

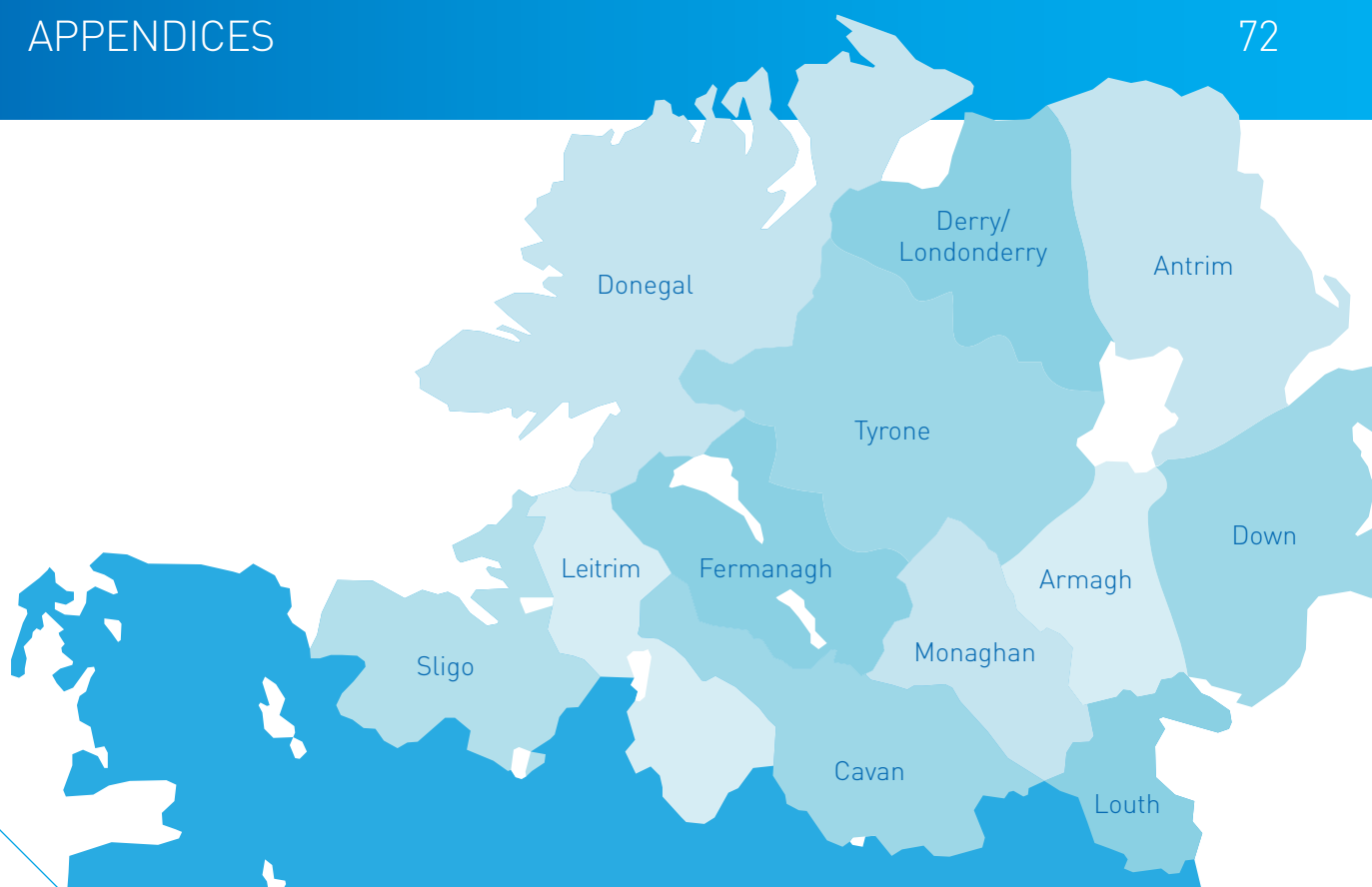
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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

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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 (USA), THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, THE TOTAL RESOURCES COMMITTED BY THE FUND TO DATE AMOUNT TO £589 MILLION/€845 MILLION.

The objectives of the Fund are:

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

The Board of the Fund is appointed jointly by the British and Irish Governments. It is assisted by an Advisory Committee comprised of 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 and public bodies act as administering agencies for the Fund, North and South. In addition, the Fund has engaged the services of a team of Development Officers, located across the border counties of the South, who act as local contact points for the Fund 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 2006 to 30 September 2007, 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 Articles 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 four key areas: Building Foundations; Building Bridges; Building Integration and Leaving a Legacy. All programmes are characterised by:

- a clear focus on reconciliation as our 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 the communities we work with;
- early support for community initiatives through 'first money on the table';
- co-operation with other funders and leveraging 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.

Donors to the Fund are:



United States of America



European Union



Canada



Australia



New Zealand

THE BOARD

THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND IS APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EU, THE USA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The EU and Governments of the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were represented this year by:

(Back L-R) Mr. Jack Engwegen, EU; Mr. Guy Saint-Jacques, Canada; Mr. Robert T. Waters, USA; Mr. Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland. (Front L-R) Dermot Ahern TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs; His Excellency, the Right Honourable Jonathan Hunt, ONZ, New Zealand. Missing from picture; Her Excellency, Ms. Anne Plunkett, Australia.



Pictured L-R, Board Members of the International Fund for Ireland: Mrs. Anne Henderson; Mr. John McDaid; Ms. Mary Southwell; Mr. Denis Rooney, Chairman; Ms. Deirdre Ryan; Ms. Anne Bonner; and Mr. Jackie Hewitt.



CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS HAVE BROUGHT SIGNIFICANT
AND POSITIVE CHANGES TO NORTHERN IRELAND'S POLITICAL
AND CIVIC LIFE.

At the time of writing last year's Annual Report Foreword, we were waiting with cautious optimism for the St. Andrew's Agreement to be implemented. As I write today, we have seen a return to devolved government in which traditional political opponents are working together to address shared issues such as education, health and the economy.

Despite this major political advance, Northern Ireland still has to deal with the legacy of generations of sectarianism and loyalties to the old 'tribal' alignments. These are challenges which the fledgling Northern Ireland Executive and Assembly have yet to address fully.

The International Fund continues to lead the way in identifying and piloting new interventions in education, housing and community infrastructure which can make a meaningful and lasting contribution to creating a society that is genuinely integrated and living in peace, rather than one which is merely enjoying a cessation of violence.

One of the most significant of these new interventions has been our Sharing Education Programme. The Fund has been working for some time to identify a means of bringing young people and the wider school community together in a way which would create greater educational and developmental opportunities and create platforms for reconciliation and integration.

While the initial funding was agreed last year, the Programme was officially launched this year with 12 collaborative partnerships involving 60 schools from a wide range of sectors in Northern Ireland's education system. It has given all of us involved in the Fund's work enormous satisfaction and pleasure to see this Programme develop and come to life. We believe it is indicative of the type of innovative work which the Fund should continue to take a leadership role in developing and supporting if we are to see long term change in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.

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SO, TOO, IS HELPING
AND FACILITATING
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IN SHARED COMMUNITIES.
THIS, I BELIEVE,
IS A FUNDAMENTAL
BUILDING BLOCK IN
CREATING A GENUINELY
SHARED FUTURE FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND.



Pictured L-R: Dean Pittman, United States Consul General; Dr. Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Democracy and Global Affairs and Special Envoy to Northern Ireland; and Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland.

Pictured L-R: Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland with Josep Borrell Fontelles, then Chairman of the European Parliament; and Dermot Ahern, TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs during a visit to Dundalk.

The Fund is working with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to find new ways to support the development of integrated housing. The Shared Future Neighbourhood Programme is our first joint initiative and will help local people to promote and develop shared housing in their own areas, working to change communities from within. We are particularly proud that this initiative has arisen from collaboration not just with the Housing Executive but with community groups, allowing the Fund to act as a facilitator to those committed to change in our community.

These are just two of the new initiatives detailed in this year's Annual Report that demonstrate how the Fund is continuing to deliver its 'Sharing this Space' strategy. However, our work is not just about introducing new initiatives - the value of our ongoing work was affirmed this year with the re-launch of the Community Bridges Programme.

A key part of the Fund's work since 1996, the Community Bridges Programme has supported a wide range of community relations, reconciliation and cross-border initiatives. Our decision to commit a further £9 million/€13 million over the next three years has already resulted in a number of exciting and diverse projects coming to fruition.

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AND THE SOUTHERN
BORDER COUNTIES.

Communities in Transition is another programme that continues to work with communities which most need help and intervention to change. Established in 2002 to work with 10 areas, the Programme has now been extended, allowing it to support a further 10 areas across Northern Ireland. This Programme allows the Fund to facilitate grass roots change in some of the areas most affected by civic unrest, paramilitary activity and economic deprivation. For the first time in this year's Annual Report, we have invited Bertie Shaw from Seacourt Community Council to tell us in his own words about the impact of the Programme on his community. It makes fascinating and uplifting reading.

This contribution is one of several which we have included in this year's Annual Report to provide you with an opportunity to hear directly from those involved in our work.

THE DIVERSITY OF THE VOICES AND THEIR EXPERIENCE OF THE FUND REFLECT THE BREADTH AND RANGE OF THE WORK WHICH WE CONTINUE TO DO IN OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE LONG TERM PEACE.

None of this work would be possible without the support of our donors. We continue to be fortunate to have not just their financial support but their interest in and enthusiasm for our work. We are particularly grateful to those who represent our donors at our Board meetings; each of our Observers brings invaluable insights and perspectives to our work and we greatly appreciate their commitment and time.

We have also been fortunate this year to have a chance to share our work with representatives from many of our donor countries. Visits from a US Congressional Delegation and from Marilyn Schmidt from USAID provided us with an opportunity to introduce some of our funding recipients to our donors, allowing them to explain in their own words the impact which the Fund has had on their lives and their communities. In addition, the President



Pictured L-R: Alexander Smith, Joint Director General, International Fund for Ireland; the Honourable Peter McKay PC, MP (the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs during his visit to Belfast on May 31st); Maeve Collins, Joint Director General, International Fund for Ireland; and Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland.

of the European Parliament, Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, met with a number of our cross-border and community groups for a lively debate in Dundalk. We particularly appreciated the opportunity to meet with, and showcase a number of Fund projects to, two visiting delegations from the European Parliament - the Budget Committee in July and the Regional Development Committee in September. We also remain grateful for EU Commissioner Danuta Hübner's continuing interest in and support for our work and appreciated the opportunities to meet with her throughout the last year.

We would also like to thank the recently appointed US Special Envoy to Northern Ireland, Paula Dobriansky for her support and for taking the time to meet some of our youngest beneficiaries during the year at YouthAction and Knowledge through Enterprise for Youth (KEY) events.

Canadian Foreign Minister McKay also had an opportunity to see Canada's very direct impact on our work as Ontario was hosting one of our Wider Horizons groups this year when we met there.

THE FUND ALSO CONTINUES TO EXTEND ITS WORK INTO NEW INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS. WE HAVE LEARNT A GREAT DEAL THROUGHOUT OUR 21 YEARS OF PEACE BUILDING AND FEEL THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THESE EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS NOW STRUGGLING WITH SIMILAR ISSUES.

To this end we met with a delegation from Sri Lanka this year and extended the content of our recently relaunched website, www.internationalfundforireland.com to include case studies. We will continue to explore more proactive ways of sharing our experiences in the coming year.

Closer to home, I would like to thank my hard working and diligent colleagues on the Fund's Board. We all appreciate the advice of the Joint Chairs and members of the Inter-Governmental Advisory Committee and the work done to deliver the Fund's strategy on a day-to-day basis by the Secretariat, our Development Officers, agents and partners.

Finally, the Fund is now entering its 22nd year of work - a remarkable achievement. As we consider our remaining years and our legacy, we must not slow the pace of our work nor our commitment to it. While we can look back on many significant achievements, we must now focus on ensuring that we can deliver initiatives and interventions which will have long term impact and be sustainable as the Fund's time draws to a close.



Denis Rooney

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

TO ENSURE THAT NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SOUTHERN BORDER COUNTIES HAVE STRONG FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH TO BUILD FOR A LONG TERM SHARED FUTURE, THE FUND CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND FACILITATING CHANGE AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL.

Over the past year, three separate programmes under this heading have been running. These are:

- Community Based Economic and Social Regeneration Programme;
- Communities in Transition Programme; and
- Ambit Community Leaders Programme.

COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REGENERATION PROGRAMME

This Programme aims to help the most socially and economically disadvantaged regions in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties to address the issues facing them, using economic concerns as a platform for cross-community activities.

