising event will occur at the end of 2012.

- **ROB AGNEW**  
Partner, Marlin & Associates
- **DONAL BOYLAN**  
CEO, Hong Kong Aviation Capital
- **LIAM CASEY**  
Founder and CEO, PCH International
- **BILL CONDON**  
Founder & Chairman, The Multitude Foundation, Founding Director, Irish Chamber of Commerce of Hong Kong, Founding Director, Irish Chamber of Commerce of Macau



## The Ireland Fund of Japan 20th Annual Emerald Ball

**MARCH, 2012 220 GUESTS AND PATRONS FILLED THE WESTIN HOTEL TOKYO FOR A MAGNIFICENT EVENING OF IRISH CRAIC** with honored VIPs: HIH **Princess Takamado** and the Ambassador for Ireland to Japan, **John Neery**. The Emerald Ball Committee chaired by **Andrew Nolan**, did a great job of making the preparations for the evening top notch and the Westin Hotel General Manager **Dietmar Kielnhofer** and staff all did their best to make the event go smoothly. The Emerald Ball's many sponsors included **Virgin Atlantic Airways** and **Diageo Japan** who provided flight prizes and great Guinness. Volunteers were joined by three former and current **Miss Japan Universe** title holders who helped to sell a record amount of raffle tickets. **Paul Boylan**, President of The Ireland Fund of Japan wore green on the night and presided over a challenging live auction packed with great sporting items. By evening's end, the event had gathered over 3 million yen for the various **Tohoku Earthquake Tsunami Disaster Foundations** supported by The Ireland Fund of Japan. So after the last céilí, Paul Boylan announced that guests were welcome to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 18th March, one of the 13 parades to be held around Japan on that weekend. The evening ended at Paddy Foley's, where guests retired to watch Ireland vs. England until the wee hours.



## Franco-Irish Rugby Match Gala Dinner

**FEBRUARY, 2012 AT THE PAVILLON DAUPHINE IN PARIS, THE 18TH WILD GEESSE BALL WAS ENJOYED BY OVER 120 GUESTS.**

**Stephen Roche** the champion Irish cyclist was the Guest of Honour, marking the 25th anniversary of his Triple Crown win in 1987: the year he won the Tour de France, Giro d'Italia and the World Championship road cycling race. The Irish Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport **Leo Varadkar** TD presented the Wild Geese trophy to Stephen and spoke in eloquent terms about the work of The Ireland Funds. "On behalf of the Irish Government, I want to acknowledge the fine work done by The Ireland Funds for worthy causes in Ireland which place an emphasis on peace, culture, education and charity. Charities across Ireland are under pressure. As a consequence of our economic crisis, demand for their services has soared while government support and private income has reduced. I am sure that The Ireland Funds 'Promising Ireland Campaign' will play a vital role in filling that gap and helping us to keep our society together during these harsh and challenging times."

- 1 Jennifer & Hugo MacNeill,  
Patricia & Patrick O'Connor
- 2 Guests at dinner
- 3 Minister Leo Varadkar,  
Stephen Roche, Aine Ades
- 4 Laurent Astruck,  
Sophie Desbry,  
Stephen Roche,  
Catriona Astruck,  
Alain Ades



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## Fairwater Reception

**MARCH, 2012** LADY MARY FAIRFAX OPENED UP HER MAGNIFICENT HOME 'FAIRWATER' TO THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND. Executive Director, **Teresa Keating** welcomed Chairman **Alan Joyce**, Consul General **Caitriona Ingoldsby**, former Chairman **Charles Curran AC** and **Mrs. Curran**, **David Wiadrowski**, our generous host at PWC, and The Hon. **Susan Ryan AO**. Alan Joyce spoke on the importance of education, particularly the Indigenous Scholarships sponsored by the Fund. The Australian Ireland Fund supports education in Northern Ireland and in Australia and is proud to continue this theme. Thank you to major sponsors **Brett Chenoweth** and **Richard Herring** of **APN**, along with **Ciaran Davis** of **Australian Radio Network**. Special thanks to our Governors and Benefactors for their ongoing support.

