

A photograph of two young children in a playroom. The child on the left is a boy with curly brown hair, wearing a white shirt and maroon pants. The child on the right is a girl with dark hair and a red bow, wearing a yellow knitted cardigan and blue floral-patterned jeans. They are both smiling and hugging each other. The background shows colorful play mats and a wooden chair.

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*For change.  
For better.  
For all.*

# People, Place, Planet

Continuing Ireland's Philanthropic Journey

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# Equality for All in Thriving Communities where People and Nature Flourish

*Cover Photo:* Children at Hill Street Family Resource Centre, Dublin 1. Community Foundation Ireland partners with voluntary, community and charitable organisations supporting children and families, including access to support services, combatting poverty and homelessness, promoting play and creativity and access to education.

## Introduction

Community Foundation Ireland is committed to delivering Equality for All in Thriving Communities by focusing on the greatest challenges facing people, communities, and our planet. Together with philanthropists, supporters and partners, the Foundation seeks to deliver meaningful change.

Partnership is central to everything we do. Working alongside communities and organisations striving to create meaningful change and build solutions for a stronger, fairer Ireland.

The Community Foundation – through a network of 5,000 voluntary, community and charitable partners – has access to on-the-ground knowledge, evidence, and top-class research to identify social barriers impacting people and their communities.

Since the year 2000, the Foundation and its partners have learned the importance of stepping back to not only identify and respond to immediate need but also to take a wider view to research, recommend and implement solutions.

These insights inform and guide philanthropists, ensuring contributions are directed to where they can have the greatest impact.

A diverse pool of donors is supported and stewarded through individual giving journeys. Tailored giving solutions offered include endowment funds, legacy giving, donor-advised funds, as well as strategic insights and philanthropic advice on investment and grant-making.

The connectivity to communities, the evidence and research, together with the suite of opportunities for strategic giving, has seen Community Foundation Ireland establish itself as a leading philanthropic hub.

It is an approach which has seen €200 million in donations, with over 60% of these received since 2020. More than €160 million has been granted, supporting over 17,000 initiatives. With an endowment of approximately €60 million, the Foundation can also work with donors or support critical interventions to proactively address urgent community challenges.

Combined, these approaches allow responses to long-standing issues, identify those which are emerging and respond in times of emergency.

Leadership is provided on challenges which can seem insurmountable, like the crisis in climate and nature. Yet, the work of the Foundation has supported hundreds of groups and communities to be empowered to act. This is the power of Irish philanthropy, an ability to bring that sustainable lens to all we do.

This is the story of our first 25 years, our work now, and our preparation for the future.



**Roddy Rowan**  
*Chair*

*Community Foundation Ireland*



**Denise Charlton**  
*CEO*

*Community Foundation Ireland*



# Phase 1: Small Beginnings, Big Vision

## A New Foundation for a New Millennium

As the curtain fell on millennium celebrations, Community Foundation Ireland was preparing to launch.

Mooted in government-led Social Partnership talks, which were a feature of public and social life in the period, the proposal for such a foundation was suggested two years earlier by participants representing the community and voluntary sector.

With broad support, this visionary proposal became a reality with €1 million being gifted from government, dependent on match funding. A later gift from the National Children's Trust saw Ireland join the global movement of Community Foundations – of which there are now 1,800 worldwide.

From those early days, the approach was clear. Community Foundation Ireland connects local generosity to strategic solutions, ensuring that philanthropy is both effective and sustainable.

Central to the work was a partnership with donors to direct funding into communities or significant social challenges, in ways that create the greatest impact. Also, key was to maintain an endowment fund to support issues or projects which may not be in the public conscience.

Early grants and partnerships recognised the unique contribution philanthropy can make. Enabled by a growing Endowment and initial donor engagement, initial grants went to the LGBT+ and Traveller communities. Facing discrimination and isolation, support was channelled at combating marginalisation, isolation and loneliness.

*Early Values of inclusiveness, community and integrity, and a commitment to supporting those on the margins continues to guide Community Foundation Ireland's work today. Work with partners like the Sanctuary Runners promoting solidarity and respect.*





## Start of Strategic Grant-making

Early grants were modest in monetary terms, with urgent needs including education and housing changing lives at a local level.

Community Foundation Ireland's focus was not just on growing philanthropy but also on ambition and approach. With an emphasis on growing trust, communities began to see the new foundation as a partner rather than solely as a funder.

