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COMMUNITY IMPACT 2009

IMPACT's Joe Lucey Fund

The IMPACT Small Grants Fund for Dublin's North East Inner City was established by IMPACT trade union in 2006 to support worthwhile local initiatives in education and intercultural development.

In 2008, the fund was renamed in honour of the late Father Joe Lucey, who spent much of his life and energy supporting vulnerable young people, and others, in this community.

Joe was a member of the committee that administers the fund. The Committee includes representatives of ICON, the

Community Policing Forum, Neighbourhood Youth Project 2, the Young People at Risk Initiative, local residents and IMPACT. So far, it has distributed over €100,000 in small grants to over 80 projects in the locality.

The 2009 launch will again invite small grant applications from education and intercultural projects in the area. The fund can distribute grants up to a total value of €50,000 this year.

This publication includes a 2009 grant application form and information on some of the projects we have funded so far.

Working together

IMPACT'S JOE LUCEY Fund for the North East Inner City was launched in 2006 and has now given grants totalling more than €100,000 to over 80 projects. It has supported everything from overseas development trips for young adults to soccer coaching, older peoples' outings, local intercultural events, language and skills initiatives, drugs awareness programmes, homework clubs and local history projects.

THE ONSET of recession has made it harder for local groups to find money to do their important work. Sadly, intercultural and education supports have been among the earliest casualties of spending cuts. That's why IMPACT's fund has decided to keep its focus on education and intercultural projects this year.

Since 2006, the fund has supported many multicultural initiatives and social events that bring Irish and new communities together, including soccer and other sporting initiatives, awareness days, and support for cultural events and intercultural understanding.

The education projects we've helped range from pre-school projects, helping inner-city schools with much-needed equipment, and support for adult training and education. Many of the initiatives we've funded help equip young people with awareness and life skills.

In 2008, the fund supported a trip for young foreign nationals from the area, who went to Glebe House in Northern Ireland to discuss drug awareness. They produced posters and leaflets and came up with a rap song in different languages, which is being distributed to local schools.

Another group of local and foreign nationals took part in an exchange with a Swedish group to discuss issues like drugs, racism, and education, which affect young people.

The year before that, the fund was among the donors to a fantastic Swan Youth Service project that took nine young people from the north east inner city to Zambia. The young people built two badly-needed houses during their time in Africa, as well as developing their own life skills. It was a unique experience and now the group wants to do more to raise money and fight poverty in Africa and Ireland.

Young foreign nationals from Dublin's north inner city worked on drug awareness during a trip to the North. The multilingual rap song they wrote there is being distributed to local schools.

Back home

The fund has also supported projects like the NYP2 initiative that took 16 young people from eight different countries to Wexford for three days. Zambian, Latvian, Irish, Armenian, German, Romanian, Nigerian and Slovakian youngsters enjoyed a programme of art, music, dancing and sport.

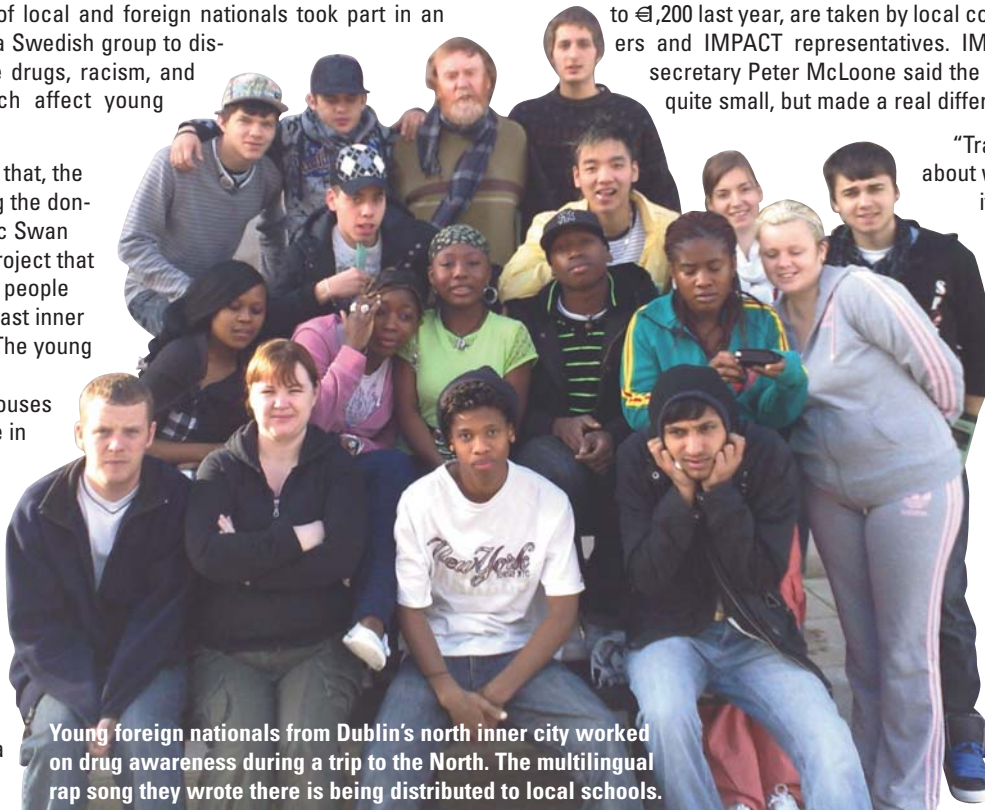
IMPACT's support helped use the international language of soccer to bring together young people from the old and new communities. Well-attended international anti-racism football sessions have successfully tackled racism in sport, as well as being great fun.

