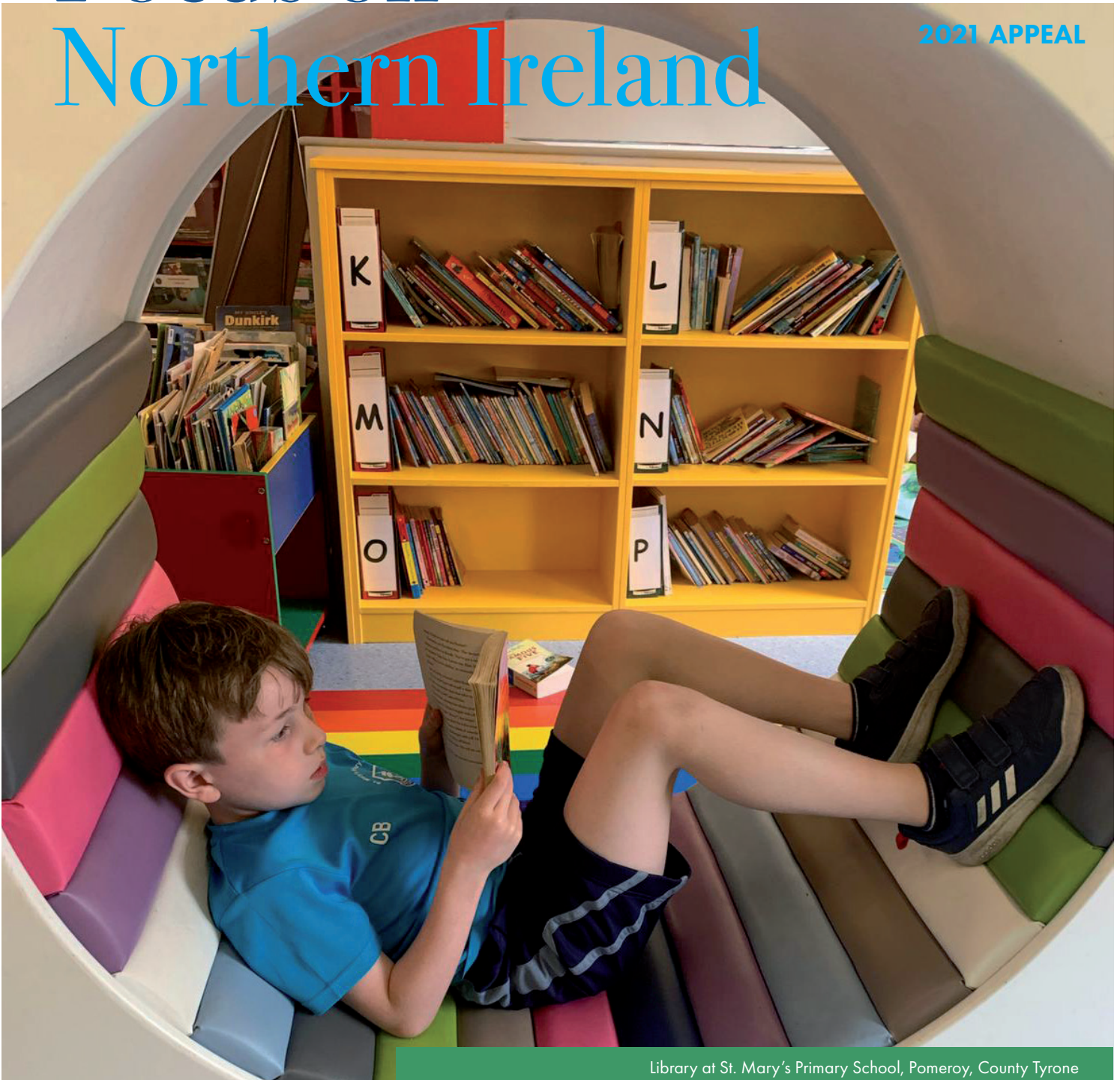




# Focus on Northern Ireland

2021 APPEAL



Library at St. Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy, County Tyrone



## UNITING AGAINST HATE

Strengthening our commitment to peace building and democracy throughout Northern Ireland



## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ETHOS

Supporting the growing momentum behind integrated education at Carrickfergus Central Primary School, County Antrim

## BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Illustrating the journey thousands of emigrants made from the old world of Ulster to the New World on the American frontier, the Ulster American Folk Park gives visitors a glimpse of 18th and 19th century life.

