

In 2010-11 we
invested
£5.5 million
in communities
across Northern Ireland

What was the impact?

Community Foundations Explained

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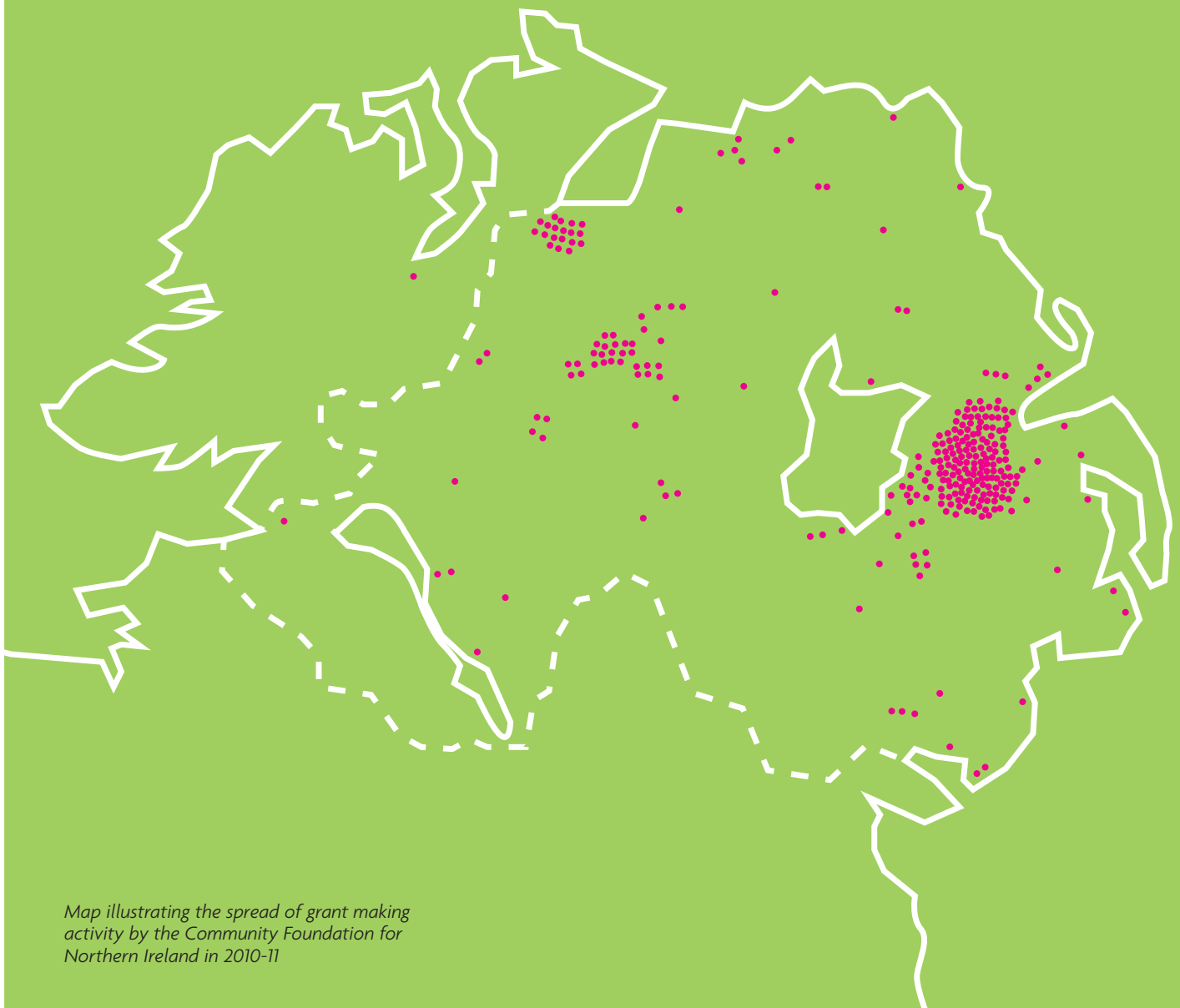
They are dedicated to strengthening communities, building donor involvement and tackling disadvantage and social exclusion.

Our mission is to drive social change by promoting social justice and a peaceful, inclusive society through maximising philanthropy.

We manage funds donated by individual donors, public bodies and other trusts and foundations in order to support community action, influence policy, and challenge structural barriers to social change.

Community Foundations award grants totalling over £70million to groups in the UK each year.

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland has been serving local individuals and communities since 1979.



Map illustrating the spread of grant making activity by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland in 2010-11

Introduction by the Patron

During this period of austerity, where many people are concerned about mounting debts and jobs on the line, I am reminded of Michelle Obama's recent comment, at a women's event in the USA, where she contended that courage is contagious!

A reflection of this can be seen in the work of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland over the past year, well illustrated throughout this report.

Ploughing almost five and a half million pounds of investment into the most needy and often forgotten communities and groups has helped arrest social decline, underpinned the peace process and pushed the notion that with courage and courageous action comes renewed vision and, ultimately, hope!

In my mind, philanthropy is the art of supporting the courageous.

The funds administered by the Community Foundation offer a hand up to communities in need striving to make life better, while the Foundation's development programmes and staff expertise allow that hand of support to be extended for greatest impact and widest reach.

In terms of government, rarely has Northern Ireland been more settled. The recent Assembly elections delivered a sense of stability once unimaginable and it is clear that the political structures are set to operate over their full electoral span, a notion that would have once seemed fanciful.

This shows how far Northern Ireland has travelled politically.

Not even recent outbursts of violence, notwithstanding their tragic consequences, have been enough to de-rail the wishes of the vast majority of people that peace should reign.

We must continue to couple prosperity with peace, despite an adverse economic climate.

Philanthropists and those committed to intelligent giving must support micro-financing and social economy projects as well as investing in local communities that wish to develop an asset base and make the most of their opportunities, while not forgetting those in need.

We must look collectively at our decision making and facilitate avenues for fresh ideas to rise above the clamour of the latest crisis.

By doing this, we really do give our young people a reason to believe that they can re-build our social infrastructure and capacity and that there is good reason for them to believe in a more positive future.



Baroness Mary Goudie

Patron of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Introduction by the Chair

Maintaining a high level of financial provision for disadvantaged communities in the midst of an economic downturn is no mean feat.

The Trustees of the Community Foundation remain committed to sustaining financial support to our communities. We have continued to invest heavily in development programmes that make a real difference at ground level across Northern Ireland, as well as maintaining grant support programmes.

