

IRISH YOUTH FOUNDATION (UK) GRANT AWARDS 2018 FOR PROJECTS BASED IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

Birmingham Irish Association

www.birminghamirish.org.uk

£3,000 has been awarded for Bereavement Support for young Irish Children: funding to continue providing a culturally appropriate and sensitive bereavement support service to young Irish children who have suffered a loss of a close family relative. The project provides support to young people and their families in the home setting, or wherever comfortable for the child, aiming to increase wellbeing, build confidence and self-esteem, and enhance educational attainment following a recent bereavement.

Birmingham Irish Association was established in 1957 and aims to provide a range of support, advice and information to meet the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish community in Birmingham.

Birmingham TradFest

www.birminghamtradfest.co.uk

£2,000 has been awarded for The Trip to Birmingham TradFest: towards the promotion of Irish traditional music in a variety of ways throughout the year, aiming to foster greater levels of engagement with, and appreciation of, a shared sense of Irish heritage among young Irish people in Birmingham. A varied programme of projects occur during the year, the biggest of which is the annual 'Trip to Birmingham Tradfest' festival in November. Other projects include a 'Schools Programme', monthly participation sessions and concerts.

Birmingham TradFest is a not-for-profit organisation set up by 4 Birmingham-born Irish individuals under 25 in November 2013 with a number of aims centred on positively impacting other young Irish people in Birmingham. Their overall aim is to promote greater levels of engagement with, and along with this a greater appreciation of, a shared sense of Irish heritage among young Irish people in Birmingham and, in turn, other cities in the UK through the celebration of Irish traditional music.

The Brandon Centre, London

www.brandoncentre.org.uk

£3,000 has been awarded as a contribution towards the cost of providing a priority counselling and psychotherapy service for young Irish people aged 12-24 and their families.

The Brandon Centre, formerly The London Youth Advisory Centre, was founded in 1968. The principal objective of the Centre is to provide an accessible and flexible professional service in response to the psychological, medical, sexual and social problems of troubled young people aged 12-25 and their families. It aims to relieve distress, mobilise personal resources and facilitate growth in adolescents towards responsibility and self-fulfilment.

Brent Centre for Young People, London

www.brentcentre.org.uk

£4,000 has been awarded towards the Mental Health Support & Liaison Project: to provide vital centre-based AET and Psychotherapy to at least 40 young Irish people. These are effective talking therapies, helping Irish young people to develop the capacity to think and to recognise their own thoughts and feelings about their situations, the first step on the path to recovery from entrenched mental and emotional difficulties. Practical support will be offered to the most vulnerable who have a range of other complex issues preventing recovery such as homelessness, debt, or not being in education, employment or training. These young people will be provided with Intensive, tailored, culturally sensitive and practical support sessions for as long as necessary to achieve self-set goals, such as entering education, training or employment, accessing benefits or finding housing. The Brent Centre for Young People has been delivering support to young people with mental health problems and emotional issues since 1967. BCYP has grown to become the leading provider of mental health services for young people before they reach crisis point, working from the Centre, in local schools and at the Youth Offending Service in the borough of Brent and helping over 600 young people every year.

Conradh na Gaeilge Glaschú, Glasgow

www.cnag-glaschu.co.uk

£1,000 has been awarded towards Irish Culture Summer Scheme for Children: towards a 5-day Summer Scheme for children involving them in Irish culture through music, songs, dance, drama & sports activities in the southside of Glasgow which has a large 1st-4th generation Irish community in an area of some deprivation with few facilities, particularly for children. All activities are used to introduce/improve the children's Irish language skills.

Conradh na Gaeilge Glaschú (The Gaelic League Glasgow)'s aim is to promote and maintain Irish language and culture in Glasgow's large Irish community. It provides each week 7 Irish language classes for adults and 1 for children as well as social and cultural activities, events and workshops for the Irish community living in Glasgow and surrounding areas.

Feith an Cheoil School of Traditional Irish Music, Enfield, N London

www.feighancheoil.co.uk

£500 has been awarded towards developing the musicianship and talent of Feith an Cheoil's young members by participation in group performances, graded exams and community outreach projects. Feith an Cheoil School of Traditional Irish Music has been established since September 2006 and has students ranging from age 7-18 from local primary and secondary schools in the Enfield and surrounding areas of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Friends, Families & Travellers, Brighton, Sussex

www.gypsy-traveller.org

£3,000 has been awarded for Youth Irish Travellers Better Futures: towards the salary costs of a part-time dedicated support worker to deliver a culturally sensitive on-site homework and linked holiday activities programme for young Irish Travellers across Sussex. The project aims to offer a weekly homework club; cultural projects reflecting their identity; support for parents to read with younger children with visits to schools in school time to reduce fear, and a fortnightly enrichment programme during holidays to build confidence and raise aspirations. It will target young people aged 16-25 living in unauthorised encampments, on Traveller sites and in housing. Young Travellers will be involved in decisions regarding project delivery and the evaluations and recommendations of the project.