When faced with challenges, organisations could access support to troubleshoot and find solutions. Partnership was established.

Today, the Foundation's cumulative grant-making exceeds €160 million, spanning every corner of the charity and voluntary sector.

Each grant, large or small, reflects core values of integrity, collaboration, leadership, and change. Active grant-making keeps the Foundation deeply connected to communities, strengthening a shared ability to drive lasting social change.

The Foundation's role as a grant-maker represents the highest standards of governance and compliance, rigorous due diligence, and additional checks for complex awards. Every decision is informed and impactful.

From small beginnings to strategic, multi-million-euro investments, the Foundation's grant-making has evolved into a powerful tool for change, building a fair, caring, and vibrant Ireland for today and for generations to come.

## Growing an Endowment

Managing and utilising an endowment is central to the Community Foundation model.

Growing those early days the endowment opens up opportunities to reach many more communities and gain a deep understanding of the complexities of the challenges they face. With this came the ability to see patterns, trends and identify solutions.

Leadership is provided in areas yet to attract significant donor interest, as has been experienced in the climate and nature space among others.

Today, the endowment fund now stands at €60m and continues to provide stability, independence, and long-term impact. It is a permanent source of funding to respond to urgent needs and tackle systemic issues.

For donors, the endowment offers the assurance that their generosity will have a lasting effect, supporting causes they care about most, in perpetuity.

Grant-making from the endowment supports critical social issues like climate, poverty, and equality, while allowing swift responses to emerging challenges such as environmental crises or the war in Ukraine.

## Making Endowment Work: One Family's Story

After selling their business, a family partnered with Community Foundation Ireland to create an endowed fund. This visionary family took a strategic approach to tackle root causes in areas such as violence against women, child safety, education, poverty, and all-island initiatives. These issues were important to individual family members. This was an approach providing assurance that impact will grow into the future, leaving a true legacy of social change.

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***'We decided to endow our donation with Community Foundation Ireland and despite global crisis we have seen, the funding has been reliable and sustainable. We feel confident that the difference we are making will grow and strengthen for decades to come. It is a true family legacy.'***

– Endowment Fund Donor

# Phase 2 Building Infrastructure



## Building a Strategic Infrastructure

Informed by a decade of partnerships, Community Foundation Ireland focused on increasing the number of donors and philanthropists to create system-wide change.

The Foundation's priorities were informed by community needs and lived experience, enabling a more strategic and in-depth focus on key areas such as women, older people and young people.

A €4 million challenge grant from long-standing funder, Atlantic Philanthropies, along with other contributions, set an ambition to grow the endowment to €50 million. Atlantic followed with €2 million to fund work with older people and maintain a legacy in Ireland that would continue to positively impact Irish society for many years to come.

Grant-making took a two-track approach – smaller grants to address urgent needs and strategic grants linked to policy issues and more systemic change.

Other infrastructural expansion saw a dedicated service providing more tailored advice based on the different needs and interests of donors. Donors with shared interests could pool funds around specific issue areas and co-fund projects for greater impact, without losing anonymity.

The infrastructure provided the basis for a more deliberate, connected and collaborative approach to change.



*A lighter moment with Friends of the Elderly on Dominic Street, Dublin. Community Foundation Ireland partners with the Alliance of Age Sector organisations to ensure the rights of older people to age well and live independently.*

## Engaging Donors and Philanthropists

An increasingly diverse range of donors, including individuals, families, corporates, trusts, and foundations, offered new opportunities to advance an equality mission.

This rich mix continues today to drive the Foundation forward, uniting donors around innovation, tackling challenges, and creating lasting social change for a fairer future.

## Partnering With Families

Community Foundation Ireland works with and supports families on their philanthropic journey, identifying areas of interest, navigating at times complex family dynamics, and creating giving strategies of which everyone can be proud.

Shared learning and collaboration are fostered through connections with other family funds. Working together on grants often strengthens bonds, while opportunities involving the next generation can ensure that philanthropy becomes a lasting legacy.

### One family's experience

The Foundation supports the family that set up this fund to work with them to shape priorities and develop strategies grounded in shared values. Over time, this approach has delivered significant impact, funding research that transformed public conversations on consent and sexual violence, sparking large-scale campaigning which influenced laws and policy.

The Fund also invests in strengthening social cohesion, responding to rising polarisation by backing initiatives that unite communities and leading where other donors are now beginning to follow. The fund is building a legacy of positive change for years to come.

