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The  
**Community Foundation**  
for Northern Ireland



### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS EXPLAINED**

Community Foundations are grant making, charitable bodies located throughout the world, dedicated to strengthening communities, building opportunities and tackling disadvantage and social exclusion.

Our mission is to drive social change by promoting social justice and a peaceful, inclusive society through maximising philanthropy.

We manage funds donated by individual donors, public bodies and other trusts and foundations in order to support community action, influence policy, and challenge structural barriers to social change.

Community Foundations award grants totalling over £70million to groups in the UK each year.



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PATRON'S FOREWORD

Looking back on 30 years of grassroots philanthropy in Northern Ireland provides incredible inspiration, both in the people carrying out important work in local communities and those organisations and donors who help make that work happen.

It is always a pleasure to reflect on excellent activities and this year's Community Foundation Annual Report proves no exception.

Northern Ireland remains in a period of immense transition and it is foolish to think that all our ancient arguments and disputes have been resolved.

As we tentatively edge towards a normalised future, sad reminders of our past lurk in the background, as several recent sad events proved.

It is crucial therefore that help and support remains available for peace building activities to ensure the cementing of strides already taken as well as laying the foundations of future actions.

The challenge for all organisations, and for the Community Foundation itself, is the drive towards sustainability and micro funding for local organisations must be found to help them survive and prosper in the downturn.

Secure funding for organisations like local women's groups must be sourced to ensure important, on the ground work continues and the Community Foundation's relationships with organisations like Charity Bank will help alleviate the funding deficit somewhat.

It was a source of pride that the Foundation made it to the top table in Britain's Most Admired Charities Awards (finishing runner up) and it was my pleasure to welcome Sarah Brown, wife of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, to the Community Foundation's offices, accompanied by US First Lady, Laura Bush.

Activities like these help keep our Foundation at the forefront of people's minds when they make choices about their charitable giving and there is no doubt that among our colleagues in Community Foundations throughout the UK and Ireland, and indeed further afield, we are considered to be at the head of the philanthropic push.

I have no doubt that much of the progress made in our society in recent years has been fastened by the work of this Foundation and I remain very proud of my personal association with the organisation.

Let's hope society continues to flourish normally and the challenges of the next 30 years are far removed from the old rivalries and obstacles of the past.

**Baroness Mary Goudie**

Patron

Community Foundation for Northern Ireland



## CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

My first year in the Chair at the Community Foundation has been incredible and I'd like to pass immediate thanks to my colleagues for their help and support during this time.

It is an honour to hold this position and also to see at close hand how our work affects communities across Northern Ireland, helping those in need while tackling the enormous challenges facing society.

Replacing such an esteemed Chair as Mary Black, someone who has the admiration of the entire sector, was a very difficult task and I want to place on record my thanks for all her efforts while in post and also to wish her well in the future.

Mary first joined the Board of Trustees of the Foundation more than 20 years ago and took the Chair in 1999. It was fitting that her tremendous efforts on our behalf were recognized with a CBE in the honours announcements.

Advocating for the Foundation has been one of the great privileges of this position and earlier this year I addressed the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) seminar in Belfast, a very important constituency in helping us on our philanthropic journey.

Another stepping stone on my journey was welcoming Ulster Rugby, as they joined the One Small Step campaign, striving for a more shared future in Northern Ireland.

It was heartening that the drive for the organization to be included in the campaign came from the players themselves, who donated a signed team jersey to signify their commitment to the initiative.

The Foundation has also supported steps by our communities to come to terms with the recession.

In association with Experian and Charity Bank, areas of acute financial exclusion, where affordable financial products from organizations like credit unions were unavailable, across Northern Ireland, were highlighted.

As we presented the report to the Finance Committee at Stormont, this produced great press interest and the discourse around family budgeting and the provision of proper and widespread financial products for the poorest in our society took root.

Our own Finance Sub Committee and Trustees have also been active protecting the Foundation's endowment and ensuring we

are on a positive footing to weather the fierce storms that have rocked the financial sector in the past 18 months.

Avila Kilmurray has continued to function as a top class Director and it has been a privilege to work with her this year.

My thanks are also extended to Duncan Morrow, who left the Board of Trustees over the period reviewed by this report.

Without question, the value and worth of the Community Foundation will become even more apparent over these next few difficult years.

One thing is certain, the staff and Board of Trustees remain committed to supporting our people, strengthening our communities and building lasting peace for everyone.

**Tony McCusker**

Chair of the Board of Trustees  
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.





## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Amidst the economic downturn, many organisations have continued to deliver first class services across Northern Ireland, services that are now needed more than ever.

The community and voluntary sectors continue to play a vital role despite suffering enormous resource pressures.

It is in this atmosphere that we bring you the Annual Report of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

Since last year, we have maintained our funding and development work around a huge range of activities, inputting at neighbourhood level while continuing to advocate and strategise around issues of social justice and conflict transformation.

Over £1 million of funding has been pumped directly into communities here from the various funds under our stewardship, allowing the smallest projects and the largest initiatives that vital cash injection to ensure their development, or survival.

It has been a time of seamless change for the Foundation as well, with the smooth succession of Tony McCusker, replacing Mary Black as the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mary was an integral part of the success of the Foundation in recent years and goes with the very best wishes of everyone at the organisation, communities across Northern Ireland and stakeholders further afield.

Her achievements include overseeing the change from the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust to the Community Foundation and

managing the positioning of the Foundation as an independent local funder with a global voice.

Mary also deserves great credit for spearheading the Challenge Grant Campaign, which added to our endowment base, while maintaining a sense of humour and a belief in the potential and power of local communities.

It was also extremely fitting that she was rewarded with a CBE for her good work.

As for Tony, he is already proving to be a very committed Chair and has tackled the role with focus, commitment and a huge measure of enthusiasm. It will be a pleasure to work with him over the next few years.

The Board of Trustees has been very active over the last year, responding and reacting to the global financial crisis and ensuring the Community Foundation's endowment is protected in the best ways possible, for long term stability and maximum grant making ability.

Our Finance Sub Committee and Chief Financial Officer Fiona O'Toole deserve immense credit for their dedication and hard work in helping us meet the fiscal challenges of the present, and future.

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland prides itself on its long term commitment to the people of this region, but is acutely conscious that in order to fulfil its role effectively, it is dependent on the support and co-operation of many organisations, agencies and sectors in society.

While these are too numerous to thank individually, I would like to acknowledge the collaborative relationships that the Foundation has built with Government departments, local authorities, many other independent trusts and organisations in the private sector as well as individuals and fund holders.

Equally, our close contact with groups and organisations in the community and voluntary sectors keep us grounded and relevant.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the invaluable contribution that very many people made through their active participation in our various advisory committees and panels.

To all of them, my deepest thanks.

**Avila Kilmurray**

Director

Community Foundation for Northern Ireland





## COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH GRANT-MAKING

### **BARCLAY'S WEALTH FUND BANKING ON A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

In December 2008, Barclays Wealth established a fund of £20,000 to help make a difference to local communities in Northern Ireland.

Working with the Community Foundation, the fund identified two priority action themes on which to impact - financial exclusion and neighbourhood action to improve the environment.

A flagship project funded through this initiative was a Financial Inclusion Training Workbook for community groups, published by the Northern Ireland Anti Poverty Network.

Another funded project, Consumer Credit Counselling was given funds for new IT equipment, enabling the project to respond to the increased demand for advice from people experiencing serious credit problems as a result of the down-turn in the economy.

A number of other communities from Co Antrim and Co Fermanagh took receipt of funding for grassroots community environmental projects, including allotments, horticulture and landscaping work engaging local people and improving the environment.

### **COMMUNITY ARTS FUND**

Over the last year, £10,048 was awarded to a dozen local community groups to pursue art and design projects through the Community Arts Fund.

Highlights included the Randalstown Arches Association's ArtShop Project, which used workshops to create window installations on cultural diversity and SEEDS African Beats drumming workshop programme, which culminated in a performance at the One World Festival.

The Rivers Community Project in Belfast used a £1,000 grant to extend their services to ethnic minorities in their area, while the Indian Senior Citizens' Club 50+ made the most of their grant to carry out a reminisces project, a storytelling event and a book on the experiences of members who came to Northern Ireland many years ago.

### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND GRANT AWARDS**

A number of grant awards were made by the Foundation supporting projects helping tackle difficult community issues.

A grant to the Community Development and Health Network helped maintain the organisation and stabilise it so it could be in a future position to accept statutory funding. If the Foundation hadn't supported the Network with interim financial assistance, there's no doubt its excellent services would have been severely hampered.

At an altogether different level, SEEDS in Derry (Solidarity, Equality, Education, Diversity and Support) accepted an award to support developmental work with minority ethnic groups, allowing them to lever additional funding support from the Carnegie UK Trust.

Our Foundation believes in the power of activist reflection and provided a grant to a cross border project facilitated by the Workers Co-op, to produce a Community Development Journal. Experiences from people on each side of the border were captured as part of the initiative.

Another initiative regarded by Trustees as important in the context of a commitment to peace building as an ongoing process was funded. Community Restorative Justice (Ireland) received financial support to deepen engagement with young people in danger of marginalisation and alienation.



^ Arts projects continue to receive support from the Foundation through a range of funds, including the Community Arts Fund. See the financial section (from page 26) for detailed information.

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND STAFF TRUSTEE FUND**

Donations and contributions from members of staff go to this fund and the awards are made at the discretion of the contributors.

Many projects supported through this fund don't fit neatly into other fund areas, allowing support to be given to a range of projects.

An award was given to the Qhawes Entertainment Group in the KwaZulu region of South Africa to help an innovative Poetry Against Poverty xenophobia and racism project, allowing young people of all races to express feelings on issues affecting them and their communities.

## **DAVID ERVINE FOUNDATION**

He may have left a lasting legacy on the local political landscape, but politician David Ervine also leaves an indelible mark on the Northern Ireland community.

Supporting education and peace building initiatives, the David Ervine Foundation has made donations totaling £35,000, dispersed with the help of the Community Foundation.

In David's home area of East Belfast, Bridge Community Association's Education by Choice project has received funding to increase educational achievement and aspirations. The flagship initiative received £29,000 for equipment and a programme tutor, impacting on residents across David's former constituency.

Sydenham Historical and Cultural Society's George Best Community Cup saw almost 500 children celebrate diversity through sport, with the cross border football tournament attracting teams of young people from across the UK and Ireland. Funding

was provided to defray accommodation costs for participants traveling to the prestigious tournament this year.

Short Strand Women's Group's East 14 initiative has been involved in cross-community work with other young women in the Connswater area and funds helped support workshops on sexual health, wellbeing, personal safety and self defence.

Pupils from St Joseph's and Orangefield schools in Belfast will benefit from an amazing initiative organized by the Irish Children's Programme of Rochester in New York, USA, which has supported local children since 1982.

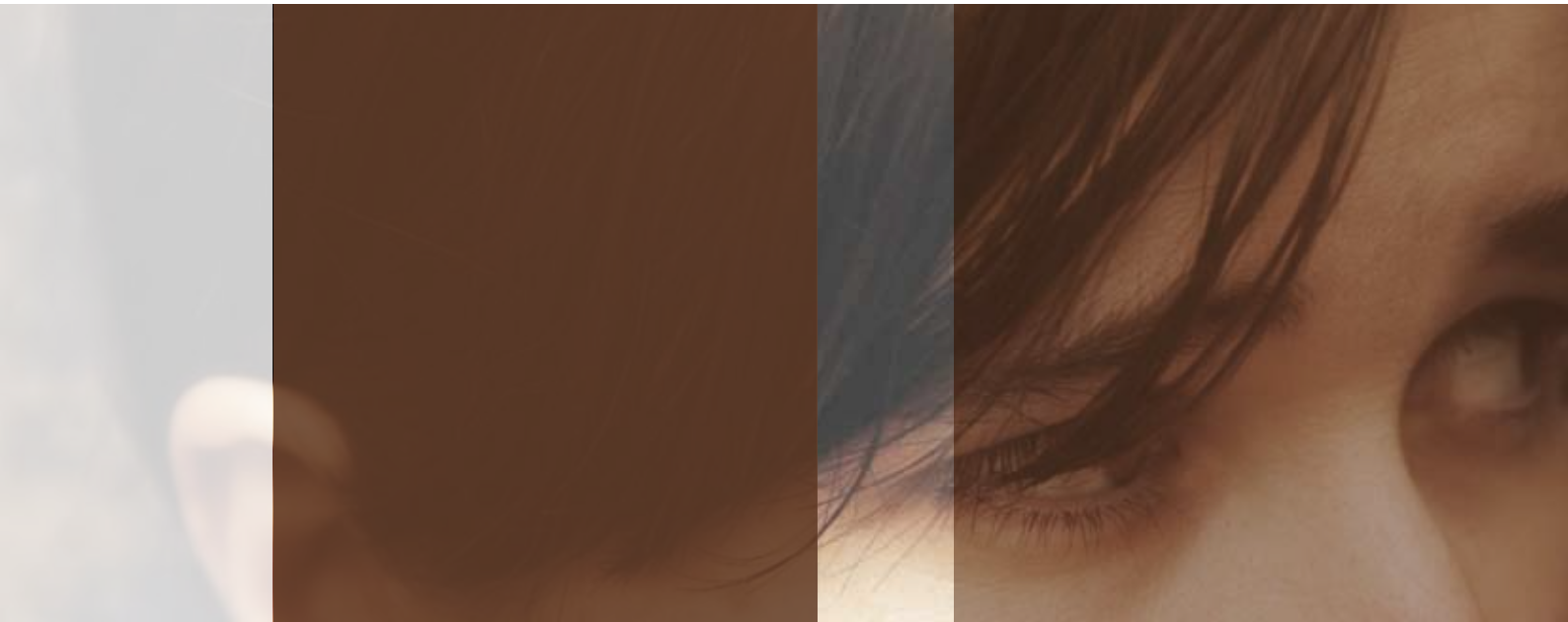
Residential outings, educating the young people on relationship building, have been funded, before participants are whisked away to the USA for a full programme of personal development activities.

Tyrone suicide prevention charity, the Niamh Louise Foundation, is one of the organizations beyond Belfast benefiting from the Foundation's funds. Based in Coalisland, the charity will receive financial support to develop mentoring programmes in the area and 20 mentors will be tutored through the project.

Botanic Primary School in South Belfast has a multi-cultural flavour, recently accepting a group of Roma children, who now make up a large proportion of the school's 210 pupils. Breakfast clubs have been funded to ensure children get the best possible start to the day with a nutritious meal and brand new school jumpers will help children integrate into their new surroundings.

The Corrymeela Community and Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group have also received funding through the David Ervine Foundation.

For further information, click online at [www.davidervine.com](http://www.davidervine.com).



## DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Aimed at encouraging individuals to build skills and knowledge to play a role in the community, the Difference Makers awards helped three successful applicants this year.

Belfast women Rebecca Weir and Charlene Graham both received an award for £1,200 to attend the Global Peace Jam conference, where Nobel Laureates and young people come together to inspire the world to a better future.

Hilda Orr from Derry City received a £1,500 award to help increase community cohesion in her area. She felt it was important to teach Iranian immigrants to speak English, helping them fit into the area and reducing stress around properly communicating with local residents.

## FAIR SHARE

Minister for Social Development Margaret Ritchie MLA discovered how communities that missed Lottery Funding snapped up a second chance for extra support.

The Fair Share Trust initiative, administered by the Community Foundation, helped communities across Northern Ireland make positive changes using funds from the Fair Share programme.

£2.25m was made available by the Big Lottery Fund which was spread across 49 selected areas of Northern Ireland.

Minister Ritchie attended the People's Convention in Belfast to hear about three innovative initiatives, Harpurs Hill Early Years Project in Coleraine, Cloughfin Community Association in Sixmilecross and the Top of the Hill project from Gobnascale in Derry.



^ Minister Margaret Ritchie (centre) saw for herself how successful social development projects were being funded through the Foundation in March.

> Peacebuilding projects, like those at Corrymeela funded through the David Ervine Fund, continue to be a major focus for the Foundation.



## LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

Established by the Department for Social Development to support locally inspired and driven community capacity, this fund gives support to a range of designated neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland. In 15 areas across Belfast, the Foundation works with the Voluntary Community Unit to deliver funds to enhance local community initiatives.

