



# TO BE ALIVE IS TO BE VULNERABLE

st. stephen's green trust  
ANNUAL REPORT 2010

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Trust was set up in 1992 by a Dutch philanthropic family, which operates worldwide. Since 2003, it has had 3 further sources of funding, all religious orders, which sold property, some of the proceeds being gifted to the Trust to assist it in its mission. They are the Daughters of the Cross of Liege, the Discalced Carmelites and the Oblate Fathers.

## **What do we fund?**

The General Grants Scheme operates on a 32 county basis. It currently offers grants to organisations working with people who are homeless, prisoners / ex-prisoners and Travellers.

The Darndale Belcamp Oblate Grants Scheme supports organisations working across a wide range of issues in Dublin 17. This scheme will operate until 2015.

The Trust will consider project or core costs for community and voluntary organisations. Grants levels are generally from €1,000 to €12,000. In 2011, the Trust is inviting applications from organisations with annual income below €500,000.

The Trust cannot consider applications for building costs; general appeals; retrospective funding and individuals.

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st. stephen's green trust is a grant-giving organisation which supports organisations working in Ireland to improve the lives of people who are affected by poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion.

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**Directors who served during the year**

Stephen Rourke, Chairman  
Fr Mike Drennan, SJ  
Sr Maria McGuinness, RSM  
Donal O'Brien

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Daughters of the Cross of Liege: Sr Anne Kelly, FC  
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## st. stephen's green trust

### trustees

#### **Stephen Rourke, Chairman**

A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Stephen has been involved in supporting a wide range of voluntary and community initiatives throughout Ireland for over 20 years. He has served as Director of the Ireland Funds, and has acted as consultant to the Gulbenkian Foundation. He has carried out policy development and evaluation work for a wide variety of clients, including the International Fund for Ireland, Pobal, Disability Federation of Ireland, Barnardos, Dublin City Council, the National Drugs Strategy Team and the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation. Stephen is also a board member of Dublin Aids Alliance and Friends of the Earth.

#### **Fr Mike Drennan, SJ**

Fr. Michael Drennan is a Jesuit with a post-graduate degree in psychology. He worked for many years as a counsellor and spiritual director. He was Director of the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Manresa, Dublin, for 6 years. Later, he was Secretary General of the Conference of Religious (CORI) and currently he helps in administration in the Order.

#### **Sr Maria McGuinness RSM**

Sr Maria is a Sister of Mercy qualified in general nursing, child care and social work. She worked for 17 years in a residential centre for girls with behavioural problems in London. In 1984, she was founder and director of Ireland's largest family and community centre, based in Waterford city. Sr Maria served for 3 years on the National Executive of Mercy Ireland and served on the leadership team of the Mercy Southern Province for six years. She spent 3 years as a social worker with the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas, which involved working with Irish people in prisons overseas and their families in Ireland. Maria is currently pioneering a core values approach in the Mercy way of life, both within the congregation and in ministries.

#### **Donal O'Brien**

Donal is a partner in a medium sized Chartered Accountancy practice that he founded twenty five years ago. His clients include a large number of charities and not-for-profit organisations and he has a particular interest in the issues that impact on the organisations in these sectors, including the changing legislative environment for charities. Donal is a graduate of University College Dublin and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and the Institute of Taxation in Ireland. He has served on the Boards of a number of voluntary bodies.

# Chairpersons Report

## Stephen Rourke, Chairperson

In our 2009 Annual Report, we stated that 2009 had been a tough year for the St. Stephens Green Trust as our grantgiving capacity decreased from €664,344 in 2008 to €316,607 in 2009. In the 2009 Annual Report we also commented upon the severe pressures being faced by many individuals and families in Ireland and by voluntary organisations which are involved in tackling poverty, socio-economic disadvantage and social exclusion. Many, many families and virtually all voluntary organisations had witnessed a significant drop in income during the course of 2009.

This pattern and trend has continued into 2010. Unemployment in Ireland is touching nearly 15% of the employable population, approximately one in three young men aged between 18 and 25 are unemployed, there are over 50,000 people emigrating from Ireland each year. There are unacceptably high levels of suicide, mental illness and depression as people try to navigate their ways out of unemployment, crippling debts, negative equity and a sense of hopelessness and despair. We all hope and pray that the current desperate situation for many individuals and families will improve over the next few years.

