

**Company Number: 8221421**  
**Charity Number: 1149787**

**The London Irish Centre**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)  
**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 30 September 2020**

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### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### **Trustees**

Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson) (Appointed 22 January 2020)  
Mr Nyall Jacobs (Treasurer)  
Mr Michael O'Connor  
Mr Patrick Doherty  
Ms Mary Kerrigan  
Mr Tom Goddard  
Mr Ian McKim  
Mr Alex O'Kinneide  
Mr Michael Roddy  
Ms Maura McGowan (Appointed 22 January 2020)  
Ms Anna Doyle (Resigned 13 November 2020)  
Mrs Anne McLoughlin (Resigned 3 February 2020)

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

Ms Ellen Ryan

#### **Charity Number in England and Wales**

1149787

#### **Company Number**

8221421

#### **Registered Office and Principal Address**

50-52 Camden Square  
London  
NW1 9XB

#### **Auditors**

ALLEN TULLY & CO  
19 Palace Square  
London  
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### TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 30 September 2020

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2020.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The London Irish Centre present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 30 September 2020.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in October 2005 (updated in 2008), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

#### Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £6,853,038 (2019 - £6,028,831) and liabilities of £1,085,937 (2019 - £871,252). The net assets of the company have increased by £609,522.

#### Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson) (Appointed 22 January 2020)

Mr Nyall Jacobs (Treasurer)

Mr Michael O'Connor

Mr Patrick Doherty

Ms Mary Kerrigan

Mr Tom Goddard

Mr Ian McKim

Mr Alex O'Connide

Mr Michael Roddy

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In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The London Irish Centre subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

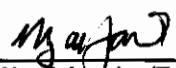
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

#### Auditors

The auditors, ALLEN TULLY & CO have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/06/21 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson)  
Trustee

  
Mr Nyall Jacobs (Treasurer)  
Trustee

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### **Principal Activities**

The Charity delivers projects in line with its charitable objectives through a network of services delivered across London. Services include advice, support, befriending, and social activities aimed at empowering people, improving health and wellbeing, and promoting community connections for people at risk of isolation. The services are delivered both remotely via social media and web platforms as well as via direct face to face engagement. The charity provides education and learning opportunities for all age groups and promotes Irish art, Culture and Heritage through a large programme of events at the Camden Centre, on-line and at pop-up events across London.

The Charity maintains one of the largest online Irish communities in Britain, providing a forum for networking, discussion, and support. We have seen a significant increase in numbers engaged across our social media platforms in the financial year, particularly as the main impacts of the pandemic started to manifest.

The Camden Centre is an important and accessible hub, providing affordable office space for a number of resident organisations and event space for the local community. During the early stages of the pandemic, it also became an important local community resource both in provision of food kitchens and distribution.

### **Structure, Governance & Management**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provides leadership and strategic direction to the charity, and reports to the Board. The CEO is supported by three Directors with responsibility for day-to-day management of functions relating to Community Services, Culture and Operations.

The Board of 12 trustees is responsible for oversight and governance and develops the strategic direction for the charity in collaboration with the CEO. The Board meets a minimum of five times per year and Trustees have combined expertise at senior and executive level in accountancy, law, construction, finance, arts, cultural activity, and wider public policy. Five Board sub-committees cover community services, finance, culture, development and a sixth provides general oversight.

There are currently 12 Trustees in place, with our interim Chair Mike O' Connor CBE, stepping back for our new permanent Chair Rosaleen Blair CBE who took up her post part way through the financial year. Mike continues to serve as a Trustee and Vice Chair, and we remain extremely grateful for his contribution and on-going support.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity supports other Irish charity and community organisations through the provision of either free or heavily subsidised space at the Camden centre for meetings, education, and events.

### **Achievements and Performance**

**Community Services:** London continues to be a key location for expatriate Irish many of whom need the community services provided by the Charity. Sections of the Irish community have significant support needs around mental health, physical health, finances, housing, and addiction. The charity staff have skills in supporting people with complex needs. The Advice and Outreach service supported 1,614 people during this period.

Our work during 2020 became focused on the needs that arose out the Covid-19 pandemic. The Wellbeing Services supported 714 individuals during the year through provision of hot lunches, food parcels, social clubs online and in person, befriending, support to get online, and support to access health services. We also started to see a significant growth on the number of volunteers both in absolute numbers as well as by across the generations, including a higher percentage of working professionals, for which are extremely grateful.

