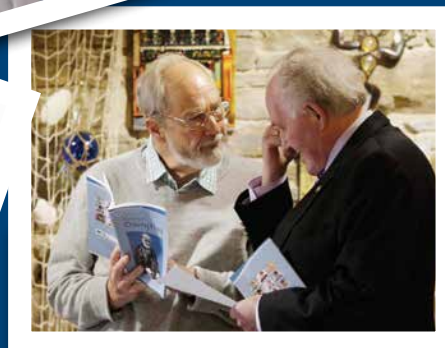




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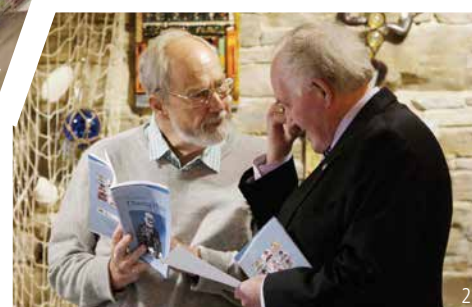
Developing and funding initiatives that tackle segregation and promote integration to build a lasting peace in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties is a key priority for the Fund.





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Chairman's Foreword

In February 2012, at an event in Belfast attended by several hundred people representing a range of Fund supported projects, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Fund's pioneering peace building work across the island of Ireland.

A very tangible measure of the Fund's success is its ability to empower local communities to deliver real and meaningful economic, peace building and reconciliation initiatives. At the celebration event in Belfast we were very fortunate to hear from a wide range of community representatives about how our funding had helped to positively transform communities and individuals severely impacted by sectarian tensions.

Thousands of individuals living in hundreds of communities affected by sectarian violence have benefited from the Fund's support.

The Fund's 2012 Annual Report & Accounts features many of the personal stories of very courageous individuals and organisations that have, through the very generous financial assistance provided by our international donors, delivered real and meaningful community change.

During the past year, the Fund committed £13 million/€16 million to a very wide range of interventions in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties to promote cross-community and cross-border peace building and reconciliation projects.

The case studies contained within the 2012 Annual Report & Accounts capture very eloquently the wide ranging nature and impact of our many investments in peace building and reconciliation, and the following projects are very good examples.

Our Sharing in Education Programme (SiEP) continues to support a range of strategic projects which bring pupils from Unionist and

Nationalist communities together. Delivered by the two main teacher training colleges in Northern Ireland, Classrooms Re-imagined: Education in Diversity and Inclusion for Teachers (CREDIT) is an important addition to the SiEP portfolio. The project engages directly with trainee teachers, providing the skills and confidence to address issues of community cohesion within school environments.

Late in 2012 we consulted with the Ministerial Advisory Group on the Advancement of Shared Education in Northern Ireland to discuss how SiEP can assist the Education Minister to enhance shared education in the region. We look forward to publication of the Group's recommendations.

The Fund's broad portfolio of youth programmes deliver a wide range of projects which promote mutual respect and diversity. One such example is the Learning and Educating Together (LET) Programme which promotes personal development and mutual understanding for 12-13 year olds in an enterprise based environment. Participants reported increased motivation to establish cross-community and cross-border friendships, better performance at school and consideration to starting their own business.

The opening of Belfast Metropolitan College's e3 facility in West Belfast marked the fruition of one of the Fund's largest single financial investments. The e3 facility works closely with community partners to enhance social and economic regeneration and boost employment prospects in an area blighted by sectarian division.



Pictured at the Peace Wall in Alexandra Park, Belfast were: Dr Adrian Johnston, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Eamon Gilmore TD, the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Pat Colgan, Chief Executive of the Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB).



The commitment of those seeking to transform their communities is greatly inspiring and we have seen significant success with the Communities in Transition Programme. For many participants in this programme, the drive towards positive change in areas affected by civil unrest is a real act of courage. Their efforts to build stronger, more peaceful communities make compelling reading.

Projects under the Fund's Community Based Economic & Social Regeneration Programme continued apace during the year, targeting in particular disadvantaged areas along the border counties which suffer from long-term unemployment, high rates of youth migration and high levels of poverty among other issues. Projects such as the Louth Leader Beyond Beliefs Data Project which utilised computer skills training, and the 3Cap Project which provided digital photography courses proved to be a huge success. Both projects connected people from different communities and also provided participants with useful skills for seeking employment.

In January 2012 the Fund announced that it would provide financial support to projects aimed at delivering a range of confidence and relationship building measures within and between communities to create the conditions whereby interface residents

would feel safe to commence discussions about the removal of Peace Walls. Peace Walls, physical barriers which divide interface communities, are among the most visible remaining symbols of community division in Northern Ireland and they pose one of the most significant remaining challenges to lasting peace and community regeneration. The Fund is determined to do all it can to help the British and Irish governments to address the remaining challenges to lasting peace and a truly shared future for all on the island of Ireland.

The Fund's Strategic Framework for Action 2012-2015 (Community Transformation), places particular emphasis on developing and funding interventions that tackle segregation and promote reconciliation in interface areas and areas where violence has the potential to destabilise the Peace Process.

It is designed to direct a concerted effort to help secure the gains of the Peace Process, eliminate the remaining issues which could destabilise it and make the final push to positively transform community relations, civic society and the wellbeing of all on the island of Ireland.

While the overall objectives of the Fund remain unchanged, the focus is now on building sustainable peace and promoting

reconciliation within and between communities throughout the island that are suffering the greatest economic and social deprivation and that have experienced limited benefits from the Peace Process.

The reality is that many communities in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties continue to experience sectarian tensions which sometimes results in violence. There is a real need to continue to mobilise and maximise efforts to sustain the peace we have and continue to build on it in order to eliminate the remaining sectarian tensions.

It is clear that a greater focus on community transformation rather than conflict management is now required to address the most significant remaining challenges to lasting peace. In the remainder of its lifetime the Fund intends to place a greater focus on supporting further community transformation by engaging with individuals and communities that have not previously, or have only partially, participated in peace building and community development activities.

Given the ongoing difficult economic conditions and the consequent severe budget restraints it is now critically important for government departments and funders to work more collaboratively by sharing and linking initiatives in order to ensure

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they are complementary and they achieve positive and sustainable outcomes.

The Fund was never conceived as a permanent funding mechanism, and the Board of the Fund recognise that the levels of financial support which the Fund attracted pre-2010 cannot be maintained. However, fully embedding peace and reconciliation on the island of Ireland is a slow process. The task of maintaining and building upon the Peace Process is not yet finished, as our society continues to be haunted by its past.

The Fund is firmly of the view that there remains a pressing need to work with and assist communities which have not yet fully engaged in peace building and reconciliation activities. This work is critical if we are to secure real and positive community transformation – particularly in those areas where sectarian violence has the potential to destabilise the Peace Process.

Those working to improve community relations across the island of Ireland have made clear their strong belief that if the International Fund for Ireland cannot continue its work, the impact will be severe for community organisations that are working to maintain the tentative peace that exists. The Fund has a unique standing and is widely accepted within all communities,

notably within areas regarded by government as those most difficult to reach. The international dimension of the Fund has greatly facilitated its ability to transcend political disputes and tensions in this regard. Our interventions have had a very significant and positive impact on the lives of thousands of people living in hundreds of communities throughout the island of Ireland.

The International Fund for Ireland continues to be a major force for building lasting peace. This work is not yet finished, but our new strategic direction can help sustain the momentum for a truly shared and peaceful future for all.

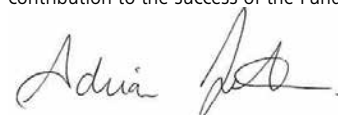
I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank our international donors – the United States of America, the European Union, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand – for their very generous financial support and political encouragement.

The support and encouragement from our donors has enabled the Fund to underpin the Peace Process and assist the British and Irish governments in their efforts to deliver a lasting peace.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my predecessor Dr Denis Rooney CBE for his vision and leadership,

particularly in terms of setting a very clear strategic direction for the Fund. He worked tirelessly to promote peace across the island of Ireland, and I am very honoured to follow in his footsteps as Chairman of the Fund. I would also like to pay tribute to outgoing Board Members Mrs Anne Henderson and Ms Mary Southwell for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment to the International Fund for Ireland during their term of office.

Lastly, I would like to thank my hard working and diligent colleagues on the Board of the Fund, the Joint Chairs and members of the Inter-Governmental Advisory Committee, the Secretariat, our Development Officers, agents and partners all of whom make a very significant contribution to the success of the Fund.



Dr Adrian Johnston
CHAIRMAN

1. Principals involved in the Primary, Integrating, Enriching Education (PIEE) Programme discuss their experiences of working and sharing with other schools.

2. Chairman, Dr Adrian Johnston of the International Fund for Ireland.



Mr David Graham OBE

Mr Winston Patterson

Mrs Siobhan Fitzpatrick CBE

The Board

The Board of the International Fund for Ireland is appointed jointly by the British and Irish governments. Representatives of the United States of America, the European Union, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand attend meetings of the Board.



Dr Adrian Johnston, Chairman

Ms Dorothy Clarke

Mr Billy Gamble

Ms Rose Mary Farrell

The United States of America, The European Union and governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand were represented this year by: Mr Dan Hynes, and Ms Stella O’Leary, United States of America; Ms Agnes Lindemans-Maes, and Ms Tamara Pavlin, European Union; Mr Brian Doherty, Canada; His Excellency Bruce Davis, Australia; and His Excellency Derek Leask, New Zealand.

Introduction

The International Fund for Ireland was established as an independent international organisation by the British and Irish governments in 1986. With contributions from the United States of America, the European Union, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, the total resources committed by the Fund to date amount to £707million/€890million.*



The objectives of the Fund are:

- to promote economic and social advance; and
- to encourage contact, dialogue and reconciliation between Unionists and Nationalists throughout Ireland.

* The Sterling/Euro conversion rate at 30 September 2012 is applied throughout this report.



Fund Chairman Dr Adrian Johnston launches the Headliners Project, Distinctive Voices Collective Choices, with Rachel Holmes from St Columba's Primary School and Ben Ferguson from Newbuildings Primary School.

The Board of the Fund is appointed jointly by the British and Irish governments. It is assisted by an Advisory Committee comprising officials appointed by the two governments.

The administration of the Fund is provided by a Secretariat, headed by Joint Directors General, based in Belfast and Dublin. A range of bodies, including government departments, act as administering agencies for the Fund. In addition, the Fund has engaged the services of a team of Development Officers, located across the southern border counties, who act as local contact points and assist prospective applicants to identify and develop proposals. They also monitor the ongoing operation of projects, providing assistance as necessary.

This report, which covers the period 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012, is presented by the Board to the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Ireland, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Fund's donors in accordance with Article

12 of the Agreement of 18 September 1986, as amended, by which the International Fund for Ireland was established.

The Fund's programmes cluster around five key areas: Building Foundations; Building Bridges; Building Integration; Leaving a Legacy; and Community Transformation.

All programmes are characterised by:

- a clear focus on reconciliation as the overriding objective;
- an independent and credible approach with strong international backing;
- a cross-community, cross-border approach;
- a willingness to take risks on behalf of local communities;
- early support for community initiatives;
- co-operation with other funders and leverage of funds from other sources;
- a willingness to innovate and to break new ground in support of reconciliation; and
- a responsive approach to donor priorities.