Ireland's greatest asset is its people and the St. Stephens Green Trust is constantly being reminded of the goodness and the generosity which exists within Irish society. Many of the groups and the activities which we support involve high levels of sharing, of volunteerism, of community activism and community development. We are all aware that Ireland can respond in a fantastic and magnificent way to challenges which are presented. This is evidenced in the amazing community support for the Special Olympics in 2003, in the huge financial support for the victims of the tsunami in south east Asia in 2004, and in the ways that people came together to look after each other (and especially the elderly) during the bitterly cold and freezing weather conditions at the end of 2010.

On the basis of grants made over the last few years, St. Stephens Green Trust believe that there is a lot more that can be achieved through Irish people pulling together and helping each other to overcome the significant challenges and problems which will pertain for the next few years (with the IMF/ECB/EU bail-out and associated austerity measures). Whilst it is reasonable to have expectations of structures such as government, the church, banks etc., it is also necessary for us as citizens of the country to determine what we can do – as communities, as a society – to collectively help to improve the situation in Ireland e.g. through volunteering, through contributing our skills and abilities to enhancing the lives of the most disadvantaged and the most vulnerable.

In 2010, St. Stephens Green Trust allocated €272,300 to 36 different organisations. We would like to have allocated much more since it is clear to us that at a time of decreasing revenues the demands on many voluntary organisations are increasing (as State services are reduced or withdrawn and more people look to voluntary organisations for support and assistance).

St. Stephens Green Trust is pleased with the spread of grants made in 2010 and about the ways in which grants have enabled successful applicant organisations to deliver new and improved services. We are impressed by the levels of imagination, creativity and innovation which is evident as groups try to develop new responses to difficult challenges and problems. We are happy to support groups in their endeavours and, as stated earlier, we feel that a translation or transfer of the creativity and imagination which exists within individual organisations to the national collective sense of well-being and solidarity could produce some amazing outcomes and results for Ireland.

In our own way St. Stephens Green Trust has been playing an active, creative and developmental role as

well as responding to requests for financial assistance. This developmental role and function is particularly evident in the Darndale/Belcamp Programme (in which St. Stephens Green Trust is playing a lead role in building up the capacity of local groups and organisations); in the Christian Values and Social Change Programme (in which St. Stephens Green Trust is providing funding and other supports to faith based organisations and groups); and in the initiative relating to Survivors of Abuse in Irish Religious Institutions (in which St. Stephens Green Trust has commissioned research and will be launching a grants programme in 2011).

These developments have involved St. Stephens Green Trust in using its insights and its networks to put together exciting and interesting initiatives whose potential relevance and impact could extend far beyond St. Stephens Green Trust and the organisations which receive grants from St. Stephens Green Trust.

I am very grateful for the support, the advice and the wisdom provided to St. Stephens Green Trust by our own Trustees and by the observers from donor organisations who attend our Trustee meetings. I am also very appreciative of the contributions which have been made by Orla O'Neill to the development of St. Stephens Green Trust in 2010. Orla is the Grants and Development Director of St. Stephens Green Trust and she has played an instrumental role in administering grants in an effective and professional manner and in progressing many of the positive developments which have taken place during 2010.

Finally, I would like to thank the donors who have contributed to St. Stephens Green Trust and who have entrusted us with the responsibility for allocating money on behalf of their organisations and congregations – Porticus UK, the Daughters of the Cross, the Oblates of

Mary Immaculate and the Discalced Carmelites are the main funders of the St. Stephens Green Trust and we are very pleased to have developed the type of partnership model within which they provide the money and we carry out the assessments and administer the grants (with a clear focus on the funding priorities and preferences of the donor organisations and congregations).

We hope that 2011 and subsequent years will see some improvements in the economic and social well-being of people living in Ireland who have been affected by the slump which has taken place in recent years. We also hope that St. Stephens Green Trust will be in a position to increase its grantgiving capacity and to be able to provide assistance to organisations working with the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in Irish society. It is vital that organisations within the community and voluntary sector are sufficiently resourced in order to sustain themselves beyond the current financial crisis within Ireland. We feel that philanthropic organisations like St. Stephens Green Trust have a role to play in the development of new sustainability models for the community and voluntary sector in Ireland.

*May 2011*

The total value of direct grants awarded in 2010 was €272,300, down 14% on 2009, which had halved from the previous year. Grants were awarded from funding from Porticus UK and the Oblate Congregation. No payments were made from the permanent endowment funds of the Daughters of the Cross or the Discalced Carmelite, which remain on hold until their capital values recover to some extent.



# Grants and Development Director Report

## 2010

A significant amount of time was spent in 2010 on development – including the direct management of some projects. These projects include a short research report, ‘Developing a socio economic profile of survivors of abuse in Irish religious institutions’. More information is provided below. Some work was done in 2010 to develop a small grant scheme to implement the recommendations of the report.

