

Giving With Impact

Other Charitable Organisations

For change. For better. For all.



Collaborating with other Charitable Organisations

In line with a 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. Within Community Foundation Ireland we have a successful history of partnering with Trusts and Foundations, voluntary organisations and charitable groups and helping them to fulfil their mission and goals.

The decision to establish a trust or foundation is significant; with it comes not only a responsibility for the running of the organisation but also the responsibility to those groups and communities that receive support. Community Foundation Ireland was set-up with several goals, one of which was to help grow philanthropy in Ireland. Since Community Foundation Ireland was established, the philanthropic landscape is changing, with a number of new trusts and foundations setting up in recent years

Our ambition to grow philanthropy remains as strong today as when we started in 2000. Core to this is working closely with other trusts and foundations either in collaboration through the provision of supporting services. By working together, we have seen the impact that a coordinated and collective approach can have in ensuring systemic issues are tackled, new and innovative approaches are backed at an early-stage and that when crises occur, as a philanthropic community we can act with speed, precision and impact.

A Little About This Guide

Community Foundation Ireland is dedicated to creating positive transformative impact. By providing expert advisory support and philanthropic fund management services, we affect change on complex and varied social issues.

This guide sets out how we work with trusts and foundations, voluntary organisations and charitable groups through our Philanthropic Fund Management services.

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About Us

Community Foundation Ireland is on a mission to achieve equality for all in thriving communities. The foundation provides a trusted source of expertise for people and organisations seeking to maximise the impact of their donations.

Since the year 2000 we have provided the expertise, network and knowledge that enables donors to make a positive impact through strategic giving. We connect donors, grantees and communities to support equality.

*At Community
Foundation
Ireland we know
philanthropy.*

Our Impact:



Over €120 million invested in our mission to achieve equality for all in thriving communities.



€50 Million worth of assets under management.



Investing in over 5,000 local, national and international non-profit organisations.

Our Expertise:



**Strategic Giving
Vehicles**



Due Diligence



Support & Advice

How we work with other Charitable Organisations

Collaboration & Connection

We regularly work in partnership with other charitable organisations, including trusts and foundations, whether in relation to shared policy interests or co-funding of specific causes or initiatives.



Identifying strategic opportunities

Through our network of over 5,000 non-profit organisations, we are connected to the pulse of Irish communities. This allows us to identify strategic opportunities within chosen issues or geographic areas.

Logistical and Technical support

Although you might have already established an entity, the day to day running of programmes can be burdensome. We provide a range of services from grantee due diligence and compliance support to the management of larger grant rounds. We can provide additional people power – ensuring practical barriers don't outweigh purposeful giving.



"As a new family foundation, we found the relationship with the Community Foundation invaluable. They helped us to develop our strategy and grant giving goals, provided introductions to like minded grant makers and potential beneficiaries, and involved us in many useful networking events. In particular, we were able to avail of the Community Foundation donor fund structure to manage all aspects of our grant processing and administration"

Trustee, Sunflower Charitable Foundation

Routes to Impact

Set up a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

This tailored giving vehicle is frequently used by other charitable organisations to manage a portion or all of their grant making in particular where they have no employees and where the Trustees wish to avoid the administrative burden and costs associated with distributing charitable funds.

A Donor Advised Fund may also be a suitable vehicle in winding down an existing charity, trust or foundation and spending down or maintaining the assets according to the original charitable purpose.



Donate to a Fund

Supporting an existing fund is highly strategic and facilitates a collaborative and effective way to give.

Donations can be combined for maximum impact in supporting particular cohorts in society including Older People, Women, Young People and Children, as well as important issues such as the Environment and addressing Discrimination and Inequality



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Charitable organisations can set up a long-term endowed fund with us, which generates investment income. By pooling your investment with our permanent fund, we reduce your risk while optimising returns. The Board and our highly experienced Finance, Audit and Investment Committee oversee investment activity.



To Get in Touch

If you would like to learn more about how Community Foundation Ireland can support you on your philanthropic journey, email us at giving@foundation.ie or call us on +353 (0)1 8747354.

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