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Foreword

by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence



Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Minister for Defence,
Simon Coveney

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In the midst of the global crisis caused by the Covid-19 virus, we are constantly reminded of our global interconnectedness. For us in Ireland, there is no closer connection than with our people abroad and with the Irish communities that span the globe.

This report sets out our practical commitment to this relationship. At the heart of this is the Emigrant Support Programme, which helps to sustain vibrant diaspora communities and supports the most vulnerable, especially the elderly. Welfare-related projects remain the largest category of expenditure under the Programme. It also provides vital support for cultural and heritage projects and for developing Gaelic games internationally. In our interconnected world, we see the value too of fostering networks and communities of shared interest, whether in business or in Irish studies.

The formation of a new Government, which has reaffirmed our commitment to strengthening our relationship with our Diaspora, will give a new impetus to our approach to our Diaspora. In our Programme for Government we have undertaken to hold a referendum on extending voting rights in Presidential elections to our citizens abroad and to publish a new Diaspora Strategy in 2020. We will also seek to help younger members of our diaspora to work and to study in Ireland.

We are a resilient people and, wherever we have gone in the world, we have shown again and again that spirit of resilience. As we confront the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to support our Diaspora communities and help them to thrive in the years to come.

Simon Coveney T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence

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Foreword

by the Minister of State for Overseas Development and Diaspora



Minister of State for Overseas
Development and Diaspora,
Colm Brophy

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Since taking up my appointment as Minister of State for Overseas Development and Diaspora, I have been struck by the enormous resources of goodwill, generosity and solidarity that lie at heart of our diaspora. I have been deeply impressed by the commitment of so many people around the world to supporting their communities and to nurturing and promoting Irish culture and heritage.

This report illustrates the work that members of our global diaspora undertake to assist vulnerable and elderly Irish citizens around the world, to support and promote Irish culture internationally, and to foster networks to develop business and educational links with Ireland. I am proud that the Irish Government supports this work.

As new generations of Irish people engage with the world, and as new means of communication ensure that home is never far away, Irish communities abroad and their connection with Ireland will inevitably continue to evolve. Our new Diaspora Strategy, which we published in 2020, will set out new directions for the coming years as we look to build closer and stronger bonds with the global Irish community.

I look forward to working with you to develop and strengthen those links.

Colm Brophy T.D.

Minister of State for Overseas Development and Diaspora

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colm Brophy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Introduction

Strengthening Ireland’s connections with our people abroad is a key objective of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Ireland's Diaspora Strategy, published by the Government in 2020, sets out an ambitious vision for ‘a vibrant, diverse Global Irish community, connected to Ireland and to each other’. This global community is made up of Irish emigrants, their descendants and those living abroad who share and celebrate an Irish identity and value their links with Ireland.

Central to achieving the objectives of the Diaspora Policy is the Emigrant Support Programme (ESP), which is administered by the Irish Abroad Unit (IAU) of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin, in partnership with Irish Embassies and Consulates abroad. Over the course of 2019, the Irish Abroad Unit’s ESP and Diaspora Affairs budget lines together funded 419 projects from 275 different organisations totalling some €12.794 million. €12.178 million was spent through the Emigrant Support Programme (including Strategic Diaspora Projects) and €0.616 million through the Diaspora Affairs budget line.

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| Emigrant Support Programme (including Strategic Diaspora Projects) | €12,178,232 |
| Diaspora Affairs | €616,422 |



Pop-up Gaeltacht London © Conradh na Gaeilge London

Emigrant Support Programme

The Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) is a tangible expression of the Government's support of and commitment to the global Irish community. Since its inception in 2004, the programme has supported the work of Irish organisations and communities around the world. Grants have ranged from small amounts for small voluntary groups, to major allocations awarded to community organisations operating on a large scale.

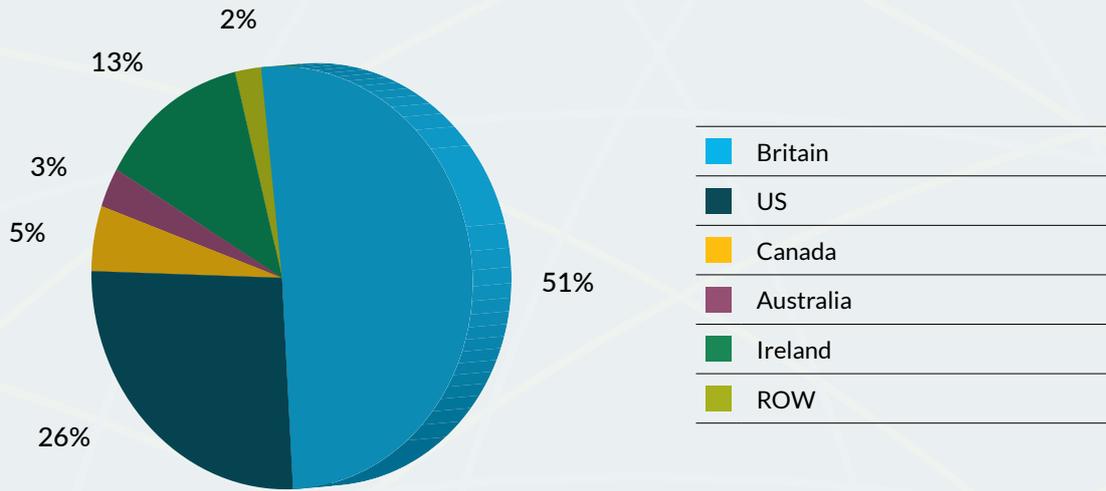
In 2019 over 470 applications were received from 318 organisations requesting over €21 million worth of funding from the Programme's budget. The amount of funding awarded in 2019 was €11,954,107 for 275 projects.