In north Belfast, teenagers joined with older residents in a project focused on young people being made aware of the fears older people have about their security. An award winning DVD on the project, produced by the Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum was screened at the Queen's Film Theatre.

In west Belfast, residents in the St James's area received investment to re-build a range of community groups in the St James's area, including the establishment of a youth forum. Co-ordinated community animation work took place in the Bloomfield, Lower Newtownards Road and Sydenham areas, with eight groups working together, supported by the East Belfast Community Development Agency.

## ONE SMALL STEP

A peaceful and shared future for Northern Ireland is a step closer thanks to a fund emerging from the One Small Step campaign.

£3,180 pounds was split between three projects involved in activities to lessen divisions among the community, including the County Londonderry Football Association, receiving support for a soccer based programme for young people that included awareness raising events tied to the One Small Step philosophy.

Sally Gardens Community Centre was awarded funding for a multi-cultural DVD project, taking place in the Poleglass area on the outskirts of Belfast.

Clondara Historical and Cultural Group/An Eochair also received an award to support a project titled Then and Now – A future without political violence, which held workshops in Newry and Belfast with representatives from both Republican and Loyalist backgrounds and participants in the IRA's 'Border Campaign' in the 1950's. Participants also took part in a special visit to Belfast's Crumlin Road Prison.

> Age on Stage prove that years are no barrier to fun, learning and development.

> Flags of Hope flew in North Belfast as local pupils colourfully expressed optimism for the future.



## SPORT RELIEF FUND

Ten exciting grants were awarded through the Sport Relief fund this time around, spread across many areas in Northern Ireland and totaling over £18,000.

CALMS (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress) in Derry City turned a grant for £3,150 into a Lets Kick Stress programme, using football as a means of communicating with young people on managing stress and building self esteem.

St Theresa's Youth Centre in west Belfast reached out to young people on the periphery of community life in their catchment area using a programme of sports activities which was supported by a grant of just over £2,000.

Parkmore Community Association in Craigavon used a £1,000 award to employ facilitators and tutors, purchase new equipment and make the most from their Multi Use Games area, including organizing a intergenerational sports day.

## TELECOMMUNITY FUND

Telecommunity's focus is on older people, teenagers and the disabled and the fund has disbursed monies since its inception in 1989.

Around £27,000 was shared during this reporting period to groups spread both thematically and geographically across Northern Ireland and crucially, this injection can allow stronger organizations in the community to add value to existing work.

Examples of projects funded include £300 for the Cushendun Development Association's unifying Christmas event, which had an emphasis on local young people.

Twins Spires Community Group received £800 to buy a hot lock, microwaves and pots and pans for an older person's lunch club in the Falls area of Belfast, which caters for 60 people and the Mourne Stimulus Group collected £1,500 towards horticultural supplies for a project to stimulate people with learning difficulties.



## TURKINGTON FUND

One of the most significant funds in terms of geographical spread and community impact, the Turkington Fund shared tens of thousands of pounds among 47 groups and projects.

Aimed at promoting active ageing, the Fund supported dozens of initiatives for older people, crossing the fields of health and fitness, arts and crafts, information technology and reminiscences work to capture shared experiences in our communities.

Outings and exchange visits to promote networking were also funded, including the Portglenone Senior Citizens Group's Thursday Bowling Club, which collected £250 for transport and related costs.

Maydown Community Association in the North West was awarded £1,500 towards costs for a book project that paid for a tutor, print and publicity materials and the Mullabrack Community Partnership in Armagh used £1,000 to pay for upholstery and IT courses for users.



^Ulster Rugby committed to the One Small Step campaign, while the fund attached to the project, to build a shared future here, continued to provide financial support.

## TRANSFORM INITIATIVE

Over £45,000 was distributed through the Transform Initiative in the current reporting period.

Established with the help of Charity Bank, the initiative brought consultancy support to 20 community and voluntary projects to build capacity and sustainability along strategic frameworks.

Designed to be a fast and cost effective way of responding to the needs of local groups, the Transform Initiative was timed to coincide with the end of several of the Peace II funding measures, aiding the process of change for organizations at the grassroots.

Access to online support tools was also provided as was a one-day seminar session for participating groups.





◁ Youthbank continues to leave its mark on local youngsters, thanks to help from Ulster Bank.



^ Education bursaries continue to be disbursed through the Thomas Devlin Fund leaving a positive legacy of education and creativity in young people.



### THOMAS DEVLIN FUND

Established by family and friends following his death in 2005, the Thomas Devlin Fund has actively contributed to worthwhile causes and also impacted positively at educational and policy level in Northern Ireland.

A donor advised fund, managed by the Foundation, bursaries for young people entering third level education have been provided and positive initiatives aimed at building peace and reconciliation among youngsters have received support.

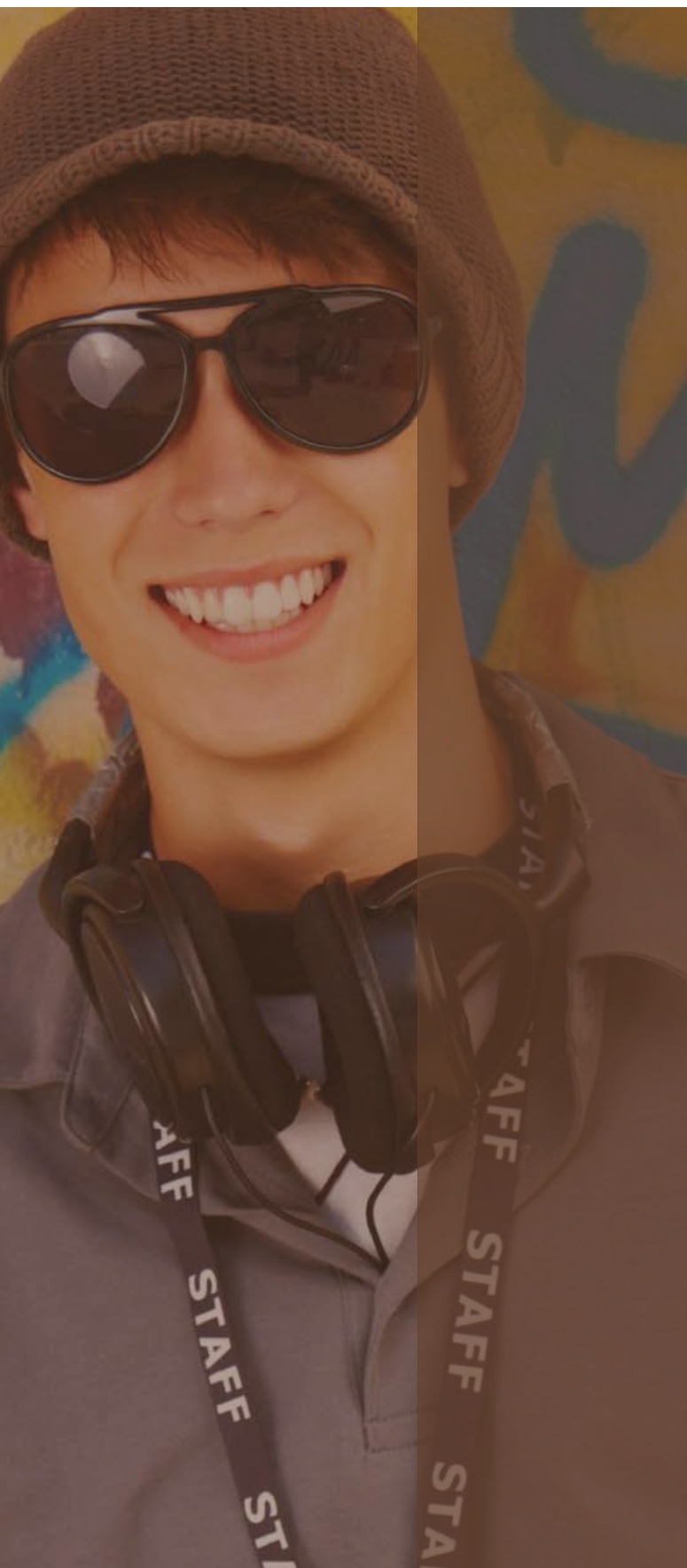
In October 2008 at a gala event in the Europa Hotel, local actor Gerard McCarthy, screen star of hit soap Hollyoaks, presented eight local students with bursaries, totalling over £7,000.

