

Appendix 1

Local Community Festival Grants - July 2022 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisations Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Total Requested Amount	Amount Awarded
1.	Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Parent Support Group	Community	Community Fun Day	4	£1500	£720
2.	Derryloran Flower Guild	Community	200 th Anniversary Festival	4	£3990	£840
3.	Dungannon Swifts Football Club	Community	Community Fun day	6	£610	£600
4.	Kilcronaghan Community Association	Community	Annual Vintage Rally, Craft Fair & Family Fun Day	3	£1200	£960
5.	St Marys Killyman GFC	Community	Local Community Festival Vintage Car & Tractor Show	3	£1200	£840
6.	Naomh Brid Brocagh	Sport/Community	Fun Day	4	£1050	£840
7.	Leo's Boys and Girls Tug of War club	Sport	Tug Fest Aughnacloy	5	£1065	£720
Total					£5520.00	

Good Relations Grants - July 2022 (Maximum £1,200)

No applications received

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Appendix 2 Irish Language Support Fund - Awards

GROUP	ACTIVITIES	AWARD
Cairde Uí Néill Coalisland	<p>“Gaeilge sa Phobal – Irish in the Community”</p> <p>Irish language days at local children’s summer camps, a range of outdoor activities for Irish speaking families, an adult summer school, a series of heritage talks, an Irish language traditional song project and festival helping local people achieve fluency through the promotion of our rich heritage of traditional song.</p>	£3,175
Grúpa Ban Ghreanacháin - Granaghan Women’s Group	<p>Níl Muid Líofa Go Fóill!</p> <p>Irish language workshops, targeting those who have a little Irish. Activities to be delivered outside, as much as possible- 10 Irish language sessions of 90 mins each. They will be delivered in the open air, walks and talks, all conducted “As Gaeilge”.</p>	£870
An Carn Centre Maghera	<p>“Plean Gníomhaíochta 2020-21” Language Revitalisation</p> <p>12 month activity plan; targeting all aspects of the use of Irish in the local district. A range of projects including youth activity support, adult learning, heritage promotion, Feis Charn Tóchair, family mentoring, teaching resource development, language colleges, Irish language drama etc</p>	£13,810
An Chraobh Rua, Comhaltas Uladh Dungannon	<p>“An Gasra Léitheoireachta” Irish LanguageThe Reading Club</p> <p>Promotion of reading in the Irish language through a programme of online activity.</p>	£640
Conradh na Gaeilge Charn Tóchair Maghera	<p>“Scéim Thacaíochta do Theaghlaigh Gaelacha” (Support programme for Irish speaking families)</p> <p>Project involves a storytelling/reading programme for pre-school, family resource development, and Mother and Toddler club activities.</p>	£6,400
Glór na Speiríní Ballinascreen	<p>Imeachtaí Bliana Bhaile na Scríne</p> <p>A support programme for Irish speaking families with a range of activities including an Adult Winter School, online events and a programme of heritage walks.</p>	£3,150
Glór Mhachaire Fíolta Magherafelt	<p>“Scéim Óige 2021-22” (Irish Language Youth Project)</p> <p>A support programme targeting young people in primary and post-primary Irish medium education to develop their use of the language in informal settings through a range of youth activities.</p>	£3,500
Tobin Youth Centre Moortown	<p>“Irish language Activity Programme for 4-7 Year Olds”</p>	£1,950