The fund also helped the Community Links Integration Project organise a fantastic summer programme of activities from Kayaking and Burundian drumming to farm visits and art. Over 100 adults, children and teenagers participated.

Decisions

Decisions on grants, which ranged in value from €50 to €1,200 last year, are taken by local community leaders and IMPACT representatives. IMPACT general secretary Peter McLoone said the amounts were quite small, but made a real difference.

"Trade unions are about winning equality and a better life for everyone in the community. That's why IMPACT and its 61,000 members are immensely proud of this fund. We're grateful for the chance to be an active part of the community we're based in," he said.



DON'T DELAY

Get your funding proposals in by Friday 24th April 2009.

Send your application to Anna Leonard, IMPACT Small Grants Fund, Nerney's Court, Dublin 1.

Joe Lucey: The heart of a community



LAST YEAR IMPACT renamed its north east inner city small grants fund in honour of the late Father Joe Lucey. Father Joe spent over 15 years working and living in the community and was much loved by the people of the north east inner city.

Based in the youth Crinan project in Seán McDermott Street, he worked with the Focus Ireland street service and developed the Young People at Risk Initiative to provide support services for young people in the area. He was also a member of the committee that administers the IMPACT small grants fund.

Joe is remembered by a whole community with love and gratitude.

About IMPACT

IMPACT IS the main public service trade union in the State. We have over 61,000 members working in Dublin hospitals, community health services, voluntary and community organisations, Dublin City Council and other workplaces.

The union's headquarters has been based in Dublin's north east inner city for many years, although we have members across the 26 counties.

The old Local Government and Public Services Union (LGPSU) was based in Gardiner Place. When the LGPSU merged with the Union of Professional and Technical Civil Servants (UTPCS) in 1991, the new union IMPACT built a new office in Nerney's Court, at the back of Gardiner Place.

You can join the union or get more information on our website - www.impact.ie. Or you can pick up an application form at our office in Nerney's Court (just next to Temple Street children's hospital) or by phoning 817-1500.

Recently funded

The arts

In 2008, the fund helped the Lourdes Youth and Community Project run workshops for 60 young people as part of the summer arts festival, and helped the After School Education Project participate in Community Festival Week. We've helped fund music and drama classes, storytelling projects, the Incredibals Crew break dancing group, craft courses for parents, and the Flashdance dance and drama group.

Multi-culture

We've helped fund many multicultural initiatives and social events that bring Irish and new communities together, including soccer and other sporting initiatives, a Brazilian awareness day and events by NANI and the Akidwa African Women's Network. We also supported the Filipino Cultural Committee's participation in the parade of nations in Saint Anne's park.

Kids' trips

The fund has helped with arts and friendship projects for local kids of all nationalities and educational trips to the Hill of Tara, Kilmainham, Dublin zoo and other places for 3-12 year olds. It's also helped take children on educational tours in the school holidays.

Families

The ATD Fourth World organisation got money to help provide a space for young families in temporary or unsuitable accommodation. The Hill Street Family Resource Centre received funds to translate materials and the fund has helped provide English classes for parents of children in local schools.

Migration

The SWAN youth project, which brings together foreign and Irish nationals in residential settings, got help for conflict resolution and other work. Meanwhile, the Migrant Rights Centre got money to give more women migrants access to its drop-in centre. And there were funds for migrants' orientation projects.

Young writers

Young people aged between 10 and 21 have benefitted from a Ballybough Youth Project library, which aims to help them discover the pleasure of reading.

Drugs aware

We've supported foreign exchange programmes where children and young adults have tackled drug awareness issues. Young foreign nationals from the area spent a couple of days in Northern Ireland making posters and leaflets and producing a rap song in different languages, which is being distributed to local schools.

Leadership

Tenants' associations and user groups got help with training and capacity building for community development leaders. And we've helped fund a number of seminars and events involving local community groups.

Research

The Good Neighbours Close to Town Action Group was assisted with the production of a DVD of local needs-analysis research.