Maximising Community Space

One of the key achievements during this year was the development of the Maximising Community Space project. Aiming to improve community relations and to facilitate the development and wider use of the existing community halls in Northern Ireland through increasing the capacity and confidence of their managing groups, the project was launched initially as a pilot in

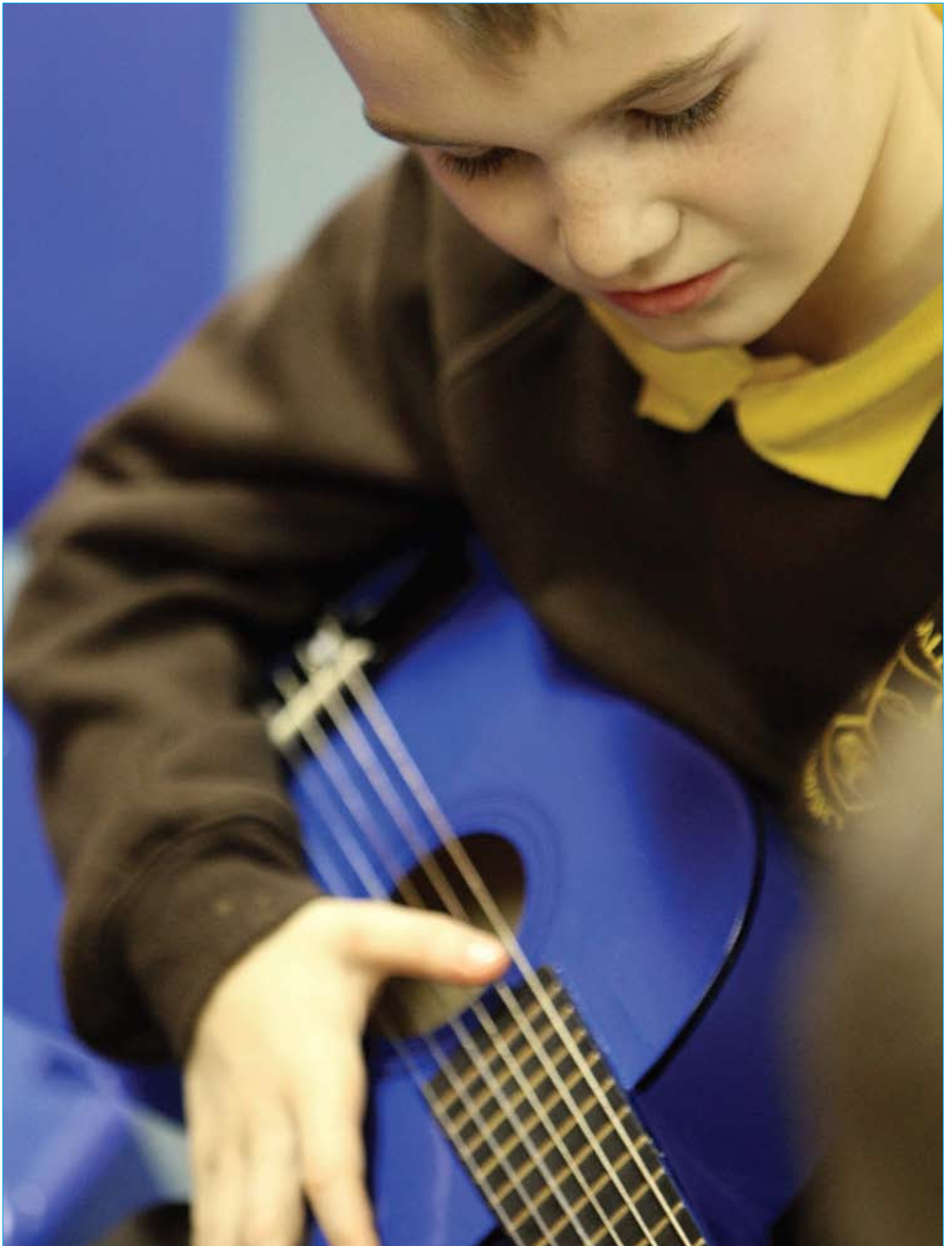
2006. It includes two strands.

The first one, which is supported by the International Fund, involves a focused programme of development support with an important underpinning community relations element. All applicants have to express a commitment to reconciliation before being accepted on the programme.

The second strand, which is funded by the EU PEACE II Programme, offers project grants to allow groups to undertake minor improvements to facilities to help deliver wider community and shared use of existing facilities. The pilot project is managed by the Rural Development Council, Northern Ireland.

A total of 114 applications were received for the pilot project and the Fund agreed to accept 38 community groups onto the first strand, significantly exceeding the initial target of 30. Additional funding was subsequently made available to include a further four groups. The majority of these are single identity groups, all of whom are committed to making their facilities more open to everyone in their community.

Working with the Rural Development Council, all of these groups have developed work plans looking at group development, project development and promotion of good relations. These work plans include training,



Jordan Duffy aged eight years, at the Rock School lessons held at Ballysally Presbyterian Church. The Rock School lessons are part of the Ballysally Community Relations project.

workshops and good practice study visits. For many of the 250 individuals involved in this process, participation in the Programme has been a major and courageous step. There was a real fear within many of the groups, particularly those whose halls have been the subject of arson attacks. Many of the halls are also places rich in the memories and symbols of years of political and civil unrest, making a willingness to consider change a particular challenge to many groups.

WHILE THE PARTICIPATING GROUPS ARE STILL COMPLETING THEIR WORK PLANS, THERE IS ALREADY EVIDENCE, PARTICULARLY IN SOME OF THE MOST SEGREGATED AND MARGINALISED AREAS, OF CROSS-COMMUNITY COLLABORATION. FURTHERMORE, SOME GROUPS HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SHARE TRAINING AND A STRONG WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE BETTER RELATIONS THROUGH THEIR WORK.

As a result of the initial success of and demand for the pilot programme, the Fund this year agreed further support for a second phase of the Maximising Community Space Programme, opening it to a further 30 groups responsible for the management of rural halls. This second phase has also secured additional funding through the EU Peace II Extension Programme.

Neighbourhood Renewal

At the end of 2005, the Fund agreed to support a pilot programme to tackle the causes of deprivation and improve community relations and mutual understanding in two single identity Neighbourhood Renewal Areas -

the Flying Horse/Ballymote area in Downpatrick and the Ballysally estate in Coleraine.

The initial pilot programme focused on tackling economic deprivation and providing community facilities, environmental improvements such as the removal of sectarian graffiti, work with young people and work to improve community capacity building and community relations.

Ballysally is a predominantly Unionist public housing estate which was once regarded as a desirable neighbourhood. However, factors such as community unrest have changed this, resulting in a high turnover of residents and a difficulty in letting properties. There are minimal retail facilities and residents often have to travel at least a mile to the nearest shops. There is little history of even single identity community work in the area.

As a result of the Fund's support, Ballysally Development Company Ltd is tackling issues such as youth and community work, childcare, parenting, health and social behaviour in the area.

This year, the Fund agreed to support a new capital project in Ballysally which will provide retail units, meeting rooms, a community health facility and workspace units. In addition, funding has been agreed for cross-community and cross-border programmes with a dedicated project worker delivering a range of programmes focusing on community relations, cultural understanding, tackling prejudice and building confidence.

Ballysally Development Company Ltd wants to use this project to improve local residents' pride in the area while improving community safety and addressing real social needs. It also seeks to encourage job creation and training opportunities. More broadly, the group wants to ensure a more integrated approach to tackling wider issues in the estate, bringing greater stability to the area. The early signs of progress are very promising.

Crossfire Trust

Crossfire Trust is an excellent example of how support from the Fund's Community Based Economic and Social Regeneration Programme can promote sustainability and increase the capacity of local organisations to tackle the legacy of 'the Troubles'.

Crossfire Trust is based in South Armagh, an area which was impacted adversely in social and economic terms by the violence, conflict and sectarianism of the Troubles. The area has been portrayed consistently by the media as the most violent rural area in Northern Ireland. Darkley itself, where the Trust is located, was the scene of a horrific terrorist attack on a gospel hall in 1983. Today, the region has some of the most disadvantaged areas in Co. Armagh based on Multiple Deprivation Measures.

In this context, Crossfire Trust works to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people of South Armagh by addressing the isolation, social exclusion and vulnerability brought about by the area's history.

THE TRUST ALSO HAS A STRONG FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION, CROSS-COMMUNITY AND CROSS-BORDER WORK. IT WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

Crossfire's work is wide-ranging and includes the provision of safe accommodation for up to 10 of the most vulnerable in society at its centre, Darkley House, where it also provides a peace garden as a 'mutual space' for reflection. Darkley House is also home to a youth club which supports many young people who have already been brought to the attention of the authorities for truancy, vandalism and underage drinking.

In addition, Crossfire takes its work to the local community through outreach programmes - Life Shelter targets young people, offering advice and support on alcohol and drugs, often allowing the

Trust to reach out to those involved in paramilitary activity and crime and to encourage them to choose other paths. Care Wagon is a mobile support unit offering a befriending service while River Fire includes a mobile reconciliation unit, a school of forgiveness and a public act of reconciliation. Yarn and Darn is a small club of mothers, sisters and wives of those murdered or traumatised by the conflict who meet weekly to talk and make craft items.

Crossfire also manages a charity shop, Worn Again, as a means of poverty relief and Making Memories Ltd, a community business which specialises in hiring equipment such as marquees for functions. The Trust also rents premises to The Singing Kettle, a voluntary community group which, in addition to providing a café service once a week, also provides counselling for vulnerable or at risk individuals in the Darkley area.

The Fund's grant of £240,899 means that Crossfire Trust can support the sustainable development of its safe accommodation service, allowing it to expand its reconciliation activities.

Extending Darkley House's existing facilities will increase the centre's capacity to provide a safe place for the very vulnerable. An additional 12 places are to be made available. Many of those referred to Crossfire are directed to them by bodies such as the Housing Executive which pays for Crossfire's services.

Crossfire is also committed to employing additional staff to deliver a wide range of capacity building, conflict resolution and community development activities and to marketing its services more proactively to build greater sustainability. In addition, Crossfire has secured a further grant of £100,000 from the Fund to develop workspace units to facilitate economic growth and job creation in the area.

Work is now underway at Darkley House, with the first phase of its development due to be completed in 2008.

Ian Bothwell, Director of Crossfire Trust explains the impact of the Fund's support on the organisation's work:



IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US AS AN ORGANISATION TO ATTRACT FUNDING - WITH A NAME LIKE CROSSFIRE TRUST AT A LOCATION CALLED DARKLEY AND OPERATING WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS, SOME OF THE BOXES COULDN'T BE TICKED!

But deep down I knew that if we did our research and applied our vision and hope to a paper application we could be successful and be brought in from the cold.

So we as an organisation are obviously delighted to be on the brink of building a 7,750 sq ft business park on the edge of Darkley village and also building secure attractive accommodation for 12 vulnerable people. This means local opportunities for those with ideas for business and at an affordable rentable price. To make their dreams a reality training and support is also available.

It also provides workspace for Crossfire Trust to continue to grow its own social economy projects launched from 'victims and survivors' small grants. Now these projects will have their own incubation space to develop a range of services

to meet the changing needs of South Armagh. We have not found the atmosphere of peace easy to respond to - perhaps we had got used to the army and tension so it is crucial that this vacuum is filled with constructive and exciting opportunities for everyone.

In this project, reconciliation is combined with regeneration and this wonderful mix of healing and skill will allow the wounds and hurts of yesterday to be the well of hope for tomorrow. We know our past, the pain is engraved in our minds but business plans, ideas, strategic initiatives are beginning to focus us on the future.

It really is a new day and the teenagers of Darkley and their parents ask weekly when will it be opened. We are very grateful for this lifeline. Thanks also to the staff for their administration skills and to the generosity of the International Fund for Ireland, whose funding made this happen.





Pictured L-R: Ian Bothwell; Sheila Masters; Alison Flanagan; and Dave Masters from Crossfire Trust, at the site of the Coach House Regeneration project.

Áislann Rann na Feirst Teo, Donegal - Resource, Education and Heritage Centre

Rann na Feirst in Co. Donegal is where Ulster Irish is spoken, protected and preserved. It is also an area with a strong tradition of treating people from Unionist and Nationalist backgrounds, from both sides of the border, equally. A new project, supported by the Fund, will build on the area's traditions to increase employment and introduce new reconciliation focused activities.

Cross-community group Áislann Rann na Feirst Teo is developing an Ionad Achmhainní, Oidhreacht agus Léinn (Heritage, Educational and Resource Centre) on land owned by the local community. The integrated centre will provide facilities to support the local community such as enterprise units, pre-school, library and meeting rooms. It will also include a heritage museum, tea-room and craft shop to appeal to visitors to the area.

Áislann is also launching a new partnership with Coláiste Bhríde, the Irish Language Summer College, to develop residential experiences focused on reconciliation and good relations. The College has always welcomed groups from all backgrounds. A new joint marketing strategy targeting Protestant and Catholic students, their parents and schools, hopes to attract groups in Northern Ireland that have an interest in reconciliation and good relations. A series of training modules in the area of reconciliation and good relations is being developed specifically for such residents.

COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION

The Communities in Transition Programme has been working over the last six years with 10 local communities affected by conflict and experiencing ongoing community tension, division and marginalisation. All had suffered from a lack of previous investment, low community infrastructure and poor service provision.



Rann na Feirst, Co. Donegal.

The Programme's work focuses on four key areas - social need, social inclusion, social cohesion and community capacity. It uses a community development model to promote social capital initiatives that bring local communities together, to build capacity and capability, to tackle divisions and to promote dialogue. The Programme will also help them to link with agencies and partners to develop programmes and to address local problems. When community confidence has been strengthened, the Programme will support the development of bridging work with other communities - a very important stage.