Recipients were between 15 and 18 years old and were planning studies in the arts at a variety of educational establishments, including the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, the West End Summer School, the Royal Academy for Dramatic Arts and Drumtech in London.

Education was a major focus of the Flags of Hope Project, supported by the Fund, where two local schools, Ashfield Boys in East Belfast and St Patrick's College in North Belfast, created a dramatic artistic initiative under the supervision of artist Raymond Watson.

Based on the artist's experiences of flag flying in the Himalayas, the project offered a new twist on the local flag issue, turning it from one of division and demarcation to hope and achievement.

MLA's and local dignitaries, including the Lord Mayor Naomi Long and Junior Minister Gerry Kelly, attended the launch, close to the spot where Thomas was murdered, and the schools' colourful displays were a wonderful site for passers-by to gaze upon.



## **YOUTHBANK**

A striking aspect of YouthBank is the ownership and pride many grant-makers and recipients feel towards the initiative, supported for the last three years by Ulster Bank Ltd.

To highlight this, a showcase forum was organized early in 2009 to prove Youthbank's impact on individuals, groups and communities.

148 young people received training in each of the 13 local YouthBanks and proceeded to fund over 75 projects with 3390 beneficiaries.

The benefits and future potential of YouthBank related activities continued to be recognised in national, international and supranational institutions active in policy making, programme development and in funding quarters.

Powerful training and development materials were provided to accelerate learning, which, combined with the Community Foundation's experience of running the domestic YouthBank initiative, enriched the grant-making and decision-making experiences for all involved.

In Europe, training teams have subsequently been active establishing Youthbanks in Belgium, Bosnia Hercegovina, Romania and Slovakia while spreading the wings of the initiative to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in the South Caucasus and Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia.

An untapped reservoir of interest exists internationally in youth-led grant-making as an effective path into youth participation, active citizenship and inclusion - key concerns for many communities, organizations and interest groups.

Much discussion has centred on the economic downturn, resulting in greater expectations on funders with programmes open for business.

As the end of Ulster Bank's three year investment in creating a YouthBank network approaches, the economic downturn has also provided an opportunity to respond to young people's financial learning within the YouthBank framework.

We look forward to further investment from Ulster Bank, helping create a Financial Learning Fund, with possibilities that young people can run their own projects to improve economic well-being.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

### **COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION**

Ten new local areas are engaging with the second phase of the Communities in Transition Programme (CIT2), as phase one draws to a close.

Commencing in 2001, the first phase was funded by the International Fund for Ireland in partnership with Atlantic Philanthropies, a private donor, and the Community Foundation.

Phase two is supported over a period of three years by the International Fund for Ireland who approve of the unique model of intervention used by the programme.

Three key elements made up the programme - the first being six year developmental work in neighbourhoods (eight north of the border and two south of the border) with weak infrastructure and disadvantage compounded by community tensions or divisions.

The second element was developing a Supporting Transition Initiative for thirteen additional groups, targeting different communities of interest (ex-prisoners/ex-combatants, victims, young people, women and ethnic minorities) and the third aspect was a Capacity Building Initiative for community leaders and activists.

While most local groups involved in phase one of the Programme have completed their CIT spend, together they attracted additional funding in excess of £10 million from a variety of sources, supporting local projects and initiatives.

Most have developed sustainability strategies to continue to work for the benefit of their communities.

Ongoing evaluation of work was in-built, with a process of sharing the programme's findings with wider audiences of community development practitioners, policy makers, funders, politicians and others interested in the development of support for such areas.

At a recent launch of the external evaluation and final publication covering policy and practice lessons from the first phase, Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland, in his keynote address, stated; "Bringing together people of different backgrounds is no mean feat!"



“Simply gaining an entry point into these communities can be a challenge.

“The evaluation report highlights the need for the innovative, ground-breaking and risk-taking methodology employed in this programme.

“It also highlights the need for the programme to be extended to other areas with weak community infrastructure and I look forward to hearing about the achievements of the programme’s second phase at a later date.”

A key evaluation finding was that engagement and ongoing participation of those most excluded is crucial to the success of development work in areas of weak community infrastructure and community tension. It requires pro-active effort and engagement.

Many agencies and local people have difficulty working with community groups where the involvement of particular local community activists, political or paramilitary figures is evident.

However, to effect long-term change, inclusion is essential. Confidence and capacity building is required for all stakeholders, necessitating new approaches and processes, taking risks and developing opportunities that may not have been available to date.

The ten areas selected for inclusion in the original Programme were:

- Clady and Innisrush (Magherafelt District Council) and Portglenone (Ballymena Borough Council)
- Crumlin, Co. Antrim
- Harpurs Hill estate in Coleraine
- Harryville estate in Ballymena
- The Melmount area of Strabane, including the Ballycolman, Bridge Street, Calverts, Carlton Drive and Lisnafin estates
- Mosside village in the Moyle Council area
- Northlands and Sunnylands estates in Carrickfergus
- Seacourt estate in Larne
- Newtowncunningham village in east Donegal
- Six small villages in rural north Cavan – Redhills, Bunnoe, Drung, Laragh, Stonepark and Stradone

Many groups and communities participating in the first phase of the Communities in Transition Programme continue to offer useful advice and support to new areas participating in the CIT2 Programme which include:

- Dromore village, Co Down
- Seapatrick estate, outside Banbridge
- Cregagh and Clonduff estates in Castlereagh
- Queen Street and Avenue Road in Lurgan
- Annsborough, outside Castlewellan
- Lisanally and Alexander estates in Armagh
- Parkmore estate in Craigavon
- Doury Road, Ballymena
- Antiville/Craigyhill estates, Larne
- Lisnahull in Dungannon

Although at an early stage, many new groups have significantly progressed in carrying out audits of need and implementing action plans to improve services, engage with agencies and tackle local issues causing division and community tensions.

These changes include physical improvements, the removal of flags, emblems and murals, considerable environmental clean-up campaigns and the involvement of young people in their communities.

For example, Parkmore Community Association recently consulted on removing a bonfire which was a health and safety hazard as it was situated on a roundabout at the entrance to the estate.

This year, a community art project with young people was held alongside a successful community festival

Phase 2 groups have already held a residential conference, bringing together members of each of local groups for the first time, in February 2009. This led to exchange visits where they learned about each others work and key issues. Some joint work between these very diverse projects is now developing.

## **BILL OF RIGHTS PROGRAMME**

Seventy-five diverse interest groups from widespread locations completed a special initiative to raise awareness on the proposed Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland.

Funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies, the aim of the Community Foundation programme was giving local community groups the opportunity to frame the outworkings of the Bill of Rights through awareness raising and debates.

The eighteen month course had two strands - a training and support element allied to a small grants programme.

The training and support programme assisted twenty community based organisations to find a voice on the Bill of Rights debate.

With mentoring support, groups developed action plans on local issues from a rights perspective and drove contributions on the Bill of Rights debate. In addition, groups received a budget of £3,000 to support action plans and development.

The second element, the small grants programme, awarded groups up to £10,000 to carry out projects developing local learning on the Bill of Rights and enhancing understanding on human rights issues in local areas or communities of interest.

Groups participating in both programmes stated that they learned a huge amount through the programme and skills and experience had been built on using a rights-based approach to community development and peacebuilding, from an almost nil baseline in most cases.

Feedback from groups characterised the programme as challenging, rewarding and different from other funded initiatives.

For some, demystifying human rights 'jargon' yielded important learning, while acquiring new skills using rights-based tools increased capacity for change in communities.

All groups, to varying degrees, gained an understanding of the international context within which we claim our rights and the

place of the Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland as a local, functioning part of the national, European and global rights apparatus.

Animating interest in this debate and encouraging groups to apply to the small grants programme was difficult initially, as many groups believed human rights issues and the Bill of Rights debate had little relevance to their community's development work.

After initial training on the Bill of Rights, most groups quickly realised how relevant local rights-based approaches were, so much that most groups then wanted to tackle all local issues and problems through a rights-based approach immediately!

