



Focus on Northern Ireland

2020 APPEAL



Children participating in the 'Educating the Heart' program



EDUCATING THE HEART

Nurturing compassionate global citizens in Northern Ireland



THOMAS J. MORAN SCHOLARSHIP AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

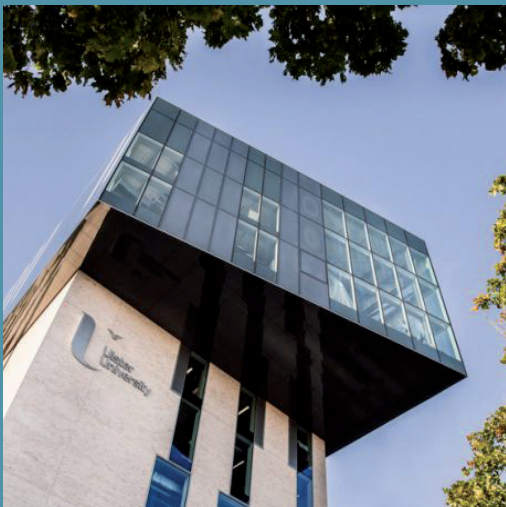
Friendship, resilience and opportunity in Chicago

ULSTER UNIVERSITY GO BOSTON PROGRAM

Thanks to the generosity of members through a Donor-Advised gift, the Irish American Partnership was able to award a \$50,000 grant to Ulster University's Go Boston Program this past December.

This funding is crucial to widening access to the study abroad program to students who would not otherwise have the means to participate in this life changing experience.

In addition to supporting study abroad opportunities, the Partnership is proud to fund university access scholarships at both Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast.



Ulster University, Belfast Campus

“I am grateful for the opportunity I was graced with. My year abroad saved me in many ways, and for that I hold so much gratitude to those who fund the Partnership's Thomas J. Moran Scholarship.”

- Ryan Lavelle
Irish American Partnership scholarship recipient



THE THOMAS J. MORAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Partnership established the Thomas J. Moran Scholarship at Queen's University Belfast in 2018. Named for the university's late Chancellor and dear friend of Ireland, the scholarship provides stipends to underprivileged undergraduate students to pursue work or study abroad.

Ryan Lavelle, a 2019-2020 recipient, shares the transformative impact this funding has already had on his life.

In August 2019, armed with just my suitcase, I took off on the most unforgettable journey of my life. I had always dreamed of one day traveling to America, and there I was, standing wide-eyed in O'Hare International Airport with a bag-load of dreams, nerves and expectations. I was determined to propel myself further in life by meeting new people of different backgrounds, making new connections, seeing new places and learning new things. I did all of this and more, and though the year ended abruptly due to COVID-19, it made a remarkable difference in my levels of confidence and knowledge.

My favourite moment was the Global Climate Strike in downtown Chicago. That moment exuded everything I learned throughout the year - friendship, reflection,

passion, activism, strength, and resilience. I have an almighty appetite to return to the States one day, but for now I am quite content at home seeing the places I am used to through new eyes.

“I was gifted with an entrepreneurial spirit during my time studying in the U.S., which also comes with an eagerness to take every opportunity that presents itself. I will be ever grateful for this exchange.”





NURTURING COMPASSIONATE GLOBAL CITIZENS

For over thirty years, the Irish American Partnership has been dedicated to building a more inclusive and equitable society across Ireland, North and South. We believe in the power of education to inspire hearts and minds to confront bias so that all, regardless of background, are truly loved, accepted, and valued. As part of this commitment, we are pleased to announce an additional \$10,000 grant to our long-time partner, Children in Crossfire for their transformational *Educating the Heart* initiative.

Children in Crossfire was founded in 1996 by Richard Moore. In 1972, as a 10-year-old child, Richard was blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British soldier during the Troubles. Just as Richard's life emerged as triumph out of tragedy through his experiences of compassion in the face of challenge, Children in Crossfire pursues its own vision of a compassionate world, where every child is supported to reach his or her potential.