We remain committed to our five strategic aims, focussing programmes on peace-building, building community infrastructure, increasing social inclusion, advocating for increased social justice and promoting active citizenship. As always, the areas of society often missed by conventional support programmes remain a priority.

With offices in Belfast and the north west and staff committed to local community activity across the region, we have an enviable reach into communities, helping us keep in touch in terms of emerging issues and challenges.

A number of notable initiatives stand out this year, not least the VOICES social justice programme, allowing those on the margins of society, rarely heard or reflected in public discourse, to get their messages across through conferences, film-making and significant press coverage.

This was organised by the Foundation to highlight particular stories and experiences. Irish travellers, victims of suicide, survivors of the Magdalene laundry system, those living in severe debt, young people from the lesbian and gay community and those excluded from mainstream education all found their voices through the programme.

As part of the Bold Voices project, a series of short films were created and premiered at the Queen's Film Theatre – and so powerful were the results that UTV have broadcast them on local television.

This type of initiative is exactly why the Community Foundation exists – without our support, and the philanthropic activity of our benefactors and supporters, these voices would remain silent. Our commitment to this kind of activity is resolute – our determination to create a fairer society in Northern Ireland is the same.

Looking ahead to the next few years of reduced public sector investment in communities, we must consider all implications and the impact for disadvantaged communities if the £5.5 million we invested this year disappeared.

This is not a scenario which Trustees, would wish to countenance and we are determined – with your help – to ensure our investment will not only be continued, but where possible, will increase.



Tony McCusker

Chairman, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Director's Report

Investing in our communities is always the top priority of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, be that through responsive grant making, small grants attached to development programmes or putting our staff on the ground to build capacity.

This year saw no let up in these activities and it is always our intention to ensure that absolutely no area of Northern Ireland is 'out of reach'.

Our community development programmes, which aim to build peace, increase capacity and assist communities, saw £4.1 million worth of investment across the financial year.

Underpinning this activity, almost £1 million of direct grants provided a prop for great activities and initiatives at the coal face of our communities.

The Belfast Multi Cultural Resource Centre, for example, used a sizeable award of £141,734 to engage with and support members of the Roma community living in the city through an early years education programme. This funding was delivered in partnership with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation (The Netherlands).

£30,000 of the Foundation's Unrestricted Funds were allocated to Homeplus NI Ltd, to reduce homelessness on our streets, while £28,500 of Comic Relief funds helped support Challenge for Youth's Defining Leadership programme, a twelve week training programme for young people, aimed at creating leaders of the future.

The wonderful Seeds multicultural café and minority ethnic community hub in Derry City had £10,000 of funds to support its extraordinary activities and right across Northern Ireland, sports events, community fun days, historical activities and programmes to support active ageing received financial backing from our Foundation.



Dr Avila Kilmurray

Director, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

At Board level, our Trustees have continued to chart The Community Foundation's course with diligence and intelligence, working hard to ensure all of us are focussed fully on our strategic goals while maximising financial potential, to support grant-making.

The Board is also committed to developing philanthropy in Northern Ireland by making it easy and efficient for donors to realise their charitable objectives.

At a programmatic level, our peace-building work continues, most notably through the From Prison to Peace Partnership, funded by the Special EU Programmes Body under the Peace III programme. This is a partnership which includes Republican and Loyalist political ex-prisoners across a range of organisations.

This remains a beacon of hope, demonstrating to other communities in conflict around the world what can be achieved with reasonable amounts of good will, large amounts of hard work, considerable courage shown to participants and in the context of changing political circumstances.

It is also a testament to the valuable contribution that ex-political prisoners can make in creating a society where the absence of conflict is the norm.

This has been highlighted by the work now taking place in our schools with political ex-prisoners as advocates of peaceful change, which has been supported by Lesley Emerson from Queen's University, Belfast and has been made widely accessible through an education pack for schools based on the experiences of political ex-prisoners.

Lasting peace in Northern Ireland is inextricably linked to the prospects for greater prosperity and the Community Foundation will continue support the ability of people in local communities to both make the most of opportunities and tackle issues of poverty and deprivation.

Our new website, hosted at www.communityfoundationni.org, will continue to keep the public abreast of developments and our new grant application process, moving to an online system, is intended to simplify and streamline the way communities can access our funds.

A brighter Northern Ireland is achievable, even in the context of somewhat dark economic clouds, however we are convinced that by unlocking the potential of our young people, and drawing on the experience of older people, we can ensure that the future will bring opportunities for social change and progress.



Dr. Avila Kilmurray (front, left), pictured with members of the Board of Trustees 2011.