Mentors and local community narrowed the focus of what was achievable and most groups picked key issues most critical to them, where meaningful progress could be made.

Finally, groups shifted their focus to using a rights-based approach to community development and peacebuilding, tackling wider ranges of issues and leaving a lasting legacy in participating communities.

Networking was encouraged and several groups involved combined to submit successful applications under the small grants programme.

Examples of the joint projects include a cross community/cross border conference on the right to march; a cross community/cross border project on young people's rights; a roadshow on lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered communities; a workshop series exploring the rights of ethnic minorities and migrant workers; and projects using the arts to focus on human rights (including murals, drama, film, animation and arts and crafts).

A case studies publication was launched at the culmination of the programme and a number of the groups' own publications and DVDs celebrated their work.

Atlantic Philanthropies recently confirmed funding for a second Bill of Rights Programme, encouraging groups to participate in the consultation process, allowing them to continue to network, lobby and explore rights-based approaches to community development and peacebuilding at the local level and beyond.



## **CREATING SPACE FOR LEARNING AND SHARING PROJECT**

Twelve community groups across the north-west region of Northern Ireland and the border counties are participating in a new Foundation initiative, the Creating Space for Learning and Sharing Project (CSLSP).

Supported by the International Fund for Ireland, through its Community Bridges Programme, the pilot programme will run from February 2009 to June 2010.

Providing technical help, funding and mentoring support, the CSLSP project model enables participant groups to identify local peace-building issues and establish and implement agreed local peace-building action plans.

Each group is provided with a budget of £2,000 for events, to meet with other groups or undertake relevant projects as part of their action plans.

A number of seminars and workshops will be organised by the Project to assist participant groups and a support network will be established to complement activities among the groups, the wider community and other relevant stakeholders.

Regular evaluations of the project are planned, with a view to expanding the project after June 2010 to include additional groups, possibly in a wider geographical area, should further funding become available.

The current CSLSP Participant Groups are as follows:

- Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum – North Antrim
- Caw 2000 – Derry/Londonderry
- Community Restorative Justice (North West) – Derry/Londonderry
- Dervock District Community Association – North Antrim
- Glebeside Community Association – Ballymoney. North Antrim
- Irish Street Youth & Community Association – Derry/Londonderry
- Lettershandoney District Development Group – Derry/Londonderry
- Maydown Community Association – Derry/Londonderry
- Newtowncunningham / Harryville / Strabane Youth Partnership
- Rossinver Community Development Company Ltd – County Leitrim
- St. Eithne's Park Residents Association – Derry/Londonderry
- The Villages Together – County Tyrone





### **FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE**

Foundations for Peace is a Network of independent, indigenous funders sharing insights and experience in working to advance equality, diversity and inter-dependence in areas of entrenched communal conflict.

These areas include Sri Lanka, India, Colombia, Serbia, Georgia, Nepal, Israel/US, Bangladesh and Northern Ireland.

The Network is committed to peacebuilding as a long-term investment and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland is a founding member.

Network activities were enabled by a grant from the EU Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation.

Launched at the UN Churches Centre in New York in June 2006, the Network has tackled a range of relevant for communities in or emerging from conflict, including policy papers, conference events, workshops and publications.

With additional support from the Ford Foundation, USA, two key projects have helped develop practitioner tool-kits and case study publications useful to agencies working in conflict regions.

The Victims Empowerment Project publication (detailed elsewhere in this report) is available on the FFP website

**[www.foundationsforpeace.org](http://www.foundationsforpeace.org)** and network members are developing a tool-kit and case study publication on Social Justice work in divided societies.

The focus of this latter project is on the contribution made to local communities by relatively small funders with local knowledge and commitment.

It is envisaged that the publication – Small Money Big Impact - will be available in late 2009 and will be available from the Network's website.

### **VICTIMS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

A special grant from the European Union's Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland to the Community Foundation brought this project to life.

Over an eighteen month period, the members of the Foundations for Peace Network developed and shared learning on important issues, asking how victims of conflict and injustice can be supported and empowered to transform their lives and contribute to peacebuilding and social change within challenging circumstances.

Selected case studies were produced and supported by the resources of member foundations.

Acknowledging the different contexts in the diverse regions, the case studies showed many issues had resonance across boundaries and methodologies developed to support work with groups of victims was remarkably similar.

The case studies selected for publication represented a range of work methodologies and issues. A copy of this report, with a separate Executive Summary, is available at [foundationsforpeace.org](http://foundationsforpeace.org) or from the Community Foundation.

Work was shared with local experts and policy makers at a well attended international conference in Belfast in May 2008 where key project findings were presented by Project Co-ordinator Grainne Kelly.

Representatives of victims groups from Northern Ireland and Sri Lanka also presented their work and contributed to a valuable discussion on the need for victims groups to be included in peacebuilding processes.

The publication remains a learning tool for policy makers, academics and practitioners.

## **EUROPEAN PEACE II ACTIVITIES DRAW TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE**

Between 2005 and 2008, the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland was intermediary funding body for the Peace II European funding programme.

Specifically, the Foundation helped with Measure 2.4, Pathways to Inclusion, Integration and Reconciliation of Victims and Measure 2.7, Building Community Capacity and Promoting Active Citizenship.

Consultants FGS McClure Watters evaluated the programmes, highlighting a variety of projects supported, with case studies from 14 of the funded projects.

These included projects funded through a main grants programme and a small grants programme, specifically targeted at the development of smaller projects up to a maximum cost of £10,000.

A total of 159 projects were funded by the Foundation under the Peace II Extension Programme, dispersing almost £13m in the process.

The analysis of Measure 2.4 (Pathways to Inclusion, Integration and Reconciliation) found the process provided opportunities to discuss traditional attitudes and to examine issues related to the 'Troubles', helping build positive relationships, aided with an acknowledgement of the past.

On Measure 2.7 (Building Community Capacity and Promoting Active Citizenship) the analysis discovered that the programme far exceeded original targets and reflected the programme's impact was significantly underestimated.

Respondents related positive feedback, asserting participation enhanced community relationships and synergies between diverse communities, while aiding understanding of differences and encouraging mutual respect. The bureaucracy associated with European Union funding and the financial administrative and recording procedures were found to be challenging and sometimes burdensome for community groups.

Allied to these, the Foundation also worked with Border Action on two further European measures (5.3 and 5.4) examining cross border relationships in Ireland. An analysis by Channel Research found these measures highly relevant to peacebuilding activities and funding grassroots groups was an efficient way of accessing communities.

Indeed, the evaluation said the work had; "...helped maintain the momentum of the peace process in society, in the absence of formal political agreements." The Community Foundation hopes the positive outcomes of the Peace II Programme are maintained across Northern Ireland, as we continue to build a just society.

## **PEACE III PROJECTS TACKLING POLITICAL EX-PRISONERS' ISSUES.**

Moving society beyond conflict and building understanding of politically motivated ex-prisoners are keys to two Community Foundation initiatives, funded under the European Peace III measure.

From Prison to Peace – Building on Experience works with a range of political ex-prisoner groups in loyalist and republican constituencies. With £3m of support funds, the focus is on citizen development, using the experience of former prisoners to develop materials for young people, emphasising anti-sectarianism, anti-racism and alternative approaches to violence. This complements training, outreach and support programmes delivered by groups at local level.

Work extends across all major ex-prisoner groups – An Eochair (former Official IRA prisoners), Charter (former UDA prisoners); Coiste na n-Iarchimí (former IRA prisoners), EPIC (former UVF prisoners) and Teach na Failte (representing former INLA/IRSP prisoners).

Good practice models are being developed and to encourage social change leadership, training and facilitation is taking place on community development and youth leadership.

Another partnership project combining the Foundation, Coiste na n-Iarchimí and 11 Republican ex-prisoner support groups, the Conflict Transformation from the Bottom Up initiative builds on developments in that community of interest.

With a budget of £6m, work extends across NI and the border counties, enabling training for employment, engaging in project work with other political ex-prisoner groups, providing support services for families, an outreach programme and youth development initiatives.

Running until September 2011, both projects have clear agendas of promoting good practice and addressing barriers to inclusion of political ex-prisoners.