Christmas time

We helped ICON to help families in need at Christmas. And we contribute to the community Christmas tree, erected each year in memory of those who've died from drugs related causes.

Older folk

The fund has contributed towards Christmas parties for senior citizens in the community and helped fund other social programmes for the elderly.

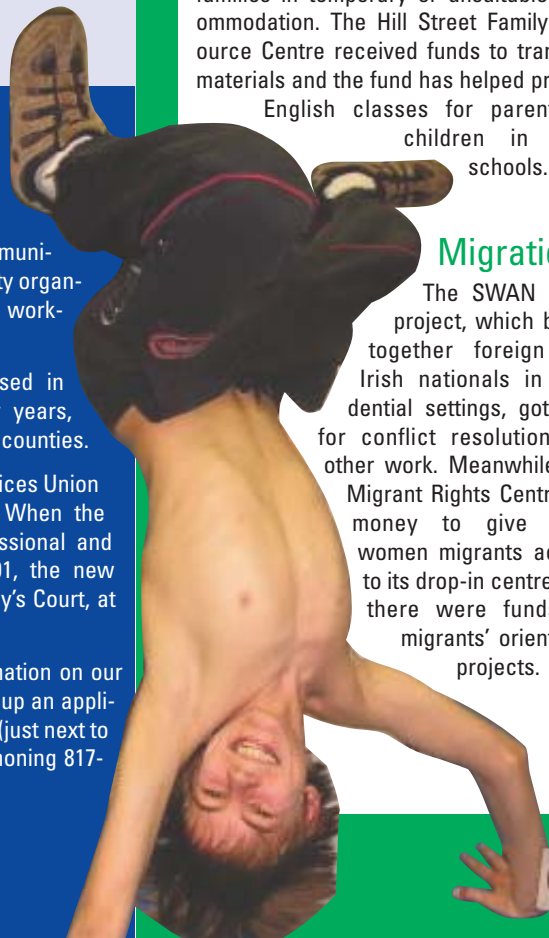
Pre-school

We helped fund a drama and imaginative play project for children aged between three and five, and helped nurseries with vital repairs.

Schools

The fund has helped local kids in literacy, drama, music, numeracy, cookery projects, homework clubs, and schools' equipment for video, IT and other work. There's also been help with African drumming lessons!

The Incredibals Crew got funds towards its intercultural break dancing sessions.



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JOE LUCEY SMALL GRANTS FUND for the North East Inner City 2009

What is IMPACT's Joe Lucey small grants fund?

As part of its ongoing contribution to the communities in which it is based, IMPACT trade union operates a small grants fund to support local initiatives in the two areas of education and intercultural development. In 2009, the fund will have a budget of €50,000, which will be divided between the two designated areas of education and intercultural development. The maximum grant will be €1,000. (In exceptional cases, a higher amount may be awarded at the discretion of the committee). All grants will have to be accounted for by receipt.

Who can apply to the fund?

Local groups or organisations from the North East Inner City, who develop initiatives in the two broad areas of education and intercultural development, can apply by filling in the form overleaf and returning it to IMPACT. Groups working with the most marginalised will be prioritised for funding. Application forms can be obtained from ICON or directly from IMPACT.

Where is the North East Inner City?

The North East Inner City (NEIC) of Dublin encompasses a territory of just over six square kilometres. The area is bounded to the south by the River Liffey, and to the east by the sea, to the north by the River Tolka and Clonliffe Road, and to the west by Dorset Street and East Arran Street.

What sort of Initiatives will be funded?

In the area of education, the fund supports things like:

- Small items of educational equipment for homework clubs and after-school groups
- Literacy and homework tutorials
- Educational workshops and seminars for at-risk groups
- Computer training programmes
- Drama and music classes and events
- Leadership training for community development.

In the area of intercultural development, the fund supports things like:

- Sports events that involve foreign national young people and families
- Community weeks and festivals that involve foreign national young people and their families
- Intercultural workshops and seminars
- The production of local directories and information leaflets in different languages
- Social events that encourage intercultural mixing.

Who makes the decisions?

IMPACT's Joe Lucey Small Grants Fund Committee is comprised of:

- Peter Mc Loone and Anna Leonard, IMPACT
- Young People at Risk Initiative (YPAR)
- Marie Metcalfe, Community Policing Forum (CPF)
- Sian Muldowney, ICON
- Fergus McCabe, NYP
- Local resident
- Local young person – Noel Reilly, Neighbourhood Youth Project (NYP)

The decisions of the Committee are final.



JOE LUCEY SMALL GRANTS FUND
for the North East Inner City 2009

APPLICATION FORM

Applications to be returned to:

Anna Leonard, Joe Lucey Small Grants Fund, Nerney's Court, Dublin 1 by Friday 24th April 2009.

