

Joint Patrons: Her Majesty The Queen President Mary McAleese

**Annual Report** 



2009/2010

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# **Co-operation Ireland Board**

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# 2009-10 Highlights

- Joint Patrons, Her Majesty The Queen and President Mary McAleese attend Co-operation Ireland 30th anniversary celebration at Hillsborough Castle
- 500 guests attend the Pride of Place Gala Awards Ceremony in County Down
- Former BBC War Correspondent Kate Adie addresses Co-operation Ireland Student Journalism Conference
- 30 cyclists bike 350 miles around New England for Co-operation Ireland
- Co-operation Ireland delivers programme of shared learning to groups from Afghanistan and Cyprus
- Young leaders project participants write, direct and act in their first feature film 'Wasted'
- Co-operation Ireland in association with RTÉ and supported by the Titanic Quarter and Department of Foreign Affairs hosted the inaugural All-Island School Choir Competition
- Co-operation Ireland launches its latest teaching and learning resource, the Artslink DVD



## **Chairman's Report**



The past year has been difficult for many organisations, not least of all charities but I am delighted to say that we have come out the other end. Admittedly the economic downturn was a real concern for us and no doubt it will impact us for a few years to come.

Throughout the year, Co-operation has redoubled its efforts to ensure that we continue to support all those people involved in our projects. We underwent a rigorous restructuring process resulting in a much more strategic and vibrant organisation, concentrating on the activities that encourage people and communities to build positive relationships on a cross-community and cross-border basis.

During the last 12 months, we introduced some of our most innovative projects. Working in partnership with a range of organisations, ranging from the Police Service of Northern Ireland to ex-paramilitary groups, we have been able to undertake projects with some of the most disadvantaged groups in society. We have created strategic alliances with other peace-building organisations and we continue to deliver our citizenship project to schools and youth groups in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations, Co-operation Ireland and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland jointly developed a programme of activities for young people under 30 years. Known as 'Changing the Conversation,' President McAleese attended the final celebration event, at which she commended the work of Co-operation Ireland.

As Chairman of Co-operation Ireland, part of my responsibility is to support the work and fundraising efforts of the charity. I was honoured to present the annual Pride of Place Awards with the then Minister for Social Development and now leader of the SDLP, Margaret Ritchie MP. The evening showcased all that is positive about community development and integrated working.

I have also had the pleasure of speaking at our corporate fundraising events. Our corporate sponsors have remained very loyal to us despite the economic downturn and I express my thanks to them.

Our Board has been tremendously supportive over the past year and I thank them for all their efforts, both in terms of fundraising and in developing the strategic direction of the organisation. I want to acknowledge the contribution made by Tom Byrne who left the Board last year and I welcome to the Board Ossie Kilkenny, Peter Sutherland and James Walsh. Already they have made an impressive commitment to Co-operation Ireland.

I want to express my appreciation and support of Co-operation Ireland's Chief Executive Peter Sheridan, under whose leadership the organisation has navigated through some turbulent times and emerged in a much stronger positioning with both governments, funders and supporters.

I also want to thank the staff of Co-operation Ireland, who willingly contributed to Co-operation Ireland's finances when times were particularly challenging.

I look forward to a much more stable year but I realise that the economy will continue to have an impact on the third sector. However I am confident that Co-operation Ireland will continue to deliver first-class projects which will build trust and confidence between the communities who live on the island of Ireland.

Christopher J Moran Chairman



# **Chief Executive's Report**



Over the past year we have worked hard and put into place a number of actions which will help Co-operation Ireland plan for its long term future. We began by reviewing our corporate strategy to account for the changes in the environment in which we work and the current economic climate.

We have developed new programmes and commenced a number of key partnership relationships.

The impact of the recession adversely affected our fundraising and we had to make some very difficult decisions. We restructured our operations in the United States and we are now concentrating on new fundraising strategies there. We also had to drop a number of our corporate fundraising events particularly in the UK but we are hopeful that they will be re-instated in the next couple of years.

