

The Nottingham Irish Centre
(Registered charity, number 1165907)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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**The Nottingham Irish Centre
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Full name The Nottingham Irish Centre

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1165907

Principal address

The Nottingham Irish Centre, 2-4 Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA

Trustees

Patrick Murphy, Chair
Veronica O'Callaghan, Treasurer
Eugene Murphy
Bernadette Keane
Margaret Keane
Deirdre O'Byrne, 17/05/2023

Fran Lakin, Secretary
Robert Fitzmaurice
Hugh Fitzmaurice
Kevin McElhone
Sam Chapman, from 17/05/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Association registered 7 March 2016 & amended on 27 March 2019.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees must be members of the Irish Centre and the membership are informed before the meeting that new trustees are needed and how they can be appointed.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit:

1) To promote the benefit of and to relieve the needs of people, in particular but not limited to Irish people, those of Irish descent and their families living in and around the Nottingham area (the "area of benefit") by such charitable means as the trustees see fit including, but not limited to providing a facility for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare and an advice bureau at which such persons can meet, maintain contact and receive advice and support all with the aim of improving their conditions and quality of life (note; all users of the Nottingham Irish Centre are treated equally regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation).

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- 2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by encouraging and assisting people from (but not limited to) the Irish community to use Nottingham Irish Centre, and the resources and activities it provides. Our objective is to provide a social and cultural space, particularly for those living alone or without family support and to facilitate a supportive environment leading to greater integration into the wider community.
- 3) To promote Irish heritage and culture amongst people living in and around the area of benefit, including but not limited by: a) Facilitating the provision of and access to Irish history, music, dance and art, and by hosting events and educational classes that foster and preserve Irish heritage and culture; and b) Providing a place for the practice and enjoyment of Irish amateur sports, cultural and other recreational activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Nottingham Irish Centre has been the hub of the city's Irish community for many years and as such we facilitate Irish cultural activities such as Irish music, Irish set dancing, an Irish film club and classes in Irish history. In addition, we have a community outreach programme which employs two support workers and a popular Tuesday lunch club for older Irish people, as well as a Memory Café for those with memory loss and their carers.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Facilitating Irish cultural activities benefits the Irish community by helping people to maintain social relationships and pride in their cultural heritage. It also allows us to showcase Irish culture to a wider population. Our community outreach programme provides practical support and advice on welfare issues and seeks to help those who are isolated to make and maintain social connections.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

In this period we continued to facilitate cultural activities for the Irish community and to run our Community Outreach Programme. We also began to consider the long-term viability of the Irish Centre. The premises were purchased over 50 years ago and we own them without encumbrance. However, they are now too large for our purposes and costly to maintain. There are two buildings: numbers 2 and 4 Wilford St. At the AGM we proposed to sell number 4 and use the funds from the sale to renovate number 2; the remaining funds would consolidate our financial position for the future. The AGM supported the trustees' proposal and we put number 4 on the market. We received an offer from a developer for £1.7m for the building and the car park, subject to planning permission. At the end of this period the developer was in the process of applying for planning permission.

The charity's policy on reserves

At this juncture we do not have reserves. The sale of part of the premises will allow us in the future to remedy this.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Patrick Murphy, Chair

Date 20/01/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Nottingham Irish Centre
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Nottingham Irish Centre (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 24/01/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

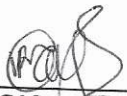
**The Nottingham Irish Centre
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

2023 Total Funds £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
	Receipts				
17534	Grants & donations	2	-	9000	9000
19198	Rents & services		26552	-	26552
-	Deposit on sale of asset		10000	-	10000
-	Insurance claim		2090	-	2090
<u>36732</u>	Total receipts		<u>38642</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>47642</u>
	Payments				
-	Insurance		12417	-	12417
25044	Wages, NI & pension		11744	9000	20744
2123	Stationery & office costs		-	-	-
7786	Legal & professional fees		14104	-	14104
100	Grants/donations paid		-	-	-
-	Bank charges		36	-	36
-	IT costs		4864	-	4864
26863	Premises		2827	-	2827
330	Equipment		-	-	-
442	Licences		288	-	288
-	Internet & phone		734	-	734
	Staff expenses		596	-	596
	Sundry expenses		623	-	623
	FHP survey sale		1482	-	1482
<u>62688</u>	Total payments		<u>49715</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>58715</u>
(25956)	Net receipts/(payments)		(11073)	-	(11073)
47170	Cash funds at start of this period		21214	-	21214
<u>21214</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>10141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10141</u>

**The Nottingham Irish Centre
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024**

2023			2024
£		Note	£
<u>21214</u>	Cash assets		
<u>21214</u>	Bank accounts		<u>10141</u>
			<u>10141</u>
	Other monetary assets		
<u>367</u>	Prepayment: Insurance		<u>1601</u>
<u>367</u>			<u>1601</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Land & Buildings at estimated market value of £2.2 million		
	General equipment		
	Safe purchased July 2019 at a cost of £1,040		
	Laptop purchased August 2022 at a cost of £330		
	Liabilities		
<u>(571)</u>	Creditors	4	<u>(491)</u>
<u>(571)</u>			<u>(491)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Date 24.01.25.
Veronica O'Callaghan, Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Department of Foreign Affairs	-	9000	9000
	<u>-</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>9000</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Department of Foreign Affairs	-	9000	(9000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>(9000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	21214	38642	(49715)	10141
	<u>21214</u>	<u>38642</u>	<u>(49715)</u>	<u>10141</u>

The Department of Foreign Affairs Fund enables additional staffing and activities to support our older user groups.

4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	450
HMRC	41
	<u>491</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.