**Arts and Culture:** In 2020, the charity continued to build on its programme of Irish cultural activities provided in the areas of language, music, arts, and literature. However, as elsewhere, as the worst impacts of the pandemic started to bite our service provision moved increasingly online with a number of highly successful online events and increasing social media engagement.

**Funding:** We are very grateful to the Irish Government for their continued support including through the Emigrant Support Programme, administered annually by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This amounted to circa 30% of the Charity's overall income in this financial year. We have also seen an increase in local community partnerships particularly with Camden Council. We look forward to expanding and strengthening these partnerships in the coming years.

### **Future Plans**

The London Irish Centre building is deteriorating and this impacts on services and threatens future financial sustainability. Due to poor layout and ageing facilities, running costs are increasing and the ability to maximise income from the premises is exhausted. Accessibility poses problems for service delivery. Consequently, the charity is planning to redevelop the building, maintaining the historic villas on Camden square. Coffey Architects

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were chosen following a competition and are supported by a strong Design Team with oversight from a Development Committee which includes experts from construction and development. The charity has undertaken extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders throughout 2019 & 2020 and we were very excited and pleased to receive outline Planning Permission this financial year.

The aim of the development is to:

- Offer world-class community and cultural facilities and resources to enable enhanced / expanded delivery of London Irish Centre's service portfolio
- Support financial sustainability for the LIC's services through effective utilization of the expanded facilities and resources.
- Be fully accessible and inclusive, removing barriers in support of our warm Irish welcome;
- Create an improved destination for the Irish community and wider community, as well as an important cultural asset for London;
- Create a modern, flexible and safe working environment for staff and volunteers;
- Feature community kitchens, café bars and mixed-use events spaces;
- Build Irish culture, creativity and heritage into the design, layout and fabric of the build to celebrate the story of the Irish in London;
- Create an enhanced Wellbeing Hub offering activities, education, social space and lunches;
- Feature improved, exhibition spaces and digital archives and library;
- Have environmental sustainability front and centre in the design and build, including new green spaces and environmental 'excellence' to reduce environmental impact;
- Potentially offer accommodation for both the vulnerable and artist residence spaces.

### **External evaluation of the charity**

The charity has maintained Advice Quality Standard (AQS) accreditation, has been awarded the Quality in Befriending accreditation and continues its membership of the Living Wage Foundation.

The Trustees very much appreciate the high quality of service given to the London Irish Centre Charity by its staff, Trustees, and members of committees as well as the increasing number of volunteers who supported the charity in 2020.

The Trustees are deeply grateful for the financial support from the many donors, foundations and trusts that provide financial support as well as the individuals who provide valuable pro-bono advice and consultancy. As already stated, we are particularly grateful to the Irish Government for their continued support through the Emigrant Support Programme and Culture Ireland grants.

### **Financial Review**

The Trustees are delighted to report that the Charity recorded an operating surplus of £609k after charging depreciation of £126k and capitalising £429k of expenditure, which was very much in line with Budgeted expectations. This surplus has largely arisen from grants of £1m from the Irish government which has supported the Development Strategy, with £676k recognised as Grant income in the year. This compares well to the surplus reported in 2019/20 of £16k; recorded prior to the award of the Development Grants.

In addition, it was pleasing to report that despite Covid 19 the generosity of donors increased donations by 226% to £219k during the year. Therefore, total Income is reported at £2.28m up 47% overall on last year with total expenses increasing by £144k (9.4%) to £1.67m. The Trustees are pleased to report that the Charity was well able to meet the huge demand for services placed on it due to Covid 19 and is well positioned to meet the future that the Charity is facing in the forthcoming year which has again seen an increased level of services targeted to serve our core client base.

The Charity has maintained its staff at 24 to ensure it can deliver its high-quality services to the community it serves. The Charity is also aware of the need to balance the Community needs with the Development Strategy. In this respect the Cash reserves of £1.3m clearly reflects well the success of the income generation strategy. Therefore, the Charity remains confident that it can continue to maintain and grow its services to meet the unrelenting demand and the Trustees are expecting the Charity to again record a surplus from all income sources planned in the coming financial year.