## Infant Health and Well-being

The *First 1000 Days Infant Health and Wellbeing Fund* is a perpetual fund created in 2015 as a legacy initiative when Atlantic Philanthropies exited Ireland.

Critical interventions to support the first stages of life are supported by the Community Foundation in partnership with the Katharine Howard Foundation and other donors.

These initiatives address complex challenges: unlocking the potential of children in vulnerable communities through supports for pregnant mothers, young children, and families.

Co-designed strategy and grant-making frameworks that link funding to national policy priorities on early years, and parenting have been developed.

Grantees are supported to deliver best practice in communities and to connect their work to policy and decision-makers, ensuring that local innovation informs systemic and policy change.

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***‘The work Community Foundation Ireland takes off your shoulders is immense. Whether its relieving setting up a Foundation or carrying on your legacy of giving after your lifetime....To me that was the answer to my charitable giving’***

*-Donor Advised Fund holder, Community Foundation Ireland.*

## New Philanthropic Opportunities

Connectivity with the communities where they work and serve has seen a growth in corporate philanthropy. Companies of all sizes are connecting profit, purpose and people through strategic giving.

Strategic, systematic giving with measurable impact, alongside strong due diligence and compliance has seen Community Foundation Ireland form strong partnerships. Each builds thriving communities, tackles societal challenges, and drives innovation. It enhances brand loyalty, boosts employee engagement, and positions companies as leaders in social responsibility.

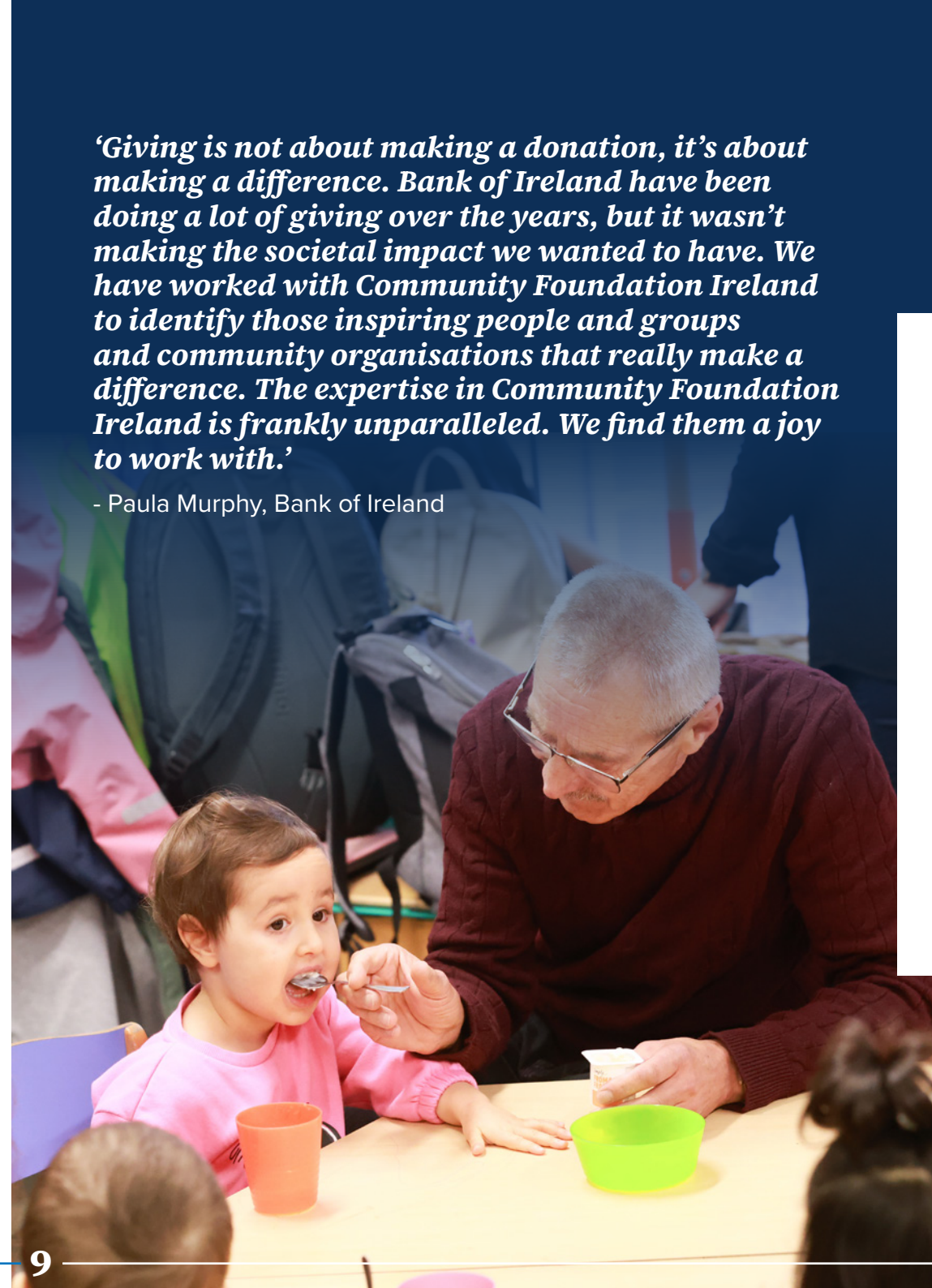
Increasingly, donors were also making connections through professional advisers to the point today where they account for about a quarter of new relationships. Community Foundation Ireland is viewed by advisers as a trusted partner to guide clients. Advisers value the Foundation's ability to reduce risk, identify high-impact opportunities, and provide meaningful connections.