The Trust also managed 3 projects in Darndale in 2010, Community Grantwriter; Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative and a Governance initiative, details of which can be found in the Darndale Belcamp section.

### Survivors of abuse in Irish religious institutions

At a Trustees’ meeting in 2009, during a discussion on the Report on the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, the Trustees realised they had little knowledge of the current situations of survivors of abuse. They commissioned social researcher, Mary Higgins, to develop a socio economic profile of survivors of abuse in Irish religious institutions, using whatever information was available. The purpose was to identify unmet needs and to inform the appropriate allocation of resources targeting this group in Ireland and the UK. The overall objective of the Trust, in commissioning the report, was in the context of our policy of periodically reviewing the needs of people who are most marginalised, to inform the allocation of the Trust’s resources.

The draft report was discussed at a focus group meeting in Summer 2010 to test the findings and the recommendations and there was great interest in the focus on where the most marginalised survivors are now. The final report was published in November 2010 and is available for download at [www.ssgt.ie/research.html](http://www.ssgt.ie/research.html).

The Trust developed a grant scheme to implement the recommendations of the report and is currently seeking

funders for the scheme. The model for the Grant Scheme is similar to the Christian Values & Social Change Programme.

### Grants

Direct grant making activities centred on 3 areas in 2010:

General Grants Scheme - €94,450

Christian Values & Social Change Programme -€60,000

Darndale Belcamp Oblate Grants Scheme -€93,920

### General Grants Scheme

The Trust made direct grants to 17 organisations to the value of €94,450 in 2010. Many more organisations made applications than were successful, but the grant scheme was not as oversubscribed as in 2009. As grants are generally focused on start-up projects or development funding, it is possible many organisations are not undertaking this type of activity in the poor economic climate. In addition, the Trust continued with the criterion of an income limit for organisations of €500,000 as the Trustees wished to focus on the smaller grassroots organisations. The Grants & Development Director speaks with virtually all potential applicants to ensure they understand the criteria for grants. This helps to ensure applicants do not spend considerable time writing applications if they have little chance of success. The main focus of grants was on organisations working with people who are homeless, male Travellers and prisoners / ex-prisoners.

The average grant under the General Grant Scheme was €5,400, similar to 2009. A total of €94,450 was distributed, ranging from €1,500 to €12,000 - a full list is on the following page:

# General Grants Scheme

## 2010

Organisation	Area	Details	Grant
Bedford Row Family Project	Limerick	Family Support Course.	€12,000
Jobcare	Dublin 1	Trasna Programme for ex-offenders	€12,000
YMCA Cork	Cork	Support of at-risk young people with accommodation issues	€9,000
Ennis CDP	Ennis	Educational peer support worker for Traveller students	€8,000
Ballyfermot Travellers Action Project	Dublin	Labre Park Men's Participation Programme	€7,500
ADD NI	Belfast	Training and reintegration project for young offenders with AD/HD	€7,500
Vineyard Church	Dungannon	Rent deposit scheme for families	€7,500
Don Bosco Teenage Care	Dublin	Refurbishment of bedsits for young men living in residential care.	€6,450
Irish Penal Reform Trust	Dublin	Shadow Report to the UN Committee against Torture	€5,000
Community Restorative Justice	Newry	Costs of providing service using volunteers	€3,500
Southill Junior School	Limerick	Sing out with Strings - purchase of violins for music project	€3,000
Finglas Traveller Development Group	Dublin	Purchase of generators for St Christopher's Halting site	€3,000
West Cork Traveller Centre	Cork	Barrel Top Wagon project	€3,000
Prisoners' Families Infoline	Dublin	Core costs for Telephone Helpline	€2,000
Partners in Faith	Dublin	Adult faith development	€2,000
Breaking Through	Kildare	Suicide awareness training programme for people working with Travellers	€1,500
West Limerick CDP	Limerick	Abbeyfeale Men's Handball Club, with Traveller and non-Traveller members	€1,500
<b>TOTAL GRANTS MADE</b>			<b>€94,450</b>

# Christian Values & Social Change Programme

## 2010

The Christian Values & Social Change Programme 2009-2011 was developed following a review of the operation of the grants focus area of Evangelisation and Lay Formation. To ensure the grants were focused on issues of current relevance in Ireland, the Trust commissioned a social scientist with expertise in the area, Dr David Barker, to undertake interviews with a range of stakeholders around the issues of Leadership Formation and Values Transmission in Contemporary Ireland. This was followed by a call for proposals addressing the objective of providing opportunities for organisations whose mission is driven by Christian values and who are enthusiastic about creating social change in a way that values diversity and promotes cohesiveness.