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 30 September 2020

The trustees, who are also directors of The London Irish Centre for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net income or expenditure of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

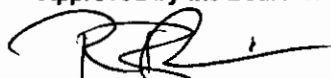
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/06/21 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson)  
Trustee



Mr Nyall Jacobs (Treasurer)  
Trustee

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of The London Irish Centre**

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### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the company financial statements of The London Irish Centre ('the company') for the financial year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 9. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 11 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of The London Irish Centre**

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### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

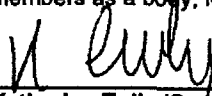
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**to the Members of The London Irish Centre**  
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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

  
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**Katherine Tully (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of  
**ALLEN TULLY & CO**  
19 Palace Square  
London  
SE19 2LT

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
Voluntary Income	13.1	214,357	2,038	216,395	63,970	3,750	67,720
Charitable activities							
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	13.2	441,230	634,756	1,075,986	367,567	590,124	957,691
Investments	13.3	311,155	-	311,155	336,168	-	336,168
Other income	13.4	676,821	-	676,821	181,944	-	181,944
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>1,643,563</b>	<b>636,794</b>	<b>2,280,357</b>	<b>949,649</b>	<b>593,874</b>	<b>1,543,523</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Charitable activities	14.1	905,072	612,625	1,517,697	821,090	572,053	1,393,143
Other expenditure	14.2	153,138	-	153,138	134,312	-	134,312
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>1,058,210</b>	<b>612,625</b>	<b>1,670,835</b>	<b>955,402</b>	<b>572,053</b>	<b>1,527,455</b>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>585,353</b>	<b>24,169</b>	<b>609,522</b>	<b>(5,753)</b>	<b>21,821</b>	<b>16,068</b>
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>							
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		585,353	24,169	609,522	(5,753)	21,821	16,068
Prior financial year adjustment		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>585,353</b>	<b>24,169</b>	<b>609,522</b>	<b>(5,753)</b>	<b>21,821</b>	<b>16,068</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Balances brought forward at 1 October 2019	25	5,227,537	(69,958)	5,157,579	5,233,290	(91,779)	5,141,511
<b>Balances carried forward at 30 September 2020</b>		<b>5,812,890</b>	<b>(45,789)</b>	<b>5,767,101</b>	<b>5,227,537</b>	<b>(69,958)</b>	<b>5,157,579</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.

All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	19	5,430,158	5,093,429
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	20	93,274	152,353
Cash at bank and in hand		1,329,606	783,049
		1,422,880	935,402
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(822,347)	(601,804)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		600,533	333,598
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		6,030,691	5,427,027
<b>Grants receivable</b>	22	(263,590)	(269,448)
<b>Net Assets</b>		5,767,101	5,157,579
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted trust funds		(45,789)	(69,958)
Unrestricted designated funds		594,291	73,368
General fund (unrestricted)		5,218,599	5,154,169
<b>Total funds</b>	24	5,767,101	5,157,579

The total unrestricted funds includes a revaluation reserve of £(2,920,702) (2019 - £(2,920,702))

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/06/21 and signed on its behalf by

Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson)  
Trustee

Mr Nyall Jacobs (Treasurer)  
Trustee

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
for the financial year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net movement in funds		609,522	(2,904,634)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		126,128	128,916
Interest receivable and similar income		(4,732)	(6,567)
Prior financial year adjustment		-	2,920,702
Amortisation of capital grants received		(5,858)	(5,858)
		<u>725,060</u>	<u>132,559</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		59,079	(7,997)
Movement in creditors		220,543	126,010
Cash generated from operations		<u>1,004,682</u>	<u>250,572</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		4,732	6,567
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(462,857)	(253,574)
Net cash generated from investment activities		<u>(458,125)</u>	<u>(247,007)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>546,557</u>	<u>3,565</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 October 2019</b>		<u>783,049</u>	<u>779,484</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2020</b>	<b>28</b>	<u><u>1,329,606</u></u>	<u><u>783,049</u></u>

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# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 30 September 2020

### **1. GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND: DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND GAELTACHT**

The charity received a grant of £500,000 from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and Culture Ireland. The grant is to support and promote the use of the Irish language and to facilitate the development of the Gaeltacht and Islands. The grant is to be used for the preparatory and construction work for the redevelopment of the London Irish Centre in line with the development plan presented in October 2019. The grant has been classified as unrestricted designated funds in the accounts and an amount of £242,531 has been deferred to the next financial year. The funds must be fully utilised by 31 December 2021 on the project, in agreement with the Office of Public Works.