The practical impact of Communities in Transition can be demonstrated by looking at work in three areas of the current Programme; Melmount which includes five estates in Strabane, Co. Tyrone; Newtowncunningham in Co. Donegal; and the Harryville area of Ballymena, Co. Antrim. Each of these areas identified the lack of services for young people as contributing to anti-social behaviour and other community safety issues. They each developed local voluntary youth programmes, supported by the Communities in Transition Programme, ultimately beginning to work with other youth agencies to secure further resources. In addition to establishing these youth initiatives in each area, a joint programme of cross-community/cross-border activities has been launched.

This has encouraged young people from Harryville to cross the border for the first time, and through the involvement of the Newtowncunningham group, allowed all involved to explore perceptions about life on both sides of the border. An additional benefit is that the adults from the projects now meet regularly and have organised joint projects and visits.

The Harryville area of Ballymena has found it very difficult to shake off its sectarian label. With support from the Communities in Transition Programme, the first ever community group was formed in this area. It was a difficult and tense process as the group found it very difficult to engage with agencies that used the profile of the area as a reason for not engaging. A lot of effort went into voluntary projects at a local level to prove that the group was serious about changing the profile of the area. These have included a new youth initiative, festivals

and summer schemes, the development of a drop-in advice and resource centre, environmental projects and participation in the Fund-supported Re-Imaging Communities Programme.

The group has also built relationships with other agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour, sectarian and racial attacks.

In addition, Mosside entered the Communities in Transition Programme with a very negative paramilitary reputation and with tensions evident in the village. Progress was very slow and sensitive for some time but significant progress is now being made with the involvement of all sections of the community. Youth programmes, seasonal activities, senior citizens clubs, arts programmes, environmental initiatives - including a Re-imaging Communities Programme - have all taken place.

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All 10 groups continue to meet together at conference events and have used these opportunities to share their stories, including their problems. This has enabled some joint working between areas with very differing pasts and many now share resources and training opportunities.

The achievements of the current Communities in Transition Programme have been significant, proving that with proactive support, areas that have been left behind can be encouraged to work for change. The Fund's investment of £1.5 million has resulted in an additional £8.1 million being leveraged, creating new community projects, jobs, services and resources to meet local needs. The change in the areas has been visible and the progress made has encouraged the Fund to invest in a further 10 areas over the coming three years.

Bertie Shaw, Chairperson of Seacourt Community Council explains the impact of the Communities in Transition Programme on his local area:



THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND, THROUGH ITS COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION PROGRAMME MANAGED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, WAS THE FIRST FUNDING BODY WILLING TO TAKE A RISK TO ENGAGE WITH THE SEACOURT ESTATE IN LARNE IN 2002 IN TIMES WHEN IT WAS A VERY TROUBLED, DIVIDED AND UNSETTLED AREA. THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DO SO AT A TIME WHEN MOST OTHER AGENCIES WOULD NOT COME NEAR US HAS PAID OFF TENFOLD AND THE LESSONS ARISING SHOULD BE LEARNED BY OTHER AGENCIES.

In 2002, our estate was notorious for all the wrong reasons - sectarian violence, anti-social behaviour, derelict houses, alienation and a long list for transfers out of the estate. Five years on, it has been transformed. The local community, once it realised that the Communities in Transition Programme was here for the long haul, worked consistently with it to turn the area around and make it somewhere that we are proud of. We have won the Best Kept Large Estate on two occasions, have drawn in much needed funding for a children's play-park and have an ongoing environmental and area clean-up programme. Anti-social behaviour issues have been tackled and residents now feel that the estate is a much safer place to live in. There is now a housing waiting list for the area!

We have developed a hugely successful cross-community youth club over the five year period and our team of local volunteers hosts 100+ young people twice a week. The local community centre, which once sat closed seven days a week, is now flourishing with a range of new activities.

Many agencies now work with us to develop the area - the PSNI, Housing Executive, local Council, Education and Library Board, Department for Social Development and the Sports Council to name but a few and the Community Foundation continues to offer guidance and support. Recently the Department for Social Development funded an Outreach Centre for the 18-25 year olds and our joint application with Larne Youth has drawn down funding for a state of the art sports facility in the area that will benefit the whole Borough.

In total, the investment by the IFI of £150,000 has enabled a further £1,635,402 to be levered in for much needed projects. This reflects the previous scale of the neglect felt at the local level. We are now working with other estates in Larne town to support them to develop and form partnerships with agencies.

We are determined to keep the positive work going and, as Chairperson of the Seacourt Community Council, I look back and think of the days when this scale of change could not have been dreamed of.





FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

THIS YEAR THE FUND
SUPPORTED 19 PROJECTS

INVESTING £4,148,147/€6,056,295
IN BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

Four year old Kaci Shaw at the Summer Scheme/Seacourt Youth Club fun evening.

BUILDING BRIDGES

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING AND FACILITATING PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES WHICH WILL PROVIDE RECONCILIATION AND INTEGRATION BY BRINGING INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TOGETHER ON A CROSS-COMMUNITY AND CROSS-BORDER BASIS TO EXPLORE COMMON ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Creating opportunities for young people to learn about themselves and each other remains a priority area for the Fund as it works to encourage a less segregated society. The Fund continues to support three main programmes specifically for young people in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties:

- Knowledge through Enterprise for Youth Programme (KEY)
- Learning and Educating Together Programme (LET)
- Wider Horizons Programme

KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ENTERPRISE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMME (KEY)

The KEY Programme is managed jointly by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland and is aimed at 14-16 year olds. 900 students from 72 schools across Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties successfully completed the Programme at three camps in Enniskillen, Ballycastle and Newcastle/Rostrevor.

Each camp included 36 young people, recruited in equal numbers from a perceived Catholic school in Northern Ireland, a perceived Protestant school

in Northern Ireland and a secondary school in the South. Students were given opportunities and support to enhance their personal development through enterprise training, business tasks and outdoor activities during a 14-day residential programme. Their success was celebrated at a two-day event in May at the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

At the event, 10 outstanding achievers were announced as the KEY 'Young Entrepreneurs of the Year' and were given the opportunity to attend the Canadian Junior Achievement (CANJAC) conference in Montreal in August 2007. This event brought together hundreds of young people from around the world to work together and experience the global nature of business.

KEY's independent annual evaluation has demonstrated repeatedly that the Programme is successful in meeting its twin aims of promoting peace and reconciliation between the communities in Ireland and addressing the disadvantage of marginalised young people by teaching them enterprise and personal skills. For example, 97% of participants after the Programme compared with 75% at the start said that they had friends from a different religious background. After the Programme, 84% of participants strongly agreed or agreed that they now have a greater understanding of other religions and cultures.



Pictured are some of the young people who were selected to go to the Canadian Junior Achievement Conference in Montreal, (L-R) Rory Maguire, O Fiaich College, Dundalk; David Maye, Dungannon Integrated College; Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Deidre Dolan, Community School Carrick on Shannon; and Philip Trueman, Aughnacloy College.

Parents noted clear improvements in confidence and their children's ability to be assertive. Teachers also saw widespread, and in some cases dramatic, changes in the pupils' confidence and communication skills. They also noted that KEY allows teachers to develop better relationships with pupils.

One teacher commented, "They get opportunities on this Programme that we just can't offer in school and it really helps some of the quiet ones to get noticed. KEY really gave them confidence. I was amazed - they were right out there!"

LEARNING AND EDUCATING TOGETHER PROGRAMME (LET)

The LET Programme was launched in October 2004 and in 2006/2007, 300 young people completed the Programme. In October 2007, a second LET camp will be launched, bringing the total number of students per year to 600.

The Programme, which is managed jointly by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland, targets young people aged 12-13 years from perceived Protestant and Catholic secondary schools in Northern Ireland and secondary schools in the Southern border counties. At each of the 10 camps, groups of 30 participants, drawn equally from the three cohorts, completed a series of three 3-day residencies culminating in a 1-day cultural visit to the Dunlewey Centre in Donegal. Throughout the Programme, students explored issues of personal finance and budgeting, the importance of good communication and business planning.

Very importantly, the Programme has been extremely successful in facilitating the development of friendships between those from different religions and backgrounds. 85% of participants after the Programme, compared with 68% at the start, said that they had friends from a different religion. Teachers highlighted the value of the Programme in broadening participants' horizons across religious, social and cultural boundaries.

Over the first three years of the Programme, the independent evaluation has reported very positive results in all areas covered by the Programme, and this has been confirmed by teachers and parents.

One teacher commented, "I think it's a really good experience for them, meeting people from other communities, because it's not an opportunity they get in their everyday

lives, or if they do, it's very short and contrived. This, however, is an opportunity where they have made genuine friendships."

WIDER HORIZONS PROGRAMME

This Programme, which has been running for 20 years, targets individuals between the ages of 18 and 28 from socially and economically disadvantaged areas. During the Programme they are provided with the opportunity to consider potential careers for themselves, and then subsequently to receive professional training and work experience within their area of choice.

During 2007 a total of 27 projects were undertaken with more than 560 participants. The career sectors targeted included; business administration, caring, hospitality and tourism, reconciliation, retail, services and information technology. The overseas work placements took place in the European Union, South Africa, USA and Canada.

Each project lasts around 20 weeks and is divided into three stages: pre-departure (5-12 weeks), overseas phase (8-10 weeks) and the return phase (2-6 weeks). Each project comprises of 21 participants, recruited equally from the Nationalist and Unionist traditions in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties, and provides participants with opportunities to gain recognised qualifications.

The Programme has been very successful in encouraging participants into further education or employment. Also important from the Fund's perspective is the level of cross-community contact among past participants. 80% of participants maintain cross-community contact for up to two years after the end of the Programme, whilst 93% of Northern participants having maintained cross-border and cross-community contact. This is an illustration of the success of the Programme and in particular the mutual understanding element which permeates all aspects of the Programme.

The Wider Horizons Programme is managed jointly on behalf of the Fund by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) in Northern Ireland and Foras Aiseanna Saothair (FÁS) in the South. The Programme is delivered by cross-border and cross-community partnerships called Integrated Areas. The three Integrated Areas in 2007 were Monaghan and Portadown Partnership Ltd; Springboard Opportunities Ltd and Tyrone/Donegal Partnership Ltd, with the latter also covering the areas of Fermanagh, Sligo and Leitrim.



Pictured L-R: Della Clancy, Executive Director Junior Achievement Ireland; Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Valerie Ingram, CEO, Young Enterprise Northern Ireland; and Jackie McManus, Carrick-on-Shannon Community School, Co. Leitrim; pictured at the official launch of a new residential camp based at The Share Centre, Lisnaskea.

Twenty eight year old Keith Calvin from Portadown, Co. Armagh explains the impact of the Wider Horizons Programme on his life and career:



I LEFT SCHOOL AT 16 WITH THREE GCSE PASSES. I SPENT FOUR YEARS UNEMPLOYED BEFORE FINALLY GETTING A BRIEF JOB AS A CAR VALET - I WAS NOT GIVEN ANY TRAINING AND WAS NOT KEPT ON PAST MY TRIAL PERIOD. A FEW MONTHS LATER, I TOOK A PART-TIME, MINIMUM WAGE JOB IN A SHOP. I ENDED UP DOING THAT JOB FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS BEFORE I FINALLY REALISED THAT I WAS WASTING MY LIFE. WITHOUT ANOTHER JOB TO GO TO, I HANDED IN MY NOTICE.

After being unemployed for just three days, I noticed an advertisement for the Wider Horizons Programme in my local newspaper. After an interview, I started almost immediately.

The course had quite a variety of different subjects. During the first few weeks, we spent a week at an activity centre where we were given a chance to express our feelings and discuss our experiences with each other, both positive and negative.

However, the main focus of the week was team building, bringing us together through a variety of practical exercises which were quickly taken very seriously indeed. I noticed that even those that failed learned the exact same lesson - that whether you win or lose together, nothing can be achieved as a group without dedication from everyone and that it is important to learn from other people's mistakes as well as your own. The seeds of cross-community interaction were well and truly sown that week.

During the following weeks, we had training in Emergency First Aid, Customer Service, Health and Safety and worked to obtain the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) qualification. This was a particular worry for me as I had never even switched on a computer, let alone made spreadsheets or surfed the internet. In just three weeks, I went from being a complete novice to passing every exam first time.

The first half of the course completed, we departed for Canada for six weeks. Our

task was to use our newly acquired IT skills in a work situation, while living with a local family, in most cases with a member of our group from a different cultural background.

To experience Canadian life in such a direct way was beyond words. I must admit to having mixed feelings about returning to Northern Ireland, but the course had four more weeks to complete including our final work experience.

Since completing Wider Horizons, I have used my ECDL qualification to get jobs. I have also gained an ECDL invigilator qualification which allows me to teach ECDL to adults, supervising and marking the examinations. I am now working with the Association of Northern Ireland Colleges.

I recently started an online group for my ex-classmates on Wider Horizons in the hope that we can share photos and experiences. I still have close friends on both sides of the border and was even asked to be godfather to the child of a mixed religion couple who met on the course. I still keep in contact with my Canadian acquaintances. Overall, I have developed a very positive outlook and amassed a world of confidence.

It is hard to imagine what I would be doing now had I not done the Wider Horizons Programme. I now have my own house and everything is falling into place. I consider myself very lucky that I had the chance to participate. Quite frankly, I cannot think of a single reason why I would not recommend a young person in similar circumstances to widen their horizons.