This reproduction of rural Ulster, filled with authentic shops and buildings, also features a full-scale emigrant ship. Visitors experience the cramped quarters where hundreds of people lived during their twelve-week Atlantic crossing.

This open air museum in Omagh, county Tyrone strives to keep traditional crafts alive, with daily forge work, wool spinning, turf cutting, willow weaving, woodcraft, and quilting.

We are delighted to lend Partnership support annually through a donor advised endowment fund.



## Future Bookworms at St. Mary's Primary School

The Partnership's hallmark direct grants to schools program has been renamed the **O'Neill School Grant Program** in honor of a great man, known for his love of Ireland, passion for youth education, and commitment to the Partnership's long-term success.

One of the recipients of this ongoing school grant program, St. Mary's Primary School is a Catholic maintained primary school in the village of Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone. With a teaching staff of a principal and 7 full-time teachers, they provide a happy and secure learning environment for the 180 pupils with ages ranging from four to eleven.

St. Mary's recognizes and values reading as a key life skill and is dedicated to enabling pupils to become lifelong readers with the fundamental goal of reading for enjoyment. With this in mind, Principal Damian Eanetta reached out for assistance to increase the variety of books available to the children. Many of their books had become dilapidated and worn.

They also badly needed to extend the range of books at each level to include fiction and non-fiction titles.

Thanks to your generosity, the Partnership provided a grant which boosted the parents' fundraising activities including voluntary help from members of the local community.

*"We are indebted to the Irish American Partnership for providing us with this grant as our funds in the school are stretched to the limit."*

- Ann Marie Devlin, P4 Teacher

The pupils of St. Mary's are delighted with the colorful and engaging library space created where children can relax and enjoy some time reading quietly.



# UNITING AGAINST HATE

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Since 2014, the Belfast-based Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) has worked towards its vision of removing fear from divided communities, and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity.

And for over thirty-five years, the Partnership has dedicated itself to building a more inclusive and equitable society across Ireland, North and South. Both organizations believe in the power of education to inspire hearts and minds. As part of this commitment, the Partnership is pleased to partner with the CDPB to fund programs to engage young people, including *Unite Against Hate*, the *Leadership Academy for Ethnic Minority Leaders*, and *Diversity Storytelling*.

### Unite Against Hate

To mark UN World Children's Day and Anti-Bullying Week the *Unite Against Hate* campaign was launched with a new website and shareable Friendship Friday resources.

Conversations about bullying behavior including racism and sectarianism are very important, and teachers, parents, or carers are in the perfect position to support and guide young people. Friendship Friday encourages everyone to see they have a role to play in creating a world that is friendlier and kinder.

### Leadership Academy for Ethnic Minority Leaders

Together with our friends at the Washington Ireland Program we provided a 4-week program to 32 ethnic minority leaders in Northern Ireland. Program facilitators supported these young people through sessions on leadership,

strategy, innovation, public affairs and communications, broadening the knowledge and skills of the participants.

### Diversity Storytelling

Throughout the month of March 2021, Unite Against Hate and Still I Rise - Diversity Storytelling hosted story sessions and shared resources focusing on the positives of kind, healthy and happy friendships. Aimed at children aged 5-11, parents, teachers and young people were encouraged to promote racial diversity and the importance of social inclusion to children from an early age.

*“The Irish American Partnership shares our desire to foster and promote reconciliation and join in our commitment to investing in our young people. Without your support we would not have been in a position to deliver so much in these difficult times.”*

Eva Grosman, CEO



# CONNECTING THROUGH MUSIC

## CITY OF DERRY INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Attendees of our 2021 *Nollaig na mBan* Women’s Leadership Celebration will have enjoyed the City of Derry International Choir Festival singers as they inspired us with a beautiful rendition of ‘Amazing Grace.’ The choir was comprised of students from nine post-primary schools from Derry, Strabane, Omagh, and Donegal.

The Partnership is a proud supporter of the festival’s important work, connecting communities and music enthusiasts through song.