How we invested our money

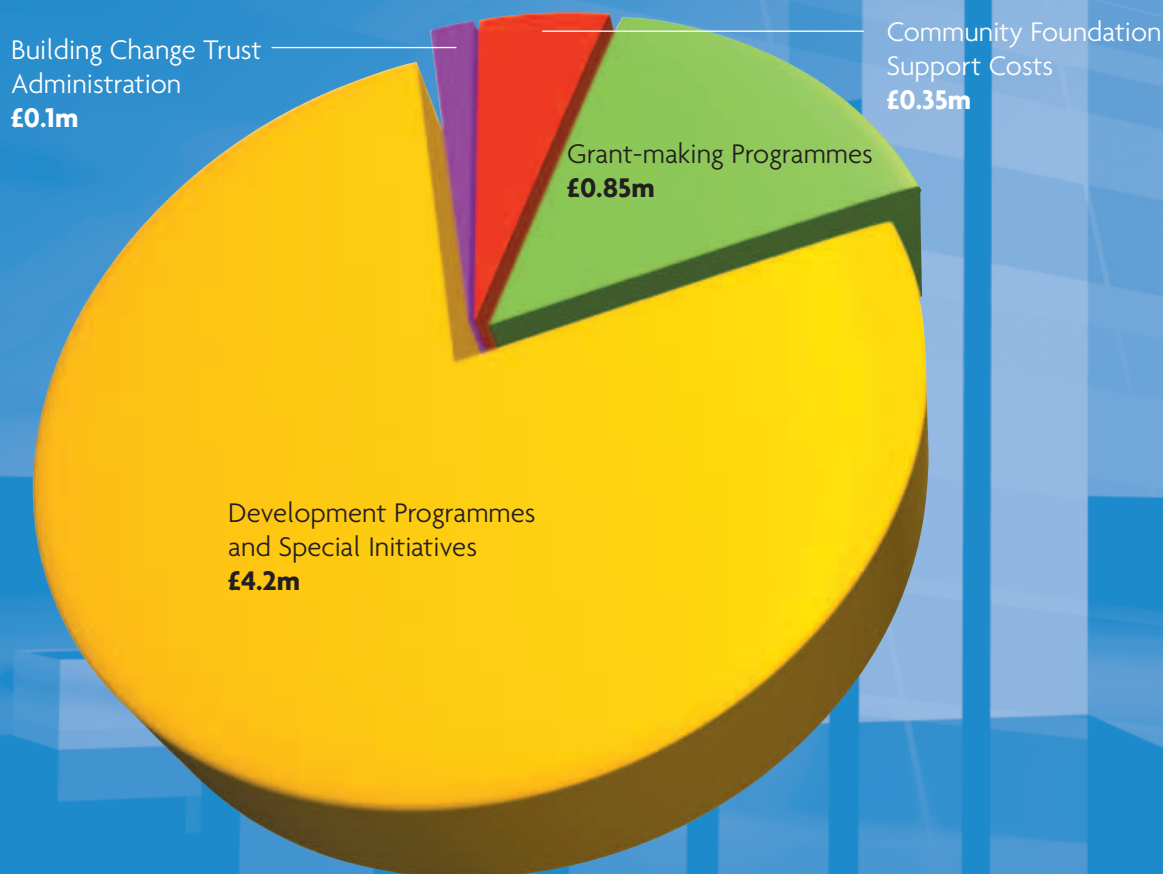
During 2010-11, the Community Foundation's board of Trustees worked hard to implement our strategic vision for a stronger community sector in Northern Ireland.

Five strategic pillars of activity were used to make this happen (see page 21) and the next five pages of

this annual report reveal where we used our funds in 2010-11.

Great examples of activity are also given to illustrate how this impact affects groups and individuals at ground level across Northern Ireland.

Development Programmes and Special Initiatives	£4.2m
Grant-making Programmes	£0.85m
Building Change Trust Administration	£0.1m
Community Foundation Support Costs	£0.35m
Total	£5.5m



Grants Awarded in 2010-11

Underpinning the Community Foundation's development work, small and main grants to community and voluntary organisations keep the life blood of great activity pumping through the veins of our local areas.

During 2010-11, 295 new grants totaling £839,135 were awarded to support positive actions and build capacity to support positive social change.

These grants were awarded through some of the following funds and programmes:

Acorn Fund

A fund focussing on providing support for projects in County Londonderry.

Bill of Rights

A small grants fund supporting the Bill of Rights Development Programme.

Changing the Conversation

A fund established to facilitate this programme, which helped young people frame conversations around the next thirty years of development and grant-making.

Comic Relief Community Cash

Funding to support work where there is clear evidence of a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives that are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

Comic Relief/Sport Relief

A Programme which aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. The focus is on communities which are suffering from economic and social deprivation, made worse by the current economic climate.

Community Arts Fund

Funding provided by the First Trust Bank to offer small grants in community arts area.

Community Foundation's Unrestricted Fund

The Foundation's own resources which are allocated to support small and main grants across a range of issues.

David Ervine Foundation

A donor directed Foundation with an emphasis on peacebuilding and children and young people.

Dialogue Programme

Grant aid from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust to support the Dialogue Programme.

The Eaga Fund

A small grants fund where funding from the energy efficiency company Eaga supports local activities aimed at improving sustainability.

The McKibbin Fund

A donor directed small grants fund to support children with special needs/disabilities, or those who are affected by illness.

Patron's Fund

Donor advised fund through Baroness Mary Goudie.

Reintegration Programme

A programme which supports issues around political ex-prisoners.

RJ Hunter Fund

The fund will enable research to be continued in those areas covered by the interests and reflected in the library and collections of papers of the late historian R J Hunter (relating to the Ulster Plantation) by providing bursaries and other support.

Roma Project

A project funded by the Bernard Van Leer Foundation which supports the Roma Project through funding provided to the Multi-Cultural Resource Centre.

Social Justice Initiative Fund

Small grants to support work in areas of social justice and human rights in Northern Ireland and the Irish border counties.

Staff Trustee Fund

A donor advised fund to support projects as agreed by staff and trustees.

Telecommunity Fund

A donor directed fund offering small grants to projects related to youth, ageing, people with disabilities and community projects.

Thomas Devlin Fund

A donor directed fund to offer annual bursaries to young people involved in the arts.

Turkington Fund

Funding from Atlantic Philanthropies to provide small grants to older people's groups.

Ulster Bank Community Sir George Quigley Award

An annual award scheme funded by the Ulster Bank to honour Sir George Quigley.

The Voices Project

A small grants programme supporting the Voices Development Project.

Workspace Community Fund

Funding provided to offer grants within a local area (parish of Ballynascreen) on a thematic basis.

Youthbank

Small grants provided to support local groups of young people.



Sharon Killen from the Community Foundation (left) welcomes actor Olivia Nash to the Turkington Fund celebration at Carrick Town Hall.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
School Employer Connections	£5,000.00	Acorn Fund
East Belfast Community Development Agency	£500.00	Bill of Rights
SEEDS	£1,000.00	Bill of Rights
Glenshane Community Development Assoc Ltd	£760.00	Bill of Rights
Belleek and District Community Partnership	£116.00	Changing the Conversation
Ashfield Boys High School	£120.00	Changing the Conversation
St Columb's Park House	£280.00	Changing the Conversation
Lesley Tong	£90.00	Changing the Conversation
Belfast City Council	£150.00	Changing the Conversation
Fountain Street Community Development Association	£1,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
Ligoniel Amateur Boxing Club	£3,750.00	Comic Relief 2010
Lisanally Rangers Football Club	£5,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
St Patricks Girls FC	£1,950.00	Comic Relief 2010
New Mossley Presbyterian Youth Club	£5,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
Multi-Cultural Senior Citizens Group	£2,500.00	Comic Relief 2010

Impacting on Homelessness - Homeplus NI



Volunteers from Homeplus NI helping the homeless on the streets of Belfast.

£30,000 from the Community Foundation's own, unrestricted funds have been secured over three years to support Homeplus NI, allowing them the security of covering core costs for this amazing project.

