

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Ireland Funds' mission is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

The Australian Chapter was established in 1987, so 2017 is a big year for us as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. This report provides an overview of the combined activities of the Australian Ireland Fund and our Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund (established in 2015 to support projects in Australia) in 2016-2017.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED 2016-2017



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

- Soar — Youth Wellness
- Suas — Literacy
- Solas — Education
- Integrate My School — Education



DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

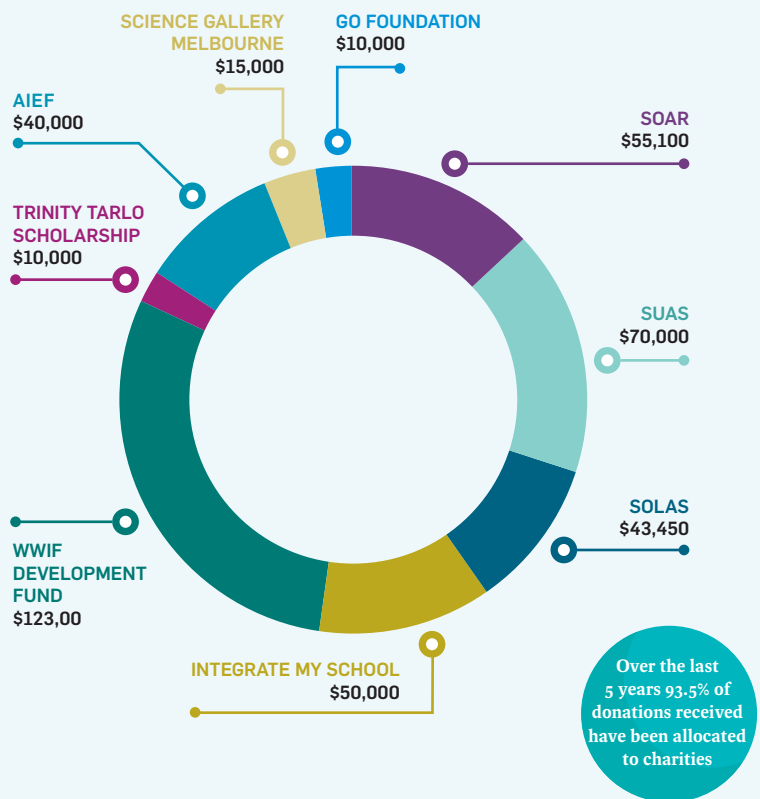
- WWIF Development Fund
- Trinity Tarlo Scholarship
- Suas



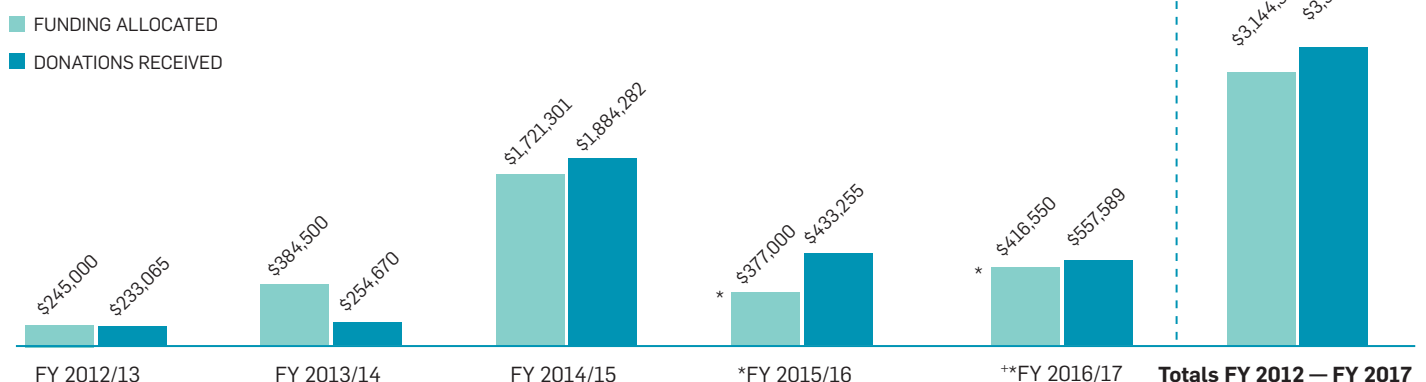
EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