- 1 Alan Joyce
- 2 Consul General Caitriona Ingoldsby
- 3 Dermot McCann, Dr Tom Moore, Ciaran Davis
- 4 Kerry Morrison, Andrew Cusack



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- 1 David Woodward, David Lally, Brendan Sheehan
- 2 Sophie Curran

## Young Leaders Networking Breakfast

**JUNE, 2012** THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND YOUNG LEADERS NETWORKING BREAKFAST TOOK PLACE AT COLLIERS. Over 50 young professionals, of Irish and Australian descent, were treated to talks from **Jonathan Nicholas**, CEO of Inspire and **Dr Tim Sharp** aka **Dr Happy**. Young Leader **Brendan Sheehan** explained the history of The Ireland Funds and the projects The Australian Ireland Fund was involved with in both Ireland and Australia. **Jonathan Nicholas** spoke about what Inspire's recent expansion into Ireland is doing to help young people going through mentally challenging times. Dr. Sharp spoke about connectedness and a sense of belonging—things The Australian Ireland Fund provides—and the reward in helping others less fortunate than ourselves. **David Creavan**, wrapped up the event by thanking the guest speakers and all those who attended.



## Young Leaders St Patrick's Day Reception

- 1 Peter Brennan,  
Alan Shatter TD,  
Prime Minister Julia Gillard
- 2 Damien Murphy, David Lally,  
Kerry Morrison, Chris Gilroy,  
Ronan MacSweeney
- 3 Sabine Hochbaum,  
Prime Minister Julia Gillard,  
Teresa Keating
- 4 Fiona Tuite, Dermot McCann
- 5 Alistair Muir,  
Diarmuid Woods,  
Barry Dillon

**MARCH, 2012 MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK** attended the Lansdowne Club's St Patrick's Day Lunch at the **Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre**, the largest St Patrick's Day celebration in the world. It was attended by a number of distinguished guests and over 1,200 Lansdowne Club members, their colleagues and peers. The event generated extensive media coverage nationally and internationally and has reached iconic status on the Australian Irish calendar. The Club was proud to welcome The Hon **Julia Gillard** MP, Prime Minister of Australia, and the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon. **Barry O'Farrell** MP. Mr. **Alan Shatter** TD, Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence represented the Irish Government on the day telling those present that whilst Ireland was having a tough time economically, things are looking up with foreign Direct Investment creating 13,000 new jobs in Ireland last year and exports at an all-time high. Chairman **Peter Brennan** presented the Prime Minister with the first ever platinum Club lapel pin, Premier **Barry O'Farrell** with Waterford Crystal glasses and Minister Shatter with a painting of Sydney Harbour from Billich. **Mary Lee** received the Chairman's award for her determination in making **The Australian Ireland Fund Chair of Modern Irish Studies at the University of New South Wales** a reality. Comedian **Paul Martell** performed again this year providing guests with much to laugh about. MC **Michael Pascoe** kept the day on track.



- 1 Teresa Keating, Ciaran Davis, Alan Joyce
- 2 Alan Joyce, Kevin Luscombe Patrick & Sherryn O'Brien
- 3 Gerald Delany, Fergus Ryan, Ted Johnson, Ken Ryan
- 4 Karen Marshall, Alan Joyce, Seamus McPeake
- 5 Ken Ryan, Patrick Flannigan, Tim O'Callaghan, Shane Lloyd
- 6 Alan Joyce, Pat Moran