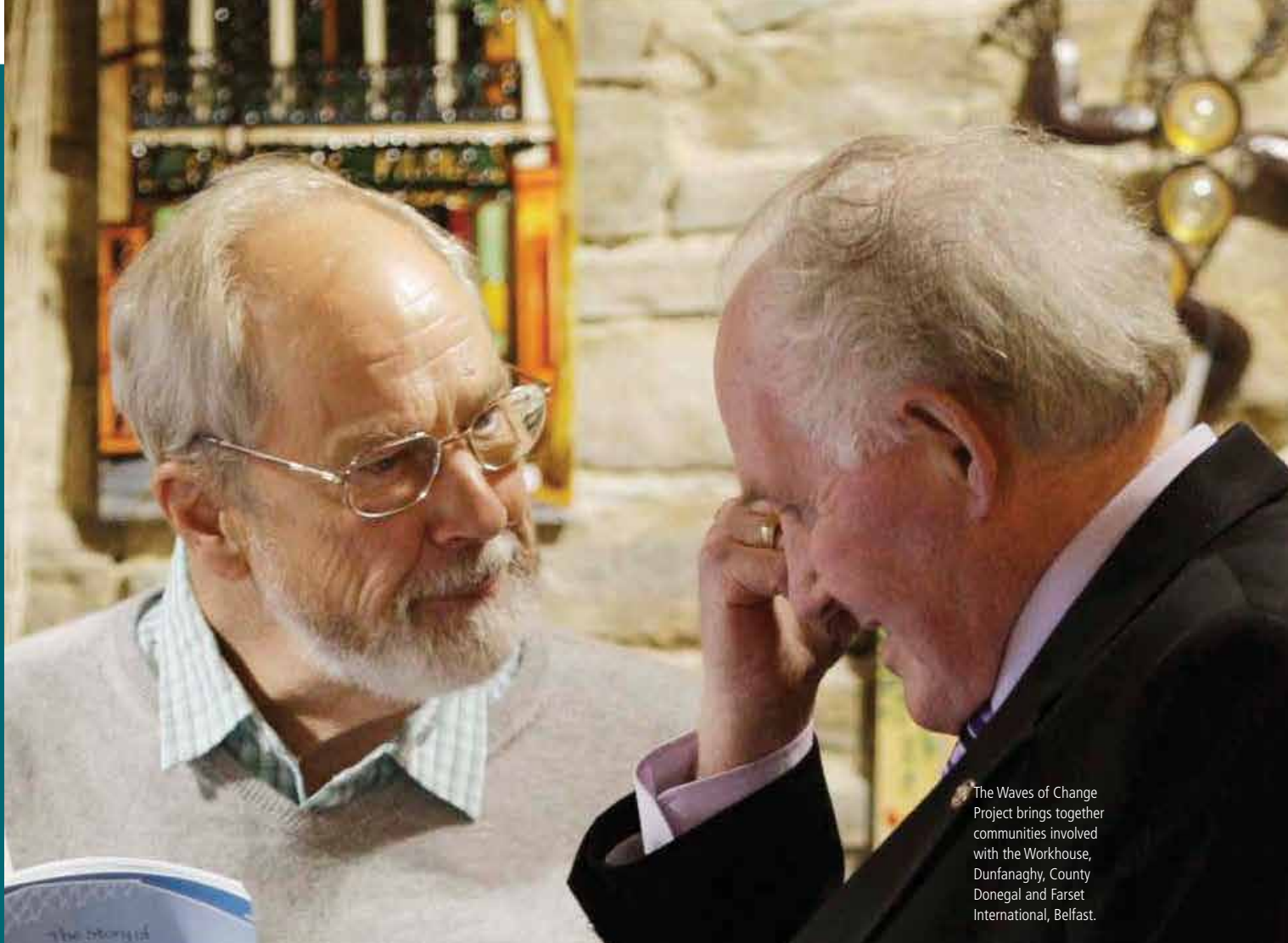


Building Foundations

Building Foundations Programmes are active in the most marginalised communities of Northern Ireland and the southern border counties, working to promote peace and reconciliation and create the conditions for a long-term shared future. Each of the programmes addresses key issues of deprivation, social cohesion, and community leadership in order to help make community-led change possible and sustainable.



Fund Chairman Dr Adrian Johnston joins the Culture Cavan Project who bring together musicians from both traditions across the Cavan-Fermanagh border.



The Waves of Change Project brings together communities involved with the Workhouse, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal and Farset International, Belfast.

Communities in Transition Programme 2

The Communities in Transition Programme is one of the Fund's key initiatives that seeks to address deeply rooted social, economic and political problems. The programme focuses on areas with poor community infrastructure which experience ongoing community tension and alienation. It operates at a grassroots level and mobilises local people to encourage self-help within these marginalised communities. The Fund originally allocated £2.1 million towards the programme.

The Communities in Transition Programme has proved successful in empowering communities to exercise a greater influence on developments in their own areas. The Communities in Transition Programme is delivered on behalf of the Fund by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

In June 2010, the Board of the International Fund for Ireland approved an extension to the timeframe for the Communities in Transition Programme to December 2012 and additional financial assistance of £208,000.



Young people from Bushmills on a cross-community historical and cultural tour of Londonderry/Derry.

Empowering communities to transform

According to Kat Healy, Policy, Research and Evaluation Officer of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, tensions with both the Unionist and Nationalist areas taking part in the Communities in Transition (CIT) Programme have risen in recent time due to the activities of dissidents and breakaway groups.

In Dromore village, Co. Down this programme has been very effective in tackling this problem. A key community activist was able to use his influence to challenge the flying of flags and painting of murals. A PSNI audit of paramilitary flags in 2005 showed more than 50 flying in the village, but this had been reduced to less than 10 by 2010. He and co-workers also enabled the removal of a UFF mural from a house wall.

Similar efforts to improve the environment in areas like Parkmore in Craigavon and Seapatrick near Banbridge helped to reduce the number of flags and emblems in those estates.

Seapatrick is a shining example of what can be achieved through empowering local people to address the problems in their area. A new playpark where bonfires used to be sited has been created after the community group secured a grant from the local council. The group has also embraced the idea of healthy living and now grows vegetables in an allotment which are given out to

local residents. A healthy eating club and a walking group have also been established.

Before CIT the area had little cross-community contact, but the Community Association decided that joint music nights would be one way of bridging local divides. Around 100 people now attend the weekly music club where participants can learn instruments or just listen.

The village recently won a Best Improved Small Village award from Translink and Ulster in Bloom, giving an official seal to the transformation of the area enabled by CIT.

Kat says: "None of this would have been possible without the hard work of the local people who have formed the Community Association. Their progress shows what can be achieved when people's energies are channelled in the right direction and they commit to the ideals of programmes like CIT."

In mainly Nationalist neighbourhoods the activities of dissidents have led to

considerable fear and tension in some areas. Annsborough in the wider Castlewella area is one example. Since the establishment of the programme there were two large weapons finds linked to Republican dissidents, but the Annsborough Community Forum say that has not been a problem for them. The Forum has continued its work attempting to break down class divisions in the area and also engaging with young people, both of which have met with a considerable measure of success.

Physical and social transformation in the area has also been a major achievement for the group. Having leveraged funding and training support, it has been able to improve the environment through area-based clean-ups, planting of new flowers and the installation of two large features welcoming visitors to the neighbourhood. As well as increasing community spirit and civic pride, incidents of vandalism and arson have decreased since the improvements were made.

Fund Chairman Dr. Adrian Johnson (right), pictured at a celebration event at Enniskillen Castle for the Crossing Borders on Screen Project. He is joined by Colin McKeown, Project Director, Cinema North West; Oonagh Monahan, Chair, Cinema North West; and actor Adrian Dunbar.



The Community Based Economic & Social Regeneration Programme

The Community Based Economic and Social Regeneration Programme aims to help the most socially and economically disadvantaged regions in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties. The programme seeks to achieve community development and sustainable reconciliation through the funding of cross-community and cross-border projects capable of delivering real change for those living within the area. Projects include capital development and/or support for programmes of activity over a two to three year period.



Members of the 3CAP Project pictured at its launch at the Ballinaglera Community Hall, County Leitrim.

Three communities advancing through peace

The 3 CAP Project is a two-year initiative aimed at strengthening connections and encouraging greater interaction between the three rural communities of Ballinaglera in County Leitrim and Boho and Killesher in County Fermanagh. All three areas suffer from problems of long-term unemployment and high rates of youth migration which have become more pronounced since the economic downturn.

Over the years, proximity to the border has brought many challenges and difficulties to people living in the area which the 3CAP project is helping to address by engaging a broad cross section of the communities in training and in reconciliation and peace building activities. Coordinated by Ballinaglera Development Company in conjunction with Boho Women's Group and Killesher Community Development Company, the project works to advance trust and understanding between the communities through cross-community, cross-border events and training activities targeting women's groups, senior citizens, youth, music groups and farmers and their families.

Now in its second year, the project is having a real impact, enabling what are in effect marginalised, rural communities plan for a future where diversity is encouraged

and appreciated. Isobel Cleary, Project Development Worker, explains: "Ballinaglera and Boho had worked together on several initiatives putting the building blocks in place for stronger cross-border links prior to the project which now includes Killesher. So, it's heartening to see all three communities now working together for the first time thanks to the Fund.

"The project has brought such a diverse range of people into the process from across all three communities. This is down to the commitment of local organisers and volunteers and the wide-ranging nature of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the project, which has given all people living in each area the opportunity to engage – be it through training courses, storytelling projects, heritage weekends and local community activities targeting specific groups. It all comes down to

celebrating what we have in common with each other and all that is good about living in this rural border region."

A six week digital photography course for women run by the project is a particular success, encouraging people from all three communities to interact and view their local area from a different perspective. The course brought participants to local places they'd never been before, taking in the history of the area, including local churches of each denomination.

Isobel recounts: "I remember when we'd gone into the Methodist church, somebody said to me: 'Gosh it's great to be in here, I drive past here nearly every day and I've often wondered what it looks like inside.' So it's giving people a reason to go there and ask the questions, interact and find out more about each other."



Kathy Wolff, Coordinator Community Relations Forum; Alderman Victor Robinson, Mayor of Newtownabbey Borough Council; Seamus Kelly, Chair of Community Relations Forum; and David Graham OBE, International Fund for Ireland at the reopening of the historic Barron Hall, Glengormley.

Restoring community relations

Newtownabbey Community Relations Forum was offered financial assistance from the International Fund for Ireland in 2009 to refurbish its headquarters, the historic Barron Hall in Newtownabbey. This work was designed to allow for wider use of the premises and increase the range of services on offer.

Soon after, however, an arson attack severely damaged the building before work even commenced. Though a devastating blow, it galvanised all quarters of the community and spurred the Forum on to fully restore the building. Inevitably this attack delayed the refurbishment and improvement work but the Barron Hall finally re-opened in September 2012.

In addition, the organisation has now received further assistance from the Fund towards a full-time development worker and for the implementation of a substantial programme of community and cross-community activity.

Project Coordinator Kathy Wolff says that Newtownabbey is an area where community tensions have been evident although relatively little was done to address the problem. Now, thanks to the Fund's assistance, a number of initiatives are up and running or in the pipeline.

One initiative has been the development of a mediation service, where local people trained in mediation skills, take on cases referred to them by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and attempt to resolve the dispute without it escalating into court action.

