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THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE

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	Mr Rory Godson	(Appointed 1 November 2024)
	Ms Jennifer Hegarty	(Appointed 1 April 2025)
	Mr James O'Riordan	(Appointed 1 April 2025)
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Company number	08221421	
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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity aims to empower and enrich lives through Irish Arts & Culture, Support Services, and Enterprise, guided by its core values of Community, Creativity and Compassion. The Charity also supports other Irish charity and community organisations through the provision of either free or heavily subsidised space at the Camden Square Centre for meetings, education, and events. Many other organisations use the venue at Camden Square for meetings, conferences, and other events, generating important income for the Charity.

The Charity delivers projects in line with its charitable objectives through a network of services delivered primarily across London. Some services are delivered virtually to other locations. Some people are referred into the Charity due to the expertise not available elsewhere or because the Charity provides it free, for example, legal advocacy for benefit appeals. Services include Advice, Support, Befriending, 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, including curating the St. Patrick's Festival concert in Trafalgar Square.

The Charity maintains one of the largest online Irish communities in Britain at c 100,000, providing a forum for networking, discussion, and support.

Achievements and performance

Support Services: London and the South-East remains the principal location in Great Britain for expatriate Irish, many of whom need easy access to the broad range of services provided by the Charity. Sections of the Irish community have significant support needs around mental health, physical health, finances, housing, and addiction. In the year, we helped c 2,800 people.

The complexity of issues with which clients are presenting continue to increase and coincides with significant challenges across the grant funding landscape. Despite this, we continue to grow in numbers and increase our impact. Our Survivor Integrated Service (supporting survivors of Irish institutions) continues to expand and is a reference point for best practice in holistic support, in Britain and Ireland. We are proud and grateful for the skills of our staff across all disciplines in which we deliver.

Staff from our Wellbeing, Support, and Programme Teams have continued to provide hot lunches (c 10,000), basic needs, and social clubs (in Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Hammersmith) in person. During the last twelve months, we have been awarded Excellence under the Quality in Befriending benchmark for this programme, to sit alongside our accreditation (AQS Advice Quality Standard) as an Advice Centre. Our Health Navigation Service continues to expand and support those with significant physical and mental health challenges. During the year, we have also continued to benefit from a high number of dedicated and active volunteers. We remain extremely grateful for their support.

Arts and Culture: We have continued to expand our programme of unique events. The ever-popular London Irish Literary Salon with Annie MacManus continues to grow in popularity. In the past year we have added quarterly Sunday 'Seisiún' introducing new and emerging creative talent, as well as family days and 'Stoiríní', a bilingual mother and toddler group.

We continue to add to our portfolio of partnerships and collaborations, building strategically for the future in line with our strategy. Adding to our existing partnership with London Metropolitan University, we have entered into partnerships or collaborations with Dublin City University, EPIC Museum Dublin, Irish Traditional Music Archive, Photo Museum Ireland, and most recently with Maynooth University, launching a new Irish language programme under its certified TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge) programme.

Our Culture team has continued to build on its programme of Irish cultural activities provided in the areas of language, music, arts, literature and exhibitions with c 32,000 attendees.

Gathering: The LIC continues to be a focal point for the Community, for celebrations and tributes, for families and diaspora organisations.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Funding: We are incredibly 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 28% of the Charity's overall income in the fiscal year. We were also awarded multi-annual funding for three years under this programme for the first time. We maintained local community partnerships, particularly with Camden and Islington Councils. We look forward to expanding and strengthening these partnerships in the coming years. Outside of grants, the remainder of our income comes from generous donations, fundraising events, and from our Venue.

Financial review

The Trustees report that the Charity recorded an operating surplus of £49k after charging depreciation of £120k. The surplus reflects the ongoing improvement in the underlying performance of the Charity following the pandemic and significant inflationary pressures while growing and undergoing a period of strategic change.