### **2. GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND: COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND**

A grant of £87,072 was approved from the Government of Ireland Covid-19 Response Fund for Irish Communities Abroad. The funds are restricted to the following projects: 1) Community Services Innovation £38,200; 2) IT Communications Adaptation £5,000; 3) Community Kitchen £18,872. The first payment of £62,072 was received in April 2020 and was fully utilised within three months.

### **3. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The London Irish Centre is planning to develop the existing site as a world-class Irish community and cultural centre. The existing building is deteriorating and this impact on services and does not support financial sustainability. Ireland and London deserve a world-class Irish community and cultural centre. The LIC will create mixed-use, flexible spaces to provide diverse mix of services to a diverse community, to dramatically improve accessibility and enhance cultural and educational activities. The project once approved is expected to be completed in 2023.

### **4. RENT PAYABLE**

The LIC owes £21,600 to LB of Hammersmith and Fulham for rent. Both parties have agreed on annual payments of £6,000 over the next four years.

### **5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents: Funds held in current accounts amount to £963,518 and a total amount of £362,624 is held in Savings accounts.

Account Receivables: The charity has debtors which are included in Note 19 and are at amortised cost. They include prepayments for insurance and upcoming events and accrued income.

Account Payables: The charity has creditors which are included in Notes 20 and are at amortised cost. They include amounts owed to HMRC, prepaid income for upcoming events, accruals and deferred income.

### **6. OTHER GRANTS RECEIVED**

A grant of £17,500 was received from the Irish Youth Foundation. The funds are restricted to specific community services Projects.

A grant of £25,423 was received from the Irish Bishops' Conferences Emigrant Fund in support of the Quex Road project (Irish Emigrant Programme).

A Covid-19 Emergency grant of £6,000 was received from Camden Giving to help alleviate the disruption of the Covid-19 virus on the community.

A grant of £22,579 was received from The City Bridge Trust as part as the London Community Response Fund (Coronavirus Appeal grant) to support people who are in need but not currently supported by the government's shielded programme during the pandemic.

A grant of £20,000 was received from Trust for London as part of the London Response Fund towards the Covid-19 crisis costs.

### **7. THE RANK FOUNDATION: TIME TO SHINE PROGRAMME**

A grant of £21,482 was received as part of the Time to Shine Programme for the year from January 2019 to December 2019. The funds are restricted and a portion of the grant, which was deferred, has been fully utilised by the end of December 2019.

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#### 8. GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND: EMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

A grant of £465,000 was approved for the year from 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021. The funds are restricted for the following projects: 1) Advice and Outreach £155,000; 2) Community Health Navigator £27,000; 3) Core and Holistic Organisation Staffing and Overheads £145,000; 4) Integrated Survivors Support Project £5,000; 5) Irish Culture and Connection £50,000; 6) Wellbeing and Elders Persons Service £83,000. Three months grant income amounting to £116,250 was received in July 2020 and fully utilised in this accounting period. Nine months deferred grant of £341,250 from 2018-19 financial year was fully utilised in this accounting period. The balance of £348,750 was received in November 2020 and will be utilised over the nine-month period to 30th June 2021.

A capital grant of £500,000 was received from the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) which is specific to the LICC Development Project and its associated costs. The grant has been classified as unrestricted designated funds in the accounts and covers the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. An amount of £174,430 has been deferred in the next financial year.

#### 9. GENERAL INFORMATION

The London Irish Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office of the company is 50-52 Camden Square, London, NW1 9XB which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

#### 10. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 made under the Charities Act 2011. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102 2015) and with the financial reporting standards. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

##### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2020 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)" and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

##### Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

##### Restricted funds

Restricted Funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of donors in so far as these are intended to be binding on the charity. Restricted funds are mainly used for the wages and salaries of project workers and the project running costs.

##### Unrestricted funds

General funds are unrestricted funds and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for the purpose of the LICC Development Project only.

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### Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

### Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the company. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the company is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the company is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

- Time based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases, the company recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the company is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within creditors.