Through the ESP, the Government provides financial support to organisations engaged in the delivery of front line advisory services and community care to Irish emigrants, particularly to the more vulnerable and marginalised members of our community abroad, including the elderly. In addition the ESP also facilitates Irish Government investment in a range of cultural, community and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity, as well as strategic capital projects.

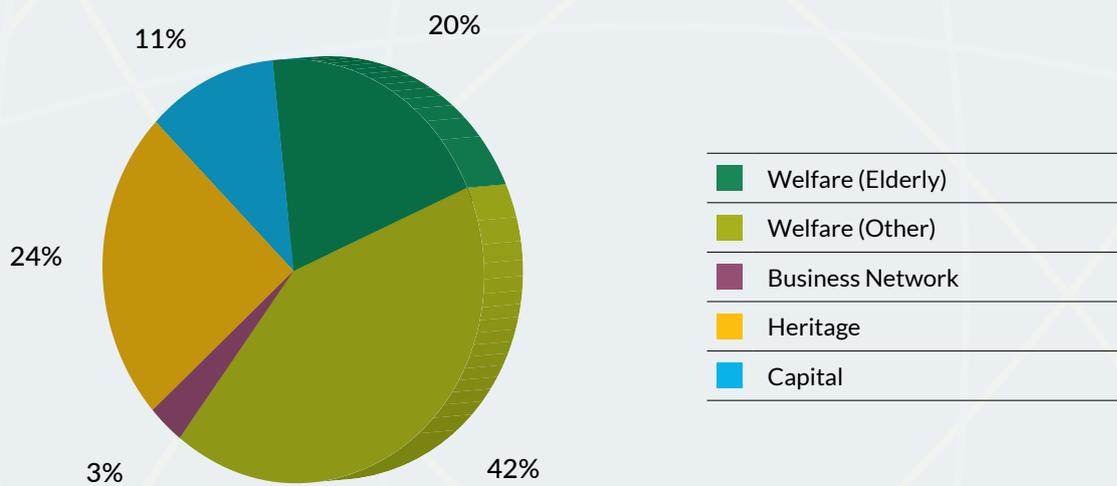
The 'Strategic Diaspora Project' stream supports the work of our embassies and consulates in extending our engagement with diaspora groups in innovative ways. It also assists in developing new diaspora contacts, in particular through reaching out to non-traditional or previously underrepresented diaspora groups. In 2019, funding totalling €224,125 was allocated to 29 projects.

Funding to this Strategic Diaspora stream was allocated to projects which celebrated diversity and which encouraged intergenerational links and cross-organisational collaboration. Many projects focussed on building visibility for under-represented groups within the diaspora, others aimed to showcase our culture and heritage through festivals and exhibitions, while one in South Africa researched the history of Irish missionaries and their contribution towards health and education.

GRAPH 1
ESP EXPENDITURE BY REGION



GRAPH 2
ESP: 2019 FUNDING BY PROJECT CATEGORY



2019 EMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

| | Britain | US | Canada | Australia | Ireland | Rest Of World | Total |
|------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Welfare (E) | €1,701,831 | €366,759 | €36,042 | €83,461 | €251,049 | €0 | €2,439,141 |
| Welfare (O) | €3,027,802 | €1,198,768 | €102,242 | €253,962 | €374,608 | €4,114 | €4,961,497 |
| Business Network | €74,212 | €178,168 | €23,511 | €6,162 | €0 | €70,809 | €352,863 |
| Heritage | €648,426 | €1,091,300 | €90,438 | €44,720 | €881,594 | €117,597 | €2,874,073 |
| Capital | €664,321 | €285,479 | €342,138 | €33,584 | €0 | €1,011 | €1,326,532 |
| Number Totals | €6,116,592 | €3,120,474 | €594,371 | €421,889 | €1,507,251 | €193,531 | €11,954,107 |

Monitoring & Evaluation

Under a commitment set out in the 2015 'Global Irish: Ireland's Diaspora Policy' 1% of the ESP budget is allocated to this annual programme of evaluation and audits. This amounts to €126,000 based on the 2019 ESP budget. Almost €256,000 has been allocated towards audits since 2014.

Between 2014 and the end of 2019, 51 external audits and evaluations have been conducted on organisations funded under the ESP: 37 in Britain, 9 in Ireland, 16 in the US, 4 in Australia and 2 in Canada. In 2019 Irish Abroad Unit continued with an extended Audit Programme and by the end of the 2019-20 programme will have undertaken 17 further audits: 7 in Britain, 8 in the US and 2 in Ireland.

At the time of audit, 16 of the 17 organisations had been in receipt of a 2019-20 grant, of which: 5 were less than €50,000; 4 between €50,000 & €100,000; 3 between €100,000 & €200,000; and 4 of over €200,000.