We prudently managed all our costs and we made significant cost reductions in administration and running costs. Staff also supported the organisation's finances by agreeing to reduce their income. This was done at great personal cost to many and for which we are extremely grateful. We also restructured the organisation and improved our efficiency by consolidating working practices.

Throughout this difficult period we continued to support those involved in our various projects and invest in new programme areas. Last year we initiated and ran some of our most innovative and rewarding projects including:

- Youth Leadership project which gives 'disadvantaged' youth an opportunity to develop practical and positive leadership skills
- Service Families Project, which encourages integration between services families based in Northern Ireland and the local community
- Irish Peace Centres project, which is working to become a centre of excellence for learning and sharing experiences of peace-building on the island of Ireland.

In addition, Co-operation Ireland has continued to develop opportunities for sharing its knowledge and experiences internationally. Over the past few months, we have hosted groups from Afghanistan and Cyprus. We are also supporting peace-building projects in Serbia and Kosovo.

In spite of some tough economic times, we have had many reasons to celebrate. In 2009 we acknowledged our 30th anniversary with a magnificent event in Hillsborough Castle, where our Joint Patrons, Her Majesty The Queen and the President of Ireland Mary Mc Aleese hosted a reception for 500 Co-operation Ireland guests. We initiated an All-Island School Choir Competition in association with RTÉ. The gala competition final was broadcast live on RTÉ television.

In September a group of 31 travelled to New England to participate in a 350+ mile cycling challenge through Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The event culminated in a reception hosted jointly by the British and Irish Consulates in Boston.

In February, the former BBC War Correspondent Kate Adie was guest speaker at the annual Co-operation Ireland Student Journalism Conference.

As part of our celebrations we decided to bring back the Belfast–Dublin-Belfast Maracycle. During the last weekend in June, upwards of 1000 cyclists are expected to take part in the 2 day cycling extravaganza. So far the response has been overwhelmingly positive, so we hope to run it for a number of years to come.

As we move into a new year we plan to strengthen our position as the leading organisation working for effective and mutually beneficial cross-border and cross-community relations.

Whilst we are aware that the recession is likely to have an impact on the whole charitable sector for some time, we have taken decisive actions to help us deliver our effective programme of peacebuilding activities.

We will continue to build on the foundations we put in place last year and take advantage of opportunites that builds Co-operation Ireland's brand, both at home and overseas.

We will continue to examine potential new revenue streams, continue to lobby for effective peace building policies and address gaps in community development.

With a strong Board and loyal staff I am confident that we

- will increase the rate at which community integration happens;
- build Co-operation Ireland's fundraising and donor base;
- develop our position as a centre of excellence for international learning.

I am committed to strengthening and securing Co-operation Ireland's position by ensuring that we design, plan and undertake relevant programmes that are required by the community.

I take this opportunity to thank the staff, volunteers and all the members of the Board for their work. I particularly thank our Chairman Christopher Moran for his continuous support and dedication.

There is still much to be done in order to create a society at peace with itself. Co-operation Ireland will help make it happen.

Peter Sheridan OBE Chief Executive



# Programmes - Community Development

Over the past 12 months Co-operation Ireland has developed its existing projects and introduced a number of new projects, all of which build the capacity of community groups to engage in peace-building activities.

### **FACE** (Families and Community Engagement)

Families and Community Engagement In late 2009 Co-operation Ireland, in partnership with the Army Welfare Service, introduced an initiative engaging three of the main service bases in Northern Ireland - Ballykinler, Aldergrove and Thieval. Their aim is to integrate the service families, who may be based in these camps for up to 10 years, with the local community, through a programme of social and training events. In May 2010, the Aldergrove based project concluded with a day-long celebratory family festival at the camp. Approximately 100 people from both the camp and the local community attended.

### **Songs and Stories**

A regional arts-based project for people from Counties Down, Armagh and Louth. Using storytelling and music as the vehicle, adults from twelve cross-community groups explore issues of identity, culture and heritage. During a number of training workshops, cultural events and via an on-line forum, the participants research and document their shared history. The training element of the project will ensure the impact of the project will be felt well beyond the targeted area.