Every single night each year, Homeplus NI's outreach workers and volunteers are on the streets of Belfast offering support and guidance to those who, sadly, have no alternative but to sleep on the streets.

Many of these 'rough sleepers' are foreign nationals and face additional difficulties in finding a way back from this desperate position.

Nightly, the outreach workers and volunteers provide food and hot drinks, blankets, sleeping bags and clothes to rough sleepers, as well as first aid or assistance in accessing primary health care.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
L'Arche Belfast	£6,500.00	Comic Relief 2010
West Belfast Parent Youth Support Group	£6,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club	£5,700.00	Comic Relief 2010
Templemore Amateur Swimming Club	£1,500.00	Comic Relief 2010
The Link Family and Community Centre	£6,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
Belfast Community Circus School	£1,500.00	Comic Relief 2010
Newington Football Club	£5,000.00	Comic Relief 2010
Challenge for Youth	£28,500.00	Comic Relief BBC Region 2010/11
Destined Limited	£500.00	Community Arts
Polish Community Centre Cooltura	£1,000.00	Community Arts
Context Gallery	£1,000.00	Community Arts
Community Arts Forum	£1,000.00	Community Arts
Inverbrena Over 50's Group	£810.00	Community Arts
Arts Ekta	£1,000.00	Community Arts
Botanic Primary School	£1,000.00	Community Foundation Own Funds
Multi-cultural Resource Centre	£6,250.00	Community Foundation Own Funds
Community Relations Council	£2,500.00	Community Foundation Own Funds
Homeplus NI Ltd	£30,000.00	Community Foundation Own Funds
Kells and Connor Cougars	£500.00	David Ervine Foundation
Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group	£1,500.00	David Ervine Foundation
Ocean Youth Trust Ireland	£1,000.00	David Ervine Foundation

Transport is offered to emergency accommodation or hospitals, when necessary, while interpretation services are given to facilitate advice on housing, benefits or addiction.

A special multi-cultural drop-in centre provides a focus for these services and in the last year, 2,864 'contacts' were made with individuals (up to 30 a day), from countries like Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, Morocco and Sudan.

At the centre, clients can avail of shower and laundry facilities, have a proper meal, check in to the weekly health clinic, staffed by a community nurse, or simply use the telephone to call relatives abroad – the service is free and available 365 days a year.

Employment advice is also given, along with a contact address for clients to enhance their chances of securing work.

Job search facilities are available on site, with additional support provided by a Polish Administrator and project support worker and within the last six months twelve clients secured employment, locally and overseas, after receiving help with compiling CV's and completing application forms.

Recently, two drop-in centre clients were supported in securing work in London and the project also paid for their flights to travel to England!

Most importantly – emotional support to the clientele is provided by dedicated staff and volunteers who also liaise with other agencies to help reduce the homeless population or assist those caught in the poverty trap.

Homeplus thanks the Community Foundation for their generous grant, which has been pivotal to the ongoing, successful delivery of our services. As a result of your help, many homeless and destitute people have had access to regular food, clothing and health care, with numerous getting back into work and accommodation.

Ryan Doherty, Project Support Worker at Homeplus NI

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Rathbone Training	£1,000.00	David Ervine Foundation
Solway Stars FC	£1,000.00	David Ervine Foundation
Beechfield Primary School Playgroup	£1,000.00	David Ervine Foundation
Teach Na Failte	£202,608.00	Dialogue Programme
Changing Ageing Partnership	£950.00	Reintegration Programme
East Belfast Speaks Out	£1,500.00	One Small Step
Music Theatre for Youth	£500.00	Patron's Fund
Multi-cultural Resource Centre	£141,734.00	Roma Project
Knights Junior Wheelchair Sports Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Midland White City Amateur Boxing Club	£900.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
St. Luke's Family Centre	£932.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
York Road Civil Defence Bowling Club	£768.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Brookvale Senior Group	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Connswater Womens Group	£930.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Crusaders Youth Football Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Newington Football Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Canal Boxing Academy	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Lisburn 2gether Special Olympics Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Divis Community Centre	£895.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Belfast Aviators Softball Club	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash

Impacting on Education - Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group

A £1,500 award from the David Ervine Fund, through the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland kick-started an exclusive education programme for young people living on Belfast's interfaces.

Suffolk and Lenadoon are two west Belfast interface communities at the coal face of innovation on issues around contested space.

A cross-community development organisation, the Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG), has been in operation in the area for over a decade and has a track record of ground-breaking initiatives to improve community relations and increase social inclusion.

In 2010, SLIG revealed plans for a new Trainee Student Programme and the University of Ulster worked with the organisation to create a unique, bespoke education course with a key focus on work around interfaces and conflict resolution issues.

Designed to allow a pathway to wider third level study, the financial boost from the David Ervine Fund allowed the dream to come true for the first batch of twelve trainees.

Former Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern presented SLIG staff Cathal Tolan and Jackie Bradley with the cheque at a special event in Belfast and within six weeks recruitment for the programme had begun.

In the first year, a dozen young people from both the traditionally Protestant Suffolk area and the predominantly Catholic Lenadoon area have successfully completed the course.

Many are now planning to undertake further degree courses to enhance their personal development and job opportunities.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Middle Andersonstown Festival Group	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Ballyoran Olde Tyme Dance and Social Group	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
ZKJ Ltd	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Merville Ju-Jitsu Club	£977.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Mona Sports Association	£920.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Belfast Eagles Special Olympics Golf Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Calder Fountain Resident's Committee (Salvation Army)	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Hammer Complex Committee	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Mallusk Community Action Group	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
PTA of Naíscoil and Bunscoil An Droichead	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Women 2 Gather	£898.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Upper Springfield Community Health Information Workers	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Saint Andrews Community Action Group	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Helping Hands Autism Support Group	£994.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Ulster Titans R.F.C	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Polish Community Centre Cooltura	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Karate do- wado kai Ireland	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
The Immaculata Football Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
St Johns Youth Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Castlereagh Spartans	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
St Patricks Young Men Football Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash

Each participant in the Trainee Student Programme also secured placement positions within community and youth providers in the Suffolk and Lenadoon areas.

This helped keep the young people's new skills within their local communities, provided support for groups in the area carrying out vital work and helped the students fulfill the work placement element built-in to the programme of study.

So successful was the pilot initiative that Phase Two is now underway, which has also been widened to include young people from other interface areas of north and west Belfast.



Trainees Debbie Spence (left) and Fiona Small on the Suffolk-Lenadoon interface.