Collaboration with Irish Cultural Organisations

Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)



Jakarta Dragonflies GAA, Indonesia's first women's Gaelic Football team

Ó Jakarta Dragonflies GAA

There are over 420 GAA clubs outside of Ireland in 45 different countries worldwide.

For over a decade the Department has had an established funding partnership in place with the GAA for Games and Community Development officers in Britain and in areas of the US with grant funding of just over €259,000 allocated for this purpose in 2019.

In addition, since 2013, through the Global Games Development Fund, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the GAA have provided funding for developmental projects in GAA clubs in Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Canada, the US, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America. This Fund provides financial support specifically for projects and initiatives that increase or improve opportunities for the Irish diaspora and other communities abroad to play Gaelic Games, thereby strengthening Irish networks and Irish identity internationally, nurturing a sense of Irish community and creating new links between the global Irish and their local communities.

The growth of Gaelic Games internationally, through the Global Games Development Fund, has been phenomenal. There were 76 successful applications in 2019, compared to 85 in 2018 and 77 in 2017. Some projects are one-off events, while others have activities lasting the course of a year. In 2019 the Department contributed €200,000 to the GAA for the Global Games Development Fund, this amount being matched by the GAA.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

The Department also collaborates closely with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in promoting Irish music worldwide and fostering a deeper sense of connection among the Irish diaspora to their roots. With the assistance of funding through the ESP, Comhaltas reach out through music to the younger generation of Irish communities abroad and to our affinity diaspora. In 2019 €249,500 was allocated to Comhaltas under the ESP for activities in Britain, North America and Japan.

The Emigrant Support Programme at Work: Some Highlights from Around the World



Sláinte Le Chéile
© Sláinte Le Chéile



Sláinte Le Chéile
Britain

Sláinte Le Chéile (Health Together) is Liverpool Irish Centre's hugely successful collaborative project with Irish Community Care which has been funded under the Emigrant Support Programme for a number of years, with £11,600 being allocated to it this year. It provides five weekly health and wellbeing activities in which community members can participate. Participants in the project are supported in making small, manageable positive lifestyle changes in turn creating longer-term health benefits. Sláinte Le Chéile has also been working closely with Liverpool Hope University in providing advice and guidance on all things Health and Wellbeing and Irish in Liverpool.



Black History Month London
Britain

Our Embassy in London hosted for the first time a Black History Month event to celebrate the members of our mixed-race Diaspora. The event was organised with #lamIrish founder, Lorraine Maher.

The programme included a reading by poet Chinedum Muotto and a panel discussion with author Kit De Waal, Rosemary Adaser, founder and CEO of The Association of Mixed-Race Irish, and actor Anthony Ekundayo Lennon. The panel was moderated by Siobhan McKenna, Senior Policy Advisor on the Diversity and Social Policy Team with the Greater London Authority. The evening also included a musical performance by Aoife Gumbs, an artist who performs as LunDun Official.

Organisation partner #lamIrish had separately commissioned a short video showing members of the black Irish community in Dublin over a poem by Chinedum Muotto, and a vox pop of 20 mixed-race Irish people speaking about their heritage. In addition, two projects—one of black-and-white portraits of mixed-race Irish citizens, and the other of mixed-race Irish in and around London—were shown. This project was supported for £2,000.



Ireland Park Foundation Canada

Ireland Park Foundation was established in 2005 to design and build a memorial to the Irish famine in Toronto. The foundation holds events to celebrate the role of the Irish in Canada, including public lectures and performances. It is based in Toronto, where many Irish emigrated during the time of the Famine, and which continues to host a large Irish community.

Previous projects undertaken by the foundation and supported by the Emigrant Support Programme include Ireland Park, the principal memorial to the Irish famine in Toronto, and Dr George Robert Grasett Park, a memorial to the medical professionals who treated the Irish when they arrived in Toronto in 1847. In 2019 ESP supported Ireland Park foundation with funding of CAD\$500,000 towards the construction of a new headquarters and community space on the Toronto Waterfront.



Ireland Park Foundation's proposed new headquarters on Eireann Quay, supported by ESP

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Sydney Queer Irish Australia

Sydney Queer Irish (SQI) are a social group which exists to support those members of the Irish and Irish Australian communities in Sydney and New South Wales who identify as LGBTQIA+. With the support of the Emigrant Support Programme SQI were able to participate in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in March 2019 celebrating the links between Ireland and the Global Irish while proudly promoting a progressive and modern Ireland.



Sydney Queer Irish © Kate Rawlins

The 2019 theme of “Solas” represented Ireland leading the way for equality for its LGBT community. Up to 120 people marched with the float watched by 500,000 spectators in the city and many more on television and online. The group performed a choreographed routine with umbrellas demonstrating an inclusive message that we are all under the same umbrella. Four large puppets representing the provinces of Ireland also flanked the marchers. Irish artist Róisín Murphy provided music while LGBT activist Rory O’Neill aka Panti Bliss marched with the group attracting a large online audience. Increasing their presence year on year SQI continue to contribute, celebrate and maintain links between Ireland and its diaspora while representing Ireland’s diversity, fostering a more vibrant sense of community, and developing Irish identity.

