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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I pen my first message to you as the newly elected Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. I am very grateful to my fellow directors for the opportunity they have given me to lead this great organisation. I am humbled also by the fact that I am following in the enormous footsteps of Loretta Brennan Glucksman. Over the last 18 years, she has transformed the impact and importance of The American Ireland Fund. She has done so with such grace and generosity. I am deeply grateful to her that she will continue to serve as Chairman Emeritus and for all of the support that she will give me in my new role. I look forward also to working with our great team led by our President & CEO and my friend Kieran McLoughlin. He and the team deliver great results with great passion, impact and efficiency.

My objective is simple. As Ireland recovers, I wish to maintain our course and maximise the amount of return to Ireland at a time when it is so crucial. With resources under such pressure across Ireland it is so important that we deliver as much private philanthropic support as we can. I would urge you to read, through the pages of this magazine, the impact that your work has, life by life, all across Ireland.

It is this that inspired me to become involved with the Fund over a decade ago. Since then I have taken great pride in the work that you and your fellow supporters have generated across Ireland. I am particularly proud that the *Promising Ireland* Campaign is exceeding all expectations and we are on track to reaching twice its original goal and our new target of \$200 million.

I want to thank you for this extraordinary momentum. I look forward to working with you over the next three years and to fulfilling the vision that our founders Tony O'Reilly and Dan Rooney set out for us over almost four decades ago.

Again, I am privileged to be your Chairman.

Kind regards,

John Fitzpatrick
Chairman
The American Ireland Fund

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The Worldwide Ireland Funds are an international philanthropic network operating in 12 countries that has raised over \$450 million for worthy causes in Ireland and Irish causes around the world. It is the largest network of friends of Ireland dedicated to supporting programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development. Founded in 1976, The Worldwide Ireland Funds have benefited over 1,500 organizations. Funds raised are contributed by private philanthropists and organizations.



On the Cover

On January 1st 2014, John Fitzpatrick succeeded Loretta Brennan Glucksman as Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. A noted Irish entrepreneur and philanthropist, John was elected unanimously by the board of The American Ireland Fund. He will lead The American Ireland Fund to the conclusion of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign which had an original goal of raising \$100 million and has now extended its goal to \$200 million. John has been a member of The American Ireland Fund board since 2002 and is one of its most significant donors. For the full article go to page 10 (photo: Colin Lenton).

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we embark upon 2014 it is a momentous period for Ireland and for the Funds. Within The American Ireland Fund, of course, we welcome our newly-elected Chairman John Fitzpatrick. John is one of the most respected entrepreneurs within the Irish American community and is a great philanthropist. His combination of knowledge of Irish affairs, connections with our global family and integrity as a donor make him an outstanding leader of our organization. John will build upon the great platform built by Loretta Brennan Glucksman. Under her guidance the Fund has grown exponentially. Not only have our revenues and grant making doubled but also our network has increased in numbers and prestige. This network is playing its role in making the case for Ireland's potential and capacity as the country restores its reputation.

Ireland has turned a corner, growth has returned and unemployment is thankfully down. For the first time since the devastation of the economic crash, confidence is returning. However, the road back will be long and punishing and great hardship will still be felt by many so your continued support is crucial. Communities, organizations and institutions are struggling to provide for the great demands they are facing. At a time when public funds are under such pressure, your private philanthropic support is proving a great boost and in many cases, a lifeline.

The impact of what you do is very real. Of the over 650 projects supported so far by the *Promising Ireland* Campaign one example illustrates this clearly. Music Generation was originally designed by U2 as an artistic program to provide musical education to young people across Ireland. Today it has not only educated over 15,000 children but it has generated over 120 jobs. So philanthropy can have a real economic impact.

As we pursue our renewed goal for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign of \$200 million – twice the original goal - we do so with great confidence in our mission, our leadership and in particular you, our network of donors and supporters.

Thank you so much for your support at a time when it counts most.

Kind regards,

Kieran McLoughlin
President and CEO
The Worldwide Ireland Funds



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PROMISING IRELAND
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Thanks to you,

The Worldwide Ireland Funds have doubled the original *Promising Ireland Campaign* goal of \$100 million to \$200 million.



The Worldwide Ireland Funds launched the *Promising Ireland Campaign* to raise \$100 million for Irish charities and causes worldwide. Thanks to donors' generosity, the original goal was exceeded and a new goal of \$200 million has now been set. To achieve this, The Ireland Funds will need to raise \$2 million a month between now and the end of 2015.

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 650 outstanding organizations that have already received support from the *Promising Ireland Campaign*.

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'



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LARCC Cancer Support Centre
Larne YMCA
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Suicide or Survive
TAGIT Fishing Club
Tallaght Centre for the Unemployed
Tara Centre
TechSpace
Temple Bar Gallery & Studios
Temple Street Children's Fund for Health
Temporary Emergency Accommodation
Mullingar (TEAM)
Terry Enright Foundation
WOW Group -Winners on Wheels
Third Age Foundation
Tipperary Excel Heritage Company
Tir Boghaine Teoranta
TLC4 Cystic Fibrosis
Trinity College Dublin
Truagh Development Association
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Ulster Historical Foundation
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Upper Springfield Development Trust
US-NI Mentorship Program
Victim Support at Court
VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern
for the Environment)
Void Art Centre
Walk with You
Washington Ireland Program
Waterside Women's Centre
West Cork Music Festival
West Cork Women Against Violence
West Limerick Resources
Wexford Festival Opera
Whitegates Community
Wicklow Hospice Foundation
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Writers' Week
Young Enterprise Northern Ireland
Young Social Innovators
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Youth Work Ireland Galway



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THANK YOU

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 and their thanks is our thanks. Here is just a sample of what some of the over 650 organizations assisted by the *Promising Ireland Campaign* have said about your support:



"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

"We were able to go to supporters and say 'We have The Ireland Funds helping us' and that was a great start. But more importantly, The Ireland Funds have stayed with us and allowed us to connect with the broader network so we can sustain and grow. What I saw through our work with The Ireland Funds was it wasn't about the organization, it was about the cause. They had an immediate and passionate connection to what we are representing here which is improving the lives of sick children and their families in Ireland. That is the support we received in spades from The Ireland Funds."

— Joe Quinsey,
The Children's Medical & Research Foundation



"We've been working with The Ireland Funds over the last four years. We're hugely grateful because it is changing young people's lives. The Grant Round has helped us reach over 3,000 young people and train over 100 additional educators. The Grant Round has also helped us develop our curriculum across all of Ireland, North and South. Not only have The Ireland Funds given us money, they've given us their time."

— Maria Doherty,
Network for Teaching
Entrepreneurship

"The ultimate dream is that there would be peace & reconciliation in Northern Ireland, and without organizations like The Ireland Funds that would be a difficult journey."

— Angila Chada,
Springboard

"We are really grateful to The Ireland Funds. The support has made a huge difference to us. The Ireland Funds have given us money that we can plan with and that becomes a safety net. For the people that come to eat, it means that there will always be something there for them."

— Caitriona Twomey,
Cork Penny Dinners

"Support from The Ireland Funds has been both an important encouragement and a vital enabler of our work; 20,000 volunteers; 100 homes; 9 neighborhoods where Habitat has helped change the future."

— Jenny Williams,
Habitat for Humanity
Northern Ireland

"The Ireland Funds understood that for a young charity like Making Connections, it can be a real difficulty to get noticed. We received our first funding through their Grant Round in 2012 which was followed by a Donor Advised Gift in 2013 which made a big difference to us. It was a crucial moment because we were moving into the winter months with a long list of older people hoping for a volunteer. The funding allowed us to meet this need of recruiting, training and supporting volunteers."

— Mary O'Donohue,
Making Connections



JOHN FITZPATRICK

The New Chairman of The American Ireland Fund.



“It’s not you who’s successful;
it’s the team around you.”

— John Fitzpatrick, Chairman of The American Ireland Fund



John with children at the Barretstown Gang Camp

On January 1st 2014, John Fitzpatrick succeeded Loretta Brennan Glucksman as Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. A noted Irish entrepreneur and philanthropist, John was elected unanimously by the board of The American Ireland Fund. He will lead the organization to the end of The Ireland Funds Promising Ireland Campaign in 2015.



Photo: James Higgins

A torch is passed: Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chairman Emeritus and John Fitzpatrick, Chairman



At the Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre in Northern Ireland

John figures prominently in the Irish American community as the CEO of the Fitzpatrick Hotel Group in New York. He owns The Fitzpatrick Manhattan Hotel and the Fitzpatrick Grand Central Hotel, both longtime favorites with those visiting from Ireland as well as with the US tourist market. He recently took over as chair of the American Hotel and Lodging Association, which represents 54,000 hotels and 3.4 million hotel rooms across the United States. John was also named Irish American of the Year and received an OBE in 2008 for his work in advancing reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He has been a member of The American Ireland Fund board since 2002 and is one of its most significant donors.

John's involvement with The American Ireland Fund has had far-reaching impact for many charities across Ireland and Northern Ireland, particularly those with a focus on children as well as those that focus on the peace process. The Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre, the Barretstown Gang Camp, the Integrated Education Fund, Co-Operation Ireland and Templemore Avenue School have all benefited greatly from John's philanthropic interests as demonstrated through The Eithne and Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund he established in memory of his parents. "For every Irish person I know who's achieved a level of success in America, the question is not: 'Will you help out back at home?' The question is: 'How much will you help back at home?'" John said. "In that way, we have a wonderful heritage of philanthropy that is epitomized by the Fund and traces back long before I set foot in the U.S.

It's that heritage and the memory of my parents, who gave back in their own way, that have inspired my close involvement with The American Ireland Fund."

John recently described his leadership style as "team focused" in an interview with Business & Leadership magazine. "It's not you who's successful; it's the team around you," said John. "I wouldn't be able to take on The Ireland Fund or the American Hotel and Lodging Association if I didn't have the team around me. If you're a dishwasher or a general manager, everyone's treated the same. The reason you bring good people around you is you're hoping they've got better experience than you have."

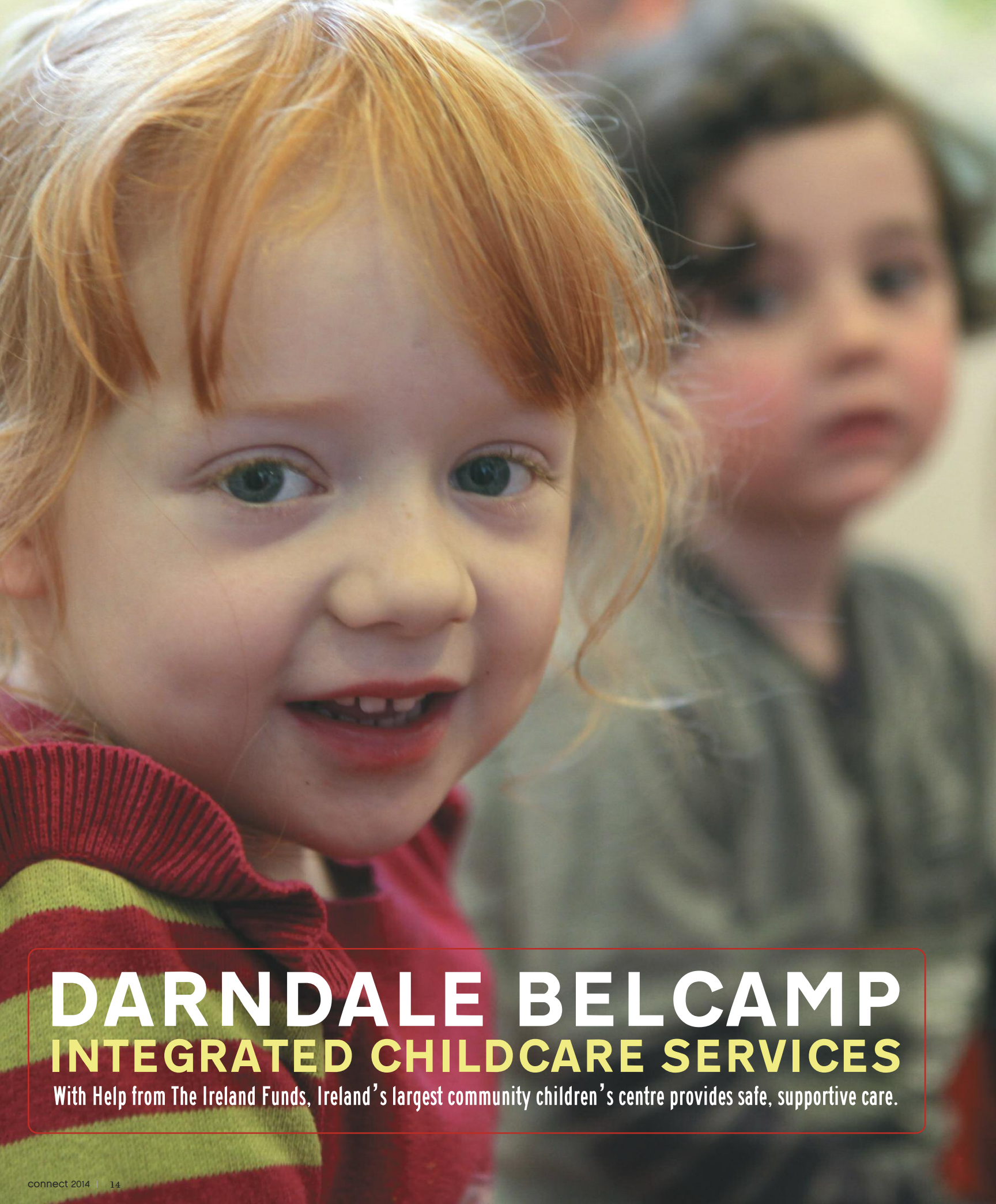
John Fitzpatrick's new position as Chairman of The American Ireland Fund comes at a pivotal time in the organization's history. Now one of the largest private sources of support for the Irish nonprofit sector, The American Ireland Fund is assisting hundreds of organizations as Ireland continues to recover and growth begins to take hold.

On the future, John is optimistic as always: "Thanks to the efforts of so many, the Fund has already well established itself as a major source of support for cultural and educational programs throughout Ireland. It's our job to further the Fund's reach and impact in 2014 to positively affect more lives, and, as Chairman, that's going to be my focus. As always, it's the donors and members who drive what we do so I look forward to strengthening relationships with our many stakeholders to ensure that this will be a very good year indeed."



John visits the PeacePlayers
Basketball project in Northern Ireland





DARNDALE BELCAMP **INTEGRATED CHILDCARE SERVICES**

With Help from The Ireland Funds, Ireland's largest community children's centre provides safe, supportive care.

The Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Service (DBIC)

is the largest community childcare centre in Ireland, catering for 267 children aged 0-12 years in disadvantaged communities. The centre is designed to give the children every chance to get a good start in life through high quality, safe, affordable and inclusive childcare aimed at promoting the physical, emotional, social and educational wellbeing of all children. DBIC provides vulnerable children a place to learn and play in a safe environment where they eat healthy breakfasts and lunches, participate in a school readiness programme and benefit from an active after-school group that promotes positive behaviour and play.

Thanks to grants from The Ireland Funds, in particular The Australian Ireland Fund and The Ireland Fund of Germany, DBIC has been able to retain a Project Worker to supplement the staff. It is the only Community Childcare Provider or crèche in Ireland with a Project Worker on site. They are



healthy start



safe space

A close-up photograph of two young girls sitting on a playground structure. The girl on the left has red hair and is wearing a red patterned shirt with Hello Kitty designs. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a dark grey patterned sweater. They are both smiling warmly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing blue and red metal bars of the playground equipment.

immediately available for any child and their family and this is fundamental to ensuring that an intervention can begin as soon as possible.

"We're very fortunate to have organisations like The Ireland Funds that are willing to fund something like this," says Tracy, the Project Worker at DBIC. "This is a big centre and you can really see the changes in families since the demise of the Celtic Tiger. Children are coming in with more behavioral issues because of stress at home and my role allows me to intervene early and help them get the necessary services."


The Centre in the Darndale community has a particular need for this service due to the fact that their children are more likely to witness substance misuse, violence, and other traumatic events. In 2012, eleven children at Darndale lost a parent to drugs or suicide.

Children are children regardless of where they come from. They deserve the best chance they can get. —Kelda Barnes, Centre Manager



Some of our children have a parent in prison and are being cared for by grandparents or the wider family,” explains Kelda Barnes, Centre Manager at Darndale. “Children can sometimes come in hungry and in one case we had two siblings age 4 and 5 who came in not knowing what a fork or spoon were because they were raised on bottles. But those children are doing beautifully now because of the work in the Centre.”

Project workers at Darndale will work with some children for several years. Their cases are reviewed quarterly with staff, parents and a Darndale Project Worker. There are also children in the wider Darndale Childcare Centre that are linked with a Project Worker, who is able to provide advice to the child’s core staff team on how best to support him or her in the classroom. They work with the child either individually or in a small group to tackle a wide range of issues that include emotional, social or behavioral problems or trauma leading from sexual, emotional or physical abuse.

A woman with short brown hair, wearing glasses and a pink and white patterned scarf, is smiling. She is wearing a dark red, textured sweater. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a building and some equipment.

Any child over the age of 2 ½ years may visit the Project Worker and in addition to support for children, the Project Worker will provide advice for their parents on working with the child to address the issue in a positive manner.

“Having funding for our Project Worker to supplement staff here has been essential,” says Kelda. “The Ireland Funds have made this possible and it has lifted a massive weight off our shoulders. We were running out of funding options for that position and now we are hugely thankful. Children are children regardless of where they come from. They deserve the best chance they can get.”

We are very fortunate to have organisations like The Ireland Funds that are willing to fund something like this.

— Tracy, Project Worker at Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare

What is lovely is to see children coming through the Centre and succeeding. You know you've supported them and been there at the right time.—*Kelda Barnes, Principal*

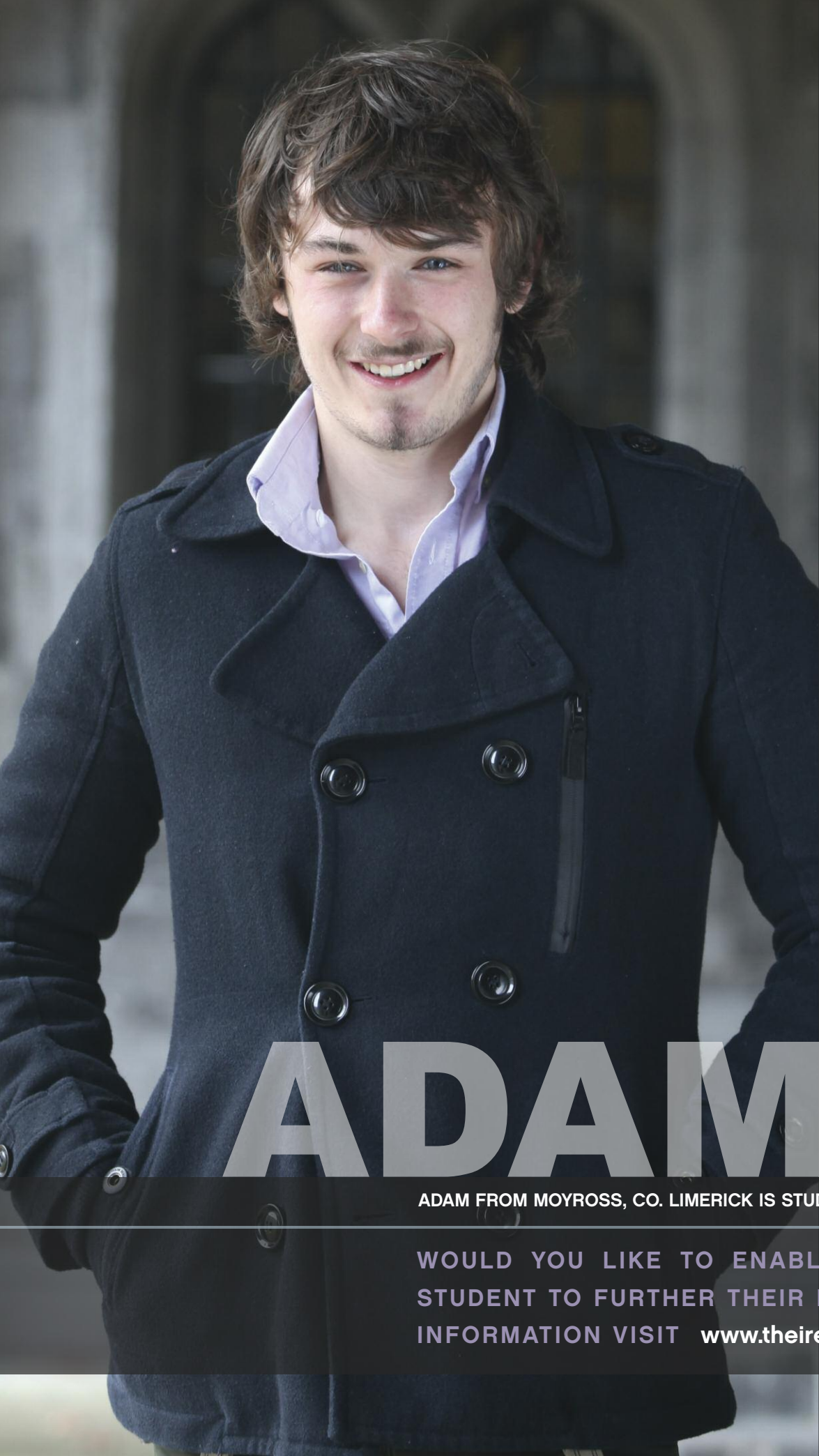


NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

NO MIND LEFT BEHIND IS AN INITIATIVE DEVELOPED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS AND LONGTIME IRELAND FUNDS' DONORS JOHN AND PAULINE RYAN TO GIVE PROMISING YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THIRD-LEVEL EDUCATION BY PROVIDING AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO COVER THE COSTS OF BOOKS, ACCOMODATION AND OTHER KEY EXPENSES.