### Impairment of Assets

An impairment loss occurs when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. At year end, the trustees assess whether there is any indication that an asset is impaired. If there is no indication of impairment, then the trustees do not estimate the recoverable amount. If there is an indication of impairment, then the trustees will estimate the recoverable amount. An impairment loss will be recognised if, and only if, the recoverable amount of the asset is less than the carrying amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell the asset and its value in use.

### Rental and Leasing

Rental payable is dealt with in the profit and loss account as incurred over the period of the rental agreement.

### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	- 2% Straight line
Long leasehold property	- 2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% Straight line



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#### Investment properties

Investment property is property held either to earn rental income, or for capital appreciation (including future re-development) or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Investment property is initially measured at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Investment property is subsequently valued at its fair value at each reporting date, by professional external valuers. The difference between the fair value of an investment property at the reporting date and its carrying value prior to the valuation is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as a fair value gain or loss. Any gain or loss on disposal of an investment property (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Trade and Other Debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

#### Creditors

Trade and Other Creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases they are stated at cost.

#### Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

The charity is exempt from taxation under S505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

#### Grants receivable

Where capital grants are received, they are amortised over the life of the asset and in line with the depreciation policy of the class of asset.

#### Foreign currencies

The LIC functional currency is Pound Sterling. Any income and expenditure which occur in foreign currency (Euro) are translated into the charity's functional currency (GBP).

#### 10. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### 11. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

#### 12. INCOME

##### 12.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry Income	75,064	-	75,064	-
Sundry Donations	139,293	2,038	141,331	67,720
	<u>214,357</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>216,395</u>	<u>67,720</u>

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12.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
	Community Services		366,527	572,812	939,339	798,449
	Arts & Culture		74,703	61,944	136,647	159,242
			<u>441,230</u>	<u>634,756</u>	<u>1,075,986</u>	<u>957,691</u>
12.3	INVESTMENTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
	Rental and Investment Income		<u>311,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,155</u>	<u>336,168</u>
12.4	OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
	Shop Sales		4,455	-	4,455	10,487
	Development Project		<u>672,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>672,366</u>	<u>171,457</u>
			<u>676,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>676,821</u>	<u>181,944</u>
13.	EXPENDITURE					
13.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2020 £	2019 £
	Community Services	718,772	79,095	595,162	1,393,029	1,168,113
	Arts & Culture	<u>87,052</u>	<u>20,535</u>	<u>17,081</u>	<u>124,668</u>	<u>225,030</u>
		<u>805,824</u>	<u>99,630</u>	<u>612,243</u>	<u>1,517,697</u>	<u>1,393,143</u>
13.2	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2020 £	2019 £
	Shop Costs	4,195	-	-	4,195	9,452
	Development project	<u>102,864</u>	<u>40,183</u>	<u>5,896</u>	<u>148,943</u>	<u>124,860</u>
		<u>107,059</u>	<u>40,183</u>	<u>5,896</u>	<u>153,138</u>	<u>134,312</u>
13.3	SUPPORT COSTS		Charitable Activities £	Other Expenditure £	2020 £	2019 £
	Lunch Clubs Expenses		90,866	-	90,866	70,166
	Repairs & Maintenance		77,644	-	77,644	63,849
	Festivals and Culture programme		42,085	-	42,085	109,324
	Rent, rates and service charges		41,754	-	41,754	26,952
	Insurance		15,898	-	15,898	14,206
	General Office		82,464	54	82,518	96,353
	Travel and Repatriation		71,578	3,800	75,378	40,758
	Legal & Professional (Governance)		57,826	2,042	59,868	63,427
	Audit Fees (Governance)		6,000	-	6,000	6,000
	Depreciation		<u>126,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,128</u>	<u>128,916</u>
			<u>612,243</u>	<u>5,896</u>	<u>618,139</u>	<u>619,951</u>

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### 14. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Apportionment	2020 £	2019 £
Lunch Clubs Expenses	Activity	90,866	70,166
Repairs & Maintenance	Activity	77,644	63,849
Festivals and Culture programme	Activity	42,085	109,324
Rent, rates and service charges	Staff Time	41,754	26,952
Insurance	Activity	15,898	14,206
General Office	Staff Time	82,518	96,353
Travel and Repatriation	Activity	75,378	40,758
Legal & Professional (Governance)	Usage	59,868	63,427
Audit Fees (Governance)	Administration	6,000	6,000
Depreciation	Unrestricted Activities	126,128	128,916
		<u>618,139</u>	<u>619,951</u>