*'Professional advisers are increasingly aware that a donor-advised fund is a great alternative to setting up a charity or simply writing a cheque. The Foundation makes it easy for families to engage in philanthropy.'*

— Nora Lillis, Garland Furey

*'Giving is not about making a donation, it's about making a difference. Bank of Ireland have been doing a lot of giving over the years, but it wasn't making the societal impact we wanted to have. We have worked with Community Foundation Ireland to identify those inspiring people and groups and community organisations that really make a difference. The expertise in Community Foundation Ireland is frankly unparalleled. We find them a joy to work with.'*

- Paula Murphy, Bank of Ireland



## Joining the Dots

Learning that lasting change depends on linking evidence, voice and action showed a maturing Foundation. In the 2010's work is no longer a set of stand-alone projects but a jigsaw of connected interventions.

Shifting policy and practice requires grassroots programmes, research, and advocacy acting in concert.

This evolving way of working marked a move from funding projects and services to systems change and became a defining feature of how the Foundation would approach complex issues in the decade ahead.

This also marked the growing influence of the Foundation and philanthropy more generally. Relationships between the Foundation and the government moved to a place of partnership, laying the groundwork for further collaboration in years to come.

The Foundation's wider understanding was also advancing during this period, with recognition of the intersectionality of marginalisation and social issues – for example, partnerships addressing gender-based violence included projects targeted at the LGBT+, Traveller, and migrant communities.

### *Education*

Inclusive education, second chance learning, and targeted programmes for vulnerable groups underline the importance we place on schooling to break cycles of disadvantage.

Community Foundation Ireland and our donors have taken many steps to break down barriers to learning through funding support for vital initiatives:

- University College Dublin's Access and Lifelong Learning Access Programme offers part-time courses as pathways to full-time degrees with the provision of financial and academic support.
- Building environmental expertise with PhD programmes and apprenticeships in ecology and environmental science.
- Partnering with frontline organisations to ensure those in the asylum system, refugees, Travellers, and those trapped in prostitution have access to education to transform their lives.
- Working with Youth Centres and others to stop children and young people at risk of being targeted by criminals and others, with innovative programmes developed with the support of parents, schools and allies within Children's Services and the Justice System.



## Our Place in a Changing Ireland

The 2010s saw a wave of landmark reforms reflecting a broader shift toward equality and protection in line with, and often supported by, the Foundation's partnerships.

The *Marriage Equality Referendum* and the *Gender Recognition Act* in 2015 were both milestones in extending rights and visibility to LGBT+ people, while the *Children First Act 2015* put child safeguarding on a statutory footing.

Partnerships focusing on equality, children's welfare, and community development mirrored these priorities – strengthening the networks and civic capacity that underpinned rapid social progress and a deeper culture of inclusion and rights.

Strategic grant-making in this period informed a structure for longer-term investment and testing the power of sustained funding in both direct service delivery and policy influence.

By the end of the decade, there was clarity that many issues cut across age and demographic groups and should not be viewed in isolation. This brought a reframing of grant-making around interconnected social issues. Earlier themes were incorporated into broader programmes on gender equality, inclusion, child poverty, and sustainability.

