



## The community foundation for Northern Ireland

is an independent grant-making body that was established in 1979. Its aim is to drive social change by tackling social exclusion, poverty and social injustice through funding and supporting community-based action and influencing policy development. The Foundation manages a broad portfolio of funding programmes.



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is a donor services and grant-making organisation. It enables individuals, companies and other organisations to engage in effective philanthropic activity by getting funds to the most deserving and most effective local grass-root causes.

The aim is to build a civic, independent and permanent endowment fund where grants from the invested income will support voluntary groups and the communities they serve – forever.

## Previous recipients of Sir George Quigley Award:

- Youth Work Ireland, Monaghan Branch**
- PIPS, Belfast**
- Concilium, North Belfast**
- Ozanam House, Dublin**
- Can Can Recycling, Ballymoney**

## 2009 Award Winner: Youth Work Ireland – Monaghan Clones Erne East Shadow Youth Partnership

Established in 2006, this Youth Partnership is a cross border Youth Project between Clones in Monaghan and the Erne East Area in Fermanagh.

The award fund has been used for training to develop the PR, fundraising and capacity of the group. This has included committee skills training, enabling participants to take responsibility for the direction of the project and its future. This investment in leaders and participants is vital for the development of a sustainable Youth Partnership.



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## Message from Ulster Bank Chairman

Ulster Bank is delighted to continue to recognise the contribution of its esteemed former Chairman, Sir George Quigley, to our Group and the wider community through an Award Fund in his name.

The Ulster Bank Sir George Quigley Award Fund is an enduring legacy of the work championed by Sir George throughout his career by providing support across Ireland to projects which aim to make a real difference in the communities in which they operate.

A key theme of the Ulster Bank Community Investment Programme is financial and social inclusion. With our partners, The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland and The Community Foundation for Ireland, we aim to make a real impact in this area of need. Through the Award Fund, Ulster Bank is committed to providing the necessary support.

**Sean Dorgan**  
Chairman, Ulster Bank Group

I was greatly honoured that, when I retired as Chairman, Ulster Bank set up an Award Fund in my name. I enjoyed enormously my years as Chairman of the Bank and it has been a great pleasure to be associated with it in this continuing demonstration of its commitment to strong social values. The Bank has been ably partnered in this project by The Community Foundation, which has much experience and a record of solid achievement in the areas to which the Award is directed.

Despite what has hitherto been a growing prosperity and better quality of life in both parts of Ireland, there are people and places that are still obliged to cope with adverse circumstances. It is commendable that, in response to a range of needs, there has developed a strong network of voluntary and community groups which constitute a formidable reserve of social capital. This network will have a vital role to play in mitigating the difficult economic circumstances which now beset the island, making life even more challenging for the most vulnerable in our society.

The scope and quality of the entries received in the first years of the Awards scheme testify to the efforts being made to bring those who feel excluded, isolated or marginalised – the outsiders, in fact – into the mainstream.

The winners of the Awards have demonstrated precisely the kind of innovative thinking which can form the basis for new models of best practice that are given much wider application. It is a key aim of the project to encourage such innovation.

Progress to date augurs well for the success of the Award Fund and I hope it will continue to attract entries of high calibre from all over the island.

**Sir George Quigley CB**

## Aim

The annual Ulster Bank Sir George Quigley Award aims to support community groups and charities in their ambition to achieve long-term sustainability.

Applicants should demonstrate how the award will:

1. Enable them to develop and/or implement a strategy for organisational sustainability
2. Learn from the experience and share this with others

Applications are invited from organisations within the community and voluntary sector working within Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, or on a cross-border basis.

**Funding for Feasibility Reports will not be considered.**

## The Award

Award: €10,000 or Sterling equivalent to implement your plans, alongside public recognition of your achievement.

## How to apply

Download an application form at:

[www.ulsterbank.com/georgequigleyaward](http://www.ulsterbank.com/georgequigleyaward)

Alternatively, contact the Community

Foundation for Northern Ireland by telephone:

**0044 28 9024 5927**

**Closing date: 19 March 2010**

## What happens next

All applications will be acknowledged in writing.

Further information may be required from the applicant.

The Advisory Panel assesses all proposals on an annual basis.

The decision of the panel and the sponsors of the Award

is final. The Award will be presented at a ceremony in April

and work on the sustainability initiative should begin

shortly after.

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