The Community Relations Forum has also

developed an anti-hate crime project. Volunteers meet with people who have been subjected to hate or sectarian abuse or crimes. They help them to arrange meetings with other community organisations and – if the victims are newly arrived in the area, for example, immigrants from another country – they attempt to integrate them into the local community by getting the children into youth organisations.

Other projects which have been undertaken include:

- Helping a group of girls gain greater self-esteem and play a positive role in their area by devising a good relations training programme. The girls then helped to organise tea dances and quizzes for older residents creating a new sense of purpose for all concerned.
- A class in feminism was arranged to encourage local women to get more involved in grass-roots politics and also to learn how to lobby on family issues.
- Guest speakers from a range of faith based backgrounds in the catchment community were invited to address groups of local people in order for them to gain a better understanding of how different communities worship.
- Currently in development is a project which will bring groups of local people to four former jails – the Maze near Lisburn, Crumlin Road in Belfast, Armagh prison,

Armagh, and Kilmainham in Dublin – where they will hear presentations on the jails' histories and place in the development of the two parts of Ireland.

- Political issues such as the Queen's visit to Ireland and the history of the Orange Order have been explored in dialogue involving people from different backgrounds and politicians from right across the political spectrum.

Kathy Wolff says that the additional support from the Fund has been a blessing to the Forum: "It means that we will be able to run more projects and do more in-depth work during the two years of the funding until the end of 2013."

In addition to its own projects, the Community Relations Forum has links with a large number of other Fund-supported projects. This includes the Voices Women's Project in Turf Lodge in West Belfast which is partnered with Coole New Opportunities in Rathcoole; Focus on Family in Coleraine; Creevagh Women's Group in Londonderry/Derry; and Fab Femme in Ballymoney. The Orne Project, mentioned elsewhere in this report, is also based in the Barron Hall.

The Fund welcomes the building of wider inter-project relationships which allows for a richer sharing of experiences and lessons and reduces any feeling of isolation.

Reconciliation through new skills

The Louth Leader Partnership, in association with local community organisations Le Chéile CDP and Áit na nDaoine CDP, were granted financial assistance in June 2010 to deliver a two-year project 'Beyond Beliefs Data.'

The project uses the neutral territory of IT training, with a particular focus on multi-media skills, and was designed to use shared learning and experiences as tools to promote reconciliation between Nationalist communities in Cox's Demesne and Muirhevnamor, Dundalk and the Unionist community in Shankill, Belfast, and also between the local Catholic and Protestant communities in Dundalk.

Both Cox's Demesne and Muirhevnamor are significantly disadvantaged, showing evidence of social exclusion, high unemployment rates, high levels of poverty and lack of opportunities for young people. This disadvantage is a result of the conflict as large numbers of displaced people settled in the area during the Troubles. It resulted in the isolation of these groups within their communities and led to mistrust and stigmatisation.

In addition to delivering valuable multi-media skills training, the project included

a significant cross-border and cross-community element through engagement with community representatives in the Vine Centre in the Shankill, Belfast. Participants in both communities made reciprocal visits for workshops providing opportunities to explore and discuss their beliefs and the impacts, both positive and negative, that these beliefs can have on their communities and the wider community.

Project Coordinator, Belinda McGurk said that the Beyond Beliefs Data project had made a significant contribution to the local communities of Dundalk and Belfast and in promoting cross-community engagement. "The main aim of the project set out to acknowledge the past and support participants on a cross-border basis in addressing prejudice and intolerance to build trust. Many participants both from the Protestant and Catholic areas between Dundalk and Belfast shared the same view that if they had not taken part in this project they

would never have had the opportunity to see each other's cultures and traditions."

Beyond the Beliefs was continually oversubscribed from the outset and to date over 160 people have completed the course and received certificates in computer skills. Due to the resounding success of the course, the organisers requested additional funding to extend the programme until the end of 2013 which the Fund has agreed to support.

"The additional funding support will enable us to work with a further 160 people and help them not just to gain valuable computer skills but also to meet and share their experiences and traditions with their neighbours in their local community and across the Border," says Belinda.

More than 160 participants successfully completed the 'Beyond Beliefs' computer skills training programme.



Building Foundations

During this financial year the Fund committed financial assistance to the following projects:

American Business Internship and Training Programme (AMBIT)

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Northern Ireland AMBIT	AMBIT 2013	65,000

Community Based Economic and Social Regeneration Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Antrim Borough Council Area Antrim Community Development Association Railway Street Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	43,015
Armagh City & District Council Area Clady Gaelic Football Club Cladymore Road Cladymore Co Armagh	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Ballymena Borough Council Area Bann Valley Community Group Mayogall Road Portglenone Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Hillstown Rural Community Group Glebe Road Randalstown Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Portglenone Cross Community Development Association Ballymena Road Portglenone Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Belfast City Council Area Ballymacarret Community & Cultural Engagement Project Albertbridge Road Belfast Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	39,325

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Carrickfergus Borough Council Area Carrickfergus YMCA Chester Street Carrickfergus Co Antrim	A programme of community and community relations activity for young people to coincide with the opening of the new youth facility.	100,000
Castlereagh Borough Council Area Mount Merrion Parish Mount Merrion Avenue Belfast Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Coleraine Borough Council Area Causeway Rural & Urban Network (CRUN) Stable Lane Coleraine Co Antrim	Additional assistance towards a community relations programme of activity.	100,000
Cookstown District Council Area Ballinderry AOH Ballinderry Bridge Road Coagh Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Craigavon Borough Council Area Ballybay Community Association Loughgall Road Portadown Craigavon Co Armagh	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Derryadd & District Community Association Derrytrasna Road Lurgan Co Armagh	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Magheralin Parish New Forge Road Magheralin Co Down	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Derry City Council Area All Saints Caring Association Melrose Terrace Waterside Co Londonderry	Additional assistance towards the development of the Stewart Memorial Hall into a community and cross-community facility.	70,000
Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council Area Coalisland Faith Defenders Cultural Group Birney Square Coalisland Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	44,767
Crossdernott Bowling Club Thornhill Road Dungannon Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Fermanagh District Council Area Cleenish Parish Derrylin Road Bellanaleck Enniskillen Co Fermanagh	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Larne Borough Council Area Victoria Action Group Curran Road Larne Co Antrim	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Magherafelt District Council Area Salterstown Flute Band Salterstown Road Ballyronan Magherafelt Co Londonderry	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Newry & Mourne District Council Area		
Crossmaglen Rangers GAC Dundalk Road Crossmaglen Co Armagh	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Kilkeel Parish Bridge Association Greencastle Street Kilkeel Co Down	Additional assistance towards a youth and community relations project.	80,238
Omagh District Council Area		
Mountfield Ulster Scots Association Fecarry Road Omagh Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Drumragh Parish Church Street Omagh Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Tyrooney Orange Lodge Anthenree Road Carrickmore Omagh Co Tyrone	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	49,999
Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Cavan County Council		
Belturbet Community Development Association Railway Road Belturbet Co Cavan	Refurbishment of the Town Hall and conversion of the first floor for use as a community and resource facility.	328,050

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Cavan Co Council – Building Together for the Future Farnham Centre Farnham Street Cavan Co Cavan	Drama, music and creative arts programme.	252,160
Derrylane Parish Derrylane Killeshandra Co Cavan	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	59,999
Donegal County Council Malin Head Community Initiative Malin Head Co Donegal	A cross community development project to bring both traditions together.	102,000
Mannorcunningham Orange Lodge Letterkenny Co Donegal	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	59,999
Newtowncunningham Interchurch Committee Trinity Court Monfad Road Newtowncunningham Co Donegal	Assistance towards the Newtown Shared Space Project.	114,920
Trustees of Ballintra Orange Hall Ballintra Co Donegal	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	59,999
Tuath – Winning New Opportunities Ramelton Road/Port Road Letterkenny Co Donegal	Additional assistance towards a personal development programme for a very vulnerable section of the community.	100,000
Louth County Council Louth Craftmark Muirhevna Mor Dundalk Co Louth	Additional assistance towards the Creative Sparks Project	95,000

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Stephenstown Pond Trust Knockbridge Dundalk Co Louth	Additional assistance towards the Music and Craft at the Pond Project.	99,540
Monaghan County Council Clones Community Forum Ltd Cassandra Hand Centre Ball Alley Clones Co Monaghan	Additional assistance towards the Looking Back to Move Forward Project.	84,137
Farney Community Development Group – Carrickmacross Workhouse Shercock Road Carrickmacross Co Monaghan	Developing a centre for reconciliation.	100,000
Sligo County Council Lisadell Parish Ballinful Co Sligo	Minor works to upgrade the group's community hall.	59,999
Multiple Areas Associated Photography for Art and Culture Caracas Moneymore Carlingford Co Louth	A cross-border peace and reconciliation project.	55,725
Balor DCA – Shared Past–Shared Future Main Street Ballybofey Co Donegal	Additional assistance towards a programme of cross border youth summer camps and drama productions.	100,000
West Cavan/West Fermanagh Social & Community Enterprise Regeneration Project Enterprise Centre Blacklion Co Cavan	Programme to re-establish economic and social linkages through joint training and project work.	100,000

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Community Relations through Sport/ Donegal Sports Partnership Pearse Road Letterkenny Co Donegal	Additional assistance towards a project for young people to address issues of sectarianism and community relations.	99,750
Dunfanaghy Workhouse Figart Dunfanaghy Co Donegal	Additional assistance towards The Waves of Change Project for children.	100,000
Football for Peace (F4P) Ireland Pound Street Carndonagh Co Donegal	Additional assistance towards a project promoting positive relations between 7 – 16 year olds through football in schools in the North West.	100,000
Glengad Community Association – Maritime Matters Bunn Glengad Co Donegal	A cross-community, cross-border intergenerational heritage revival project.	219,939
Leitrim County Development Board Aras an Chondae Carrick-on-Shannon Co Leitrim	Assistance towards the Goals for Peace community relations project in counties Leitrim, Fermanagh and Tyrone.	100,000
Louth Leader Partnership The Redeemer Family Resource Centre Ard Easmuinn Dundalk Co Louth	Additional assistance towards the Beyond Beliefs Project.	86,842
Smashing Times Theatre Company Coleraine House Dublin 7 Co Dublin	Theatre, drama and arts workshops, seminars and facilitated performances in the border counties.	173,338

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
The Sounding Board/Sligo Leader Partnership Company Cleveragh Sligo Co Sligo	A community based music and technology programme for rural youth in Counties Sligo and Fermanagh.	85,135
Name/Address	Project Description	North/South £
Multiple Areas Rural Development Council – Maximising Community Space Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone	An initiative aimed at advancing and embedding community relations with groups that participated in the Maximising Community Space projects.	190,500

Community Leadership Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North/South £
Multiple Areas NICVA Duncairn Gardens Belfast Co Antrim	Additional assistance to extend this project into a fourth year.	650,000