Keith Calvin, a participant on the Wider Horizons Programme.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES PROGRAMME

In May 2007, the Fund relaunched its cross-border Community Bridges Programme with the announcement of a further £9/€13 million made available over three years to encourage community relations, reconciliation and cross-border activities.

Established in 1996, the Community Bridges Programme aims to help communities in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties to use innovative and ground breaking community projects to address issues of difference and division. The Programme is managed by the Community Relations Council for Northern Ireland.

Over the period of this Report a wide range of projects has been approved. These include the 18/25 Project in Craigavon, the 174 Trust in Belfast, the Irish Peace Institute, Sesame Workshop and a partnership between Donegal Youth Service and Tyrone Donegal Partnership.

The 174 Trust

The 174 Trust is an inter-denominational, faith based community development organisation located in North Belfast where there are few cross-community groups and few neutral venues.

The Trust aims to work with local people to help them identify and meet local community needs. To do this, it provides an inclusive, neutral and non-threatening environment for individuals and groups to take part in a variety of programmes and activities that range from a pre-school group to senior citizens programmes. While the Trust has always had a cross-community ethos, it has chosen to express a renewed commitment to peace and reconciliation in the face of continuing sectarianism and polarisation in the North Belfast area.

This renewed commitment has led the Trust to develop a more focused and proactive community relations policy and strategy, with the support of the Community Relations Council. Support from the Community Bridges Programme will now allow the Trust to implement this strategy.

A full-time Good Relations Officer is now responsible for implementing this strategy, which will include the delivery of training in conflict management/resolution for Trust staff, committee and volunteers. It will also involve an annual diversity audit, promoting the Trust's facilities as a shared space and as a place for the celebration of cultural diversity. The strategy will assist in identifying and delivering cross-community 'twin' projects for the Trust's existing youth project, after schools club and nursery pre-group and ensuring greater cross-community dialogue across North Belfast. The Fund-supported activity will also include rolling out a cross-community initiative involving all the local churches and developing specific projects with a number of local churches.

The Irish Peace Institute

Based in the University of Limerick, The Irish Peace Institute was established in 1984. Its work includes contact based exchanges such as conferences, seminars, people-to-people exchanges, festival exchanges and cross-border publications. It has also been involved in practical relationship building and developing cross-border projects between Northern Ireland's Unionist community and the Greater Shannon region.

Through the Community Bridges Programme, the Fund is supporting a year long programme of activities to develop the Institute's capacity to undertake the creation of a sustainable peace building network across the island of Ireland, tackling conflict and division and building positive cross-border relationships.

The year's activities will include identifying participant groups for the network in Northern Ireland and facilitating initial discussion between these groups and groups from the Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Offaly, Kerry and Cork areas. These discussions will include planning meetings to identify core themes and areas of common concern. In addition, the Institute will recruit and train volunteers, establish an evaluation framework and prepare to recruit appropriate staff to support the network.

It is hoped that through supporting this initial work, the Fund will help the Institute make a more significant contribution to reconciliation and a shared, peaceful future across the island of Ireland.

Sesame Tree

Through the Community Bridges Programme, the Fund is supporting the development of Sesame Tree, a co-production between Sesame Workshop, the non-profit organisation behind Sesame Street, and a local Northern Ireland production company.

DEVELOPED AND WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, SESAME TREE WILL ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONFLICT, DISCRIMINATION, PREJUDICE AND SECTARIANISM.

In addition to twenty 15-minute episodes which will be broadcast on BBC Northern Ireland in Spring 2008, the Sesame Tree initiative also includes a programme of outreach supported by educational materials and a website.

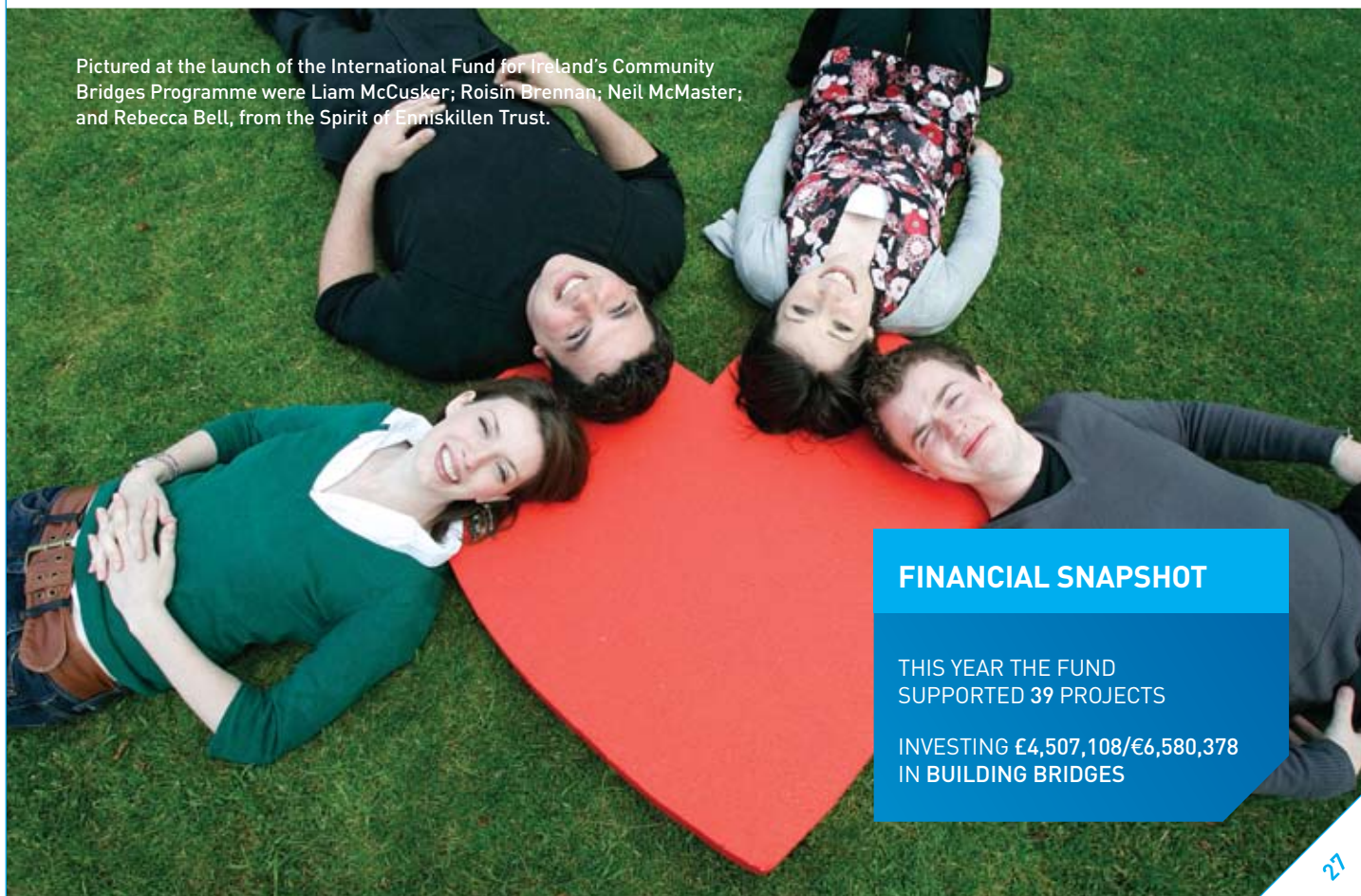
Donegal Youth Service/ Tyrone Donegal Partnership

Over 450 'at risk' young people aged 18-25 in the Lifford/Strabane area will have new opportunities to come together on both a cross-border and cross-community basis as a result of a new partnership programme supported by the Fund.

Donegal Youth Service and Tyrone Donegal Partnership's new programme aims to develop cross-border links and partnerships that share experience and expertise. It will also focus on developing participants' self esteem, self awareness and confidence through team building, small group activities, interactive group exercises and leadership projects.

The area in which the Youth Service and the Partnership work covers Lifford, Co. Donegal and its surrounding communities and Strabane, Co. Tyrone and its surrounding communities. This area has been a focus for Fund support for many years as a result of high levels of disadvantage and its unique cross-border links. The area has suffered as a result of sectarian division and conflict and remains deeply divided.

Pictured at the launch of the International Fund for Ireland's Community Bridges Programme were Liam McCusker; Roisin Brennan; Neil McMaster; and Rebecca Bell, from the Spirit of Enniskillen Trust.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

THIS YEAR THE FUND
SUPPORTED 39 PROJECTS

INVESTING £4,507,108/€6,580,378
IN BUILDING BRIDGES

BUILDING INTEGRATION

WHILE NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SOUTHERN BORDER COUNTIES ARE NOW EXPERIENCING A NEW PERIOD OF POLITICAL AND CIVIC STABILITY, COMMUNITIES ARE STILL DEEPLY DIVIDED WITH PEOPLE WORKING, LEARNING AND LIVING IN SEGREGATED AREAS. THE INTERNATIONAL FUND IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING AND FUNDING INITIATIVES WHICH WILL PROMOTE REAL INTEGRATION AND SUPPORT LASTING AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE.

SHARING EDUCATION

The Sharing Education Programme was formally launched this year with over 60 schools involved. Developed and supported by the Fund in partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies, the Sharing Education Programme will offer students from across the community the chance to share enhanced educational and developmental opportunities while building positive relationships with those from different backgrounds and cultures.

The Programme, which is administered by Queen's University Belfast, includes 12 collaborative projects among 60 schools. These projects involve Northern Ireland's first Specialist Schools. The Specialist Schools are those that have been designated by the Department of Education (NI) in recognition of their commitment to collaboration and excellence in key areas. The Specialist Schools work with partner schools from across Northern Ireland's education sectors.

Ultimately, the goal of the Sharing Education Programme is to encourage all schools to make inter-community collaboration an integral part of their everyday life. As part of the Programme's work, participating schools will share their experiences of partnership with the rest of the education community through a series of conferences, seminars, publications and the Programme website, www.schoolsworkingtogether.co.uk

In addition, the Programme will support teaching and co-ordination across the partnership projects, specialist training for teachers in participating schools and practical curricular support to enable effective collaboration.



Pictured L-R: Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Professor Tony Gallagher, School of Education, Queen's University, Belfast; Padraic Quirk, The Atlantic Philanthropies; with a pupil from Limavady High School, one of the participating schools.

**Professor Tony Gallagher,
Queen's University Belfast explains
the importance of the Sharing
Education Programme (SEP):**



DESPITE INTENSIVE EFFORTS OVER MANY YEARS, WORK IN EDUCATION AIMED AT PROMOTING RECONCILIATION HAS HAD LIMITED IMPACT. THE SHARING EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT RECONCILIATION OUTCOMES ARE MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR IF CROSS-DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL COLLABORATION IS FOCUSED ON HIGH STATUS ACTIVITIES, INVOLVING LARGE NUMBERS OF PUPILS, WORKING TOGETHER ON A SUSTAINED BASIS.

SEP has provided an opportunity for school partnerships to identify ways in which they can best achieve this type of engagement, given their own expertise and circumstances. The SEP schools have agreed to regular monitoring and oversight, and to participate in high quality training aimed at promoting effective collaboration and encouraging schools to explore routes towards reconciliation. The long-term goal of SEP is to identify models for effective collaboration and to increase the level of cross-denominational collaboration among schools more generally.

Current circumstances provide a particular fruitful context for this: schools are

preparing to deliver the 'entitlement curriculum' which will require some form of collaboration in future. In addition, as highlighted by the Strategic Review of Education, falling rolls are putting pressure on the system for rationalisation and cost-effectiveness, while also emphasising that the promotion of reconciliation is a seminal purpose of education in Northern Ireland.

SEP provides the potential to make a significant contribution to the agenda for change in education over the next few years by aligning educational and economic goals with social and reconciliation goals.





Professor Tony Gallagher, School of Education, Queen's University, Belfast.

HOUSING

The Fund's strategy commits it to supporting the development of integrated housing and over the last two years the Fund has been working closely with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to find ways in which it can best achieve this objective.

The Shared Future Neighbourhood Programme is the first major initiative to emerge as a result of this consultation. Developed by the Shared Future Advisory Panel, which involves a range of civic and voluntary groups, the Programme will focus on providing support to existing housing areas which wish to establish themselves as Shared Future Neighbourhoods.

The Programme will offer training for local community workers to become 'champions' of shared housing, enabling them to take forward the specific agenda of shared housing in their own areas. It will also facilitate the development of a Neighbourhood Charter and the development and delivery of a Good Relations Plan for all of the areas involved. It is hoped that the Programme will result in up to 30 Shared Future Neighbourhoods being created over the next three years.

Re-imaging Communities Programme

The Re-imaging Communities Programme is a funding programme that will help communities in urban and rural areas to focus on positive ways to express artistically and creatively who they are and what culture means to them. The Programme encourages the creation of vibrant and attractive shared public space through the use of the creative arts in the public realm, which will celebrate life, enhance the physical and natural environment and help people feel part of the community in which they live. Re-imaging Communities is rooted in the building of a shared future for Northern Ireland, which is peaceful, inclusive, prosperous, stable, fair, and founded on partnership, equality and mutual respect as a basis of good relationships. In order to help achieve such a society, communities and agencies need to work together to free the public realm from threat, displays of sectarian aggression and intimidation while allowing

for legitimate expression of cultural celebration. This could be achieved by working with artists in a range of ways, from the creation of positive mural art to applied art (such as ceramics, decorative brickwork or mosaic) to three-dimensional sculpture, artistic light installation or the production of crafted street furniture.