Without the support of the David Ervine Foundation, this unique and ground breaking programme could not have happened. Its success has meant a continuation of the project for a second year and for those participants funded in Year 1, employment, training and development opportunities have been opened up to them.

Harry Maher, Strategic Development Manager, Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Small Steps Adult Education Group	£700.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Nemo Swimming & Recreation Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Monkstown Boxing and Community Sports Facility	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Clonduff Community Association	£950.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Newington Youth Football Club	£805.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
1st Jordanstown Scouts	£800.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Inverary Community Centre Committee	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
George Best Community Cup	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
O'Donovan Rossa Camogie Club	£875.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Link Youth and Young Adult group	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Rossa GAC Juvenile Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Village Focus Group	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Laochra Loch Lao CLG	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Ridgeway Rovers Football Club	£800.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Immaculata Boxing Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
All Stars Special Olympics Club	£750.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Carnmoney Football Development Centre	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Belfast Sliders Softball Club	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Donard Hospital Football Club	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Elmgrove Manor Social Fund	£850.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Monkstown Community Association	£540.00	Sport Relief Community Cash

Impacting on Financial Exclusion - Beneath the Surface

With the help of a £5,000 award from the Community Foundation's Voices programme, a shocking report was produced lifting the lid on the state of the debt crisis in low income areas in Belfast.

Credit cards, high interest loans from companies, bigger loans from banks and the dark spectre of loan sharks cast a dark shadow across many families in Northern Ireland.

Beneath the Surface examined how women in Belfast, from a range of working class areas, were coping in the recession.

Startling admissions were made by those interviewed, providing a clear warning of the ticking debt time bomb waiting to erupt in many of our local communities.

Published by the Your Money Garden Financial Education Project, the research was commissioned by Trademark and was launched by west Belfast MLA Jennifer McCann and east Belfast MLA Dawn Purvis.

Five areas in greater Belfast were targeted in the examination, with interviews taking place in the Clonard, Highfield, Ligoneil, Rathcoole, Shankill and Falls areas.

One woman interviewee admitted; *"I felt suicidal...I used to hide behind my curtains or sofa when they (debt collectors) came calling at the door..."*

One interviewee admitted to putting £3,000 through a metered television set, yet still owed money to pay for it, while another related how her husband borrowing £300 at his local social club brought local paramilitaries to her door.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Tigers Bay Men Support Group	£734.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Ben Madigan Historical Society	£900.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Dean Clarke Foundation	£500.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Divis Youth Project	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Falls Youth Providers	£665.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Braniel Community Association	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Abbots Cross Special Olympics	£825.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Manor Street/ Cliftonville Community Group	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Christians Against Poverty - Belfast East Centre	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Whitecity Community Development Association	£800.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Immaculata Junior Football Club	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Organization of Malayali's in Northern Ireland	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Sandy Row Residents Association	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Loughside Football Club	£942.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Woodstock Community Festival	£1,000.00	Sport Relief Community Cash
Footprints Women's Centre	£3,000.00	Staff Trustee Fund
Mustard Seed Group	£775.00	Telecommunity
Live Music Now Ireland	£1,120.00	Telecommunity
Féile an Phobail	£1,670.00	Telecommunity
Northwest Lifelong Learning Association	£900.00	Telecommunity
Cairde	£1,000.00	Telecommunity

Another compared loan companies to paramilitaries saying: *"They are money grabbing bastards who prey on the poor and vulnerable. They are worse than paramilitaries – at least we know they are scum!"*

Even those who are careful with their finances can find themselves in the debt spiral, with one woman admitting: *"I was raised to believe you never get in debt, but my parents always had work, enough to live on and pay the bills. I've never seen that..."*

Sadly, the shame of debt is real for many, with another woman confessing: *"I couldn't go near any organisations for help, I would be too ashamed!"*

The report, published just after the high-stress Christmas period, struck a real chord in public discourse and was the subject of intense media attention, when the shocking content unfolded.

Beneath the Surface was circulated to MLA's and key government officials at Stormont and helped inform other agencies working in the field of financial capability, such as the Consumer Council, while the Women's Resource and Development Agency used the report findings as part of their own report, *The Northern Ireland Economy – women on the edge?*



West Belfast MLA Jennifer McCann (left) joins Voices co-ordinator Jude McCann, East Belfast MLA Dawn Purvis and Ellen Finlay from Your Money Garden (right) at the launch of Beneath the Surface.

The support received from the Community Foundation made it possible for women's voices to be heard. On behalf of the board of Your Money Garden, and the women whose voices were heard, I thank you.

Ellen Finlay, Co-ordinator, Your Money Garden

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Fountain Street Community Development Association	£1,500.00	Telecommunity
Gortnaghey Community Association	£969.00	Telecommunity
Clooney Estate Residents Association	£2,378.00	Telecommunity
Cliftonville Community Centre	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
Ligoniel Family Centre	£1,200.00	Telecommunity
Feeny Community Association	£1,430.00	Telecommunity
The Kairos Centre	£800.00	Telecommunity
Edward Street Hostel Floating Support	£1,335.00	Telecommunity
The Corrymeela Community	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
Shopmobility Lisburn	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
Sandy Row Mumsnet	£500.00	Telecommunity
Homeplus NI Ltd	£1,500.00	Telecommunity
Oh Yeah Music Centre	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
New Mossley Presbyterian Youth Club	£2,500.00	Telecommunity
Adapt NI	£500.00	Telecommunity
Council for the Homeless NI	£3,000.00	Telecommunity
Destined Limited	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
Belfast City Mission	£925.00	Telecommunity
The Junction Club	£700.00	Telecommunity
Kilkeel Parish Bridge Association Ltd	£500.00	Telecommunity
Headway Belfast	£1,200.00	Telecommunity

Impacting on Social Justice - BoldVoices



BoldVoices participant Fabienne Joseph, who participated in a film at the Corrymeela Community, makes herself heard.

Powerful voices from people across Northern Ireland were heard by tens of thousands of viewers on UTV, with help from a £15,000 injection from the Community Foundation's VOICES Fund.

Boldvoices: Films for Impact captured the experiences of people on the margins of local society, mainly from Belfast and the north-west.

A special partnership project between the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, The Rank Foundation and Boldface Productions, specialists in training disadvantaged young people in film production, the BoldVoices films were initially screened at the Queen's Film Theatre (QFT) in February 2011.