Friends, Families & Travellers is a small, dynamic, community led charity, supporting and advocating on behalf of Gypsies & Travellers. Using assertive outreach and community role models, it aims to help Travellers identify their health, education and cultural needs and bridge them into the services that meet their needs. They also work with mainstream agencies and national policy makers to encourage fair legislation, inclusivity, community cohesion and accessible services.

icap (Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy), London & Birmingham

www.icap.org.uk

£5,000 has been awarded towards Supporting Young Irish People: towards the provision of psychotherapy sessions for up to 12 young Irish people under the age of 30 years old in London and Birmingham.

icap provides individuals and groups with culturally sensitive, weekly open-ended psychotherapy, particularly to the Irish community in Britain. Whilst the target group is Irish, immigrants from any ethnic background are also welcomed.

Irish Arts Foundation, Leeds

www.irisharts.org.uk

£1,000 has been awarded towards the Ireland in Schools Programme: to consolidate and further develop the 'Ireland in Schools' programme of workshops in primary schools across Leeds, targeted at Key Stage 2 (ages 8-11) and focused on music, dance and Celtic Art. The workshops take place in schools with a large 2nd, 3rd and/or dual heritage Irish and settled Irish Traveller intake, many of which are in areas that experience deprivation on a number of levels.

Irish Arts Foundation is a community based youth and cultural development inner city project providing access to engagement in Traditional Irish music and cultural activities through classes, workshops, access to materials, resources, promotion and performance.

Irish Chaplaincy

www.irishchaplaincy.org.uk

£7,000 has been awarded for Irish Youth in Prison: funding towards the development of the prisoner advocacy service to address the growing needs of young Irish people within the criminal justice system throughout England and Wales. Factors such as distance, cultural differences, education issues, mental health, legal difficulties, and the welfare of the partners and children of young Irish prisoners are addressed in a holistic way. The project includes a special focus on the literacy needs of young prisoners from the Traveller community. Prison visiting and casework provides advocacy and support throughout a young person's period of incarceration which can be a considerable number of years. Aware that there are particular difficulties in the rehabilitation of Young Offenders, Irish Chaplaincy are also planning to extend the Resettlement project to young Irish Travellers in HMP ISIS, whereby they will receive training and post-release employment in Irish construction firms.

The Irish Chaplaincy is a leading social action charity established in 1957 addressing anti-Irish and anti-Traveller discrimination and the needs of vulnerable and socially isolated Irish people by offering free support through the following areas of work: Prisoners, Older Persons Outreach, Travellers Outreach and new immigrants.

Irish Community Care, Liverpool

www.iccm.org.uk

£9,500 has been awarded for Young People's Advice & Advocacy Support: funding to sustain Irish Community Care's work with young Irish people, young Irish Travellers and their families in the North West to ensure that they have a decent place to live, access appropriate support services and their entitlements, maintain family links, stay safe and well, do not reoffend, have opportunities for personal growth and development, education, training and employment opportunities, encouraging community participation, cohesion and citizenship.

Irish Community Care is a small dynamic needs-led agency aiming to identify and respond to the needs of Irish people, offering a range of professional and culturally sensitive services. ICC offers a comprehensive service meeting the health, social care and cultural needs of young Irish people and Irish Travellers in the North West.

Irish Cultural Centre, Hammersmith, London

www.irishculturalcentre.co.uk

£7,000 has been awarded towards Children & Youth Music Education: towards the continuation of the ICC's Scholarship programme for 2 young musicians under 16 who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to attend weekly music classes for 1 year; towards offering low cost music and Irish art classes and courses at a subsidised rate; towards a series of Irish Musician Master Classes from visiting Irish Master musicians; a contribution towards the cost of its Young Irish Musician Concert Performances; a contribution towards the 2 annual Irish culture camps at Wigmore Hall and the Irish Embassy, and for its school outreach days so that schools from disadvantaged areas can visit the Irish Culture Centre for 'Irish Arts and Culture Days'.

The Irish Cultural Centre Hammersmith aims to provide a high quality Irish Arts and Education programme which is available to all Irish people and to everyone who wishes to share and participate in Irish arts, education and cultural activity.