Name of Applicant: _____

Organisation/Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Type of initiative:

Education

Intercultural Development

Description of initiative: _____

Timescale: _____

Target group for initiative: _____

Overall estimated cost of initiative: _____

Amount being presently applied for: _____

I agree to accept the decisions of IMPACT's Joe Lucey Small Grants Fund Committee in all respects regarding this application and I undertake to return any monies to the Fund that are not used for the purpose outlined in this application. I agree to supply receipts for expenditure if required.

Signed: _____ On behalf of: _____ Date: _____

Projects we've funded so far...

Children in Summerhill enjoying their Summer Fun Day, organised by Club 49.



PROJECT

Adventure Sports Project
 African Cultural Project
 After School Education Support
 Akidwa African Women's Network
 ATD Fourth World
 Ballybough Tenants' Association

 Ballybough Youth Project
 Belvedere Football Club
 BINI Community Ireland
 Bradog Youth Service
 Brendan Behan Court Residents
 Cavan Centre
 Clonliffe Shotokan Karate Club
 Club 47

 Club 49
 Club 4U
 Community After Schools Project
 Community Links Summer Programme
 Community Policing Forum

 Co-op support for Ethnic Services
 Croke Villas Youth Action
 Dominick Street Summer Project
 Dominick Street Youth Centre
 Dublin Multicultural Resource Centre

 Dublin Parents/Friends of John of Gods
 East Wall Community Arts Festival
 Filipino Cultural Committee
 Fitzgibbon Court Resident's Association
 Flashdance
 Foreign National Young People at Risk
 Good Neighbours Close to Town
 Hace Knitting Group
 Hardwick Community Centre
 Henrietta Adult and Community Education
 Hill Street Family Resource Centre
 Holy Child Pre-School

ACTIVITY

Training, careers, homework
 Intercultural story telling
 Community Festival
 Cultural and social
 Education, resource, family support
 After school, homework, leaders' training
 Library, literacy, homework
 Sport with young foreign nationals
 Intercultural understanding
 Cultural awareness
 Senior citizen's Christmas party
 Environmental library resource
 Sport and seminar
 Kids computers, arts and summer projects
 Kids summer projects
 Social events for teenagers
 After school, summer crèche, music
 Integration through sport and outings
 Participation of youth and new communities
 Ethnic group participation
 Youth educational tours
 Youth educational trips
 Homework club and school activity
 Migrants' information and orientation
 Transport
 Community arts festival
 Parade of nations
 Educational summer activities
 Dance and drama
 Seminar
 Needs analysis research
 Crafts
 Jobs skills for early school leavers
 Adult DIY skills
 Translation
 Early learning and imaginative play

PROJECT

Incredibals Crew
 Inner City Organisations Network
 Jesuit Refugee Service
 Killarney Court Sheltered Housing
 Larkin Centre
 Larkin Community College
 Liberty House Homework Project
 Liberty House Youth Club
 Lourdes Day Care Centre
 Lourdes Parish
 Lourdes Youth & Community Service
 LYCS Women's Group
 Marino College
 Mauritian Community in Ireland
 Migrant Rights Centre
 Neighbourhood Youth Project 1
 NANI
 Nigerian Association
 North Centre City Community Action
 North Inner City Old Folks Group
 NYP2/Belvedere Football Club
 O'Connell Primary School
 O'Connell Secondary School
 Orchard Youth Club
 Rutland Street National School
 Rutland Street Adventure Sports
 Saint Brigid's Day Nursery
 Saint Joseph's School
 Saint Lawrence O'Toole
 Saint Lawrence O'Toole Day Centre
 Saint Vincent's School
 Saol Project
 Shooting Stars
 Summerhill Court Senior Citizens
 Swan Youth Service
 Tiny Tots Crèche
 Under 10s Club, Dominick Street
 Wexford Centre
 Women's Resource Group
 Young Dramateers

ACTIVITY

Intercultural break dancing
 Christmas tree and family support
 Intercultural activities
 Redesign of kitchen
 Local history
 Music, arts, overseas trips
 Primary kids' one-to-one support
 Educational trips
 Social programme for the elderly
 World Youth Conference participation
 Summer arts festival
 Cultural exchange through arts
 After school dance club
 Drugs awareness
 Women's support and information
 Outdoor activity
 Intercultural day
 Community integration
 Youth literacy
 Outings for isolated elderly
 Multinational sport
 African drum tuition
 English language classes
 Youth drama and music
 Summer camps, trips, video
 Youth information and education
 Repairs and upgrading
 English for non-national parents
 Crafts for parents
 Christmas party
 Equipment
 Intercultural education
 Children's summer projects
 Gardening, arts and craft
 Young leaders sessions
 Child development
 Music and drama
 Residential workshop
 Integration through skills training
 Children's theatre group