- Australian Indigenous Education Foundation
- Science Gallery Melbourne
- GO Foundation

TOTAL DONATIONS 2016-2017 \$416,550



AIF DONATIONS RECEIVED VS FUNDING ALLOCATED JUNE 2012 — JUNE 2017



* Relates to the aggregated donations and funding allocations of the Australian Ireland Fund and the Australian Ireland Foundation Public Ancillary Fund
 * Donations received represent the donation element of ticket receipts, tax-deductible donations and event sponsorship. It excludes receipts from auction and raffle events.

About our Projects

SUAS

Suas Literacy Support Programme partner with designated disadvantaged (DEIS) schools across Ireland to deliver literacy support to 8 to 14 year olds who are struggling with reading and writing — the building block of almost all future achievements.

Our continued support, including that of the Australian Young Leaders, will allow Suas to;

143

Deliver at least 143 Literacy support projects

1,716

Work at the coalface with 1,716 struggling learners

1,760

Train up to 1,760 mentors to deliver 1:1 support



SOAR

Inspired by Jim Stynes' Reach Foundation of Melbourne, **Soar** provides workshops to young people aged 12-18 across the island of Ireland; specifically, 6th class and Transition Year students, and to young women aged 15-18 through their "Stripped" programme as they are at a transitional period in their lives. Soar facilitate workshops within schools with the potential of a follow up programme.

The Ireland Funds Australia's support will allow Soar to;



Create an environment in which girls can explore themselves wholly and without judgement



Enable girls to develop the tools to improve self-confidence and emotional well-being

1,320

Reach 1,320 young women in 22 schools across Ireland

INTEGRATE MY SCHOOL INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND

Currently **only 7%** of schools are integrated in Northern Ireland despite polls showing **80% support** for integration.

All schools in Northern Ireland are entitled to become integrated, provided a majority of the school community democratically votes in favour of it. Launched in February by the iconic Northern Irish actor Liam Neeson, *Integrate My School* is a one-stop-shop digital platform containing all the information parents require, the platform explains the process of transformation succinctly and allows parents to register their school for it. Transformation is the next exciting and important step in the integrated education movement and we are very proud to be part of that.



SOLAS

The unique point of difference of the **Solas Project** is its long-term, intensive intervention. The 'Step Up' teen mentoring programme provides 1:1 support to 60 students transitioning from primary to secondary education. Solas see a significant amount of young people dis-engaged with their education in secondary school resulting in them leaving with next to no qualifications.



Funding from the IFA will allow additional places in "Step Up" which currently has a number of young people on the waiting list.

AIEF

The AIEF is a private sector led non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers at Australian schools, universities and companies.

Together with the AIEF the Ireland Funds Australia has committed to supporting

80 indigenous scholarship

places at four leading Australian Schools by 2020.



SCIENCE GALLERY MELBOURNE

The University of Melbourne secured the rights to Australia's only node in the highly successful Science Gallery International network, founded at Trinity College in Dublin. Inspired by the innovation at the inaugural Science Gallery in Dublin, The Ireland Funds Australia are delighted to have partnered with Science Gallery Melbourne for their first pop-up exhibition, BLOOD as their official opening night partner on 2 August 2017. When it opens in 2020, Science Gallery Melbourne will be a public-facing, dynamic and engaging space to inspire young adults into the STEM workforce. With **75% of future jobs in Australia expected to require STEM qualifications**, Science Gallery programmes will spark the minds of tomorrow's innovators.