Dr David Barker is the evaluator of the programme, and grantees participate in bi-annual Networking and Evaluation meetings which form the basis of reports to the Trustees. The programme had its first year evaluation during 2010, the learning from which has been beneficial to both the Trust and the grantees. For some organisations, it has been the first time a funder has facilitated peer review and evaluation in exploring the impact and outcomes of their projects or developed a network and learning objective as part of the grant process. Learning workshops were held on How to effect Cultural Change and Fundraising Fundamentals, the latter facilitated by CCS Fundraising. As a result of the evaluation process, it was decided to proceed with Year 2 funding for 3 of the original 5 grantees. The total in direct grants made under this programme in 2010 was €60,000.

### **Department of Theology,**

#### **Mary Immaculate College, Limerick:**

€30,000 for the continuation of the one-year masters degree and formation programme "Christian Leadership in Education", in partnership with CEIST (Trust which governs Catholic schools on behalf of 5 religious organisations with approx 112 schools). The College is

very happy with the progress in this course (which began in June 2010) and they expect interest to increase as CEIST promote the advantages of the qualification to potential applicants to management positions in CEIST schools.

#### **Social Justice Ireland:**

€15,000 for their on-going work. SJI seeks to challenge the dominant understandings that have underpinned Ireland's culture in recent years and, in particular, the values at the root of the neo-liberal approach to policy and discourse. Social Justice Ireland has been to the fore in the media over the last year, advocating for the rights of people who are poor, as Ireland struggles with its economy and society. It is the policy resource centre for the Community Pillar in the Social Partnership process and it has an annual conference attended by many community leaders.

#### **Magis Ireland (formerly called Slí Eile):**

€10,000 for its ongoing work in 2010. Magis is the Jesuit organisation that provides faith and justice activities for young adults aged 18-35. It seeks to empower young adults with Gospel values to realise their potential as leaders. It offers them a model of leadership and the tools to critique themselves, society and the Church. Magis Ireland offers a broad range of activities – including international volunteering; helping children at risk in Dublin's north inner city; weekends exploring the connection between faith and life; days of reflection in the Jesuit Spirituality Centre; walking through the Wicklow Mountains; theological and human development workshops to Christian Leadership.

#### **Religious News Network:**

The Trustees decided not to continue funding RNN in Year 2 of the Programme, and gave an exit grant of €5,000 to help cover some costs while the organisation sought funds from other sources.

# Grants made in Darndale Belcamp 2010

Organisation	Details	Grant
Darndale Belcamp Village Centre	Older People Support Network	€10,000
New Life Centre	Funding Towards Grinds Programme and Youth Programme	€10,000
OLI Junior National School	Literacy Project	€10,000
OLI Senior National School	Music in the classroom programme	€9,500
Sphere 17 Youth Service	Teen Health Education Programme	€8,000
Discovery Centre CTC	Progression Support Programme	€7,820
St Michael's House	Pilot project to buy demonstration bicycles for Darndale Belcamp children with physical disabilities and special needs	€7,500
Sphere 17 Youth Service	Travellers Activities Programme	€6,400
Jigsaw Childcare Centre	Grant towards new equipment and refurbishment	€6,000
Belcamp Estate Steering Committee	Core costs	€5,000
The DALES Centre	Outreach worker to prisons and post release support	€5,000
Society of St Vincent de Paul St Clare's	Various projects designed to support young people complete their education.	€3,500
Colaiste Dhulaigh	Horseriding and Outdoor Activity Centre	€2,500
Northside Partnership	Healthy Food Made Easy Programme	€1,500
St Francis Moatview Football Club	Core costs	€1,200
<b>TOTAL GRANTS FOR 2010</b>		<b>€93,920</b>

# Darndale Belcamp Oblate Grant Scheme

## 2010

The Darndale Belcamp Grant Scheme, which will continue until 2015, is a spend-down endowment focused on the Oblate Parish of Darndale Belcamp – the funds come from part of the proceeds of the sale of Belcamp College. The Grant scheme awarded €93,920 in 15 grants in 2010. The average grant was €6,300, a 40% increase on 2009. Grants ranged from €1,200 to €10,000. Due to the investment downturn, the Oblate Grant Scheme continues to grant less than in the early years of the Scheme. The Trust continued its direct involvement in the management of two grants, the Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative, the Community Grantwriter project and it introduced a new project, the Governance Initiative, focused on providing high quality information and support for organisations significantly affected by forthcoming charities legislation.

### Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative

Following consultation with local people, the Trust convened a Steering Group of people living and working in Darndale and Belcamp to consider how best the needs of the local community could be addressed. In 2008 and 2009, the Steering Group managed the Community Survey, which was a comprehensive analysis of the views of local people on a range of issues affecting them: their physical surroundings; services in the community; their personal lives and people in their community. The full report is available for download at the Northside Partnership website, [www.northsidepartnership.ie](http://www.northsidepartnership.ie).

In 2010, the Steering Group managed the implementation of the next phase, which aimed to support the development of local responses to the findings of the Survey. A year was spent pursuing this objective, and the original plan was revised on several occasions. Successes in this initiative centred around supporting a new parents group which is operating under the auspices of the OLI Junior School and interagency working in a community cleanup. A small number of enthusiastic parents were supported by the school and

the Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative to get involved in activities which benefit their children. Many of this group had not previously been involved in organising activities in the community and show great potential as future community leaders. There was also a very successful community clean-up, led by Sphere 17 and the parents group from the OLI Junior School also participated. The physical environment was cited in the Community Survey by many Darndale and Belcamp residents as being of great importance to them.

We reviewed this initiative in December 2010, and were satisfied the successes which were achieved could be 'mainstreamed' through the Resource Centre, which will continue to work with this group of local people who have come together to work on activities beneficial to the community.

### Community Grantwriter

The Trust continued to implement the Community Grantwriter scheme in 2010. The Scheme was moved from its initial pilot phase to an expanded project in November.

As reported in 2009, the pilot phase showed success in sports organisation being able to access a local and practical support when seeking grants from statutory and voluntary sources. The Trustees decided to expand the Scheme to include a wider range of activities and to open the resource to all community and voluntary organisations. A new Community Grantwriter was recruited in November 2010 as Breda Keogh decided to move on. The Trust is very grateful to Breda for her commitment and enthusiasm in supporting the sports organisations through the pilot phase.

## Darndale Belcamp Oblate Grant Scheme 2010 (continued)

Moirá McCarthy, the new Community Grantwriter, is working for the Trust 3 days a month, out of a small office in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. She is available to work with all local organisations and can be contacted at 085 718 9684 or [darndaleproject@gmail.com](mailto:darndaleproject@gmail.com)

### Governance Initiative

In response to discussions with some of the larger organisations in Darndale Belcamp, the Trust developed a small project to support 5 local organisations begin the process of getting ready for Charities regulation. This project began in December 2010 with a talk by a leading expert in the area of Irish Charities legislation. Interest has grown in the initiative, which is focused on companies limited by guarantee with paid staff.

The Trust continues to be involved with Philanthropy Ireland, the association of independent philanthropic organisations in Ireland. Orla O'Neill was elected to its Board in November 2010.

*Orla O'Neill, May 2011*

# St Stephens Green Trust

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## Summarised Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

The financial information on pages 14 and 15 has been extracted from St Stephen's Green Trust Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 which were approved by the Trustees on 6th May 2011. Copies of the Financial Statements can be downloaded from the Trust's website at [www.ssgt.ie](http://www.ssgt.ie).

# Income and Expenditure

## 2010

	2010	2009
Income	€	€
€	€	
Donations		
Porticus	214,753	245,500
Oblates of Mary Immaculate	125,480	145,107
Dublin City Council	6,000	-
Interest Earned	19	173
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>346,252</b>	<b>390,780</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Grants to beneficiaries	272,695	316,607
Christian Values Programme	9,312	9,588
General Grant Programme	493	-
Darndale Belcamp Programme	2,756	-
<b>Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>	<b>285,256</b>	<b>326,195</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Support expenses:</b>		
Staffing costs	49,544	48,664
Office Costs	3,977	10,153
Governance	2,440	4,366
Audit Fee	1,808	1,822
	<b>57,769</b>	<b>65,005</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>343,025</b>	<b>391,200</b>
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses	<b>3,227</b>	<b>(420)</b>
Net gains/losses on investment assets	131,556	127,180
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>134,783</b>	<b>126,760</b>



# Summary Balance Sheet

## 2010

		2010 €	2009 €
€	€		
Net Assets			
Financial Assets		2,294,927	2,163,371
Current Assets		98,207	31,800
Current Liabilities		(104,268)	(41,088)
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2,288,866</b>	<b>2,154,083</b>
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<b>Total Funds at 31st December 2010</b>		<b>2,288,866</b>	<b>2,154,083</b>

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