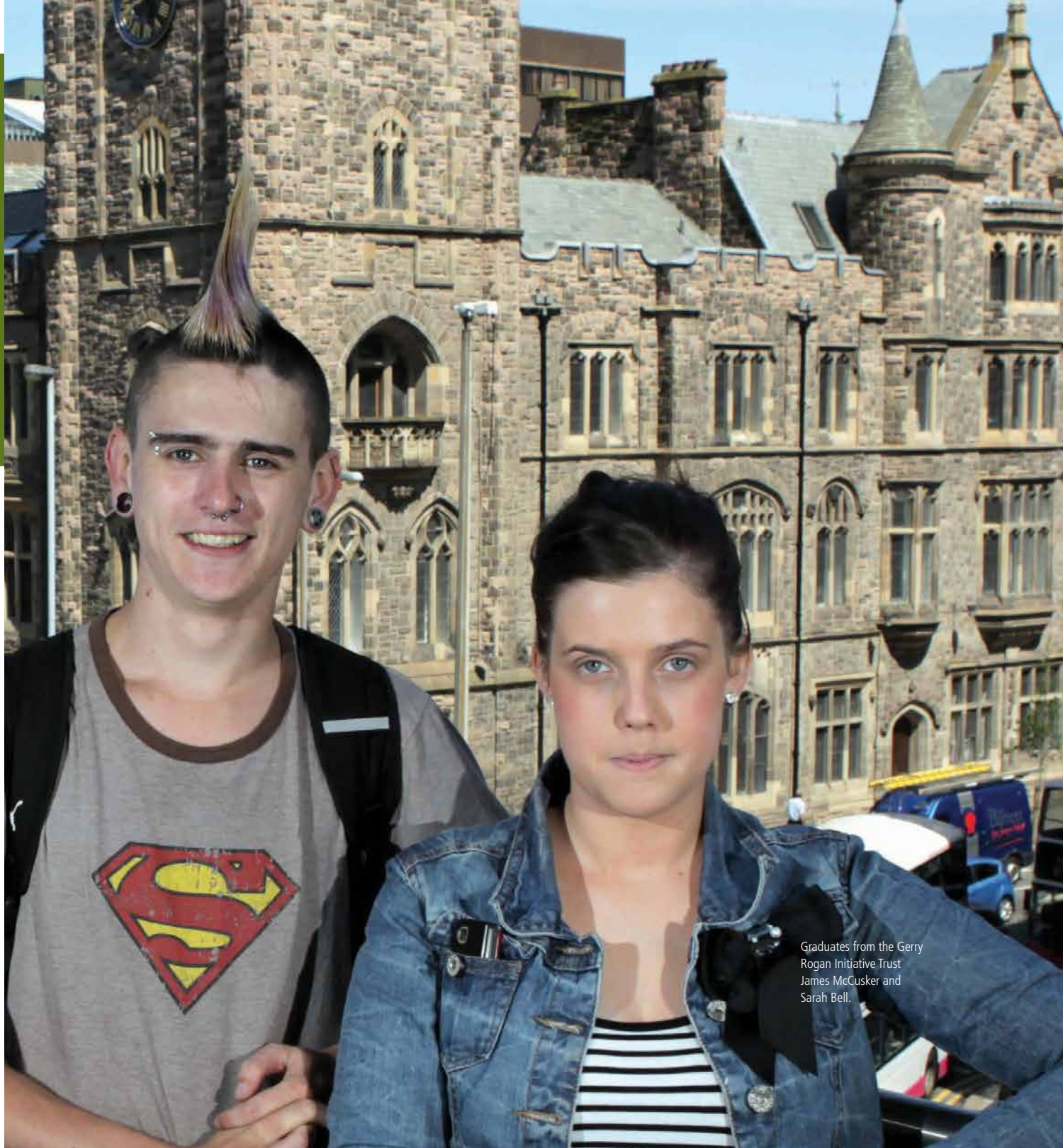


Building Bridges

Segregation and sectarianism remain very real challenges in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties. Building Bridges operates in two main areas: Youth Programmes focus on creating cross-community and cross-border opportunities for young people; and the Community Bridges Programme which supports innovative and ground-breaking community projects which seek to address difference and division and promote reconciliation and mutual understanding between all sections of the community – particularly in interface areas.

Participants and guests at the Learning and Educating Together (LET) Programme celebration event in Londonderry/ Derry including Fund Chairman Dr Adrian Johnston, Fund Board Member David Graham and Mayor of Derry Councillor Kevin Campbell.





Graduates from the Gerry Rogan Initiative Trust
James McCusker and Sarah Bell.

Youth Programmes

Youth Programmes focus on creating cross-community and cross-border opportunities for young people aged 12 – 28. As well as providing opportunities for dialogue and mutual understanding, these programmes offer young people a chance to develop their skills, education and self-esteem through practical training and recognised qualifications.



Wider Horizons participants take part in a visit to Niagara Falls.

LEARNING AND EDUCATING TOGETHER (LET) PROGRAMME.

LET aims to break the cycle of poor educational achievement and unemployment by bringing together students aged 12-13 from both sides of the border and from both traditions into a series of residentials to learn about mutual understanding, personal finance, budgeting, good communication and business planning.

In 2011, 600 young people took part in the residentials and approximately 6,000 young people have participated in the programme since its inception in 2003. Delivered jointly by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland, the programme has an excellent track record in facilitating friendships between young people from different backgrounds and religions.

KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ENTERPRISE FOR YOUTH (KEY) PROGRAMME

KEY works with students aged 14-16 to enhance their personal development and mutual understanding through enterprise training, business tasks and outdoor activities during a series of four residentials.

Through the programme, young people from different traditions and community backgrounds are able to develop a greater understanding and tolerance for other traditions and firm friendships are often formed.

Each year Young Entrepreneurs of the Year are chosen from the KEY students and they attend an International Next Generation

Leaders Conference in Canada. Independent annual evaluations repeatedly demonstrate that KEY is successful in meeting its twin aims of promoting peace and reconciliation between the two main communities and addressing the disadvantage of marginalised young people by teaching them enterprise and personal skills.

In 2011, 900 young people took part in the camps and approximately 9,800 young people have participated in the programme since its inception in 1999.

KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ENTERPRISE FOR YOUTH (KEY START) PROGRAMME

The KEY Start Programme is based on the well established KEY Programme and is a 10-day initiative aimed at young people in alternative education aged 14-16. The programme aimed to:

- develop self-esteem and confidence and enhance the ability of participants to positively contribute to society;
- increase the likelihood that participants will become economically active and less likely to be socially excluded; and
- develop a better understanding of cultural diversity.

GERRY ROGAN INITIATIVE TRUST (GRIT) PROGRAMME

This programme aimed to assist young people aged 16-18 to consider the implications of their decisions and actions; encourage them to take more positive views of themselves and their futures; examine their own and each

other's identity and background; and make positive plans for the future.

WIDER HORIZONS PROGRAMME

Wider Horizons is one of the Fund's longest established programmes. It brings together young adults aged 18-28 from economically and socially disadvantaged areas from both sides of the border and provides them with training, work experience and a unique opportunity to gain a greater insight into, and respect for, each others' traditions.

A Wider Horizons Project Group typically involves 21 participants drawn equally from the Unionist and Nationalist traditions in Northern Ireland and from the southern border counties with some projects also involving participants from Dublin.

Each project normally lasts 20 weeks and is divided into three stages. The first stage is pre-departure which includes training in vocational skills, mutual understanding, conflict resolution, team building and personal development.

Stage two includes work experience in an overseas location, where the groups continue to address mutual understanding and personal development issues.

The third stage involves completing vocational qualifications and developing job search skills.

Since it began in 1986, approximately 18,000 young people have completed the Wider Horizons Programme in destinations such as Canada, America, Europe, and South Africa.

Working towards a better future

The Wider Horizons Programme is the Fund's longest running programme, its origins go back as far as 1986 and approximately 18,000 young people have benefited from the programme.

Springboard Opportunities Limited is one of the current delivery agents for the Wider Horizons Programme. Springboard has been involved in the delivery of the programme since 1992. Springboard delivers the programme specifically for young unemployed people from the greater Belfast area and Dublin.

Paula Quinn, Springboard Recruitment and Marketing Manager, says the programme has three main aims – personal development and mutual understanding, building confidence, and building self esteem.

Each project includes 21 young people aged 18-28 – seven from a Nationalist background, seven from a Unionist background, and seven from Dublin. Each project lasts 15-24 weeks, and in the past year 10 projects were delivered.

"We hold workshops on issues like drug and alcohol awareness, suicide and self-harming, and mutual

understanding and diversity," she adds. As well as workshops and training at home, the young people take part in overseas visits to Europe, the US, Canada, and South Africa. While overseas the young people live with host families, gain work experience, and consider gaining professional qualifications.

"Around 70% of those who take part in the projects either gain employment or go into training or further education.

"Considering the background of most of these young people that is a considerable achievement. Many of them were de-motivated, came from broken homes or disadvantaged areas, where even getting up in the morning was a struggle. They felt that there were barriers in place which prevented them developing as people.

"The lack of infrastructure in the areas they came from and the lack of opportunities all mitigated against their development and it was not until they came on the

programme that they realised they could achieve something or, at the very least, work towards gaining the personal qualities or qualifications which would enable them to make a positive contribution to society."

Each project has three phases. Initially the young people take part in informal and accredited training which gives them the opportunity to learn new skills.

Armed with these new skills they then go on their overseas placements where they experience different cultures and work experience. On their return more support is available to help them further develop.

According to Paula the feedback from the families of the young people has been very positive. "They see a great difference in their sons and daughters from the unsure and de-motivated people who join the programme to those who come out the other side feeling confident about their own abilities and willing to challenge themselves and build careers."



Wider Horizons participants on a trip to the York University Observatory.



Students from Lisneal College in Londonderry/Derry during the Learning and Educating Together (LET) Programme celebration event.

Diversity and enterprise training for social prosperity

For some young people, Fund supported programmes like LET provide the first opportunity to mix with peers from other traditions and backgrounds.

Launched in 2003, LET targets schoolchildren in the 12-13 age group from maintained and controlled schools in Northern Ireland and schools in the southern border counties. Approximately 6,000 pupils have participated in the programme.

Around 600 pupils take part in three residentials each academic year. These help the young people develop friendships – sometimes for the very first time – with peers from different cultural and religious backgrounds. They are drawn from some of the most marginalised communities in the target areas.

The programme is delivered jointly on behalf of the Fund by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland. Andrea Doran, Young Enterprise Northern Ireland Project Manager, says economic tools are used at the residentials to help young people gain a better understanding of how real life works. “We start by teaching them personal

development skills, tell them how a business works and why it is important in any community in order to develop wealth and infrastructure. They also learn personal budgeting skills, how to avoid getting into debt and the advantages and disadvantages of various types of lenders, from those who go door-to-door to credit unions and banks.

“In their final residential they develop a prototype product which could be used to address some social need in their community. Then, in a Dragons’ Den type scenario they have to sell their business idea to a group of business people who volunteer to help us and who judge each entry.

“The pupils also take part in outdoor activities which help to build up their team working and communication skills.”

Andrea says that when the residentials end there are many tears shed as the pupils leave. Many of them keep in touch

through social networking, texting and telephoning and also keep in touch with the staff who deliver the courses.

“We feel that our approach to peace building and mutual understanding, using economic tools, gives the pupils a greater realisation of what life after school will really be like. They know they will have to work with people of different personal and religious beliefs when they leave school, but they will have the confidence and skills to do so. They also realise that they can make a positive contribution to the communities where they live and can be part of a diverse and vibrant society.”

The LET Programme finishes in May 2013 and Andrea and her colleagues are currently undertaking detailed research to show how those who took part have gained valuable experiences compared to those in a control group who did not take part on the programme.



Delegates at the Connect 4 Project, which is facilitated by Groundwork Northern Ireland and Northside Partnership in Dublin, exchange community transformation experiences.