The Charity maintained an average staff level (*excluding casual event staff*) at 32, to ensure it could deliver its high-quality services to the community it serves in the face of rising demand and to operate the Venue. This represents a fall of 5 from the previous year, reflecting last year's rationalisation and greater productivity. Average casual event staff levels declined by 15 to 12, reflecting the mix of events held and greater efficiency in terms of delivery.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level to cover 3 months' net expenditure. Net expenses are defined as the total expense that is expected to be incurred or likely to be incurred and known at the time of the assessment, less any income that is likely to be earned during the same period with certainty. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Plans for future periods

In September 2025, The LIC celebrated its 70th anniversary. The milestone was an opportunity to launch our updated strategy to propel us over the coming decades with confidence. The celebrations and commemorations surrounding this significant milestone helped shine a light on the ongoing work to reimagine and rejuvenate the Charity for the upcoming decades. This work began several years ago and was designed to make the Charity accessible, sustainable, expand its reach and to increase its impact. The ambition of the reimagining and rejuvenation is:

- Be the focal point for the Irish Diaspora and Friends of Ireland in Britain, online and in person
- Celebrate the success of the Diaspora and its contribution to Britain
- Support those less fortunate, empower those to reach their best, and enrich those whose path we cross through focused and thoughtful service provision and programming
- Showcase the best of the cultural output from the island of Ireland
- Be the place of gathering
- Be a thought leader as an exemplar migrant community in a multicultural landscape
- Position Ireland as part of a global network of Irish Centres in world cities – London pre-eminent, having the largest Irish born population

As part of the reimagining and rejuvenation and in order to upgrade our physical home in Camden Square, planning permission to redevelop the LIC was formally granted in May 2024.

The aim of the development is to:

- Offer world-class community and cultural facilities and resources to enable enhanced / expanded delivery of LIC's service portfolio
- Support financial sustainability for the LIC's services through effective utilisation of the expanded facilities and resources
- Be fully accessible and inclusive, removing barriers in support of our warm 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

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- Feature community kitchens, café bars and mixed-use events spaces including a dedicated studio theatre (cinema/conference), multi art form and event space hall, library and archive and heritage centre
- 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

During the year, the Charity received private grants and donations of £1,015k towards the capital re-development of Centre.

Construction is expected to start in Q4 2026, and take approximately two years.

Structure, governance and management

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provides leadership and strategic direction to the Charity, and reports to the Board. The CEO is supported by a Management Team with responsibility for day-to-day management of functions relating to Community Services, Culture, Venue, and Operations. The Board 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 six times per year and Trustees have combined expertise at senior and executive level in business management, law, finance, social and health services, arts, cultural activity, and wider public policy. Five Board subcommittees cover Community Services, Culture, Audit and Finance, Fundraising, Development and a sixth provides general Oversight.

There are currently 13 Trustees in place, with Rosaleen Blair CBE, Chair, Mike O'Connor CBE, Vice Chair, and Patrick Doherty as Executive Chair and Treasurer, collaborating with the remaining Trustee Board. We are extremely grateful for all their ongoing guidance and support.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson)

Mr Michael O'Connor CBE

Ms Mary Kerrigan

(Resigned 12 September 2025)

Mr Tom Goddard

Mr Alex Ó Cinnéide

(Resigned 31 March 2025)

Dame Maura McGowan DBE

Mr Declan Hunt

Ms Orla Ralston

(Resigned 31 March 2025)

Mr Edward Bracken

Ms Angela Murphy

Mr Thomas Connaughton

Mr Seán Cavanagh

(Resigned 3 June 2025)

Ms Caoimhe Benmaou

(Appointed 1 November 2024)

Mr Rory Godson

(Appointed 1 November 2024)

Ms Jennifer Hegarty

(Appointed 1 April 2025)

Mr James O'Riordan

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

External evaluation of the Charity

The charity has maintained Advice Quality Standard (AQS) and the Quality in Befriending (QiB) accreditations 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 2025.