Irish Diaspora Foundation, Manchester

www.iwhc.com

£2,000 has been awarded for the Early Years Programme & African, Caribbean & Mixed Race Irish Youth Programme: towards a one-year programme of Early Years Activity centred on weekly Rhythm & Rhyme class and a monthly carer and child group, extending educational and social opportunities to support early years Irish and their families maintaining cross-generational attachments; a one-year bi-monthly programme extending activities for African and Caribbean 'New Irish' and mixed race Irish teens, supporting an often invisible group of 'Irish' in the UK whose relationships to Ireland and to Britain are the product of multiple migrations.

Irish Diaspora Foundation delivers a varied and dynamic cultural and education programme designed to cultivate and support awareness, knowledge and engagement with Ireland and Irishness, nurturing attachments by promoting participation in Irish Arts (music, dance, film, visual arts, history, heritage, language, sports) for the Irish abroad and, critically, for generations of Irish descent in diaspora.

Irish Film London

www.irishfilmlondon.com

£750 has been awarded for the Irish Film London Youth Programme: a contribution towards providing free places on its own and other professional film bodies' education and animation workshops (casting, programming, cinematography, sound etc.) for young people who otherwise could not access them. The "Irish Film London Scholarship" programme will also be continued. Irish Film London is a not-for-profit company established in 2012 with a year-round programme delivering Irish film screenings, Q&A sessions with directors and animators, and runs workshops with children and young people in London. It aims to expand the youth section this year with additional workshops dedicated to young people.

Irish Music and Dance in London (IMDL)

www.returntocamden.org

£750 has been awarded for The Trad Gathering Youth Project: to bring together a large number of young traditional Irish musicians from across London and further afield to work on big collaborative projects and high profile performances. The Trad Gathering was initially run from 2008-2011 with great success and, after a 6-year break, 66 young musicians enrolled following a pilot performance at the Lord Mayor of London's St Patrick's celebration in 2017. After this year's Mayor of London's festival, the group will work on expanding their repertoire for a number of high profile public performances.

Irish Music and Dance in London (IMDL) exists to promote traditional Irish arts in London, to serve and bring together the London Irish community through its high-quality events and local outreach activities. The organisation aims to promote the positive identity of the Irish in London by including traditional Irish arts on mainstream platforms and by acting as a consultant to other arts organisations and aspiring promoters of Irish arts around the country. This organisation draws on the skills and experience of the Director and the 50-plus team of volunteers who have successfully planned, promoted and delivered the internationally renowned Return to Camden Town Festival and fringe events for the past 18 years.

Liverpool Irish Centre

www.liverpoolirishcentre.org

£5,000 has been awarded towards the salary of the Activities Co-ordinator to enable the Centre to provide cultural activities for young people, especially at weekends and in the evenings.

St Michael's Parish Centre was given to the Irish Community on Merseyside by the Liverpool Archdioceses in May 1999. In October 2001 the Parish Centre became St Michael's Irish Centre and a registered charity with its own constitution and management structure, since when it has been the centre of Irish social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities in the area. The Centre changed its name to Liverpool Irish Centre in 2017.

London Irish Centre

www.londonirishcentre.org

£7,000 has been awarded towards the Advice and Outreach Service: funding for the continued provision of an advice service for young people to assist them with housing; crisis intervention; referrals to homeless outreach teams to access temporary accommodation; advice and assistance regarding UK benefits such as housing benefit and employment support allowance; referral into education, training and employment; advice and information about moving to London, and referral to partner organisations able to offer specialist assistance where appropriate i.e. mental health. The London Irish Centre was established in 1956 to serve the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish community in London, especially the disadvantaged. Within the Centre, the Youth Resettlement Project provides vital safety and support for the growing numbers of young Irish people forced to leave Ireland for economic or other reasons offering advice, information, advocacy, referral, counselling and practical help.

Luton Irish Forum

www.lutonirishforum.org

£5,000 has been awarded for the Welfare Service: towards the cost of a welfare officer to help the under 30's "new" Irish emigrants to improve their income, accommodation, access to health and social care services, connectivity with local groups and associations, therefore improving welfare and promoting Irish culture.

Luton Irish Forum was established in 1997 to meet the needs of the local Irish community, providing welfare assistance, health promotion, social and cultural activities.

Manchester Irish Education Group

£2,000 has been awarded towards the Children's Irish Music Festival in partnership with Manchester Music Service: to provide workshops in Irish song, music and dance for children from schools in all ten Greater Manchester boroughs in the weeks leading up to the 3-day festival prior to St Patrick's day. Each school will be invited to send 30 children and staff to participate. While Manchester Town Hall is out of commission for the next 6 years due to major renovation, the event will take place in 2 venues, one in the north of the city at the Irish World Heritage Centre, and the other in the south at the Wythenshawe Forum.