Community Bridges

The Community Bridges Programme is at the forefront of the work of the International Fund for Ireland in helping communities in Northern Ireland and the southern border counties to use ground breaking projects to develop community relations and reconciliation.

The Community Bridges Programme exists to support:

- reconciliation for a shared future;
- organisations delivering projects with the potential to make a significant contribution to reconciliation and the emergence of a shared and peaceful future on the island of Ireland; and
- organisations wishing to undertake activities that address issues of conflict and division related to the Troubles



Sandy Row Young Mums in Belfast on an activity day with Queen's Park Young Women from Glengormley at Belfast Activity Centre.

Building new links by sharing experiences

Coordinated by the Linc Project in Belfast's York Road, the Learning Through Engagement (LTE) Project aims to establish cross-community links between urban and rural women's groups. It uniquely uses the experience of established groups throughout Northern Ireland to help in the training and development of new and emerging ones.

The project facilitators are Denise Hughes and Nuala Barr. Denise, the Senior Facilitator on the project, says that the breadth of the range of groups and their differing capacities means that they can gain mutual benefit by close cooperation and learning together.

"For example some of the more established groups have learned through experience how they can make an impact in their local areas and can pass on that knowledge to the newly formed groups seeking to improve service provision in their own estates," she adds.

To date 18 groups, just over half of them from Belfast but also including women from Lisburn, Toomebridge, South Armagh and Londonderry/Derry, have asked to be part of the project. The range of activity includes residential visits, exchange workshops and meetings designed to support women in playing a more positive role in community relations and community action.

One example of this is the Queen's Park Women's Group from Glengormley in Newtownabbey which was concerned at the level of interface rioting by young people in their area. They believed that the lack of accessible and suitable facilities was a contributory factor to this anti-social behaviour. In March this year they opened

the 50/50 Club, a drop-in centre in a neutral area where young people from opposing communities in the area could meet and interact. As a result the level of anti-social behaviour has dropped significantly. Through LTE, the women have been taking part in a wide range of capacity-building sessions aimed at helping them to create greater community cohesion and development.

Through their work this group has also established the Queen's Park Young Women's Group. LTE has provided a programme of work to help develop the young women's self-confidence and communication skills and many of them are now volunteering in the 50/50 Club.

Other young women who felt equally isolated have formed the Suffolk Women's Group in a mainly Unionist estate on the edge of west Belfast.

According to Denise they are attempting to operate somewhat under the radar given the level of community tensions in this interface area. "They came together as women to support each other. They are keen to move on but a lack of confidence and capacity has been a problem when combined with the fact that many of the old fears and tensions remain. Their hope, through interaction with other women's groups, is to build new relationships,

discuss relevant issues and learn new skills on community development."

The Women's Group in Toomebridge has been together for over five years as a support group for older women from the village and outlying, isolated rural areas. It has been part of the LTE Project for three months and in that time, it has undertaken a mapping exercise to identify local issues that it can begin to address. The group has commented that through the project, many of the women have become more self-confident, contributing more to group discussions and participating fully in group activities.

Based in Gobnascale, Londonderry/Derry, the Recycled Teenagers Women's Group has been meeting for a number of years as a bingo group but recently become a constituted group with the aim of addressing the needs of local women in their community. Through a process of goal-setting and action-planning, the LTE project has helped the group focus on what it wants to achieve in terms of learning, networking and community relations.

The Fund has a longstanding relationship with the Linc Organisation and has invested in a number of successful projects. The LTE Project is proving to be another strong project and is delivering positive impacts and new links between urban and rural women's groups across Northern Ireland.

Building Bridges

During this financial year the Fund committed financial assistance to the following projects:

Community Bridges Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Belfast City Council Area 174 Trust Duncairn Avenue Belfast Co Antrim	Cross-community and interface initiative focussing on young people, community leadership and engaging churches in peace building.	220,884
Multiple Areas Community Relations in Schools (CRIS) North City Business Centre Duncairn Gardens Belfast Co Antrim	Additional assistance towards a schools community relations project.	150,000
LINC Resource Centre York Street Belfast Co Antrim	A cross-border and cross-community project for women's groups.	287,660

Wider Horizons Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North/South £
Clanrye Group	Training and work experience in Community & Youth Leadership to Boston, USA.	92,475
Clanrye Group	Training and work experience in various vareers to Toronto, Canada.	92,975
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in Sports Coaching to Kitchener, Canada.	98,668
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in various careers in Toronto, Canada.	99,409
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in IT & Multi-media to Boston, USA.	139,600
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in various careers to Cambridge, Canada.	102,100
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in Community/Sports Youth Skills to Pittsburgh, USA.	110,950
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in Community Leadership to Boston, USA.	120,600
Clanrye Group	Training and work experience in Community Relations to Boston, USA.	92.475

Name/Address	Project Description	North/South £
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in various careers to Boston, USA.	98,404
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in Office Administration to Kitchener, Canada.	112,900
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in Film/Music to Vancouver, Canada.	102,962
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in various careers to Pittsburgh, USA.	115,000
Austins Quality Training Services	Training and work experience in various careers in Ontario, Canada.	115,000
Derry Youth & Community Workshop	Training and work experience in Preparation for Employment to Banff, Canada.	115,000
St Columb's Park House	Training and work experience in various careers to Montreal, Canada.	115,000
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in Youth Work to Cracow, Poland and Luneberg, Germany.	90,451
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in various careers to Seville/Granada, Spain.	76,250
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in various careers to Luneberg, Germany.	71,785
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in Multi-media to Seville, Spain.	86,550
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in Media Communications to London, UK.	70,991
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in Community Reconciliation to Cape Town, South Africa	89,310
North Antrim Community Focus	Training and work experience in Community Leadership to Brussels/ Bruges/Ypres, Belgium.	104,000
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in various careers to Luneberg, Germany.	71,785
Springboard Opportunities Ltd	Training and work experience in various careers to Luneberg, Germany.	77,918
Clanrye Group	Training and work experience in various careers to Europe.	90,850
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience in various careers to Newcastle, Northern Ireland.	54,250
Tyrone Donegal Partnership	Training and work experience for Young Parents to Omagh, Northern Ireland.	44,200



Building Integration

Although we have entered into a new era of greater political and civic stability, many communities across Northern Ireland and the southern border counties are still living with sectarianism and segregation. Many people from the different traditions continue to learn, work and live separately.

The Fund continues to develop and support pioneering initiatives in education, housing, and with community groups which create sustainable opportunities for sharing. The series of programmes that fall under this area of activity aim to promote integration and underpin peace building and reconciliation initiatives.



Fund Chairman, Dr Adrian Johnston launching the Promoting Reconciliation through a Shared Curriculum Experience with June Neill, Western Education and Library Board (WELB) Project Coordinator; Harry McBeth from Cumber Claudy Primary School and Muirean McNulty from St Mary's Primary School, Altinure.



Sharing in Education Programme

The Sharing in Education Programme supports the strategic objectives of the International Fund for Ireland by providing support for projects that enable young people to participate in shared educational experiences.

The programme is managed by the International Fund for Ireland team within the Department of Education which works with providers in education, registered youth organisations and related services. The programme supports educational experiences which are shared between young people representative of the two communities and where reconciliation is an overriding objective.

It seeks to break down the barriers arising from our historic conflict by providing a range of opportunities for young people to learn together and reach the highest possible standards of educational achievement. The programme encompasses pre-school, primary, post-primary and special education; the promotion of community relations within and between schools; and teacher education.

The Sharing in Education Programme

supports a range of projects which facilitate reconciliation for a shared future through the medium of education and related services which:

- promote shared education by linking schools representative of the two communities;
- build on community relations within and between schools;
- support cultural outreach amongst young people representative of the differing communities/traditions; and
- address strategic gaps in achieving reconciliation through a cross-community, cross-border approach in the education and the related services sector. 22 projects have been awarded funding of £18,251,000.

Pupils from St Mary's PS Aughnacloy and Fivemiletown PS team together during a Sharing and Learning Fair at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre organised as part of the Primary Curriculum Partnership Programme.

Leading reconciliation from the classroom

CREDIT (Classrooms Re-imagined: Education in Diversity and Inclusion for Teachers) is a project jointly run by teacher training colleges Stranmillis University College and St Mary's University College.

The core aim of the project is to provide in-service courses for teachers across Northern Ireland in nursery, primary and post-primary schools to help them develop awareness and practical skills in dealing with division, diversity, inclusion and community relations/reconciliation in the classroom and throughout the schools in which they work.

According to Lisa McKenzie, Deputy Director of CREDIT, the courses help educators support the development of specific curriculum areas such as Personal Development and Mutual Understanding; and Local and Global Citizenship. It also addresses key issues which have arisen in recent years – with the influx of immigrants mainly from Europe – in relation to diversity and inclusion.

The project offers two different courses:

Exploring skills in CREDIT: This is a three-day course for teachers who want to develop basic skills in this area. It is also suitable for teachers who have trained outside Northern Ireland or who have not had the opportunity to explore these areas of practice. The course enables teachers to look at the whole area of diversity and mutual understanding, and has a workshop on controversial issues. It also helps develop a

sectarianism, racism and anti-bias curriculum and provides practical options for contact, sharing and collaboration between schools.

Extending skills in credit: This is a more in-depth five-day course which helps teachers to embed best practice into their own schools and classes. The course includes visits to the local community, developing a culturally diverse ethos for a school, collaboration between schools and re-imagining how classrooms should operate.

To date 84 teachers have taken part in the courses. They have come from throughout Northern Ireland and all sectors of education. CREDIT courses have been delivered to a further 42 teachers as part of other Fund Sharing in Education Programme projects.

Lisa says that the project has wider benefits for teachers. They have time to embed good practice in the classroom and the courses help the teachers to prepare children for all the challenges of life today and in the future.

"They also have the opportunity to network and share good practice with others across all phases of education. Ultimately the aim is to help young people find and reach their full potential and become meaningful

contributors to society and be able to cope with the specific challenges of life in the province. They learn how to live together in a more inclusive society," she adds.

Testimonials from teachers who have taken part in the courses bear out Lisa's definition of their impact.

"A highly practical and manageable course; all teachers should get this opportunity to up-skill in this area."

"I can't wait to get back to school to make a plan of action. I feel my school might be over-looking this area at present."

"I gained new ideas and the ability to develop these within the classroom. The practical activities were fun and challenging."

"My attitudes have completely changed. I feel like my eyes have been opened".

A recent evaluation of CREDIT by the Education and Training Inspectorate found the overall quality of the provision of the project to be above the expected level. It also highlighted that the project is effectively meeting the overall aims of the Sharing in Education Programme.



CREDIT participants engage in an active learning during session.



CREDIT courses have been developed for all teachers in Northern Ireland to enable them to develop skills and confidence when dealing with issues of division, diversity, inclusion and community cohesion in the classroom and on a whole-school basis.



Shared Neighbourhood Programme

The Fund launched the Shared Neighbourhood Programme in August 2008 to support and encourage shared neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland. It was managed by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and achieved its initial aim of developing 30 shared neighbourhoods in three years. This means that over 60,000 people in Northern Ireland now live in a shared neighbourhood.

The programme, with funding of £870,000, provided grants to enable community organisations to celebrate diversity and bring together people from all backgrounds that live in these areas. Participants also benefitted from community relations training, community consultations and support to design their own Neighbourhood Charter and deliver their own Good Relations Programme. Training and practical on-the-ground support were provided by the NIHE through a dedicated team of Cohesive Advisers.