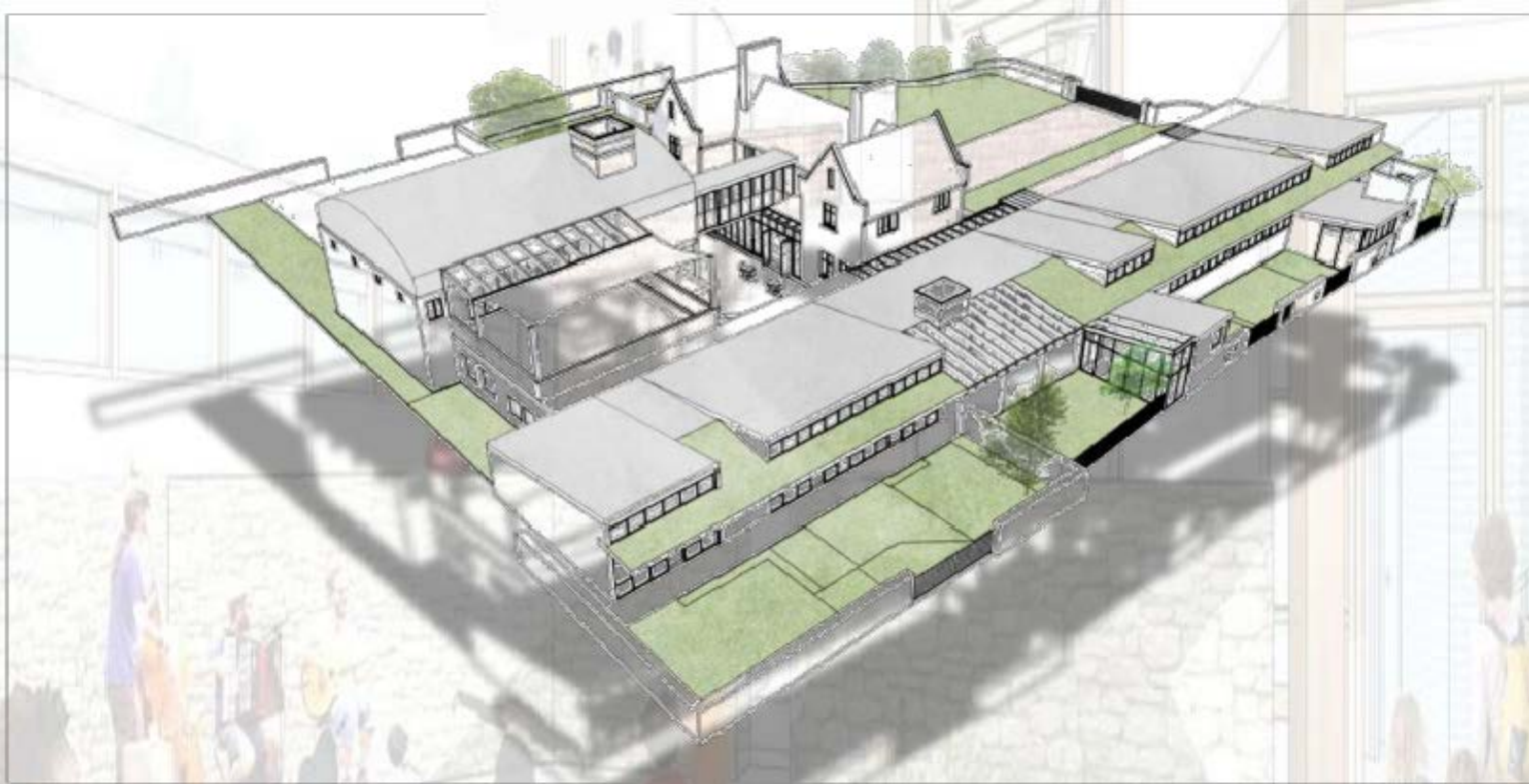
Naomh Colm GAC Ballinascreen	Bliotz Uladh Irish Language socialisation programme for youth teams from across Ulster	£650
Campa Chill Dreas,	Campa Chill Dreasa (Kildress Summer Camp)	£2,035
Sruth na Gaeilge, Scoil Iósaef Domhnach Mór	Craobh an tSrutha (Champions of Irish)	£315
Irish Institute of Leadership Pomeroy	Féile Ghaeltacht Thír Eoghain 2021 (Tyrone Gaeltacht Festival) Online Irish language Summer School for Adults involving a series of language classes and lectures to improve language skills and knowledge of cultural heritage in Tyrone area.	£2,200
Naomh Colmcille GAC Coalisland	Irish Language learning programme for youth teams	£480
Cairdeas Eoghain Cookstown	Seal Spraoi (Summer Scheme Activity Week) Summer Scheme for local Irish Medium primary school children involving a range of linguistic activities for both parents and pupils with a view to continuing use of Irish during summer months/school holidays. Seal Spraoi (Summer Activities for Teenagers) Parent, Carer and Toddler Programme Seal Spraoi (After schools youth-club)	£5900
Gaelscoil Eoghain Cookstown	An Naíscoil Bheag -Activities for 2-3 year olds and parents	£1,500
Healthy Kidz Dungannon	Healthy Kidz Irish Language Summer Scheme	£2,000
Gaelscoil Aodha Rua Dungannon	Ár bPobal Foghlamtha The aim of the project is to encourage the wider school community, both teaching and non-teaching and parents of children in the school who have studied Irish at school, to engage in a programme of continued learning.	£1,425



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Clogher Valley

Centre of Excellence



“We know that conducive social services that involve the entire family unit have the potential to send ripples of change throughout the community and transform a “culture of war” into a “culture of peace”



“We believe in
Childhood – in its own right”

ABOUT US

Early Years is the largest organisation in Northern Ireland working with and for young children.