Presidential Distinguished Service Award

The Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad, administered by the Irish Abroad Unit, is an expression of the importance placed by Ireland on the Global Irish, their contributions and their achievements.

The Awards are presented by the President every year. They provide recognition by the Irish State of people living abroad who have given sustained and distinguished service to Ireland or to Irish communities abroad, or on a global or international issue of importance.

While the scheme is open to all persons living outside Ireland, it is primarily aimed at Irish citizens, those entitled to Irish citizenship and persons of Irish descent. To date, the Awards have been presented to 83 recipients from diverse locations and backgrounds, who have made their contributions to Ireland in many different ways.

Nominations for the Award are made through our diplomatic mission network, and are considered by a High Level Panel. The Panel recommends up to a total of 10 people every year from these nominations which are then submitted to Government for approval. The categories under which individuals can be nominated are:

- Arts, Culture and Sport;
- Business and Education;
- Charitable Works;
- Irish Community Support;
- Peace, Reconciliation and Development;
- Science, Technology and Innovation
(additional category introduced in 2016).

The overall cost of the PDSA scheme to IAU in 2019 was just over €42,000.

The recipients of the 2019 Awards are as follows:

| PDSA Recipient 2019 | Category | Location |
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| Ian Gibson | Arts, Culture and Sport | Spain |
| Charlotte Moore & Ciarán O'Reilly | Arts, Culture and Sport | US |
| Paul Drechsler | Business and Education | Britain |
| Michael Kenneally & Rhona Richman Kenneally | Business and Education | Canada |
| Fr. Patrick Clarke | Charitable Works | Brazil |
| Bernárd Lynch | Charitable Works | Britain |
| Jackie Donohoe | Irish Community Support | US |
| Sally O'Neill Sanchez (Deceased) | Peace, Reconciliation & Development | Honduras |
| Jocelyn Bell Burnell | Science, Technology & Innovation | Britain |
| William Howlett | Science, Technology & Innovation | Tanzania |



Celebrating the achievements of the Irish abroad - The President and Mrs Higgins with the Tánaiste, Minister of State Cannon and 2019 PDSA Recipients
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St Brigid's Day

The celebration of St Brigid's Day was chosen by the Department as a new and innovative way to show the work of trailblazing, inspirational Irish women. Building on the success of Embassy London's inaugural event in 2018 and coordinated by Irish Abroad Unit, Brigid's Day 2019 saw an expanded programme of events take place internationally over several days, with more than 18 embassies and consulates hosting events to celebrate the pioneering and creative role of Irish women in various aspects of life.

The programme of international events in 2019 saw London hosting events over three days, covering art, literature, poetry, history, comedy, politics and theatre. Berlin held a two-day festival of Irish female writers called Brigid Meets Berlin, while Brussels held an event on the women who shaped Ireland and the world. Across the globe, Irish authors such as Sally Rooney, Cecilia Ahern and Emma Donohue took part in the celebrations, along with poets Moya Cannon and Eavan Boland and many others.

Former Presidents Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese, along with Deputies Frances Fitzgerald and Joan Burton attended and spoke at events in Washington and London, addressing topics around Women in Politics and Women in Leadership. Science Foundation Ireland, and Irish female scientists took part in a celebration of women in science in Boston, highlighting the Government's STEM initiatives, particularly in encouraging women and girls to study and work in STEM.

With the great enthusiasm that St Brigid's Day has inspired so far, the Irish Abroad Unit is looking forward to expanding this celebration of women, and bringing Brigid to an even wider range of locations in 2020.



Olwen Fouéré at St Brigid's Day
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Diaspora Affairs

Since 2017, Irish Abroad Unit has had responsibility for an additional Diaspora Affairs budget line. Ten projects totalling €616,422 were funded in 2019. Key priorities under the Diaspora Affairs budget were projects to support returning emigrants and to strengthen connections between Irish and diaspora communities.

The major projects supported under Diaspora Affairs in 2019 were Ireland Reaching Out and Back for Business. Ireland Reaching Out helps to connect members of the diaspora with the places and communities their ancestors came from. By contrast, Back for Business helps returning emigrants to start and develop a business.

The Department also provided further funding for a Historian-in-Residence at EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum, to carry out original historical research on emigrants from Ireland. This project provided three exhibitions, on Irish diaspora women, Irish educators and Irish seafarers, which have toured cities globally with the support of Ireland's network of diplomatic missions.



Irish Educators Abroad:
Building Something Wonderful,
an exhibition at EPIC the Irish
Emigration Museum.

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Returning Emigrants

Recent years have seen a welcome increase in the numbers of Irish emigrants returning to Ireland, with the Central Statistics Office reporting 26,900 Irish citizens returning to Ireland in 2018-19. The Government is committed to facilitating returning emigrants and to eliminating administrative barriers to return.

Interdepartmental Committee on the Irish Abroad

In 2019 the Interdepartmental Committee on the Irish Abroad has concentrated its efforts on addressing potential barriers to return, that is, administrative procedures disproportionately affecting citizens returning to Ireland, split across nine thematic areas:

- Information Provision
- Housing
- Driving
- Employment
- Finance and Banking
- Health and Childcare
- Immigration and Welfare
- Education
- Setting up a Business

Citizens Information Bureau

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided funding of €85,000 to support a new online information service which was launched in 2019 on the website of the Citizen's Information Bureau, to provide detailed and comprehensive information and step-by-step guidance for citizens returning to Ireland. This was accessed by 58,000 users in 2019.