## **BUILDING CHANGE TRUST**

In winter 2008, the Big Lottery Fund announced funding for the formation of the Building Change Trust.

Managing a £10million, ten year endowment, the Trust will support a wide and varied transformation process within the local community and voluntary sector.

A successful partnership bid for the formation and development of the Trust, led by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, along with the Volunteer Development Agency, the Rural Community Network, Community Evaluation Northern Ireland and Business in the Community, was submitted.

The Community Foundation has a dual function in the work of the Trust, with a contract to look after its management and administration, while also responsible for the Observatory project, funded by the Trust.

Firstly, in respect of administration, Nigel McKinney, Trust Administrator, manages the Trust, reporting through the Foundation Director to the Chairperson and Directors of the Building Change Trust.

He is also working with the Trust to develop its strategy from 2010 onwards.

The Building Change Trust Observatory is facilitated by Charlie Fisher, developing community engagement and broader stakeholder interest in the work of the Trust.

Extensive engagement and focused conversations have taken place with representatives from the community and voluntary sector across Northern Ireland, including rural and urban networking organisations and general interest groups for women, health, culture and arts, disability and youth.

Engagement has been necessary; hearing individual and collective opinion on current challenges and opportunities and what will be the continuing focus of their development.

Participants have articulated their fears on how the sector will be financed and how the Review of Public Administration and the transfer of powers to local government will impact on delivery of community development services.



## **FINANCIAL EXCLUSION AREAS MAPPED**

Northern Ireland's first ever report on local areas facing financial exclusion was presented to the assembly by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

Measuring and Mapping Financial Exclusion across Northern Ireland was funded through the Abbey Affordable Credit Fund and the report was conducted by Experian, in association with The Charity Bank.

Community Foundation Director Avila Kilmurray explained; "Figures on local family financing are stark.

"60% of local households have neither savings nor investments and 13% of adults have no current bank account.

"17% of our households are estimated by Experian to be in fuel poverty, compared to 14% in England and 25% of people here never clear their credit card bills, bringing a host of financial repercussions, magnified by the ongoing economic difficulties we face.

"This report shows clearly the areas in Northern Ireland that are suffering from low access to responsible, affordable credit.

"In some poorer areas, credit is being offered by criminals, which in turn leads to social problems like increasing crime, prostitution and drug dependency.

"In many areas, there are vibrant and successful credit unions offering excellent financial services and no family should go without strong financial advice and products due to location.

"This report is of value to policy-makers and those interested in targeted action to tackle the causes and consequences of financial exclusion in areas of greatest need."

Malcolm Hayday, Charity Bank's Chief Executive said; "We see the effects of financial exclusion day after day in our work supporting social enterprises and charities across deprived communities in the UK.

"I'm pleased we are able to bring our financial and economic expertise to bear on such an important issue, and which delivers on our mission to tackle social injustice and exclusion."

Geographic areas with the greatest levels of financial exclusion and the lowest levels of access to affordable credit are identified in this report.

Seven of our current local council areas have affordable credit difficulties in more than half their wards.

A young girl with glasses and a red shirt is looking thoughtful, with her hand near her face. The background is a blurred classroom setting with a whiteboard and colorful posters.

### **EFFECTIVE FUND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland is acutely aware of the changing context community and voluntary organisations are likely to face over the next three to five years.

From a funding perspective, the evolving context is one of a decrease in European Union financial support, lack of resources from local authorities as they face the uncertainties of amalgamation and restructuring under the Review of Public Administration, along with a downturn in public expenditure.

There will also be increased dependence on philanthropic sources of funding.

The Community Foundation is undertaking an initiative, funded by the Abbey Charitable Trust, to increase the access to and support from a broad range of charitable Trusts and Foundations.

This involves research and engagement with British based Trusts; work with local groups (including thematic clusters e.g. the women's sector); local analysis and the preparation of briefings and case statements, and support and training for local groups.

## **FORD FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE**

Working in partnership with the Ford Foundation (USA) and Centris Consultancy (UK), the Community Foundation manage an award programme to underpin the work of the Philanthropy and Social Justice Working Group.

Bringing together global expertise, the Group examined how philanthropy can strengthen social justice and build and design tools to develop and test the impact and effectiveness of funding.

Structural barriers have been examined and eight pieces of work were commissioned to progress the initiative. At a convention of Philanthropists in February 2009, Ford Foundation Officer Christopher Harris said; "If we choose, we can summon a creative turmoil in the field of philanthropy."

Gara La Marche, CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies, suggested; "When mainstream philanthropy neglects to acknowledge and deal with the way issues of race, class, nationality, sexual orientation and gender pose barriers to bringing about the change and reforms they seek, there is a price to be paid in terms of complicity with these systems and most of the time in our very effectiveness."

The Community Foundation was proud to be part of this important exchange, which also entailed critical self examination and strategic challenges for future work.

## **LOCAL SOCIAL ASSETS MEASURED**

A packed house in Belfast witnessed the unveiling of new Community Foundation research into the social assets of local communities.

Policy planners and activists from across Northern Ireland gathered to hear the findings of a study examining 'community social assets' - local relationships and networks within small geographical areas.

Kat Healy, from the Community Foundation, who directed the research, said; "The term 'social assets' was coined as shorthand for visible and invisible features that make some communities appear more resilient and sustainable than others.

"Often, when funding is being allocated to areas, these factors are ignored and decisions are taken solely on traditional deprivation scores.

"Our objective was not to suggest that levels of need or deprivation should be replaced as the determining factor, but rather that decision making could be complemented and enhanced by an understanding of the level and nature of social assets within communities.

"A partnership between our Foundation and Community Evaluation Northern Ireland, it was great to see such a high level of interest in this research and I'd like to thank experts Brendan McDonnell and Mike Morrissey for their help and valuable input."

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2009**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Capital Endowment Funds £	2009 £	2008 £	Notes
<b>INCOME</b>						
Donations and other income	116,831	22,928	128,619	268,378	185,766	<b>1,2</b>
Funding received	518,467	3,162,962		3,681,429	3,432,275	<b>3</b>
Investment income	41,046	32,438	491,850	565,334	762,093	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>676,344</b>	<b>3,218,328</b>	<b>620,469</b>	<b>4,515,141</b>	<b>4,380,134</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Grants paid (excludes EU Peace grant payments of £7,496,949 in the year to 31 March 2009)	36,624	2,914,350		2,950,974	2,099,614	<b>5</b>
Special Initiatives and programme development and support costs	915,955	1,004,754		1,920,709	2,340,359	<b>6</b>
Governance Costs	5,250			5,250	12,188	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>957,829</b>	<b>3,919,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,876,933</b>	<b>4,452,161</b>	
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>						
	(281,485)	(700,776)	620,469	(361,792)	(72,027)	
Net transfers between funds	136,075	96,145	(232,220)	-	-	
Exceptional Costs	(365,979)			(365,979)	-	<b>7</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>						
	(511,389)	(604,631)	388,249	(727,771)	(72,027)	
<b>OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/LOSSES</b>						
Other recognised gains/losses	-	-	(3,102,511)	(3,102,511)	(1,825,920)	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(511,389)</b>	<b>(604,631)</b>	<b>(2,714,262)</b>	<b>(3,830,282)</b>	<b>(1,897,947)</b>	
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2008	1,247,289	1,742,349	14,327,607	17,317,245	19,215,192	
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2009</b>	<b>735,900</b>	<b>1,137,718</b>	<b>11,613,345</b>	<b>13,486,963</b>	<b>17,317,245</b>	<b>8</b>

**1** Endowment funds are held as capital funds and as such are not normally expendable.

**2** The income from investing capital endowment funds is expendable.

**3** Unrestricted funding received includes Technical Assistance grants made to the Foundation to administer grant and development programmes.

This funding must be used to administer specific programmes but it is unrestricted as Trustees have the discretion on how the funding is best used to meet the needs of the particular programme.