## The Melbourne Gala Lunch

**JUNE, 2012 THE 2012 MELBOURNE GALA LUNCH RAISED OVER \$70,000 FOR PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND** including, integrated education in Northern Ireland and providing quality education for disadvantaged indigenous young Australians. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the hard work of the Committee. The event took place at the stylish **Zinc at Federation Square**. Over 200 guests were greeted with a wine and Guinness reception and music from Melbourne / Irish band **Six at the Crossroads**. Australian Ireland Fund Director **Mary Waldron**, Luncheon Chair and Master of Ceremonies for the day, welcomed guests. Australian Ireland Fund Chairman **Alan Joyce** attended the event and other Australian Ireland Fund Directors present were **Ted Johnson**, **Kevin Luscombe AM**; **Ciaran Davis**; **Briege Tuite**; Executive Director **Teresa Keating** and Professor **Rónán McDonald**, Director of the Australian Ireland Fund Chair of Modern Irish Studies at UNSW. The distinguished guests included Ambassador, HE Mr **Noel White** and Mr **Brian Shanahan** from the Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Alan Joyce announced that The Worldwide Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign smashed its original target to raise \$100 million ahead of schedule. Alan then spoke about projects supported by The Australian Ireland Fund including **Hazelwood** and **Slemish** integrated colleges in Northern Ireland and the **Australian Indigenous Education Foundation**. Thank you to major sponsors: **Qantas**, **Capital Investment Group**, **Australian Radio Network**, **Eureka 89**, **Avis** and **Channel Nine**. Thank you to our table captains and sponsors, our work would not be possible without your help.



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- 1 Catherina Casey, Lawrence Dallaglio
- 2 Basil Geoghegan, Hon Danny Brennan
- 3 Keith Wood, Peter Sutherland, Fergus Slattery
- 4 Rory Godson, Tony O'Reilly Jnr, Ruth McCarthy

## The Ireland Fund of Great Britain Rugby Lunch

**MARCH, 2012 THE IFGB RUGBY LUNCH TOOK PLACE AT THE GRANGE ST PAUL'S HOTEL IN LONDON** on the eve of the Six Nations England v. Ireland match on St Patrick's Day.

The room was packed to capacity with both new and long term supporters. Among the guests were Patron, **Peter Sutherland**, and **Tony O'Reilly Jnr.** The lunch fell on the same day as the Gold Cup so all were provided with a copy of the Racing Post, courtesy of CEO **Alan Byrne**. The room rose in excited cheers as **JP McManus's** Synchronised crossed the line to score an Irish victory in England's most prestigious steeplechase. After lunch, former Ireland international **Keith Wood** was joined by **Lawrence Dallaglio**, former captain of the England rugby team as they entertained guests with a great session of storytelling from past rugby matches and informed discussion on the remainder of the Six Nations Championships. Sadly, Ireland were well and truly trounced by England the following day. **Fergus Slattery**, former Ireland Rugby captain, conducted the auction and Rugby Committee Chairman **Rory Godson** announced that the lunch had raised £120,000 for Irish causes.



## The Launch of the Aisling Appeal

**MAY, 2012 FOOTBALLING LEGEND NIAL QUINN, TRAVELLED OVER TO LONDON TO HELP LAUNCH THE AISLING APPEAL** in memory of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain trustee **Ruairi Conneely's** 13 year old niece **Aisling** who died of a rare form of ovarian cancer in 2011. Aisling was treated at the renowned St John's Ward in **Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children** in Crumlin, Dublin. The Bone Marrow Transplant Unit on the ward is urgently in need of upgrading. For children with cancer and other life-threatening conditions, a bone marrow transplant is a critical and hugely delicate procedure. In Aisling's memory Ruairi successfully completed on a goal to climb the Matterhorn in 2012 to raise these vital funds.

- 1 Ruairi Conneely, Finola Crowe, Niall Quinn, Michael Crowe
- 2 Mr & Mrs Garreth Walsh
- 3 Sheila Bailey, Niall Quinn
- 4 James Hastings Trew, Niall Quinn, Barney Clifford



- 1 Sarah Finucane, Daphne Fagan
- 2 The Countess of Carnarvon addresses guests including Mary Conlon Almassy and Sheila Bailey
- 3 Stephanie Hirschfeld, Jacqueline O'Donovan
- 4 Ruth McCarthy, The Countess of Carnarvon
- 5 Geraldine Finucane, Alice Paterson
- 6 Sheila Dixon, Anne Nevin