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.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Ms Rosaleen Blair CBE (Chairperson)
Trustee

Mr James Patrick Doherty
Trustee

16 April 2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The London Irish Centre for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Irish Centre (the 'Charity') for the year ended 30 September 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the 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 Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law, 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 the Trustees 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 Charity'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 the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We have made enquiries of management and Trustees, regarding the procedures relating to identifying, evaluating, and complying with

1. laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
2. detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
3. the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;

Discussion among the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified potential for fraud and or error in the following areas:

1. Revenue recognition - this was tested substantively for fundraising and events income, we performed proof in total testing over grant income
2. Management override of controls - we reviewed management accounts and large journals to discover any evidence of management override
3. Valuation of land and buildings - we reviewed the building for signs of impairment and recent valuation information to confirm the land and buildings were included within the accounts accurately

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charitable Company operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Charitable Company. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act, Charities Act, data protection regulations, health and safety and employment legislation.

Discussion was had with management and the Trustees and amongst the engagement team to gain an understanding of the entities current activities, authorisation procedures, and effectiveness of the control environment. Our understanding was tested during the audit work and the systems and controls in place were found to be operating effectively.

The engagement partner has reviewed the team selected to undertake the engagement and ensure that they have sufficient competence and are capable of identifying and recognising non-compliance with laws and regulations. No non-compliance was identified.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees 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 Charity and the Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Darren Harding ACA, FCCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

**Affinia (Stratford)
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

17 April 2026

19th Floor
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Affinia (Stratford) is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
	general	Re-Development	Re-Development	2025	general	designated	Re-Development	Re-Development	2024
Notes	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	3	396,361	-	1,015,000	1,411,361	442,684	-	2,120,596	2,563,280
Charitable activities	4	1,368,990	1,122,414	-	2,491,404	1,683,797	710,537	-	2,394,334
Investments	5	162,802	-	-	162,802	126,587	-	-	126,587
Other income	6	1,270	-	-	1,270	1,727	-	-	1,727
Total income and endowments		1,929,423	1,122,414	1,015,000	4,066,837	2,254,795	710,537	2,120,596	5,085,928
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds		-	-	142,772	142,772	-	-	122,383	122,383
Charitable activities	7	1,880,172	1,122,414	-	3,002,586	2,438,534	710,537	-	3,149,071
Redevelopment expenditure		-	-	295,802	295,802	-	-	286,579	668,043
Total expenditure		1,880,172	1,122,414	438,574	3,441,160	2,438,534	710,537	408,962	3,938,497
Net income and movement in funds		49,251	-	576,426	625,677	(183,739)	-	1,711,634	1,146,431
Reconciliation of funds:									
Fund balances at 1 October 2024		4,767,395	23,944	1,711,634	6,502,973	4,951,134	381,464	23,944	5,356,542
Fund balances at 30 September 2025		4,816,646	23,944	2,288,060	7,128,650	4,767,395	-	1,711,634	6,502,973

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	4,534,958	4,649,315
Investment property	14	263,000	263,000
		<u>4,797,958</u>	<u>4,912,315</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	19,194	14,686
Debtors	16	448,429	790,960
Cash at bank and in hand		3,670,768	2,463,867
		<u>4,138,391</u>	<u>3,269,513</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(1,807,699)</u>	<u>(1,678,853)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,330,692</u>	<u>1,590,660</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>7,128,650</u></u>	<u><u>6,502,975</u></u>
The funds of the Charity			
Restricted income funds	19	2,312,004	1,735,578
Unrestricted funds		4,816,646	4,767,395
		<u>7,128,650</u>	<u>6,502,973</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 September 2025.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16 April 2026

Ms Rosalcen Blair CBE (Chairperson)
Trustee

Mr James Patrick Doherty
Trustee

Company registration number 08221421 (England and Wales)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	22	1,049,359	819,874
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,260)	(5,412)
Investment income received		162,802	126,587
Net cash generated from investing activities		157,542	121,175
Net cash generated from financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,206,901	941,049
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,463,867	1,522,818
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		3,670,768	2,463,867

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The London Irish Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 50 - 52 Camden Square, London, NW1 9XB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable 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.