Emigrant Support Programme

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided significant funding and support to organisations, including Crosscare Migrant Project and Safe Home Ireland, which work with citizens who wish to return to Ireland. Over the last decade over €5 million has been allocated to Irish based organisations working with returning emigrants.

Back for Business - Returning Emigrant Entrepreneur Mentoring Programme

Research suggests that time spent living abroad improves capacity to succeed in creating and growing businesses. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is funding a mentoring and entrepreneurship development programme, “Back for Business”, which ran in 2018 and 2019, to support increased business development and investment among returning emigrants.

Public Consultations in Ireland and with Irish Communities Overseas on Diaspora Policy 2020-2025

The Irish Abroad Unit held a series of public consultations over the course of the year in Ireland and among Irish diaspora communities abroad. These were designed to assess the effectiveness of Ireland's Diaspora Policy and gather feedback on how we can improve it.

Over 30 consultation meetings were held in 2019, of which 6 took place in Ireland. Attendance was diverse, with representation from a range of diaspora organisations and interested members of the public.

Written submissions by email or by post were encouraged as part of the consultation process and we received 73 written submissions from individuals and organisations working with diaspora communities across the globe. A survey into attitudes towards the diaspora among the Irish public was also carried out.

The main outcomes of the consultations showed:

- Strong support in Ireland for engaging with and supporting our diaspora communities;
- Agreement that the welfare of the most vulnerable members of our diaspora should remain at the heart of Ireland's Diaspora Policy;
- A general conviction that Diaspora Policy should recognise the diversity of the contemporary diaspora, and should reflect the values of modern Ireland;
- Recognition of the unifying role of culture, sport, and the Irish language within diaspora communities; and
- Support for the evolution and reform of existing diaspora support mechanisms.

Diaspora strategy public consultations
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Locations

Ireland: Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry and Mayo

Overseas: Atlanta, Auckland, Berlin, Boston, Buenos Aires, Brussels, Canada (e-survey), Canberra, Chicago, London, Melbourne, Paris, San Francisco, Seattle, Santiago, Singapore, Sydney, United Arab Emirates (e-survey), Vancouver, Warsaw, Washington DC

Annex 1. Emigrant Support Programme 2019 grants awarded

| COUNTRY | TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Australia | €421,888.73 |
| Austria | €10,000.00 |
| Belgium | €30,500.00 |
| Brazil | €13,452.75 |
| Britain | €6,116,592.08 |
| Canada | €594,371.50 |
| France | €4,115.00 |
| Germany | €4,600.00 |
| Hong Kong | €3,514.20 |
| Ireland | €1,507,250.54 |
| Japan | €20,343.77 |
| Kenya | €5,685.30 |
| Luxembourg | €6,000.00 |
| Malaysia | €8,618.46 |
| Mexico | €11,562.41 |
| Netherlands | €4,092.16 |
| New Zealand | €380.34 |
| Norway | €4,911.42 |
| Portugal | €14,950.00 |
| South Africa | €12,340.30 |
| Sweden | €10,894.23 |
| Switzerland | €3,273.32 |
| UAE | €9,297.16 |
| USA | €3,120,473.75 |
| Zimbabwe | €15,000.00 |
| Grand Total | €11,954,107.41 |

ORGANISATION**FUNDING AWARDED**

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|--|--------------------|
| Australia | €421,888.73 |
| Canberra Irish Club | €8,010.85 |
| Celtic Club Inc | €1,830.17 |
| Claddagh Association | €92,105.62 |
| Irish Australian Association | €21,567.66 |
| Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce | €18,178.46 |
| Irish Australian Support and Resource Bureau Inc | €75,634.09 |
| Irish Australian Support Association Queensland | €66,822.78 |
| Irish Language School Sydney - Scoil na Gaeilge Sydney Inc | €1,239.39 |
| Irish Screen Projects | €9,243.28 |
| Irish Support Agency | €98,238.85 |
| Melbourne Irish Festival Committee Inc | €3,081.09 |
| Queensland Irish Choir Inc (QIC) | €1,925.53 |
| St Patrick's Day Parade Association Inc | €9,243.28 |
| St Patrick's Day WA Inc | €8,605.50 |
| Sydney Queer Irish | €6,162.19 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Austria | €10,000.00 |
| Vienna Centre for Irish Studies | €10,000.00 |

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Belgium | €30,500.00 |
| EFACIS | €30,500.00 |

ORGANISATION**FUNDING AWARDED**

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| Brazil | €13,452.75 |
| Brazilian Association of Irish Studies (ABEI) | €2,964.32 |
| Irish Business Network Brazil | €3,223.81 |
| WB Yeats Chair of Irish Studies at Universidade de São Paulo | €7,264.62 |