## The 2012 The Ireland Fund of Great Britain Ladies Lunch

**MAY, 2012 THE SELLOUT EVENT AT THE ICONIC IVY RESTAURANT STARTED WITH A DRINKS RECEPTION**, followed by lunch. Prior to lunch **Ruth McCarthy**, IFGB Co-chair, welcomed the guests and introduced the speaker, **the Countess of Carnarvon**, chatelaine of Highclere Castle which is the setting for the hugely successful period drama "**Downton Abbey**", now showing worldwide. Lady Carnarvon spoke with warmth, wit and in-depth knowledge on the history of the Castle and **Lady Almina**, the 5th Countess, on whom the character Lady Cora Grantham is based. Lady Almina, the illegitimate daughter of Alfred de Rothschild, really did turn Highclere Castle into a hospital during the 1st World War. The audience heard tales of the complexities of filming the series whilst the family remains in residence including the astonishing fact that a full day's filming results in about 6 minutes of television. The draw which took place during lunch offered such prizes as original jewelry kindly donated by **Hamilton & Inches**, Waterford Crystal candlesticks donated by **Kiely Bros** and a weekend for two in the stylish and luxurious **Marylebone Hotel**. Thanks also go to **Mason Hayes & Curran LLP** for sponsoring the drinks reception and to **Ogra Skincare** and **Lily O'Briens** for the treats.



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## St. Patrick's Day Luncheons

**MARCH, 2012 THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEONS IN 2012 WERE A HUGE SUCCESS.** The festivities got underway in Toronto and continued in St. John's and Ottawa. Over 1600 people toasted St. Patrick in what was for sure the largest and longest St. Patrick's Day lunch in the world. Guests were entertained by traditional Irish music and dance while enjoying some of Canada's and Ireland's best food, beer, wine and spirits. Proceeds from the luncheons supported projects across Canada and throughout Ireland that are focused on preserving Irish culture, strengthening community development and supporting peace and reconciliation. A very special thanks to sponsors **Diageo, Quinn Pubs, Heart and Crown, Tourism Ireland, Royal Irish Tours, PMA Canada, Corby's, BFL Canada, Sakto, Bank of Montreal and TD Bank.**

- 1 Terry Smith, Jane Noonan, Barry Columb
- 2 John Tory, John Dunne, Chief Bill Blair
- 3 Basil McRae, Eithne Heffernan, Ross O'Colmain
- 4 John Sandeman, Kim Dailey, Oliver Murray
- 5 Hon. David Onley, Hon. Ray Bassett
- 6 Debra Kelly-Ennis



- 1 Oliver Murray, Jean Talman, Bob Edgett, Ann Dooley, Hon. Ray Bassett, Eithne Heffernan, Jane Noonan
- 2 Terry Smith, John Maxwell, Sheila Kirk, Kevin Gallagher
- 3 Scott Penfound, Kim Speers, Hugo Straney, Traci Penfound, Jonathan Speers
- 4 Philomena Blake, Jane Noonan, Eithne Heffernan
- 5 Mike Smith
- 6 Guests enjoying the rainy Day at the Races

## 15th Annual Day At the Races

**JUNE, 2012 AN OUTSTANDING GROUP OF SUPPORTERS BRAVED THE WIND AND DRIVING RAIN FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES.** There were plenty of bright hats, fascinators, ties and jackets to more than make up for the lack of sunshine. Friends, family and colleagues enjoyed an afternoon of food, frivolity and of course fabulous horse racing. The Master of Ceremonies, **Hugo Straney**, kept the mood light while cajoling attendees to generously bid on live and silent auction items. Proceeds from the event support the Celtic Studies program at St. Michael's College and The Ireland Fund of Canada was proud to provide \$30,000 towards the Artist-in-Residence program at this year's event. Heartfelt gratitude goes out to **Eithne Heffernan** for her enthusiasm in leading such a dedicated group of volunteers. Special thanks to **Erin Cassidy, Nora Cooney, Kitty Freeley, Kevin Gallagher, Anne Looney, Cathy and Con O'Connell, John Sandeman and Maura Walsh**. Special thanks are also due to our race sponsors, **Brandes Investment Partners, GFX Partners, Jovian Capital, KMPG and Michael & Eithne Heffernan**.