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.

1.4 Income

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight line
Leasehold land and buildings	2% Straight line
Plant and equipment	25% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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1.7 Investment property

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 Financial Activities 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 Financial Activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed 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.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling, and distribution.

1.10 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.

1.11 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 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 section 505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

1.13 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.15 Foreign exchange

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

1.16 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.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key accounting estimates and judgements are:

Estimation of market value of investment properties at the financial year end.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted re-development funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	general 2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	general 2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Donations	396,361	1,015,000	1,411,361	442,684	2,120,596	2,563,280

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Provision of community services						
Grants and Donations	299,147	864,216	1,163,363	352,055	710,537	1,062,592
Fundraising activities	69,978	-	69,978	56,469	-	56,469
Other income	44,608	-	44,608	44,090	-	44,090
Provision of arts and cultural events						
Grants and Donations	-	258,198	258,198	67,544	-	67,544
Fundraising activities	331,273	-	331,273	553,859	-	553,859
Commercial activities	623,984	-	623,984	609,780	-	609,780
	1,368,990	1,122,414	2,491,404	1,683,797	710,537	2,394,334

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	162,802	126,587

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	1,270	1,097
Sales of service	-	630
	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,727</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Provision of community services 2025 £	Provision of arts and cultural events 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Provision of community services 2024 £	Provision of arts and cultural events 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs						
Staff costs	843,223	443,559	1,286,782	1,123,921	482,545	1,606,466
Other staff costs	459	-	459	194,276	-	194,276
Community development	339,803	-	339,803	117,611	-	117,611
Culture	-	463,932	463,932	-	193,107	193,107
Fundraising	131,529	116,639	248,168	-	44,846	44,846
Bar/Venue	-	267,682	267,682	-	471,902	471,902
Other costs	-	-	-	4,444	-	4,444
	<u>1,315,014</u>	<u>1,291,812</u>	<u>2,606,826</u>	<u>1,440,252</u>	<u>1,192,400</u>	<u>2,632,652</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)						
Support	197,880	197,880	395,760	261,039	235,108	496,147
Governance	-	-	-	20,272	-	20,272
	<u>1,512,894</u>	<u>1,489,692</u>	<u>3,002,586</u>	<u>1,721,563</u>	<u>1,427,508</u>	<u>3,149,071</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	390,480	1,489,692	1,880,172	1,082,741	1,355,793	2,438,534
Restricted funds	1,122,414	-	1,122,414	638,822	71,715	710,537
	<u>1,512,894</u>	<u>1,489,692</u>	<u>3,002,586</u>	<u>1,721,563</u>	<u>1,427,508</u>	<u>3,149,071</u>

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8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	81,916	-
Depreciation	119,618	134,152
Repairs & Maintenance	-	94,253
Marketing	-	27,776
Insurance	-	31,395
General office	194,226	304,540
Governance costs	-	20,272
	<u>395,760</u>	<u>612,388</u>
Analysed between:		
Redevelopment expenditure	-	95,969
Provision of community services	197,880	281,311
Provision of arts and cultural events	197,880	235,108
	<u>395,760</u>	<u>612,388</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £22,594 (2024 - £20,259) for audit fees.

£95,969 of support costs are in relation to the restricted re-development project and therefore are not included in note 7.