Re-imaging Communities is open to all communities that seek renewal and the reclamation of public space as well as arterial routes and public thoroughfares which belong to the wider community as a whole. The funding will be used to encourage local communities to work creatively with artists in tackling the issues described above, connecting the arts to areas not usually associated with them and allowing art to enrich communities. All projects will be locally tailored and community driven.

Re-imaging Communities is funded through, and decisions on applications are made by, the Shared Communities Consortium. This Consortium comprises representatives of the Fund, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, the Department for Social Development, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Community Relations Council, the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure, the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The Programme is open for applications and all details can be found on the Arts Council's website www.artscouncil-ni.org

Butterfly Garden Project

Broughshane and District Community Association applied to the Programme under a Multiple Award for two projects, their "Schools' Banner" project and their "Butterfly Garden" project. Both proposals were funded and their "Butterfly Garden" project has now been completed successfully.

The aim of this project was to reclaim a drab space in the village of Broughshane that was being investigated as a potential site for a mural. The local community were opposed to this, so much so that they erected old signage to prevent the mural from being painted. This is how the applicant group described their proposal...

"There are a number of aims. Part of the site is a large drab gable end. There was



The Butterfly Garden Project, Broughshane, Co. Antrim.

and is talk of it being suitable for some form of mural, so much so that a local group had old signs placed on it to occupy the space. If our project goes ahead it would give the community an area which all can take ownership of, depicting a theme that no-one need feel excluded from. In addition it presents the opportunity to remove the flagpole holders and replace them with plants.

THE FINAL RESULT IS VERY IMPORTANT BUT SO TOO IS THE PROCESS. BY INVOLVING THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED LOCAL CHILDREN IN PAINTING EACH OF THE METAL BUTTERFLIES BEFORE ERECTION IT IS HOPED THEY TOO WILL HAVE OWNERSHIP OF THIS SHARED SPACE. BY INVOLVING CHILDREN FROM THE THREE LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THE NURSERY IT IS HOPED TO BE AN OCCASION DURING WHICH CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, RURAL AND URBAN YOUTH OF ALL AGES CAN MIX AND INTEGRATE; A DIVERSE GROUP WITH A COMMON PURPOSE.

When fully complete and established it is felt that this will help in the long process of re-imaging the village as a place that has more on its mind than what divides people at present. The interpretative boards will further educate the populace about the garden and inform their senses."

The Shared Communities Consortium felt that this project fully met the aims of the Re-imaging Communities Programme in that it brought a community together to create artwork that represented the entire community and allowed for the removal of flagpole holders which will contribute to the

communities' effort to make the village a shared space.

INTEGRATING COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Fund has identified integrating community groups as a key area of activity in its current strategy and during the course of the last year, the Fund has developed its Integrating Community Groups Programme in partnership with the Rural Development Council, Northern Ireland (RDC).

The Programme offers a range of opportunities to support community groups as they move along the path of collaboration with groups they traditionally had little contact with, on a cross-border or cross-community basis.

THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO BUILD COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE AND PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATION, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN UNIONIST AND NATIONALIST GROUPS WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND AND ON A CROSS-BORDER BASIS.

Programme participants must take part in good relations and diversity training but it also offers networking opportunities, study visits, access to resources for project development and support in developing partnership agreements with other groups. A key part of the Programme will be 'matching' participants with a view to developing collaborative projects.

It is also hoped that some of this matching will begin online with groups being able to find out more about possible cross-community and cross-border collaborative partnerships through a dedicated website.

Innovatively, the Programme can be accessed in two ways. Groups can apply through an open call recruitment process but it is also possible to enter the Programme on a project basis, allowing

already paired project promoters to take advantage of the range of support available. In addition, a number of individual collaborative projects were funded this year as part of the Fund's Integrating Community Groups activity.

Eglinton, Co. Londonderry

This village currently has two housing estates, one predominantly Unionist, the other predominantly Nationalist. Both have their own separate children's play facilities. Community groups from each estate are now working together to change this and hopefully build one shared facility for children from both estates to use.

POLICING

As part of developing the capacity of Northern Ireland's District Policing Partnerships to engage with their local community, the Fund this year provided support for a pilot training programme for the Partnerships.

The Programme is being designed and implemented by the NI Policing Board and will assist Policing Partnership members, who are drawn from the local community, in dealing with issues such as sectarianism and racism. The Programme's ultimate goal is to enable the Policing Partnerships and the community to work with the police to create stronger, safer communities. It is also hoped that this Programme will build trust and confidence in policing - a critical element in developing a healthy civic society.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

THIS YEAR THE FUND
SUPPORTED 12 PROJECTS

INVESTING £3,720,876/€5,432,479
IN BUILDING INTEGRATION

LEAVING A LEGACY

SUSTAINABILITY IS A MAJOR PRIORITY FOR THE FUND IN ITS CURRENT WORK. RECOGNISING THAT IT IS NOT A PERMANENT FUNDING MECHANISM AND THAT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED INDEFINITELY, THE FUND IS WORKING TO IDENTIFY AND FUND PROJECTS WHICH CAN HAVE A LONG TERM AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACT ON PEACE BUILDING AND INTEGRATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SOUTHERN BORDER COUNTIES.

The Legacy Programme is also concerned with ensuring that the lessons, experiences and best practice of the last 21 years can be shared with future generations.

Recipients of this year's Programme included:

The Link, Newtownards

Formed in 1997, the Link Family and Community Centre provides a holistic approach to promoting good relations between the different community groups it serves. Working with disadvantaged groups in the town of Newtownards and the surrounding rural area, it runs a wide range of community projects including initiatives that deal with community relations, youth, parenting, senior citizens and addiction.

The Fund's support will enable the Link to develop new premises for a Family and Community Centre in Newtownards. This new building will allow the Link to extend the reach of its work and provide facilities and services to meet the growing needs of people in the local area.

Flight of the Earls 400th Anniversary, Co. Donegal

The 400th anniversary of the Flight of the Earls in 2007 has considerable local, national and international significance. It is inextricably linked to the anniversary of the Ulster Plantation and is of considerable historical significance for communities on both sides of the border. Exploring the implications of the anniversary had potential to provide opportunities to deal with the history of Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.

The Fund provided support to a youth and community outreach programme developed by a cross-border and cross-community partnership of local authorities and community organisations. Led by Donegal County Council, the partnership also involved Dungannon/South Tyrone Borough Council, Derry City Council, the Ulster-Scots Agency and the Institute of Ulster Scots Studies at the University of Ulster.



Julia and Zoista at Mums and Tots, The Link, Newtownards.

The Programme included nine projects, each having a common cross cutting theme of exploring cultural diversity together. The Fund supported a schools competition for transition students in over 700 schools across the island of Ireland; a cross-border and cross-community integrated education and outreach programme for primary and secondary schools in counties Donegal, Londonderry and Tyrone; a cross-border,

cross-community workshop programme run by An Grianan Theatre in Letterkenny, using Brian Friel's play, 'Making History' and WordFlight, an extensive workshop programme in creative writing run across Donegal, Londonderry and Dungannon. The writing of participating young people was celebrated through prize giving events and a tour.

AS PART OF THE LEAVING A LEGACY PROGRAMME LAST YEAR, THE FUND AGREED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENT OF TRAINING, SOCIAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT GREENHILL YMCA, NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN.

Greenhill YMCA's Director, Stephen Turner, explains the impact of the Fund's support:



THE YMCA HAS HAD A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FUND SINCE 1988. WE HAVE BEEN PARTNERS IN THE WIDER HORIZONS PROGRAMME, THE COMMUNITY BRIDGES PROGRAMME AND TODAY IN THE CAPITAL REGENERATION PROGRAMME FOR GREENHILL YMCA. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD THE PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN ONE WHERE WE HAVE SHARED THE LEARNING, EXCHANGED IDEAS AND BOTH AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ENABLED TO ACHIEVE THEIR KEY OBJECTIVES IN BUILDING PEACE IN IRELAND.

The Greenhill YMCA project began as a collaboration developing community relations work. It included the provision of work in local schools, as well as the development of accredited training for adults and has evolved into providing direct mediation for groups who are involved in community conflict. In 2006, IFI agreed to provide funding towards the regeneration of the Greenhill residential facility creating areas for adult training, enhanced resource rooms and improved accommodation. The redevelopment will make the Centre fitter for its community relations and educational purposes but will also increase its capacity by 80%.

Over the years, Greenhill has played host to conferences, training sessions and activity programmes for young people, young leaders and community leaders. Its international staff team has provided a place for diverse cultures to be respected and celebrated and it has created space for politicians, young people and community activists to share their stories, concerns and hopes. The support given by IFI has encouraged other funders to step in and assist us to ensure this dialogue continues and is enriched for future generations.





Ray McVeigh, Project Manager at Greenhill YMCA.

THE GLENCREE CENTRE FOR RECONCILIATION CATERS FOR OVER 10,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY. LAST YEAR THE FUND AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (OPW) AGREED TO SUPPORT AN EXPANSION PROGRAMME WHICH WILL INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE CENTRE BY OVER ONE THIRD.

Colin Murphy from Glencree explains what the Fund's support has meant to them:



THE GLENCREE CENTRE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION HAS BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND IN 2007, ENABLING US TO DEVELOP AND GROW IN THREE AREAS: TRAINING FOR ADULTS, PEACE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHYSICAL SITE AT GLENCREE.

Training: As a result of the IFI grant, Glencree has been able to offer accredited and non-accredited learning opportunities to adults. Courses offered include: Interpersonal Conflict Resolution; Basic Group Facilitation Skills; Reporting Conflict; Negotiation Skills; and Preventing Violence and Promoting Non-Violence.

Peace Education: In 2007, Glencree offered learning opportunities in peacebuilding and reconciliation to almost 3000 young people from primary schools, secondary schools and youth groups throughout Ireland, North and South. In addition to personal development of the young person, the Peace Education Programme prepares young people

to play more active leadership roles in their community through a series of programmes in conflict management skills, inclusive leadership, managing relationships and communication skills.

Workshop activities connect to the Education Curriculum at levels appropriate to the age and subject range of each group.

Building Project: A fundamental element of Glencree's ability to achieve its aims in 2008 is the IFI building project. The improved site will enable Glencree to further develop its programme of work and reach its potential both on these islands, and internationally. The IFI capital grant is allowing us to build new offices to house the 20-member staff team.





Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Congressman Richard Neal, Chairman of the Friends of Ireland Group in the US House of Representatives; with three members of YouthAction. The US Congressional Delegation (CODEL) visited Glencree in April of 2007.

THE CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE MOST WELL ESTABLISHED AND RESPECTED RECONCILIATION ORGANISATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. LAST YEAR, THE FUND AGREED FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OTHER FACILITIES ON THE COMMUNITY'S SITE IN BALLYCASTLE, CO. ANTRIM.

David Stevens, Leader of the Corrymeela Community explains the impact which the Fund's Leaving a Legacy Programme will have on the Community's work over the forthcoming years:



THE BALLYCASTLE SITE THAT CORRYMEELA BOUGHT IN 1965 BASICALLY CONSISTED OF A WOODEN DUTCH-BARN STYLE BUILDING BUILT IN THE 1930S. VARIOUS NEW BUILDINGS HAD BEEN BUILT IN THE 1970S. IT HAD BECOME CLEAR IN THE 1990S THAT THE WOODEN BUILDING HAD SEEN OUT ITS DAY AND NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. WITH THE HELP OF IFI SUPPORT A NEW PURPOSE BUILT BUILDING WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 52 PEOPLE WAS CONSTRUCTED AND OPENED IN 1998.

By this decade it was becoming clear that we needed to think about the rest of the site, including the buildings constructed in the 1970s. We needed an overall vision for the whole site to take us into the next 30 years of our work, and that included a vision for sustainability.