GO FOUNDATION

The Go Foundation in Australia was founded by former Sydney Swans AFL players Adam Goodes and Michael McLoughlin.

Go offers day scholarships to students in public schools. This project is proudly supported by the Australian Young Leaders fundraising efforts.



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Donor Advised Grants enable donors to recommend and contribute directly to projects they are passionate about and that they wish to support. This is a wonderful way for the Fund to work with donors to make a difference and to, where possible, ultimately match them with specific projects.



Ruth Tarlo provided the third Hyman Tarlo Scholarship in Law for 2017/2018 at the Law School of Trinity College. The scholarship is in memory of Ruth's late husband, Hyman Tarlo, who attended Trinity during the 1940s.



The Worldwide Ireland Funds received a donor advised grant from Dr. Stanley Quek for the development of the global Funds.



The Lansdowne Club donor designated \$5,000 to Suas.

How you can support the Ireland Funds Australia and our Charities:

INDIVIDUAL GIVING PROGRAMMES

The Ireland Funds Australia proudly offer 3 individual types of giving programmes. Supporters are invited to join and help further the work of the Ireland Funds. Upon payment of an annual tax deductible contribution, you could become a member of:

GIVING PROGRAMME	ANNUAL TAX DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION
The Governor Programme	\$10,000
The Associate Programme	\$5,000
The Benefactor Programme	\$1,000

BECOME A YOUNG LEADER

The Young Leaders' Network is a key Ireland Funds Programme attracting **professionals aged 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Network cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists, connects the global Irish community, and inspires positive change.** We have Young Leader Networks in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Young Leader membership costs \$200 annually, of which \$150 is tax deductible.

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CORPORATE

BECOME A PARTNER SPONSOR

Your company can become a **Partner Sponsor** of The Ireland Funds Australia by contributing a nominated amount for a **3-year period starting in 2017**. This would allow us to meet some or all overheads and underwrite the cost of day-to-day operations freeing us to focus on fundraising for the recommended and worthy projects we would like to support.

EVENT SPONSOR

We are very lucky to have many companies donate items to us for our Live and Silent Auctions at our 3 major fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane throughout the year. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

OTHER WAYS

If you have a particular skill and some time you can donate to us, we would love to talk to you. If you like what we do please promote the work of The Ireland Funds Australia to your friends and colleagues.

For more Information on any of the above activities please contact Teresa Keating, Executive Director:

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Fundraising Activities 2016-2017



THE
BRISBANE
LUNCHEON

135 guests
\$63,359



THE SYDNEY
GARDEN
PARTY

555 guests
\$215,482



THE GLOBAL
5K RUN

BRISBANE • SYDNEY
• MELBOURNE
\$21,462



THE
MELBOURNE
LUNCHEON

209 guests
\$144,201



Closing Statement

I feel incredibly privileged to be appointed as Chairman of the Ireland Funds Australia this year as we celebrate 30 wonderful years of friendship, fun and giving.

People are at the heart of the Ireland Funds. The outstanding organizations we support across the island of Ireland and in Australia touch the lives of real people, increase opportunities and improve society every day. In this year's grant round you can see us continue multi year journeys with flagship projects like SOAR and the Australian Indigenous Education Fund; support broader approaches on foundational issues through Integrate My School; and partner new projects like Go Foundation and Science Gallery Melbourne.

This year we also benefited from the worldwide Development Program with a roll out of the new communications and branding strategy including new website and marketing assets. We are committed to promoting philanthropy; developing our Young Leaders Network; and playing a leading role in supporting and growing the Global Irish Network. We will continue to support projects in Ireland and here in Australia and we look forward to interacting more with you and sharing our progress.

None of this work would be possible without the amazing support we receive from our Donors, Governors, Benefactors, Sponsors and Supporters. Heartfelt thanks you for supporting our mission so generously throughout 2016/2017.

Yvonne Le Bas

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Chairman
The Ireland Funds Australia

The Ireland Funds Australia is audited by KPMG.

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