A non-profit making organisation with over 240 employees, Early Years has worked since 1965 to promote high quality early education and childcare for children aged 0 - 18 and their families.

Early Years is also a registered company in Ireland with an office in Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Annually we support over 500 settings and 14,000 employees with:

- Leadership and Governance
- Funding and Sustainability (we administer the Pathway Fund and the Childcare Recovery Fund on behalf of DE)
- Development and implementation of evidence based programmes
- Support/Advice and Advocacy
- Accreditation & Training
- Lead and/or accountable body for seven Sure Starts.

Vision and Mission



Mission:

“To lead and innovate to ensure high quality shared early education and care services that support resilience for children, families and communities.”

Early Years vision is to ensure that:

- Children are strong, competent and visible in their local communities
- Parents, carers and families live in communities with healthy relationships that nurture good child development outcomes
- Children and families are physically and emotionally well and resilient
- Children are eager and able to learn and reach their full potential
- Parents, carers, families and service providers are empowered and resilient
- Children are respectful of difference and grow up in a peaceful, prosperous and shared region



Child Rights Ecology Model



Key relationships with partners and funders



An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna
Department of Education and Skills



Northern Ireland Executive



Department of Education



Special EU Programmes Body
Comhlacht na gClár Speisialta AE
Special EU Schemes Board



The Education and Training Inspectorate
Promoting Improvement



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth



Background to Clogher

- Built in 1842, the Clogher Valley workhouse was erected on a 9.5-acre site north of Clogher town. Built to accommodate up to 500 inmates, covering 17 electoral areas including Augher, Ballagh, Cullamore, Errigal and Brogan & Mullodan in Co. Monaghan.
- Early Years had an unprecedented opportunity in light of two asset transfers from Clogher Valley Playgroup and Department of Education to acquire a unique site adjacent to the border and centrally located.
- The project will revitalise a derelict historic site, symbolic of a divisive past with a ground-breaking new use with impact directly within the local community and more widely across Northern Ireland, Ireland and beyond.
- Additionally, new structures will be developed to further engrain existing childcare provision within the development.
- Robust consultation phase engaged key stakeholders and identified possible functions, gaps, services and practice models, assessed the feasibility of the location of any proposed new service, and expose local stakeholders to best practice internationally.
- As a result of the extensive process of consultation and engagement a sense of ownership developed in terms of identifying the need for a new model of shared service delivery located on the Old Clogher Valley Workhouse site that would transform the site.

Clogher Aim & Vision

The Centre of Excellence will provide a working model for communities across the local area, nationally and internationally for the delivery of high-quality shared services rooted in respect for difference - based on a community development model.

The project will ensure that children are **strong, competent and visible** in their communities, **physically and emotionally healthy, respectful of difference** and can grow up in a **peaceful, prosperous and shared region**.

The strategic aims are to create a child care infrastructure that is affordable, sustainable, fosters a lifelong respect for diversity thereby laying the foundations for a more tolerant, inclusive society and support the transformation of our **society**.

A national and international centre of excellence that showcases the very latest expertise and research in designing and using environments for young children and models pedagogical best practice and meet the needs of a diverse range of children and families.



Alignment with Policy Objectives

A shared society that respects diversity: a safe community where we respect the law and each other; children and young people will have the best start in life.

Children should live in safety and stability; contributing positively to community and society which respects their rights, the project will fully commit to the Convention on the Rights of the Child with particular focus on General Comment No 7 giving a voice and visibility to children and families.

Facilitates collaboration across a range of health , education and care services and the integration of early years services as part of a wider theme of early intervention, equity and access.

Has due regard to rural areas when developing, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and to have due regard to the social and economic needs of rural people.