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| Britain | €6,116,592.08 |
| Acton Homeless Concern Emmaus House and The Damien Centre | €33,125.38 |
| Age UK Hillingdon, Harrow & Brent | €11,041.18 |
| Ashford Place | €180,202.06 |
| Bell Farm Christian Centre | €7,640.00 |
| Birmingham Irish Association | €238,149.80 |
| Birmingham Tradfest Ltd | €5,457.14 |
| Bolton Irish Community Association Social Club Limited | €8,731.43 |
| Brent Adolescent Centre (Brent Centre for Young People) | €22,015.74 |
| Brent Irish Advisory Service | €128,979.19 |
| Brian Boru IDL Club | €16,644.29 |
| Causeway Irish Housing Association | €5,080.55 |
| Causeway, Ireland Scotland Business Exchange | €27,604.48 |
| Celtic and Irish Cultural Society | €13,061.87 |
| Coiste Cuimhneacháin An Gorta Mór | €3,274.29 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge Glaschú | €47,645.33 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge i Londain | €4,416.72 |
| Corby Irish Centre | €1,637.14 |
| Corby Young at Hearts | €9,822.86 |
| Council of Irish County Associations - London (CICA,) | €12,145.97 |
| Coventry Irish Society | €66,031.46 |

| ORGANISATION | FUNDING AWARDED |
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| Britain (continued) | |
| Derby SPD Celebration Committee | €2,870.87 |
| Edinburgh's Festival of Ireland | €5,457.14 |
| Emerald Circle Group | €4,365.71 |
| Emerald Senior Citizens' Group | €4,365.72 |
| Feith an Cheoil School of Music | €7,729.25 |
| Friends, Families and Travellers | €38,200.02 |
| Gloucester & District Irish Society Ltd | €41,067.76 |
| Golden Shamrock Club | €9,385.52 |
| Halifax & District Irish Society | €5,457.15 |
| Haringey Irish Centre | €187,632.26 |
| Haslingden Davitt Irish Democratic League Club | €4,365.71 |
| Huddersfield Saint Patrick's Day Parade Association | €4,968.81 |
| IIBN - Irish International Business Network | €33,834.30 |
| Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy (ICAP) | €165,242.34 |
| Innisfree Housing Association | €4,516.05 |
| Irish Chaplaincy | €272,732.29 |
| Irish Community Care (Merseyside) | €313,021.84 |
| Irish Community Care Manchester | €161,553.75 |
| Irish Community Services in Greenwich, Bexley & Lewisham | €222,105.79 |
| Irish Cultural Centre | €164,805.78 |
| Irish Cultural Centre (Lancashire Federation) | €29,024.88 |
| Irish Democratic League of Great Britain | €4,177.34 |
| Irish Elderly Advice Network | €115,691.47 |
| Irish Film London | €36,128.39 |
| Irish Heritage | €8,185.72 |
| Irish in Britain | €464,398.08 |

| ORGANISATION | FUNDING AWARDED |
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| Britain (continued) | |
| Irish Literary Society | €4,747.97 |
| Irish Music and Dance in London (IMDL) | €22,920.01 |
| Irish Pensioners Choir | €4,147.43 |
| Irish Pensioners Forum of East London | €5,457.14 |
| Irish Studies Workshop | €3,312.54 |
| Irish Tuesday Club | €8,185.72 |
| Jersey Irish Society | €6,165.67 |
| Kilburn Irish Pensioners | €3,048.33 |
| Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange (GATE) | €53,663.12 |
| Leeds Irish Arts Foundation | €38,495.79 |
| Leeds Irish Health and Homes | €216,596.27 |
| Leeds St Patrick's Day Parade | €9,822.86 |
| Leicester & Leicestershire Irish Forum | €23,102.28 |
| Leicestershire GATE (Gypsy and Traveller Equalities) | €22,083.59 |
| Lewisham Irish Community Centre | €83,369.89 |
| Liverpool Irish Centre | €41,505.58 |
| Liverpool Irish Festival | €12,551.43 |
| London Gypsies and Travellers | €85,560.00 |
| London Irish Centre | €1,083,282.50 |
| London Irish Graduate Network | €528.01 |
| Luton Irish Forum | €146,797.20 |
| Lynx Theatre and Poetry | €7,640.00 |
| Manchester Irish Education Group | €1,309.71 |
| Manchester Irish Language Group | €728.76 |
| Mansfield & Dukeries Irish Association | €7,508.42 |
| Maya Centre | €24,557.15 |

| ORGANISATION | FUNDING AWARDED |
|---|-----------------|
| Britain (continued) | |
| Milton Keynes Irish Centre Ltd | €12,422.01 |
| Monica's Place Limited | €54,709.88 |
| New Horizon Youth Centre | €27,224.60 |
| NOAH Enterprise | €57,845.74 |
| North Wales Irish Society | €3,820.00 |
| Northampton Irish Support Group | €46,038.66 |
| Nottingham St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival | €6,209.57 |
| Passage 2000 | €37,123.87 |
| Portsmouth Irish Society | €2,258.02 |
| Safe Start Foundation | €77,292.55 |
| Sandwell Irish Society | €37,654.30 |
| SanKTus | €27,285.72 |
| Sheffield Irish Association | €883.34 |
| SIFA Fireside | €16,370.68 |
| Solace Women's Aid | €39,515.43 |
| South London Irish Association | €6,965.97 |
| Southwark Irish Pensioners Project | €108,798.10 |
| Southwark Travellers Action Group | €41,067.76 |
| St Patrick's Festival Birmingham | €13,548.15 |
| St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church | €764.22 |
| Strange Fish Theatre | €2,321.99 |
| Teesside Irish Society | €2,572.74 |
| The Aisling Project | €118,147.19 |
| The Benefit Advice Shop | €2,182.85 |
| The Emerald Centre | €56,754.30 |
| The Greenwich Irish Pensioners Association | €4,365.72 |

