**Irish Youth Foundation Announces *Generation Pandemic Recovery Fund* of €500,000 to Support Ireland’s Most Excluded Children and Young People.**

The fund opens for application on **Wednesday 3rd June and closes on Wednesday 1st July 2020** at 6pm

**Fund Objective**

The Irish Youth Foundation is launching a €500,000 Fund to support **successful transitions** for our most excluded children and young people under three key focus areas;

***The Fund has three focus points for change***;

1. **Educational Attainment** – Programmes that support positive transitions through school from primary to secondary school and/or completion of secondary cycle
2. **Personal Development** – Programmes that support happy, healthy transitions from childhood through to adulthood (social, physical and mental health resilience)
3. **Skills & Employability** – Programmes that support successful transitions for young people to economic independence

The Fund will support organisations working with children and young people in the Republic of Ireland aged between 6-24 years.

**Who is eligible to apply for funding?**

To be eligible the applying organisation must;

1. Be a registered not-for-profit or charitable organisation
2. The organisation must have a bank account set up in the name of the organisation
3. Be registered in the Republic of Ireland and active in Ireland for the past 12 months
4. The organisation much have a child protection policy in place

**What funding opportunities are available?**

***There are three categories of funding available;***

**1. Growth Fund** (multi-annual award)

* Awards of up to €150,000 over 3 years will be granted under this category. There will be a minimum commitment of two years funding with potential for a 3rd year of funding, subject to criteria being met.

The aim of this category of funding will be to support existing projects or programmes that are working to strengthen transitions for children and young people. Applicants should be able to clearly demonstrate how their project impacts positively upon the lives of young people under one or more of the focus points for change.

Applications to this fund category will need to;

* Demonstrate quantifiable results
* Provide evidence of qualitative outcomes
* Provide evidence of effectiveness that has been independently verified

This category is inviting applications from organisations working directly with young people that are ready to scale and/or to organisations with a national remit that can demonstrate that their work influences policy and practice to improve transitions for children and young people.

**2. Promising Programmes Fund** (single opportunity fund)

* Awards of €10,000 - €20,000 will be granted under this category

This fund will support innovative and dynamic projects or initiatives. These projects should be promising, not necessarily proven, and can provide some level of evidence on their effectiveness. We are especially interested in supporting pioneering initiatives to help children and young people overcome difficulty in their lives with innovative and creative thinking and / or collaboration at their core.

**3. Grassroots Fund** (single opportunity fund)

* Awards of either €2,000 or €5,000 will be granted under this strand

This fund will provide small grants for youth clubs and community projects to contribute to daily running costs or activities.

**Term and conditions**

* The organisation must be a;
	+ Charitable organisation with a registered charity number working within a community

**or**

* + Not for profit organisation with a bank account and constitution
* The fund is open to organisations working with children and young people aged 6-24 years
* Activities using the fund must be based in ROI
* The organisation must be in operation for at least 12 months
* Applicants for the fund must be over the age of 18 and have consent to make the application by their project director or Board

Additional

* The organisation must provide a copy of their annual audited accounts/end of year accounts if requested (via benefacts on the online application)
* The organisation must provide a reference if requested
* An organisation may only apply once within each category
* Successful awardees must be willing to share photos of their project, be willing to do media interviews, speak at events and meet IYF donors if requested

GDPR

* IYF will hold the organisation and project details which you submit with your application form so that we may inform you of future funding applications. We will only share this information with the third parties administering the application and selection process, unless we agree otherwise with you

Please note

* Late applications will not be accepted
* By sending in your application, you accept these terms and conditions. If you do not comply with these terms and conditions, you may be disqualified and may have to return any award granted. In the event that as award is not accepted, or an award is revoked, the Directors may select an alternative awardee

Note on Costs eligible for funding

* The Grassroots Fund will not cover salary costs of an organisation

**IYF reserves the right to disqualify any entrant, to change the terms and conditions without notice, or to cancel the application process at any stage**

**How can projects apply for the funding?**

All applications will be made online via [www.iyf.ie](http://www.iyf.ie)

**How will applications be assessed?**

* The IYF will assess all applications using a scoring sheet to assess their suitability against the funds criteria
* A longlist of applications that meetthe criteria will be put forward to a grants committee
* The Grants committee will review and finalise the shortlist for each category

**Growth Fund and Promising Programmes Fund**

* Shortlisted candidates for both the Growth Fund and the Promising Programmes Fund will be called for interview
* IYF will conduct due diligence on shortlist before a final recommendation to the Board of IYF
* The final decision on awarding grants rests with the Board of the Irish Youth Foundation
* Successful applicants will be notified and contracts issued

**Grassroots Fund**

* The committee will agree the Grassroots awardees, once due diligence is completed and subject to IYF Board approval. Awardees will be notified in writing
* The final decision on awarding grants rests with the Board of the Irish Youth Foundation

**Please note**

Due to the anticipated volume of interest, we regret that we will not be in a position to provide feedback to all applicants. Feedback will only be provided to unsuccessful shortlisted applicants.