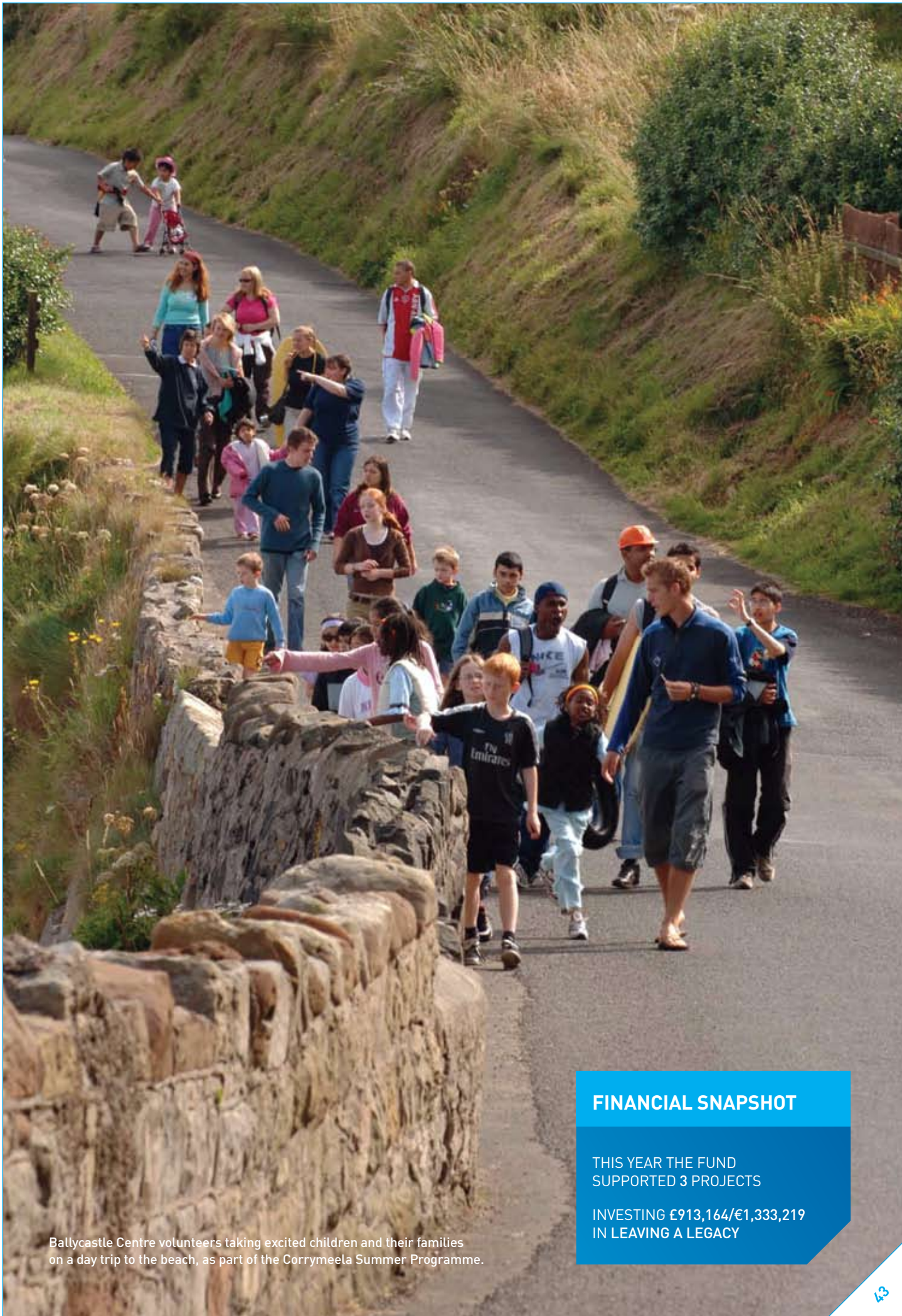
IFI gave us encouragement to move in that direction and has funded the first stage of this, which will be ready in the autumn of 2008. We are also starting to plan for the next key stage - new residential accommodation - which we hope will also attract IFI funding. This work will start in the autumn of 2009. IFI will have enabled us to transform our Centre with new purpose built accommodation which will enable us to continue our reconciliation work far into the future.

Alongside the new volunteer accommodation we have a vision for our volunteering work

which will mean a new pattern of volunteering involving young and old, and those from all sorts of different religious, ethnic and class backgrounds. IFI has funded a Volunteering Development Project under its Community Bridges Programme to enable us to start in this direction. We see volunteering as part of our future sustainability strategy.

In terms of meeting the needs of a divided society we have put effort and energy into working with schools and at interfaces, key areas for developing a shared future again under the Community Bridges Programme. IFI has supported our interface and schools work - helping us to develop our work beyond our Centre at Ballycastle.





Ballycastle Centre volunteers taking excited children and their families on a day trip to the beach, as part of the Corrymeela Summer Programme.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

THIS YEAR THE FUND
SUPPORTED 3 PROJECTS

INVESTING £913,164/€1,333,219
IN LEAVING A LEGACY

ENTERPRISE EQUITY

THE FUND'S TWO VENTURE CAPITAL COMPANIES, ENTERPRISE EQUITY FUND MANAGEMENT (NI) LIMITED BASED IN BELFAST AND ENTERPRISE EQUITY (IRL) LIMITED BASED IN DUNDALK, DUBLIN, GALWAY AND CORK PROVIDE VENTURE CAPITAL TO NEW AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND IN REGIONAL AREAS IN THE SOUTH OF IRELAND.

Enterprise Equity (Irl) Limited has a Joint Venture with Enterprise Ireland, Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Limited, to which each party has subscribed 50% of the capital.

Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP acting through Enterprise Equity Fund Management (NI) Limited invested a total of £1,580,898 in two companies during the year. One of these was Chambers Coach Hire Limited where Enterprise Equity led the Management Buy-In of one of Northern Ireland's leading privately owned coach businesses.

Enterprise Equity (Irl) Ltd/Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Ltd invested €3,580,512 in 13 companies in the year to 30/9/07. Of this total, €3,571,187 was invested by Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Ltd.

Among investments in the South were investments in Vysera (€850,000), Nitrosell (€750,000) and TopChem (€550,000). Vysera is a medial device company developing solutions for diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract. Nitrosell, a Cork based company provides a fully managed eCommerce webstore service for mid-sized retailers, particularly in the US market. TopChem is a specialist pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturer.

During the year Enterprise Equity Seed Capital Ltd which is a 100% subsidiary of Enterprise Equity (Irl) Ltd was appointed co-manager of the AIB Seed Capital Fund. This is a new €30 million early stage Venture Fund which is funded jointly by AIB and Enterprise Ireland and which Enterprise Equity will co-manage.

Enterprise Equity is a key provider of Venture Capital and Private Equity in Northern Ireland and in the Regions in the South of Ireland. Its management team continues to seek new investment opportunities and to work proactively with investee companies to grow and develop their businesses.



Chambers Coach Hire Limited is the province's largest independent coach and bus hire company and was established by Des Chambers in 1967.

Pictured L-R: Des Chambers, Company founder; Craig Holmes, Enterprise Equity; with Ted Hesketh, the Company's new Chairman and a former Managing Director of Translink, Northern Ireland's government owned integrated public transport operator.

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND'S CONTINUING WORK

AS THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOCUSES ON DELIVERING ITS 'SHARING THIS SPACE' STRATEGY, ITS WORK OVER THE LAST TWENTY ONE YEARS CONTINUES TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SOUTHERN BORDER COUNTIES.

Below are just some of the projects whose achievements and commitment have been celebrated in the last year.



Avalon House, East Belfast

Landmark East officially opened a new £820,000 social economy centre in East Belfast thanks to support from the International Fund for Ireland. The Centre was developed by Landmark East, a not-for-profit company set up to rebuild and restore unused and derelict property to provide high quality office accommodation for community, voluntary and social economy organisations in the area. It is the third major development by the community organisation, all of which have been supported by the Fund.

(L-R) Eddie Jackson, Chief Executive of the Belfast Local Strategy Partnership; Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; and Ann McMurray, Chairperson of Landmark East.



Gortnaghey Community Centre, Co. Londonderry

Gortnaghey Community Centre, Co. Londonderry was developed by Gortnaghey Community Association to meet the need for a social and economic 'heart' for the area and a focal point for the whole community.

The centre includes a conference hall, a meeting and training room and two retail units.

(L-R) Valerie Richmond, Limavady Borough Council; Leslie Craig, Vice Chair Northern Ireland Rural Development Council; Alexander Smith, Joint Director General of the International Fund for Ireland; John McElhinney, Mayor of Limavady; and Breidge Gadd, Big Lottery Fund, at the opening of Gortnaghey Community Centre, Co. Londonderry. Photo supplied by Northern Constitution.

Ballysaggart Business Complex, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone

The International Fund is one of the main funders of a major extension to Ballysaggart Business Complex which provides much needed facilities to stimulate economic regeneration and community development in the area.

The Complex is being developed by Dungannon West Renewal which works to promote employment and economic regeneration through encouraging enterprise and providing affordable premises for new and established local businesses. An important additional element will be the introduction of child centred activities in the new social building.



(L-R) Michael McLaughlin, Secretary of Dungannon West Renewal; Councillor Barry Monteith, Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council; Denis Rooney, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland; Michelle Gildernew, MP MLA, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development; Tommy Gallagher, MLA; Liam Waugh, Chairman of Dunagannon West Renewal; and Alistair McKane, Department for Social Development.

The Food Hub, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

This unique food development facility was developed to provide a regional resource for communities in both Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties. Providing production space, an organic community development kitchen and training facilities, it is hoped that the Food Hub will act as a catalyst for the development of food sector initiatives which drive social and economic integration on a cross-border basis. The project has already resulted in a cross-border network of farmers' markets, cross-border networking and training workshops and cross-border development programmes with enterprise centres in Lisburn and Ballymoney, Co. Antrim.



(L-R) Greg Curry, Development Officer of the International Fund for Ireland; Fergal McPartland, Irish Food Trade Support; Mary Coughlan, TD, Minister for Agriculture and Food; and Deirdre Ryan, International Fund for Ireland Board Member.

Castlefinn Partnership Initiative, Co. Donegal

Officially opened by Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mary Coughlan, TD and Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, the Castlefinn Partnership Initiative's €2.5 million multi-purpose centre provides the local community with a range of services including commercial floor space, health services and childcare facilities.

The centre was developed following community wide consultation and with the aim of meeting the social, cultural, educational and training needs of the area as well as encouraging job creation and economic development.



(L-R) Dinny McGinley, TD, Fine Gael, Southwest Donegal; Paddy Harte, Development Officer of the International Fund for Ireland; and John McDaid, International Fund for Ireland Board Member.



Young people enjoying the Summer Adventure Camp at Greenhill YMCA.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

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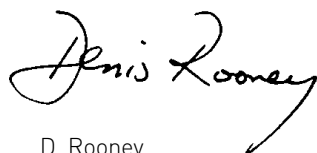
BOARD MEMBERS' STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

This summarised financial statement may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of 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 1WD 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.

By order of the Board



D. Rooney
Chairman
28 February 2008

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT

TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

We have examined the summary financial statement of the International Fund for Ireland.

Respective responsibilities of board members 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 the 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 web site 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 statement since they were initially presented on the web site.

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 auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Our report on the Fund's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements and the Board members' report.

Opinion

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 2007.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
Belfast

28 February 2008

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
Dublin

28 February 2008

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS EXPRESSED IN £ AND EURO €

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Income	2	25,005	23,301	35,823	34,359
Expenditure					
Approved projects	1,7	11,888	16,960	17,031	25,009
Net administrative expenses	3	368	223	527	326
Loss on disposal of investment		-	-	-	915
		12,256	17,183	17,558	26,250
Excess of income over expenditure		12,749	6,118	18,265	8,109
Movement in the Fund balance					
At 30 September 2006		32,408	26,271	49,536	41,341
Exchange differences on retranslation at 1 October 2006	1	[148]	19	[525]	86
		32,260	26,290	49,011	41,427
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		12,749	6,118	18,265	8,109
At 30 September 2007		45,009	32,408	67,276	49,536

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

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS EXPRESSED IN £ AND EURO €

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Excess of income over expenditure		12,749	6,118	18,265	8,109
Currency translation difference charged to the Fund balance	1	(148)	19	(525)	86
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		12,601	6,137	17,740	8,195

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS EXPRESSED IN £ AND EURO €

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Fixed assets					
Investments	4	22,820	22,820	35,037	35,037
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		47,463	67,358	67,995	99,326
Donor contributions due within one year	5	44,788	27,571	64,163	40,656
Other amounts receivable	6	8,342	2,645	12,402	4,259
		100,593	97,574	144,560	144,241
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Approved project expenditure outstanding	7,8	(78,079)	(87,759)	(111,856)	(129,407)
Creditors	10	(325)	(227)	(465)	(335)
		(78,404)	(87,986)	(112,321)	(129,742)
Net current assets		22,189	9,588	32,239	14,499
Net assets		45,009	32,408	67,276	49,536
Fund balance		45,009	32,408	67,276	49,536

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

TOTAL TRANSACTIONS EXPRESSED IN £ AND EURO €

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities					
Cash received from donor governments		-	31,179	-	45,977
Cash disbursements to projects, excluding accruals		(22,671)	(24,670)	(32,478)	(36,378)
Other cash payments		(364)	(1,425)	(528)	(2,101)
Interest received		2,693	2,754	3,874	4,064
Dividends received		-	4,450	-	6,562
Other income		6	-	9	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	12,13	(20,336)	12,288	(29,123)	18,124
Capital expenditure					
Purchase of fixed assets investments		-	(11,858)	-	(17,486)
Sale of fixed assets investments		-	5,350	-	8,802
		-	(6,508)	-	(8,684)
[Decrease]/increase in cash in the year		(20,336)	5,780	(29,123)	9,440

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

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 assets and liabilities at the start of the financial year are adjusted against the Fund balance and reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. All other foreign exchange differences are taken to the respective Income and Expenditure accounts.

Approved projects

The Income and Expenditure account incorporates the cost of approved projects (after deduction of projects which did not proceed) and related administration expenditure, which while remaining outstanding, are included in the balance sheet under liabilities. Grants paid, together with expenses incurred directly on the administration of grant programmes, are charged against the outstanding approved project expenditure.