ORGANISATION**FUNDING AWARDED****Britain (continued)**

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| The Huddersfield Irish Centre | €4,365.72 |
| The Irish Club Warrington | €5,348.00 |
| The Irish Hibernian Society | €14,570.58 |
| The Traveller Movement | €132,501.52 |
| Tyneside Irish Centre | €17,462.86 |
| Tyneside Irish Cultural Society | €39,848.19 |
| Wake The Beast | €2,933.41 |
| West Hampstead Women's Centre | €7,729.25 |
| West Midlands Irish Business Group | €4,516.04 |
| Women's Irish Network | €7,729.25 |
| York Irish Association | €4,365.71 |

Canada**€594,371.50**

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| Anna Livia Productions (Toronto Bloomsday) | €4,089.14 |
| Capital Area Chapter, Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick | €2,772.77 |
| Celtic Cultural Society of Nova Scotia | €4,105.65 |
| CelticFest Vancouver Society | €10,397.89 |
| Ciné Gael Montréal | €2,052.83 |
| Emerald Isle Seniors Centre | €28,420.91 |
| Festival Bloomsday Montreal | €2,052.83 |
| Halifax St. Patrick's Day Parade Society | €2,394.96 |
| ICCCTO | €4,770.67 |
| Ireland Canada Centre for Commerce, Calgary | €4,286.79 |
| Ireland Canada Chamber of Commerce Montréal | €2,494.38 |
| Ireland Park Foundation | €342,137.68 |

ORGANISATION**FUNDING AWARDED****Canada (continued)**

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| Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa | €5,825.92 |
| Irish Association of Manitoba Inc | €13,001.23 |
| Irish Benevolent Society of B.C. | €2,322.20 |
| Irish Canadian Immigration Centre | €100,743.42 |
| Irish Chamber of Commerce Vancouver | €6,133.71 |
| Irish Club of White Rock | €3,407.62 |
| Irish Families in Vancouver | €2,772.77 |
| Irish Film Festival Ottawa | €4,789.93 |
| Irish Seniors Social Group Ottawa (ISSGO) | €5,792.95 |
| Irish Women's Network of BC | €3,327.33 |
| O'Brien Farm Foundation | €13,685.51 |
| Okanagan Irish Society | €2,677.11 |
| The New Trad Society | €4,105.65 |
| Toronto Irish Film Festival | €3,421.38 |
| Toronto Irish Players | €6,842.75 |
| Vancouver Irish Film Festival | €5,545.54 |

France**€4,115.00**

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| Association Franco-Irlandaise de Lyon (AFIL) | €600.00 |
| Irish in France Association | €3,515.00 |

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| Germany | €4,600.00 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge, Hamburg | €1,800.00 |
| Munich Irish Network MIN | €2,800.00 |
| Hong Kong | €3,514.20 |
| St Patrick's Society Hong Kong | €3,514.20 |
| Ireland | €1,507,250.54 |
| Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann | €248,000.00 |
| Crosscare Migrant Project | €231,048.00 |
| GAA | €422,042.00 |
| Gallery of Photography Ireland | €74,000.00 |
| Ireland Canada University Foundation | €110,015.00 |
| Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO) | €143,560.00 |
| Irish Heritage Trust | €19,536.54 |
| Irish Pages Ltd | €8,000.00 |
| Safe Home Programme CLG | €251,049.00 |
| Japan | €20,343.77 |
| Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce | €20,343.77 |
| Kenya | €5,685.30 |
| Business Ireland Kenya | €5,685.30 |

| ORGANISATION | FUNDING AWARDED |
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| Luxembourg | €6,000.00 |
| British & Irish Film Season (BIFS) | €6,000.00 |
| Malaysia | €8,618.46 |
| Irish Chamber of Commerce Malaysia (ICCM) | €8,618.46 |
| Mexico | €11,562.41 |
| Irish Mexican Chamber | €11,562.41 |
| Netherlands | €4,092.16 |
| Ireland Netherlands Business Association | €4,092.16 |
| New Zealand | €380.34 |
| Irish Interest Group NZSG | €380.34 |
| Norway | €4,911.42 |
| Norwegian Irish Society | €2,890.26 |
| The Oslo Bloomsday Society | €2,021.16 |
| Portugal | €14,950.00 |
| Ireland Portugal Business Network | €14,950.00 |