### **Growing Together**

An important community development project for the people of the Fountain Estate, Londonderry. Through the development of a piece of unmanaged waste ground into a community garden, the project enabled the local residents in the predominantly Protestant estate to work together, forge better links and positive community relations with their neighbours. In May 2010, the garden was officially opened and it continues to be a symbol of hope for the whole city.

#### **CORE**

This project continues to successfully deliver a wide range of activities for the people of inner East Belfast including the Short Strand and Finglas South, Dublin. The concept behind this whole community initiative is to empower local people to enhance their localities and strengthen the relationships between the three areas by sharing good practice and shared learning. Regular exchange visits and joint events have brought the communities closer together and as a result a Steering Committee, comprising representatives from the local communities, has now taken over the running of the project. Co-operation Ireland continues to have an overall management and advisory role. Highlights from last year included the annual ice hockey camp and the inaugural George Best Community Cup involving youth football teams from Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain.



A participant at the George Best Community Cup

# All-Island Pride of Place Competition

The annual competition continues to be an important project in our community development programme of work. Last year in spite of the economic climate, there were more than 100 entries from all over the island. It included a new Housing Estates Category, which was won by Iveragh Park, Killorglin, Co. Kerry. The climax of the competition was the Gala Awards Ceremony held in Newcastle, Co Down. The winners received their awards from the then Minister for Social Development, Margaret Ritchie MP.



# Local Authorities Programme

Last year the programme continued to build strong sustainable relationships between local authorities from all over the island of Ireland. Its objective it is to provide learning, leadership and sharing of best practice for the discussion and development of integrated approaches to local development issues. In 2009 a series of study reports were produced in the areas of

- Arts, Culture and Local Government in Ireland
- Sport and Leisure –
   Accessibility and Participation
- Sport and Social Issues in Ireland
- Sport Building Community Cohesion and Capacity
- The Changing Scene of Leisure Facility Provision and Management in Ireland.

It also produced a report entitled, 'Playing Fair: The role of sport and leisure in our lives' and in November 2009, held the inaugural joint SOLACE/CCMA conference for Chief Executives and County Managers from local authorities across the island.

#### **Modernisation Fund**

Co-operation Ireland continues to administer the fund on behalf of the Department for Social Development. In partnership with Community Places and Community Evaluation Northern Ireland, Co-operation Ireland, as lead partner, is managing approximately £15million, which has been allocated to 63 separate projects, all of which support local community development.

### **Donegal Diversity Project**

At the beginning of 2010, Co-operation Ireland in partnership with the trade union peace and reconciliation training organisation City Bridges, commenced a programme of initiatives to promote anti-sectarianism and anti-racism in the workplace. It includes training through workshops, multimedia environment and on-line forums. The project is targeted at work places in Donegal but it also has a cross border element to target employees from the border catchment areas. It is delivered as part of Donegal County Development Board's Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Action Plan.

### Looking to the Future

Co-operation Ireland believes that integrated community development projects are vital for the development of peace-building on the island of Ireland. Over the past year we have identified key programme areas and our current projects reflect our commitment to supporting community integration and partnership.

All on-going projects will be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure they are relevant and value for money. We are committed to building our FACE projects and plan to develop a large regional project. As the CORE project becomes more sustainable, Co-operation Ireland will pare back its involvement but will continue to oversee its management. The learning from the more localised projects including Song and Stories, Growing Together and the Donegal based project will be used to inform and design larger community development initiatives in 2010/11.

This year's Pride of Place Award Competition is well underway and the gala awards ceremony will take place in Trim, County Meath during November. The Local Authorities Programme plans include examining Work Place Partnerships and the role of social inclusion in building peaceful and sustainable communities.

Co-operation Ireland will continue to manage the Modernisation Fund until it closes.



# **Programmes - Education**

Co-operation Ireland's education projects deal primarily with second level schools and third levels colleges and universities.