The results were so impressive that Michael Wilson, UTV's Director of Television, who was part of the invited audience, immediately commissioned the films for broadcast in a special documentary format, screened in August.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Newry Rainbow Community	£500.00	Telecommunity
Spanner in the Works Theatre Company	£1,000.00	Telecommunity
Centre for Health and Well Being	£1,140.00	Telecommunity
Foyle Down Syndrome Trust	£700.00	Telecommunity
Hollywood & District Community Council	£500.00	Telecommunity
Anna Monaghan	£500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Helen Monaghan	£500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Natasha McMaster	£600.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Stephanie McCallen	£500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Anthony Bergin	£500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Keelta Higgins	£1,500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Nicholas Montgomery	£1,000.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
Andrew Boyd	£1,500.00	Thomas Devlin Fund
St Peter's Senior Citizen Group	£850.00	Turkington Fund
Ligoniel Family Centre	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Cullintree Seniors'	£850.00	Turkington Fund
Kilrea Ageing Well Club	£800.00	Turkington Fund
Ballybogie 50+ Group	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Donaghmore Open Door Club	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Torrens Memorial Hall Association	£850.00	Turkington Fund
Eglinton Senior Citizens' Group	£650.00	Turkington Fund

Working with young women from the gay and lesbian community, Irish travellers, those excluded from mainstream education and victims of domestic violence, the participants scripted and delivered their own film productions, based on their experiences.

Examining issues like homelessness, suicide, bullying, joyriding, body image and revealing their sexuality as non-heterosexual, the films were scripted, directed and edited by the participants, many of whom had direct experience of the issues featured on the big screen.

After the screening at QFT, almost twenty top industry professionals, from Northern Ireland and further afield, conducted a 'speed networking' session to help those involved with advice and guidance on breaking into the mainstream media.

Workshops, panel discussions and master classes for participants, aimed at inspiring them towards further work in the media, also took place.

It is hoped that The Voices Project will allow those participating to continue to have their voices heard, particularly those who are victims of stereotyping, disadvantage or exclusion.

Using film leaves an everlasting impact and despite the high-pressured background of movie production, the films gave a tremendous outlet for the young people involved, many of whom are suffering serious stress.

The whole programme was of great benefit, this will last beyond the programme. It was a very positive, worthwhile experience that the majority of young people engaged with positively and constructively.

Cormac Mac Airt, Westcourt Centre co-ordinator, dealing with young people removed from mainstream education

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Altnaveigh House Womens Group	£900.00	Turkington Fund
Lower North Belfast Community Council	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund
Age Concern Network of Newcastle	£1,600.00	Turkington Fund
Feeny Community Association	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
First Step Drop-in Centre (Friendship Group)	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund
ETC Club	£1,120.00	Turkington Fund
Shandon Bells Luncheon Club	£850.00	Turkington Fund
Fivemiletown Age Concern Association	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Hammer Senior Citizens Club	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
The Tuesday Club (Belfast)	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Moy Cosy Club	£800.00	Turkington Fund
Killowen Community Association	£600.00	Turkington Fund
Dungiven Retirement Club	£850.00	Turkington Fund
Kilmore Ever Youthful (Key Club)	£500.00	Turkington Fund
Happy Go Lucky Group	£720.00	Turkington Fund
The Three Spires Craft Club	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Omagh Active Club	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Dromore Senior Mens' Group	£600.00	Turkington Fund
Gortin Ageing Well	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund
Bannagh Belles Women's Group	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Magheraglass Women's Group	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund

Impacting on Cultural Diversity - SEEDS

£10,000 from the Ulster Bank Community Sir George Quigley Awards, through the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, helped a special multi-cultural cafe in Derry City take root in the local community.

SEEDS is a proactive initiative created to tackle the challenges and opportunities of increased cultural and ethnic diversity in the north west region of Northern Ireland.

The name SEEDS stands for Solidarity, Equality, Education, Diversity and Support.

In 2009, SEEDS opened its Café Del Mondo, a multi cultural bistro offering a varied menu of international dishes using locally sourced, organic produce and it

provides a wonderful social and cultural outlet at the heart of the Maiden City.

The café was established as a social enterprise, staffed by hard working volunteers and acts as a venue where the ethnic and migrant populations can relax and socialize with the indigenous population.

The project proved so popular that it has now been extended and expanded into new premises in the historic centre of the walled city, with new intervention programmes developed in tandem to create, maintain and promote inter-culturalism in our changing society in an environment double the size of its former home.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Autumn Club (Carrickfergus)	£2,000.00	Turkington Fund
Cloughmills Senior Citizens Bowling Club	£500.00	Turkington Fund
Upper Springfield Development Company Ltd	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
The Birches Cosy Club & Day Care Centre	£1,100.00	Turkington Fund
Whitecity Community Development Association	£2,000.00	Turkington Fund
Lisnaskea Tuesday Club	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Finnard Rural Development Association	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund
Rouskey Community Development Association	£1,000.00	Turkington Fund
Donacloney Community Craft Group	£1,200.00	Turkington Fund
Glenluce Quality Caring	£1,600.00	Turkington Fund
Young at Heart Club (Craigavon)	£600.00	Turkington Fund
Elgin Court Residents Group	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Hoi Sum Chinese Elderly Group	£600.00	Turkington Fund
Ballymoney Evergreen Club	£650.00	Turkington Fund
C.O.S.Y Club (Citizens of Senior Years)	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Greencastle Retirement Club	£350.00	Turkington Fund
Forever Young Club (Belfast)	£900.00	Turkington Fund
Divis Community Centre (Divis Seniors Group)	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Galbally Country Club	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Concorde Centre Committee	£463.00	Turkington Fund
Glenanne, Loughgilly and Mountnorris Art Group	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund

These initiatives include cultural awareness training with the public services, anti-racism work with community groups, social evenings to promote cultural diversity and helping the families of migrant workers cope with changes in their lives.

In terms of food, everything at Café del Mondo is locally sourced and prepared freshly every day – indeed, one of the café's proudest boasts is that there is no freezer on the premises!

The overall award was important not just for the financial support that comes with it, which is great, of course, but more so for the faith and credibility that comes with it.

Eddie Kerr, Director, SEEDS.

The 'seed' for the initiative was planted by those in the north-west with a vision for a space where many cultures could inter mingle.