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

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
From donor governments after exchange rate adjustments				
United States of America (US\$13.365m:2006 US\$13.365m)	5,537	6,096	7,932	8,988
European Union (€15m:2006 €15m)	10,918	10,042	15,640	14,807
Canada (Can\$0.5m:2006 Can\$0.5m)	248	238	356	352
	16,703	16,376	23,928	24,147
Dividends received	-	4,450	-	6,562
Interest receivable	8,296	2,421	11,886	3,570
Loan repayments	4	54	6	80
Miscellaneous income	2	-	3	-
	25,005	23,301	35,823	34,359

Exchange translation losses, of £618k/€885k (2006: losses £1.422/€2.097 million), included in income from donors arise from the translation of US\$, Euro and Can\$ denominated donor contributions. The extent to which any gain or loss is realised will depend on exchange rate movements up to the date of receipt of contributions due.

Interest receivable

A review of interest payable to the Fund has been carried out by the Fund and its independent consultants and it has been determined that the interest rates agreed between the Fund and its bank had not been consistently applied.

The amount due has been calculated at £5.470/€7.837 million and this is expected to be received by the Fund during the year to 30 September 2008.

3 NET ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Board members' fees	83	85	119	125
Board meetings	30	30	43	44
Consultancy and other fees	225	126	322	185
Auditors' remuneration - Audit	51	45	73	67
- Other	34	54	49	78
Travelling and subsistence	33	27	47	40
Postage, stationery, telephone and office	22	19	32	28
Promotional and advertising expenses	134	128	192	188
Miscellaneous	15	10	21	15
	627	524	898	770
Less: Contributions receivable from the Governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom, in respect of certain of the above expenses	(259)	(301)	(371)	(444)
	368	223	527	326

Certain other expenses of the Fund, including accommodation and staff expenses, are met directly by the two governments.

4 INVESTMENTS

UNLISTED INVESTMENT

	£'000	€'000
Cost		
At 1 October 2006	22,820	35,037
At 30 September 2007	22,820	35,037
Aggregate amounts written off		
At 1 October 2006 and 30 September 2007	-	-
Net book value		
At 30 September 2007	22,820	35,037
At 30 September 2006	22,820	35,037

The unlisted investment represents 100% equity holdings in Enterprise Equity Fund Management (NI) Limited, Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP and Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited. Enterprise Equity Fund Management (NI) Limited and Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP are incorporated in Northern Ireland. Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited is a company incorporated in the South of Ireland. The Fund, through Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited, holds a 50% equity holding in Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Limited and a 100% equity holding in Enterprise Equity Seed Capital Fund Limited, companies registered in the South of Ireland.

5 DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2007 €'000	2006 €'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
United States of America				
- 2007 (US\$13.365m)	6,564	-	9,404	-
- 2006 (US\$13.365m)	6,564	7,227	9,404	10,656
European Union				
- 2007 (€15m)	10,471	-	15,000	-
- 2006 (€15m)	10,471	10,172	15,000	15,000
- 2005 (€15m)	10,471	10,172	15,000	15,000
Canada				
- 2007 (Can\$0.5m)	247	-	355	-
	44,788	27,571	64,163	40,656

6 OTHER AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2007 €'000	2006 €'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Loan to Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited	2,239	2,239	3,659	3,659
Government contributions	104	69	148	102
Bank interest receivable (note 2)	5,940	337	8,510	498
Prepayments and accrued income	59	-	85	-
	8,342	2,645	12,402	4,259

The loan to Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited falls due after one year.

7 APPROVED PROJECT EXPENDITURE OUTSTANDING

The totals of the Fund's project disbursements in the year ended 30 September 2007 and the movements in approved projects outstanding are as follows:

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2006 (retranslated to current exchange rates)	88,392	94,086	126,630	138,740
Project approvals in the year	11,888	16,960	17,031	25,009
Project disbursements in the year	(22,201)	(23,287)	(31,805)	(34,342)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007	78,079	87,759	111,856	129,407

An analysis of these totals by expenditure programme is included in Appendix 1.

8 CUMULATIVE APPROVED PROJECTS AND DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE

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

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Total approved projects to date	588,957	576,083	844,882	849,489
Less contributions to investment companies	(27,142)	(27,142)	(40,023)	(40,023)
	561,815	548,941	804,859	809,466
Total disbursements to projects and administration costs to date	(483,736)	(461,182)	(693,003)	(680,059)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007	78,079	87,759	111,856	129,407

To date the Fund has approved total payments in respect of specific projects and administration costs to a total of £589/€845 million after deduction of approved projects which did not proceed.

The approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007 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 FUND BALANCE AND PROGRAMME COMMITMENTS

The Board's policy is to optimise the financial impact of donor contributions taking account of the timescales involved in the submission and approval of project applications.

The Board annually commits to each expenditure programme a budget against which project approvals are made. At 30 September 2007 the cumulative budgets for these expenditure programmes totalled £618/€885 million of which £101/€145 million remained to be disbursed to projects:

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Committed budget programme expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007	101,316	106,316	145,145	156,773
Approved project expenditure outstanding yet to be claimed against specific projects	(78,079)	(87,759)	(111,856)	(129,407)
Committed budget programme expenditure remaining to be approved against individual projects	23,237	18,557	33,289	27,366

The Fund balance of £40/€59 million at 30 September 2007 shown in the balance sheet on page 3 represents the funds out of which the balance of the Board's committed programme expenditure of £23/€33 million will be met, with any shortfall to be met from approved future contributions by the donors.

In addition the Fund is committed to making £2,239k (€3,659k) available to Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP.

10 CREDITORS

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Accruals	325	227	465	335

11 LOANS

The aggregate of loans made by the Fund and outstanding at 30 September 2007 amounted to £165k/€236k (2006:£156k/€230k).

12 NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Excess of income over expenditure	12,749	6,118	18,265	8,109
(Increase)/decrease in donor contributions due	(17,217)	13,699	(23,507)	19,902
(Decrease)/increase in approved project expenditure outstanding	(9,680)	(7,147)	(17,551)	(9,855)
(Increase)/decrease in other amounts receivable	(5,697)	287	(8,143)	417
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	98	(733)	130	(1,071)
	(19,747)	12,224	(30,806)	17,502
Exchange difference	(589)	64	1,683	622
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(20,336)	12,288	(29,123)	18,124

13 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2007 €'000	2006 €'000
Balance at 1 October 2006	67,358	61,623	99,326	90,422
Retranslation to current year exchange rates	441	(45)	(2,208)	(536)
Balance at 1 October 2006, retranslated to current year exchange rates	67,799	61,578	97,118	89,886
Net cash (outflow)/inflow	(20,336)	5,780	(29,123)	9,440
Balance at 30 September 2007	47,463	67,358	67,995	99,326

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMME DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR AND OF APPROVED PROJECTS OUTSTANDING AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2006	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	2,325	4,022	721	5,626
Communities in transition	1,450	700	40	2,110
Community leadership	2,710	-	-	2,710
AMBIT	-	125	54	71
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	5,206	1,821	2,309	4,718
Key	3,657	218	1,100	2,775
Let	1,055	415	321	1,149
Wider horizons	1,033	4,120	3,505	1,648
GRIT	-	163	-	163
Building Integration				
Integrating education	323	10	257	76
Sharing education	11	1,837	300	1,548
Integrating housing	750	698	-	1,448
Integrating communities	-	691	-	691
Leaving a Legacy				
Capital projects	6,211	940	1	7,150

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2006	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other initiatives				
Policing	-	268	-	268
Pre 2006 programmes				
CERS/CRISP	4,565	(205)	949	3,411
Disadvantaged Areas	12,286	440	2,660	10,066
Rural development	6,719	(258)	1,335	5,126
Communities initiative programme	(159)	(1)	109	(269)
Interact	191	(4)	-	187
Business enterprise and technology	11,341	(569)	2,303	8,469
Tourism	7,042	(125)	1,058	5,859
Urban development	8,369	(2,058)	2,345	3,966
CPDS	3,491	(785)	1,249	1,457
Second community projects	2,680	(383)	936	1,361
Flagship	5,961	(97)	514	5,350
Special	30	-	30	-
Communities in transition	246	-	62	184
Community leadership	899	(95)	43	761
	88,392	11,888	22,201	78,079

The above totals of approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2006 differ from the balances shown in the balance sheet at that date as a result of their retranslation at current year end exchange rates.

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMME DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR AND OF APPROVED PROJECTS OUTSTANDING AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 (CONTINUED)

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2006	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	3,330	5,763	1,034	8,059
Communities in transition	2,077	1,003	57	3,023
Community leadership	3,882	-	-	3,882
AMBIT	-	179	77	102
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	7,458	2,609	3,308	6,759
Key	5,239	312	1,577	3,974
Let	1,513	594	460	1,647
Wider horizons	1,479	5,903	5,021	2,361
GRIT	-	234	-	234
Building Integration				
Integrating education	463	14	368	109
Sharing education	16	2,632	430	2,218
Integrating housing	1,074	1,000	-	2,074
Integrating communities	-	990	-	990
Leaving a Legacy				
Capital projects	8,898	1,347	1	10,244

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2006	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Other initiatives				
Policing	-	384	-	384
Pre 2006 programmes				
CERS/CRISP	6,541	(294)	1,360	4,887
Disadvantaged Areas	17,601	630	3,810	14,421
Rural development	9,626	(370)	1,913	7,343
Communities initiative programme	(228)	(1)	156	(385)
Interact	274	(6)	-	268
Business enterprise and technology	16,247	(815)	3,300	12,132
Tourism	10,089	(180)	1,515	8,394
Urban development	11,989	(2,948)	3,359	5,682
CPDS	5,001	(1,125)	1,789	2,087
Second community projects	3,839	(549)	1,341	1,949
Flagship	8,540	(139)	736	7,665
Special	43	-	43	-
Communities in transition	352	-	89	263
Community leadership	1,287	(136)	61	1,090
	126,630	17,031	31,805	111,856

The above totals of approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2006 differ from the balances shown in the balance sheet at that date as a result of their retranslation at current year end exchange rates.

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF THE CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF APPROVED PROJECTS AND DISBURSEMENTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

	Totals to 30 September 2007	
	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000
Building Foundations		
Community based economic and social regeneration	6,611	985
Communities in transition	2,569	459
Community leadership	2,710	-
AMBIT	125	54
Building Bridges		
Community bridges	17,674	12,956
Key	8,515	5,740
Let	2,131	982
Wider horizons	76,990	75,342
GRIT	163	-
Building Integration		
Integrating education	610	534
Sharing education	1,848	300
Integrating housing	1,448	-
Integrating communities	691	-
Leaving a Legacy		
Capital projects	7,151	1
Other Initiatives		
Policing	268	-

Totals to 30 September 2007

	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000
Pre 2006 programmes		
CERS/CRISP	55,558	52,147
Disadvantaged Areas	47,833	37,767
Rural development	34,871	29,745
Communities initiative programme	13,037	13,306
Interact	740	553
Business enterprise and technology	119,276	110,807
Tourism	60,299	54,440
Urban development	62,858	58,892
CPDS	7,997	6,540
Second community projects	3,149	1,788
Flagship	19,179	13,829
Special	523	523
Communities in transition	1,722	1,538
Community leadership	5,269	4,508
	561,815	483,736
Less: total disbursements to date	(483,736)	
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007	78,079	

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF THE CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF APPROVED PROJECTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 (CONTINUED)

	Totals to 30 September 2007	
	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000
Building Foundations		
Community based economic and social regeneration	9,470	1,411
Communities in transition	3,680	657
Community leadership	3,882	-
AMBIT	179	77
Building Bridges		
Community bridges	25,320	18,561
Key	12,199	8,225
Let	3,054	1,407
Wider horizons	110,296	107,935
GRIT	234	-
Building Integration		
Integrating education	874	765
Sharing education	2,648	430
Integrating housing	2,074	-
Integrating communities	990	-
Leaving a Legacy		
Capital projects	10,245	1
Other initiatives		
Policing	384	-

Totals to 30 September 2007

	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000
Pre 2006 programmes		
CERS/CRISP	79,593	74,706
Disadvantaged Areas	68,526	54,105
Rural development	49,957	42,614
Communities initiative programme	18,677	19,062
Interact	1,061	793
Business enterprise and technology	170,875	158,743
Tourism	86,384	77,990
Urban development	90,050	84,368
CPDS	11,457	9,370
Second community projects	4,510	2,561
Flagship	27,476	19,811
Special	749	749
Communities in transition	2,467	2,204
Community leadership	7,548	6,458
	804,859	693,003
Less: total disbursements to date	(693,003)	
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007	111,856	

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APPENDIX 1

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC & SOCIAL REGENERATION

Addressing the root causes of deprivation and unemployment, using the common economic concerns in the most deprived rural and urban communities.