#### Civic-Link

Co-operation Ireland's main education programme. In 2009-2010, approximately 50 schools and a small number of youth groups from all across the island participated in the citizenship based project. Through the programme, schools are partnered on a cross-border or cross-community basis and together the students identify local community issues, such as bullying and underage drinking, and address it at policy level.

Also during the year, teachers from schools joining the programme received the specialised training as well as pre-service teachers based at Dublin City University, University of Limerick, NUI Maynooth, Trinity College, University College Dublin and St. Angela's College Sligo.

The on-line element of the programme continued, with students supplementing their face-to-face meetings with interaction through the virtual train station interface. This mode enables them to communicate and collaborate more at key stages of the project.

The international element of the programme continued through the delivery of training to teachers and trainers in Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo through our association with the US Center of Civic Education. Further plans include our involvement in a follow on Youth-leadership camp in Macedonia in Summer 2010 and an International seminar focusing on Human Rights approaches to Civic/Citizenship Education in Belfast, in Autumn 2010.

As Civic-Link enters its second decade, a thorough evaluation comprising interviews with key teaching staff and participants is taking place. This research will inform its future operation and development.

#### Plans for the future include:

- The continued evolution and development of the project to meet Education and Curricular needs in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
- · Extending and disseminating the programme into a wider group of schools and youth groups
- Working further on the international dimension and on the ongoing development of a revised Civic-Link model, utilising a Human Rights approach.



Students from Holy Child Community School, Sallynoggin, County Dublin with Gary Marx from the Center for Civic Education.



#### **Student Journalism Conference**

In February 2010, Co-operation Ireland hosted the 11th annual Student Journalism Conference at the Titanic Quarter, Belfast. Kate Adie, the former BBC War Correspondent, was the keynote speaker. Appromimately 80 journalism students from colleges and universities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland heard Ms Adie talk about her experiences of reporting from conflict zones around the world. Other speakers included the independent news journalist Eamonn Mallie and the former BBC NI Security Editor, Barney Rowan.

It was also attended by representatives from the three sponsoring newspapers, the Irish News, the News Letter and The Irish Times, each of whom spoke about the issues affecting the future of journalism.

The next conference is scheduled for November 2010 and it will take place in Dublin.

### **All-Island School Choir Competition**

In 2009, Co-operation Ireland introduced the inaugural Co-operation Ireland All-Island School Choir Competition in association with RTÉ and with sponsorship from the Titanic Quarter and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

More than eighty second level schools from throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland initially entered the competition, with twenty making it through to the four televised regional heats in Belfast, Dublin, Cork and Sligo.

On 15 November, the final was televised live from the Ulster Hall, Belfast and the winners were Methodist College, Belfast.

This year's competition has already commenced and it will follow the same format with the final being broadcast live from Belfast in November.



Winners of the inaugural Co-operation Ireland All-Island School Choir Competition, Methodist College, Belfast



Former BBC war corespondent Kate Adie speaking at the student journalism



# Programmes -Youth Development

During 2009 and early 2010, Co-operation Ireland invested much of its programme resources into projects aimed at young people. In collaboration with other youth development, statutory, business and funding organisations we have planned and implemented a varied range of projects, which target some of the most disadvantaged youth in our community.

As well as larger regional project, we undertook localised youth projects, concentrating on small numbers of young people, who often see themselves as being on the periphery of society

### **Young Leaders**

In the latter part of 2009, we rolled out this Project in North Lurgan. Twenty young people, who are often labeled 'hard to reach' were selected with the help of local community activists and politicians. They are currently participating in a range of activities, which are giving them a different purpose and perspective on life. As well as the regular workshop and training tasks, they are doing activities they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do. Their first film 'Wasted' which they wrote, directed and acted in is being premiered in the Odeon Cinema, Belfast in June 2010. Initially a pilot project, Co-operation Ireland expects to commence a larger scale regional project in autumn 2010.

### **Communities in Focus**

This project gave 20 young people from the greater Belfast area and Dundalk, County Louth an opportunity to build new relationships and increase their personal sense of belonging by engaging them in a project which they have an interest in – photography. This project culminated in a showcase event, which local community representatives attended. As a result of this project, many of these young people are now engaged in locally organised community engagement programmes.