Eddie Kerr (left) and the team at SEEDS toast their grant award.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Avoniel Over 50's Club	£450.00	Turkington Fund
Warrenpoint Community Partnership	£800.00	Turkington Fund
Roe Valley Residents Association	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
St Kevins Senior Citizens	£800.00	Turkington Fund
Charles Shiels Community	£960.00	Turkington Fund
Bryans House Residents Association	£1,170.00	Turkington Fund
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Mossie Ladies Together	£1,400.00	Turkington Fund
Mossie Development Group	£1,750.00	Turkington Fund
The Knights Mens Group	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Young at Heart Men's Club Lurgan	£2,500.00	Turkington Fund
Macosquin Village Community Association	£800.00	Turkington Fund
Midland Senior Citizens Club	£1,430.00	Turkington Fund
Lesbian Advocacy Services Initiative (LASI)	£1,500.00	Turkington Fund
Ballydugan Patchwork and Craft Group	£2,000.00	Turkington Fund
Knockmore Community Association	£2,000.00	Turkington Fund
Carrickfergus Community Forum	£6,680.00	Turkington Fund
Age NI (Strabane Age Sector Groups)	£6,130.00	Turkington Fund
SEEDS	£10,000.00	UBSGQ Award
Your Money Garden Financial Education Project	£4,904.00	VOICES
National Women's Council of Ireland	£5,113.00	VOICES

Impacting on Inter-Generational Connections



Robert Simpson (left), Jade Trafford and Jim Barr from Mosside dressed for the drama The Ceili House.

Mosside Development Group secured £1,500 to support intergenerational activities in Ballymoney, through the Turkington Fund, allowing young and old to get to know each other and enjoy shared pastimes.

After months of careful preparation and planning, a special celebration evening mixed the old with the new – as hip hop dancing met a traditional céilí in front of a packed house at a local church hall.

All participants found – to their amazement – that they all enjoyed dancing, just in different ways.

On top of the dancing, the throng was treated to an exhibition of local artifacts, including war memorabilia and fashions from the past – with a 60 year old wedding dress taking centre stage.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Community Workers Co-operative	£2,503.00	VOICES
Migrant Rights Centre Ireland	£5,000.00	VOICES
Huntington's Disease Association Northern Ireland	£800.00	VOICES
Foyle Down Syndrome Trust	£900.00	VOICES
Age NI	£4,250.00	VOICES
Disability Action	£3,700.00	VOICES
Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group	£3,800.00	VOICES
Mindwise New Vision	£3,000.00	VOICES
'Da' Young Fathers "V.O.I.D." Group (Voices of Isolated Dads)	£4,000.00	VOICES
Belfast Islamic Centre	£500.00	VOICES
The Children's Law Centre	£4,000.00	VOICES
Greenlight Gateway	£3,836.00	VOICES
Northern Ireland Anti Poverty Network	£3,500.00	VOICES
Youth Action NI	£3,500.00	VOICES
Carlisle House Service Service User Group	£3,500.00	VOICES
Women of the World	£4,650.00	VOICES
Safe & Sound Young Women's Working Group	£3,500.00	VOICES
Children in Crossfire	£5,000.00	VOICES
Council for the Homeless NI	£4,000.00	VOICES
Féile an Phobail	£4,000.00	VOICES
The Women's Centre	£2,800.00	VOICES

A special photo exhibition was also on display, with pictures of local men who went to war in past generations and also vintage pictures of Mosside itself, including many long-gone characters from the village.

Several local families were given assistance in piecing together their family trees, with some claiming roots in the area which stretched back four centuries!

For schoolchildren attending, there was a chance to wear a bygone school satchel and they also got the opportunity to sit a school desk from yesteryear.

A special drama sketch, The Céilí House, saw young and old tread the boards as traditional and old-time songs rang out around the hall, with the 200 guests from the local community happily singing along!

The whole idea was to let young people know that older people have had interesting lives, while letting older people know there are good kids about and young people are not all as portrayed at times in the press!

Mary McCracken, Mosside Monday Club

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Justices for Magdalene's	£5,000.00	VOICES
Kinship Care Northern Ireland	£4,000.00	VOICES
Multi-cultural Resource Centre	£4,400.00	VOICES
Newry Rainbow Community	£3,060.00	VOICES
Niamh Louise Foundation	£2,610.00	VOICES
Rosemount & District Welfare Rights Group	£4,640.00	VOICES
Telling It Like It Is! Muckamore	£3,500.00	VOICES
Compass Advocacy Network Ltd	£3,510.00	VOICES
The Westcourt Centre	£3,540.00	VOICES
Educational Shakespeare Company Ltd	£3,500.00	VOICES
An Munia Tober	£3,400.00	VOICES
Lower Oldpark Community Association	£3,000.00	VOICES
Kids in Control (KIC)	£3,500.00	VOICES
Belfast Islamic Centre	£2,000.00	VOICES
Slievegallion Community Pre-school	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Desertmartin Accordion Band	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
St. Columba's Primary School Straw	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Ballinascreen Early Years	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Cranny Cultural and Community Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Ballinascreen Historical Society	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Backrow Recreation Centre	£806.00	Workspace Community Fund



Twins Anna and Helen Monaghan from Carryduff accept their Thomas Devlin Bursary Award from Thomas's mum Penny and composer Neil Martin.

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Fund
Draperstown Amateur Boxing	£2,000.00	Workspace Community Fund
Draperstown Traders Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Draperstown Afterschools	£3,000.00	Workspace Community Fund
St Mary's Primary School	£240.00	Workspace Community Fund
St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt	£500.00	Workspace Community Fund
St Pius X College	£500.00	Workspace Community Fund
St Colm's High School	£500.00	Workspace Community Fund
Sperrin Intergrated College	£500.00	Workspace Community Fund
Loughinsholin Cultural Music Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Cornstore Youth Club	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Desertmartin Community Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Ballinascreen Mother and Toddler Group	£240.00	Workspace Community Fund
Screen Drama Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Ballinascreen Community Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Naiscoil na Speirini	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
The Little Wombles Cross Community Play Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Slievegallion Community Pre-school	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Slievegallion Community Sport and Development Group	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
Disenchanted Events	£250.00	Workspace Community Fund
South West College, Enniskillen Campus	£1,950.00	YouthBank
Laurencetown Summer Scheme	£750.00	YouthBank
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Civic Link	£550.00	YouthBank
Bounce FM	£750.00	YouthBank
LLT Youth Group	£750.00	YouthBank
Hazelwood Integrated School	£200.76	YouthBank
Hazelwood Integrated School	£1,113.85	YouthBank
Girls Model School	£735.38	YouthBank
TOTAL - 295 GRANTS	£839,134.99	

The Community Foundation's development programmes supported the following strategic themes:

- **Building Community Infrastructure**
- **Increasing Social Inclusion**
- **Building Peace**
- **Increasing Social Justice**
- **Promoting Active Citizenship**

The development programmes impacting on these themes delivered by the Community Foundation were:

Abbey Charitable Trust/ Santander Foundation Support Programme

An initiative which assists local groups to develop a strategic approach to meeting funding needs.