### 15. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	126,128	128,916
Auditor's remuneration:		
- audit services	6,000	6,000
Amortisation of grants receivable	(5,858)	(5,858)
	<u>126,270</u>	<u>129,058</u>

### 16. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME

	2020 £	2019 £
Rent receivable - other income	300,565	323,743
Amortisation of capital grants received	5,858	5,858
COVID-19 Grant received	30,211	-
Bank interest	4,732	6,567
	<u>341,366</u>	<u>336,168</u>

### 17. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

#### Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Full-time Staff	17	17
Part-time Staff	7	7
Trustees	12	13
	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	741,693	657,583
Social security costs	51,633	49,549
Pension costs	16,913	15,700
	<u>810,239</u>	<u>722,832</u>

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### 18. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The CEO is the key manager for the LIC and was paid a salary of £60,000 in the financial year. No other employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 (£70,000) for the reporting period.

### 19. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Investment properties £	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 October 2019	5,140,899	263,000	594,079	73,146	6,071,124
Additions	428,842	-	-	34,015	462,857
At 30 September 2020	5,569,741	263,000	594,079	107,161	6,533,981
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 October 2019	808,621	-	146,193	22,881	977,695
Charge for the financial year	98,172	-	11,882	16,074	126,128
At 30 September 2020	906,793	-	158,075	38,955	1,103,823
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 30 September 2020	4,662,948	263,000	436,004	68,206	5,430,158
At 30 September 2019	4,332,278	263,000	447,886	50,265	5,093,429

### 20. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	49,196	100,382
Taxation and social security costs	1,981	-
Prepayments and accrued income	42,097	51,971
	<b>93,274</b>	<b>152,353</b>

### 21. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2020 £	2019 £
Payments received on account	80,816	76,156
Trade creditors	136,744	141,989
Taxation and social security costs	20,719	20,372
Other creditors	6,664	8,177
Accruals and deferred income	577,404	355,110
	<b>822,347</b>	<b>601,804</b>

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### 22. GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Capital grants received and receivable</b>		
At 1 October 2019	292,880	292,880
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 October 2019	(23,432)	(17,574)
Amortised in financial year	(5,858)	(5,858)
At 30 September 2020	(29,290)	(23,432)
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 30 September 2020	263,590	269,448
At 1 October 2019	269,448	275,306

### 23. RESERVES

	Revaluation reserve	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 October 2019	2,920,702	2,236,877	5,157,579
Surplus for the financial year	-	609,522	609,522
At 30 September 2020	2,920,702	2,846,399	5,767,101

### 24. FUNDS

#### 24.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 October 2018	8,153,992	(91,779)	8,062,213
Movement during the financial year	(2,926,455)	21,821	(2,904,634)
At 30 September 2019	5,227,537	(69,958)	5,157,579
Movement during the financial year	585,353	24,169	609,522
At 30 September 2020	5,812,890	(45,789)	5,767,101

#### 24.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 30 September 2020 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted	(69,958)	636,794	612,625	-	(45,789)
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated (unrestricted)	73,368	669,866	148,943	-	594,291
General (unrestricted)	5,154,169	973,697	909,267	-	5,218,599
	5,227,537	1,643,563	(1,058,210)	-	5,812,890
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>5,157,579</b>	<b>2,280,357</b>	<b>1,670,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,767,101</b>

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**24.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Long-term deferred income £	Total £
Restricted trust funds	-	217,801	(281,164)	17,574	(45,789)
Unrestricted designated funds	661,170	363,346	(430,225)	-	594,291
Unrestricted general funds	4,768,988	841,733	(110,958)	(281,164)	5,218,599
	5,430,158	1,205,079	(541,183)	(281,164)	5,812,890
	<b>5,430,158</b>	<b>1,422,880</b>	<b>(822,347)</b>	<b>(263,590)</b>	<b>5,767,101</b>

**25. STATUS**

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members or within one year thereafter for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

**26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No trustee received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

**27. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash and bank balances	1,303,397	732,499
Cash equivalents	26,209	50,550
	<b>1,329,606</b>	<b>783,049</b>

**28. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.