This set the direction for the next phase of development. The new mission framework focuses on key priorities – equality, community and sustainability.

This approach begins with understanding the landscape: mapping who is doing the work, identifying where philanthropy can add value, and developing strategies that channel resources toward the areas of greatest need.

# Phase 3 Agility and Scale

*A Bug Hotel. Empowering communities to take action to promote and protect plants, wildlife and habitats is one of Community Foundation Ireland's approaches to address the crisis in climate and nature. We also partner with advocates, ecologists and researchers to ensure the future of our communities and our planet.*



## A New Strategic Baseline

A reputation for trust and reliability built up over two decades saw Community Foundation Ireland entering 2020 with widely recognised expertise, influence and competencies.

New multi-year programmes were being prepared, research partnerships expanded, legacies were encouraged, as was collaborative giving to strengthen organisations and support advocacy and systems change.

Government and civil society bodies were seeking its advice on philanthropy policy.

About €65 million in grants had been distributed while an endowment of €45 million was being managed. The Foundation managed more than eighty donor-advised and collaborative funds and had invested in digital grant-management systems and stronger governance to operate at a national scale.

## COVID-19 Response Fund

The outbreak of COVID-19 saw the investments in Foundation infrastructure unexpectedly tested on an unprecedented scale.

The Community Foundation and its donors responded swiftly and expertly. Within nineteen days of the first national lockdown, the Community Foundation Ireland COVID-19 Response Fund was created.

The pandemic was viewed as an equality crisis as much as a health one – people with the least resources being hit the hardest through isolation, poverty, and exclusion.

Our networks provided important insights:

- Community organisations were the first line of response. They were delivering food, medicines, social contact, and information to people isolated at home.
- Many of those same organisations were financially fragile. They were losing fundraising income and volunteer support at the very moment demand for their help was spiking.

The immediate goal was not only humanitarian relief but also to keep local community groups functioning.

Grants for digital infrastructure were vital for bringing services online.

Philanthropy found its place as a flexible, fast-moving bridge to fill urgent gaps when other funders could not act with speed or were prevented from responding at all.

In the first few months of the pandemic, donors contributed more than €5,000,000, which the Foundation disbursed to 1,000 organisations through emergency grants.

Typical grants ranged from €2,000–€10,000 for small community organisations and up to €50,000 for national NGOs coordinating relief. Additional COVID-related giving was channelled through donor-advised funds and corporate partners who partnered with the Foundation as their granting mechanism.

RTÉ Does Comic Relief, a night of television which captured the public imagination, raised an incredible €6 million. Philanthropy and public funding from government not only boosted grant-making but also provided a template for future public-facing projects.

Systems and partnerships formed because of the COVID-19 Response Fund gave expertise and focus to draw on again in later national efforts, including the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal and the Ireland for Ukraine Fund.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal transforms the lives of 1.1 million children and their families each year through the huge generosity of viewers. Community Foundation Ireland uses its insights and expertise to distribute the funding through strategic grant-making across every county.

It is a tribute to RTÉ viewers that in its first five-years the appeal has generated over €26 million. Funding often used to fund supports, services and projects which otherwise would not happen.



## Philanthropy Comes of Age

The early 2020s also brought a period of growth within Irish philanthropy, and Community Foundation Ireland responded to maximise the impact of that growth.

A renewed emphasis was placed on connecting frontline work, research, and advocacy so that philanthropy could drive coordinated, system-level change while continuing to support strong community organisations.

The Foundation focused on linking emergency-response systems with longer-term grant-making. Enabling organisations across sectors to apply for funding under shared themes.

Research and policy partnerships became more closely integrated with donor engagement and grant-making. An approach which contributes positively to areas such as gender-based violence, child poverty, and climate action.

These changes created a structure capable of responding quickly to urgent needs while sustaining work that addresses systemic issues.

### *Combatting Child Poverty*

More than 250,000 children in Ireland are growing up in the shadow of poverty, and this affects their health, their education, and their future.

Combatting poverty is a key area of work. In every part of the country, we partner with those on the frontline of this crisis – providing clothing, meals and for those who have no home a roof over their heads.

Partnering with the Children’s Rights Alliance, a national awareness campaign, *No Child 2020*, marked the start of multi-year support to strengthen governance, the workforce, and the ability to influence national policy.

On the ground experience of the frontline agencies, together with pioneering research such as the Child Poverty Monitor, coupled with agenda-setting findings from the Economic and Social Research Institute, puts the spotlight on this complex issue.