While the Irish government covers basic fees for third-level students who qualify by means testing, many young people are prevented from completing their education due to the additional costs of books, accommodation, transportation, and subsistence, which are estimated at \$4,000 per year or \$16,000 for a four-year university course. Many of our scholars already have part-time jobs, and the No Mind Left Behind scholarships allow them to focus more on their studies and participate more fully in university activities and societies.

Donors can select the city, county, secondary school or university in Ireland or Northern Ireland to which they would like the scholarship to be awarded. It is an opportunity for donors to not only invest in a deserving student, but to honor their area of ancestry. The Ireland Funds are proud that over 20 scholarships to date have been funded by our donors giving young people a chance to build strong foundations for their futures.



ADAM

ADAM FROM MOYROSS, CO. LIMERICK IS STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY AT NUI GALWAY.

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“At home in Limerick we were really stuck. I finished school but took a year off to work and get a foothold in order to save for college. I was working almost 40 hours a week cleaning a nursing home in the day and a shopping centre at night. It was tough.

My local parish priest and my primary school principal heard about the No Mind Left Behind Scholarship from The Ireland Funds and nominated me. It was my priest who called me and told me I had been selected. My family was just delighted. Limerick is my home, but they knew my dream was to go to Galway to study psychology.

Now that I'm here? The competition is stiff and I will have to work hard. Even a holiday is a chance to be in the library to study. My hope is to go into clinical psychology so I can understand how the mind works.

Having this scholarship means I don't have to take time away from studying to travel to Limerick on the weekends to work, or find a job here in Galway. Having this scholarship has enabled me to go on this journey and grab an opportunity to forge out my life. “



SANCTUARY

The Ireland Funds Help the Blue Teapot Theatre Company to Produce a Bold and Powerful Play That is Challenging and Changing Attitudes.

Sanctuary

“Thoughtful”

“Touching”

“A Joyous Celebration”

These are just some of the ways critics are responding to *Sanctuary* a play produced by Galway’s Blue Teapot Theatre Company. Blue Teapot is an innovative organization that offers people with intellectual disabilities theatrical training and opportunities through their ensemble company, outreach program and performing arts school.

Sanctuary debuted in Galway in 2012. Directed by Blue Teapot Theatre Director Petal Pilley and written by playwright Christian O’Reilly it explores the relationship of two intellectually disabled adults, Larry and Sophie, who are in love, yet face challenges in finding the opportunity to be intimate. When the other residents of their group home attend a movie, Larry and Sophie plot—with the help of a carer—to steal away for a few hours to a hotel across the street. The results are heart-warming, humorous, and challenge the misperception that people with intellectual disabilities cannot responsibly express such feelings.

“The idea of exploring sex and people with intellectual disabilities was fascinating,” says Christian O’Reilly. “It is something we take for granted yet the difficulties these adults face is significant. Many live with their parents, others live in group homes with little privacy.

As with any Blue Teapot production, the actors play a large role in the voice of the play and the preparation. But for *Sanctuary*, the topic was the most personal and relevant ever tackled. “Writing *Sanctuary* was a hugely collaborative process,” says Christian. “Petal commissioned me to take it on and I immediately began holding workshops with the nine actors. They spoke to me of their own experiences and it gave me huge confidence in the material because they authenticated it.”

The result is a production that has now played to sold-out audiences and standing ovations at both the Galway Arts Festival and the Dublin Fringe Festival. Critics have lauded the production calling it “brilliant and insightful.”

But in the beginning, none of this was assured as Petal Pilley explains. “*Sanctuary* tackles a bold and brave subject matter yet The Ireland Funds got it. They came to see us here in Galway and talk to the cast about the production and we received a key grant. *Sanctuary* simply would not have happened without that initial funding. And the second round of funding then allowed us to travel to Dublin and showcase this production at the Dublin Fringe Festival.”

Christian concludes, “The play is saying something that matters. When you’re invited into a world and that world is so generous to you, it is humbling and awesome. People with intellectual disabilities have an incredible story to tell and we need to listen.”



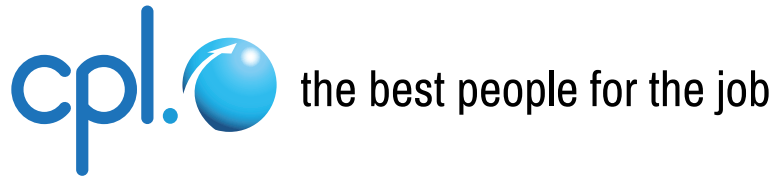
Actors Charlene Kelly and Kieran Coppinger

"I think 'Sanctuary' needs to be seen and known. People will understand how we feel as people with intellectual disabilities." — Charlene Kelly who plays "Sophie"

"Opening night was nerve-wracking because this was something we'd never done before." — Kieran Coppinger who plays "Larry"



Workshops in preparation for Sanctuary



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THROUGH MUSIC THERAPY,
THE IRELAND FUNDS HELP THOSE
WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY.

Mind, Music, Movement



ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND, over 2,000 people each year experience Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). Whether through accidents or illness, individuals and families experience radical changes after a brain injury. Skills must be relearned, social circles are affected and entire lives must be rebuilt.

Improving quality of life after ABI is the goal of Brain Injury Matters (formerly Headway Belfast) and their work across Northern Ireland.

The organization promotes independence, fosters personal development and supports people as they adapt to life after illness or accident. Their services are delivered by a combination of professional clinicians and staff with specialist knowledge of ABI rehabilitation.

One of the ways Brain Injury Matters is delivering innovative approaches to those with ABI is through their Music Therapy Programme. Using song writing, musical improvisation, song lyric analysis, discussion and music listening, specialized therapists have seen remarkable improvement in those with ABI. "We started the programme in 2011 and almost immediately saw the success," says Lorraine Ni Bhriain, Music Therapist. "The feedback was so positive and we had a queue for those who wanted to participate."

A grant from The Ireland Funds in 2013 has allowed them to expand this program from their Belfast-based center out into the community. A combined Music & Movement approach is targeting people who would not otherwise be able to travel for their services. "Ireland is so rich in music and art," says Lorraine. "To see our service-users connect with that art and culture is often a chance to see their creativity return."

How does Music Therapy help?

MUSIC THERAPY CAN HELP BY:

- Alleviating feelings of depression.
- Providing a non-verbal means of communication and self-expression.
- Enhancing social interaction and re-integration.
- Enhancing memory capabilities and developing attention and concentration skills.
- Physical goals in conjunction with Physiotherapy input.
- Developing and enhancing communication skills.
- Encouraging creativity and spontaneity.
- Increasing confidence and self-esteem.
- Providing opportunities to develop relationships with other service users.



DANNY:

"I like singing in Music Therapy for the company, it gives me a sense of achievement and certain songs make me feel emotional."



PETER:

"Music Therapy is relaxing and soothing. It's not stressful and gives me a break from feeling stressed."



The Irish Hospice Foundation

“WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO
INITIATE A SIMPLE BUT POWERFUL
CONCEPT WHICH WILL BE A PROTOTYPE
NOT JUST FOR IRELAND BUT FOR THE
REST OF THE WORLD.”

— *Gabriel Byrne*
Patron Irish Hospice Foundation

THE IHF IS IRELAND'S NATIONAL CHARITY DEDICATED TO ALL MATTERS RELATED TO DYING, DEATH AND BEREAVEMENT IN IRELAND. FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS, THEY HAVE ASSISTED HOSPITALS, FAMILY DOCTORS, FAMILIES AND LOCAL HOSPICE SERVICES UNDER THE PREMISE THAT EVERYONE—CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL DIAGNOSIS—HAVE THE RIGHT TO A GOOD DEATH WHERE THEY SECURE DIGNITY AND COMFORT. TODAY, THE IRELAND FUNDS ARE ASSISTING THEM WITH THIS MISSION. HERE, SHARON FOLEY, CEO OF THE IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION EXPLAINS THEIR WORK AND HOW THE IRELAND FUNDS ARE HELPING THEM TO ADVANCE.

Saying goodbye in an acute care hospital—Design & Dignity

“How can you say goodbye, ask for or give forgiveness, when there are five other people in the ward, a pile of visitors, the TV on and the staff working away all around?” That was just one of the questions our Patron Gabriel Byrne asked himself as he visited a close friend who was dying in a busy ward in a Dublin hospital.

Since then, the acclaimed New York-based actor has been a passionate champion of the work we do in the Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) aimed at improving care for those who die in hospital and making the experience more bearable for their loved ones. Today, nearly 50% of deaths in Ireland (30% in the United States) happen in acute care hospitals. While hospital staff do their best, the reality is that, with limited resources, hospitals are less able to focus on the needs of their most vulnerable—those at the end of life.

Recognising how deeply people are affected by their surroundings, we are working with hospitals to change not just the culture of care but also the physical environment of hospitals for people facing death and for their families.

Through our DESIGN & DIGNITY PROJECT, projects in 11 acute hospitals are being supported under the first phase of the programme. Our work under Design & Dignity has been heavily influenced by research from the USA. We are transforming neglected mortuaries into havens of peace and respect. In the first phase, funds raised in the US will go towards funding the Design & Dignity programme.

THE AIM OF DESIGN & DIGNITY IS TO FUND 'EXEMPLAR' PROJECTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS, TRANSFORM THE WAY HOSPITAL SPACES ARE DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE AT THE END OF LIFE AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND SET THE STANDARD FOR OTHER HOSPITALS TO FOLLOW.

These relatively small investments are making a real difference to people at what is often a traumatic time in their lives. “Simple, transformational and a model for all” is how our Patron Gabriel Byrne describes our project.



Governed by a Board of Directors, the Irish Hospice Foundation receives no core funding from the State and depends on the generosity of supporters. In introducing our work to potential supporters in the United States, we in the Irish Hospice Foundation are immensely fortunate to have benefited from the expertise and the continuing goodwill of The American Ireland Fund. Their expertise helped us develop and host a launch event in NYC, secured funding for our programme and introduced us to a range of contacts and advice.

The Irish Hospice Foundation believes everyone has the right to a good death—where there is dignity and comfort. With funds we have raised, over our 28 years of existence we have:

- funded a national programme in acute hospitals aimed at improving end of life care.
- funded Ireland's only Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in palliative care and a team of Children's Outreach Nurses who support families in caring for their seriously ill children at home
- funded a Nurses for Night Care Service for people with illnesses other than cancer which enables more people to fulfil their wish to die at home with dignity
- developed bereavement resources and provide education to help people cope with their grief
- supported independent voluntary hospice groups around Ireland by coordinating national fundraising events
- influenced decision-makers to make services more widely available to all who need them

— Sharon Foley, CEO, Irish Hospice Foundation

INTEGRATED EDUCATION

IN NORTHERN IRELAND

CONTRIBUTING TO
A SHARED FUTURE





Since the movement to educate Catholic and Protestant children together began, The Ireland Funds have supported the idea that integrated education in Northern Ireland is the key to a sustained and shared future between communities. The torch of true reconciliation will be carried by, and passed to, the younger generation now growing up in Northern Ireland. Here, we invite two key figures in the efforts toward peace and reconciliation—Dr. Maurice Hayes: former Northern Ireland Ombudsman and former head of The Ireland Funds Advisory Committee, and Baroness May Blood: Patron of The Integrated Education Fund—to share their thoughts on The Ireland Funds and the state of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland.

DR MAURICE HAYES

1981 was the year Lagan College, the first integrated school, opened. 1981 was also one of the worst years of the troubles – ten men dead in prison on hunger-strike and another 108 killings outside as a result of the conflict. We can only admire the courage of those who committed themselves to the task of reconciliation and the reconstruction of a shattered and divided society through shared schooling at Lagan College; the courage, too, of parents who were prepared to entrust the schooling of their children to a few idealists, and the courage of the 28 students who attended, pioneers in a brave experiment, in the face of public scepticism and peer-group derision. Today there are over 1,200 pupils in a splendid, purpose-built campus in the most over-subscribed post-primary school in the North.

Depending entirely on charitable support, and not, for some years to be supported from public funds, Lagan College soon attracted the interest and support of The American Ireland Fund, which provided financial (and with it moral and practical) support. It is not often that such a small investment in seed-funding provides such a copious return.

Lagan College was the first. Today there are 62 integrated schools catering for over 22,000 pupils at all levels—a great achievement, but a pitifully small percentage of the Northern Ireland school population, largely for lack of political will and the tenacity with which vested interests cling to their turf. Nevertheless, in support of those who prefer to light a candle rather than curse the dark, The Ireland Funds have continued their support for integrated education (with The Australian Fund making it a priority). In the last 15 years the Funds have contributed almost £2 million, mostly in the form of seed-funding while newly founded schools made the case for public funding.

The vision of the early pioneers remains true, and necessary. A society fixated on the past needs to look to the future, to invest in its young people, and to ensure that they grow up together in mutual understanding and respect.



TERESA KEATING OF THE AUSTRALIAN IRELAND FUND WITH CHILDREN FROM THE FORGE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

AIF CHAIRMAN JOHN FITZPATRICK WITH BARONESS MAY BLOOD AT CLIFTONVILLE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

ULSTER SCOTS MUSICIANS AND PUPILS



"The very qualities which were exemplified in the founding fathers and mothers of Lagan College are those which have inspired the work of The Ireland Funds—a vision of a better future, a sense of mission, the dedication and energy to give effect to the dream, continuing commitment to an ethic of reconciliation and non-violence, practical good sense and entrepreneurial drive, and the ability to deliver on promises." — DR. MAURICE HAYES

BARONESS MAY BLOOD

The Ireland Funds have been long-standing and loyal supporters of integrated education in Northern Ireland since 1981 and the opening of the very first integrated school—Lagan College. Then there were just 28 pupils. Today that figure stands at 22,000—children of all faiths and none, and from right across the traditional divide learning, growing and playing together in 62 schools spread across Northern Ireland.

One important result of our international support is that integrated education has developed to the stage where it challenges the very nature of the education system itself. We live with a system which effectively separates children from the age of three, according to their religious or community background, a system which has prevailed in Northern Ireland for almost a century. However, in the last 32 years integrated schools have shown that children can be educated together, in a way which doesn't dilute a child's religion or identity and which encourages respect and understanding.

As campaigners for education reform, we recognise that different ideas and models are emerging. We welcome any significant step towards bringing our children closer together. However we must strive to ensure that we do not stop until we reach the goal. The public will is for even more ambitious measures; we do not simply want to manage division better. We cannot be satisfied by occasional contact between children from different schools which could merely underline the differences. However the tide is turning—steps are being taken—not fast enough perhaps. **BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE OUR ACTIONS, ENCOURAGED BY OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD, CAN CHANGE COMMUNITIES AND CAN ALSO EFFECT CHANGE POLITICALLY.**

In recent years our work on the ground has included expanding existing integrated schools in response to demand. Northern Ireland has experienced a significant demographic downturn in school age children for many years and put simply, we have too many schools with too



Recent visits by US Presidents, British Prime Ministers, Irish Tánaistes and other leaders have highlighted the significant work of integrated schools, setting them before the international community as an example of the way forward.

And at home in Northern Ireland we are seeing a growing debate about how education and schools can contribute positively to the new shared future we wish for our post-conflict society. First Minister, Peter Robinson of the Democratic Unionist Party, described the education system as 'a benign form of apartheid' whilst the Education Minister, John O'Dowd of Sinn Féin, recently acknowledged that 'separation by religion' is 'bad for society'. Public opinion poll results also show that citizens are firmly in favour of the idea of children being educated together.

Over the last few years the Integrated Education Fund has worked hard on a twin strategy of continuing to support schools, parents and pupils on the ground whilst also encouraging local decision makers to reform the system, so that schools foster integration rather than separation. I encourage everyone to see integration as added value and not something to fear.

many empty desks. However, bucking this trend, we have many integrated schools who could enroll more children if only they had the additional classrooms in which to house the pupils. This year alone seven integrated schools have applied to expand and in many cases additional funding for accommodation would help unlock public funding from the Department of Education for the recurrent costs. We should never forget how such investment impacts on the lives of children. Beyond the pupils, these developments make a real difference to communities, in areas where it is most needed. Northern Ireland is an example of how conflict can be transformed into peace but also a reminder that we are undergoing a process, not experiencing an event. People at grassroots have worked with courage and faith to create what we have and we couldn't have done that without your support. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP INTEGRATED EDUCATION MOVING FORWARDS AND FOR HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN.**

MyMind
Mental Health Matters

KRYSTIAN FIKERT
AND HIS TEAM AT
MYMIND ARE
TRANSFORMING
THE WAY IRELAND
ACCESSES MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES.

A NEW WAY OF THINKING

IRELAND'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS COMPLICATED AND OVERTAXED.

If you are in Ireland and suffering from depression, anxiety, trauma, stress or addiction you may find yourself waiting up to 9 months to see a mental health professional. Until now, the only alternative was private care. Which might enable you to be seen sooner, but would also cost you about €100 an hour.

But MyMind is filling a previously unmet need: affordable, quality mental health care from a team of 100+ therapists that includes online services as well. And the waiting time? Generally 72 hours from first contact to first appointment, sometimes less.

Krystian Fikert came to Ireland from Poland to work for Google. But his background in psychology led him to found MyMind in 2006. The organization is a social enterprise model: fee-paying clients access psycho-therapy for €50 an hour which then subsidizes services for students, unemployed clients and those who cannot afford the full cost. They in turn, pay €20 an hour.

Clients have a range of choices of therapists and can initially "meet" their therapist through the MyMind website or access online information and support via e-MyMind. This model appeals to many younger clients who while they will eventually meet face to face for therapy, appreciate being able to first see and learn about their therapist online. While the majority of therapy is handled face-to-face at their centers in Dublin and Cork, clients can also Skype their sessions with therapists and counselors often saving hours of travel time. Soon, MyMind will open in Limerick and Galway.

MyMind has won awards and recognition from Social Entrepreneurs Ireland (SEI), Ashoka and the Arthur Guinness Fund for their business model and the impact it is having across Ireland. Most recently they have been awarded the SEI Impact Award, which will provide significant growth capital and support to the organisation. Thousands of adults and children have received mental health care in a timely and affordable manner that would otherwise not be available to them. Thousands more people have received online support from MyMind's online team of 11 therapists and counselors.

"It's great recognition for us to receive a grant from The Ireland Funds, says Krystian. "We know of the wider network behind them and it's important to us to raise our visibility. Our primary goal is to be accessible to our clients and offer early intervention. We can help assess their situation which not only addresses problems in the short term but can save them time and money later on down the line."