### **Dealing with Difference**

In November 2009, Co-operation Ireland commenced a project for marginalised young people based in County Down. Its aim was to tackle the challenges and effect of sectarianism and racism.

This project encouraged young people to examine and address the impact of such behaviour on society as a whole. During the project, notable speakers addressed the participants. They included holocaust survivor, Eugene Blank and the founder of Children in Crossfire Richard Moore, who was blinded at the age of 10 years, who both spoke candidly about their extraordinary life experiences.

### **ACT** (Arts and Citizens Together)

This project is an EU Peace III funded project which aims to encourage young people to challenge stereotypes. Using film, song writing and digital stotytelling as well as direct face-to-face contact, the project will be delivered to 120 young people from 6 youth clubs in the council areas of Derry, Strabane and Omagh.

#### **iConnect**

In the Coleraine area, Co-operation Ireland is now rolling out a year long training and personal development programme called iConnect which will encourage active participation in non-violent, anti-sectarian activities. Working with the support of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, local statutory organisations and community workers, Co-operation Ireland has developed a project for 20 young people, which will see them actively developing alternative strategies for dealing with the issues that directly affect them. Running in parallel is a programme for community leaders and youth workers to engage in facilitated dialogue sessions with local police in order to help build a healthy working relationship. One of the benefits of the project is that the young people will take a more active role in the decision making process for the issues affecting them.



### **Changing the conversation**

In April 2010, as part of Co-operation Ireland's and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland's 30th anniversary celebration, young people under the age of 30 years were given the opportunity to hold conversation events in order to discuss the issues that matter to them. The culmination of the 10 day-long Changing the Conversation Campaign was the visit of the President of Ireland Mary McAleese to the final interactive celebration event at the Belfast Metropolitan College

### Looking to the future

Youth Development will continue to be one of the main areas in Co-operation Ireland's portfolio of programmes. We will continue to work with others in the field to ensure that we support those young people most-in-need. In addition we will continue to use new technology and innovative methods to encourage more young people to take an active role in their own personal development and the development of their community.

We will work with private industry to jointly develop, design and run exciting youth development initiatives.

Later this year, we will commence a project we have developed in partnership with the investment bank Morgan Stanley. Its aim is to provide disaffected young people with the opportunity to participate in a course designed to give them ideas for their future careers as well as preventing them from engaging in anti-social behaviour. This course will be held in Morgan Stanley's London offices.

We are also proactively using digital technology to develop and enhance our youth development projects.

During summer 2010, we will begin the Contested Spaces in Second Life project. In partnership with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, we have developed an innovative project dealing with contested spaces and it will take place in the virtual world of Second Life. This virtual world provides a 'safe space' wherein potentially conflicted individuals and groups gather and meet without the danger of physical violence. By constructing a virtual conflict situation, teams of individuals will learn to deal with this contested space and in turn these negotiating skills should then be transferred into reality.



President and Dr McAleese, with Peter Sheridan, Avila Kilmurray and Tony McCusker from the Community Foundation NI at the Changing the Conversation Celebration Event



President McAleese with young people at the Changing the Conversation celebration event

## **Programmes**

Over the past year, The Irish Peace Centres (IPC) has undertaken a comprehensive programme of events, which support the project's aims of 'cultivating and sustaining positive relations at a local level across the region and across traditional and new social divides'.

#### Highlights of the year included:

- The Breathing Spaces Conference in September 2009 at Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry. The newly appointed Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Reverend Norman Hamilton was the keynote speaker
- The Biennial International Conference entitled Prejudice and Pride in March 2010.
   A range of speakers including Kenneth Bush and the Human Rights activist Peter Tatchall explored the role of prejudice and its impact for peace-building both in Northern Ireland and in other conflict regions
- During December 2009, IPC representatives presented papers at the Beyond Reconciliation Conference at the University of Capetown, South Africa

#### Upcoming events include

- A conference entitled 'Beyond Boom and Bust – Letting in Light in Hope' in September 2010
- A 'Networked for Peace' conference which will bring peace and reconciliation facilitators from across the island of Ireland together. The conference will use the medium of Open Space Technology and will take place in September 2010.

