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Introduction

The International Fund for Ireland was established as an independent international organisation by the Irish and British 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 £628 million /€803 million*.

* The Sterling/Euro conversion rate as at 30th September 2008 is applied throughout this report.



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 Irish and British 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 act as administering agencies for the Fund. In addition, the Fund has engaged the services of a team of Development Officers, located across the Southern border counties, who act as local contact points and assist prospective applicants to identify and develop proposals. They also monitor the ongoing operation of projects, providing assistance as necessary.

This report, which covers the period 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2008, is presented by the Board to the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Ireland, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Fund's donors in accordance with Article 12 of the Agreement of 18 September 1986, as amended, by which the International Fund for Ireland was established.

The Fund's programmes cluster around four key areas: Building Foundations; Building Bridges; Building Integration and Leaving a Legacy. All programmes are characterised by:

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

The Board

The Board of the International Fund for Ireland is appointed jointly by the Irish and British Governments. Representatives of the USA, the EU, Canada, Australia and New Zealand attend meetings of the Board.

Pictured standing (L-R) Mr. Jackie Hewitt; Mr. Denis Rooney, Chairman; Mr. John McDaid. Seated (L-R) Ms. Deirdre Ryan; Ms. Mary Southwell; Mrs. Anne Henderson and Ms. Anne Bonner.

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

Mr. Jose Palma Andres and Mr. Jack Engwegen, EU; Mr. Robert T. Waters, USA; Mr. Brian Doherty, Canada; Her Excellency, Anne Plunkett, Australia; His Excellency, Jonathan Hunt; and His Excellency, Derek Leask, New Zealand.





Chairman's Foreword

The past year has been
marked by reflection in
Northern Ireland and the
Southern border counties.

We have marked the tenth anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, a major milestone on the path to peace. The anniversary provided an opportunity for many across the island of Ireland and beyond to reflect on our progress along the road to peace over the intervening years.

However, while there continues to be a great optimism and confidence about the future in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties, there are still very real and pressing issues to be addressed. The Northern Ireland Executive has resumed meeting after almost six months of political stalemate and therefore political progress still appears fragile.

We have yet to really begin as a society to undo all the hurt and damage done by almost thirty years of the 'Troubles'. Even if blatant sectarianism is in decline, segregation remains a real issue. As one of the community leaders we have worked with this year said, "Until we make sharing the new norm for our young people, there is still work to do."

The Fund continues to be unapologetically focused on creating new and innovative ways to promote, encourage and enable integration. It is one of the most challenging areas of our work but it is one of the most rewarding. It is also an area where we really feel we have made significant progress during the last year.

We have launched three major initiatives under our Building Integration stream of work. Our Shared Neighbourhood Programme, in partnership with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, recognises and acknowledges those communities that have been working quietly towards becoming shared neighbourhoods and enables them to reach out to encourage and support others. In a very challenging area, our new Integrating Community Groups Programme is starting to attract some courageous and very exciting projects which I look forward to sharing with you in the coming months. Finally, the Respecting Difference Programme is allowing us to reach pre-school children with positive messages which will hopefully start to make sharing the new norm for the next generation.

Looking ahead, we are already working to build on the success of these initiatives through further investment in education. We are working closely with colleagues in the Department of Education for Northern Ireland to develop programmes which we hope will promote integration and foster greater mutual understanding and respect.



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- 1 Springfarm housing estate is one of the neighbourhoods set to benefit from the Fund's Shared Neighbourhood Programme. Springfarm residents are pictured with Fund Chairman Denis Rooney CBE at the launch of the Shared Neighbourhood Programme (see page 43).
- 2 The Holy Family Centre in Drogheda, County Louth has quickly become the heart of the local community (see page 23).

The image shows a book cover with a monochromatic blue color scheme. The background is a photograph of a coastal landscape, featuring a grassy field in the foreground, a body of water in the middle ground, and rolling hills in the distance. A small, dark, spiky plant is visible on the right side of the cover. The title 'A Fund of Goodwill' is printed in a large, white, serif font, with 'A Fund of' in a standard weight and 'Goodwill' in a larger, more ornate script. Below the title, the subtitle 'The Story of the International Fund for Ireland' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the cover, the author's name 'by Alf McCreary' is printed in a white, sans-serif font. The book is shown at an angle, with its spine visible on the left. The spine has the title 'A Fund of Goodwill' and the author's name 'Alf McCreary' printed vertically in white. The book is resting on a surface, and the edges of other books are visible at the bottom of the frame.

A Fund of Goodwill

The Story of the International Fund for Ireland

by Alf McCreary

As you will see in the pages that follow, many of the projects we have supported this year focus on helping community groups to share their experience of, and expertise in, peace building, to promote the acceptance of new ways of doing things and new ways of living together. In keeping with this focus on sharing our lessons, the Fund this year published 'Effective Peace Building' which aims to share the Fund's experiences with other regions and organisations working to move beyond a state of conflict to a more stable and civic society. The Fund's Secretariat participated in a visit by the Irish Governments' Special Envoy, Dame Nuala O'Loan, to Timor Leste (East Timor) in May 2008, and briefed members of the Government there on the Fund's experience as a vehicle for economic progress and reconciliation.

In addition, the Fund continues to meet with representatives from other regions with experience of conflict. Of particular note this year was our meetings with the President of Croatia and with a delegation from Palestine and Israel.

The Board of the Fund has already indicated that it will be seeking no further international contributions after the end of 2010. This fact, and the recent milestone of the Fund's twenty-first anniversary, prompted some reflection on the impact of our work to date. Earlier this year we commissioned an independent analysis of community uptake of our commitments over the last six years. The report indicates that our commitments are spread almost equally between the two main religious communities in Northern Ireland and that we are effectively targeting areas of social need both in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.

We finished this year with an altogether different account of the Fund's history. 'A Fund of Goodwill' explores the work of the Fund from the perspective of those most affected by it. Award winning local author Alf McCreary has brought to life more than twenty years of work by telling the stories of the people on the ground who have taken brave and often dangerous first steps towards peace. The book has been launched in Belfast, Dublin, Brussels and London with the support of our donors. And in keeping with the changing times, you can now watch some of those launches by visiting our website!

The fact that this book has been welcomed in so many places is a reflection of the continuing support and encouragement we receive from our donors. We were delighted this year to welcome the Canadian High Commissioner, James Wright, to Belfast as well as having the opportunity to visit colleagues in the US and Europe. We also remain grateful to the representatives from our donor countries who serve as Observers, providing much appreciated insight and perspective to the Fund's Board.

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.



Building Foundations





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

Building Foundations works to promote shared economic and social development, to develop community leadership and to facilitate community-led change as the basis for stability and sustainability.

Community Based Economic and Social Regeneration Programme

This Programme focuses on helping some of the most socially and economically disadvantaged communities in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties. It uses economic regeneration as a basis for cross-community and cross-border activities, facilitating change through innovative interventions.

Maximising Community Space Programme

Community halls in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties have traditionally been contentious venues - many halls have been used by, or built for, only one tradition and are the focus of civil unrest and violence. Within the last year alone, there have been numerous arson attacks on halls.

Halls have been far from shared spaces, and they have often been used in a very limited way due to their poor physical upkeep.

Identifying the potential to focus on these under-utilised halls to promote change and cross-community partnerships, the Fund launched its Maximising Community Space Programme for Northern Ireland in 2006. Such was the demand for places on the Programme that a second phase was launched in 2007. To date more than 200 applications have been received for only 70 places. Most of the community groups that have participated on the Programme are single identity, but they are all committed to opening their halls to everyone in their local community regardless of creed or colour. For many, this is a ground-breaking and courageous step.

Building on the achievements of the earlier phases, the Fund has now launched a third phase which is open to community groups on both sides of the border. Maximising Community Space - Crossing Borders has two strands. The initial strand focuses on identifying the training needs of the groups and providing tailored support through mentoring, training, networking and best practice visits over a year long period. Ultimately the aim of this strand is to increase capacity and confidence so that groups can widen the usage of their existing facilities and develop relationships within and between communities.

Groups that complete the initial strand can apply for further support. The second strand of the Programme provides successful applicants with grants of up to £50,000/€60,000 towards developing their existing premises, allowing them to offer more activities to their local community.





People of all ages gather for local band practice at Curragh Orange Hall. Participation in the Fund's Maximising Community Space Programme has allowed the hall to be substantially refurbished. Its new enhanced facilities mean that the community now has a warm and pleasant place to meet and this has led to a broader range of events and workshops being held there and a wider range of people using the hall. (See overleaf)

Opening Doors

Curragh Orange Hall in Maghera was once a focal point for ten townlands across the surrounding rural community. Traditionally a place where the local band practised, the hall fell into disrepair with its lack of heating and very limited facilities, leading to it being largely abandoned by the local community.

George Shiels from the hall's management committee explains how participation in the Programme has given the hall a new lease of life and created a vital hub in the heart of the community.

"The Programme has helped us to transform the hall. The new kitchen will be the engine room of the hall and will have an enormous impact on the types of activities we can cater for. Our new heating system has also made a huge difference - we're warm at last and people can finally take their coats off when they come inside!

"Apart from the physical change, there is a new and genuine interest in the use of the hall.

"There's a real buzz in the community and we've seen renewed interest in both the band and in the Young Farmers Club which meets here. Perhaps more importantly, new groups are interested in establishing themselves, including ladies clubs and scottish country dancing groups.