The Manchester Irish Education Group was founded in 1986. Its aim is to promote a positive image of Ireland and the Irish in schools, community, colleges and universities in the belief that the large Irish community should have access to its cultural background and that this should be shared with others. Over and above this, the group tries to give support to people of any age who want to explore and reaffirm their Irish identity.

New Horizon Youth Centre, London

www.nhyouthcentre.org.uk

£9,500 has been awarded for the Irish Youth Project: a contribution towards the provision of a holistic model of support including lifeskills; literacy and numeracy; drug and alcohol advice; counselling; physical and mental health primary care; connection to services in participant's home area; securing ID; and primarily a listening and non-judgmental ear in a warm and safe environment. The project will also focus on young Irish men and women who are involved, or in danger of becoming involved, in dangerous street activities, have gang affiliations, are in prison and/or who have multiple and complex needs. A culturally sensitive service will engage with young Irish women and men on the streets and in custody and divert them to New Horizon's centre-based housing/advice service. It will help young people access appropriate housing and support them through resettlement work and introduce them to the in-house counselling and lifeskills training service. Regular prison visits will be made to young Irish people in custody with the aim of steering them towards appropriate services on their release before they are drawn into any street-based/criminal/gang-related or other potentially harmful activity.

New Horizon Youth Centre provides a 7-day a week service including advice and tenancy sustainment as well as facilities such as food, laundry, showers and clothes store to young homeless people from 16-21 years old. The street outreach team complements the day centre services and operates in the boroughs of Camden and Islington. Projects provided in-house include drugs education, literacy & numeracy training, basic skills training, counselling, peer education and training programmes that focus on young people between 16-21 as well as sex workers 16-35.

Solace Women's Aid, London

www.solacewomensaid.org

£9,000 has been awarded for the Irish/Irish Traveller Domestic Violence Project: a contribution towards the provision of one-to-one case work to Irish Traveller women who are affected by domestic violence. The project will help them flee abuse, live safely and recover from trauma. The project also runs domestic abuse awareness-raising and empowerment group workshops aiming to increase the women's self-esteem, confidence and resilience; raise awareness of their rights, benefits and safety issues, and the impact of abuse on themselves and their children. The programme will be run in partnership with The Traveller Movement who will deliver a capacity building element through developing women's confidence and skills, with the support of trained peer advocates for the project in the Irish Traveller community, and training for practitioners/professionals (police, health, domestic violence specialists, Adult Safeguarding, social care, children's services and voluntary sector).

Solace Women's Aid provides services across London which addresses the support needs of women and children affected by domestic and sexual violence. It provides specialist services in the community and in refuges, to women, children and young people (including dedicated support to Irish and Irish Traveller families). Their services are holistic and empowering so that service users can live independent lives free from abuse. SWA was founded in June 2007 as a result of a merger between Camden, Enfield and Islington Women's Aid. In 2012 SWA merged with DVSS (Barnet) and Lambeth Women's Aid to form a charity dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence with over 100 collective years' experience in this area of work. SWA manage multiple refuges sites across the capital and a number of pan-London services with dedicated teams in Islington, Southwark, Haringey, Camden, Barnet, Waltham Forest, Lambeth and Enfield.

Solace Women's Aid has also been awarded the **Quality Award 2018** in recognition of Solace Women's Aid's excellent service provision to young Irish and young Irish Traveller women and their children escaping from domestic violence.

Tir Conaill Harps GAC, Glasgow

www.tirconaill.org

£500 has been awarded towards the hire costs of pitches and classrooms, training tops costs and coaches expenses for a free 6-week gaelic sports taster session at weekends for children in an area falling within the top Scottish index of multiple deprivation. The programme will be run at a central venue easy to access for those living both north and south of Glasgow. Free minibus pickup and drop off service will also be offered.

Tir Conaill Harps GAC is a community based registered charity which provides opportunities for young people to play and enjoy the gaelic and celtic sports of gaelic football, hurling and camogie.

Tyneside Irish Cultural Society

www.tynesideirish.com

£1,500 has been awarded towards the Tyneside Irish Youth Programme: The Summer school is to take place in July 2018 and consists of music instruction and an introduction to Irish language and dancing with possible additional options in Gaelic sports and Irish history. The Storytelling Project is part of the Tyneside Irish Festival, now in its 33rd year. A Storyteller and Musician will visit 10 selected primary schools in NE England during the festival period. The schools selected will include those with significant Irish connections and with a high proportion of disadvantaged pupils. The project aims to work with young people enabling them to make direct links with their Irish heritage and raise awareness of their cultural identity sharing skills, stories and music with pupils from Ireland.

Tyneside Irish Cultural Society's aim is to promote & maintain Irish culture on Tyneside, through concerts, music classes, drama, education and a 2-week festival in October.