"WE'RE PIONEERS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SECTOR WITH THIS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE MODEL. WE'RE EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY AND REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE IN A WAY OTHER SERVICES CANNOT, AND THAT'S EXCITING."

— Krystian Fikert,


Founder and CEO of MyMind





SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND a place for everyone

A DECADE AFTER SPONSORING THE 2003 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES IN DUBLIN WITH OVER \$1 MILLION IN SUPPORT, THE IRELAND FUNDS AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND ARE STILL SUPPORTING DEDICATED ATHLETES.




IN 2003, IRELAND WAS PROUD TO HOST THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES. YEARS OF PLANNING CULMINATED IN TEN DAYS OF IRELAND BEING ON THE WORLD STAGE AS 7,000 ATHLETES FROM 160 COUNTRIES TRAVELLED TO COMPETE. CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE BEST WORLD SUMMER GAMES EVER HELD, THE EVENT HAD A GALVANIZING EFFECT ON IRELAND. 177 HOST TOWNS OPENED THEIR DOORS AND HOMES TO ATHLETES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IRISH HOSPITALITY WAS ON FULL DISPLAY AND THERE WAS A NEW AWARENESS OF THE CAPABILITIES OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

THE SPARK

When the Games were over, athletes, families and spectators returned to their homes. But the fire was lit for many families of those with intellectual disabilities who wanted to keep the spirit of the Games going long after the flame had left Ireland.

The Blue Dolphins Special Olympics Club of Wicklow was born from the overwhelmingly positive experience of families who attended the Games. Pam Beacom and her daughter Aisling attended the Games and returned to Wicklow to help found the Blue Dolphins Club. "Until we started there was nothing in Wicklow for people with intellectual disabilities," says Pam Beacom. "We started with two sports, swimming and basketball, and immediately we had about 30 athletes."

Ten years later, the Blue Dolphins Special Olympics Club offers numerous sports to its athletes and has been embraced by the Wicklow community. Athletes have challenged local police officers to numerous informal games of basketball and the local government is proud to support the Club as well. Best of all, it has had a transformative effect on athletes and their families.



“42,000 people in Ireland have intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics doesn’t just change the lives of athletes, it changes the life of their community.”

— Matt English, CEO of Special Olympics Ireland

“I love training and competing

and I’ve traveled all over the world thanks to Special Olympics,” says Aisling Beacom, a Special Olympics athlete who favors swimming. Aisling was elected to be the Athlete’s representative on the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Ireland. She was chosen to travel to the UN in 2006 to make a presentation on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities around the world. The Franklin D. Roosevelt award is presented annually to countries that have been seen to make significant progress in the field of disability. While there, she met Kofi Annan who was recognized for his staunch support of the award over his term of office as Secretary-General of the UN.

“Aisling was once very introverted,” says her mother Pam. “She had very few friends. But the Blue Dolphins have completely changed all that. Thanks to Special Olympics she has a community now and so does our family. It’s been life-changing.”

“All of the lessons and benefits that sport instills are magnified when it comes to those with intellectual disabilities,” explains Matt English, Chief Executive Officer of Special Olympics Ireland. “Lessons of respect, health competition and strength have a transformative effect on athletes. We not only see their self-esteem increase, but their health improves. It changes lives.”

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
— Special Olympics Oath



THE CHALLENGE

Special Olympics has gone from strength to strength in Ireland since 2003. 200 new community-based clubs such as the Blue Dolphins have been formed. 6 new sports have been added to expand choices for athletes (15 are now offered) and over 25,000 registered volunteers give of their time. But the recession has brought challenges as well.

"Government funding of our programmes has been cut by 59% since 2008," says Matt. "We've come a long way in a short time and we cannot let a recession stop us from fulfilling our vision to make sure that every person in Ireland with an intellectual disability has a chance to succeed in their own community."

The Sustaining Support of The Ireland Funds

The Ireland Funds have been longtime partners with Special Olympics Ireland and that support has been felt not only during high profile events like the 2003 World Games, but during the quieter times in between. "The media are most interested in the big Games every few years, but it's the day in and day out training of these athletes that is the real story," says Matt. "The Ireland Funds didn't just give us that one big injection of sponsorship support back in 2003. They came back to us with funding again and again to show us they recognised the importance of keeping the program going. We are eternally grateful."

The Little **MUSEUM** of **DUBLIN**

DUBLIN'S LITTLEST MUSEUM CELEBRATES DUBLIN IN A BIG WAY.





At the corner of Dawson Street and St. Stephen's Green in Dublin is a Georgian building bursting with stories and treasures of the city's past and present. The Little Museum of Dublin is only a few years old but has quickly become a place where Dubliners and visitors alike can stroll, stare, sip and tour their way through 5,000+ artifacts and objects that tell the story of Dublin. From street signs to first-edition novels, each object has been donated by Dubliners making it very much a museum of the people.



Trevor White is the Founder and Director of this unique space and *Connect* magazine caught up with him on the museum's third floor to learn more about this newcomer to Dublin's famous museum scene and how they roll out the red carpet to Dubliners and visitors alike.

Q. Trevor, how did the idea for this museum come about?

A. I always thought it strange that a city of Dublin's size and stature didn't have its own museum. I felt it needed a place to build civic pride because unless you know the story of your city, how can you help chart its future? In 2011 we started an initiative and spoke to City Government about finding a space. That led to this building.

Q. So where did the objects here come from?

A. We put a notice in the Dublin papers inviting people to come with objects that told a story. Nearly 1,000 objects walked in the door after just a few months. Today we have over 5,000 items and people still come to the museum every day with items for consideration. We feel we're making a tangible contribution to Dublin. It's a real privilege to do this.

Q. And what about the museum's "City of a Thousand Welcomes" service?

A. A few years ago a friend and I were in a pub and met an Australian tourist visiting Dublin. We did what Dubliners do: we bought him a pint and gave him advice on what to see while he was here. That night I found myself thinking about Irish hospitality and civic spirit. I ended up talking to the Irish Tourist Board about the idea of how we could welcome visitors and we began the City of a Thousand Welcomes service. It's a free service based here in the Museum that pairs visitors with Dublin natives who take them for a pint or a cup of coffee or tea and offer advice on what to do while they are here. It's a great and informal way for visitors to improve their visit and for Dubliners to show real Irish hospitality. Over 2,000 people have used the service so far.



Q. How have The Ireland Funds helped the Little Museum of Dublin?

A. Historically there hasn't been a tradition of private philanthropy in Ireland. But it's organizations like The Ireland Funds that have taken the lead. Their role has been absolutely vital to philanthropy here. A grant from The Ireland Funds has assisted our education program for children: the "I Love Dublin" classes. School groups can come for free guided tours and activities. To see them have that experience is just great. We're creating a rich awareness in children of the history of their city. We'd like to think they leave here walking just a bit taller.

Q. And what's your vision for the future?

A. We started with a few floors of this building and we're now filling the whole thing. We see a massive opportunity to keep growing and create something that is world class. We really want to thank The Ireland Funds for the support they've given so far. It's been instrumental to the success we enjoy today. They're brilliant partners to work with.



The Little
MUSEUM of
DUBLIN

THANKS TO THE IRELAND FUNDS, KILKENNY'S BUTLER GALLERY
OFFERS FREE PROGRAMS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



CREATIVITY
&
CULTURE



"THANKS TO THE IRELAND FUNDS, WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND EVEN IMPROVED THEM. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER MORE WORKSHOPS AND USE BETTER QUALITY MATERIALS IN OUR ACTIVITIES AS A DIRECT RESULT FROM THE GRANT WE RECEIVED," SAYS BAIRBRE-ANN. "IT HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE."



6 YEAR-OLD GRACE is having a bit of trouble with her mask. She pushes another handful of leaves into the glue to see if that gives her the effect she hopes for. "I want it to be beautiful, but I want it to be kind of scary too...."

Grace, and 17 other children are spending a sunny Saturday inside the Butler Gallery located inside Kilkenny Castle. Against a backdrop of an exhibit of self-portraits by Irish artist Tony O'Malley, the children are being guided through an art activity by two adult artists who first discuss the importance and interesting aspects of the many faces presented by O'Malley on the walls.

But it's anything but a boring lecture. The children ask questions and make observations

about the art. This then becomes a few hours of intense mask-making with a fantastic art cart filled with art supplies and natural materials ranging from prickly chestnut hulls to tiny red apples, all ready for small hands. The children are encouraged to get creative—and yes, messy—as they build their own masks.

"Children are definitely not intimidated by art," says Bairbre-Ann Harkin, Education Curator at the Butler Gallery. "When children are exposed to art at a young age and allowed the freedom to explore, there is a noticeable benefit in their self confidence. They may not become artists or art professionals, but that confidence extends into other areas of their life."

The Butler Gallery is one of the preeminent contemporary art spaces in Ireland. Producing seven exhibits a year to the public of early to mid-career contemporary artists, the Gallery also undertakes a full educational program for the public in Kilkenny and beyond. This includes their Solas program that invites children ages 5-12 into the Gallery every other week for education and activities. The programs are so popular they often book up in a matter of hours.

"It has been a challenging time for the Gallery with the funding cuts, but we're working smart to keep these educational programs solid," explains Bairbre-Ann. "Everyone in the cultural sector

knows what The Ireland Funds are doing for arts and culture. So I attended one of the seminars run by The Ireland Funds to teach organizations about applying for their grant round. It was because of this that we applied for funding when we realized our Solas program might be a good match."

The Butler Gallery received a grant thanks to the Promising Ireland Campaign. Today, that grant from The Ireland Funds is enabling the Gallery to offer top-quality programs to children, at no charge to local families.



Works by Irish artist Tony O'Malley on the walls of the Butler Gallery inspired the educational activity for children to discuss the works and craft their own masks.



WHAT IS MUSIC GENERATION? MUSIC GENERATION IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE NEXT GENERATION IS A MUSICAL GENERATION. IRELAND'S NATIONAL MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, INITIATED BY MUSIC NETWORK AND FUNDED BY U2 AND THE IRELAND FUNDS TOGETHER WITH LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IS HELPING OVER 15,000 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS PERFORMANCE MUSIC EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN LOCALITY. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR OVER 120 PEOPLE.

U2 HAS DONATED €5 MILLION AND THE IRELAND FUNDS HAVE RAISED ANOTHER €2 MILLION IN SUPPORT OF MUSIC GENERATION. IRELAND'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS HAS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN FUTURE YEARS ONCE THE FIVE-YEAR PHILANTHROPIC COMMITMENT OF U2 AND THE IRELAND FUNDS COMES TO ITS CONCLUSION. THIS COMMITMENT IS A TERRIFIC EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY DELIVERING A PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.



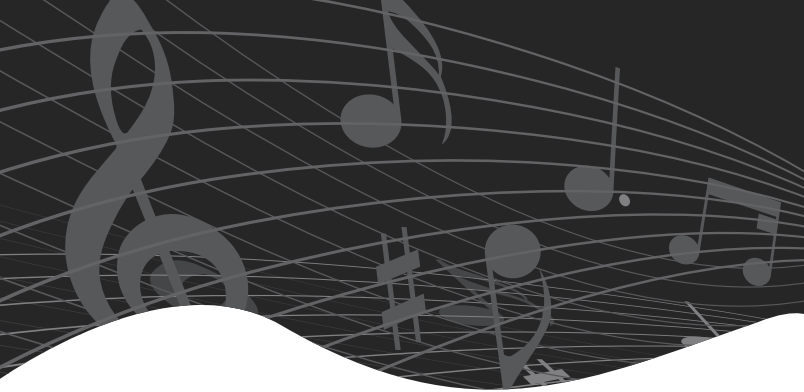
MUSIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ACROSS IRELAND

**Ireland's National Music Education Programme
A Music Network initiative, funded by U2 & The Ireland Funds**

U2's The Edge and Bono with Music Generation students.







Carlow Barely a year in operation and already delivering music tuition to 2,850 children and young people through a range of new tuition programmes for pre-schoolers through to second-level students. A traditional Irish music programme and Rock School have also been launched. A recent highlight was the performance by Music Generation Young Ambassadors Carlow choir *Aspiro* at the 2013 Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award in the Mansion House, Dublin, meeting U2's Bono and The Edge at the event, which honoured Malala Yousafzai and Harry Belafonte—the recipients of this year's prestigious award.

Cork City A variety of vocal and instrumental programmes have been developed through local providers including weekly classes and ensembles delivered by Cork Academy of Music and Barrack Street Band. Cork's rappers continue to enthral with a performance at the Society of Music Education in Ireland conference while the 10-year old rappers from *Scoil Íosagáin* performed the Santa Anthem on the legendary *The Late Late Toy Show* on RTÉ TV before Christmas.

Laois Over 700 children a week are benefiting from a variety of tuition in Co. Laois in choral, harp, uilleann pipe (in partnership with *Na Píobairí Uileann*), brass, the inclusive Music Box programme for children with special needs and the recently launched School of Rock & Pop. A spectacular showcase before Christmas featuring almost 100 children and young people gave a snapshot of all the exciting activity happening.

Limerick City School children in Limerick City have been treated to performances by the Music Generation Limerick City Band including a whistle stop tour of the history of 120 years of music in 12 minutes! Nurturing the next generation of young musicians a new choir for children aged 5-10 has been established. With Limerick designated as Ireland's first City of Culture in 2014 a busy year of performance opportunities lies ahead for the city's young musicians.

Louth Building on the success of the Let's Sing choral programme in primary schools, two new children's county choirs for 7-12 year olds have been established in Drogheda and Dundalk, providing many performance opportunities. Classes continue in five tuition centres across the county while the junior string orchestra and traditional and brass ensembles continue to flourish.





Mayo An exciting new musician-in-residence programme is being rolled out in Mayo in 2014. The Kaleidoscope Big Band programme will enable participants aged 12-18 to learn about composition, improvisation and performance and have the opportunity to work together closely with a professional ensemble to hear their own music come to life.

Offaly/Westmeath An early years' programme for primary schools has been kick-started in Offaly/Westmeath following a comprehensive training programme for its musician tutors. Young children are getting the opportunity to develop their musical skills in a fun way and are enjoying their first musical performances.

Sligo Over 200 young people from Sligo performed in the premiere of Big Bang by composer-in-residence Brian Irvine and 5 young Sligo composers—an amazing opportunity for the young musicians who experienced their compositions being performed to a delighted and appreciative capacity audience.

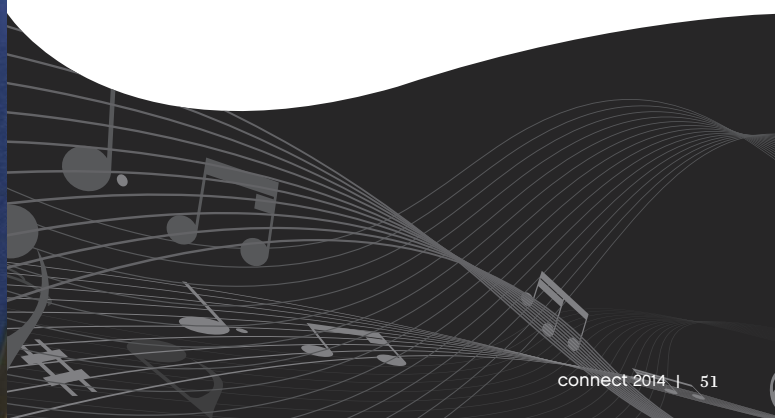
Wicklow Another world premiere, this time by Wicklow, celebrating the acknowledged relationship between Music and Maths: Rhythm + Algorithm written collaboratively by composer Andrew Synnott and 40 young people from Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass, was performed by the young people at a Maths conference in NUI, Maynooth.

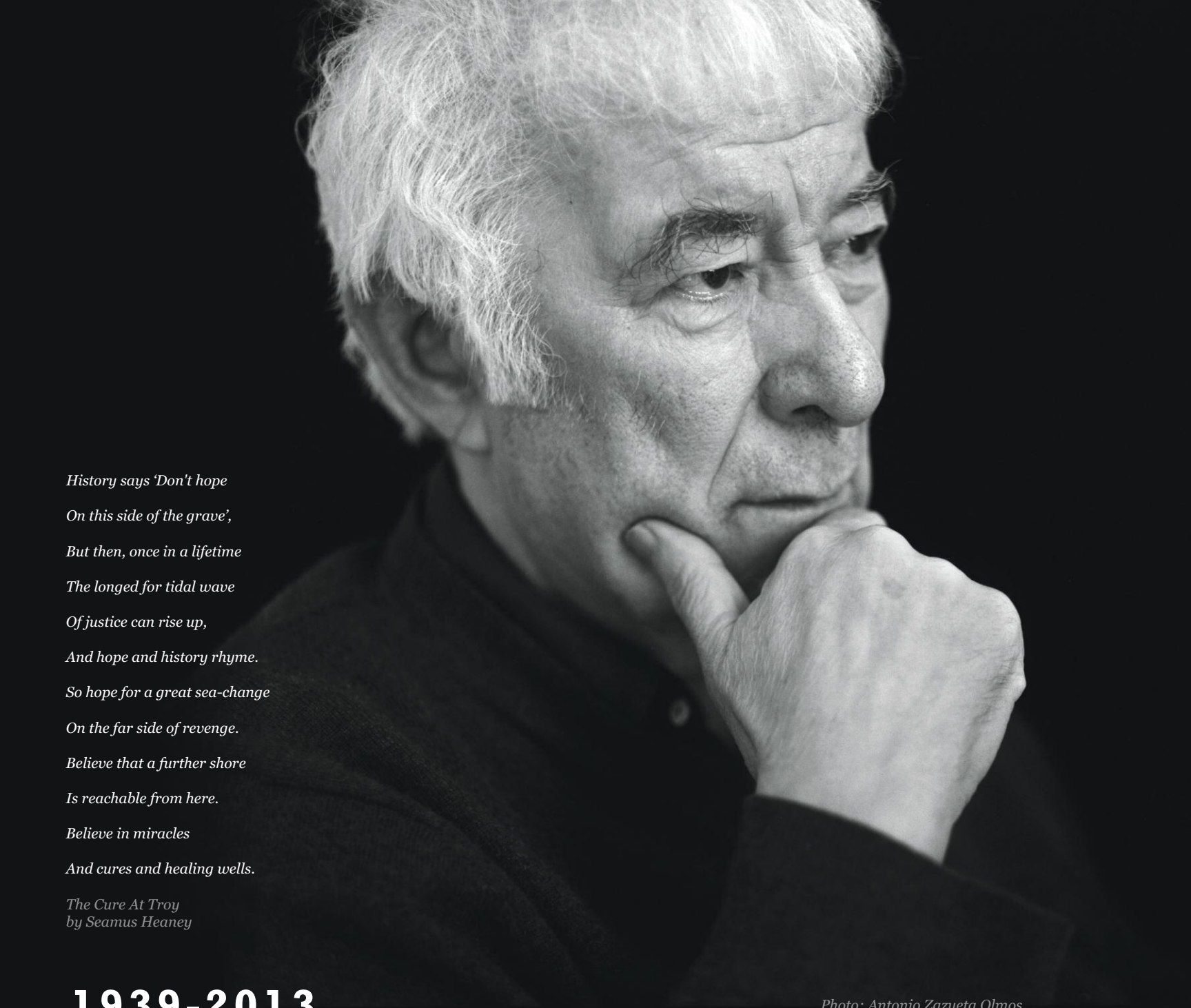
South Dublin and Clare are the most recent areas of the country to have joined Music Generation. Among the exciting programmes to be developed over the next three years are music technology programmes, county choirs and orchestras, instrument banks and lots more.

Music Generation 'Big Sing'—an inaugural national performance event is planned for spring of 2014 which will bring together 500 children and young people from all Local Music Education Partnerships under the direction of internationally renowned choral leader Dr. Doreen Rao.

As Music Generation Round 1 Music Education Partnerships transition to Department of Education and Skills Funding in July 2014, a showcase of the wonderful work from Louth, Mayo and Sligo is being planned for 2014 featuring Louth's Junior String Orchestra, Mayo's traditional ensemble Gealóga and another performance of Sligo's Big Bang—all made possible through Music Generation.