**4** Unrestricted Investment income is used to support the core costs of the Foundation.

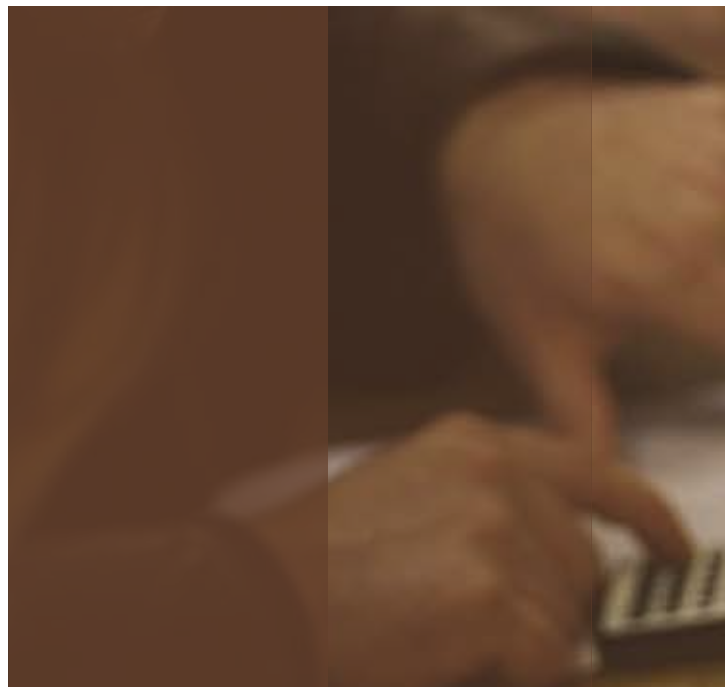
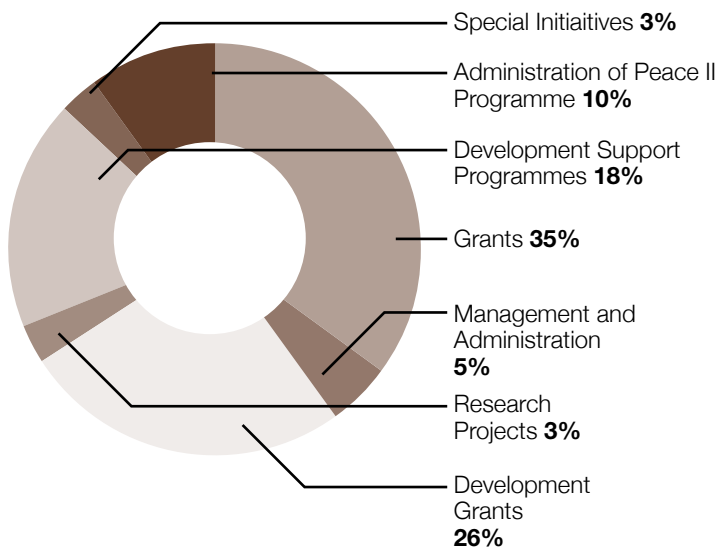
**5** Grants paid excludes EU grant payments of £7,496,949 managed and administered by the Foundation, but paid by the SEUPB in 2008-09.

**6** Programme and development support costs include the costs of administering grant programmes and the cost of providing support and development to community and voluntary groups who may or may not be in receipt of grant funding from the Foundation.

**7** The exceptional cost represents the deficit on the Foundation's final salary pension scheme which was closed to future accrual on 31 March 2009. The deficit will be paid back over the next 10 years.

**8** The majority of the Foundation's funds are held as capital endowment or restricted. Unrestricted funds at 31 March 2009 represent the reserves required to meet the Foundation's short-term commitments in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy.

## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	2009	2008	Notes
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	1,233,129	1,267,710	
Investments	10,058,549	13,497,758	
	11,291,678	14,765,468	
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	1,167,967	610,823	
Short term deposits	1,548,202	1,619,792	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,092,961	663,069	
	3,809,130	2,893,684	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(1,226,916)	(255,192)	
<b>Net current assets</b>	2,582,214	2,638,492	
<b>Net assets</b>	13,873,892	17,403,960	
<b>Provision for liabilities and charges</b>	(386,929)	(86,715)	
	13,486,963	17,317,245	
<b>Fund balances</b>			
Capital Endowment Funds	11,613,345	14,327,607	1
Restricted Funds	1,132,468	1,742,349	2
	12,745,813	16,069,956	
Unrestricted funds	741,150	1,247,289	3
	13,486,963	17,317,245	

1 Endowment funds are held as capital funds and as such are not normally expendable.

2 Restricted funds may only be used for the purpose specified by a funder or donor. funds at 31 March 2009 represent the reserves required to meet the Foundation's short-term commitments in line with the Trustees' Reserves Policy.

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## 2008 - 09 GRANTS

Applicant	Fund/Scheme	Amount Awarded
Acorn Arts	Turkington Fund	£1000
Action Mental Health	Fair Share	£12548
Adapt NI	Telecommunity	£500
Age Concern Cookstown	Turkington Fund	£44000
Age Concern Dungannon	Turkington Fund	£600
Age Concern Greencastle	Turkington Fund	£500
Age Concern North Down & Ards	Turkington Fund	£48000
Age on Stage	Turkington Fund	£1500
Alive and Well Club	Turkington Fund	£1000
Altnaveigh House Womens Group	Turkington Fund	£2000
An Eochair/Clondara Historical and Cultural Group	One Small Step	£1180
Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership	Local Community Fund	£1664
Andersonstown Traditional & Contemporary Music School	Local Community Fund	£10125
Andrea Hannaway	Thomas Devlin Fund	£1300
Ardboe Community Projects Ltd	Telecommunity	£500
Ardglass Friendship Group	Turkington Fund	£1000
Arts & Disability Forum (ADF)	Telecommunity	£1000
Arts & Environment Project ( Royal Hospitals)	Telecommunity	£1000
Aughintober Regeneration Bowling Club	Telecommunity	£200
Ballinamallard Friday Club	Turkington Fund	£1255
Ballygawley Open Door Club	Turkington Fund	£600
Ballymena Community Forum	Fair Share	£5000
Ballysillan Community Forum	Fair Share	£94043
Ballysillan Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£12440
Ballysillan Youth FC	Local Community Fund	£14720
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Ethnic Family Support Service	Community Arts	£996
Belfast City Mission	Telecommunity	£1000
Belfast Special Olympics Football Club	Telecommunity	£1270
Benview Community Centre	Local Community Fund	£4200
Bryans House Residents Association	Turkington Fund	£580
Burren Women's Group	Turkington Fund	£800
C.A.L.M.S.	Sport Relief	£3150
C.A.L.M.S.	Telecommunity	£500
C.O.S.Y Club (Citizens of Senior Years)	Turkington Fund	£1050
Carebears Community Playgroup	Community Arts	£1000
Carl McCullough	Youthbank	£770
Carryduff Play Care	Community Arts	£958
Castlecaulfield Open Door Club	Turkington Fund	£1000
Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Indoor Bowling Club	Sport Relief	£1500
Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Indoor Bowling Club	Telecommunity	£400
Castlerock Senior Citizens Wednesday Club	Turkington Fund	£657
Castlewellan Regeneration Ltd Tuesday Club	Turkington Fund	£2000
Cavehill Antrim Road Regeneration (CARR)	Local Community Fund	£24184
Charlene Graham	Difference Makers	£1200
Cheryl McNeill	Youthbank	£750
Child Brain Injury Trust	Telecommunity	£1000
Children and Parents and Autism	Telecommunity	£1000
Ciaran Butler	Thomas Devlin Fund	£795
City of Newry University of the Third Age	Telecommunity	£600
Civil Service Retirement Group (Lisburn)	Turkington Fund	£800
Claione Scott	YouthBank	£750
Clanmil Housing	Telecommunity	£500
Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum	Local Community Fund	£25810
Clíodhna McCorley	Thomas Devlin Fund	£1300
Clogher and Auger Thursday Club	Turkington Fund	£700
Clooney Estate Residents Association	Turkington Fund	£1000
Cloughmills Community Action Team	Barclays Wealth	£1000
Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Turkington Fund	£2000
Community Development and Health Network	Community Foundation Own Funds	£15000
Community Horticultural Enterprise	Barclays Wealth	£1000
Community Restorative Justice Ireland	Community Foundation Own Funds	£30000