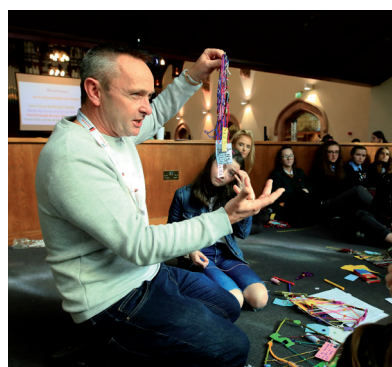
Based in Derry/Londonderry, *Educating the Heart* supports educators through a series of continuing professional development courses for teachers, helping them to shape students into the people that the world needs most: compassionate and active citizens who are engaged with global issues, and have the knowledge, skills, emotional intelligence and creativity needed to create a fair and sustainable world.

“With the generous support from the Irish American Partnership, we can continue to support schools to foster compassionate global citizenship, reaching up to 40 new schools in 2020-2021. Thank you.”

- Donna McFeeley, Development Education Officer, Children in Crossfire



Pupils from Thornhill College, St Mary's College, Carndonagh Community College and Moville Community College participate in *Educating the Heart*



FORWARD TOGETHER IN LOVE

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DUNAMANAGH, CO. TYRONE

Students and teachers at St. Michael's Primary School are no strangers to change. Established in September 2019, St. Michael's has not only had to navigate the amalgamation of four smaller schools, but also an abrupt transition to remote learning due to COVID-19. Thanks to a new school website that has allowed instruction to resume remotely, student resilience, and a financial boost from the Irish American Partnership, these transitions were made as seamless as possible.

Awarded as part of the Partnership's hallmark **Direct Grants to Schools Program**, St. Michael's plans to use their gift to enhance student literacy through an Accelerated Reading initiative.

Though back to school is likely to look very different with the need to maintain social distancing measures, thanks to your generosity, St. Michael's is equipped to take on whatever the future may bring.

“The Partnership picked a ‘good one’ given that we have experienced so much change in the last year... Our greatest asset has been the children: they settled so quickly and were becoming one entity, with a new identity. We will continue to build upon this in the coming year, in accordance with our mission statement: Forward Together in Love.”

- Principal Jacqueline Carlin

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CELEBRATING RESPECT TOGETHER

For more than three decades, the Irish American Partnership has understood the importance of educating children of different traditions together, not apart.

Integrated schools in Northern Ireland bring together children and adults from Catholic, Protestant and other backgrounds, striving to achieve a religious balance of pupils, teachers, and governors to acknowledge and respect the cultural diversity they represent.



In this educational environment self-respect and respect for others are developed as priorities. Though education remains highly segregated between Protestant and Catholic traditions, these integrated schools highlight the power of this ethos as a means for reconciliation in a post-conflict society.

Many integrated schools have excelled in new and imaginative ways to support their community in a time of need, with several repurposing their premises to be used by healthcare workers to

administer testing and treatment for COVID-19. Principal Michael Bennet of Slemish Integrated College in Ballymena, lent his own personal laptop to a family of four children who were struggling to access equipment to undertake home learning.

EACH YEAR, THE PARTNERSHIP AWARDS AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL A GRANT OF \$10,000 THROUGH OUR PARTNERS AT THE INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND, AN ORGANIZATION AT THE FORE OF THIS INNOVATIVE MOVEMENT THAT CELEBRATES RESPECT, UNDERSTANDING, AND FRIENDSHIP.

2020 has brought unprecedented challenges for all schools, but integrated schools have continued to lead the way forward as beacons of hope, kindness, and resilience.





Thank You

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The Irish American Partnership is on hand to assist you in identifying the best options to fulfill your philanthropic vision. Through bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance, retirement plan designations or other gift arrangements, members of The Irish Legacy Society share in our goal to educate and empower.

Connect, give back, and change young lives while preparing for tomorrow in a way that works with your financial plan.

If you have already included the Partnership in your estate plans, please let us know. We would be delighted to welcome you into The Irish Legacy Society.

And thank you for the profound difference you make in the lives of Irish children and their communities.



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