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| South Africa | €12,340.30 |
| Business Ireland Southern Africa | €4,497.12 |
| Irish South African Association | €7,843.18 |
| Sweden | €10,894.23 |
| Irish Chamber of Commerce in Sweden | €5,609.39 |
| The Swedish Irish Society | €5,284.84 |
| Switzerland | €3,273.32 |
| Irish Business Network Switzerland | €3,273.32 |
| UAE | €9,297.16 |
| Irish Business Network | €9,297.16 |
| USA | €3,120,473.75 |
| Aisling Irish Community Center | €138,672.05 |
| Amherst Irish Association/Cumann Gaelach Amherst | €4,034.43 |
| Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc. | €4,482.70 |
| Battery Heritage | €8,741.26 |
| Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Parade, Inc. | €9,105.81 |
| Brookside Irish Fest d.b.a. Kansas City Irish Fest | €8,967.81 |
| Catholic Charities Community Services | €53,844.25 |
| Celtic Junction Arts Center | €27,183.76 |
| CelticMKE | €48,930.77 |
| Chicago Celts for Immigration Reform | €27,183.76 |
| Chicago Irish Film Festival | €6,569.41 |

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| USA (continued) | |
| Chicago Irish Immigrant Support | €217,492.38 |
| CNAG Gaelic League LA | €3,673.43 |
| Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers | €82,117.10 |
| Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center | €19,122.24 |
| Corrib Theatre | €4,591.79 |
| Cumann na Gaeilge i mBoston | €11,318.81 |
| Daltaí na Gaeilge | €7,783.08 |
| Digital Irish | €39,610.27 |
| Edward M Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate | €18,827.33 |
| Emerald Isle Immigration Center | €303,791.73 |
| Gael Scoil | €4,591.79 |
| Gaelic American Athletic Association of Buffalo, NY Inc. | €1,377.54 |
| Gaelic League and Irish American Club of Detroit | €5,436.75 |
| Gingold Theatrical Group | €9,183.58 |
| Glucksman Ireland House NYU | €9,183.58 |
| Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center | €6,400.96 |
| Hibernian Society of Utah | €2,755.07 |
| Hibernian Transmedia NFP | €4,530.63 |
| Hudson Valley Irish Fest Inc | €13,775.37 |
| Inis Nua Theatre Company | €3,281.33 |
| Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, Inc | €32,142.53 |
| Irish American Community Center | €16,071.26 |
| Irish American Heritage Center | €15,458.02 |
| Irish American Heritage Museum | €11,020.29 |
| Irish American Partnership | €13,448.09 |
| Irish and Irish American Studies | €11,117.09 |

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| USA (continued) | |
| Irish Apostolate USA | €36,304.86 |
| Irish Business Organization of New York, Inc. | €9,183.58 |
| Irish Congress of Southern California | €5,510.15 |
| Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation | €18,367.16 |
| Irish Cultural Center of Western New England | €47,068.32 |
| Irish Cultural Centre, Inc | €105,791.64 |
| Irish Cultural Forum | €9,061.25 |
| Irish Culture Bay Area | €4,552.90 |
| Irish Fair of Minnesota | €13,658.71 |
| Irish Film Festival Boston | €8,965.39 |
| Irish Heritage Center Charitable Foundation (Cincinnati, OH) | €9,105.81 |
| Irish Heritage Club | €16,071.26 |
| Irish Heritage Society of Milford | €7,346.86 |
| Irish Immigration Center | €191,018.46 |
| Irish Immigration Pastoral Center | €166,315.55 |
| Irish International Business Network-New York, Inc. | €24,795.67 |
| Irish International Immigrant Center | €263,986.01 |
| Irish Network Bay Area | €3,642.32 |
| Irish Network Boston | €5,379.24 |
| Irish Network USA | €20,494.08 |
| Irish Network-DC | €11,020.30 |
| Irish Pastoral Centre | €173,933.12 |
| Irish Screen America | €32,865.86 |
| Irish Studies at Queens College/CUNY | €7,346.86 |
| Irish Traditions Atlanta | €6,342.88 |
| John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library Foundation | €67,240.45 |

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| USA (continued) | |
| Kansas City Irish Center | €91,058.10 |
| Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians | €11,779.63 |
| Louisiana Hibernian Charity | €13,775.37 |
| Maine Irish Heritage Center | €49,520.28 |
| Mother Jones Heritage Project | €41,409.93 |
| Museum of the American Revolution | €18,122.51 |
| Nassau AOH Feis | €1,075.85 |
| New York Irish Center | €117,446.65 |
| Origin Theatre Company | €27,550.74 |
| President and Fellows of Harvard College: Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures | €31,378.87 |
| Savannah Irish Festival Committee, Inc. | €8,965.39 |
| Scituate/West Cork Sister City Committee | €1,120.67 |
| Solace House, Inc. | €18,367.16 |
| Solas Nua | €20,149.44 |
| St. Patrick's Day Parade, Inc | €39,489.39 |
| St. Pats for All Parade | €7,172.31 |
| The Friends of Irish Studies in the West | €20,663.05 |
| The Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas | €1,377.54 |
| The Ireland Network Chicago | €18,122.51 |
| The Irish Music School Of Chicago | €13,591.88 |
| The Irish Outreach Center | €67,407.48 |
| The Rosenbach | €9,183.58 |
| United Irish Cultural Center | €15,573.20 |
| Wild Geese Network of Irish Scientists | €2,689.62 |
| YoFi Fest, Inc. | €2,295.89 |

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Grand Total**€11,954,107.41**



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