"Following our official opening we plan to develop a programme of events including health awareness evenings for both men and women and given our rural location and our heavy involvement in the farming industry, information evenings from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

"We'll also be approaching the community and asking them how they would like to see the hall used. We plan to re-instate a family fun day in June when the whole community will be invited along and all generations will come together for a day of fun and games.

"We're lucky to have a great team of volunteers who work hard on behalf of the community. The training we've received has given us the confidence and the knowledge to run this as a community hall we can be proud of and a place that will host events for the whole community for many years to come."

The Leaders of Tomorrow

Developing the community leaders of tomorrow is a key priority for the Fund. It is working closely with Youth Action NI to deliver innovative and practical training programmes which will develop a new generation of young leaders.

Student Emma Mullan has successfully graduated from Youth Action NI's Building Leadership Programme. The Programme combined youth work with practical work experience, employing participants as trainee community leaders in local community organisations. The Programme targeted 18-25 year olds living in rural areas, who want to gain experience and qualifications and ultimately move into leadership roles within their community.

Already involved in the football club and the youth club in her home town of Donaghmore, Co.Tyrone, Emma was initially attracted to the Programme by the potential to develop her contribution to both clubs and to local young people in particular.

"I saw the Programme advertised in my local paper. I'd just left school and thought it would be a good opportunity. Having helped out at the local youth club and the football club, I thought it might be right for me.

"The Programme has been an amazing experience- I've learned so much. It was a completely different learning experience. I learned a lot from the different people in the Programme and through sharing experiences with them.

"I'm definitely more confident now because of the new skills I've learned and the experience of working with other people. I feel I can contribute more now, say if an issue came up, I would be able to use my knowledge of diversity and equality to say how we might resolve the problem. The Programme has also broadened my ideas about working with young people, moving away from just playing games at youth club to thinking about different elements like how we build their self-esteem through our activities."

Emma is now studying Community Youth Work at the University of Ulster but remains committed to her local community. "I definitely want to work with young people in the future. We're building a brand new community centre here in Donaghmore and I'd love to run a youth club in it!"





Emma Mullan from County Tyrone is just one of Youth Action NI's Building Leadership Programme graduates. She is currently studying for a degree in Community Youth Work at the University of Ulster and plans to return to her hometown after her studies are complete to set up a youth club.

June Trimble, Director of Youth Action NI believes that young leaders like Emma are vital to the future of local communities: "You only have to look at our young community leaders to see how much they have changed and gained confidence during their eighteen months training and working. These young leaders have already reached out to well over 560 young people in local community groups which is fantastic. We look forward to them transferring their leadership skills and putting them to good use within their own local communities."

Building on the success of the Building Leadership Programme, the Fund has agreed to support Youth Action NI's Community Youth Leadership Programme pilot which will provide young adults in three regions across Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties with accredited training and employment experience while promoting active citizenship, learning and community leadership. The Programme will expose participants to their peers from other traditions and backgrounds.

New Chances

Years of unrest and violence pushed apart once close communities in the border regions. County Fermanagh and its neighbouring County Donegal were affected severely, with many communities suffering both social and economic decline. Although only a few miles apart, these communities have had very little dialogue for decades.

Now an innovative project supported by the Fund is bringing together women from both sides of the border to share their experiences and to learn together.

Donegal-based Second Chance Education Project for Women and Fermanagh Women's Network have come together to create a new project which aims to provide community arts-based education opportunities for women in both regions, allowing them to explore and share their experiences of living in a border area during the conflict.

Breege Doherty, Second Chance's Project Officer describes the issues facing women in the region: "Women in Fermanagh and Donegal are faced with issues common to all rural areas. They are often isolated, lacking access to child care and women's services, as well as to appropriate education opportunities - transport access remains a very real issue. In addition, we find that the role of women is often more traditional and stereotyped.

"Coping with these challenges has been complicated further by the impact of conflict over thirty years. Research into the impact of conflict on women's roles has found that they often regress to traditional tasks and are excluded further from decisions about their community. There is no doubt that for women in Donegal and Fermanagh, the impact of conflict has been very deep.

"Our vision is that the Second Chance Education Project for women will build shared understanding and mutual respect for neighbours across the border and within communities. We hope that over the next two years of the project local women will explore each other's cultural identities, the impact of conflict on their lives and establish meaningful relationships with each other. We believe that by taking a creative approach to how we bring groups together, it will be easier for women to look at difficult issues together."

"Given the project's ambitious goals, there is recognition that promoting reconciliation is a long-term challenge for the project and local women.

"We have been very encouraged by the positive response from existing women's groups across both counties, but acknowledge that building relationships, mutual respect and understanding takes time. Ultimately we aim to create a cross-border and cross-community network for women that will continue reconciliation work in the long term."



Breege Doherty, Project Officer of Second Chance Education Project for Women heads up a new programme which brings women from both sides of the border together to share personal experiences of living at border locations during the years of conflict.

Holy Family Community Centre

Drogheda in County Louth is one of the fastest growing provincial towns in Ireland. However, it still has high levels of unemployment and associated social problems. A number of housing estates in the town have been identified as disadvantaged areas, with local residents contending with a lack of community facilities, low access to training and threats to existing play and outdoor areas from vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

With the Fund's support, Holy Family Community Association in the Ballsgrove estate has developed a new community facility which is becoming the heartbeat of the local community. Used by over 20 community organisations, the new facility provides meeting space, an indoor sports hall and a small coffee shop. Aidan Walsh explains what it means to the local community:

"The community centre started over twenty years ago with just IRE150 from the local parish and some prefab buildings which were left over when the school was built. It was used for everything from table tennis to prayer groups, local music groups and youth clubs. It was used by everyone in the local area and also from beyond - it actually drew people into the area.



With the Fund's support Holy Family Community Centre in Drogheda has been totally rebuilt. It now offers a warm, clean and welcoming environment for meetings, workshops and classes. One of the main additions to the centre is a café which has become increasingly busy as people of all ages drop in for a chat which has led to a renewed sense of community spirit.

“Four years ago, we began to think about a proper centre, with encouragement from RAPID. Then our prefabs, which were by then pretty dilapidated, were all but destroyed by a serious storm. It took us three years of fundraising and planning before we started building but the International Fund’s support was tremendous.

“We’ve now been open for three months and the number of people using the centre is growing all the time. People who used the centre before have come back and new people are starting to use our facilities. The new place is warm, clean and welcoming. There is a mass every morning in the local church and people are starting to come over to the cafe for a chat afterwards. Our cafe is also starting to supply meals to schools, providing a service for kids who need a good lunch.

“We continue to be run by a volunteer management board - including the two volunteers who started the centre all those years ago. They are as enthusiastic now as they were then!”

Growing Together

An innovative new project based in County Leitrim is literally growing peace through its Growing Together project. The Organic Centre is using its experience in organic gardening and training to foster cross-community and cross-border relationships across County Leitrim, County Cavan and County Fermanagh.

A major element of the project is the development of ‘peace clusters’ of school and community gardens, which aim to provide opportunities for everyone in local communities to work together. The gardens are located in two clusters, one around the Fermanagh-Leitrim border and the other around the Fermanagh-Cavan border. Local community activity is further developed through cross-border workshops, with participants exploring peace and reconciliation topics as well as learning to cook their own vegetables. Already over 200 people aged eight to almost 80 are involved in the Growing Together project.

Andy Hallewell, Project Manager at the Organic Centre explains what makes these gardens unique: “One of the most exciting elements of the project is its focus on reconciliation and peace building among participants. We have pioneered the use of gardening as a medium for bringing people from diverse backgrounds together to enhance their mutual understanding, and we hope that this new project will make a very positive difference to the lives of people in Leitrim, Cavan and Fermanagh - three border counties which were prevented from fully exploiting their potential for many years due to the effect of the Troubles.”

Belleek Primary School is involved in the Growing Together project. It is a small school situated in a rural area of County Fermanagh.

Teacher Teresa Finlay says that the experience has been a powerful one for the children.

“The children have been involved right from the start - from planning the shape of the raised beds, planting and tending the growing plants, through to harvesting and cooking the results. They saw the cycle of life in plants as they grew from seed to adult plant to seed.

“The Growing Together project has provided opportunities for the children to develop skills across all areas of the curriculum, including thinking skills, personal development, mutual understanding and communications, as well as science. A particular highlight has been the opportunity to work with children from Kiltyclogher Primary School in County Leitrim and a visit to the Organic Centre itself.”



Kathy Ovens from Belleek Primary School, County Fermanagh and Jonas Dellow from Kiltyclogher Primary School, in County Leitrim are just two of the young people who are benefiting from the peace and reconciliation Growing Together project. The project uses organic gardening as a tool to bring together different communities, both young and old, with diverse backgrounds to develop mutual understanding.

Building Bridges





Segregation and sectarianism remain very real challenges in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties. The International Fund for Ireland is committed to providing opportunities which bring together individuals and groups from both sides of the community and the border to explore common issues and experiences.

The Fund's Building Bridges work has a particular focus on creating cross-community and cross-border opportunities for young people through a series of programmes which also enhance their employability, skills and self-esteem.

This focus on the next generation is coupled with the Community Bridges Programme's support for innovative community projects which seek to promote reconciliation and mutual understanding between all sections of the community.

Youth Programmes

The Fund's current portfolio of interventions reaches out to young people aged between 12 and 28.