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Fund/Scheme</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Community Visual Images	Telecommunity	£1000
Community Workers Co-operative	Community Foundation Own Funds	£2500
County Londonderry Football Association	One Small Step	£1000
Crafts with Love	Telecommunity	£250
Craigavon Senior Citizens' Club	Telecommunity	£400
Craigyhill Senior Citizens Group	Turkington Fund	£700
Cranagh and Aghagallon Club	Turkington Fund	£500
Cranagh Community Association	Turkington Fund	£1000
Creggan Hall Management Committee	Turkington Fund	£600
Cushendun District Development Association	Telecommunity	£300
Derriaghy Village Community Association	Sport Relief	£3000
Derrygonnelly Senior Citizens	Turkington Fund	£1000
Derrylin First Tuesday Group	Turkington Fund	£1020
Docksider's Senior Men's Group	Turkington Fund	£1575
Drumduff & Drumnakilly Community Association	Turkington Fund	£1500
Dungiven Retirement Club	Telecommunity	£200
Dunsford Arts and Crafts Group	Turkington Fund	£1008
East Belfast Community Development Agency	Local Community Fund	£68499
East Down Rural Community Network	Staff Trustee Fund	£800
Edgar Boyd Tenants Association	Turkington Fund	£250
Evergreen Club Coalisland	Turkington Fund	£1000
Evergreen Club, Kilcoo	Turkington Fund	£1800
Falls Community Council	Local Community Fund	£24360
Finnard Rural Development Association	Turkington Fund	£1500
Focus On Family Nurturing & Development Centre	Fair Share	£5000
Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ Club)	Turkington Fund	£893
Glen Rural Community Group (Armoy)	Telecommunity	£1000
Glenbank Community Association	Local Community Fund	£4194
Glencolin Residents Association	Local Community Fund	£7905
GLM Silver Threads Group	Turkington Fund	£1120
Goal Line Youth Trust	Community Arts	£950
Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project	Local Community Fund	£5735
Greater Ballysillan Community Empowerment Partnership	Local Community Fund	£8500
Greenisland Realway Adopt a Station Project	Telecommunity	£500
Harvest Moon Club	Turkington Fund	£571
Help the Aged	Telecommunity	£1000
Highfield Community Centre Committee	Local Community Fund	£11174
Highfield Women's Group	Local Community Fund	£8150
Hilda Orr	Difference Makers	£1500
Hoi Sum Elderly Group	Turkington Fund	£400
Hollywood & District Community Council	Telecommunity	£500
HURT (Have Your Tomorrows)	Telecommunity	£1000
Indian Senior Citizens Club 50+	Community Arts	£520
Inverbrena Over 50's Group	Turkington Fund	£1790
Jason Allen	Thomas Devlin Fund	£500
Jennie Adair	YouthBank	£750
Joanne Harkness	Youthbank	£650
John Gillen	Thomas Devlin Fund	£1300
Kilkeel Parish Bridge Association Ltd	Telecommunity	£1000
Killyfole Development Association	Sport Relief	£1000
Kilskeery Parish Senior Citizens Association	Turkington Fund	£1500
Latinoamerica Unida Association	Community Arts	£1000
Lauren Kelly	Thomas Devlin Fund	£500
Lava Youth Centre	Telecommunity	£1000
Learmount Community Development Group Ltd	Turkington Fund	£1500
Lenadoon Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£33790
Ligoniel Fishing Club	Local Community Fund	£9774
Ligoniel Improvement Association / Ballysillan Comm. Forum	Fair Share	£25000
Limavady Community Development Initiative	Barclays Wealth	£4000
Link Community Association	Local Community Fund	£3500
Loughbrook Womens Group	Sport Relief	£1400
Lower North Belfast Community Council	Turkington Fund	£1500

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Applicant	Fund/Scheme	Amount Awarded
Magheragall Craft Group	Turkington Fund	£1000
Markets Development Association	Turkington Fund	£1500
Midland Senior Art Group	Telecommunity	£800
Moiria Friendship Group	Telecommunity	£500
Mourne Stimulus Day Centre	Telecommunity	£1500
Mullabrack Community Partnership	Turkington Fund	£1000
Musaig	Community Arts	£1000
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign	Telecommunity	£1000
Music 55-7	Telecommunity	£1000
Natalie Carlisle	YouthBank	£750
Newry and Mourne Men	Turkington Fund	£1500
Newtownabbey Senior Citizens' Forum	Turkington Fund	£32000
North Belfast Women's Initiative & Support Project	Telecommunity	£600
North Lurgan Community Association	Turkington Fund	£1100
North West Tongues, Tones and Tapping	Community Arts	£1000
Northern Ireland Anti Poverty Network	Barclays Wealth	£11000
Nuala McGowan	Thomas Devlin Fund	£1300
Old Warren Partnership	Fair Share	£29669
Older and Active	Telecommunity	£600
Orchardville Society	Telecommunity	£1000
Parkmore Community Association	Sport Relief	£1800
Peace People	Community Foundation Own Funds	£3000
Portadown Widows Group	Telecommunity	£725
Portglenone Senior Citizens	Turkington Fund	£250
Portglenone Senior Citizens Thursday Bowling Club	Turkington Fund	£250
Purple Heather Group	Turkington Fund	£1800
Qhaves Entertainment Group	Staff Trustee Fund	£1500
R.E.A.C.H ACROSS	Telecommunity	£1870
Randalstown Arches Association	Community Arts	£1000
Rascals Playstation Childcare Centre	Community Arts	£620
Rebecca Weir	Difference Makers	£1200
Redrock Development Partnership (Redrock Tuesday Club)	Turkington Fund	£600
Richhill Open Door Club	Turkington Fund	£1000
Riverdale Residence Association	Local Community Fund	£7931
RNIB Northern Ireland	Telecommunity	£1000
Ryan Caskey	Youthbank	£500
Sally Gardens Community Centre	One Small Step	£2000
SAVER/NAVER	Turkington Fund	£1800
Savoy House Committee	Turkington Fund	£1300
SEEDS	Community Arts	£1000
Sew and Sew	Turkington Fund	£400
Shared History Interpretive Projects (S.H.I.P)	Turkington Fund	£1200
Shona Kennedy	Thomas Devlin Fund	£500
Short Strand Community Forum	Turkington Fund	£2000
Silverbridge Community Development Forum	Turkington Fund	£700
Sion Mills Community Forum	Fair Share	£55000
South East Fermanagh Foundation	Telecommunity	£900
Springboard Opportunities Limited	One Small Step	£2000
St Elizabeth's Senior Citizens Club	Turkington Fund	£850
St Mary's Ladies Group	Telecommunity	£300
St Mary's Ladies Group	Turkington Fund	£950
St Teresa's Youth Centre	Sport Relief	£2403
Suffolk Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£33290
Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group	David Ervine Foundation	£415
TAG - The Active Group	Sport Relief	£1500
Taughmonagh Community Forum Ltd	Local Community Fund	£27402
Termoneeny Parish Bowling Club	Sport Relief	£1200
The Bridge Community Association	David Ervine Foundation	£29100
The Corrymeela Community	David Ervine Foundation	£1000
The Fermanagh Trust	Youthbank	£10125
The Logic Café	Telecommunity	£500
The Monday Club	Turkington Fund	£960

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Fund/Scheme</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
The Rivers Community Project	Community Arts	£1000
The Rivers Community Project	Turkington Fund	£1000
The Royal British Legion Women's Section	Turkington Fund	£1600
The St Oliver Plunkett Disabled Care Group	Telecommunity	£500
The Vincent Centre	Telecommunity	£500
Townparks Residents Association	Turkington Fund	£800
Trinity & New Lodge Senior Citizen Association	Telecommunity	£500
Tubrid Vaughan Bowling Club	Sport Relief	£1200
Tullyhogue Community Association	Turkington Fund	£800
Turning Point Women's Group Tempo	Turkington Fund	£1000
Twinspires Community Group	Telecommunity	£800
University of the Third Age (Strabane)	Telecommunity	£700
University of the Third Age (Strabane)	Turkington Fund	£1500
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£9217
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£9600
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	Local Community Fund	£11600
Upper Andersonstown Youth Network	Local Community Fund	£14523
Upper Ardoyne Youth Centre	Telecommunity	£1000
West 100 Group	Turkington Fund	£1000
Word of Faith Church	Local Community Fund	£5060
Young at Heart Men's Club Lurgan	Telecommunity	£500



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