Affordable Credit Pilot Project

This initiative aims to increase financial capability and develop a pilot affordable credit service, engaging in pilot work in Ballymena.

Changing the Conversation

This event involved hundreds of young people who gave their views on the type of society they would like to see built in Northern Ireland.

Community Development Training Project

An initiative to develop and deliver a targeted community development course for Local Authority community development staff and community development staff and activists working at the local level.

Community Infrastructure

Development programme providing support to areas of weak community infrastructure.

Communities in Transition

An action research and development programme aimed at supporting community development and peacebuilding work in areas that experience high social need, weak community infrastructure and continuing tensions and divisions as a result of the conflict.

Conflict Transformation from the Bottom Up EU Peace III Consortium

A programme which supports former republican politically motivated ex-prisoners, in a cross-border basis.

Creating Space for Learning and Sharing Project

A mentoring and support programme for a broad range of local groups which encourages community level involvement in the building of a more open, inclusive and pluralist society.

Developing a Baseline for Community Resilience and Social Inclusion Project

A research project funded by the Public Health Agency.

Social Justice and Peace Working Group

A restricted fund to support the work of the Working Group on philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace.

Foundations for Peace Network

A network of indigenous funders working to advance equality, diversity and interdependence in areas of entrenched and persistent communal conflict, with a history of, or potential for, violence.

South East Antrim Resourcing from Conflict to Hope Project (EU Peace III)

A community based social, educational and cultural programme to provide clients with knowledge, information and skills to help reduce social exclusion and build stability.



Dr Aideen McGinley (left) from ILEX joins Foundation Vice-Chair Les Allamby and Dr. Avila Kilmurray at a special briefing on Derry's successful City of Culture bid.

The Bill of Rights Project

A mentoring, training and development programme for local groups involving capacity building work to build towards the development of a culture of rights and a rights-based approach to community development work.

The From Prison to Peace Building on Experience Partnership

This partnership emerged as a result of a long established working relationship, built between the range of politically motivated ex-prisoner groups and the Foundation. The project focuses on three themes - conflict transformation and peace-building, youth development and citizenship and social change.

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Support Programme

An initiative which supported and convened groups together around the issue of peace-building.

The Voices Project

This initiative aims to capture the experiences of those local people and groups on the margins of society.

Observatory Project

Established to engage with community organizations, promote discussion and identify issues, challenges and opportunities for sustainability in the midst of an ever changing environment.

Youthbank

An initiative which helps build leadership in young people.

Youthbank International

Provision of leadership and financial capability training for young people in areas of conflict.



BBC Northern Ireland reporter Mervyn Jess interviews Foundation worker Ciaran DeBaroid about the work of the From Prison to Peace Partnership.



Youthbank co-ordinator Vernon Ringland accepts his Business in the Community Outstanding Community Leader award from host John Heaslip, Chief Executive of Business in the Community (right) and Environment Minister Alex Attwood MLA.

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Summary Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 March 2011

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Capital Endowment Funds £	2011 £	2010 £	Notes
Income						
Donations and other income	48,553	19,952	44,368	112,873	504,781	1, 2
Funding received	1,291	4,772,769	0	4,774,060	5,671,687	
Investment income	11,738	2,714	296,644	311,096	409,964	3
Total Income	61,582	4,795,435	341,012	5,198,029	6,586,432	
Expenditure						
Grants	32,893	3,719,917	0	3,752,810	4,757,773	4
Programme development and support costs	363,476	1,328,801	138	1,692,415	1,705,378	5
Investment Management Costs	0	0	57,255	57,255	31,177	
Governance Costs	13,766	0	0	13,766	9,178	
Total Expenditure	410,135	5,048,718	57,393	5,516,246	6,503,506	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(348,553)	(253,283)	283,619	(318,217)	82,926	
Net transfers between funds	455,454	177,239	(632,693)	0	0	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses	106,901	(76,044)	(349,074)	(319,217)	82,926	
Other recognised gains/losses						
Realised gains/(losses)	0	0	251,092	251,092	(2,075,206)	
Other recognised gains/losses	0	0	235,065	235,065	3,969,693	
Net movement in funds	106,901	(76,044)	137,083	167,940	1,977,413	
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2010	230,164	1,069,871	14,164,341	15,464,376	13,486,963	
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2011	337,065	993,827	14,301,424	15,632,316	15,464,376	

Notes

- 1 Endowment funds are held as capital funds and as such are not normally expendable.
- 2 The income from investing capital endowment funds is expendable.
- 3 Unrestricted Investment income is used to support the core costs of the Foundation.
- 4 Grants figure includes £808,727 of mainly small revenue grants plus £2,944,083 of direct developmental support grants made under regional programmes.
- 5 Programme and development support costs include the costs of administering grant programmes and the cost of providing support and development to community and voluntary groups who may or may not be in receipt of grant funding from the Foundation.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2011

	2011 £	2010 £	Notes
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	1,183,469	1,202,953	
Investments	12,675,335	12,884,780	
	13,858,804	14,087,733	
Current Assets			
Debtors	1,162,641	831,686	
Short term deposits	803,834	599,153	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,529,662	1,452,893	
	3,496,137	2,883,732	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,389,953)	(1,148,834)	
Net current assets	2,106,184	1,734,898	
Total assets less current liabilities	15,964,988	15,822,631	
Provision for liabilities and charges	(332,672)	(358,255)	
	15,632,316	15,464,376	
Fund balances			
Capital Endowment Funds	14,301,424	14,164,341	1
Restricted Funds	993,827	1,069,871	2
	15,295,251	15,234,212	
Unrestricted Funds	337,065	230,164	
	15,632,316	15,464,376	

Notes

1 Endowment funds are held as capital funds and as such are not normally expendable.

2 Restricted funds may only be used for the purpose specified by a funder or donor.



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