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Learning Together
Building a society that celebrates friendships across traditional divides in Northern Ireland

Dr. Maeve Liston
Speaks to us about STEM education and achieving gender balance

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2020 EVENTS CALENDAR
Former Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power will be honored at our Nollaig na mBan women’s leadership breakfast in Boston.

For more on our events that create and celebrate our direct connection to Ireland, see page 12.
Dear Friends,

As we marked my 30th year with the Partnership in 2019, I have spent time reflecting on the power of connecting people back to Ireland.

We all yearn for connection. For ways to understand our ancestral past, to demonstrate our gratitude for the brave generations who came before us, and to tether ourselves in a complex and uncertain world. For us, the connection is most palpable in the radiant warmth of the Irish and Irish American people.

The Partnership seeks to share that very human connection between the people of Ireland and the United States. Our mission is to link you back to the people and places you hold dear. We do this by fostering relationships with Irish schools and communities that are charting a path towards a peaceful and prosperous future – one that preserves the Irish way of life we cherish while also creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

Over the past three decades, it has been a privilege to work with the best network of Irish people on both sides of the Atlantic who are committed to a bright future for Ireland, North and South. Between passionate, informed supporters honoring our Irish heritage, and the hardworking teachers, students and community leaders whose commitment, creativity and drive shapes the Ireland we return to again and again, it is clear that we are stronger together, *ní neart go cur le chéile*.

It is my sincere hope that we can continue to work together to educate and inspire the next generation of leaders.

On behalf of the people and communities in Ireland whom we support, *mile mile buiochas*, a thousand, thousand thanks,

Mary Sugrue  
CEO, Irish American Partnership
THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, the Partnership disbursed more than $1.5 Million to education, community, and heritage programs in Ireland, North & South in 2018.

**YOUR IMPACT ACROSS IRELAND**

**SUPPORTING EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ACROSS IRELAND**

“On behalf of the Irish Government I would like to extend my thanks to you for all that the Irish American Partnership does to celebrate and promote Irish heritage and the connection between our two countries.”

Michael Ring T.D.
Minister of State for Rural and Community Development

We are proud to honor our heritage by investing in the people, culture, and ideas that build a peaceful and prosperous Ireland. Thanks to our incredible network of support, the Partnership has donated $33+ Million in support of 500+ schools and organizations across the island of Ireland since our founding in 1986.

The generosity of our donors has changed thousands of lives across the island of Ireland. You can support students, schools, and communities of your choice and clearly see the direct impact of your philanthropy.

**2018 PROGRAMS**

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Increase of 8% in grants disbursed from 2017.

More than 500+ schools and community organizations supported.
Growing up, Sean Trimble had always dreamed of getting a degree from Dublin City University (DCU). The odds of geography, however, were not in his favor, having grown up in a nearby north Dublin community where a mere 15% of students even progress to third level education, let alone graduate. But thanks to supporters like you, Sean is well on his way to making this childhood dream a reality, becoming the first in his family to attend university.

Now in his second year of a Business Studies course, Sean credits the DCU Access Programme with giving him the resources to succeed in university. “The financial support in my scholarship has been a huge help. Without it, I would have struggled,” Sean said.

Empowered by the scholarship and other supports offered to first-generation students by DCU which have allowed him to integrate into the university community, Sean is thriving in the classroom and on the field. A talented footballer, Sean balances his coursework and a part-time job helping his dad at a factory with soccer training and matches. DCU is already opening doors for Sean, who proudly represented his school and Ireland at the World University Games in Italy this past summer.

“YOU HAVE HELPED TO CHANGE MY FUTURE AND ALSO INSPIRED ME TO HELP OTHERS AND GIVE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY. I HOPE THAT ONE DAY, I WILL BE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AS YOUR SUPPORTERS HAVE HELPED ME ACHIEVE MINE.”

- Sean Trimble

Propelled by the generous contributions of our members, the Irish American Partnership is able to provide critical funding to students like Sean through university access programs across the island of Ireland.

Partnership grants ensure that an equal opportunity is afforded to all students, regardless of socioeconomic background, to reach their full potential by enabling them to study at Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin, Queen’s University Belfast, or Ulster University. These scholarships have an immediate and transformative impact on the lives of students, and in turn, Irish society.
LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

Building a society that celebrates friendships across traditional divides.

From more than 30 years, the Irish American Partnership has stood with schools of both traditions that harness education as a tool for peace. Educating children together is an essential part of the reconciliation process and of building a society that celebrates respect, understanding and friendship. The integrated education model, in particular, is designed to ensure inclusion of people from different religions, cultures, genders, abilities and socio-economic backgrounds in classrooms, and beyond.

Our longtime partner, the Integrated Education Fund (IEF), is on the frontlines of this grassroots movement. The IEF works to develop and grow integrated education in Northern Ireland in response to parental demand.