For more information visit www.musicgeneration.ie





*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 further shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cures and healing wells.*

*The Cure At Troy
by Seamus Heaney*

1939-2013

Photo: Antonio Zazueta Olmos

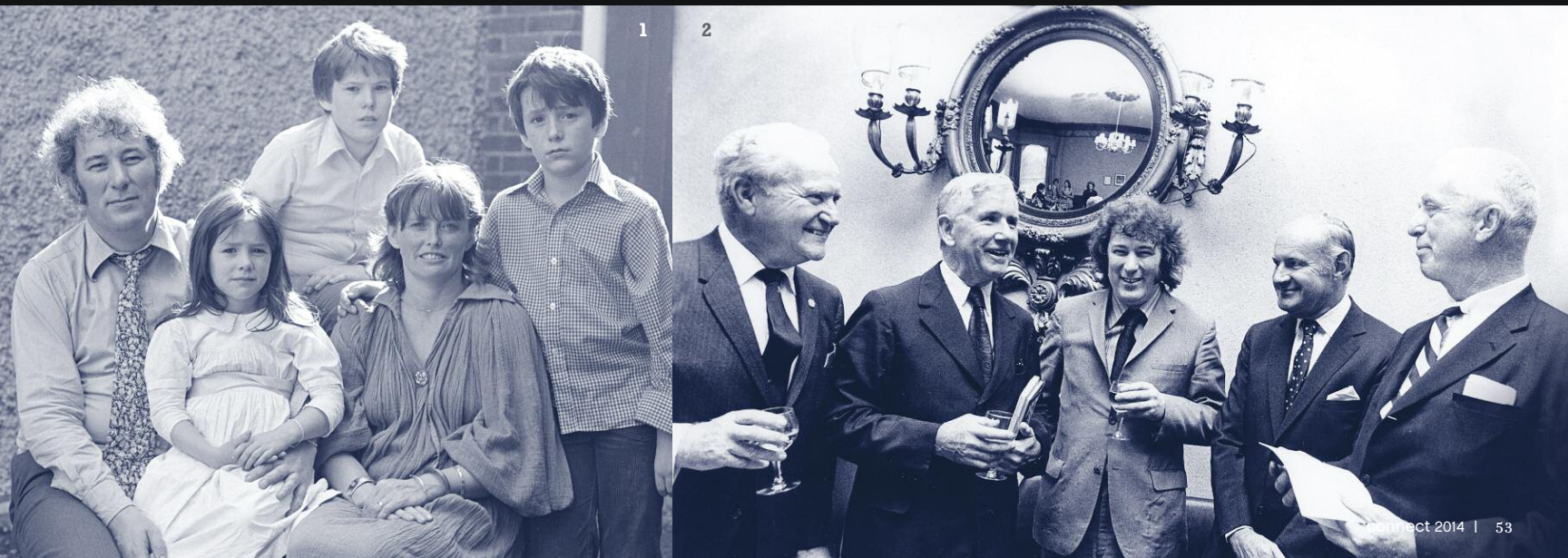
Seamus Heaney

Across the family

of The Ireland Funds, there was great sadness at the passing of Seamus Heaney. We had the privilege of recognizing Seamus with The A.W.B. Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award in 1973 and on the 40th anniversary of the Award in 2012, in the presence of his good friend and admirer, President Bill Clinton, Seamus was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Over those four decades he made himself available at both major and intimate events to promote any number of Irish cultural causes. He was a force in the world of philanthropy as well as poetry. So many established and emerging Irish writers and artists are indebted to Seamus for his encouragement and example. Chairman Emeritus of The American Ireland Fund, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, was a close friend of Seamus and she shares her memories of their friendship and his contributions to The Ireland Funds.

1 the Heaney Family

2 Seamus Heaney (center) receiving The A.W.B. Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award in 1973





Marie and Seamus Heaney at The Ireland Funds Conference in 2007

In February 2013, Seamus once again visited us at Glucksman Ireland House at New York University and he enriched the event beyond measure. He liked the idea of Irish Studies in America and had been a major proponent early on. He was with us at the opening of Glucksman Ireland House in April 1993 and was one of seven luminaries we honored along with his great friend Brian Friel. Through two decades, Seamus continued to support and encourage the excellent academic work of Glucksman Ireland House, done with the leadership of Bob Scally and now Joe Lee. His was a powerful imprimatur: always treasured, never assumed. We benefited from regular visits from his most esteemed colleagues and closest friends such as Peter Fallon and Paul Muldoon.

The long association of Seamus with The American Ireland Fund is at the core of some of our most successful projects, and certainly he was always at the center of the most fun events. Each year, he worked diligently with us to name the recipient of the The A.W.B. Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award, generously funded by Maryon Davies Lewis.

There was yet another cherished blessing for me, a wonderful friendship developed among Seamus, his wife Marie, my late-husband Lew and me. In any city where we might chance to meet, Lew and Seamus would compare notes on the local hardware stores, second only to the local book stores in interest. They also shared an unfortunate weakness for puns, the broader the better (no pun intended).

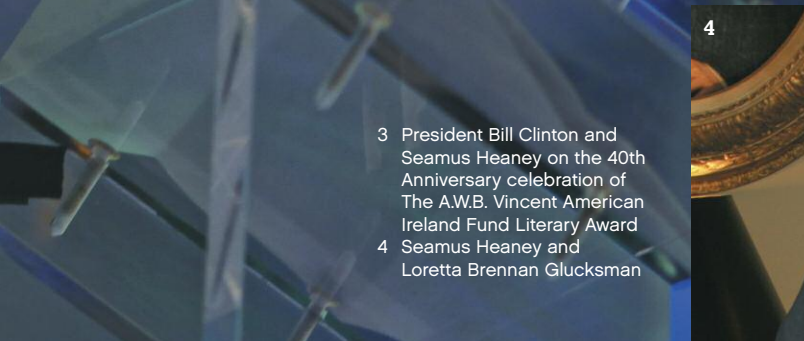
Seamus is gone from us far too soon but we will treasure the beauty and wisdom of his work always and continue to learn from his squat pen. He's returned to his beloved Belaghy where the world will come now.

— Loretta Brennan Glucksman
Chairman Emeritus,
The American Ireland Fund

Chairman, The A.W.B. Vincent
American Ireland Fund Literary Award



3 President Bill Clinton and Seamus Heaney on the 40th Anniversary celebration of The A.W.B. Vincent American Ireland Fund Literary Award
4 Seamus Heaney and Loretta Brennan Glucksman





The New Jersey 11th Annual Golf Classic

SEPTEMBER, 2013 Over 100 supporters of The American Ireland Fund came out to challenge the links at **Bayonne Golf Club**. After a day of golf, The Worldwide Ireland Funds President & CEO, **Kieran McLoughlin**, congratulated the committee for a record-breaking fundraising event and introduced **Dessie Farrell**, CEO of **The Gaelic Players Association** who thanked the AIF for its support. Event Co-Chairs, **Thomas Ryan** and **Anthony Callaghan**, thanked presenting sponsors, including **Neil Clark** and **Nick DeMartini** of **Fidelity Title**; Honoree **Bill Murphy**, President of **Douglas Management & Realty, Inc.** and NJ Golf Patron, **Robert J. McCann**, CEO, **UBS Group Americas, UBS Financial Services, Inc.** A live auction followed with items that were donated by committee members and Auction Chair **Patrick Leahy** and Dessie Farrell. Items included a VIP experience at the **US Open** tennis event and **US Open** and **PGA Championship** golf events.



Foursome of Allen Rome, Steve Repka, Glen Rapoport, Committee member Chuck Reagan



NJ Golf Co-Chair Thomas Ryan with honoree Bill Murphy, Co-Chair Anthony Callaghan, Kieran McLoughlin



NJ Golf Committee: (Standing) Thomas Ryan, Chuck Reagan, Dessie Farrell, Anthony Callaghan, honoree Bill Murphy, Mike Higgins, Angus Miller, Brendan Cahill (Kneeling) Martin Kehoe, Matthew McBride, Pat Tully, Pat Leahy. (Not pictured: Tom Kennedy, Bernadette Hayward Davida, Shaun Kelly, John O'Donohue, Brian Travers)

The Philadelphia Golf Classic

SEPTEMBER, 2013 The 12th annual American Ireland Fund Philadelphia Golf Classic took place at **Philadelphia Country Club**. Honoree **Fran Van Kirk** welcomed friends, clients and guests. The Worldwide Ireland Funds President & CEO, **Kieran McLoughlin**, thanked sponsors **Michael Gallagher** and **Pepper Hamilton LLP**, **Heidrick and Struggles**, **Exeter Property Group**, **The John Rooney Family** and **Hayden Real Estate Investments** and presented Fran with The American Ireland Fund Leadership Award. The evening concluded with a live auction that included a golf trip to Ireland to play the **Arnold Palmer Course at the K Club** and the links at **Doonbeg**, as well as a VIP experience at the upcoming **Philadelphia Eagles vs. NY Giants** game.



Exeter Property Group's foursome with Ward Fitzgerald



Fran Van Kirk



Ward Fitzgerald, Jason Early, Bob Loftus, Honoree Fran Van Kirk, Kieran McLoughlin, Mike Moran, Mike Gallagher

The Inaugural West Coast Golf Classic

SEPTEMBER, 2013 The inaugural American Ireland Fund 2013 West Coast Classic Golf Tournament was held at the exclusive **Bel-Air Country Club** in Los Angeles. The club offers one of the most challenging golf courses on the West Coast and is consistently ranked as one of the highest-rated courses in California. The event was chaired by **Tom Barry** of **UBS** and **Jim Layden** of **Deutsche Bank**. Also at the helm to lead the foursomes were Bel-Air Club President **Joe Watters** along with **Ed White** and former LA Lakers coach **Mike Dunleavy**. West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** launched the proceedings and provided an update on the Fund's activities. Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board Members **Brendan Carroll** and **Conor Shalloe**, attended as well as **Harry Hartford** and his wife, **Susan**. The group also included **Matthew Doran**, **Adrian Easterbrook**, **Alan Hearty**, **James Kearney**, **Colin McCafferty**, and **David Price**. **Bill Folan** of **NFP Executive Benefits** played a terrific round of golf and went on to win the tournament.



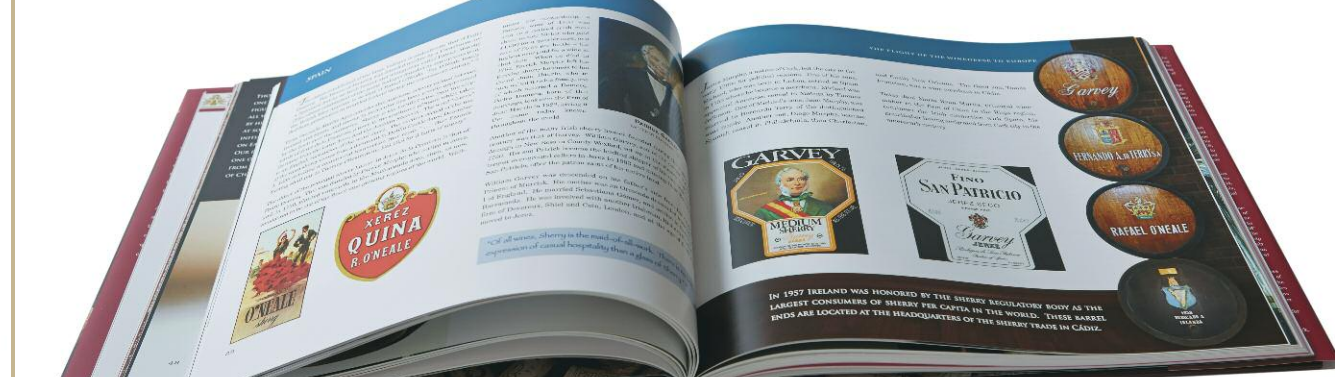
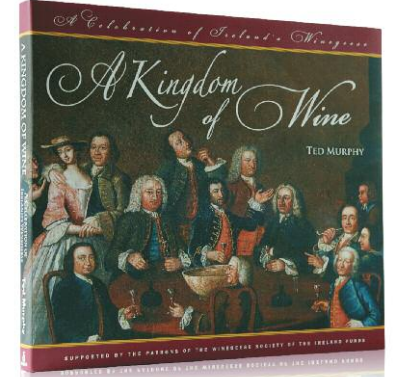
Bill Folan—winner of the 2013 West Coast Golf Classic—was presented by Chairs Tom Barry & Jim Layden with a specially-commissioned trophy, designed in Ireland and made from boxwood that had been buried for over 5,000 years.



Conor Shalloe, Joe Watters, Brendan Carroll



Tom Barry, Joe Watters, Jim Layden, Ed White, Mike Dunleavy



Just Published: A Kingdom of Wine

The new edition of **Ted Murphy's** award-winning *A Kingdom of Wine: A Celebration of Ireland's Winegeese* has just been published. Ted is the Honorary Chairman of The Ireland Funds' WineGeese Society. The sold-out first edition is now followed by an equally sumptuously illustrated coffee table hardback book that traces the wine-making and wine trading history of the Irish from pre-Christian times to the present day.

This book was made possible by the support of the Patrons of The Ireland Funds' WineGeese Society. As wine writer Tomás Clancy notes, "Ted Murphy in offering this revised edition has extended again the reach of his scholarship. In that he is an example to all scholars in never resting or being satisfied with his information, he is always eager to refine, review, and embrace every new shred of information and evidence."

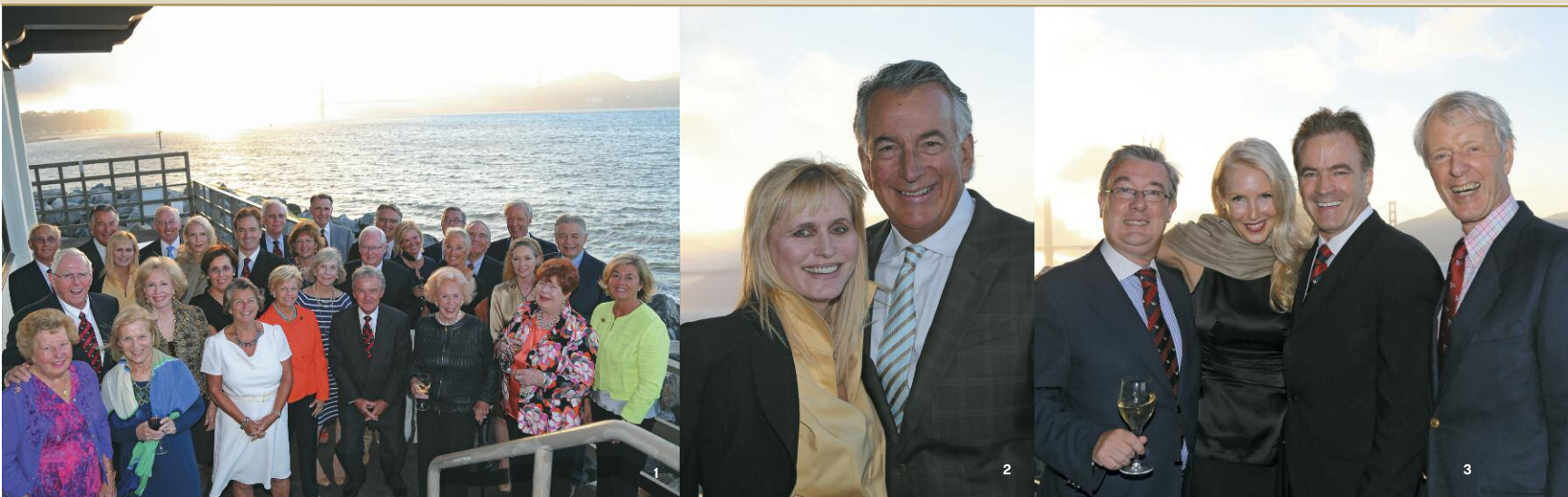
This makes the second edition a vital addition to the body of wine and wine history writing because, like the first edition it is breaking new ground again, telling new stories and bringing an even clearer picture of the Irish hand in sculpting our present picture of wine."

To discuss the publication, please contact Elisabet Bordt at 469.232.9601 (US) or ebordt@irlfunds.org

ABOUT THE IRELAND FUNDS WINEGEESSE SOCIETY

Members of the WineGeese Society represent some of The Ireland Funds' most generous donors and celebrate one of the least understood features of Irish culture: its contribution to viticulture. The Society celebrates wine, food, and art of Irish provenance from around the world while raising support for the work of The Ireland Funds. The name "WineGeese" comes from the story of the Wild Geese - a term coined to describe a group of Irish families who fled Ireland in the 17th century and established successful wineries around the world. Today, members enjoy access to private trips, tours, and tastings at vineyards around the world. Membership is by invitation only and all activities are funded by WineGeese Society members.

THE IRELAND FUNDS WINEGEESE SOCIETY TOUR OF SONOMA AND NAPA
SEPTEMBER, 2013



A Welcome Dinner, St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco

On Wednesday, September 4th, the Ireland Funds WineGeese Society made a return visit to San Francisco. This was the first night of a spectacular tour that took the WineGeese through Sonoma and on to Napa for several days of wine and food, in the company of some of the California wine country's most renowned vintners.

The tour began on a glorious evening with a very special dinner at the St. Francis Yacht Club, overlooking magnificent San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, just as the fog was beginning to roll towards the towers. On hand to welcome everyone were Ireland's Consul General Gerry Staunton, The Ireland Funds President & CEO Kieran McLoughlin, West Coast Director Marjorie Muldowney & Dr. William Muldowney, AIF Board Director Pauline Ryan & John Ryan, and local WineGeese **Mary & Joe Toboni of Oakwild Ranch Toboni Vineyard**. The group was led by our WineGeese Chairs Ken Gorman, Michael Jackson, and John Sharkey.

DAY ONE

The WineGeese explored the riches of Sonoma and Napa beginning in the Russian River Valley area at **DuMOL**, where our hosts, proprietors and honored WineGeese members **Kerry and Margie Murphy**, gave us a delightful tour of their winery. We were especially fortunate—in the midst of crush—to have winemaker and viticulturist **Andy Smith** guide us through a tasting of their superb wines.

Kerry Murphy, first generation Scots-Irish, is the founding partner of DuMOL. Established in 1990 to produce Burgundian style varietals, DuMOL is consistently reviewed and rated by Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate* and *Wine Spectator* in the mid to high 90s. These wines can be found in the White House, the American Embassy in Paris, France, and fine restaurants in the US and abroad.

After a light lunch at the Mayacama Club, our home for the night, the group relaxed at this luxurious retreat in the heart of wine country with a world-class private golf club amongst the spreading oaks and golden vineyards. Our hosts for the evening, Margie and Kerry Murphy featured their classic DuMOL wines with a superb dinner at the Mayacama Club.

DuMOL consistently produces extraordinarily fine wines sourced from California's Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, and Carneros (Sonoma) appellations.



DAY TWO

The following morning we left the tranquility of Sonoma for the Napa Valley where we were joined by proprietor **Tim Duncan** at **Silver Oak Cellars** in Oakville for a private tour and luncheon. The ancestor of the Duncan family was Nicholas Duncan from County Mayo in the West of Ireland, who settled in New Jersey in 1841, the same year in which he married Isabella McBoyle, whose family originated from the town of Boyle in County Roscommon. Raymond T. Duncan (whose middle name is Twomey after his mother's maiden name) first engaged in the California wine trade, when in partnership with Justin Meyer, he established Silver Oak Cellars in Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, in 1972. For 40 years, they have been producing exceptional, food-friendly Cabernets that are extensively aged to be drinkable upon release. Their Alexander Valley and Napa Valley Cabernet wines are as distinctive as they are delicious. The Silver Oak and Twomey wines were beautifully paired with Chef Dominic Orsini's delicious menu. You can find his recipes at www.silveroak.com/food/recipes.

After such a gracious and charming luncheon, we made our way to our home for the next three nights, the Villagio Inn & Spa in Yountville, Napa Valley—the ideal location for exploring the Napa Valley. We dined at **Clos Pegase** in Calistoga where founder and proprietor Jan Shrem created a temple to art and wine, sharing not only his wine, but his personal art collection with guests. The visit was both an enlightening and enjoyable experience, with figures from Greek and Roman mythology—from Pegasus to Bacchus and Gaia—making continual appearances in the art and architecture of the winery, and the unique cave theatre.