9 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the Charity's financial statements	22,594	20,259
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	119,618	134,152
	<u></u>	<u></u>

10 Trustees

One person connected with a Trustee received remuneration during the year as set out in note 21.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Full-time staff	27	33
Part-time staff	5	4
Casual staff	12	15
	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total	<u>44</u>	<u>52</u>

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11 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	1,334,362	1,540,861
Social security costs	149,658	158,138
Other pension costs	27,450	29,850
	<u>1,511,470</u>	<u>1,728,849</u>

The average number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

2025 Number	2024 Number
4	3
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>345,447</u>	<u>353,242</u>

The trustees consider 5 members of staff to be key management personnel. (2024: 4 member of staff were considered key management personnel)

12 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 October 2024	5,569,742	594,079	20,413	236,034	6,420,268
Additions	-	-	5,260	-	5,260
At 30 September 2025	5,569,742	594,079	25,673	236,034	6,425,528
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 October 2024	1,318,066	205,601	11,251	236,034	1,770,952
Depreciation charged in the year	102,818	11,883	4,917	-	119,618
At 30 September 2025	1,420,884	217,484	16,168	236,034	1,890,570
Carrying amount					
At 30 September 2025	4,148,858	376,595	9,505	-	4,534,958
At 30 September 2024	4,251,676	388,477	9,162	-	4,649,315

14 Investment property

	2025 £
Fair value	
At 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025	263,000

Investment properties rented to external parties have been accounted for at fair value based on an estimate by the Trustees.

15 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	19,194	14,686

16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	249,257	277,528
Accrued income	181,562	491,814
Prepayments	17,610	21,618
	448,429	790,960

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	38,822	109,061
Trade creditors	411,353	322,131
Other creditors	37,646	27,828
Accruals and deferred income	1,319,878	1,219,833
	<u>1,807,699</u>	<u>1,678,853</u>

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>27,450</u>	<u>29,850</u>

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the Charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 October 2024	Incoming resources	Resources At 30 September expended	2025
	£	£	£	£
LICC Grant Funding	23,944	864,216	(864,216)	23,944
Development	1,711,634	1,015,000	(438,574)	2,288,060
Camden Advice Network	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
City Bridge Foundation	-	45,050	(45,050)	-
LB of Islington	-	30,000	(30,000)	-
Trust for London	-	44,204	(44,204)	-
Culture Ireland	-	50,000	(50,000)	-
BSoSP	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
BSoSP	-	45,944	(45,944)	-
	<u>1,735,578</u>	<u>2,137,414</u>	<u>(1,560,988)</u>	<u>2,312,004</u>

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19 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 October 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 September 2024
	£	£	£	£
LICC Grant Funding	23,944	710,537	(710,537)	23,944
Development	-	2,120,596	(408,962)	1,711,634
	<u>23,944</u>	<u>2,831,133</u>	<u>(1,119,499)</u>	<u>1,735,578</u>

Restricted funds are made up of money from the government of Ireland - Emigrant Support Programme. The funds are restricted for the following projects: 1) Information and Advice; 2) Health Navigator; 3) LIC Core Project; 4) Integrated Survivors Project; 5) Culture; 6) Community Development; 7) Citizenship and Identity.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
At 30 September 2025:			
Tangible assets	4,534,958	-	4,534,958
Investment properties	263,000	-	263,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	18,688	2,312,004	2,330,692
	<u>4,816,646</u>	<u>2,312,004</u>	<u>7,128,650</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
At 30 September 2024:			
Tangible assets	4,649,315	-	4,649,315
Investment properties	263,000	-	263,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	(144,918)	1,735,578	1,590,660
	<u>4,767,397</u>	<u>1,735,578</u>	<u>6,502,975</u>

21 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the Charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

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21 Related party transactions

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Mrs J Bracken the partner of Trustee Mr E Bracken provided consultancy services to the Charity amounting to £11,700 (2024 - £2,426).

A total of £70,425 (2024 - £498,930 by 13 Trustees) was donated in aggregate by 12 Trustees.

22 Cash generated from operations

2025

2024

£

£

Surplus for the year

625,677

1,146,433

Adjustments for:

Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities

(162,802)

(126,587)

Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets

119,618

134,153

Movements in working capital:

(Increase)/decrease in stocks

(4,508)

3,470

Decrease/(increase) in debtors

342,531

(600,253)

Increase in creditors

128,843

262,658

Cash generated from operations

1,049,359

819,874

23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Charity had no material debt during the year.

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