Although over 79% of parents support the integrated model, there are still many major obstacles to desegregation—financial, political, and otherwise. Spearheaded by the Partnership 2019 Nollaig na mBan honoree Baroness May Blood, the IEF seeks to eliminate barriers to starting integrated schools.

Despite the challenges of another year without a functioning locally elected Assembly and the ongoing political uncertainty caused by Brexit, 2019 has been very encouraging for the IEF.

The parent and teacher led movement is gaining traction, even internationally, as evidenced by the IEF’s nomination for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize along with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education.

This tremendous honor highlights the power of education in peace building and reconciliation and acknowledges the hard work of all involved—including supporters like you.

“The real heroes of this movement are the parents, the pupils and the schools, together with friends like the Irish American Partnership supporters.”

- Paul Caskey
Integrated Education Fund

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Mercy Primary School and Edenbrooke Primary School are located just blocks apart from each other along Crumlin Road, the main road in northwest Belfast. Despite the geographic proximity of the two schools of different faith traditions, their Protestant and Catholic pupils would likely never have crossed paths—divided by fences and contained in their own respective communities, which remain poles apart.

Today, thanks in large part to a Partnership shared education grant made in honor of President Mary McAleese, a former student at Mercy, the two schools are writing a new chapter in Northern Ireland’s history, breaking down old prejudices by forming new lifelong friendships between bright young students.

The schools are about to embark on their third year of shared education activities, their most ambitious venture yet. Through this initiative, which now engages an impressive total of 780 students, the schools strive to promote good relations, empower the next generation of leaders and enhance pupil’s skills and attitudes to contribute to a cohesive society,” Edenbrooke Principal Lisa Grimason described.

Past collaboration between the schools has centered around the themes of student health and wellness, with Mercy and Edenbrooke pupils coming together to garden, paint, and practice mindfulness. The generosity of Irish American Partnership members has allowed the schools to continue, develop, and enhance their Shared Education journey, improving reconciliation and educational outcomes.

This year, a choir made up of Edenbrooke and Mercy pupils, is busy rehearsing for an upcoming Carol Concert in Belfast City Hall—an inspiring example that after decades of discord, students from both communities can sing together in harmony.
Dr. Maeve Liston is the Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement and a senior lecturer in science education at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick (MIC). A staunch advocate of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) education for all, Dr. Liston is a vital asset to the Partnership. She sat down with us during National Science Week in Ireland to discuss her efforts to engage and inspire young people from all backgrounds to explore STEM in fun, exciting, and approachable ways.

**IAP:** Can you tell our members a little more about your role?

**ML:** I am responsible for widening access to MIC, making connections with nearby communities, locally in Limerick and Tipperary or in the broader region. STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) outreach at MIC aims to demystify STEM and STEAM and to catalyze the public’s engagement with STEAM through a variety of accessible and inclusive outreach activities for children, teachers and families that focus on building creativity, innovation and STEAM skills for life.

**IAP:** How do you “demystify STEM” and facilitate a love of learning and science?

**ML:** All activities, from science festivals to robotics training, involve thinking and acting like a scientist rather than getting the answer right. We want children to get out of the way of thinking that science is difficult or that it lacks creativity, and instead be able to say to themselves, ‘I can solve a problem, I know how to do this.’ Children are already curious, always asking, ‘Why?’ and we should encourage them to keep doing that, get them to open their eyes, look at the details of things around them, ask what things are made of and how they work. All our STEM outreach activities at MIC with children aim to ignite a spark so they develop that sense of wonder, with the hope that it will never leave them—whatever path they take in life.

**IAP:** How do you address the gender imbalance in STEM education?

**ML:** My philosophy involves the concept of ‘STEM for All’, meaning that science is made more accessible and more relevant for all students, male and female. Exposing students to role models from STEM industries is critical—meeting and working with experts helps remove negative perceptions towards STEM. It is also important to include parents and teachers in our outreach in order to promote an awareness of the prevalence of STEM in everyday life to help dismantle stereotypical images of scientists.

**IAP:** How has the generosity of Partnership members impacted your work?

**ML:** Funding from the Irish American Partnership allows MIC to engage and inspire young people from all socio-economic backgrounds to explore STEM in fun and exciting ways. By supporting science festivals, robotics schemes, and other programs, your members help extend learning beyond the curriculum into real world contexts. The Partnership helps provide experiences of STEM, allowing the younger generations to embrace innovation and transferable skills needed across all life-situations and career paths.

The Partnership is proud to support Maeve and the team at MIC and congratulates them on winning a Teachers Inspire Ireland award for their Vex Robotics Programme, as part of a national initiative that “seeks to recognize the positive role that teachers play in our lives.”
Thank You

Your philanthropy affects thousands of lives across every Irish county, north & south. We are proud to connect our members with Ireland through targeted, impactful giving. On behalf of the children, students, schools & communities you generously support, we thank you.

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