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DAY THREE

Saturday morning, we explored the unique wines produced in the foothills surrounding the Napa Valley; the Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder appellations. We started our tour at **O'Shaughnessy Estate Winery** where proprietor **Betty O'Shaughnessy** gave us a fascinating tour of the winery followed by lunch on the terrace overlooking the spectacular scenery near Angwin. She told us she fell in love with the Napa Valley after her first visit in 1975. By 2003 she had purchased additional vineyards on Howell Mountain and Mount Veeder, adding a cave, and winery. These mountain Cabernet Sauvignon wines are garnering tremendous interest in the wine world.

We wound our way back to our hotel stopping en route for a tour and tasting at the exquisite **Hall Wines** where in 2005, **Craig and Kathryn Hall** unveiled a state-of-the-art winery amid the legendary Sacrashe Vineyard in the hills of Rutherford that is dedicated to making single vineyard and limited-production wines. Antonio Galloni observes, "... a meticulous approach to vineyard and cellar work, including organic farming, native fermentations and malos, and the avoidance of fining and/or filtration informs wines of true pedigree and personality. The Hall wines are unapologetically big, powerful and exceptionally well balanced."

Our final evening in Napa was a glorious feast of wine, food, and dancing at the home of WineGeese patrons Pepper and Michael Jackson. We were joined by **Sean Larkin of Larkin Wines** and were treated to his recently bottled Larkin Port 2008. Betty O'Shaughnessy of O'Shaughnessy Estate Winery also joined us and delighted everyone with the O'Shaughnessy Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, Howell Mountain. We were pleased to see once again Joanne DePuy who helped facilitate the famous international blind tasting in Paris in 1976, known as the Judgement of Paris and **Marimar Torres** whose **Marimar Estate** Bonita's Hill Chardonnay 2009, Russian River Valley was simply delicious.

The evening was capped off by dancing and singing with the added pleasure of Dan Mulvihill who transported us to Ireland with his rendition of "Danny Boy" so beautifully backed by the Black Brothers, who provided the evening's music. Pepper and Michael Jackson, the most gracious of WineGeese hosts, provided a perfect ending to a glorious trip.



- 1 The WineGeese on the Terrace of the St. Francis Yacht Club
- 2 Mary and Joe Toboni
- 3 Kieran McLoughlin, Kathleen Ryan, Kevin Curley, Michael Jackson
- 4 The WineGeese gather on the terrace at the Mayacama Club with hosts Kerry and Margie Murphy of DuMOL
- 5 Dan Mulvihill, Kevin Curley, Ken Gorman, and John Sharkey at Clos Pegase
- 6 Kerry and Ken Gorman, Waymon and Ann Levell at O'Shaughnessy Estate
- 7 Winemaker and viticulturist Andy Smith of DuMOL takes the group through the winery
- 8 Betty O'Shaughnessy with the WineGeese at O'Shaughnessy Estate
- 9 Michael Jackson, Sally Phelps, Pepper Jackson, Dick Phelps at Hall Wines
- 10 Ken Gorman, Tim Duncan of Silver Oak and Twomey Cellars, John Sharkey
- 11 Michael Wecker, Brinda Curley, Charles and Maureen King
- 12 Michael Jackson welcomes the WineGeese to Napa
- 13 Kerry Murphy of DuMOL pours his exquisite Chardonnay for Netta Blanchard and the WineGeese
- 14 Dan Mulvihill, Ken Gorman, Kathleen Ryan, Kevin Curley at Mayacama Club
- 15 Dick and Sally Phelps with Sean Larkin of Larkin Wines
- 16 Archie Bennett, Charlie King, Ken Gorman, Michael Wecker on the terrace at the Jackson home
- 17 Charlie and Maureen King, Sally Phelps, Archie and June Bennett
- 18 Margaret Hayhurst, Tim Duncan of Silver Oak and Twomey Cellars, and Marjorie Muldowney
- 19 The WineGeese delight in Dan Mulvihill's rendition of "Danny Boy"
- 20 Dancing to the music of the Black Brothers at the Jackson home





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Young Leaders

The Young Leaders Society attracts business professionals ages 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Society cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists while providing a networking forum and a connection with modern Ireland. With vibrant events around the world, members have raised over \$1 million for the work of The Ireland Funds. Visit www.theirelandfunds.org/young-leaders to join, read the blog, and learn about the benefits of membership. To learn more about The American Ireland Fund Young Leaders contact Pat Tully at ptully@irlfunds.org. To learn more about The Ireland Fund Young Leaders in Ireland/UK/Europe contact Caitlin Duffy at cduffy@irlfunds.org

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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

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- 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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- Discounted invitation to the Annual Dinner Gala in your home city
- Subscriptions to publications including *Connect* – the magazine of The Worldwide Ireland Funds & Young Leaders news updates
- Invitation and discounted admission to the annual Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Ireland



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Young Leaders Summer in the City

- 1 John Fitzpatrick, Shannon McAllister, Matthew Hallisey, Mary Beth Glaccum
- 2 Emma Lester, Alison Shipitofsky, Jen Barry
- 3 Meghan Carney, Shannon O'Keeffe, Kerry Twibell, Emily Lundell, Katie Gentile Vairo

JULY, 2013 The New York Young Leaders hosted their annual Summer in the City fundraiser on the patio of the **Wheeltapper** in the **Fitzpatrick's Grand Central Hotel** in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. Led by event Co-Chairs **Erin Fitzsimmons** and **Dean Thomas**, over 100 friends and supporters, including AIF Chairman-elect **John Fitzpatrick**, enjoyed a great night of fun and fundraising for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Jameson provided a special summer cocktail and a live auction included a VIP 2013 'US Open Tennis Experience' provided by Patrick Leahy as well as a VIP visit to the set of **Bravo television's 'Watch What Happens Live'** with **Andy Cohen** provided by **Deirdre Connolly**.



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Northern Ireland Reception honoring Loretta Brennan Glucksman

- 1 Sen. Mitchell, deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, Amb. Rooney, First Minister Peter Robison, Kieran McLoughlin
- 2 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Commissioner Kelly, Senator Mitchell
- 3 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Anne Finucane

SEPTEMBER, 2013 **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** was honored for her contribution to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland by Northern Ireland's First Minister, **Peter Robison** and deputy First Minister, **Martin McGuinness** at the **Liam Neeson Penthouse Suite** in **Fitzpatrick's Grand Central Hotel**. The evening was attended by business and political leaders including Senator **George Mitchell**, Commissioner **Ray Kelly**, Ambassador **Dan Rooney** and a number of American Ireland Fund Board Directors; **John Fitzpatrick**, **Duncan Niederauer**, **Anne Finucane**, **Kip Condon**, **Susan Davis**, **Tom Codd**, **Tom Quick**, **John Sharkey** and **Ken Gorman**. The Ministers thanked Loretta and The American Ireland Fund for their "outstanding contribution to Ireland as a strong supporter of business, philanthropy, education and the peace process."



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Wexford Festival Opera Gala

SEPTEMBER, 2013 Attended by over 200 guests, the American Friends of Wexford Opera hosted their Inaugural New York Dinner Gala in partnership with The American Ireland Fund at the **Mandarin Oriental Hotel** in New York. For over sixty years, hundreds of thousands of people have enjoyed to the Wexford Opera and has become known as one of the world's most remarkable festivals. With 40% of its audience hailing from overseas, Wexford Festival Opera hopes to attract a similar proportion of its philanthropic support from international sources. The honoree was **Dr. T. Pearse Lyons**, founding President of Alltec Inc., the inaugural recipient of the Wexford Opera Patron of the Arts Award. **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** is the honorary patron of the American Friends of Wexford Opera Committee and the Dinner Chairman was AIF director, **Shane Naughton**, President of Inundata. Soprano **Angela Meade**, performed. Special thanks to the **Metropolitan Opera House**.

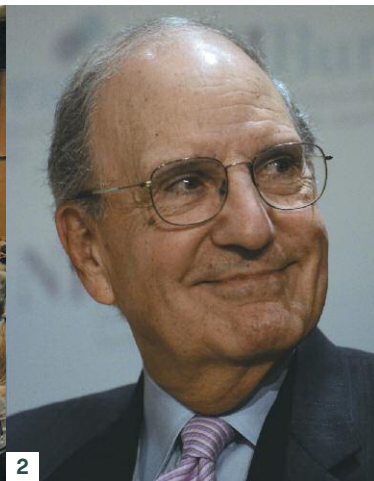


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- 1 Wexford Festival Opera Gala Dinner Committee
- 2 Sarah Fitzpatrick, Margaret Brewster, Cian McCourt, Polly McCourt, Michael Brewster
- 3 Shane Naughton
- 4 University of Kentucky Opera Theatre Singers



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Gallery Circle—My Journey's End with Senator George Mitchell

SEPTEMBER, 2013 The American Ireland Fund supported Origin Theatre's 1st Irish festival in their private screening of *My Journey's End* featuring Senator **George Mitchell** hosted by the Northern Ireland Bureau. Over 200 guests were welcomed in the **Bruno Auditorium of the Lincoln Center** for the screening. The BBC documentary followed Senator Mitchell and highlighted the effect of Mitchell's mediation efforts during the Northern Ireland peace negotiations. Following the documentary there was a Q & A session with Senator George Mitchell, National Book Award Winner **Colum McCann** and the producer and director of the documentary, **Michael Fanning** which was moderated by Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**.

- 1 On stage: Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Senator George Mitchell, Colum McCann, Michael Fanning
- 2 Senator George Mitchell
- 3 Kate Picco, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Heather Mitchell, Senator George Mitchell, Allison McCann, Colum McCann



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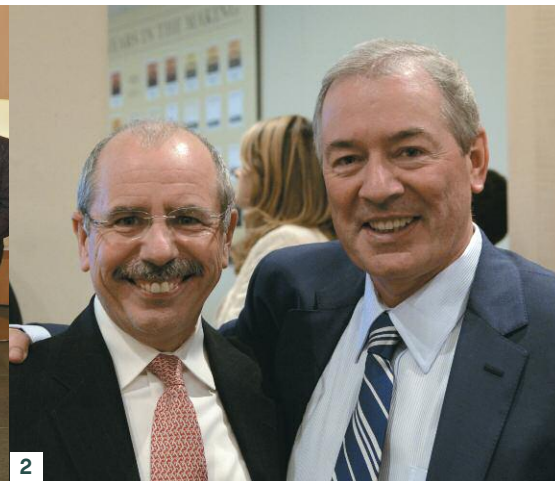
Evening with Paul McGinley

- 1 The team from Pernod Ricard and Jameson with Paul McGinley
- 2 Michael Brewster, Paul McGinley
- 3 Golf Digest's Bob Carney hosts the conversation with Paul McGinley

OCTOBER, 2013 The American Ireland Fund hosted a private evening for our top supporters with **2014 European Ryder Cup Captain, Paul McGinley**. The event took place in the **Library Room of the Core Club**, a members-only venue in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Guests were able to meet and greet Paul and share stories of their own golf adventures with the Ryder Cup Captain. The Worldwide Ireland Funds President & CEO **Kieran McLoughlin** thanked sponsors and announced the *Promising Ireland* Campaign's newly increased goal of raising \$200 million for Irish charities. He then introduced guest of honor **Paul McGinley** and **Bob Carney of Golf Digest Magazine**, who hosted a Q&A with Paul. Special thanks to **David Brookes of Brookes Sport** as well as **Stephen O'Neil, Patrick Caulfield and JB Woodworth of Pernod Ricard** for sponsoring the intimate event.



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3rd Annual US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program Graduation

- 1 USNI Mentorship 2013 Graduates
- 2 Shaun Kelly, Jim Clerkin
- 3 USNI Mentorship 2013 Graduates

NOVEMBER, 2013 The American Ireland Fund is proud to support the US NI Mentorship Program in its third year in association with **Teneo Holdings**. This one-year work placement is a program for graduates of Northern Ireland to work in multinational companies in the United States. The program develops future leaders and entrepreneurs in Northern Ireland by improving their management and leadership skills. Special thanks to the Mentor companies who participant in this program each year; **Teneo, CIBC, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, New York eHealth Collaborative, KPMG, HBO, Moet Hennessy and UBS** and to **Jim Clerkin**, for hosting the event in the Moet Hennessy USA headquarters.



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New York Leadership Forum with Terrell Thomas

NOVEMBER, 2013 The New York Young Leaders gathered at **Tavern 29** to meet NY Giants defensive star, **Terrell Thomas**. John “**The Derry Destroyer**” **Duddy** was on hand with another Irish boxing legend in **Wayne McCullough** and actor **Holt McCallany** who played boxer ‘Lights Leary’ in the **FX** drama **Lights Out**. They attended courtesy of our friends at **Athletes Quarterly Magazine** who recently did a feature on Duddy, McCullough & McCallany as well as Terrell Thomas. National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**, hosted a Q&A and Terrell provided the audience with insight into the Giants mindset. The conversation then turned to the importance of athletes giving back to the community and becoming role models for the younger generation. Special thanks to Tavern 29, event manager **Clare Mione** and owner **Croine O’Halloran**. Thanks also to beverage sponsors **Sixpoint Brewery** and **Jameson Irish Whiskey**.

- 1 Holt McCallany, Croine O’Halloran, John Duddy and Terrell Thomas
- 2 Young Leaders Julian Moore, Mike McTernan, Joe Tully and Brendan Kenny
- 3 The O’Connell sisters, Lynn and Lauren and guests enjoy the craic and the Q and A with Terrell Thomas.



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New York Leadership Forum Breakfast with Máirtín Ó Muilleoir

NOVEMBER, 2013 Key supporters gathered at **KPMG** offices, thanks to host **Shaun Kelly**, for a Leadership Forum addressed by Lord Mayor of Belfast, **Máirtín Ó Muilleoir**. The Mayor spoke about the progress that Belfast and Northern Ireland have made in terms of economic development and the Peace Process. The Mayor emphasized the talent and educated workforce that are on offer for companies investing in Northern Ireland and the thousands of students studying in **Queen’s University** developing their business and legal education. He encouraged everyone to attend the Investment Conference he will be hosting in February 2014 which has been endorsed by The American Ireland Fund.

- 1 Shaun Kelly, Mairtin O’Muilleoir
- 2 Group shot
- 3 Peter Ryan, Shaun Kelly, Jim Clerkin, Mairtin O’Muilleoir, Andrea Haughian, Lorraine Turner



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New York Irish Hospice Foundation Reception

- 1 Gabriel Byrne, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 2 Jean McKiernan, Tom Moran, Sharon Foley
- 3 Chantal O Sullivan, Dan Heaney, Gabriel Byrne, Marie Heaney

NOVEMBER, 2013 Loretta Brennan Glucksman and Patron **Gabriel Byrne** welcomed over 200 guests at the **Mutual of America** headquarters, courtesy of **Tom Moran**, to launch the Irish Hospice Foundation in New York. The Irish Hospice Foundation is Ireland's national charity dedicated to all matters related to dying, death and bereavement. **"The Gathering – Reflections on Ireland"**, the Irish Hospice Foundation's new book was also launched at the event which contains reflections on Irish identity from some of Ireland's best writers and influential Irish American leaders such as; **Bono**, the late **Seamus Heaney**, **Brian O'Driscoll**, **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** and **Moya Doherty**.



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New York Women's Group

- 1 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Theresa Villiers M.P.
- 2 Bernadette Heward Davida, Andrea Haughian, Aine Sheridan
- 3 Guests

NOVEMBER, 2013 The American Ireland Fund Women's Group hosted a breakfast with British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, **Theresa Villiers M.P.** The intimate breakfast, held at the British Consulate in midtown Manhattan, was attended by guests and leading supporters of The American Ireland Fund. Villiers is the British Cabinet member responsible for Northern Ireland and the completion of the Peace Process. She discussed the challenges facing Northern Ireland such as the residual terrorist threat from dissident republicans and how integrated education, with the support and funding from The Ireland Funds, has helped create a better future for both sides. Many thanks to hosts the **British Consulate**, **Deputy Consul General Nick Astbury** and **Matthew Windrum**.



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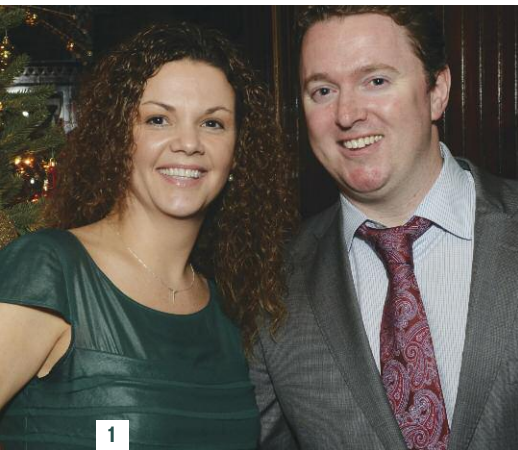


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Gaelic Players Association Annual Dinner Gala

NOVEMBER, 2013 Over 300 guests joined **Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)** legends and current stars at the **New York Athletic Club** to raise a toast to the GAA hurling and football seasons in Ireland and raise support for the growing **Gaelic Players Association (GPA)**. The evening honored two friends of the GPA including **Ciaran Murray**, CEO of **ICON Plc** and **Niall O'Dowd**, Founder of **Irish America Magazine**, the **Irish Voice** newspaper and **Irishcentral.com**. The night supported the services provided by the GPA including health and financial support to current and former GAA players.

- 1 Guest, Adrian Jones, Guest
- 2 Hugh Gordon, Michael Higgins, David Fitzgerald
- 3 Dessie Farrell



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New York Young Leaders Celtic Christmas

DECEMBER, 2013 Over 150 members and supporters of the New York chapter of The American Ireland Fund New York Young Leaders gathered at **Moran's Chelsea** for to celebrate a record year of fundraising for the **Promising Ireland Campaign**. National Director of the Young Leaders **Pat Tully** welcomed the Young Leaders and spoke about the great work they have done in New York and around the world. The Young Leaders toasted **Bernadette McCabe Kelly** as the New York Young Leader of the Year. Bernadette was surrounded by friends and family including her sister and AIF Board Director, **Tara McCabe**. Bernadette thanked all of those who attended and spoke about the rewards of giving back. Special thanks to our sponsors for the evening: **Blue Ocean Brokerage** and **Jason O'Connor** as well as **Jameson Irish Whiskey**, **Tavern 29** and our friends **John Malone** and **James Higgins Photography**.

- 1 Kathryn and Jason O'Connor
- 2 Bernadette McCabe Kelly, Joe Tully
- 3 Guests



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Celebration for Loretta Brennan Glucksman and John Fitzpatrick

- 1 John Fitzpatrick, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 2 Gabriel Byrne
- 3 Gene & Peggy McQuade

DECEMBER, 2013 Over 100 leading supporters gathered at **Le Cirque** for a special reception to celebrate **Loretta Brennan Glucksman's** 18 years as Chairman and to welcome and congratulate **John Fitzpatrick** as the new Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. The COO of The American Ireland Fund, **Tom O'Leary**, welcomed the guests and critically acclaimed Irish actor and writer, **Gabriel Byrne**, who delivered a heartfelt speech about Loretta and spoke about their long friendship. Loretta thanked everyone for joining on this special night and wished John well in his tenure as Chairman and assured him of what a hugely fulfilling role it would be. Ireland's Ambassador to The United States, **Anne Anderson**, thanked Loretta for her leadership and generosity and spoke of the relevance of the Fund and impact of its work across Ireland today. John Fitzpatrick spoke about continuing Loretta's work and leading the great organization.