The Knowledge through Enterprise for Youth (KEY) Programme brings together almost one thousand 14-16 year old school students from both sides of the community and the border to develop their entrepreneurial skills. Delivered by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland, this Programme continues to challenge young people's perceptions of themselves and their peers, and to promote mutual understanding and respect as the basis for peace and reconciliation.

The KEY Programme is complemented by the Learning and Educating Together (LET) Programme which is also delivered by Young Enterprise Northern Ireland and Junior Achievement Ireland. Students aged 12-13 from schools of both traditions and from both sides of the border come together in a series of camps to learn about personal finance, budgeting, good communication and business planning. In 2008, the Fund doubled the number of young people taking part in LET camps to 600 participants.

One of the Fund's longest established programmes is Wider Horizons. Bringing together young adults, aged between 18 and 28, from economically and socially disadvantaged areas on both sides of the border, the Wider Horizons Programme provides training and work experience as well as a unique opportunity for participants to gain a greater insight into and respect for each others' traditions.

This year an independent evaluation of the impact of Wider Horizons' mutual understanding interventions confirmed the unique nature of the Programme. The research found that participants demonstrated their mutual understanding through changes in attitude and behaviour. Participants also showed a greater understanding of their own identity as well as a greater understanding and acceptance of others' identity, beliefs and culture.

The evaluation found that two years after participating in the Wider Horizons Programme, the level of cross-community and cross-border contact among past participants is 80%. 93% of participants from Northern Ireland have maintained cross-border and cross-community contact. In addition, within two years of completing the Programme almost 80% of participants have gained work or returned to education.

Community Bridges Programme

The Fund's 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 difference and division.

Women Working Together

Christine Poland is Project Co-ordinator of the W.I.N. Project (Women In Networking), Bridging Communities through Leadership. It is a cross-border and cross-community initiative that has been developed from partnerships between Ardmonagh Family and Community Centre in the Upper-Springfield area of West Belfast, Carew II Family and Training Centre in East Belfast and Networking 15 in North Dublin. They are designing a training programme to help women develop their leadership skills for the benefit of their local community.

"The project will be broad and far reaching, delivering training in leadership and community development and education. It will tackle issues such as sectarianism, racism and the problems caused by misconceptions as well as substance abuse, poverty, health and education. There will also be topics that address personal development and some more lighthearted and fun elements to make it an educational and enjoyable experience for all the women who take part.

"While we're still at the design stage, we have been promoting the project in our various partnership areas and it has been very well received. Everyone sees the potential of the project and they have been offering us advice and practical support on its delivery.

"Once we've finalised the design we'll begin a publicity drive to attract participants. We'll also make presentations to other stakeholders such as voluntary and statutory agencies, political parties and government departments to raise further awareness of the project and to lay the groundwork for future partnerships.

"We hope the project will provide participants with a greater awareness of the need to promote good relations in their communities. We want to develop a team of confident, capable and informed women who will be creative and courageous in the approach they take to tackling the problems in their area.

We want those who take part to be in a position to provide leadership in their communities and inspire and mentor others to follow in their footsteps. Ultimately, the project will empower those women who take part to bring about real and lasting change within and between their communities.”



Christine Poland is at the forefront of the W.I.N. Project. The cross-border and cross-community initiative will provide participating women with the skills to tackle issues that prevail in their communities. Skills learned will be passed on at a community level to others to form a unified approach when dealing with ongoing problems.

Walking the Peaceline

The physical landscape of Belfast is still divided by peacelines, a series of walls and fences designed to separate one side of the community from the other. For decades these peacelines have been the focus of violence, fear and intimidation.

Communities living beside these peacelines and at other interface areas in Northern Ireland have suffered disproportionately during decades of conflict and civil unrest. They are often among the most socially and economically disadvantaged communities in Northern Ireland.

The Fund's Community Bridges Programme is supporting three innovative projects, all of which are working at interface areas in Belfast to reduce conflict and build community confidence.

North Belfast Interface Network

Of the 17 peacelines in Belfast, 13 are situated in the Ardoyne, Cliftonville and New Lodge areas in North Belfast.

The North Belfast Interface Network (NBIN) brings together community groups from across these areas, working to prevent violence. During just six months last year, the Network was responsible for more than 360 conflict interventions. NBIN working with staff, volunteers, local groups and residents have managed contentious parades in the area and facilitated dialogue and discussion around this still very difficult and divisive issue.

In the words of the Network's Rab McCallum, the Fund's support will allow the organisation to "stop firefighting and start developing our work."

Rab explains: "Our work is about minimising violence, identifying common issues for everyone in our community and exploring benefits for everyone. We want to build confidence within our community so that we can grow and allow dialogue to take place. Ultimately we want to develop circumstances which would allow the peacelines to come down."



"We are still working to build relationships between communities who have had very negative experiences and a lot to fear over the last thirty years. While we have made a lot of progress, there is still a lot to be done. There is still potential for conflict and trouble. We could enter a period of benign apartheid - if the other side doesn't bother us, we won't have to bother with them.

"The IFI's support opens up the chance for organisations to work collectively. You may be just one cog in the wheel, generating your own little light, but the IFI is helping to put the cogs together, to generate a much bigger and brighter light. The IFI's involvement has the potential to help us all achieve more.

"The IFI's support is also helping us move beyond just containing the violence to peace building. We are creating respect and relationships, and also we are moving beyond just dealing with our community to reach out across the community."



Rab McCallum of North Belfast Interface Network works in some of North Belfast's most notorious areas of conflict. So far his team has been responsible for more than 360 conflict resolutions at peacelines in this area. The Fund's support will enable his organisation to broaden its work and move into new areas helping to create a more stable and peaceful future for all the people living there.



Main Picture: Forthspring is working to address the problems and needs faced by the communities that live on the Springfield Road interface in Belfast. Maura Moore, Director of Forthspring and her team are making real progress in redefining relationships by creating a range of community projects that bring residents together to develop an understanding of each others' needs.



Inset: Harry Smith and Brian McCrory, Joint Chairmen of the Finaghy Crossroads Group have been working together since 2004. Both have a vision of a Finaghy where everyone feels safe, happy and proud to live, work and socialise together.

Forthspring Inter-Community Group

Forthspring is located on the interface between the communities of the Mid-Springfield Road and Clonard area on one side and the Woodvale and Shankill area on the other side. Forthspring Inter-Community Group is working toward sharing its experience of peace building, reaching out to both sides of the community and enabling those living closest to the peaceline to work together.

Maura Moore from Forthspring explains the thinking behind the new initiative. “Over the last ten years Forthspring has literally been ‘in the firing line’ between the warring factions on many occasions. However, throughout these difficult times, many projects have been developed and flourished.

“For example, the after schools programme for children, the youth programme, the parent and toddler programme and the women’s group bring together people from the immediate vicinity, from both sides of the wall. The women’s group has met with a number of local politicians to have conversations about ‘bringing down the wall’. The after schools programme brings children together who otherwise would be unlikely to meet each other. Forthspring provides all its services on a cross-community basis creating the opportunity for local people to develop new sets of relationships.

“Given our experience, we believe that Forthspring is uniquely positioned to ‘have something to say’ about creating safe shared spaces and to promote the idea of a shared future. We want to capture our often hard earned learnings and ‘at the coal face’ experiences in a way that will allow us to share our experiences and help other communities. We want to harness our skills, capabilities and knowledge to help support and encourage other community projects.

“We believe that there is a real and considerable need - in Northern Ireland and beyond - for technical and emotional support, facilitation and training for communities, however they are defined, that are fractured, dysfunctional, fearful and antagonistic towards each other. We also believe that Forthspring has the potential to offer some of this support. With the International Fund’s help and encouragement, we are now going to start capturing our learning and experience for the benefit of all, developing our training programmes and trainers as well as continuing to enable our own local community, to support those who want to work towards ‘bringing down the walls’ here.”

Finaghy Crossroads Group

While Finaghy in south Belfast has no peacelines, the area includes a series of interfaces. Historically Finaghy crossroads has been the focus of conflict and, given the development of the area, it could potentially become a fully-fledged interface.

Finaghy Crossroads Group has successfully brought together a number of community groups from both traditions with a vision of a Finaghy where everyone feels safe, happy and proud to live, work and socialise together. Since 2004, the Group has worked successfully to reduce violence and stabilise the local community.

Now with support from the Fund, the group is developing its work. Harry Smith from the Finaghy Crossroads Group takes up the story.

"One of the legacies of the conflict in this area was the extent to which each community had inherited perceptions and developed misconceptions about each other that were largely negative.

"By day, Finaghy crossroads was an area where people from both communities could freely work, shop and socialise together. By night, the area became dangerous and intimidating yet the behaviour was unrepresentative of the views of the adjoining communities.

"The breakthrough came following a period of consultation involving both communities. It soon became clear that we needed to establish a dialogue between our two communities, where we could explore ways of making Finaghy crossroads a safer place for everyone.

"Tentative initial talks led to formal meetings and a growth in confidence and trust among representatives of both communities.

"While dialogue continues, we have put in place a number of initiatives that have reduced significantly sectarian attacks in the area but the problem has not gone away. In the last six months we have spent a lot of time on interface management as we work with young people from both communities who seem intent on making sectarianism an ongoing problem here.

"The financial support from the International Fund for Ireland is helping us realise our vision that will make Finaghy a safer place to live and work. Through our partnerships with the south and west Belfast area youth projects, we will deliver unique and imaginative programmes that will provide young people with the confidence, knowledge and skills to feel comfortable with who they are, respect for diversity and the ability to provide leadership in their communities."