Give children and young people the best chance in life, develop models to increase parental involvement and the wider community and cross community use of all educational facilities; extend provision of shared education; promote shared spaces; promote quality and sustainable day care and extend after schools.

2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals contribute internationally to new knowledge in relation to the role of early childhood development and peace building.



Planned Activity



- A new high quality, bespoke centre to enable 50+ pre-school places in partnership with Clogher Valley Playgroup.
- A facility to support a total of 180 children aged from birth to four established and managed by Early Years with out of school facilities, in a new purpose-built day care service as well as 30 summer scheme places (total 210 new places).
- Spaces for families for Two-Year-Olds (36 places), Creche (12 places) and Programme spaces for parents, speech and language, breast feeding, art, science, sensory play and gross motor activities (over 1000 registered children and parents) in partnership with Clogher Valley Sure Start.
- Training and research facilities for parents, early years providers and students in partnership with Early Childhood Ireland, Stranmillis University and other international partners.
- Indoor and outdoor community spaces including a café and remida (early years recycling) area and meeting spaces. Outdoor spaces for nature play, gardening, building, sensory and dramatic play in partnership with Recreate.

Progress to Date

- Design is complete and the project is shovel ready
- Cross party and Ministerial support secured in Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.
- Asset transfers:
 - Dept. of Education/ Infrastructure for reception building and land (Completed)
 - Clogher Valley Playgroup Association for adjacent land (Pending)
- Dept. of Education commitment of £240,000 (Pending)
- Early Years contribution of £138,000 committed
- Atlantic Philanthropies grant of €885,000 secured

Progress to Date

MMAS Architects appointed as Design Consultants

Completed to RBAI (Royal British Institute of Architects) standards. 7 stage process. RIAI (The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) equivalency.

Stage	Activities	Timelines
1 Preparing and Briefing	Brief approved by EY and confirmed it can be accommodated on site	Completed
2 Concept Design	Architectural concept approved by EY and aligned to Project Brief	Completed
3 Spatial Coordination	Architectural and Engineering information Specially coordinated	Completed
4 Technical Design	All design information required to manufacture and construct the project nearing completion.	Nearing Completion
5 Construction	Manufacturing and Construction to be commissioned	Q2 2022 +
6 Handover	Building to be handed over, aftercare to be initiated and building contract reviewed	Q3 2023
7 Use	Building used operated and maintained effectively.	Q3 2023

Request For Support from Shared Island Unit

Proposed Activity	Proposed Start Date	Total Cost (€)	Committed to date			Funding Required (€)
			(€)	In Kind (€)	Secured (€)	
Manufacturing, Construction, Handover and Use (phases 1,2 & 3)	May-22	7,285,000.00	283,000.00	217,000.00	€ 885,000	5,900,000.00

An initial business case developed in Sept 2020 outlined a total cost of £5,261,500 (€6,208,570).

Two subsequent cost reviews have been undertaken with the design team given the fluidity of pricing within the industry at present.

A revised total cost of **€7,285,000** for all three phases is approved and current until 30 April 2022.

€1,385,000 achieved in Committed, In Kind & Secured.

Represents an 81% funding requirement from Shared Island Unit

No commitment required to support revenue costs post construction.

Progress to Date

- Discussions with the Department of Education re: asset transfer and support for development since Jan 2020.
- Extensive negotiations with the Shared Island Unit between June 2021 – June 2022. We need an Accountable Department in Ireland to sponsor the programme
 - Met with Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth Feb/Mar 22
 - Planning a further meeting with Dept of Education & Skills for July 2022
- 10K secured from the Architectural Heritage Fund to develop community video and explore funding opportunities
- EOI submitted to National Lottery Heritage Fund in June 22. Project value deemed too high given % of NI Budget. Discussions to continue in July.
- Opportunity to explore funding opportunities under PEACEPLUS. Pre-Application Support Hybrid Workshop (Friday 8th July 2022)

Request For Support

- Continue to support the project team to:
 - Continue to support engagement with the SIU to explore funding opportunities
 - Ensure the ongoing support of the Department of Education
 - Promote the opportunity from Mid Ulster Council and provision of support through council led programmes and the PEACEPLUS programme.
 - Mid Ulster Council to traction cross border partnerships and support

Questions??