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Philadelphia Young Leaders Christmas Celebration

- 1 Patrick Gangemi, Jason Early, Kaitlin McCartan, Francis McCartan
- 2 Chris Carroll, Trip Close, James Spinelli
- 3 Young Leaders

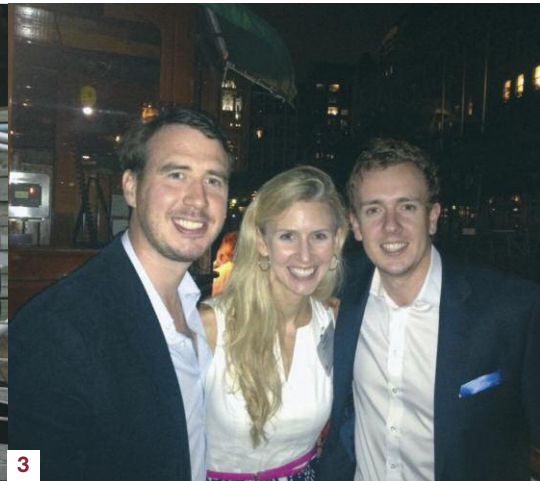
DECEMBER, 2013 The Philadelphia Young Leaders of The American Ireland Fund got together to celebrate a great year of fundraising and raise a toast to the holidays. The **Union League of Philadelphia** provided the perfect holiday setting. National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**, addressed the supporters and spoke about the upcoming third annual Young Leaders Global Summit which would be attended by 200 of their Young Leader colleagues growing the Young Leader network. Philadelphia Steering Committee Chair, **Jason Early** promised a great 2014 calendar full of fundraisers and 'friendraisers' to continue and grow the network in the city of brotherly love.



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Chicago Young Leaders Summer Sunset Cruise

AUGUST, 2013 The Chicago Young Leaders hosted their annual Summer Sunset Cruise which departed from the North Pier Docks on Ogden Slip at River East Art Center. Led by event Chair **Colleen Nolan** and Co-Chair **Genevieve LeFevour**, the Chicago Young Leaders, enjoyed a beautiful summer's evening cruising down the Chicago River aboard the Innisfree. One lucky Young Leader won the **Chicago Blackhawks** hat signed by **Patrick Kane** and another won the gift certificate to **Balena**. An after-party was held at **Lizzie McNeill's**. It was a wonderful evening meeting friends old and new while supporting the important work of The American Ireland Fund.

- 1 Colleen Nolan, Meghan Lee, Bridget Monahan
- 2 Andrew LeFevour, Dave Meiners, Barrett Finnegan, Caroline Finnegan
- 3 John Gaine, Bridget Monahan, David Shine



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Chicago Regional Advisory Board Dinner

JULY, 2013 Chicago Regional Advisory Board Director **Thomas E. O'Neill** and his wife **Missy** hosted the Regional Advisory Board Dinner and Leadership Forum at the Chicago Racquet Club. Former Mayor **Richard M. Daley** was the featured guest. He spoke about the wonderful people he met as Mayor who gave back to their community in extraordinary ways; the continuing needs of Chicago and the nation; and the global community he is working with through his company **Tur Partners**. His insights and remarks were captivating to those gathered. The dinner is a yearly event which gathers together our Regional Advisory Board; their spouses and guests; and a featured speaker.

- 1 Devon Bruce, Patrick Lynch, Dan Sullivan, Gavin Tierney, Eamonn McGrath
- 2 Diane & Tom Meagher, Meredith & Nick Parrish
- 3 Tom & Missy O'Neill, Hon. Richard M. Daley



29th Annual Chicago Dinner Gala

NOVEMBER, 2013 Over 600 guests gathered at the sold-out dinner to honor **Pat Fitzgerald**, Head Football Coach of **Northwestern University**, with the **2013 Leadership Award** and to recognize **KPMG** for its outstanding philanthropic efforts with The American Ireland Fund **2013 Corporate Social Responsibility Leadership Award**. **Patrick J. Canning**, Managing Partner of KPMG, accepted the award and spoke of their 152,000+ outstanding professionals worldwide working together to deliver value to their clients in 156 countries. KPMG has offices all across Ireland and serves as a key sponsor for the **American Chamber of Commerce** Ireland and The Ireland Funds office in Dublin. Pat Fitzgerald talked about his coaching career and his commitment to his players. He exemplifies what it means to be a leader and is a worthy addition to the distinguished list of The American Ireland Fund honorees. **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds, gave an update on the impact of The Worldwide Ireland Funds and the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Incoming Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, **John Fitzpatrick**, CEO of **Fitzpatrick Hotel Group NA**, was introduced to the Chicago supporters of the Fund. The proceeds of this record-breaking dinner benefited The Worldwide Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign to support nonprofit organizations across the island of Ireland and around the world. In addition, a local gift was given to **Misericordia, Heart of Mercy Village**. This was a wonderful Irish celebration of family and friends made possible by the extraordinary work of the Dinner Committee and our Chicago supporters.

- 1 Maedbh Cronin, Bernadette and Bill Daley, Minister Simon Coveney, Consul General Aidan Cronin
- 2 Vice Consul Nicholas Michael, Colleen Nolan, Katie Hamilton, Cathy & Bob Cerone
- 3 Mary Frances Bragiel, Tom Trucco
- 4 Rick Waddell, Pat Canning
- 5 John Daley, John Fitzpatrick, guest, Patrick Daley, Christopher Kennedy
- 6 Coach Pat Fitzgerald, Jackie Fitzgerald Frederking, Stacy Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Sr.
- 7 Kieran McLoughlin



Nantucket Celebration

JULY, 2013 The American Ireland Fund hosted 150 people at its annual Nantucket Celebration at the home of AIF Board Director **Bob Reynolds** and his wife **Laura**. In addition to Bob & Laura, the event was Co-Chaired by **Chris & Ann Quick** and **Guy & Dede Snowden**. The Honorees were **Jack & Suzy Welch**, who were introduced by their good friend and former Nantucket 2007 Celebration Honoree **Mike Barnicle** of **MSNBC** who was accompanied by his wife AIF Board Director **Anne Finucane** of **Bank of America**. Guests included Congressman **William Keating** and his wife **Tevis**, AIF Board Director **Jack Manning** (**Boston Capital Corporation**) and his wife **Lyle Howland**, **Bart Grenier** Chairman & CEO of **The Boston Company** and his wife AIF Board Director **Lesley King Grenier**, **Vanity Fair** feature writer **Maureen Orth**, Amb. **Michael Collins** and his wife **Marie**, AIF Board Director Amb. **Elizabeth Frawley Bagley**, President and CEO of The American Ireland Fund **Kieran McLoughlin** and The American Ireland Fund New England Director **Steve Greeley** and his wife **Jan**. Also attending were Nantucket Celebration Committee members **Bob Crowe**, **Bob Wright**, **Bob & Laurie Monahan**, **Tom & Leslie Bresette**, **Scott & Sheila Knight**, **Kevin Callahan**, **Danielle deBenedictis**, **Kelly & Brian McKernan**, **Bruce & Elisabeth Percelay**, **Chris Drake**, **Linda Holliday**, **George Albrecht**, **Ben Barnes** and **Steve & Susan Burbage** and **Bill & Beth Scannell**. Past honorees of the Nantucket Celebration have also included, among others, President **Bill Clinton** and Former Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, Nobel Peace Laureate **John Hume**, the late author **Frank McCourt** and the late political commentator, author, and *Meet the Press* host **Tim Russert**.

- 1 Jack & Suzy Welch
- 2 Kieran McLoughlin, Anne Finucane & Mike Barnicle
- 3 Laura & Bob Reynolds
- 4 Jack Welch, Maureen Orth, Steve Greeley



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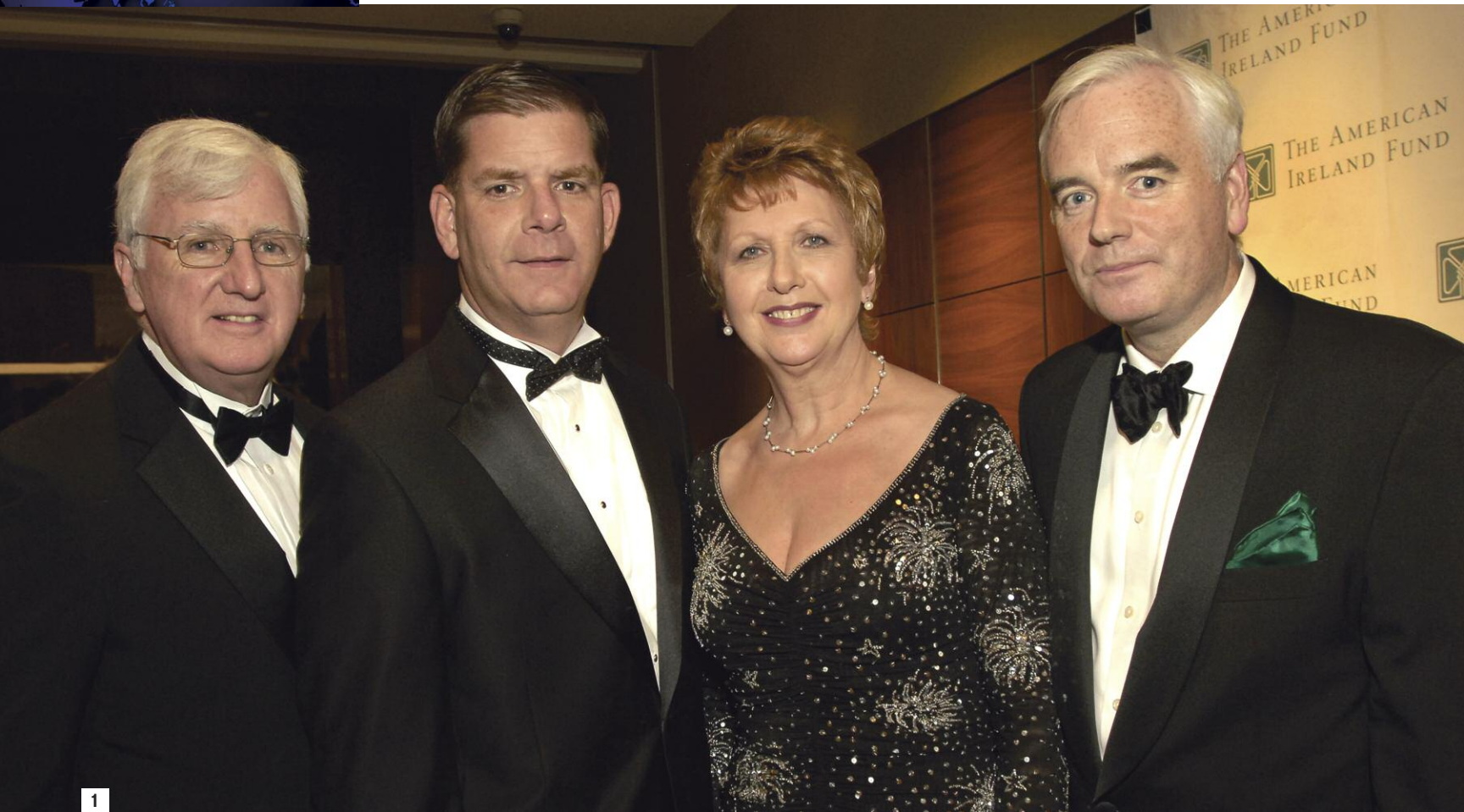


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Irish Night on Cape Cod

- 1 An Irish Night on Cape Cod Committee
- 2 John & Tracee Hynes
- 3 Steve Greeley, Jay Hooley, Joe Corcoran, Jim Brett
- 4 Ryan & Erica Chamberlain, Steve Greeley, Shelby & Miceal Chamberlain

AUGUST, 2013 The American Ireland Fund held its fourth annual "Irish Night on Cape Cod" on the Ocean Terrace at **Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club** in Brewster. The event was once again hosted by American Ireland Fund National Board Director and longtime supporter **Joe Corcoran**, Chairman of **Corcoran Jennison Companies**, and his wife **Rose**. 180 friends and supporters enjoyed a world class raw bar and the most beautiful sunset west of Galway. **Steve Greeley**, New England Director of The American Ireland Fund, thanked everyone including the Event Committee and spoke about several outstanding charitable programs in Ireland and Boston that have been supported through The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Host and Ocean Edge Resort Owner Joe Corcoran also welcomed the gathering and spoke about his roots in Roscommon, the evolution of Ocean Edge Resort and his deep appreciation of his Irish heritage. Among those attending were Committee Members **Jay & Linda Hooley**, **Tom O'Neill III & Shelly O'Neill**, **Matt & Margaret Power**, **Jack & Trish Brennan**, **Jim & Kerrie Coughlin**, **John & Kathy Drew**, **Kevin & Rita Gill**, **Devin & Erin Condron**, **John & Tracee Hynes**, **Ed & Jennifer Murphy**, **Barry Hynes & his fiancée Kristin Knight**, **Andrew & Amanda Maher**, **Chuck & Linda O'Connor** and **John & Erin Butterworth**. Other guests included National Board Director **Kip Condron & his wife Peggy**; and National Board Director **Chuck Daly & his wife Christine**. Many Boston Young Leaders also attended, including **Shane & Jessica Early**, **Chris Hagan**, **Joanna Litsas**, **Mike Greeley**, **Pat Burek** and **Tommy Greeley**.

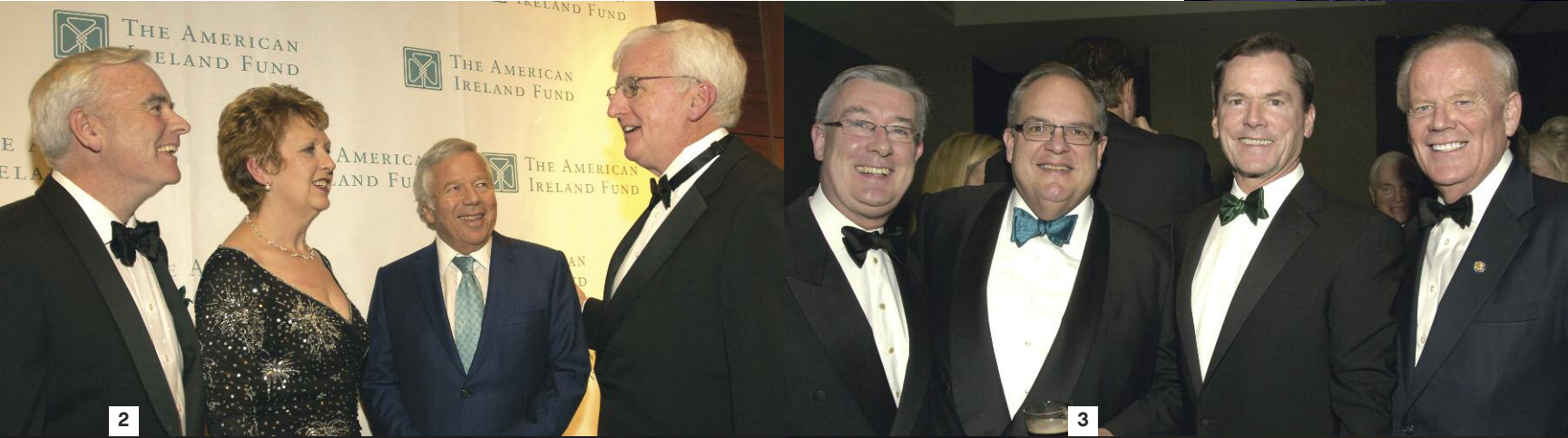


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The 32nd Annual Boston Gala

NOVEMBER, 2013 More than 1,100 guests gathered for The American Ireland Fund's 32nd Annual Boston Dinner Gala at the **Westin Boston Waterfront**. \$2.3 million was raised for The Worldwide Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. The 2013 Boston Gala was chaired by **Des Mac Intyre**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of **Standish**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **BNY Mellon**. The 2013 Gala honored Dr. **Mary McAleese**, former President of Ireland, and currently a visiting professor at Boston College. Boston Mayor-elect, State Senator **Marty Walsh**, introduced President McAleese. Standing ovations were given to Lieutenant **Pauline Wells** for her rendition of "America the Beautiful" and for her performance together with 14 year old **Nolan Donato** of Scituate, singing "The Fields of Athenry." Former President Mary McAleese of Ireland was greeted with a third standing ovation for her remarks about the Irish peace process and the role played by The American Ireland Fund, which continues today as reconciliation in Northern Ireland is addressed. Other guests included **Bob Reynolds** of **Putnam Investments** and National AIF Board of Director and his wife **Laura**; **Robert Kraft** of the **New England Patriots**; **Jay Hooley** of **State Street Corporation** and National AIF Board of Director; **Mike Sheehan** of **Hill Holliday** and National AIF Board of Director and his wife **Maureen**; **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, Chairman of The American Ireland Fund; **Mike Mahoney** of **Boston Scientific**; **Joe Corcoran** of **Corcoran Jennison** and National AIF Board Member and his wife **Rose**; **Ron O'Hanley** of **Fidelity Investments**, **John Hailer** of **Natixis Global Asset Management** and **Scott Powers** of **State Street Global Advisors** and his wife **Nancy**.

- 1 Steve Greeley, Marty Walsh, Mary McAleese, Des Mac Intyre
- 2 Des Mac Intyre, Mary McAleese, Robert Kraft, Steve Greeley
- 3 Kieran McLoughlin, Ron O'Hanley, Jay Hooley, Jim Brett
- 4 Barb Connolly, Jennifer Murphy, Laura Reynolds, Kathleen Driscoll
- 5 Andrew Arnott, Tom Crohan
- 6 Mary McAleese, Ann & John Grady
- 7 Scott & Nancy Powers, Jay Hooley, Des Mac Intyre
- 8 Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 9 Steve Burbage, Dennis Burns, Ron O'Hanley
- 10 Carolyn Gormley, Kevin Connolly, Ann Marie & Richard F. Connolly, Jr., Steve Greeley, Richard F. Connolly III, Steve Principe
- 11 Jeff & Chrissy Campbell, Casey Condron, John Darwin
- 12 John Leneghan, Mary McAleese, Linda & Des Mac Intyre
- 13 John Thorbahn, Mike Sheehan, Patrick Sarkis
- 14 Amy Koch, Steve Flynn
- 15 Mary McAleese, John Hailer
- 16 Kate Cooney Picco, Devin Condron
- 17 Bob Reynolds, Mary McAleese, Laura Reynolds







“Boston is home to the Irish and has been for generations. This week we remember with pride the Irish son of Boston who became President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy whose young life and brilliance was taken so tragically fifty years ago this week. The Irish pride he generated and the confidence we feel once again with the election of Mayor Marty Walsh. He speaks Gaelic, the language of his immigrant parents and our hearts soar with pride for we know that this is an outward sign of that other language the Boston Irish use, the language of care for one another and care for Ireland. That care is expressed in many different ways but none more powerful than in the existence and persistence of The American Ireland Fund. The hard-earned dollars of hard working American Irish and their friends have been put to life-changing, history altering use. They have helped to ‘fill the centuries arrears’ forging reconciliation between the estranged communities in Ireland, one heart at a time. We have peace now, we have hope in the future now, and we have a roadmap to that future. That is thanks to the people who turned out tonight and on all the past nights for the Boston Irish’s legendary fundraising dinner. We can only repay them by using this peace well and that please God, we will do.” — *Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland*



Young Leaders Fall Social

- 1 Abbey & Tim Redmond
- 2 Margaret Dyer, Caroline Collett, Stephanie Martin, Kathryn Murphy
- 3 Cara Early, Shane Early

OCTOBER 2013 The Boston Young Leaders came together for a Fall Social to catch up after the summer months. Thank you to everyone who came, especially our Fall Social Chairs: **Colleen Carney, Michael Collins Jr., Tom Cronin, Brian Crowe, Ellen Donovan, Matt Gaughan, Tom Greeley, Corey Griffin, Justin Kelly, and Steve Sypek.** And a special thanks to Chair, **Barry McMenamin**, and our host, the **Intercontinental Hotel.**



San Francisco Women's Luncheon

NOVEMBER, 2013 The ever-popular, annual San Francisco American Ireland Fund Women's Luncheon was held at the **Four Seasons Hotel**. Lieutenant Governor **Gavin Newsom** gave a warm introduction to award-winning journalist **Maureen Orth**. Guest speaker Maureen Orth is a Special Correspondent for **Vanity Fair** magazine, and founder of the **Marina Orth Foundation**. Her late husband **Tim Russert**, was the Washington bureau chief of **NBC News** and moderator of **Meet the Press**. West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed 350 guests, singling out Luncheon Chairs **Kathleen Dowling McDonough**, **Mary Driscoll Toboni** and **Olivia Gaynor-Long** for their tremendous work on the most successful Luncheon yet. AIF Board Director **Bart Murphy** paid a special tribute to the late poet **Seamus Heaney** with a beautiful rendition of "Digging". Life Trustee **Maryon Davies Lewis** was present along with Senator **Ellen Corbett**, Judge **Kathleen Kelly**, Vice Consul **Kevin Byrne** and former Luncheon Chair, **Meagan Levitan**. Special thanks to Honorary Chair **EJ Tracy** for her kind support and to **Erin Doyle Ebeling**, **Cinta Gibbons**, **Virginia Kavanaugh**, **Denise LaPointe**, **Eileen Moore Murphy**, **Kathleen Ryan**, **Maureen Sullivan**, **Carmel Gilmore (Microsoft)**, and the **University of San Francisco** for generous table underwriting. The Luncheon Drawing was sponsored by **Aer Lingus** along with **The Merrion Hotel**, **Ashford Castle** and **Dromoland Castle**. Other sponsors included **Cinta Salon**, **San Francisco Giants**, **MoMo's Restaurant**, **The Irish Store.com**, **Fitzpatrick Hotel Group**, **Irish Repertory Theatre**, **Four Seasons Hotel**, **Powell's Sweet Shoppe Burlingame**, **Bulgari**, **Lily O'Brien's Chocolates**, **Blue Fog Market**, **William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd.**, and **Gianna Driscoll Toboni**.