Building Integration





Peace in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties is still fragile. Sectarianism and segregation continue to be the challenging legacies of three decades of civic unrest and violence.

Communities remain deeply divided with people learning, working and living in segregated areas. The International Fund for Ireland continues to break new ground by developing and funding initiatives that promote and facilitate real integration, helping communities to take major steps towards lasting and sustainable peace.

Sharing Education Programme

Launched during 2006, the Sharing Education Programme offers pupils in schools from across the community the chance to share enhanced educational and developmental opportunities while building positive relationships with those from different backgrounds and cultures. Developed by the Fund in partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies, and managed by Queen's University Belfast, the Programme currently involves 60 schools.

Belfast Girls

Located on Belfast's Falls Road, St Louise's is one of Northern Ireland's best known schools. Founded by the Sisters of Charity fifty years ago, it is a comprehensive college which offers education to students of all abilities.

Northern Ireland's Department of Education recognised St. Louise's as a specialist school in 2006 - its chosen subject is performing arts and it is this which forms the basis of its Sharing Education partnership with Victoria College, Belfast.

Ita McVeigh, a teacher from St Louise's, explains the role of performing arts in the school: "While we have become a centre of excellence for performing arts, the subject cascades to other subjects and enlivens the whole curriculum. We have seen exam results go up since we became a specialist school, and participating in the Sharing Education Programme was a natural extension of the commitment to partnerships with schools, community and business required by specialist school status.

"We initiated a cross-community partnership with Victoria College. We run combined drama classes for two year groups, physically bringing the girls together to learn one morning every two weeks - we even timetable collaboratively as working with two different school schedules and timetables can be quite challenging!

"The reaction from our students has been very positive. They were tentative to start with but any barriers that may have existed at the start certainly don't exist now. Making drama the focus of our work has allowed this to happen, with relationships being built around it.

"One of the most significant joint projects in the last year was our residential weekend. We used a facilitator to explore the students' experiences of each others' community, and to begin to address difficult issues, family experiences and their concerns.

"We are also very proud of our joint production, 'Two Belfast Girls' which explores issues related to reconciliation in a very safe context for the girls. The language may not explicitly be about our different traditions but it does clearly explore the issues of being 'different' from our peers."

"Did you hear the story of two Belfast girls
One had straight hair the other had curls
They met outside in the street everyday
Until their parents found out
And then kept them away" From 'Two Belfast Girls'



Following on from last year's successful Programme, a new group of students from leading specialist school St Louise's located on the Falls Road meet for one morning every two weeks with pupils from Victoria College, situated in south Belfast, for drama classes as part of the Fund's Sharing Education Programme. Previous pupils from both schools have said that they have a greater appreciation for each others' cultures and diversity and true friendships have been formed.

Shared Neighbourhood Programme

This innovative new Programme, developed by the Fund, seeks to establish 30 shared neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland over the next three years. Working with existing shared communities, the Programme will provide assistance to help them realise their desire to live together.

Crucially, the Programme acknowledges for the first time those communities that have been working quietly towards establishing genuinely shared spaces, often with little or no funding. The Shared Neighbourhood Programme is community led, providing those on the ground with the support to share their experiences, capture best practice and ensure their work is sustained.

Managed by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Programme provides grants to enable community organisations to celebrate diversity and bring people together. Training and practical on-the-ground support is also provided by a team of Cohesion Advisers, all of whom have experience of promoting shared space in their own communities.

Five areas have already committed to the Programme - Lissize in Rathfriland, Knockmore/Tonagh in Lisburn, Gortview/Killybrack Close in Omagh, Ballynafeigh in Belfast and Springfarm in Antrim. It is expected another 25 will follow in the next three years.

Choosing to Share

Springfarm is a housing estate of 450 Northern Ireland Housing Executive and privately-owned dwellings, situated 2.5 miles outside the town of Antrim. In geographical terms, it is relatively isolated with poor services and minimal facilities. There is one small shop, poorly-lit footpaths, only two bins, no bus shelters, no cash point, no park or other safe play, recreational or sporting facilities. The only source of support provided within the estate is from the volunteers of Springfarm and District Community Association (SDCA). The Association is based in 'the Community House' in one of three terrace houses which have been converted for local use.

SDCA has been promoting good relations for many years. The Association has worked closely with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Community Cohesion Unit (which has funded a part-time administration post this year), the Community Relations Council and the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister Racial Equality Unit to map its work and the processes involved to assist other areas that wish to move towards developing Shared Neighbourhoods. Springfarm is a genuinely shared neighbourhood, a position that has been achieved through strong community leadership, commitment, transparency and consultation. It is a community taking responsibility for itself.

Christine Davis, along with her husband Seamus, has been at the heart of Springfarm's journey towards becoming a shared neighbourhood. She has worked for more than fifteen years as a volunteer in the Community House and is now also working as a Cohesion Adviser for the Shared Neighbourhood Programme.

"The International Fund for Ireland, in partnership with the Housing Executive, has been the first funder to acknowledge and recognise the work already being done in communities like Springfarm. We're delighted that they are now supporting us. In addition to the funding they are making available, the recognition that this Programme has brought to our work helps us to remain enthused.

"However, there is still a lot to be done. We need to continue to socialise our young people into a new set of norms. Norms of respect, understanding, tolerance and diversity. We need to develop strong leadership and build trust to sustain our shared communities. People have to choose to share their neighbourhoods and there are real challenges in galvanising communities.

"We are starting to see other people take an interest in the work which Springfarm has done and is continuing to do. There is a hunger among other communities to start to move towards sharing their spaces.

"What we also need is for statutory agencies to follow the example of the International Fund for Ireland and support communities which are doing everything they can to build healthy, safe, shared neighbourhoods. Where we are now is good but we all need to work to make it better."



Christine Davis, Cohesion Advisor for the Fund's Shared Neighbourhood Programme, is pictured with two young football supporters from different sides of the community at Springfarm housing estate. The estate, one of the first to commit to the Fund's Programme which will develop 30 shared neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland over the next three years, has already made huge strides to become a truly inclusive community.

Respecting Difference Programme

With research showing that children as young as three years of age have sectarian attitudes and by age six are making sectarian and racist remarks, the Fund has sought innovative and proven ways of reaching children as early as possible in their development.

Early Years - the Organisation for Young Children has developed the Respecting Difference Programme which delivers mutual understanding and diversity training and resource packs for teachers, parents and pre-school management committees across Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties. Teachers deliver the Programme to pupils, with ongoing support from Early Years' specialists. In addition, a series of TV cartoons complementing and supporting the classroom materials are being shown on UTV, RTE and Channel 4. It is expected that 240 pre-schools will take part in the Programme over the next three years.

The Respecting Difference Programme is also funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies and the Department of Education in Northern Ireland.

Integrating Community Groups

The Fund's 'Sharing this Space' strategy identified the integration of community organisations as a key means of promoting social integration and reconciliation. Community groups are often single identity, working with a strong focus on their own community, mostly as a result of the effects of the Troubles.

Working with the Rural Development Council, the Fund this year launched a new Integrating Community Organisations Programme. The Programme aims to help community organisations from Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties that wish to co-operate on a cross-border and/or a cross-community basis to work for the benefit of their community. The Programme's approach enables participation by both new groups seeking to engage in partnership and integration for the first time, and existing groups with partnerships already in place who require additional support to strengthen their links and integration.

The Programme offers training, support and mentoring as well as creating opportunities for small joint projects.

Speaking at the Programme launch, Caroline Breakey, the then Chair of the Rural Development Council said: "Through Programmes such as this, the Fund enables communities to grasp new opportunities to step beyond the normal boundaries to which they have become accustomed, to develop projects that increase community knowledge and understanding of other traditions and cultures."

Leaving a Legacy





The sustainability of peace building is a key priority for the Fund and it seeks to identify and support projects across Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties that have the potential to make a long-term contribution to peace building and integration.

Youth Link NI

Created by the four main churches in Ireland, Youth Link NI provides support and training for youth workers and community relations experiences for young people. It also provides community relations, peace building and cultural diversity training for those involved in youth ministry in churches. Youth Link NI's work challenges perceptions and attitudes, bringing together young people and youth leaders on a cross-community and a cross-border basis.

The Fund's support is allowing Youth Link NI to develop a new training and resource centre, providing it with a more sustainable future and allowing it to develop new initiatives.

John Peacock, Youth Link NI's Community Relations Manager explains:

"We have identified potential premises in an area of Belfast that has suffered social and economic deprivation. It is also an area where the churches and civic society have not traditionally had a big presence - it will put Youth Link NI right at the heart of a community in need, which we are very excited about.

"We think our new location will help our work with young people and youth leaders to break down barriers - we already bring people into this area for residential in a local hotel. We often take them for a walk to see the physical barriers which still exist in our communities.

"Having our own premises will allow us to bring together the three strands of our work - long term training and youth development, community relations and cultural diversity and also help us to provide a new degree in youth and community work with applied theology. This is the first time such a degree course has been offered in Ireland and it provides new opportunities for those who want to take a faith-based perspective to youth and community outreach.

"Coming to our new Youth Link NI premises in this area will be a new experience for many people, particularly people from the Protestant tradition. One of the first stages of breaking down barriers will be bringing people into an area they have never visited before."

Enterprise Equity

In Ireland, Enterprise Equity (Irl) Ltd, which is wholly owned by the Fund, has a Joint Venture (50% owned) with Enterprise Ireland called Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Ltd.