The programme was the subject of an independent external evaluation. It found

that while the programme was just one of the many possible responses to the issue of segregated housing, it was perhaps the response with the most potential to make the most difference. The evaluation also praised the programme's community-led nature and its success in driving forward partnerships between social housing estates, within those estates and between communities and statutory agencies.

The Shared Neighbourhood Programme has provided a template for promoting and supporting shared neighbourhoods and has been mainstreamed by the department for social development.

Young people from Antrim's Springfarm and Whiteabbey communities enjoy a Shared Neighbourhood Programme fun day.



The North Wind Blows Project involved Donegal School of Music, St Josephs Brass Band, Glenties Brass Band & Bready Ulster Scots Pipe Band.

Integrating Community Organisations Programme

The Fund's Sharing this Space Strategy identified the integration of community organisations as a key means of promoting social integration and reconciliation.

The programme aims to encourage community organisations from each side of the community to work together in a spirit of co-operation.

Where groups are already working together the programme aims to deepen the level of co-operation and encourage, if possible, a merger. For groups that come to the initiative without a partner the programme helps them to develop close links with

a group from the other community.

The programme offers training, support and mentoring for up to 12 months to strengthen partnerships as well as creating opportunities for small joint projects that will bring mutual benefit to both groups and their respective areas. Following this, partnerships may seek funding for a larger scale project that will benefit all members of the partnership and the communities that they serve.



A fun run organised by ORNE Partnership sets off from Ophir RFC to St Enda's GAA.

Neighbouring sports codes club together

Although they are sited less than three miles apart, Ophir Rugby Club at Mallusk, just north of Belfast, and St Enda's GAA Club from Newtownabbey's Hightown Road area, had little or no contact until they agreed to take part in the International Fund for Ireland's Integrating Community Organisations Programme.

This programme works to build partnerships between organisations from both sides of the community through a process of training, mentoring and support. Partnerships can then access funding to implement a project that will benefit communities based in the areas in which they operate.

Since coming together, the two clubs have established a single entity known as Orne Community Partnership to implement the project. Based at the Barron Hall in Glengormley, which is featured elsewhere in this report, the partnership has developed a number of initiatives to help build better relationships. For example the clubs now offer joint membership, a venture that would have been unheard of only a few years ago.

An early initiative was the establishment of two dialogue forums to explore the influence of both the Irish Language and Ulster-Scots while a number of joint activities have been held at both clubs including a Halloween fireworks display at St Enda's. One unique idea to get people involved

was a drive-in cinema evening. The novelty of the event was attractive but allowed people who attended to decide how much interaction they wanted with others there. These informal and social events are often the beginning of meaningful relationships.

Good Relations Officer, Cathy Young, said another initiative was the exploration of the period around the beginning of World War One. "The focus is on the Battle of the Somme, which led to a huge loss of life among soldiers from both parts of Ireland, and also the Easter Rising in 1916. Men who had fought side by side in the trenches at the Somme came home to a country driven by tension as the Rising took place followed by the War of Independence."

To prove that improving community relations can never start too young, the two clubs came up with a Christmas drama which was acted by P1-P3 children, introducing them in a fun way to the concepts of good relationships, being fair to everyone and being inclusive. Parents are helping to design the

costumes at craft classes, another way of introducing themselves to each other in a non-threatening manner.

In January 2013 eight schools within the clubs' catchment area undertook six weeks of joint training in Gaelic games and rugby and they will be able to demonstrate their new found skills on a fun day at the end of each week.

Adult players from both St Enda's and Ophir will cycle from Ravenhill rugby ground in East Belfast to Croke Park GAA headquarters in Dublin. This is aimed at getting the players to know one another and to learn something of the traditions and cultures of each club. It will also raise awareness within the wider community of the benefits of partnership and working together

According to Cathy Young the project is helping to break down barriers in the area as both clubs are very influential in their own communities and have a significant outreach.

Building Integration

During this financial year the Fund committed financial assistance to the following projects:

Sharing in Education Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Fermanagh District Council Area Fermanagh Shared Education Programme Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh	Additional funding to extend project into a fourth year.	300,000
Multiple Areas Primary Integrating/Enriching Education Project Lough Road, Co Antrim	Additional funding to extend project into a fourth year.	280,586
Sharing Education Together Malone Avenue, Belfast, Co Antrim	Additional funding to extend project into a fourth year.	182,541

Respecting Difference Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Multiple Areas Early Years – the Organisation for Young Children Wildflower Way, Belfast, Co Antrim	Additional funding to extend the programme in Counties Cavan and Monaghan.	39,954

Integrating Community Organisations Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Ballymoney District Council Area Cloughmills Community Action Team & Cloughmills Cultural & Historical Society – The Shared History – Shared Future Project Rosemount, Cloughmills, Co Antrim	A cross-community project with a focus on shared history and heritage.	73,496
Banbridge District Council Area The Annaclone and Kinallen Shared Journey Project Iveagh Road, Katesbridge, Banbridge, Co Down	A cross-community and cultural awareness project.	82,150
Belfast City Council Area Belfast South Community Resources & Short Strand Community Forum – Reaching Out Project Sandy Row, Belfast, Co Antrim	A cross-community project focussing on training programmes, environmental improvement schemes and community arts celebrations of the culture in both communities.	97,480
The Shankill Juniors & Ardoyne Youth Club Sommerdale Park, Crumlin Road, Belfast, Co Antrim	A cross-community project for young people.	32,325

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Craigavon Borough Council Area Shankill Parish Caring Association & Springwell Centre – Understanding our Neighbours Flush Place, Lurgan, Co Armagh	A cross-community project exploring aspects of Unionist and Nationalist culture and identity.	71,702
Fermanagh District Council Area Chanterhill Area Community Association & Cavanaleck Community Association – The Cavanaleck Community Association Willowvale, Cavanaleck, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh	A cross-community project between the two housing estates.	65,335
Magherafelt District Council Carntogher Community Association/Kilcronaghan Community Association/Maghera Parish Caring Association & Naiscoil na Speirini An Carn, Tirkane, Maghera, Co Derry	Additional assistance towards the Reconciling Communities Project.	85,000
Newtownabbey Borough Council Area ORNE Community Partnership – Beyond Sport Barron Hall, Antrim Road, Glengormley Newtownabbey, Co Antrim	A cross-community project.	98,450
Omagh District Council Area Newtownsaville LOL 646 & Ballygawley & Roscavey Rural Bygones Curr Road, Brackagh, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone	A cross-community project involving training, education and study visits.	18,170
Multiple Areas Focus on Family Nurturing & Development Centre/ Creevagh Womens Group/Fab Femme/St Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource Centre Glenburn Crescent, Ballysally, Coleraine, Co Londonderry	Additional assistance towards the Understanding our Space – Celebrating Diversity Project.	57,440
Loughgiel Community Association & Inter-Estate Partnership Antrim Coolkeeran Road, Loughgiel, Co Antrim	Additional assistance towards the Town and Country Together Project.	75,000
Voices Women’s Group & Coole New Opportunities Women’s Group – Coole Voices Project Norglen Gardens, Turf Lodge, Co Antrim	A project to help women from across the divide to deal with the legacy of the troubles.	55,840

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Donegal County Council East & West Donegal Cultural Heritage And Traditions Meet Maghera, Dungloe, Co Donegal	A project to allow the community to explore the two very rich, different and yet connected cultural identities that exist in Donegal.	87,070
Name/Address	Project Description	North/South £
Multiple Areas Castlederg Youth Forum/Glenn Fhinne Teoranta & Castlederg Young Loyalist Flute Band – Borders & Barriers Project Main Street, Castlederg, Co Tyrone	A cross-border and cross-community project focusing on young people.	94,802
First Derry Presbyterian Church/ Newtowncunningham Inter-Church Committee & St Eugenes and Longtower Church – Interfaith Project Upper Magazine Street, Londonderry, Co Derry	A cross-border and cross-community project.	85,665
Greenore Greencastle Community Association & Kilkeel Development Association Rooney Road, Kilkeel	A project designed to restore the historic cross-border links between Greenore and Kilkeel.	88,960
Railway Preservation Society of Ireland & Dundalk Railway Society Castlevue Road, Whitehead, Co Antrim	A cross-border and cross-community programme of activities.	35,950
REACT & Doohamlet District Development Association, Monaghan – Crossing the Border Project Mallview Terrace, Armagh, Co Armagh	A cross-border and cross-community relationship building project.	84,796
Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Multiple Areas Riverstown Enterprise Development (Sligo) Ltd & Brookeborough & District Community Development Association Riverstown, Co Sligo	Additional assistance towards the Riverbrooke Cross Border Initiative.	100,000
Youth Work Ireland – Monaghan/Dee Street Community Centre & Clones Erne East Partnership Castleblayney, Co Monaghan	Additional assistance towards the cross-border and cross-community Youth for Peace – Moving Forward Together Project.	120,000



Lights, Camera, Action for Reel Frontiers 2

This is year two of Cinemagic's ground breaking film project, which is aimed at young people from the ages of 11-13. Reel Frontiers is currently engaging with 42 schools across Northern Ireland from the North Eastern, South Eastern, Southern and Belfast Educational Library Boards. This is part of the Fund's Sharing in Education Programme and a total of £317,311 has been allocated towards this project.

The primary aim of Reel Frontiers is to encourage pupils from Unionist and Nationalist backgrounds to work together, to embrace diversity and learn about the creative art of film making.

The schools involved work in partnership with one another throughout the academic year and connect in a range of activities that relate to films through discussions and workshops. The project will culminate this summer (2013) in five film camps where the groups involved will have the opportunity to create their own screen masterpieces.

The films created will be set within a local context and promote understanding between different communities and traditions in Northern Ireland. The films will also address issues including division, conflict and other everyday challenges that affect youths within their respective communities. The project demonstrates how groups from different backgrounds can learn creatively and work together towards a single shared goal of peace and reconciliation.

Dylan McConnell, Year 9 pupil at Magherafelt High School, pictured with Shauna Shivers, Cinemagic, David Graham OBE, Board Member, International Fund for Ireland and Wilson Magwere, Beyond Skin at the official launch of year two of 'Reel Frontiers'.



Leaving a Legacy

The Leaving a Legacy Programme is concerned with ensuring that the work of the Fund is sustainable and continues beyond the lifetime of the Fund. The Leaving a Legacy Programme is made up of two elements:

Firstly, the Fund has been at the forefront of community relations and peace building for over 25 years and has, in recent years, been active in sharing its experiences with those regions of the world also dealing with conflict and the move towards a post conflict society.

The second and much larger element of the programme is in identifying a small number of projects which by a combination of their scale – typically over £1m – their location, symbolism, and impact distinguish them as a significant project that will continue to sustain peace building and reconciliation long after the Fund ceases to exist. To date, over 20 projects throughout Ireland have been supported by the programme.



ing a Legacy

Pictured at the opening of Davey Village are: (L-R): Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal, Leader of Corrymeela Community; First Minister Peter Robinson MLA; Alison Curry, daughter of Ray and Kathleen Davey; deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness MLA and Dr Adrian Johnston, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland.



The Reconciliation through the Riverine Project aims to bring communities in Strabane and Lifford closer to share and enjoy their cultures and traditions together in harmony.