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- 1 Maureen Orth, Bart Murphy
- 2 Marjorie Muldowney
- 3 Barbara Callan, guest, Theresa Moore
- 4 Meagan Levitan & guests
- 5 Luncheon guests

- 6 Kathleen Dowling McDonough
- 7 Gavin Newsom, Kathleen McDonough, Maureen Orth, Mary Toboni
- 8 University of San Francisco guests



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Young Leaders — Giants Irish Heritage Night

- 1 Kelsey Kane, Sarah Kane Coogan
- 2 Billy Morris, Lauren Peterson
- 3 San Francisco Young Leaders

SEPTEMBER, 2013 San Francisco's AIF Young Leaders gathered at **Pete's Tavern** for a pre-game reception, followed by the San Francisco Giants Irish Heritage Night at **AT&T Park**. West Coast Director, **Marjorie Muldowney** welcomed friends of the Fund including SFYL Society Chair, **Mike McGrath** along with **Ian Casey, Ivan Harrow, Kerry Egan, Jamie Hamm, Scott Lewis, Jan Fechter & Amy Fechter**. **Ian Hunter** and **Stuart Campbell** of Invest Northern Ireland attended along with **Tim Cronin** and **Pete Ellison**. **Sarah Kane Coogan** brought family members **Brody Kane, Kelsey Kane & Mark Dias**. **Billy Morris** attended with **Lauren Peterson, Tara Ryan, Mark Muldowney, Neil Sands, Philip Healy, Fergus Hurley, Gillian Silver** and **Joey Toboni**.



Los Angeles Celtic Christmas Reception

DECEMBER, 2013 The Los Angeles American Ireland Fund hosted a Celtic Christmas Celebration at a private Beach Club in Santa Monica. West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** thanked Dr. **Tom Lomis & Debbie Lomis** for sponsoring this festive party, with additional support from **S & P Capital IQ**. LA Regional Advisory Board Members present included **Kaitlyn Cafferky, Tom Barry, Harry Hartford, Sean Kneafsey, Jim Layden, Patricia Danaher, Meredith Long, and Conor Shalloe**—and there was a special welcome for dear friends of the Fund, **Anne & Jimmy Murphy, and Margaret Hayhurst**. For over 150 years, the Irish have played a major role in the success of Los Angeles. From sport with names like **Dunleavy & O'Malley**, to politics with **Ronald Reagan & Richard Riordan**, and the arts with a long list of Irish performers, we have made our mark. Our guests at the event symbolized many aspects of that success. From the field of entertainment came **Matt McCoy** with his wife **Mary, Tim Murphy, Pat O'Brien, and Olivia Tracey**. From business & finance came **Tom Barry** of UBS, **Jim Layden** of Deutsche Bank, **Matthew Doran** of RBC Capital Markets, **Adam Wagner** of S & P Capital IQ, and **Maryann Kelly** of Wells Fargo. Also present were **Susan Hartford; Joe Watters**, President of Bel-Air Country Club, **Adrienne Fontanella, Julie & Dan Murphy, Michele Shalloe, Michelle & Jonathan Loughran, Jane & Sean Browne, Christina Cha** of Kennedy-Wilson & **Elliot Lemberger, and Tom Napier**. From the legal world came **Shannon Anderson, Charlie Callanan, Bill Grantham, Eoin Gubbins, Kenneth Kilroy, Alan Hearty**.

- 1 View from the Beach Club
- 2 Dr. Tom Lomis, Marjorie Muldowney, Sean Murphy
- 3 Jessica & Matthew Doran
- 4 Jim & Joan Layden
- 5 Eoin Gubbins, Susan Kneafsey, Shannon DiBiase, Shannon Anderson, Sean Kneafsey



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Young Leaders Inaugural Summer Social

JULY, 2013 The Washington, DC Young Leaders hosted their inaugural Summer Social. The rising mercury could not keep our friends and supporters away as over 100 people showed up to the patio at **Town Hall** to support the work of The American Ireland Fund and learn more about the *Promising Ireland* Campaign to assist Irish charities. Steering Committee Chair **Megan Molloy** welcomed the guests to sip cocktails and check out the displays put together by Young Leader and Events Chair **Mairin Van Shura**. The evening was also a great opportunity to feature upcoming events for the DC Young Leaders.

- 1 Young Leaders from Washington, DC and NYC
- 2 Mike Brennan, guest, Kelly Dragelin, John Green
- 3 DC Young Leader Elise Egan, DC Rose of Tralee Lauren DeBueriis, Orla Casey, DC Young Leader Events Chair Mairin Van Shura and guest



DC Welcomes H.E. Anne Anderson, Irish Ambassador to the US

SEPTEMBER, 2013 Nearly 100 of Washington, D.C.'s most influential business, philanthropic, diplomatic and political leaders gathered at the Georgetown residence of Amb. **Elizabeth Bagley** for a reception to welcome H.E. **Anne Anderson**, Ireland's new Ambassador to the United States. A number of Ambassadors were in attendance, including: **Sir Peter Westmacott**, British Ambassador to the United States, and **Lady Susan Westmacott**; Ambassador **Francois Delattre**, Ambassador of France to the U.S.; Ambassador Dr. **Hans Peter Mans**, Ambassador of Austria; and, **The Most Reverend Carlo Maria Vigano**, Ambassador of The Vatican. Also attending were the Dean of the U.S. House of Representatives, Hon. **John D. Dingell** (D-MI), with Mrs. **Debbie Dingell** and **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds. Ambassador Anderson noted the extraordinary job of The American Ireland Fund, and the upcoming four great years for Ireland and the Irish-American relationship.

- 1 Amb. Anne Anderson, Amb. Elizabeth Bagley, Kieran McLoughlin
- 2 Sir Peter Westmacott, Amb. Anne Anderson, Lady Susan Westmacott
- 3 Amb. Anderson, Tom Corcoran



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Young Leaders Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- 1 Stewart Matthews, Amb. Anne Anderson, Cathal Armstrong, Megan Molloy, Patrick Lyden
- 2 Reilly O'Connor, Amb. Anne Anderson, Emily O'Conner
- 3 Guests enjoying the party and the Jameson tasting bar

SEPTEMBER, 2013 Over 200 guests attended the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day celebration fundraiser at the **Dumbarton House**. Steering Committee Vice Chair **Patrick Lyden** introduced **Stewart Matthews** of the Northern Ireland Bureau (one of the evening's sponsors) who talked about the many ways The American Ireland Fund and the NI Bureau have worked together. DC Steering Committee Chair **Megan Molloy** introduced Ambassador **Anne Anderson** who then introduced the Honoree: Dublin-born chef **Cathal Armstrong**, who received the **Jameson Irish Spirit Award** for his generosity with so many organizations including the AIF and Share Our Strength. Special thanks to the event committee and sponsors: **Jameson, Merrill Lynch, The Northern Ireland Bureau, The DuPont Circle Hotel, Zurich, Microsoft, The Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America and The Stanton Park Group.**



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Washington DC Young Leaders Halloween Party

- 1 Hazel and DC Young Leader Ruairi MacDonald
- 2 DC Young Leaders Lisa Barkovic, Andrew Walsh, Julie Berry
- 3 Guests enjoying the party

OCTOBER, 2013 The Washington, DC Young Leaders gathered at the Irish Embassy for "Samhain," an Irish Halloween. **Kevin Conmy**, Deputy Chief of Mission, greeted the crowd with a welcome on behalf of the Embassy of Ireland and introduced Ireland's Ambassador to The United States, **Anne Anderson**. Amb. Anderson recognized the Young Leaders as the next generation of great philanthropists and friends of Ireland. The Ambassador then introduced National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**, who thanked the sponsors of the signature event and thanked the Young Leaders Steering Committee in DC for their faith and loyalty in our mission to help Ireland through The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign at a time when it is truly needed. Special thanks to **Susan O'Neill and Associates**, volunteer photographer **John McShane, Kevin Conmy, and Jameson Irish Whiskey.**



Leadership Forum Breakfast with John FitzGerald of UCC

OCTOBER, 2013 AIF National Board Director and Regional Advisory Board Chairman **Tom Codd** hosted a Leadership Forum event at the **Dallas Petroleum Club** featuring **John FitzGerald** of **University College Cork** for a discussion of **The Atlas of the Great Irish Famine**, of which Mr. FitzGerald is the Commissioning Editor. Those in attendance, including AIF Board Director **Don Hanratty**, were fascinated by Mr. FitzGerald's presentation which focused on a new understanding of the causes and long term effects of the Great Famine. The book was the winner of the Best Irish Published Book in 2012 and according to the award-winning publication, "The Great Famine is possibly the most pivotal experience in modern Irish history; its global reach and implications cannot be underestimated."

- 1 Admiral Patrick Walsh, Jean Van Sinderen Law, Don Hanratty
- 2 Ray Sullivan, Jean Van Sinderen Law, John FitzGerald, Mike Hegarty
- 3 Mike Codd, Tom Codd, Mike Higgins, Buzz Crutcher, Joe Murphy



Gallery Circle with Robert O'Byrne of The Irish Georgian Society

NOVEMBER, 2013 Friends of The American Ireland Fund were treated to a presentation by **Robert O'Byrne**, Vice President of the Irish Georgian Society. In attendance were the event's host and AIF Regional Advisory Board member, **Beth Struckell**, AIF Life Trustee **Netta Blanchard**, AIF Regional Advisory Board members **Rachel Gaffney Smith** and **Andy Welch**, as well as **Bill Murray** co-chair of the 2014 Dallas Emerald Ball. Lifetime members of the Irish Georgian Society, **Deborah Ryan**, **Bobbie Sue Williams** and **Gisela Ziebarth**, attended as well. Guests learned about the Irish Georgian Society's ongoing restoration of Dublin's 1760s City Assembly House in South William Street, the venue of many famous speeches by **Daniel O'Connell**. The Irish Georgian Society promotes the conservation of distinguished examples of architecture and the allied arts of all periods in Ireland. The AIF is proud to be a longtime supporter of the work of the Irish Georgian Society.

- 1 Beth Struckell, Robert O'Byrne Vice President of the Irish Georgian Society, Bobbie Sue Williams
- 2 Netta Blanchard, Deborah Ryan, Robert O'Byrne, Beth Struckell, Kelley Geary Burks
- 3 Andy Welch, Robert O'Byrne, Rachel Gaffney Smith



Leadership Forum with Rev Bill Shaw, OBE of The 174 Trust

- 1 Belfast Sisters and the Rev. Bill Shaw, OBE
- 2 Beth Struckell and Mike Corboy
- 3 Mike Corboy, Beth Struckell, Gabby Struckell, Rev. Bill Shaw, Liza O'Connor

NOVEMBER, 2013 Texas Regional Advisory Board member **Beth Struckell**, welcomed friends of The American Ireland Fund to an evening featuring the **Rev. Bill Shaw**, O.B.E. as well as members of the **Belfast Sisters** dance troupe which Beth Struckell and her daughter Gabby established in 2013. The purpose of the gathering was to raise funds for a new shuttle bus for Rev. Shaw's use while driving his after school program participants to the **174 Trust**. Although the distances these children would have to travel to reach the 174 Trust is not far, it would not be safe for them to travel on foot. The AIF is proud to be a longtime supporter of the work of the 174 Trust and its efforts to build peace and promote reconciliation throughout Belfast. AIF National Board member **Mike Corboy** joined in the evening with Rev. Shaw, as did AIF supporters **Nancy and Barry Crossman, Bobby Holland, and Michael Sullivan**.



Leadership Forum Breakfast with Mark Wynne of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

- 1 Bernadette Shelley, Dan Shelley, Dan Downey, Wendy Reilly
- 2 Michael Hegarty, Keith O'Sullivan, Patrick Kane, Aidan Cronin, Brendan Roberts
- 3 Aidan Cronin, Liza O'Connor, Mark Wynne, Patrick Kane

DECEMBER, 2013 American Ireland Fund National Board Member **John Kane**, sponsored a Leadership Forum breakfast in the Canyons Room of the **Omni Barton Creek Resort** in Austin, Texas. The event was organized by supporter **Ray Sullivan** and those who attended this first-ever AIF-Austin event had the opportunity to hear **Dr. Mark Wynne**, Senior Economist, and Associate Director of Research for International Economics, of the **Dallas Federal Reserve**. Chicago Consul General, **Aidan Cronin**, set the stage for Dr. Wynne's remarks by acknowledging the progress of Ireland's economic recovery, while stating that there was still more work to be done. Dr. Wynne spoke about the state of the euro and its particular impact on Ireland's continuing recovery. He addressed Ireland's success in becoming the first Eurozone country to exit from the EU bailout program. It was a terrific opportunity for supporters of The American Ireland Fund to gather in an intimate setting for top financial insights.



Dublin Global Forum Dinner

OCTOBER, 2013 Chairs and Directors from The Ireland Funds' Worldwide Chapters came together in **The Merrion Hotel** Dublin on the eve of Ireland's third **Global Irish Economic Forum** to discuss how collectively The Worldwide Ireland Funds could make the best contribution to the weekend's events. Directors and supporters of Funds travelled from across the world for this occasion and represented one of the largest contingents at the Forum. The Forum this year focused on job creation and several Ireland Funds' representatives chaired sessions and discussions. The two day event brought together over 260 leading Irish and Irish connected figures from across the globe who, through 18 working groups and six panel discussions, focused on opportunities for Ireland in high-potential sectors.

- 1 Guests at The Dublin Global Forum Dinner 2013
- 2 Gavin Tierney, Shane Naughton, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Ronan Foley, Lochlann Quinn, Colin MacDonald, Kieran McLoughlin
- 3 Ruth McGarry, Hugo MacNeill, Irial Finan, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Amb. James C Kenny
- 4 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Irial Finan, Tara McCabe, Angela Moore
- 5 Ronan Murphy, Caitriona Fottrell, Elmar Conrads Hassel
- 6 Liam Casey, Niall O'Dowd



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Young Leaders All-American Style BBQ

- 1 Jon Reilly
- 2 Our Bronco Medalists
- 3 Lorraine Hall, Siobhan Gallagher, Joanna Fortune, Caitlin Duffy

JULY, 2013 Over 175 friends and supporters of The Ireland Funds gathered at the **Lansdowne Rugby Club** for an All-American Style BBQ. With **Aviva** in the background, guests enjoyed BBQ and drinks courtesy of sponsors—**Jameson, Carlsberg, Diageo & El Comandante Wine** and endless **Häagen-Dazs** ice cream courtesy of our friends at **General Mills**. **Caitlin Duffy**, Director of the Young Leaders, thanked those gathered for their support and screens highlighted the names of the over 160 organisations that received funding in our 2013 Grant Round. Special thanks to corporate sponsor, **Blueface**. Aside from sponsoring the event, **Alan Foy**, CEO of Blueface, has been an active member of our Steering Committee so it is always great to see him and his colleagues in attendance.



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Young Leaders Christmas Celebration

- 1 Presentation of the Spirit of Ireland Award, Hugo MacNeill, Bernard Brogan, Caitlin Duffy, Jim Gavin, Erica Roseingrave, Kevin Nolan, Michael Fitzsimons, Mick Deegan
- 2 Eamonn Murphy, Barry Cahill, Nick Gallagher
- 3 Geoff Beggs and the Sam Maguire Cup

DECEMBER, 2013 Over 125 Ireland Fund Young Leaders and friends gathered to kick off the Christmas season at the **US Ambassador's Residence** in **Phoenix Park**. **Music Generation's Elsa Kelly** and **Iseult Ring** provided beautiful backdrop music. Mr. **Stuart Dwyer**, Chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Dublin welcomed guests and spoke about the importance of the work of The Ireland Funds. Guests mingled with members of **The Dublin Senior Football Team** who were present alongside **Jim Gavin**, the Dublin Manager who accepted the 2013 Spirit of Ireland Award. Jim thanked The Ireland Funds and recognized the team's dedication that resulted in the 2013 All Ireland title. Guests enjoyed posing for photos with **The Sam Maguire Cup** and some of the players. Special thanks to **Bernard Brogan, Michael Fitzsimons, Mick Deegan** and **Kevin Nolan** for attending and representing the Dubs on the night!

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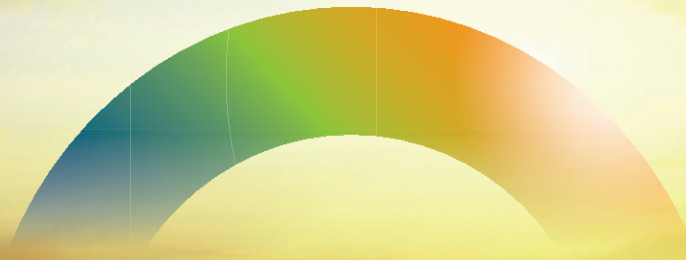
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Brisbane Gala Luncheon

AUGUST, 2013 The lunch took place at **Hillstone St. Lucia**. The weather was beautiful—perfect for guests to enjoy welcome drinks and canapés on the terrace overlooking the stunning St. Lucia Golf Links. The Brisbane Gala Luncheon raised over \$80,000 and these funds will be used to continue the work of The Australian Ireland Fund in integrated education in the North of Ireland, educational scholarships for indigenous Australians and also to fund our two flagship projects in the Republic of Ireland this year, **Barnardos in Loughlinstown** and **Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Services**.

- 1 Marist College Ashrove with Principal Peter McLoughlin and student Jerome Pang
- 2 James Whitelaw, Chris McGirl, H.E. Ambassador Noel White, Benjamin Duell and Peter Long
- 3 Julie O'Neill, Australian Ireland Fund Chairman John O'Neill AO and Australian Ireland Fund Executive Director Teresa Keating



Sydney Young Leaders Meet the Board Reception

SEPTEMBER, 2013 To recognise support this year, the Chairman and Board of The Australian Ireland Fund invited the members of the Young Leaders Network to join together for an intimate reception to meet the Board Members of the Fund. Speakers on the day included **Niall O'Muilleor**, and American Ireland Fund Board Director **Sheila O'Malley**, **Yvonne Le Bas** Treasurer of The Australian Ireland Fund, **Nessa O'Sullivan** Group CFO of **Coca Cola Amatil** and **Sarah Mangan** Deputy Head of Mission at the **Irish Embassy**. The event was hosted by **Gordon McCann** and **Sparke Helmore** and was exclusively for registered members of the Young Leader Network. Close to 80 supporters were present.

- 1 Claire Foley, Donna Campbell, Nessa O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Malley, Gordon McCann, Simon Wilson, Sarah Mangan
- 2 Nessa O'Sullivan, Yvonne Le Bas
- 3 Joe Fuchs, Sheila O'Malley, Niall O'Muilleoir, Frank Curran



Sydney Garden Party

OCTOBER, 2013 The annual Sydney Garden Party took place this year on the beautiful grounds of **Lady Fairfax's** home in Double Bay. Amongst the beautiful setting the "Country and Western Ireland" theme sparked excitement on the day with cowboys, cowgirls and saloon girls enjoying the grounds of the estate. The event was successful both socially and financially with close to 500 guests attending and \$170,000 being raised on the day for our flagship projects—**Barnardos**, **Loughlinstown** and **Darndale Belcamp Integrated Child Services** as well as projects of peace and reconciliation and integrated education in Northern Ireland and Indigenous education in Australia.