Together, our partnerships helped achieve the introduction of free schoolbooks, universal access to GP care, hot school meals for every child and ‘Holiday Hunger’ pilot programmes. Each is laying the groundwork for a commitment to examine targeted child benefits in the Programme for Government.

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## Ukraine Response

Donors to Community Foundation Ireland responded rapidly to the outbreak of war with the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Partnering with organisations already supporting migrants and human-rights groups, the Community Foundation identified priority issues. Early grants were directed to meet the practical needs of families arriving in Ireland, such as food, clothing, English classes, information and trauma support.

In April 2022, the Foundation helped launch the Ireland for Ukraine Fund, a national effort that brought together public donations, government support, media partners, and philanthropy. Raising €7.5 million, with €5 million from government, part of the fund went overseas to four international development organisations — UNICEF, Irish Red Cross, Concern, and Trócaire — to provide emergency aid inside Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.

Throughout the response, the Community Foundation partnered with other Trusts and Foundations and key donors to streamline and optimise funding.

The Foundation delivered several rounds of funding to support people and families seeking safety in our communities as their needs changed. Essential immediate needs were joined by community activities, mental-health support, employment and education, and targeted help for groups facing particular risks.

Flexible funding allows organisations to adjust what they deliver as circumstances shift.

A significant contribution was establishing the Ukraine Civil Society Forum within the Immigrant Council of Ireland. This Forum allows organisations across the country to share information, identify problems quickly, and pass those issues back to funders and government.

It creates a structure for coordination and will continue to support Ukrainian communities in Ireland in the long term.

## Planet - Climate and Biodiversity

Community Foundation Ireland recognises that all its work, partnerships and efforts take place against the backdrop of a crisis in climate and nature. Our equality mission cannot be achieved without addressing this twin crisis.

The 2020s are marked by increased focus on the biggest challenge of all. What began as small environmental grants developed into a coordinated national programme.

Hundreds of communities have been empowered to act. Bats, bees, butterflies, together with our endangered habitats from unique peatlands to the dunes which protect our coastlines, are being protected by motivated local people working with the experts.

Through a partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, 250 communities are taking biodiversity action. While researchers at Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork and the National Biodiversity Centre are working to inform next steps.

Other local groups are working to end the throw-away society by adopting the Circular Economy.

A partnership with Community Law & Mediation's Centre for Environmental Justice enables communities affected by environmental mismanagement to access free legal advice and participate in decision-making. The Centre trains residents to understand and assert their environmental rights. Funding for Friends of the Earth also allows advocacy, which ensures we meet our climate commitments.

Together, these efforts illustrated how climate action could be rooted in local priorities and community leadership – an approach that later shaped the Foundation's People, Place, and Planet strategy.

### *Mayo Sustainability Fund*

The vision of a donor, the Mayo Sustainability Fund responds to the needs and challenges of local sustainability-focused groups, with philanthropic support.

Informed by a scoping study commissioned by Community Foundation Ireland in partnership with the Sunflower Charitable Foundation, the study draws on the experience of local groups.

Through the study and a special convening in Mayo, the local groups identified key challenges as limited knowledge of funding sources, lack of flexible and long-term funding, a need for peer learning and deeper community engagement. Both Foundations and a range of other donors activated the fund to address these challenges.

Projects currently supported include Mayo Dark Skies, Inishturk Community Club, Belleek Woods Enhancement Committee, Edible Landscape Project, Leave no Trace, Birdwatch Ireland, Irish Whale & Dolphin Group, amongst others.

This story not only highlights the power of philanthropy to connect people, place, and purpose but also provides proof of concept for other counties and regions to follow.

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*Community Foundation Ireland and Women's Aid convene thought-leaders, advocates and campaigners in Athlone to discuss the harms of pornography. Sarah Benson of Women's Aid sets out the need for action as former Tanaiste, Parliamentarian, member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Committee and Ruhama Ambassador Frances Fitzgerald listens on.*



## **A Strong Civil Society**

Facing demands from a pandemic to a cost-of-living crisis, many partner organisations face limited reserves, digital capacity, or governance systems. Capacity building is a core part of the Community Foundation Ireland strategy.

As a convenor for Civil Society, the Foundation facilitates discussions and knowledge sharing on several complex internal and external challenges, including sustainable funding, regulatory requirements, and the cultural shift, which often fosters division.