*“In a time of social distancing and isolation for so many, we have never felt such a strong desire from our many contributors and participants to feel connected through music.”*

- Dónal Doherty, Festival Director



Following a hugely successful online festival in 2020, which racked up over 250,000 views from 50 countries worldwide, the City of Derry International Choir Festival has announced the dates for their 9th annual festival from 20–24 October, 2021.

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Pupils at Carrickfergus Central Primary School

## BUILDING UPON AN INCLUSIVE ETHOS

For more than three decades, the Irish American Partnership has understood the importance of educating children of different traditions together, not apart.

There is a growing momentum behind integrated education in Northern Ireland and the Irish American Partnership is delighted to lend a helping hand.

Integrated schools in Northern Ireland bring together children from Catholic, Protestant, and other backgrounds, striving to achieve a religious balance of pupils, and respecting the cultural diversity they represent. This ethos is a powerful means for reconciliation in this post-conflict society.

Each year, your generosity enables the Partnership to award an integrated school in Northern Ireland a grant of \$10,000 through our partners at the **Integrated Education Fund**, an organization at the fore of this innovative movement that celebrates respect, understanding, and friendship.

Your continued support means that this year Carrickfergus Central Primary School will be supported on its exciting journey to integrated status.

Carrickfergus Central is just one of four schools that have recently been approved by the Education Minister to transform to integrated status from September 2021. The move follows an overwhelming 86% of parents voting in favour of integration.

*“We are delighted to have the support of the Irish American Partnership as we embark on our integrated journey. We can now continue to build on our inclusive ethos and our commitment to welcoming pupils from all backgrounds with new educational resources.”*

- Nuala Hall, Principal  
Carrickfergus Central Primary School

*“Children are at the heart of the school and Carrickfergus Central has been at the heart of the local community for the past 68 years. We look forward to providing a quality, inclusive education for the children of this area for the next 68 years and beyond.”*

# Focus on Northern Ireland

*Your continued generosity affects tens of thousands of lives across every Irish county, north & south. These are a sample of the schools, communities, and organizations you generously support in Northern Ireland.*

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Ballymoney Integrated Primary School  
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Cavehill Primary School, Belfast  
Children in Crossfire  
Cinemagic  
Cliftonville Integrated Primary School,  
Belfast  
Colaiste Feirste, Belfast  
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland  
Crumlin Integrated Primary School, Belfast  
Cumber Claudy Primary School, Claudy  
Dominican College, Fortwilliam, Belfast  
Drumlins Integrated Primary School,  
Ballynahinch  
Edenbrooke Primary School, Belfast  
Elmgrove Primary School, Belfast  
Flax Trust  
Fort Hill Integrated Primary School, Lisburn  
Gaelscoil na gCrann, Ballinmullan  
Glengormley Integrated Primary School,  
Belfast  
Glenwood Primary School, Belfast  
Glynn Primary School, Larne  
Greater Shankill Alternatives  
Groarty Integrated Primary School,  
Londonderry  
Holy Cross Boys' Primary School, Belfast  
Holy Cross Girls' Primary School, Belfast  
Holy Rosary Primary School, Belfast  
Integrated Education Fund  
Knockavoe School, Strabane

Malone Integrated School, Belfast  
Mercy Primary School, Belfast  
Millburn Primary School, Coleraine  
Newbridge Integrated College,  
Bandbridge  
Northern Ireland Human Rights Fund  
Park Hill Integrated Primary School, Belfast  
Portadown Integrated Primary School  
Pushkin Trust  
Queens University Access Program  
RDS Primary Science Fair Belfast  
Rosemount Primary School, Londonderry  
Round Tower Integrated Primary School,  
Belfast  
Scoil an Droichid, Belfast  
Scotch Irish Trust  
Slemish College, Ballymena  
St. Columbkille's Primary School,  
Carrickmore  
St. Joseph's Boys' School, Westway  
St. Kieran's Primary School, Belfast  
St. Louise's, Belfast  
St. Mary's Christian Brothers School, Belfast  
St. Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy  
St. Mary's Primary School, Mullaghbawn  
St. Matthew's Primary School, Belfast  
St. Nailes' Primary School, Kinawley,  
Enniskillen  
St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Belfast  
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St. Patrick's Primary School, Dunamanagh  
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