- 1 Andrew O'Keefe MC & Guests
- 2 Micheal Ebeid, Alan Joyce, Ian Oldmeadow
- 3 David Engman, Sean Connolly, Martin Graham
- 4 Clancy Bowe, Teresa Keating, Len Hremiako, Yvonne Le Bas
- 5 Cowboys and Cowgirl
- 6 Frank Cunningham, Ted Johnson, Guests
- 7 Kieran McLoughlin



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Melbourne Young Leaders—Green Shoots—Cocktails and Conversation

OCTOBER, 2013 The Melbourne chapter of the Australian Young Leaders was launched in style—on the 30th floor of the Victorian capital's iconic **Rialto Tower** where guests were afforded a panoramic if misty view of the Yarra River and Port Philip Bay. Generously hosted by **Grant Thornton Australia**—a special thanks to Grant Thornton Associate Director John Fallon—the inaugural event in the “Green Shoots” speaker series attracted over 70 young Irish Australian professionals from across the CBD. On hand to share their personal stories and unique insights on matters social and economic were Irish Australian businessman and former **Adecco Group ANZ** CEO, **Jeff Doyle** and business consultant, **Niall O’Muilleoir**.

- 1 Niall O’Muilleoir
- 2 Audience on the 30th Floor of the Rialto Tower
- 3 Pat Grenham of Pro-Ma Systems, Niall O’Muilleoir, John McMorrow of LMA, John Fallon



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Sydney Young Leaders Christmas Drinks at Sydney Opera House

NOVEMBER, 2013 The Australian Ireland Fund Young Leaders wrapped up the year with their Christmas Celebration at the spectacular **Opera Bar**. The venue treated a large number of guests to delicious canapés all served beneath stunning views of the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. On the night a raffle was held to raise funds for the Australian Ireland Fund's flagship charities. A large number of raffle prizes had been kindly donated by a number of organisations such as **Taste Sydney, ARN, Bondi Bathers, Magners, Carolyn Unwin, Laura Kim** and **Maura Dempsey Engman**. Special guests on the day also included Consul General **Caitriona Ingoldsby** and Executive Director **Teresa Keating**.

- 1 Emma Bell, Deirdre Boyle, Kirk Williamson
- 2 Karl Keating, Teresa Keating, David Lakes
- 3 Caitriona Ingoldsby, Patrick Dickson



- 1 Sandra Booth,
Rosemary Morahan,
Adrian Hanley
- 2 Jennifer Ring, Deirdre Fleming,
Maria Joyce
- 3 Michelle Carr, Orla Glynn

Melbourne Young Leaders Christmas Drinks

DECEMBER, 2013 The Australian Ireland Fund Melbourne Young Leaders held their inaugural Christmas Event. To tie in with the philanthropic views of the Funds the venue **Shebeen** was chosen as the gathering place for the night as 100% of the profits made at the bar send back funds to your drink's country of origin. As well as that, entrance tickets for the night were sold to raise funds for projects of the Australian Ireland Fund. The event gave the opportunity to the Young Leaders and their guests to catch up & network before the end of the year.



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Cycle Land's End to John O'Groats

AUGUST, 2013 Bernard McEvoy and Neill Shrimpton, both partners at **Brown Rudnick LLP**, led a team of cyclists - **Gerald Byrne, Ercus Stewart SC, Kenneth Dalby, Matt Hoyle** and **Ben Williams** from Land's End to John O'Groats covering over 1,039 miles of Great British countryside. The team undertook the cycle to raise funds for and awareness of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain's Forgotten Irish Campaign. The Campaign seeks to support the vulnerable and elderly Irish in the UK who live in isolation, poverty and deprivation, often without the support of friends or family. The cycle ride was a tremendous success raising £25,000.

- 1 Cycle Team
- 2 The route to John O'Groats
- 3 Cheque Presentation— Bernard McEvoy, Ambassador Dan Mulhall, Michael Flatley, Sheila Bailey and Gerald Byrne
- 4 On the road



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An Evening with Tommy Bowe

SEPTEMBER, 2013 The Ireland Fund of Great Britain hosted an evening with **Ireland International** and **British & Irish Lion Tommy Bowe**. In an armchair style interview at **The Marylebone Hotel** with **Kinetica Sport's Barry Kelly**, Tommy regaled his audience with tales from his rugby and **GAA** playing days at school, his early career in **Ulster**, his shock decision to move to the **Ospreys** and his experience playing for Ireland and for the Lions. The interview and questions from the floor were followed by a raffle and a lively auction for a Lions jersey signed by all the squad with the winning bid coming from long term IFGB supporter, **DSM Group's Jim Kelly**. The Ireland Fund of Great Britain was delighted to announce that the evening raised £10,000.

- 1 Aisling Burke, Hannah Bowe, Tommy Bowe, Caoimhe Donoghoe, Mary Clarke
- 2 Barry Kelly and Tommy Bowe
- 3 Michael O'Sullivan, Finbarr Kelliher, John Nash, Michael McAleer, Malachy McAleer, Con O'Riordan, Des O'Sullivan, Frank McGivern
- 4 Tommy Bowe and representative of DSM Group



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- 1 Ambassador Dan Mulhall and
Brenda Fricker
- 2 Brenda Fricker
- 3 Emer Hunt and Basil Geoghegan
- 4 Kiely Brothers and guests
- 5 Helen Breen and Michael Walsh
- 6 Paul Costelloe, Peter Sutherland,
Zachary Webb
- 7 Ruth McCarthy
- 8 Sarah Newman, Sheila Bailey,
Adrian Dunbar

The Annual Winter Ball

DECEMBER, 2013 The Ireland Fund of Great Britain hosted its annual Winter Ball at **The Landmark Hotel, Marylebone**. The evening sparkled with glamour as supporters sipped **Laurent Perrier** champagne in the Indoor Gazebo before making their way to the Grand Ballroom for dinner, live and silent auctions and live entertainment. The silent auction included an impressive array of donated items including a **Philip Treacy** hat, a photo shoot with celebrity photographer **Seamus Ryan** and a garden consultation from **Diarmuid Gavin**. The evening's excitement culminated when Irish Ambassador to Britain **Dan Mulhall** presented a **Waterford Crystal** lamp to honoree **Brenda Fricker**, Ireland's only Oscar-winning actress, for her Contribution to Irish Cultural Life. In his address, the Ambassador said that Brenda has been involved in every iconic moment of Irish television, theatre and film since her career began, from her performances in **The Field** and **My Left Foot** to her wonderful performances in **The Abbey** and **Gate Theatres**. Showing their support on the night were our Patrons **Peter Sutherland** and **Basil Geoghegan** as well as long-term supporters including entrepreneur **Sarah Newman** from RTE's **Dragons' Den**, Irish actor **Adrian Dunbar** and designer **Paul Costelloe** who donated a sketch that was auctioned live on the night. Also auctioned live were live charity pledges for **Console** and **Southwark Irish Pensioners Project**. Chairman **Ruth McCarthy** brought the IFGB's Silver Anniversary to a close and celebrated all that has been achieved by the IFGB over the past 25 years. Grateful thanks to the evening's headline sponsor **DSM Demolition**, champagne reception sponsor **Laurent Perrier** and flower sponsor **Kiely Brothers**. Thanks also to goodie bag donors: **CityJet**, **Broderick**, **Blank Canvas Cosmetics**, **Barry's Tea**, **Tourism Ireland** and **Jacob's Biscuits** and to **ÓGRA Skincare**, **Thomas Ferguson Irish Linen** and **Butler's Chocolates**.



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Welcome Helen Lambert

The new President of The Ireland Fund of France

Helen Lambert, born and raised in Co. Tipperary, is the owner and CEO of Lambert + Associates, an international products sourcing office offering consultancy services to luxury retailers with offices in five fashion and design capitals in Europe and the US.

Following her education in Ireland, Helen moved to Paris where she held a series of positions in media advertising and marketing, expanding into the beauty and fashion sectors, before becoming International Advertising Director for IGA. In this role she oversaw and developed 34 Elle and 20 Elle Decoration magazines, having been instrumental in the launch of several.

In 2004 she became CEO of AGA Group, a buying offices group, which she set about restructuring, bought the following year, and three years later renamed Lambert + Associates. Revisiting strategy, launching the website and renegotiating all existing contracts, the company added retail consulting to its activities.

L+A company promotes creativity, forecasts trends, sources the best product, and facilitates the connection between the different market players. Its roster of international retailers includes Neiman Marcus & Bergdorf Goodman, Holt Renfrew, and Fenwick. Within the past two years the company has also entered into the Indonesian and Middle Eastern markets through contracts with Megah Group and Harvey Nichols Riyadh, respectively.

In 2010 she became a board member of the governmental clothing development and promotion committee DEFI. She is also a board member of the strategic committee of the Irish Cultural Centre in Paris and an active member of the Global Irish Economic Forum.

In January 2013 she was awarded the “Chevalier dans l’Ordre National du Mérite” for services to the fashion industry. And, in November 2013, she was appointed President of The Ireland Fund of France.

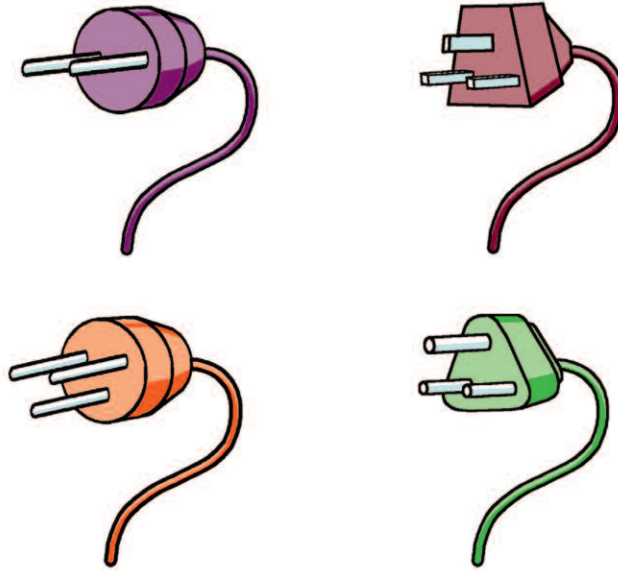
“I am very honoured to have been asked to represent The Ireland Fund of France,” says Helen. “France has been a friend to Ireland for many centuries and I look forward to celebrating that friendship in my work with The Ireland Funds. I have nominated a new Board, a group of people who are very enthusiastic and fully committed to making a difference as part the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. We are delighted to announce that Rory Montgomery, the Irish Ambassador to France, has agreed to accept the position of Honorary President.

I would like to thank Aine Adès and her team for their contribution to the success of The Ireland Fund of France during the past few years and it is the intention of the new Board to continue to support the many charitable and cultural initiatives requiring assistance in these difficult times.”



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- 1 Amb. Joe Hayes, Dr. Stanley Quek, Dr. Seet Ai Mee, Dr. Akhlesh
- 2 Audience participation in Ceili dancing
- 3 Dr. Tan Kok Soon, Mrs. Carmel Tan, guests
- 4 Mrs. Noor Quek
- 5 Mrs. Yernie Tan
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stride, Ms. L. Ephraim
- 7 Mrs. Sheila Lim, Mrs. Deirdre Hayes
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Conor McCool



The Singapore Ireland Fund Emerald Ball

NOVEMBER 2013 The Singapore Ireland Fund held its Annual Emerald Ball at the **St Regis Singapore**. The Ballroom was decked out in true Gatsby style with feathers, flowers and balloons. The majority of the 350 guests came enthusiastically dressed with their finest feathers and pearls. The big band regaled the audience with their 1920s music. Mrs. **Noor Quek**, Board Member of The Singapore Ireland Fund, gave an impromptu rendition of the songs "Autumn Leaves", "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons" and "I Wish You Love." The audience was treated to a Ceili dancing demonstration followed by live Irish music led by **Sharon Dunleavy**. Proceeds from the live and silent auction items, including artwork, a trip to Ireland and gourmet dinners, were donated to Hospice Care in Singapore and Palliative Care Training in Ireland. Representatives from **HCA Hospice Care**, **Metta Hospice Care** and **Assisi Hospice & Palliative Care** received cheques totalling \$400,000. Dr. **Stanley Quek** thanked supporters, volunteers and exco members, in particular **Sheila Lim** and **Deirdre Hayes**, for generously contributing to the success of the Emerald Ball.



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Germany Ireland Dinner

NOVEMBER, 2013 The Ireland Fund of Germany (IFoG) held its annual Dinner. The dinner took place in Munich, Bavaria's capital. The Ireland Fund of Germany celebrated its 20th anniversary at the beautiful **Münchner Künstlerhaus** (Munich's House of the artists) in conjunction with the **Irish Business Network in Germany (IBN)** and its close and longstanding partner, the **German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA)**. The Chairman of IFoG, **Elmar Conrads-Hassel**, and his wife, IFoG Board member **Dr Ursula Hassel**, hosted the evening. They were pleased to welcome as Guest of Honour the new Irish Ambassador to Germany H.E. **Michael Collins**, having arrived just two months ago from his six-year post as Irish Ambassador to the United States. Also in attendance were his wife **Marie Collins** and **Brigitte Wagner-Halswick**, the Irish Honorary Consul General for **Bergisch-Gladbach** (near Cologne) and likewise Honorary Chairwoman of The Ireland Fund of Germany, and Brigitte's husband, Dr **Rolf Halswick**, among the many members, friends and guests of The Ireland Fund of Germany, IBN and GILBA. The proceeds of the Charity Dinner supported **AsIAm.ie**—a new website for the Autism community in Ireland. The website aims to empower those with Asperger's Syndrome to learn more about their condition, access the resources they need to improve their lives and to speak with one voice on issues of concern for the entire Autism community in Ireland.

- 1 Mr. Andreas Patzold, Mrs. Isabel Hopf-Patzold, Ms. Nora Wessendorf, Dr. Ursula Hassel, Mr. Elmar Conrads-Hassel
- 2 H.E. Michael Collins, Mr. Elmar Conrads-Hassel
- 3 Dr. Ursula Hassel, Dr. Rolf Halswick, Mrs. Brigitte Wagner-Halswick, Mr. Diethart Goldammer
- 4 Mr. Andreas Patzold, Mrs. Isabel Hopf-Patzold, Ms. Nora Wessendorf, Mr. Elmar Conrads-Hassel
- 5 A view into the beautiful festival room with the Irish band on stage



The Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries

Awarded annually, 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 Dr. Vandra Costello on her experience in Monaco.

About the Author

DR VANDRA COSTELLO is an historic landscape consultant and garden writer. After studying law at Trinity College Dublin and the Honourable Society of the King's Inns, she practised at the bar in Dublin for a number of years before studying landscape architecture at University College Dublin. She holds a PhD from the School of Architecture of the National University of Ireland for research into the history of Irish demesnes in the seventeenth century. Vandra has written and lectured extensively on garden history and is currently finishing a book on Irish Demesne Landscapes 1660-1740.

Reflections on Magical Monaco *by Dr. Vandra Costello*

It is less than a month since I returned from my magical stay in Monaco but it feels like it was all some kind of wonderful dream—the Princess Grace Irish Library and The Ireland Fund of Monaco miraculously gave me a bursary to live in Monaco for a month, with a flat, pocket money and, best of all, a gorgeous book-lined study complete with Jack B Yeats painting to work in—alone, and in peace.

I was met at the airport and ferried to my apartment by my fairy godmother Judith Gantly, the administrator of the PGIL (as it is known to the cognoscenti like moi), after which she showed me the ropes, introduced me to local traders, pointed out the post-office, chemist and other necessities and behaved like an all-round angel.

On my first day at 'work' I met fair Geraldine and Sile who works part-time so I didn't see as much of her, but happily she was around on my birthday and she and the others gave me a lovely tea party complete with delicious French apple tarte tatin.

Monaco itself was a revelation, there is so much more to it than the casino, expensive shops and fast cars. There are charming museums and galleries, wonderful old buildings and churches, markets and funny little old fashioned shops. The place is steeped in history and culture if you know where to look for it.

I can honestly say that I have never in my life felt as safe as I did in Monaco. I met some wonderful people in Monaco, some of whom I hope are friends for life—the wonderful women at the library, friends of the library Alan Douglas and Ciaran Walsh, and Pierre Joannon and his beautiful and elegant wife Annick and I am already planning my return trip to Monaco. I feel like a sort of honorary Monegasque and long for the sights and smells of the principality, the buzz of scooters, the boulangerie, the noisy market beneath my window, the azure sea and blue skies and the wonderful people who made my stay such a pleasure.

I cannot thank The Ireland Fund of Monaco enough for providing me with the time, the space and the means to work in peace for a whole month. I am happy to say that I have completed my book and that it is now with the publishers and will be out later in 2014.

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NEWS



The Croke Park Classic – Penn State University vs. University of Florida

Ireland Funds' founder, former US Ambassador to Ireland and Chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dan Rooney, joined Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) Director General Páraic Duffy on the pitch in Beaver Stadium, Pennsylvania in September, 2013 to officially launch the Croke Park Classic. The two teams will play each other in their 2014 Season opener in Croke Park in Dublin on the 30th August 2014. Duffy announced to the almost 100,000 strong audience of Penn State and UCF fans that the winner of the Croke Park Classic would be presented with the Dan Rooney Trophy, named in honour of Rooney. A key player in the GAA's redevelopment plans for Dublin's Croke Park in the early nineties, Dan Rooney is both a passionate fan of Gaelic Games and has been a big supporter of the GAA over the last fifty years. For more information please contact Rachel Alabiso at ralabiso@irlfunds.org



Loretta Brennan Glucksman Named Chairman of the University of Limerick Foundation

Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chairman Emeritus of The American Ireland Fund has been named the new Chairman of the University of Limerick Foundation. The University of Limerick Foundation supports the University of Limerick and provides national and international leadership and funding for the University's advancement. Speaking about the announcement, David Cronin, Chief Executive of the University of Limerick Foundation said: "Loretta is a shining light in global philanthropy and we are honoured that she will lead the UL Foundation as Chair. She and her late husband, Lew, have always been a hugely important part of the UL success story and we really look forward to having Loretta's guidance in the coming years."



Three From The Ireland Funds Receive Ireland's Presidential Award

Ireland Funds' co-founder, former US Ambassador to Ireland and Chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dan Rooney; Rodney Walsh, Chairman of The Ireland Fund of New Zealand and Seamus McGarry a Founding Trustee of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain were honored as 2013 Presidential Distinguished Service Award recipients for Irish Abroad. In all, ten recipients received the honor presented by Ireland's President Michael D. Higgins. "All of these people have rendered distinguished service to our nation and helped to build our reputation around the globe," said Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Eamon Gilmore T.D. "Their contribution is immeasurable." The Award, which was established following the 2011 Global Irish Economic Forum, is presented to Irish citizens or those of Irish descent who live outside of the Island of Ireland.

Photo: Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Ireland



Dallas Young Leader Haley O'Sullivan Named 2013 Rose of Tralee

Haley O'Sullivan, one of the Dallas Young Leaders of The American Ireland Fund, was crowned "Rose of Tralee" in August, 2013, from 31 other contestants representing cities from around the globe. Haley graduated from the University of Arizona in 2010 with an honors degree in Elementary Education. She is a member of the Dallas Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and currently works as a marketing coordinator for an industrial chemical company.



Bill Walsh

Bill Walsh, longtime American Ireland Fund Board Director and later a Lifetime Trustee, passed away in November, 2013. Bill was a graduate of Fordham University and Harvard Law School, founded Sequoia Associates and sat on the Boards of numerous organizations. Deeply proud of his Irish heritage, he received The American Ireland Fund Distinguished Leadership Award in San Francisco and had a keen interest integrated education in Northern Ireland. Bill was a true champion of the Fund who represented and contributed greatly to our values and to Ireland.



Luanne Tierney

Luanne Tierney, member of The Ireland Funds WineGeese Society, passed away in November, 2013. She supported The American Ireland Fund from its introduction to the Dallas Irish-American community seventeen years ago in particular through the annual Dallas golf tournament established in part by her late husband, Tom Tierney. Luanne attended many annual Ireland Fund Conferences as well as WineGeese trips. She was instrumental in raising funds and awareness of The American Ireland Fund in Texas.

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