Convenings bring advocates together to strategise, working together for equality and to maintain democracy. From environment to social justice and gender-based violence, sectors have come together either through the Community Foundation or partner-led events.

Capacity-building grants have reached hundreds of non-profits, forming part of a wider effort to create a more resilient, connected, and professionalised community sector.



## New Trends

Community Foundation Ireland is seeing increasing donor interest in ensuring that their grant-making will continue through pledging a legacy gift.

Donors have engaged with the Foundation to honour the life of someone who has passed on before them. Through grant-making, this person's legacy lives on for generations to come.

In line with growing interest in philanthropy, there is a shift away from traditional short-term charitable giving towards a greater emphasis on strategic and considered investment over the longer term.

The Foundation is growing and nurturing partnerships with other Trusts and Foundations on key areas of interest. Working with others, the Foundation achieves greater impact in ensuring systemic issues are tackled with new and innovative approaches.

A photograph of four young people (three women and one man) sitting on large, colorful beanbag chairs (red, pink, and grey). They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text 'Phase 4 People, Place, Planet The Future' is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

**Phase 4**  
**People, Place, Planet**  
**The Future**



## People, Place, Planet

Community Foundation Ireland translates generosity into long-term social progress. A trusted philanthropic hub, connecting donors, communities, and government to tackle inequality and strengthen civil society.

We do so mindful that Ireland stands at a turning point. The resilience of our society and the imagination of institutions are being tested.

As we prepare for the next 25 years, we do so by reaffirming our purpose and redefining our approach.

Our founding mission has served us well and remains constant: equality for all in thriving communities where people and nature flourish is achievable when generosity is directed with purpose, professionalism, and courage.

The Community Foundation exists to make structured, impactful giving a normal part of Irish life. We channel private generosity towards the public good, ensuring that philanthropy complements, rather than substitutes for, the role of the State.

Three interlocking pillars guide our work: People, Place and Planet.

We envision an Ireland where equality, community, and environmental stewardship are embedded in how we live, give, and govern.

We look to the future informed by the richness of our past, the experience, the evidence, and the learnings.

Around the world, community foundations have been shaping change for more than 100 years with values that endure even as needs change. Community Foundation Ireland carries that same spirit forward— full of possibility, grounded in trust, supporting those who want their giving to make a lasting difference.



## Supporting Thriving Communities, now and into the Future

If you are thinking about the future you want to see, your legacy could continue to create real and lasting change. By choosing to leave a legacy gift to Community Foundation Ireland, you would ensure that positive change in communities can happen, now and into the future.

### Your legacy, giving to the future

When you choose to make a legacy gift to Community Foundation Ireland, your donation will be invested into the Foundation's Endowment Fund, unless otherwise directed. As a secure long-term investment, the fund is a powerful way to create a lasting contribution. It is a proven model of philanthropy that ensures donations can have a perpetual impact. Like-minded donors pool resources and grow a fund from which returns are drawn down every year. The Foundation then distributes the returns to meet the greatest needs of our time and deliver grant-making to charities that our legacy donors wish to support. This provides sustainability to the Foundation and our many partners who rely on us for funding to drive change and impact.





## Proven Track Record

With our track record of over 17,000 grants since the year 2000, you can rest assured that we will continue to be informed by best-in-class research, expertise, governance, top advocates and our charitable and community partners. We will ensure your legacy gift, no matter the size, will have the power to create real and lasting change into the future.

Our team would be delighted to chat further about your legacy wishes so do talk with your Grants Executive, chat with our Fund Development team by emailing [giving@foundation.ie](mailto:giving@foundation.ie) or read more here.

*I have two young grandchildren and I want them to live in a fairer, safer world. I have decided to leave a legacy to Community Foundation Ireland to support organisations and projects that can make a real difference. I feel the best legacy I can leave them is action on climate change and social justice.”*

*- Legacy Pledge Donor*



# Thank You!

# Together, We Can Achieve More

## About Us

Community Foundation Ireland has a clear mission - Equality For All in Thriving Communities. Our team is dedicated to building an equal and better future. We provide a trusted source of expertise and knowledge for individuals, families and organisations who are looking to maximise the impact of philanthropic donations and have a positive impact through their giving.

## Get in Touch

Let's start a conversation today. Contact us to learn more about Community Foundation and how your support can make a meaningful difference in communities all over Ireland.

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**For change. For better. For all.**

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