Enterprise Equity

Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP acting through Enterprise Equity Fund Management (NI) Limited invested a total of £1,376,357 in six companies during the year. These included Kelsius Limited which provides wireless temperature monitoring and internet based compliance services to the health and food sectors. A second investment was made in Sepha Pharmaceuticals which acquired new factory premises.

During the year Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Ltd invested €3,087,183 in 12 companies. Among investments made were follow-on investments in Duolog Holdings Ltd (€300,000), Nitrosell Ltd (€400,000) and Vysera Biomedical Ltd (€400,000).

Duolog provides electronic design automation tools to support micro-chip designers. Nitrosell Ltd provides a fully managed e-commerce webstore service for mid-sized retailers, particularly in the US market. Vysera Biomedical is developing products and therapies utilising its unique proprietary materials technology for patients with diseases of the gastrointestinal tract (oesophagus).

Enterprise Equity Investment Fund Ltd will now focus on follow-on investment in existing investees and on assisting its twenty investee companies to grow and develop the requisite scale needed for success in their various markets.



Left to Right - Aubrey Sayers, Managing Director of Sephia; Craig Holmes, Enterprise Equity; the Rt Hon Peter Robinson MP MLA, the then Minister of Finance and Personnel; and Alan McClure, Chairman of Sepha.

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International Ireland's g Work

While the International Fund for Ireland has increased its focus on reconciliation and building a shared future, the wide variety of diverse projects that it has supported over the last twenty years continues to make a positive impact on life in Northern Ireland and the Southern border counties.



Maxwell's Courtyard

The Fund supported the regeneration of 'Maxwell's Courtyard', a listed building in the village of Kircubbin, County Down.

The £686,000 redevelopment project led by the Kircubbin Regeneration Programme Ltd. has provided a new lease of life for this listed building, regenerating the site for the benefit of the local community and creating up to 20 jobs.

Maxwell's Courtyard is now a hub for social, economic and cultural activities within the village.

Pictured at the official opening of Maxwell's Courtyard: Roberta Dalton, OFMDFM; John McDaid, International Fund for Ireland; Brian Howe, Ulster Community Investment Trust Ltd; Michelle Gildernew MP MLA, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development; Mr Robin Drysdale, Mayor of Ards Borough Council; Eamon Fitzgerald, Kircubbin Regeneration Programme Ltd.

South and North Armagh Victims Encouraging Recognition (SAVER/NAVER)

SAVER/NAVER is a cross-community, non-political victims support group which was established in 2000 to provide encouragement and support to victims of the troubles and their families. The organisation encourages reconciliation through the provision of a wide number of cross-community activities including counselling, discussion forums and alternative therapies to assist individuals to come to terms with the past and to move forward together to develop a shared future.

With the Fund's assistance, SAVER / NAVER has started work on transforming its headquarters in Markethill. On completion, the redevelopment of the building will enable SAVER / NAVER to continue to grow its important outreach programmes.

The creation of the new building will mark a further step in the organisation's aim of sustainability and its work within the field of reconciliation and community development.

Pictured at the launch of the new extension to SAVER / NAVER's headquarters: Alexander Smith, International Fund for Ireland; Greer Marshall, SAVER / NAVER; Reatha Hassan OBE, SAVER/NAVER; and Dr Arthur Mitchell, RDC.

Hanwood Enterprise Centre

The Fund provided assistance of £950,000 towards the further development of business start-up and retail units in Tullycarnet, East Belfast.

The funding package is facilitating the creation and development of community businesses, social enterprises and the relocation of existing businesses to this area. Plans for Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the £10 million Hanwood Enterprise Centre are well underway.

Pictured: Mayor of Castlereagh Cllr M Chambers; David Hassard, Hanwood Trust; Joe Torney, Belfast Regeneration Office; Deirdre Ryan, International Fund for Ireland; Brian Rowntree CBE, Northern Ireland Housing Executive; Nigel Dodds MP MLA, the then Economy Minister, and the Rt Hon Peter Robinson MP MLA, the then Minister for Finance and Personnel.

Kilcar

Kilcar's new Incubation and Enterprise Centre is providing serviced office space with flexible workspace, free renewable energy heating and broadband for early-stage and developing enterprises.

Tánaiste Mary Coughlan TD; Fund Chairman Denis Rooney CBE and Paddy Harte, International Fund for Ireland are pictured at the opening of Fiontarlann in Kilcar, County Donegal. The project was co-funded by the Fund and Údarás na Gaeltachta who have invested €410,557 and €471,115 respectively.





Ardara

The Environmental Improvement Scheme at Herron's Field, Ardara represents a major urban renewal project involving the purchase of a greenfield site in Ardara, County Donegal and its transformation into an important local resource for the community and visitors to the area.

Pictured: Political and community representatives and executives of Donegal County Council with Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher TD; Dinny McGinley TD; Anne Bonner, International Fund for Ireland; Paddy Harte, International Fund for Ireland; Cllrs. Terence Slowey, Enda Bonner, David Alcorn and Padraig O'Dochartaigh at the opening of the urban renewal project in Ardara.

Carrick-on-Shannon Heritage Experience

President Mary McAleese opened the Carrick-on-Shannon Heritage Experience in September 2008.

The promoters of the project are Carrick-on-Shannon Heritage Limited, a cross-community company with a focus on the development of heritage-based tourism in the area. The development of this project has provided a strong mutual focus for the Church of Ireland and Catholic communities of the district who have joined forces to bring this project to completion.

The project supported by the Fund is one element of a complex project involving the restoration of the famine workhouse, the historic St. George's Church of Ireland and the provision of interpretative facilities. These works have all been completed to a high standard and are operational. The Fund's contribution has been confined to the interpretative facilities.

This ambitious project has resulted in very positive working relationships between the religious communities of Carrick-on-Shannon and brings a much needed heritage tourism attraction to the town. Carrick-on-Shannon occupies a key position on the Shannon-Erne Waterway, but to date has had little to offer visitors other than as a mooring location and boat-hire centre. This Fund aided project provides an attractive and engaging interpretation of the history of the area and, in particular, the contribution of the Protestant community to the development of the town and region.

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Board members' statement for the year ended 30 September 2008

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 2QY or PO Box 2000, Dublin 2.

The full annual financial statements, from which this summary financial statement is derived and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion, were approved on 26th February 2009 .

By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "Denis Rooney", is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Rooney
Chairman
26th February 2009

Independent auditors' statement to The International Fund for Ireland

We have examined the summary financial statement which comprises the income and expenditure account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the notes to the financial statement.

Respective responsibilities of board members and auditors

The board members are responsible for preparing the annual report.

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 for the year ended 30 September 2008.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
Belfast
Date: 26th February 2009

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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 30 September 2008

Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Income	2	27,477	25,005	34,868	35,823
Expenditure					
Approved projects	1,7	26,075	11,888	33,089	17,031
Exceptional item - approved projects	14	(5,989)	-	(7,600)	-
Net administrative expenses	3	498	368	631	527
Impairment provision	4	573	-	936	-
Translation loss on fixed asset investment		-	-	1,538	-
		21,157	12,256	28,594	17,558
Excess of income over expenditure		6,320	12,749	6,274	18,265
Movement in the Fund balance					
At 30 September 2007		45,009	32,408	67,276	49,536
Exchange differences on retranslation at 1 October 2007	1	(17)	(148)	(3,285)	(525)
		44,992	32,260	63,991	49,011
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		6,320	12,749	6,274	18,265
At 30 September 2008		51,312	45,009	70,265	67,276

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 2008

Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Excess of income over expenditure		6,320	12,749	6,274	18,265
Currency translation difference charged to the Fund balance	1	(17)	(148)	(3,285)	(525)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		6,303	12,601	2,989	17,740

Balance sheet at 30 September 2008

Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Fixed assets					
Investments	4	22,537	22,820	32,931	35,037
Current assets					
Cash at bank and on deposit		49,247	47,463	62,495	67,995
Donor contributions due within one year	5	51,196	44,788	64,969	64,163
Other amounts receivable	6	3,553	8,342	5,326	12,402
		103,996	100,593	132,790	144,560
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Approved project expenditure outstanding	7,8	(74,627)	(78,079)	(94,702)	(111,856)
Creditors	10	(594)	(325)	(754)	(465)
		(75,221)	(78,404)	(95,456)	(112,321)
Net current assets		28,775	22,189	37,334	32,239
Net assets		51,312	45,009	70,265	67,276
Fund balance		51,312	45,009	70,265	67,276

Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2008

Total transactions expressed in £ and Euro €

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities					
Cash received from donor governments		18,549	-	23,539	-
Cash disbursements to projects, excluding accruals		(26,035)	(22,671)	(33,039)	(32,478)
Other cash payments		(366)	(364)	(464)	(528)
Interest received		8,164	2,693	10,360	3,874
Other income		200	6	254	9
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	12	512	(20,336)	650	(29,123)
Capital expenditure					
Sale of fixed assets investments		644	-	817	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	13	1,156	(20,336)	1,467	(29,123)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2008

1 Accounting policies

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

Currencies

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

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

Approved projects

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

Loans

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

Interest income

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

Investments

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

2 Income

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
From donor governments after exchange rate adjustments				
United States of America (US\$14.878m: 2007 US\$13.365m)	8,289	6,209	10,519	8,895
European Union (€15m: 2007 €15m)	11,820	10,471	15,000	15,000
Canada (Can\$0.5m: 2007 Can\$0.5m)	248	244	315	349
Exchange gains/(losses)	2,898	(221)	3,678	(316)
	23,255	16,703	29,512	23,928
Dividends received	934	-	1,185	-
Interest receivable	3,082	8,296	3,911	11,886
Loan repayments	3	4	4	6
Miscellaneous income	203	2	256	3
	27,477	25,005	34,868	35,823

The exchange gains or losses arise from the translation of US\$, Euro and Can\$ denominated donor contributions. The exchange transaction gains consist of £208k/€264k realised and £2.69/€3.41 million unrealised gains. The extent to which any unrealised gain or loss is realised will depend on exchange rate movements up to the date of receipt of contributions due.

