



KINDRED SPIRITS IRELAND

2025

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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Our Mission Statement

Founded in 2022, Kindred Spirits Ireland serves as a bridge between the Global South, Europe, and the Americas, uniting cultures in mutual understanding and peace. Rooted in Ireland's deep, historical connection with the Indigenous peoples of the Americas, we honour a shared commitment to healing, respect, and cultural exchange.

In 2023, the Irish people were mandated by the Sacred Council of the Condor, Eagle, Quetzal, and Hummingbird — ancient symbols of wisdom, unity, vision, and love.

As guardians of *Pachamama*, we stand together for Indigenous rights, global justice, and the protection of the Earth. Through dialogue, collaboration, and cultural celebration, we exemplify the power of unity and work toward a sustainable, peaceful future for all.





2025 Highlights

A Year of Ceremony & Connection

In just eight months, and with a small team of five volunteers, Kindred Spirits Ireland officially established itself as an unincorporated association and delivered two weeks of unprecedented intercultural and interfaith events across Ireland.

On the Full Moon of July 10, we held a sacred Global 8th fire ceremony at the Kindred Spirits Monument in Midleton, Co. Cork; the site honouring the 1847 Choctaw gift to the Irish during the Great Famine. Two ancient flames were united for the first time:

- The Eighth Fire of the Anishinaabe Prophets, calling for global unity and healing.
- The Sacred Flame of Brigid of Kildare, symbolising compassion and renewal.

Their merging marked a historic and spiritual moment; a living bridge between Indigenous and Celtic traditions.

In the days that followed, we travelled through the sacred landscapes of West Cork from stone circles to song circles carrying prayers through the land. We held talking circles, Maya fire ceremonies, offerings to the waters, and traditional sweat lodges in Kinsale, all offered freely to the community.

As part of our journey, the founders of the Navajo & Hopi Covid Relief Fund gifted Ireland a handwoven rug, depicting the cycle of reciprocity between the Choctaw and Irish peoples from the Choctaw gift of 1847 to the Irish aid sent to the Diné during the pandemic. The rug was officially gifted to the people of Ireland through the Ceann Comhairle in a moving act of solidarity and remembrance.

From the sacred fires to Dripsey Castle (Co. Cork), the **World Peace Gathering (18–20 July 2025)** became a living sanctuary for Elders, visionaries, and peacekeepers from across the world. In ceremony, song, and dialogue, we stood together for Mother Earth and for the generations yet to come.

During the Gathering, we also shared and signed the **World Peace Treaty**, a collective stand for unity among all nations and an appeal for an end to all wars - echoing the ancient prophecy of the Condor, the Eagle, the Quetzal, and the Hummingbird. Water ceremonies, hybrid dialogues, and talking circles brought all participants, both in person and online, into one shared prayer for peace and healing.



Impact and Outcomes

The 2025 World Peace Gathering created lasting connections, cross-cultural collaborations, and meaningful impact on both local and global communities:

- **Cultural Exchange & Collaboration:** The Gathering facilitated the exchange of songs, stories, and rituals between nations. For example, swan feathers were sent from Meath, Ireland to Argentina, where Condor feathers were returned, symbolising the deepening connection between peoples. New friendships and collaborations emerged from the Gathering including the Song for Palestine March in Dublin, initiated by Regina O'Connor, which brought together participants from the Gathering and beyond.
- **Environmental & Community Action:** Returning guests continue to engage in water revitalisation projects, including the clearing and revival of historic wells in Cork. The relationships formed through the gathering continue to bear fruit, with Irish participants currently (2026) undertaking Sundance training in Dakota, and countless new friendships, collaborations, and initiatives developing across Ireland and around the world.
- **Global Recognition & Peace Initiatives:** The Peace Treaty signed at the Gathering has been shared widely and is now being referenced in white papers for **COP30**, highlighting Ireland as a hub for Indigenous collaboration and climate action.





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- **Local Economic Contribution:** With over 100 delegates and guests travelling across Ireland, the Gathering generated tourism activity and supported local businesses, contributing positively to the economy. Between 250–300 attendees per day joined the World Peace Gathering, including local community members, artists, and guests. 120+ tickets were sold, with the remaining spaces offered at reduced or no cost to ensure inclusion.
- **Delegate Feedback:** Post-event surveys showed overwhelmingly positive responses. Of those who participated, **90% said they would attend another World Peace Gathering**, and **10% said maybe**, with 0% responding “no.” Constructive feedback highlighted areas for growth, primarily due to our limited team size and relative inexperience - lessons we embrace for future events.

The 2025 Gathering not only strengthened international bonds but also inspired tangible acts of cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and community engagement — laying the groundwork for future Kindred Spirits initiatives.





Financial Report 2025

Kindred Spirits Ireland is entirely volunteer-run and non-profit.
All incoming and outgoing funds were used directly to support the events, travel, accommodation, and facilitation of the 2025 World Peace Gathering and related ceremonies.

INCOME	Amount (€)
Total Ticket Sales	€30,435.51
iDonate Contributions	€1,183.65
GoFundMe Donations	€640
Donation – Adam	€8,888.88
Donation – Church of Christ	€8,756.95
Donation – Omani Carson	€8,756.95
Total Donations	** €27,586.43
Jamen Shively Donation **	€139,334.02
TOTAL INCOME	**€197,995.96**
EXPENDITURE	Amount (€)
Delegates Flights	€41,313.65
Accommodation	€48,021.40
Transport (Private transport, coaches & buses)	€20,859.50
Food	€21,241.40
Full Moon Event (Materials, Permit, Insurance)	€597.00
World Peace Gathering (Venue, AV, Security, Medics, etc.)	€64,058.01
Miscellaneous (Posters, badges, materials, equipment hire)	€1,265.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**€197,995.96**

Net Balance: €0 (All funds utilized for the delivery of events.)

****Note:**** Due to unexpected shortfalls in external funding and reduced ticket sales, we relied heavily on contingency support from Jamen Shively, whose contribution ensured the completion and success of the 2025 Gathering.

A full record of receipts and accounts is available upon request.



Acknowledgements

With deep gratitude to:

- All Elders, delegates, and participants who travelled from around the world.
 - Our small but mighty volunteer team.
- The local Irish communities and venues who opened their doors and hearts.
- Donors and supporters, near and far, who believed in the vision of unity and peace.
- We also extend our sincere thanks to **Douglas Tolchin** of the **Bioregion Sanctuary Network** for generously designing multiple versions of the Irish Biosanctuary Regions posters and producing large-format prints, which he donated and shipped to Ireland in support of the gathering. His creative contribution helped enrich the experience for participants and is gratefully acknowledged.

Looking Ahead

Kindred Spirits Ireland remains committed to nurturing the relationships, connections, and collaborations that have grown from the 2025 World Peace Gathering. As participants continue their own independent journeys and initiatives, we look forward to witnessing the continued sharing of ideas, cultural exchanges, and meaningful connections across Ireland and around the world.

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