The Irish Peace Centres is a major collaborative project comprising The Donegal Centre at An Teach Ban, the Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, the Corrymeela Community and led by Co-operation Ireland. It is funded by the Peace III Programme, administered and delivered by the Special EU Programmes Body.



Peter Tatchall at the IPC Prejudice and Pride Conference



### **Programmes International**

#### Washington/Ireland Study visit

In August 2009 a group of 20 young professionals began a unique opportunity to engage in a rigorous and challenging experience of learning. The programme explored the internal dynamics and processes at work in post-conflict societies, with special attention to the role of civic society in conflict transformation on the island of Ireland.

# Turkish Cypriot Civil Society Project

In March 2010, Co-operation Ireland hosted a delegation of 12 Turkish Cypriots, who were on a fact-finding mission to Ireland. Representing a variety of NGOs, the purpose of the event was to share best practice and inspire innovative cross-border and cross-community projects in Cyprus.

### Serbia Human Rights and Minorities Project with GDSI

Co-operation Ireland is part of a consortium of international NGOs who secured an EU contract to work in Serbia on a human rights project. The project which commenced earlier this year 2010 will involve providing support to the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, building the capacity of the Ministry, revising and monitoring the existing legal framework, providing support to the country's National Minority Councils and introducing and institutionalising minority rights standards at local level.



Washington Ireland tour group at the US Embassy in Dublin



Turkish Cypriot delegation at City Hall, Belfast



# **Business Development**

Like many other charities, 2009 was a year of change for Co-operation Ireland as the organisation had to cope with a downturn in the wider economy and changes in the funding sectors. These circumstances offered Co-operation Ireland an opportunity to review the way in which it funded its activities, and the range of activities that it was able to undertake. This review resulted in the creation of a new "Business Development" function within the organisation.

For Co-operation Ireland, "Business Development" has 4 key aims:

- To develop new programmes that can be clearly linked to our strategic objectives;
- 2. To develop new funding sources so that these programmes can be delivered;
- To review our existing programmes to ensure that they are delivered with greater efficiency, without compromising the effectiveness of the programmes themselves;
- 4. To work in partnership with other organisations, where there is clear benefit in doing so.

Given the time taken to develop new ideas, create partnerships and secure funding for new initiatives, it will be 2010/2011 before the benefits of this approach will begin to be realised. However there has been a clear re-focussing of programme design to ensure that future activities address the needs of disadvantaged communities, and tackle the deep-seated issues of disadvantage and conflict that exist at a grass roots level amongst these communities. A number of pilot programmes have been developed to test the viability of new ideas, and to ensure that they can be delivered at a regional level, without losing the impact at a local level. More detail on the individual projects is noted within the report from the programmes team.

We have also begun to look at the international aspect of our work, both in terms of transferring our experience to other countries and bringing the learning from other countries to these shores. We have successfully tendered for a number of small opportunities to work with groups from Kosovo and Cyprus, whilst The Irish Peace Centres also hosted an international exchange with groups from Israel and Palestine.

Clearly, 2010/2011 will be a year of challenge for the Business Development team but we are confident that from small beginnings come great things and that within one year we will have successfully established the team as a vital part of Co-operation Irelands future plans.



# **Fundraising**

Despite the continued economic recession, Co-operation Ireland was able to continue with many of its planned events throughout the 2009/2010 calendar.



Gala Dinners were organised and well supported in Trinity College Dublin, the Dorchester Hotel London and Queens University Belfast with guest speakers including Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Shaun Woodward, Minister for Foreign Affairs Michael Martin, the former Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern and the former Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Sir Hugh Orde. The Dinners gave business leaders an opportunity to support our charity, network with key Anglo Irish entrepreneurs and simultaneously learn more of the charity's grass-roots programme activities.