3 Net administration expenses

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Board members' fees	84	83	107	119
Board meetings	22	30	28	43
Consultancy and other fees	333	225	423	322
Auditors' remuneration - Audit	51	51	64	73
- Other	12	34	15	49
Travelling and subsistence	37	33	46	47
Postage, stationery, telephone and office	35	22	44	32
Promotional and advertising expenses	175	134	222	192
Miscellaneous	58	15	74	21
	807	627	1,023	898
Less: Contributions receivable from the Governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom, in respect of certain of the above expenses	(309)	(259)	(392)	(371)
	498	368	631	527

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

4 Investments

	Unlisted investments	
	£'000	€'000
Cost		
At 1 October 2007	22,820	35,037
Additions	5,504	6,985
Disposals	(5,214)	(8,155)
At 30 September 2008	23,110	33,867
Aggregate amounts provided		
At 1 October 2007	-	-
Provision for impairment of unlisted subsidiary	573	936
At 30 September 2008	573	936
Net book value		
At 30 September 2008	22,537	32,931
At 30 September 2007	22,820	35,037

The principal activities of the Enterprise Equity companies and their subsidiaries are to provide venture capital to new and existing companies in the North and South of Ireland.

During the year the Fund sold 100% of Enterprise Equity Fund Management (NI) Ltd ("EEFM") for £5.19/€6.59 million and purchased 30.08% of Enterprise Equity (NI) LLP ("EELLP") for a consideration of £5.50/€6.99 million. As part of the transaction EEFM paid a dividend to the Fund of £934k/€1,185k. This dividend has been included in income as dividends received in the year. As a result of these transactions the Fund now has no share holding in EEFM and owns 99.99% of EELLP with the remaining 0.01% of EELLP being owned by EEFM.

5 Donor contributions due within one year

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
United States of America				
- 2008 (US\$14.878m)	8,289	-	10,519	-
- 2007 (US\$13.365m)	7,447	6,564	9,450	9,404
- 2006 (US\$13.365m)	-	6,564	-	9,404
European Union				
- 2008 (€15m)	11,820	-	15,000	-
- 2007 (€15m)	11,820	10,471	15,000	15,000
- 2006 (€15m)	11,820	10,471	15,000	15,000
- 2005 (€15m)	-	10,471	-	15,000
Canada				
- 2007 (Can\$0.5m)	-	247	-	355
	51,196	44,788	64,969	64,163

6 Other amounts receivable

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Loan to Enterprise Equity (IRL) Limited	2,239	2,239	3,659	3,659
Government contributions	35	104	44	148
Bank interest receivable	1,250	5,940	1,587	8,510
Prepayments and accrued income	29	59	36	85
	3,553	8,342	5,326	12,402

7 Approved project expenditure outstanding

The totals of the Fund's project disbursements in the year ended 30 September 2008 and the movements in approved projects outstanding are as follows:

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007 (retranslated to current exchange rates)	80,576	88,392	102,252	126,630
Project approvals in the year	26,075	11,888	33,089	17,031
Exceptional item (note 14)	(5,989)	-	(7,600)	-
Project disbursements in the year	(26,035)	(22,201)	(33,039)	(31,805)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008	74,627	78,079	94,702	111,856

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

8 Cumulative approved projects and disbursements to date

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

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 €'000	2007 €'000
Total approved projects to date	628,339	588,957	802,947	844,882
Less contributions to investment companies	(27,142)	(27,142)	(40,023)	(40,023)
Total disbursements to projects and administration costs to date	(526,570)	(483,736)	(668,222)	(693,003)
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008	74,627	78,079	94,702	111,856

To date the Fund has approved total payments in respect of specific projects and administration costs to a total of £628/€803million after deduction of approved projects which did not proceed.

The approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008 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.

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

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.

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Committed budget programme expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008	98,848	101,316	125,438	145,145
Approved project expenditure outstanding yet to be claimed against specific projects	(74,627)	(78,079)	(94,702)	(111,856)
Committed budget programme expenditure remaining to be approved against individual projects	24,221	23,237	30,736	33,289

The Fund balance of £51/€70 million at 30 September 2008 shown in the balance sheet on page 3 represents the funds out of which the balance of the Board's committed programme expenditure of £24/€31 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

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Accruals	303	325	385	465
Deferred income	291	-	369	-
	594	325	754	465

11 Loans

The aggregate of euro denominated loans made by the Fund and outstanding at 30 September 2008 amounted to £183k/€232k (2007: £165k/€236k).

12 Net cash flow from operating activities

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Excess of income over expenditure	6,320	12,749	6,274	18,265
Non cash flow income	(934)	-	(1,185)	-
Non cash flow expenses	573	-	2,474	-
(Increase) in donor contributions due	(6,408)	(17,217)	(806)	(23,507)
(Decrease) in approved project expenditure outstanding	(3,452)	(9,680)	(17,154)	(17,551)
Decrease/(increase) in other amounts receivable	4,789	(5,697)	7,076	(8,143)
Increase in creditors	269	98	289	130
	1,157	(19,747)	(3,032)	(30,806)
Exchange difference	(645)	(589)	3,682	1,683
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	512	(20,336)	650	(29,123)

13 Analysis of changes in cash

	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 October 2007	47,463	67,358	67,995	99,326
Retranslation to current year exchange rates	628	441	(6,967)	(2,208)
Balance at 1 October 2007, retranslated to current year exchange rates	48,091	67,799	61,028	97,118
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	1,156	(20,336)	1,467	(29,123)
Balance at 30 September 2008	49,247	47,463	62,495	67,995

14 Exceptional item

Following a detailed review of project balances an adjustment of £5.9m/€7.6m in respect of over commitments was identified as being required to the project approval year end provision. Due to the size of the adjustment this has been disclosed as an exceptional item.

Appendix 1

Analysis of programme disbursements for the year and of approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	5,840	7,022	(2,449)	10,413
Communities in transition	2,110	-	(70)	2,040
Community leadership	3,731	(1,571)	-	2,160
AMBIT	71	89	(69)	91
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	4,833	3,933	(2,376)	6,390
Key	2,964	3,084	(1,366)	4,682
Let	1,212	2,116	(693)	2,635
Wider horizons	1,719	4,318	(4,133)	1,904
GRIT	163	-	(63)	100
Key start	-	145	-	145
Building Integration				
Education	1,624	1,067	(535)	2,156
Integrating housing	1,448	-	-	1,448
Integrating communities	691	23	(71)	643
Policing	268	-	(52)	216
Leaving a Legacy				
Capital projects	7,332	4,805	(261)	11,876

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008
Expressed in £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pre 2006 programmes				
CERS/CRISP	3,411	(83)	(957)	2,371
Disadvantaged Areas	10,630	(2,391)	(2,488)	5,751
Rural development	5,515	(1,187)	(1,693)	2,635
Communities initiative programme	(322)	3,590	(105)	3,163
Interact	211	(211)	-	-
Business enterprise and technology	8,667	(1,989)	(3,149)	3,529
Tourism	6,259	(3,410)	(927)	1,922
Urban development	3,947	(458)	(1,847)	1,642
CPDS	1,457	(249)	(553)	655
Second community projects	1,361	(145)	(702)	514
Flagship	5,307	1,653	(1,414)	5,546
Special	-	-	-	-
Communities in transition	207	(145)	(62)	-
Community leadership	(80)	80	-	-
	80,576	20,086	(26,035)	74,627

The above totals of approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007 differ from the balances shown in the balance sheet at that date as a result of their retranslation at current year end exchange rates. Project approvals and administration costs noted above reflect the impact of the exceptional item adjusted on a programme by programme basis.

Appendix 1

Analysis of programme disbursements for the year and of approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008 (continued)

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Building Foundations				
Community based economic and social regeneration	7,411	8,913	(3,108)	13,216
Communities in transition	2,678	-	(89)	2,589
Community leadership	4,735	(1,993)	-	2,742
AMBIT	90	113	(88)	115
Building Bridges				
Community bridges	6,133	4,990	(3,015)	8,108
Key	3,761	3,913	(1,733)	5,941
Let	1,538	2,685	(879)	3,344
Wider horizons	2,181	5,479	(5,245)	2,415
GRIT	207	-	(80)	127
Key start	-	184	-	184
Building Integration				
Education	2,060	1,354	(680)	2,734
Integrating housing	1,838	-	-	1,838
Integrating communities	877	29	(90)	816
Policing	340	-	(66)	274
Leaving a Legacy				
Capital projects	9,304	6,097	(331)	15,070

	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2007	Project approvals and administration costs	Project and administration disbursements	Approved projects outstanding at 30 September 2008
Expressed in €'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Pre 2006 programmes				
CERS/CRISP	4,329	(105)	(1,214)	3,010
Disadvantaged Areas	13,489	(3,033)	(3,157)	7,299
Rural development	6,999	(1,507)	(2,148)	3,344
Communities initiative programme	(409)	4,556	(133)	4,014
Interact	268	(268)	-	-
Business enterprise and technology	10,998	(2,524)	(3,996)	4,478
Tourism	7,944	(4,327)	(1,177)	2,440
Urban development	5,009	(582)	(2,344)	2,083
CPDS	1,849	(316)	(702)	831
Second community projects	1,727	(184)	(891)	652
Flagship	6,735	2,097	(1,794)	7,038
Special	-	-	-	-
Communities in transition	263	(184)	(79)	-
Community leadership	(102)	102	-	-
	102,252	25,489	(33,039)	94,702

The above totals of approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2007 differ from the balances shown in the balance sheet at that date as a result of their retranslation at current year end exchange rates. Project approvals and administration costs noted above reflect the impact of the exceptional item adjusted on a programme by programme basis.