Reaching out to bring communities together

The town of Strabane lies on the east bank of the River Foyle in Northern Ireland and on the western side of the river lies the town of Lifford in County Donegal. The overall aim of the Reconciliation through the Riverine Project is to develop a shared space for the people of these two neighbouring towns and their hinterlands, on a site that has been for so long associated with division.

“It will be a lasting legacy to the peace process, and in a way, a tribute to all those who have worked so hard over the years to help bring peace to the area” said Catherine Anne Kelly, Reconciliation Officer for the project.

The project is a joint initiative between Donegal County Council and Strabane District Council with strong support from the local community through the Riverine Forum.

“This project is an excellent example of public, private and local community collaboration, in this instance through a three strand approach.” said Catherine Anne. A funding application for strand one, the regeneration of the border riverside area into an iconic shared green space including features such as a tree lined boulevard, meeting spaces, public art, interactive play areas and a leafed arched walkway along the old

railway track has been submitted to the Special EU Programme Body (SEUPB).

The Fund is supporting the other two strands of the project: the Youth Participation Programme which is aimed at ensuring ownership of this space by young people and to strengthen relationships between young people from different communities and across the border so as to address sectarianism. The final strand, the Community Participation Programme, will deliver a range of ongoing community based projects that will build positive relations at a cross-community and cross-border level. Projects will aim to address issues such as sectarianism, to promote equality and embrace diversity.

“Our first programme, the inaugural ‘Reconciliation through the Riverine Autumn School’ proved to be a huge success,” says Catherine Anne. “We had a week long array of events spanning the

arts, literature, heritage, fishing, writing and music which appealed to the wider community in the greater Strabane and Lifford area. A week long calendar of events focused on sharing and promoting new thinking, perspectives and knowledge on peace building and reconciliation.

“The Autumn School brought people together – young and old – through participatory events and created a sense of place by improving their knowledge and understanding of the local area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local groups involved and in particular the International Fund for Ireland for their support in the overall Riverine project. Their funding was integral to the success of getting this project underway from the outset and we can look forward to bringing this iconic project to fruition so that the two communities can share and enjoy their cultures and traditions together in harmony.”

Leaving A Legacy

During this financial year the Fund committed financial assistance to the following projects:

Leaving A Legacy

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Belfast City Council Area Youth Initiatives Colin Road Belfast Co Antrim	Additional assistance towards the provision of a community youth facility.	101,442
Craigavon Borough Council Area Lurgan YMCA High Street Lurgan Co Armagh	A programme of community relations activity for young people to coincide with the opening of the new YMCA youth facility on the interface in Lurgan.	100,000
Derry City Council Area Holywell Trust Bishop Street Co Londonderry	Additional assistance towards the redevelopment of premises in Bishop Street for use by the Trust and other community and community relations organisations.	247,811
John Hume & Tip O'Neill Peace Chair University of Ulster Magee Campus Northland Road Co Londonderry	Towards the establishment of a new peace chair (Professorship) responsible for peace building work at the University of Ulster.	1,000,000



A Peace Wall in Duncairn Gardens, in the New Lodge area of north Belfast.

Community Transformation

While enormous progress has been made in recent years, much work is still required to address the sectarian tensions that remain between many Unionists and Nationalists in Northern Ireland.

Community Transformation is focused on tackling some of the most significant remaining challenges to lasting peace. It places particular emphasis on engaging with individuals and communities that have not previously, or only partially, participated in peace building and community development activities.

Community Transformation programmes seek to:

- build sustainable peace and prosperity in areas suffering from high levels of economic and social deprivation, where there are low levels of engagement in peace building and where the Peace Process has delivered limited benefits;
- and
- develop and deliver a range of confidence and relationship building interventions within and between interface communities to help residents reach a position where they feel it is safe and appropriate to proceed with the removal of Peace Walls in their area.

Helping to address the physical and mental barriers to lasting peace and a truly shared society

Peace Walls, physical barriers dividing communities, are one of the most visual remaining symbols of division in Northern Ireland. There are almost 100 such barriers, mainly in Belfast, stretching over 21 kilometres in total.

In January 2012 the Fund announced financial assistance to deliver a range of confidence and relationship building measures within and between communities to create the conditions whereby residents would feel safe to commence discussions about the removal of Peace Walls.

The programme aims to deliver a co-ordinated and collaborative approach to dealing with the multitude of issues associated with the removal of Peace Walls. The programme is unique in that it co-ordinates proactive collaboration between communities, statutory agencies and funders.

Three programme interventions are currently underway: Duncairn Community Partnership Project; Greater Whitewell Community Surgery Project; and the TASCIT Project.

Ciaran Shannon, a Programme Manager with Groundwork NI, which is involved in the Duncairn Community Partnership Project, points out that the programme is advancing previous cross-community work in North Belfast, some of which was also supported by the Fund.

The focus of the Duncairn Community Partnership Project is to build relationships and trust with a view to eventually reducing or restructuring a number of physical barriers in the area. Though focused on specific electoral wards, he believes the effects of the project can have a catalytic impact across North Belfast.

"This is about creating new opportunities to change attitudes and foster sustainable reconciliation. By transforming the visible aspects of the conflict, other inclusive environments can be created

and shared by all members of society. "The constructive approach can help underpin the emergence of a vibrant, economically active and engaged community that is at peace with itself."

One critical aim is to empower residents on both sides of the interfaces to take joint-ownership of the transformation process. This is supported by a range of cross-community and single identity workshops, seminars and site visits based on the themes of division and segregation and the impact on communities.

Mr Shannon points out that former prisoners and combatants are now actively engaging in improving community relations. "At one time they would probably have wanted to kill each other, but now they are working to build a better cross-community spirit."



A peace wall at Alexandra Park in Belfast separates Unionist and Nationalist neighbourhoods and is closed everyday at 4pm.

Peace Walls Programme

During this financial year the Fund has committed financial assistance to the following projects:

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Belfast City Council Area Duncairn Community Partnership Duncairn Gardens Belfast Co Antrim	Towards the cost of implementing a community engagement project leading to the potential removal or adjustment of existing interface architecture in up to 10 specific locations.	471,000
Greater Whitewell Community Surgery Shore Road Belfast Co Antrim	Towards the cost of implementing a community engagement project leading to the potential removal or adjustment of existing interface architecture in up to six specific locations.	330,175
TASCIT Cliftonville Road Belfast Co Antrim	Towards the cost of implementing a community engagement project leading to the potential removal or adjustment of existing interface architecture in up to 10 specific locations.	414,645

Pre 2006 Programmes

CASE STUDY: e3



Young people gaining new skills at the e3 facility.

Supporting enterprise and regeneration

The International Fund for Ireland and the Department for Employment and Learning have jointly funded the £18 million e3 economic development building at Belfast Metropolitan College's Springvale campus.

It is one of the Fund's largest single financial investments and works closely with community partners to enhance social and economic regeneration and boost employment prospects in an area blighted by sectarian division. It supports the objectives of delivering sustainable, long-term positive impacts that can transform communities.

The building opened in September 2012 and aims to attract 500 users daily from education, community and business sectors. The aim is to enhance the employability of its learners, support enterprise through incubation and SME programme delivery and foster innovative approaches to economic development.

The facility houses four specialist zones:

Enterprise zone which has a project-based learning area, incubation units and professional training and meeting rooms.

Digital Media zone where there are TV and radio production studios and an animation and digital editing suite.

Hospitality zone providing a hospitality training kitchen and a restaurant.

Engineering zone, with a product development workshop, a composites workshop, a prototyping room and a renewable energy workshop.

Built on what was once designed to be Springvale Educational Village, the facility has been attracting a wide range of users since opening its doors. Among the first there were representatives of the creative industries. The College, through its FRESH creativity programme, will support 15 start-up businesses and individuals and six will then be chosen to go forward for technical mentoring in areas of web development, animation, mobile app development, TV production and music technology.

The first event to highlight the programme was held in October 2012 with more to follow in January and February 2013.

In line with its emphasis on innovative technologies, the campus also hosted a meeting of the Composites Special Interest Group which includes representatives of the aerospace, transport, consumer goods and heavy industries sectors. The use of composites is expected to grow by seven per cent each year and the new facility will help local entrepreneurs and existing businesses to explore opportunities in the sector as well as develop innovative products.

The College ambition is that the new campus

– allied to the adjacent Community Learning Centre which is focused on widening access to life and work skills and thereby improving the employment prospects of those who pass through it – will aid the social and economic regeneration of north and west Belfast, two of the most economically depressed regions in Northern Ireland. It will also support efforts to establish a shared and peaceful future for all.

Enterprising young people will now have world class technology at their disposal helping them to hone their latent talents. Working in collaboration with partners in the private and public sectors, the aim is that their creative ideas can be harnessed into actual businesses providing high value jobs.

That has the potential to drive further positive change by transforming the fortunes of the areas surrounding the campus, providing a real dividend for people in that area and helping to underpin the many other peace building efforts.

The e3 facility is an exceptional resource that will encourage communities to jointly move forward in a positive direction and support the Fund's aim of building a better future.

Pre 2006 Programmes

These programmes are now closed to new applications. The projects listed below were awarded additional financial assistance this year:

Community Regeneration & Improvement Special Programme (CRISP)

Name/Address	Project Description	North £
Antrim Borough Council Area Toome CRISP Rougery Road Toomebridge Co Antrim	Additional assistance towards the environmental improvement elements of the project.	4,944
Newry & Mourne District Council Area Bessbrook Development Company Millvale Road Bessbrook	Additional assistance towards the environmental improvement elements of the project.	1,176



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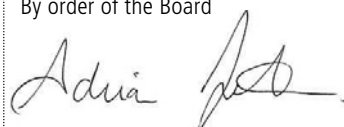
Board Member's Statement

This summarised financial statement may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the International Fund for Ireland ("the Fund") because they do not reflect the performance of the venture capital companies, which are wholly owned subsidiaries of the Fund. For further information the full annual financial statements, the auditors' report on those financial statements and the

Board Members' Annual Report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from The International Fund for Ireland at either PO Box 2000, Belfast, BT4 2QY or PO Box 2000, Dublin 2.

The full annual financial statements, from which this summary financial statement is derived and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion, were approved on 21 February 2013.

By order of the Board



Dr Adrian B Johnston

CHAIRMAN

21 February 2013

Independent auditors' statement to the Board of The International Fund for Ireland

We have examined the summary financial statement of The International Fund for Ireland which comprises the Income and expenditure account, the Balance Sheet and the Cash flow statement.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The board members are responsible for preparing the summarised annual report in accordance with applicable law.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement with the full annual financial statements and Board members' report. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our statement if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

The maintenance and integrity of the Fund's website is the responsibility of the board members; the work carried out by

the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the full financial statements or the summary financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

This statement, including the opinion, has been prepared for, and only for, the Fund's board members as a body and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this statement is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditor's statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the company's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements and the Board members' report.

Opinion

We note that the information presented in the summary financial statements relates to the affairs and balances of The International Fund for Ireland in line with the accounting requirements for individual companies. Subsidiary undertakings are not consolidated. The full annual financial statements of the International Fund for Ireland comprise consolidated financial statements.

Other than the matter referred to above, in our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Board members' Report of The International Fund for Ireland for the year ended 30 September 2012.