The Legal Dinner in London in April again attracted a huge turn-out from both British and Irish law firms, while smaller regional Dinners took place in Liverpool and Manchester.

During the year, several Sporting Challenges were undertaken to raise funds from small teams competing in the Dublin Womens Mini Marathon and the Relay section of the Belfast city Marathon to the much more arduous challenges of the 200 mile cross - border bike ride or a five day 350 mile spin around New England in the Fall. We also had 30 hardy souls joining a cast of 40,000 for the New York City Marathon. The charity is indebted to both first timers and regulars who take on these events to raise much needed funds for our programmes.

Four Golf Classics were held in 2009 starting at St Georges Hill Surrey where over 100 players took on the early shotgun start. Next up, the Belfry hosted 60 golfers in our Midlands Classic and Cork Golf Club again played host to 100 players at the end of June. Pat Jennings once again showed his prowess for the smaller ball as he headed up the field for his Classic at Royal County Down in October. The Classics continue to play an important role in raising the charity's profile and introducing important new supporters to our cause.





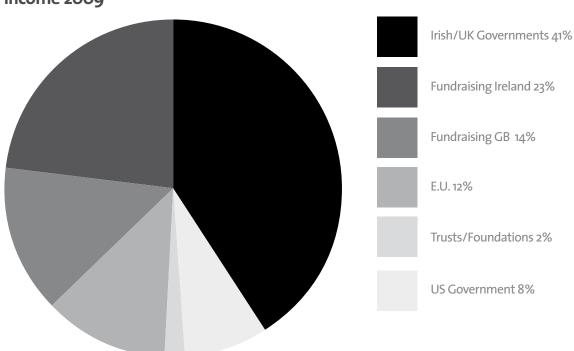


# **Accounts**

	2009		2008	
INCOME	Dublin €000's	Belfast £000's	Dublin €000's	Belfast £000's
Donations Other Income EU Peace 11 Income	818 583	592 1,081 0	931 1,008	706 1,146 1101
Less Expenditure	1,401	1,673	1,939	2,953
Programme costs Administration EU Peace 11 Expenditure	1,502 77	1,790 42	1,924 87	1,850 94 1,101
	1,579	1,832	2,011	3,045
Surplus/(Deficit)	(178)	(159)	(72)	(92)

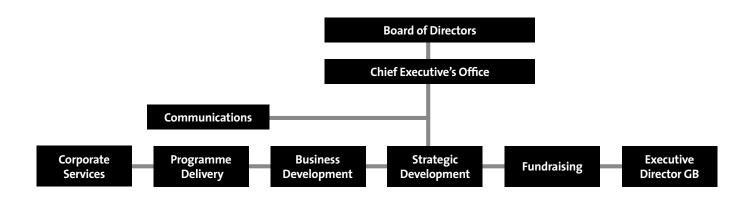
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### Income 2009



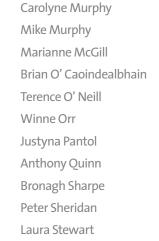


# **Organisational Structure**



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Christine Walsh

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# **Co-operation Ireland Fundraising Events Calendar**

#### 2010

26 - 27 JUNE Co-operation Ireland Maracycle

8 - 12 SEPT 4-day Cycle Ireland Bike Ride

1-11 OCT Kilimanjaro Trek

4 OCT Pat Jennings Golf Classic, Royal County Down, Newcastle

7 NOV New York City Marathon

4 NOV Gala Ball, The Dorchester Hotel, London

25 NOV Gala Dinner, Queen's University, Belfast

#### 2011

4 - 13 FEB Vietnam to Cambodia Bike Ride

14 APRIL Legal Dinner, The Dorchester Hotel, London

15 APRIL Golf Classic, St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey

17 APRIL London Marathon

MAY Belfast Relay Marathon

MAY/JUNE Co-operation Ireland Golf Classic,

Menzies Welcombe Golf Club, Stratford-upon-Avon

9 JUNE Gala Dinner, Trinity College, Dublin

JUNE Cork Golf Classic

JUNE Co-operation Ireland Maracycle



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