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Armagh City Council Area		
Crossfire Trust Darkley House Darkley	Improvements to Darkley House plus a programme of community and community relations activity	240,889
SAVER/NAVER Main Street Markethill	Provision of workspace and community facilities	392,175
Belfast City Council Area		
Farset Development Ltd Springfield Road Belfast	Provision of additional conference/meeting space	66,540
Greater Village Regeneration Trust Donegal Road Belfast	Provision of business and community space	300,000
Coleraine Borough Council Area		
Ballysally Neighbourhood Renewal Project Daneshill Road Ballysally Coleraine	Provision of workspace accommodation, retail units, meeting rooms and a community facility, plus a programme of community activity	714,996
Down District Council Area		
Ballymote Multi Functional Facility Killough Road Downpatrick	Additional assistance towards community/economic facilities	250,000

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Derry City Council Area		
Newbuildings Community & Environmental Association Duncastle Road Newbuildings	Improvements to village facilities	30,000
Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council Area		
Loughans Cultural & Development Association Loughans Road Ballygawley	Upgrade & extension of the community facilities	69,000
Limavady Borough Council Area		
Drumboughill Information Resource Centre Magheramore Road Turmeel Dungiven	Provision of community facilities	100,000
Newry & Mourne City Council Area		
Ballinran Community Association Ballinran Kilkeel	Provision of community facilities	105,000
Kilkeel Parish Bridge Association Ltd C/o Newry Street Kilkeel	Refurbishment and extension of Jim's Drop-In Centre in Kilkeel	90,645
Newtownabbey Borough Council Area		
Mossley Heritage & Development Association Doagh Road Mossley Newtownabbey	Improvements to community facilities	72,000

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Strabane District Council Area		
Donemana Cultural Association Churchview Donemana	Provision of a community facility to include museum, exhibition and meeting space	59,000
All Areas		
Rural Development Council Loy Street Cookstown	Additional assistance towards Phase I (£25,000) and Phase II (£249,744) of the Maximising Community Space Programme aimed at building the capacity of 34 groups managing community facilities	274,744
Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Co. Cavan		
Cootehill Enterprise Centre Cavan Innovation & Technology Centre Dublin Road Cavan	Provision of a 10,000 sq ft high specification technology based Community Enterprise Centre	340,000
Co. Donegal		
Aislann Rann na Feirst Teo Rann na Feirst 26 Annagaire Leitir Ceanainn Co. Donegal	Provision of a Heritage, Education and Resource Centre	295,910
All Areas		
Donegal County Council County House Lifford Co. Donegal	Cross-border project to regenerate rural towns and villages in Strabane and Donegal County Council areas	179,000

COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION

Aiming to strengthen social cohesion and community infrastructure within divided and marginalised communities where legitimate leadership is weak.

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
All Areas		
Community Foundation For NI Carlisle Road Londonderry	Additional funding for a further 4 participant groups	700,000

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Developing community leadership skills in the most disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
All Areas		
AMBIT Community Leaders Programme	AMBIT Community Leaders Programme for 2007 and 2008	125,000

APPENDIX 2

BUILDING BRIDGES

COMMUNITY BRIDGES

Assistance to projects designed to improve relations between the community in Northern Ireland and between the communities North and South.

Name	Address	North UK £
Belfast City Council Area		
Lower Shankill Community Association	Shankill Road Belfast	165,299
174 Trust	Duncairn Complex Duncairn Gardens Belfast	124,312
LINC Resource Centre	York Street Belfast	192,971
Derry City Council Area		
Holywell Trust	Bishop Street Derry	134,825
All Areas		
Irish School of Ecumenics	Antrim Road Belfast	287,330
Peace Players International	Thomas House Botanic Avenue Belfast	144,030
Sesame Workshop	Lincoln Plaza New York	307,769
Tides Training	Elmwood Avenue Belfast	164,450

Name	Address	South €
Donegal/Tyrone		
Donegal Youth Services, Tyrone Donegal Partnership Youth Links Project	Port Road Letterkenny Co. Donegal	479,623
All Areas		
Irish Peace Institute	Irish Peace Institute University of Limerick Limerick	100,000

WIDER HORIZONS

A cross-border training, work experience and reconciliation programme mainly focussed on young people in the 18-28 age group in disadvantaged areas.

Name	Project Description	North/ South UK £
Ireland/North America		
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Kitchener, Canada	84,414
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Customer Services to Boston, USA	78,735
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Multi-Media to Florida, USA	104,250
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Kitchener, Canada	80,043
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Leisure Services to Atlanta, USA	88,130
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Cambridge, Canada	91,230

Name	Project Description	North/ South UK £
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in Information Technology to Pittsburgh, USA	88,642
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Community Youth Leadership to Pittsburgh, USA	101,650
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Thunder Bay, Canada	87,030
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Estate Management to Boston, USA	113,840
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in Office Administration to Pittsburgh, USA	83,914
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Media Skills to Vancouver, Canada	90,558
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Community Care to Kitchener, Canada	86,238
North East Community Partnership ⁴	Training and work experience in Customer Care to Boston, USA	118,600
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Guelph, Canada	91,230
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Office Administration and Early Years Care to Kitchener, Canada	91,730
Ireland/Rest of World		
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Youth in the Community to Luneburg, Hamburg, and Berlin in Germany and Cracow in Poland	74,056
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Ypres, Belgium	60,926
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Hospitality to Seville, Spain	90,690
Derry Youth & Community Workshop ⁵	Training and work experience in various careers to Dresden, Germany	86,000

Name	Project Description	North/ South UK £
North East Community Partnership ⁴	Training and work experience in Youth in the Community to Vienna, Austria	92,410
St Columb's Park House ⁵	Training and work experience in Youth in the Community to Munich, Germany	86,000
Austins Quality Training Services ⁵	Training and work experience in Hospitality to Brussels, Belgium	86,000
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Vienna, Austria	86,000
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Community and Reconciliation Skills to Cape Town, South Africa	81,248
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Luneburg, Germany	60,926
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Hospitality to Madrid, Spain	90,690
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training in Life Skills/Work Skills for Single Parents/Young Mothers in Omagh, N.Ireland	50,750

¹ Greater Craigavon, Upper Bann/Monaghan

² West, South & East Tyrone/Donegal & Fermanagh/Sligo/Leitrim

³ North, South & West Belfast & Lagan Valley/Tallaght & Northside, Dublin

⁴ Armagh, Down/Louth

⁵ Co L'Derry/Donegal

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Belfast City Council Area		
Gerry Rogan Initiative Trust (GRIT) Lisburn	Cross-community programme for 16-17 year olds who are not in education, training or employment	163,190

APPENDIX 3

BUILDING INTEGRATION

SHARING EDUCATION

This 3-year pilot Programme revolves around the first cohort of 12 Specialist Schools in Northern Ireland (as designated by the Department of Education) and has the key aim of providing opportunities for cross-sectoral sharing and collaboration within the school system in Northern Ireland.

Name	Address	North UK £
All Areas		
Sharing Education Programme	Queen's University Lanyon North University Road Belfast	1,837,000

INTEGRATING HOUSING

This 3-year Programme, managed by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, seeks to develop 'Shared Future Housing Neighbourhoods' that offer people the opportunity to live in a shared neighbourhood where diversity is welcomed.

Name	Address	North UK £
All Areas		
Shared Future Neighbourhood Programme	Adelaide Street Belfast	698,000

INTEGRATING COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Name	Address	North UK £
Derry City Council Area		
Eglinton & District Community Forum	Cherry Drive Eglinton	66,000
John Mitchel's GAC	Cumber House Claudy	68,000

Name	Address	North UK £
Magherafelt District Council Area		
Carntogher & Kilcronaghan Community Associations	An Carn Tirkane	86,870
Moyle District Council Area		
Moycraig Young Farmers Club	Ballinlea Road Stranocum Ballymoney	71,577
Newry & Mourne District Council Area		
Altnaveigh House/ Regeneration of South Armagh	Downshire Road Newry	30,000
Omagh District Council Area		
Dromore 2000 Ltd/ Omagh District Council	22 Main Street Dromore	43,570
All Areas		
Integrating Community Organisations	RDC Loy Street Cookstown	235,400
Northern Ireland Policing Board	Clarendon Road Clarendon Dock Belfast	267,754
Name	Address	North/South UK £
All Areas		
Integrating Community Organisations	RDC Loy Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone	150,000
Name	Address	South €
All Areas		
Integrating Community Organisations	RDC Loy Street Cookstown Co. Tyrone	243,390

APPENDIX 4

LEAVING A LEGACY

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Whilst all projects supported by the Fund will have a long term impact, the Legacy Programme supports a small number of larger projects that will make a significant contribution to the long term achievement of the Fund's objectives.

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Ards Borough Council Area		
The Link South Street Newtownards	Provision of new facilities to enable the development of the organisation's community and community relations activity	534,000
Coleraine Borough Council Area		
Kilcranny House Cranagh Road Coleraine	Provision of improved conference and residential facilities	273,000
Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Flight of the Earls Youth & Community Education And Outreach Programme Donegal County Council County House Lifford Co. Donegal	Cross-border/ community youth reconciliation project using Flight of the Earls theme	155,000

APPENDIX 5

PRE 2006 PROGRAMMES

COMMUNITY REGENERATION & IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL PROGRAMME (CRISP)

A Programme comprising a variety of Fund schemes for the community-led economic and physical regeneration of towns and villages with a population of up to 10,000 and in areas of particular disadvantage in Northern Ireland.

Name	Address	North UK £
Ballymoney Borough Council Area		
Rasharkin Community Association	Rasharkin	42,000
Cookstown District Council Area		
Pomeroy Community Projects	Pomeroy	36,525
Strabane District Council Area		
Derg Valley Properties Ltd	Castlederg	10,343
Glenelly Development Trust Ltd	Plumbridge	2,955

BORDER TOWNS AND VILLAGES SCHEMES

A scheme for the community-led economic and physical regeneration of border towns and villages in the South.

Name	Address	South €
Co. Louth		
Holy Family Community Centre	Ballsgrove Drogheda Co. Louth	369,983

SPECIAL PROJECTS (DISADVANTAGED AREAS)

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Belfast City Council Area		
Ashton Centre Development Ltd Henry Place Belfast	Additional assistance towards the provision of retail and community facilities	71,314
Conway Mill Preservation Trust Conway Street Belfast	Additional assistance towards the refurbishment of the Mill into community and economic space	206,268
Castlereagh Borough Council Area		
Hanwood Trust Company Ltd Old Dundonald Road Dundonald	Additional assistance towards the development of business start up/ retail units	200,000
Derry City Council Area		
Galliagh Development Trust Skeoge Road Londonderry	Provision of retail accommodation	250,000
Newtownabbey Borough Council Area		
Monkstown Community Forum Monkstown Road Newtownabbey	Additional assistance towards the provision of community facilities and workspace	150,000

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

An initiative to support community economic development in disadvantaged rural areas in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties

Name	Address	North UK £
All Areas		
Vibrant Villages Good Relations Programme	Loy Street Cookstown	92,950

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & TECHNOLOGY

Small Company Development

Name/Address	Project Description	North/ South UK£
All Areas		
CEB-ENI Cross-border Micro Enterprise Programme-Tradelinks Enterprise NI Aghanloo Industrial Estate Limavady	Programme providing support of company and market development for micro enterprises	30,470

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & TECHNOLOGY

Workspace Accommodation

Name/Address	Project Description	North UK £
Armagh City Council Area		
Crossfire Trust Darkley House Darkley Road Keady	Provision of workspace units	100,000
Fermanagh District Council		
Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd, Lackaghboy Industrial Estate, Tempo Road Enniskillen	Additional funding towards provision of workspace units	144,838

TOURISM

Regional Tourism Programme

Name	North UK £
Armagh City and Down District Council Areas	
Armagh & Down Tourism Partnership	108,994
Belfast City Council Area	
Belfast City Regional Tourism Strategy	212,026
Belfast Visitor & Convention Bureau	36,143
Moyle District Council Area	
Causeway Coast and Glens	77,675
All Areas	
Western Regional Tourism Partnership	153,750

APPENDIX 6

ENTERPRISE EQUITY INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Name/Address	Project Description	North UK£
Belfast City Council Area		
Heartsine Ltd Canberra House Airport Road West Belfast	Defibrillation, Medical	780,882
Mobile Cohesion Ltd Weavers Road Belfast	Telecommunications	325,709
Cookstown District Council Area		
Chambers Coach Hire Circular Road Moneymore	Coaches	800,000
Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Co. Donegal		
Instinct Technology Drumhaggart Muff Co. Donegal	Middleware for Gaming PC/Console market	250,000
All Areas		
Celtrak Ltd Ballybrit Business Park Ballybrit Galway	Telematics based services	65,956

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Datacare Software Group Ltd Monaghan Town Co. Monaghan	Entity management software	9,325
FMC Tech Ltd BMS Building Ballysimon Road Limerick	Developing a system to monitor mid-voltage powerlines for electrical utilities	75,000
HomeNet Communications Ltd Innovation Works National Technology Park Limerick	Video surveillance solutions	72,500
Meiticheol Teo Gleann na Coille Bearna Road Galway	Software for video driver soundtrack	150,000
Neutekbio Ltd Galway Technology Centre Mervue Business & Technology Park Galway	Biotechnology	150,000
Nitrosell Ltd Building 2200 Airport Business Park Cork	Software	375,000
O'hEocha Design Ltd Spiddal Co. Galway	Design & manufacture of wireless speakers and related technology	56,250
Propylon Ltd 45 Blackbourne Square Rathfarnam Gate Dublin 14	Mobile enabling enterprise applications	172,500

Name/Address	Project Description	South €
Redmere Technology Ltd Fingal Bay Business Park Balbriggan Co. Dublin	Semi conductors	116,502
Sigma Ltd Business Innovation Centre NUIG Newcastle Galway	Structural engineering software solutions	67,500
Vysera Biomedical Business Innovation Centre NUIG Newcastle Galway	Medical devices	175,000
Zerusa Ltd Business Innovation Centre NUIG Newcastle Galway	Medical devices	175,000



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