**John Poole (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG,
Statutory Auditor**

Chartered Accountants
Stokes House, 17 – 25 College Square East
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21 February 2013

Income and expenditure account

		Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €			
	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 €'000	2011 €'000
Income	2	2,750	1,386	3,456	1,592
Expenditure					
Approved projects	1,7	12,543	27,471	15,764	31,573
Net administrative expenses	3	414	342	518	392
Impairment provision	4	3,986	—	5,010	—
		16,943	27,813	21,292	31,965
Excess of expenditure over income		(14,193)	(26,427)	(17,836)	(30,373)
Movement in the Fund balance					
At 30 September 2011		40,093	66,411	52,166	84,613
Exchange differences on retranslation at 1 October 2011	1	(512)	109	1,602	(2,074)
		39,581	66,520	53,768	82,539
Excess of expenditure over income for the year		(14,193)	(26,427)	(17,836)	(30,373)
At 30 September 2012		25,388	40,093	35,932	52,166

The amounts above relate to the continuing operations of the Fund. There is no difference between the excess of expenditure over income and its historical cost equivalent.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

		Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €			
	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 €'000	2011 €'000
Excess of expenditure over income		(14,193)	(26,427)	(17,836)	(30,373)
Currency translation difference charged to the Fund balance	1	(512)	109	1,602	(2,074)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		(14,705)	(26,318)	(16,234)	(32,447)

Balance sheet

		Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €			
	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 €'000	2011 €'000
Fixed assets					
Investments	4	15,220	19,206	23,152	28,162
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit	12	32,950	44,767	41,411	51,450
Donor contributions due within one year	5	19,839	36,980	24,932	42,502
Other amounts receivable	6	491	271	618	311
		53,280	82,018	66,961	94,263
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Approved project expenditure outstanding	8	(42,989)	(60,955)	(54,028)	(70,056)
Creditors	9	(123)	(176)	(153)	(203)
		(43,112)	(61,131)	(54,181)	(70,259)
Net current assets		10,168	20,887	12,780	24,004
Net assets		25,388	40,093	35,932	52,166
Fund balance		25,388	40,093	35,932	52,166

Cash flow statement

		Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €			
	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 €'000	2011 €'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities					
Cash received from donors		18,167	25,945	22,832	29,819
Cash disbursements to projects, excluding accruals		(29,338)	(28,770)	(36,871)	(33,065)
Other expenses (net)		(443)	(367)	(557)	(422)
Interest received		697	611	876	702
Repayment of loan by IFI Financial Investments Limited		–	3,032	–	3,484
Other income		–	1	–	1
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities					
	11	(10,917)	452	(13,720)	519
Capital expenditure					
Distribution received from fixed assets investments		–	3,000	–	3,448
		–	3,000	–	3,448
(Decrease) / increase in cash in the year	12	(10,917)	3,452	(13,720)	3,967

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Currencies

The Fund's transactions are effected in the currencies of each part of Ireland. The financial statements are presented in both currencies, each representing an aggregation of all of the transactions for the year in each part of Ireland translated at the respective exchange rates at the year end. Differences arising on the restatement, to the year end exchange rate, of monetary assets and liabilities (eg amounts due from funders, amounts due to projects and bank balances) at the start of the financial year are adjusted against the Fund balance, reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses and accounted through reserves.

Non-monetary assets (eg equity or debt investments in subsidiaries) are not subject to retranslation at each year end. However, any foreign exchange gains or losses arising on the disposal of non-monetary assets are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the period that they arise.

Approved projects

The income and expenditure account reflects the anticipated cost of projects approved in the year (after deduction of projects which did not proceed) and related administration expenditure. Project approvals which remain outstanding (ie which have not been disbursed to projects), are included in the balance sheet under liabilities.

Loans

Funds disbursed to projects by way of loans are reflected in the total of the programme disbursements and are not included in the balance sheet. Any loan repayments received during the year are credited to the income and expenditure account.

Interest income

The income and expenditure account includes interest credited to the bank deposit accounts during the year together with interest accrued, but not actually credited, at the year end.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at their purchase cost less any provision for diminution in value. Investment income is included in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

2 Income

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
From donors after exchange rate adjustments				
United States of America (2012:US\$5m; 2011:US\$nil)	3,093	–	3,887	–
European Union (2012: €nil; 2011:€nil)	–	–	–	–
Exchange (losses)	(1,269)	(107)	(1,594)	(123)
	1,824	(107)	2,293	(123)
Interest receivable	925	686	1,162	788
Exchange gains on repayment of loan	–	807	–	927
Miscellaneous income	1	–	1	–
	2,750	1,386	3,456	1,592

Donor countries allocate funds on the basis of calendar years. The whole amount becoming due within each calendar year is recognised with the Funds accounts to 30 September without any timing adjustment.

The US\$5m recognised in 2012 relates to US\$2.5m committed by the US Government in respect of 2011 and US\$2.5m committed in respect of 2012. The US\$2.5m commitment in relation to 2011 was only confirmed during the course of the current year.

The exchange losses arise from the translation of US\$ and Euro denominated donor contributions. The exchange translation losses consist of £354k/€445k of realised losses and £915k/€1,149k unrealised losses. The extent to which any unrealised gain or loss is realised will depend on exchange rate movements up to the date of receipt of contributions due.

3 Net administration expenses

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Board members' fees	99	102	124	117
Board meetings	26	26	33	29
Consultancy and other fees	325	266	408	305
Auditors' remuneration – Audit	58	54	73	62
– Other	–	21	–	24
Travelling and subsistence	38	30	48	34
Postage, stationery, telephone and office	24	24	30	28
Promotional and advertising expenses	91	114	113	131
Miscellaneous	4	24	5	29
	665	661	834	759
Less: Contributions receivable from the Governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom, in respect of certain of the above expenses	(251)	(319)	(316)	(367)
	414	342	518	392

Certain other expenses of the Fund, including accommodation and staff expenses, are met directly by the two governments and are not therefore reflected in these financial statements.

4 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investment	
	£'000	€'000
Cost		
At 1 October 2011	20,110	29,639
Additions	–	–
Impairment	(3,986)	(5,010)
Disposals	–	–
At 30 September 2012	16,124	24,629
Depreciation		
At 1 October 2011	904	1,477
Charge in year	–	–
At 30 September 2012	904	1,477
Net book value		
At 30 September 2012	15,220	23,152
At 30 September 2011	19,206	28,162

5 Donor contributions due within one year

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
United States of America				
– 2012 (US\$5m)	3,093	–	3,888	–
– 2010 (US\$7.77m)	4,809	–	6,044	–
– 2010 (US\$17m)	–	10,878	–	12,502
European Union				
– 2010 (€15m)	11,937	13,051	15,000	15,000
– 2009 (€15m)	–	13,051	–	15,000
	19,839	36,980	24,932	42,502

6 Other amounts receivable

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Government contributions	43	50	55	57
Bank interest receivable	448	221	563	254
	491	271	618	311

7 Approved project expenditure outstanding

The totals of the Fund's project disbursements in the year ended 30 September 2012 and the movements in approved projects outstanding are as follows:

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2011 (retranslated to current exchange rates)	59,784	62,254	75,134	71,548
Project approvals in the year	12,543	27,471	15,764	31,573
Project disbursements in the year	(29,338)	(28,770)	(36,870)	(33,065)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2012	42,989	60,955	54,028	70,056

8 Cumulative approved projects and disbursements to date

Cumulatively, the totals of the Fund's approved projects and project disbursements to date are summarised:

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Total approved projects to date	706,525	695,154	890,290	869,447
Less contributions to investment companies	(27,142)	(27,142)	(40,023)	(40,023)
	679,383	668,012	850,267	829,424
Total disbursements to projects and administration costs to date	(636,394)	(607,057)	(796,239)	(759,368)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2012	42,989	60,955	54,028	70,056

To date the Fund has approved total payments in respect of specific projects and administration costs to a total of £707/€890 million after deduction of approved projects which did not proceed.

The approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2012 reported in the balance sheet represents the unspent balance of the projects approved for which a claim for payment of grant has yet to be received.

9 Creditors

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Accruals	91	143	115	165
Deferred income	32	33	38	38
	123	176	153	203

10 Loans

The aggregate of euro denominated loans made by the Fund and outstanding at 30 September 2012 amounted to €230k (2011: €230k).
The equivalent sterling value as translated at the relevant year end rate amounted to £183k (2011: £200k).

11 Net cash flow from operating activities

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Excess of expenditure over income	(14,193)	(26,427)	(17,836)	(30,373)
Impairment provision	3,986	—	5,010	—
Decrease in donor contributions due	17,141	25,893	17,570	30,496
Decrease in approved project expenditure outstanding	(17,966)	(1,177)	(16,028)	(2,082)
(Increase) / Decrease in other amounts receivable	(220)	2,131	(307)	3,377
(Decrease) / Increase in creditors	(53)	6	(50)	6
	(11,305)	426	(11,641)	1,424
Exchange difference	388	26	(2,079)	(905)
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	(10,917)	452	(13,720)	519

12 Analysis of changes in cash

	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 October 2011	44,767	41,232	51,450	47,872
Retranslation to current year exchange rates	(900)	83	3,681	(389)
Balance at 1 October 2011 retranslated to current year exchange rates	43,867	41,315	55,131	47,483
Net cash (outflow) / inflow	(10,917)	3,452	(13,720)	3,967
Balance at 30 September 2012	32,950	44,767	41,411	51,450

Analysis of programme disbursements for the year and of approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2012 (unaudited)

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2011	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2012
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	16,144	3,322	8,388	11,078
Communities in transition	1,547	-	529	1,018
Community leadership	458	644	500	602
AMBIT	94	34	57	71
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	6,849	(208)	3,521	3,120
Key	3,066	(350)	1,194	1,522
Let	1,886	(246)	683	957
Wider horizons	1,129	4,748	3,977	1,900
GRIT	154	-	154	-
Key start	40	(40)	-	-
Building Integration				
Sharing education	13,648	1,137	4,991	9,794
Respecting difference	46	-	5	41
Integrating housing	988	-	72	916
Integrating communities	1,992	1,199	958	2,233
Border towns and villages	452	(314)	49	89
Leaving a Legacy				
Projects	9,411	1,440	3,739	7,112
Peace Walls				
Projects	-	1,242	77	1,165
Pre 2006 programmes	1,880	(65)	444	1,371
	59,784	12,543	29,338	42,989

The above totals of approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2011 differ from the balances shown in the balance sheet at that date as a result of their retranslation at current year end exchange rates.

Analysis of programme disbursements for the year and of approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2012 (unaudited) (continued)

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2011	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2012
Expressed in £'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	20,289	4,175	10,542	13,922
Communities in transition	1,944	-	665	1,279
Community leadership	576	810	628	758
AMBIT	118	43	72	89
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	8,608	(262)	4,425	3,921
KEY	3,853	(440)	1,501	1,912
LET	2,371	(310)	858	1,203
Wider horizons	1,419	5,967	4,998	2,388
GRIT	194	-	194	-
KEY start	50	(50)	-	-
Building Integration				
Sharing education	17,153	1,429	6,273	12,309
Respecting difference	58	-	6	52
Integrating housing	1,242	-	90	1,152
Integrating communities	2,503	1,507	1,204	2,806
Border towns and villages	568	(395)	61	112
Leaving a Legacy				
Projects	11,828	1,810	4,699	8,939
Peace Walls				
Projects	-	1,561	97	1,464
Pre 2006 programmes	2,360	(81)	557	1,722
	75,134	15,764	36,870	54,028

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