Appendix 1

Analysis of the cumulative totals of approved projects and disbursements to 30 September 2008

Totals to 30 September 2008		
	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	13,871	3,458
Communities in transition	2,150	110
Community leadership	2,639	479
AMBIT	214	123
Building Bridges		
Community bridges	22,105	15,715
Key	11,955	7,273
Let	4,346	1,711
Wider horizons	85,119	83,215
GRIT	163	63
Key start	145	-
Building Integration		
Education	3,535	1,379
Integrating housing	1,448	-
Integrating communities	715	72
Policing	268	52
Leaving a Legacy		
Projects	12,136	260

Totals to 30 September 2008

Expressed in £'000	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs £'000	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs £'000
Pre 2006 programmes		
CERS/CRISP	55,472	53,101
Disadvantaged Areas	48,035	42,284
Rural development	35,435	32,800
Communities initiative programme	17,014	13,851
Interact	581	581
Business enterprise and technology	121,483	117,954
Tourism	60,061	58,139
Urban development	63,158	61,516
CPDS	7,748	7,093
Second community projects	3,004	2,490
Flagship	21,710	16,164
Special	523	523
Communities in transition	2,081	2,081
Community leadership	4,083	4,083
	601,197	526,570
Less: total disbursements to date	(526,570)	
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008	74,627	

Appendix 1

Analysis of the cumulative totals of approved projects and disbursements to 30 September 2008 (continued)

Totals to 30 September 2008		
	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	17,604	4,388
Communities in transition	2,728	139
Community leadership	3,349	607
AMBIT	272	157
Building Bridges		
Community bridges	28,050	19,942
Key	15,170	9,229
Let	5,515	2,171
Wider horizons	108,016	105,601
GRIT	207	80
Key start	184	-
Building Integration		
Education	4,486	1,752
Integrating housing	1,838	-
Integrating communities	907	91
Policing	340	66
Leaving a Legacy		
Projects	15,400	330

Totals to 30 September 2008

Expressed in £'000	Cumulative approved projects and administration costs €'000	Cumulative disbursements to projects and administration costs €'000
Pre 2006 programmes		
CERS/CRISP	70,394	67,384
Disadvantaged Areas	60,957	53,658
Rural development	44,967	41,623
Communities initiative programme	21,592	17,578
Interact	737	737
Business enterprise and technology	154,162	149,684
Tourism	76,221	73,781
Urban development	80,147	78,064
CPDS	9,832	9,001
Second community projects	3,812	3,160
Flagship	27,550	20,512
Special	664	664
Communities in transition	2,641	2,641
Community leadership	5,182	5,182
	762,924	668,222
Less: total disbursements to date	(668,222)	
Approved project expenditure outstanding at 30 September 2008	94,702	

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Appendix 1

Building Foundations

American Business Internship and Training Programme (AMBIT)

A programme to widen the knowledge and build the capacity of key people in the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland.

Name/Address	Programme Description	NORTH UKE
Northern Ireland		
AMBIT	AMBIT 2009	80,000

Community Based Economic & Social Regeneration Programme

Addressing the root causes of deprivation and unemployment, using the common economic concerns in the most deprived rural and urban communities, as a platform for cross-community activities.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Armagh City & District Council Area, Craigavon Borough Council Area & Newry & Mourne District Council Area		
County Armagh Grand Orange Lodge Community Development Committee/Carlton Street Community Association, Portadown	Collaborative future social regeneration project	184,757
Belfast City Council Area		
Windsor Women's Centre Broadway Belfast	Provision of a purpose built women's education, therapy and well being centre	352,000

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UK£
Derry City Council Area		
Waterside Development Trust Irish Street Waterside Londonderry	Development of a shared future centre	602,426
Newry & Mourne District Council Area		
Ballinran Resource Centre Ballinran Road Kilkeel	Additional assistance towards the provision of community facilities	81,838
Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Co Donegal		
Cross Border Digital Learning Network Port Road Letterkenny	A community education initiative with five rural satellite community learning centres in Donegal	436,905
Football 4 Peace (F4P) Ireland Pound Street Carndonagh	Promoting positive relations between 7-16 year olds	205,204
Second Chance Education Project for Women Pearse Road Letterkenny	To deliver accessible women led community education and training, supporting marginalised communities	150,000
Co Monaghan		
Communities Sharing - Monaghan Community Network Plantation Walk Monaghan	To make the facilities and the services of the groups involved more accessible to the wider community	400,000

North/South

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UK£
Rural Development Council Loy Street Cookstown	Maximising community space crossing borders programme - (£1,109,000 North and £277,250 South)	1,386,250
Youth Action NI College Square North Belfast	Community youth leadership project in Belfast and counties Fermanagh, Londonderry and Monaghan	980,605
		SOUTH €
Balor Development Community Arts Project Main Street, Ballybofey Donegal	Cross-border community reconciliation project for children between Balor Development Community Arts Project and Alley Arts, Strabane	40,000
Carlingford Lough Youth Peace Project The Foy Centre Dundalk Street Carlingford Louth	Cross-border, cross-community youth project to foster links between young people in Co Louth and the Newry & Mourne District Council area	225,000
Donegal County Council/ Regional Cultural Centre Cove Hill, Port Road Letterkenny Donegal	Cross-border and cross-community project using digital media training to promote positive relations between young people in counties Donegal, Londonderry and Tyrone	240,000
Organic Centre Sustainable Communities Project / Women's Horticultural Project Rossinver Leitrim	Cross-border and cross-community project working with schools and community and women's groups to promote inter-generational and community cohesion	362,192
Shaylyn Group Ltd Ballinamore Leitrim	Programme to bring together Irish Dance and Ulster Scots practitioners to explore reconciliation issues	200,000
UCIT Irl Ltd Ardee Business Park, Hale Street Ardee Louth	To allow Fund supported projects to participate in an all island social enterprise conference	65,415

Appendix 2

Building Bridges

Community Bridges Programme

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

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Ballymoney Borough Council Area, Coleraine Borough Council Area & Moyle District Council Area		
Kilcranny House Cranagh Road Coleraine	3 year cross-community project in Ballymoney, Coleraine and Moyle to reduce tensions, open dialogue and deal with the legacy of the past	175,350
Banbridge Borough Council Area, Downpatrick Borough Council Area & Lisburn City Council Area		
Youth Initiatives Cloona House Colin Road Belfast	3 year first steps cross-community project targeted at marginalised young people most affected by sectarianism in east and west Belfast, Banbridge and Downpatrick	224,109
Belfast City Council Area		
Ashton Community Trust /Mount Vernon Community Association C/o Ashton Centre Churchill Street Belfast	3 year respect, engage and listen project providing structured and meaningful cross-community interaction in highly segregated communities	285,800
Cornerstone Community Springfield Road Belfast	3 year time for reconciliation project to promote reconciliation through networking and shared events in west Belfast	113,477
Finaghy Crossroads Group Finaghy Community Centre Geeragh Place Belfast	3 year peace-building project to further develop inter community contact, relationships and trust at interface areas	249,662

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Forthspring Inter Community Group Springfield Road Belfast	3 year cross-interface initiative to encourage greater engagement of local communities as facilitators for change towards a shared future	225,935
North Belfast Interface Network Clifton Park Avenue Belfast	3 year cross-interface project to change the segregated nature of interface communities in north Belfast	248,000
NI Alternatives Woodvale Road Belfast	3 year conflict transformation project with young people aged 13-18 from north Belfast to address community conflict and violence	577,836
Short Strand Community Forum/Bridge Community Association C/o Beechfield Street Belfast	3 year cross-interface project to create permanent, stable and practical co-operation on common and contentious issues	223,929
Youthcom Berry Street Belfast	3 year cross-community capacity building youth intervention project involving 8 groups from youth centres in Belfast	450,000
Belfast City Council Area, Craigavon Borough Council Area & Derry City Council Area		
Public Achievement Wellington Park Belfast	3 year away from violence project to help young people to develop skills and knowledge and build cross-community relationships in Belfast, Claudy and Portadown	267,140
Craigavon Borough Council Area		
Shankill Parish Caring Association The Jethro Centre Flush Place Lurgan	3 year developmental training project engaging young people to address local community relations issues	226,540

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Derry City Council Area		
NW Play Resource Centre Artillery Street Derry/Londonderry	3 year innovative arts led community relations training project involving young people from interface areas	250,090
St Columb's Park House Limavady Road Derry/Londonderry	3 year project tackling anti-social behaviour and developing models of intervention to promote community relations in the North West	169,507
Down District Council Area		
Newcastle Community Association Slievecoole Park Newcastle	3 year community relations project to promote a culture of tolerance, acceptance and understanding among young people in the area	62,370
North/South		
Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Ardmonagh Family & Community Centre Ardmonagh Gardens Belfast	3 year cross-border and cross-community peace-building and leadership project involving women from Belfast and Dublin	317,117
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland Albert Street Belfast	Creating space for learning and sharing project supporting groups in Counties Londonderry, Tyrone and Dublin	132,409

Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Inishowen Women's Information Network Millbrae Heights Carndonagh Donegal	3 year cross-border and cross- community initiative providing support and training to women in reconciliation activities	250,700
New Border Generation Tholsel Street Carlingford Louth	3 year cross-border, cross- community contact, co-operation and conflict transformation project	399,049

All Areas

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Fellowship of Messines Donegall Street Belfast	3 year leaders for transformation project to develop personal skills and to build sustainable integrated communities	168,004
NICHs Antrim Road Belfast	Development of a 3 year community partnership project encouraging 200 young people in a personal and community development programme	221,522

Knowledge through Enterprise for Youth (KEY) Programme

3 year cross-community and cross-border programme to promote mutual understanding and to improve the employability of 14-16 year olds.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH/SOUTH UKE
All Areas		
Young Enterprise Northern Ireland/ Junior Achievement Ireland	North/South	4,154,524

KEY Start Programme

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Belfast City Council Area		
Young Enterprise Northern Ireland	3 year cross-community project for 14-16 year olds who are in alternative education to help re-engage them within the education system	144,636

Learning and Educating Together (LET) Programme

3 year cross-community and cross-border programme to promote peace and reconciliation and to develop the personal skills of 12-13 year olds.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH/SOUTH UKE
All Areas		
Young Enterprise Northern Ireland/ Junior Achievement Ireland	North/South	2,417,526

Wider Horizons Programme

A cross-community and cross-border training, work experience and reconciliation programme targeted at 18-28 year olds in disadvantaged areas.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH/SOUTH UKE
Ireland/North America		
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Thunder Bay, Canada	87,770
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Customer Services to Toronto, Canada	78,668
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Multi-Media to Florida, USA	110,850
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Kitchener, Canada	79,478
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Leisure Services to Vancouver, Canada	91,060
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Cambridge, Canada	90,630
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in Information Technology to Pittsburgh, USA	85,330
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Community Youth Leadership to Pittsburgh, USA	91,330
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Thunder Bay, Canada	87,770
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Estate Management to Boston, USA	105,550

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH/SOUTH UKE
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in Information Technology to Pittsburgh, USA	85,330
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Media Skills to Vancouver, Canada	91,713
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Community Care to Kitchener, Canada	85,625
Clanrye Partnership ⁴	Training and work experience in various careers to Boston, USA	91,728
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Cambridge, Canada	90,630
Clanrye Partnership ⁴	Training and work experience in Telecommunications to Toronto, Canada	96,488
Austins Quality Training Services ⁵	Training and work experience in various careers to Ontario, Canada	86,000
Ireland/Rest of World		
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Youth In The Community to Lunburg, Germany and Auschwitz and Krakow, Poland	75,290
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in Creative and Performing Arts to London, England	64,487
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in Hospitality to Seville, Spain	92,890
Derry Youth & Community Workshop ⁵	Training and work experience in various careers to Dresden, Germany	86,000
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in various careers to Vienna, Austria	82,750
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Ypres, Belgium	61,176

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH/SOUTH UKE
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Cape Town, South Africa	80,973
Springboard Opportunities ³	Training and work experience in various careers to Hamburg, Germany	61,176
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Barcelona, Spain	63,275
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience for single parents/young mothers to Omagh, Northern Ireland	£47,200
Tyrone Donegal Partnership ²	Training and work experience in various careers to Cardiganshire, Wales	71,825
MAPP Ltd ¹	Training and work experience in Office Administration to Vienna, Austria	86,750

1 Greater Craigavon, Upper Bann/Monaghan

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

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

4 Armagh, Down/Louth

5 Counties Londonderry/Donegal

Appendix 3

Building Integration

Integrating Education

Name/Address	Programme Description	NORTH UKE
All Areas		
Early Years - the Organisation for Young Children	3 year cross-community and cross- border pre-school respecting difference programme aimed at helping young children to develop positive attitudes to diversity	1,101,982

Appendix 4

Leaving a Legacy

Leaving a Legacy

The Legacy Programme supports a small number of large projects that have the potential to make a significant contribution to the on-going achievement of the Fund's objectives through their scale, location and/or impact.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Ards Borough Council Area		
The Link Family Community Centre South Street Newtownards	Additional assistance towards the provision of new facilities to support the development of the organisation's community and community relations activities	93,389

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UK£
Belfast City Council Area		
174 Trust Duncairn Complex Duncairn Avenue Belfast	Refurbishment of a former church building to provide a community resource, arts & culture centre	1,410,632
Youth Link NI University Street Belfast	Provision of new premises to support development work with young people and young leaders	975,000
Derry City Council Area		
St Columb's Park House Waterside Derry/Londonderry	Renovation of and extension to St Columb's Park House	650,000
Down District Council Area		
Greenhill YMCA Donard Park Newcastle	Additional assistance towards the provision of residential accommodation and training, social and support facilities	125,000
Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Co Donegal		
An Teach Ban Centre for Peace Building Downings	Construction and fit-out of a new centre for peace building	2,000,000

All Areas

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Corrymeela Centre Drumaroan Road Ballycastle	Development of new residential accommodation	1,100,000

Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Enniskerry Wicklow	Construction and refurbishment of residential accommodation, office and other facilities	210,000

Appendix 5

Pre 2006 Programme

Border Towns and Villages Scheme

Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Co Donegal		
Fiontarlann Ballymoon Kilcar Donegal	Additional assistance towards the further development of an enterprise centre	55,557

Business Enterprise & Technology Programme

Workspace Accommodation

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Armagh City & District Council Area		
Armagh Business Centre Loughgall Road Armagh	Additional assistance towards the further development of a business centre	145,000
Belfast City Council Area		
West Belfast Development Trust (Work West) Glen Road Belfast	Additional assistance towards the provision of workspace for the social economy sector	87,067
Craigavon Borough Council Area		
CIDO CIDO Business Complex Portadown	Additional assistance towards the development of a venture technology accelerator and innovation centre	10,600
Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Co Leitrim		
Drumshanbo Community Council Ltd Leitrim Food Centre of Excellence Drumshanbo	Development and management of an action plan for cross-community and cross-border activities and a marketing plan for the future sustainability of the centre	100,000

Community Regeneration & Improvement Special Programme (CRISP)

A programme supporting community-led economic and physical regeneration of towns and villages with a population of up to 10,000 in areas of particular disadvantage in Northern Ireland.

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Strabane District Council Area		
Sion Mills Building Preservation Trust Ltd Sion Mills	Additional assistance towards the refurbishment of a derelict building to provide light industrial workspace	56,930

Special Projects (Disadvantaged Areas Initiative)

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Antrim Borough Council Area		
Farranshane Community Trust Rathenraw	Additional assistance towards the redevelopment of a multi-purpose centre	133,762
Ballymena Borough Council Area		
Ballee & Harryville Community Enterprises Fenaghy Road Ballymena	Additional assistance towards the development of workspace and community facilities	34,757
Belfast City Council Area		
Conway Mill Preservation Trust Conway Street Belfast	Additional assistance towards the refurbishment of Conway Mill to provide business, craft, retail units and office accommodation	84,581

Appendix 6

Investment Companies

Name/Address	Project Description	NORTH UKE
Belfast City Council Area		
Heartsine Ltd Airport Road West Belfast	Defibrillation	80,648
Kelsius Ltd Queen's Road Queen's Island Belfast	Wireless food safety management systems	600,000
Sensor Technology & Devices Limited (ST&D) Heron Road Sydenham Business Park Belfast	Sensor reliant medical devices	250,000
Castlereagh Borough Council Area		
Sepha Limited Carrowreagh Business Park Carrowreagh Road Dundonald	Pharmaceutical blister pack machines	70,000
Coleraine Borough Council Area		
Gendel Ltd Science Business Innovation Centre Cromore Road Coleraine	Drug delivery system	50,000

Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Co Monaghan		
Swift Fine Foods Ltd Castleblaney	Food processors	27,738
All Areas		
Duolog Holdings Ltd Galway Technology Centre Mervue Business Park Galway	Electronic design automation tools	150,000
FMC Tec Ltd Shannon Clare	Systems to monitor mid-voltage powerlines for electrical utilities	125,000
Homenet Communications Ltd National Technology Park Limerick	Digital media technology with security applications	25,000
Meiticheol Teoranta Gleann na Coille Bearna Road Galway	Video editors tool	75,000
Neutekbio Ltd Mervue Business Park Galway	Diagnostic and prognostic assays	75,000
Nitrosell Ltd Airport Business Park Cork	Webstore software for retailers	200,000
Propylon Ltd Blackbourne Square Rathfanharm Gate Dublin	Legislative Management Systems	150,000

Name/Address	Project Description	SOUTH €
Redmere Technology Ltd Fingal Bay Business Park Balbriggan Dublin	Semi conductor design	38,591
Top Chem Laboratories Ballymote Business Park Ballymote Sligo	Chemical process technology	125,000
Visor Ltd Blackrock Dublin	Web-based accounting and business solutions for SMBs	250,000
Vysera Biomedical Ltd Parkmore West Business Park Galway	Medical device manufacture	200,000



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