## The Singapore Ireland Fund celebrates St Patrick's Day with the Down Syndrome Association of Singapore

**MARCH, 2012** Singapore and Ireland have a long history of cultural ties and close relations since the early 1800s. Countless Singaporeans have been educated by Irish teachers in Singapore, or through universities in Ireland. The Singapore Ireland Fund is dedicated to using its powerful network to support aims which strengthen The Singapore Ireland relationship and causes which honor the common Asian and Irish values of education, cultural and community relations. Since its incorporation in 2009, The Singapore Ireland Fund (SIF) has met and surpassed its fund raising targets every year, raising more than S\$1.5 million to date. Projects have included the **Irish Chamber Orchestra's** trip to Singapore in June 2010 where they worked with Singapore's **Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports** to promote music as a tool for community engagement. The SIF has sponsored a Singaporean Scholar to study this subject in Limerick in 2012. The Singapore Ireland Fund donated S\$200,000 in 2011 to fund the establishment of a new enrichment Centre for the **Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)**. The new Centre is now under construction, and will promote 'growth' and development of the person with Down syndrome, with the goal of achieving increased self-esteem and social integration by way of creative expression, and enhancing their quality of life. The Down Syndrome Association of Singapore is developing ties with their counterparts at DSA Ireland to share experience on enrichment programmes, and is now working closely with various Irish groups in Singapore. Members and friends of Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) celebrated World Down Syndrome Day 2012 by joining the St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday 18 March. The parade is South East Asia's only St Patrick's Day Parade and drew a crowd of over 3,000 festively-dressed revellers despite a heavy downpour. Guests-of-Honour for the event were **Mr Sam Tan**, Singapore's Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development, Youth and Sports, and Foreign Affairs, and **Mr Brendan Howlin**, the Irish Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

- 1 Members of the Down Syndrome Association, Sponsored by The Singapore Ireland Fund, perform at the Singapore St Patrick's Day Parade
- 2 Irish Minister of Public Expenditure, Mr Brendan Howlin greets the crowds with Ms Monica Lim, Chairperson of Down Syndrome Association Singapore and members of the organizing group, watched over by Dr Balbir Singh, founding member & advisor to Down Syndrome Association (Singapore), who took the role of St Patrick for this special day.

## The Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries

*The Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries were established to enable writers born or living in Ireland to pursue a current project during a one-month residency at the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco. We are pleased to present this personal reflection of Polly Devlin on her experience in Monaco. Learn more about Polly Devlin and the Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries at [www.theirelandfunds.org](http://www.theirelandfunds.org)*



### *You Call This Work?*

BY POLLY DEVLIN

What did I know about Monaco before I went there? I had two overlapping ideas. One was all the clichés. Tiny. Overcrowded. Tax refuge. Gambling. Gin palaces. Monte Carlo. The other was a dream of innocent glamour.

Myth means that which is spoken but my myth was that which is sung, in this case a corny old song made famous by Charles Coburn called *The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*. Decades ago, in the depths of rural Ireland I listened enthralled as my father sang it, (now, he was a gambler) and I fell in love with the idea of Monaco, its unattainable glamour. So I had a childish image of a fabulous place later overlain by the current negative perceptions.

What I found was a place entirely to my liking. The people I met there were busy, mannerly, and generous. I explored the charming old town up on the rock, enjoyed the impeccability of the principality, its order, and its brilliant transport. I loved my daily journey to work in a boat across the harbor, and walking alongside the Mediterranean. Who could ask for more? Me. I ate regularly in La Montgolfiere a delicious restaurant and now have a pudding named after me. Polly Pudding? Hmmm...

I relished every minute of my stay which was due to the generosity of The Ireland Fund of Monaco which awarded me a Residential Bursary at the Princess Grace Irish Library near the Palace, in a congenial room lined with first editions of Irish books plus the invaluable help of the administrator Judith Gantley (who became a friend) and Géraldine Lance, and her never ending patience, plus, yes plus an apartment overlooking a farmer's market where I did all my shopping, buying my courgettes in France and my salad in Monaco. So cosmopolitan! I felt blessed and creative. I owe a great debt of gratitude to everyone concerned. And I actually did what I came for. I wrote—and wrote. I have the next book to prove it.

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