

Ashoka Fellows in Ireland



Mairead Healy - 2014

Organisation: FutureVoices

Field of Work: Youth Development

Future Voices empowers traditionally underrepresented young people to find their voices, so that they can go on to become the future leaders of Irish society within the legal, political, community and public sectors.

Impact

In recent years, 45 students have completed the first Future Voices Flagship programme with mentors including Supreme Court Justice **Frank Clarke** and Ombudswoman for Children **Emily Logan**.



Neil McCabe - 2013

Organisation: The GreenPlan

Field of Work: Environment

The Green Plan has made Neil's home firehouse of Kilbarrack the first carbon-neutral firehouse in the world. By spreading the GreenPlan's best practices to other fire stations, Neil wants to encourage communities to go green.

Impact

Since 2010, the Green Plan has saved Kilbarrack Firestation **€5 million**. It has been written into the business plan of Dublin City Council, and is being applied to policy at the **European Union level**.



James Whelton - 2012

Organisation: CoderDojo

Field of Work: Education

CoderDojo is a global network of volunteer-led, independent, community based programming clubs for young people. Through CoderDojo, James has created a youth movement of citizen coders to spread a mindset shift in young people based on mentorship, inclusivity, and community-driven action.

Impact

The movement is spread and supported by the CoderDojo Foundation, which helps set up Dojos around the world. There are currently **over 500 Dojos in 43 countries**.

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Krystian Fikert - 2011

Organisation: MyMind

Field of Work: Health

MyMind has created a movement for community-based mental health services, driven by a revenue-generating combination of paid and pro-bono therapists and practitioners to make mental health care available and affordable without stigma.

Impact

In 2013 **1,602 clients** used the Dublin and Cork clinics totaling **9,061 appointments**. In 2014, MyMind opened a third clinic, in Limerick City.



Brendan Dunford - 2011

Organisation: BurrenBeo

Field of Work: Environment

BurrenLife's Farming for Conservation Programme allows farmers to lead in the development and delivery of critical conservation actions on their farms, creating financial incentives for the delivery of public goods such as biodiversity, clean water, access paths and grazing habits.

Impact

There are currently **160 farmers** participating in this scheme covering **35,000 acres** of land in the Burren region.



Mick Kelly - 2010

Organisation: Grow It Yourself (GIY)

Field of Work: Environment

GIY is a nationwide and international movement to substantially increase the number of people growing their own food as a lever to greater health & wellbeing.

Impact

GIY has now grown to over **800 global GIY groups** and projects in Ireland, Australia, UK and Africa with approximately **50,000 people** involved in the movement each year.

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Madeleine Clarke - 2010

Organisation: Genio

Field of Work: Health & Disability

Genio uses grassroots best practices to redefine the field of disability through a cohesive strategy. By uniting a fragmented sector, Genio activates implementation funds to move from wasteful, ineffective programmes to national best practice adoption.

Impact

Genio has been awarded €23.6 million in innovation funding. The organisation has enabled 5,500 people to receive personalised services in the community, and has impacted over 14,500 lives.



Mike Feerick - 2010

Organisation: ALISON & Ireland XO

Field of Work: Education & Skills Training

ALISON is a provider of free online certified learning for basic education and workplace skills. It provides 600+ courses in a broad range of categories, including, Languages, Business, Finance, Health and Personal Development. Mike is also the Founder & Chairman of Ireland XO, a leading Irish Diaspora volunteer programme.

Impact

ALISON has 4 million registered learners and 350,000 graduates across 180 countries worldwide. In 2014, ALISON introduced a free course on diagnosing and treating Ebola, which has been taken by over 10,000 people.



Mary Nally - 2009

Organisation: Third Age

Field of Work: Health

Third Age is a national voluntary organisation that promotes the value and contribution of older people to their societies through three programmes including the Senior Helpline, Advocacy services for nursing home residents, and Fáilte Isteach.

Impact

At present 120 volunteers are working in 90 nursing homes in Ireland. There are 50 Fáilte Isteach projects throughout the country impacting 1,600 families weekly with over 500 volunteers offering over a thousand hours of tuition each week to students from over 70 countries.

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Steve Collins - 2009

Organisation: VALID Nutrition

Field of Work: Health

VALID Nutrition has revolutionised the community-based therapeutic care of Severe Acute Malnutrition through the ready-to-use food (RTUF) treatment model and more effective distribution channels. VALID now operates in 26 countries where malnutrition is a serious problem, and is working with the Indian government.

Impact

Since 2010, VALID Nutrition has produced close to **20 million life-saving sachets**, and it is estimated that over **200,000 children were treated**, with several thousand lives saved. VALID has helped integrate the RTUF model as a best practice in disaster relief work, thereby helping reach **over 3 million children**.



Caroline Casey - 2007

Organisation: Kanchi

Field of Work: Disability

Kanchi works to engage business and media leadership to create an inclusive world for the 1 billion people affected by disability through their initiative, The Ability Awards.

Impact

In partnership with Telefonica, Kanchi has exported the Ability Awards internationally and also signed up **100 Irish organisations**, embracing diversity in terms of employing people with disabilities or targeting them as customers.

Irish Fellows on Sabbatical

Tara Cunningham - 2008

Organisation: Speechbud

Field of Work: Disability

David Egan - 2008

Organisation: Red Branch

Field of Work: Health