

# THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1194733

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-06-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, THE ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

**Activities:** The purpose of the BIA is to promote the advancement of education in international political affairs, the arts and social sciences in the United Kingdom and Ireland by increasing mutual knowledge and understanding between the peoples of Great Britain, Ireland and Northern Ireland, particularly by bringing together leading representatives of the worlds of culture, politics, education and business.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£187,976	£129,069	-	-
2024-12-31	£150,148	£97,682	-	-
2023-12-31	£185,654	£131,261	-	-
2022-09-07	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dominic Charles Roberts Grieve</b>	Chair	2022-01-11
Adrian Gerard O'Neill		2023-10-11
Alison Charlotte Hilliard		2025-01-21
Catherine Anne Hayward		2022-06-08
David William Porter		2022-01-11
Professor Cathy Gormley-Heenan		2025-01-21
Professor Evelyn Jane Collins CBE		2025-01-21
Rory Godson		2025-01-21
Sir Ciaran Gearoid Devane		2022-01-11

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity name: The British Irish Association

Charity registration number: 1194743

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the BIA is to promote the advancement of education in international political affairs, the arts and social sciences in the United Kingdom and Ireland by increasing mutual knowledge and understanding between the peoples of Great Britain, Ireland and Northern Ireland, particularly by bringing together leading representatives of the worlds of culture, politics, education and business.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activity of the CIO is its annual conference. This brings together over 150 participants drawn from a deliberately wide range of politicians, officials, academics, journalists, leaders in community and cultural organisations and influential business people who will disseminate within their contact groups insights and lessons gained from the conference. The CIO also holds a colloquium each year for a focused group of policy makers and officials.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance and are reminded of it regularly. In particular, the trustees have satisfied themselves that the CIO continues to make a public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The BIA is not a grant making body.
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The BIA's conference in September brought together people who would not otherwise meet, enhanced understanding across community and class divides, involved the community sector in the wider constitutional and economic debate, introduced new officials to their counterparts, deepened relations between Ireland and Britain and helped to sustain peace in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>A colloquium which was held earlier in the year took as its focus democratic processes in Northern Ireland and innovative public administration.</p> <p>A full report of each year's conference proceedings is published on the charity's website.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The total net assets at the end of the period were £320,561
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover at least a year's core costs in default of income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The surplus at the end of the period was £ 58,907
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Income from conference fees, grants from the UK, Welsh and Irish governments and corporate donations constitute the charity's funds.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Suggestions are sought and soundings taken about potential trustees from the existing trustees at their regular meetings. The Chair then consults the trustees individually before putting names forward for appointment and election by the Board.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The British Irish Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194733
Charity's principal address	Prama House 267 Banbury Road Oxford OX2 7HT

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Evelyn Collins	Vice-Chair		
2	Ciarán Devane			
3	George Fergusson	Treasurer	to July 2025	
4	Rory Godson			
5	Cathy Gormley-Heenan			
6	Dominic Grieve	Chair		
7	Catherine Hayward			
8	Alison Hilliard			
9	Roisin McDonough		to June 2025	
10	John McGrane		to June 2025	
11	Adrian O'Neill			
12	David Porter	Treasurer	from July 2025	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

### Exemptions from disclosure

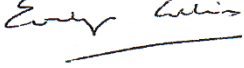

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

### Other optional information

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Evelyn Collins	Dominic Charles Roberts Grieve
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Vice Chair	Chair
	<b>Date</b>	27.4.26	

**THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Year ended 31st December 2025**

Note	Income	Unrestricted Funds	DFA Reconciliation Fund	Total Funds Year to 31st December 2025	Total Funds Year to 31st December 2024
		£	£	£	£
	Grants	47,754		47,754	47,266
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	0	25,254	25,254	24,767
	Donations	51,468		51,468	41,899
	Interest on Bank Accounts	2,940		2,940	2,970
	Conference Fees Receipts	60,559		60,559	58,010
	Currency Adjustments	1		1	3
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>162,722</u>	<u>25,254</u>	187,976	174,915
	<b>Expenditure</b>				
	Paid to consultants	42,194	9,470	51,664	49,998
	Telephone & Fax	787	404	1,191	997
	Printing, Postage & Stationery	657	530	1,187	651
	Publications & Subscriptions			0	0
	Meetings	423		423	42
	Fares & Visits	3,731		3,731	1,738
	Insurance	1,185	716	1,901	0
	Committee Dinner	1,175		1,175	0
	Office Equipment Depreciation/Annual Investment Allowance	0		0	0
	Office Premises	142	404	546	528
	Other Expenses	187		187	1,118
	Accountancy/Book-keeping/Independent Examination	458	976	1,434	1,416
	Conference Costs	50,218	12,754	62,972	59,024
	Colloquium	2,613		2,613	6,907
	Bank Charges	45		45	30
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>103,815</u>	<u>25,254</u>	129,069	122,449
	Surplus / (Deficit):	58,907	0	58,907	52,466

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

## Report to the trustees of The British Irish Association Registered charity number 1194733 On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting record and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... Dated: 16 MARCH 2026

Plumridge Accountancy Limited

Sanders Gate,  
Churchfields,  
Stonesfield, Oxfordshire. OX29 8PP

**THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1194733

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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Charity registration number: 1194743

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## Financial Review

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to hold in reserve sufficient funds to cover at least a year's core costs in default of income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The surplus at the end of the period was £52,466
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
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2	Ciarán Devane			
3	George Fergusson	Treasurer		
4	Katy Hayward			
5	Deirdre Heenan		To June 2024	
6	Mark Hennessy		To June 2024	
7	Roisin McDonough			
8	John McGrane			
9	Adrian O'Neill			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

### Other optional information

# Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

## Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Dominic Charles Robert Grieve	
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
	<b>Date</b>	25 June 2025	

# **THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION**

**Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2024**

THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION

Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Year ended 31st December 2024

Note	Income	DFA		Total Funds Period to 31st December 2024	Total Funds Period to 16th January 2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Reconciliation Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	47,266			47,266	50,617
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	0	24,767		24,767	0
Donations	41,899			41,899	72,491
Interest on Bank Accounts	2,970			2,970	1,594
Conference Fees Receipts	58,010			58,010	60,911
Currency Adjustments	3			3	41
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>150,148</b>	<b>24,767</b>		<b>174,915</b>	<b>185,654</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Paid to consultants	40,710	9,288		49,998	49,998
Telephone & Fax	601	396		997	1,156
Printing, Postage & Stationery	131	520		651	585
Publications & Subscriptions				0	0
Meetings	42			42	1,653
Fares & Visits	1,738			1,738	2,063
AGM				0	0
Committee Dinner				0	0
Office Equipment Depreciation/Annual Investment Allowance				0	0
Office Premises	132	396		528	401
Other Expenses	416	702		1,118	1,120
Accountancy/Book-keeping/Independent Examination	458	958		1,416	1,356
Conference Costs	46,517	12,507		59,024	64,403
Colloquium	6,907			6,907	8,476
Bank Charges	30			30	50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>97,682</b>	<b>24,767</b>		<b>122,449</b>	<b>131,261</b>
Surplus / (Deficit):	52,466	0		52,466	54,393

**THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION**

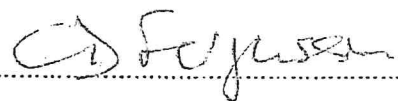
**Balance Sheet  
For the Year ended 31st December 2024**

	2024	2023	Note
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Office Furniture	0	0	1
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash - Sterling - R B S Treasurer's A/C	1	4	
Cash - Sterling - R B S Reserve A/C	0	4	
R.B.S. Business Account	3,303	20,895	
R.B.S. Business Reserve Account	260,049	189,580	
Cash balance	36	130	
Debtors and Prepayments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	3
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>£263,389</b>	<b>£210,613</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	<u>1,735</u>	<u>1,425</u>	2
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,425</b>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b><u>261,654</u></b>	<b><u>209,188</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>£261,654</b>	<b>£154,795</b>	
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Funds Brought Forward	209,188	154,795	
Surplus / (Deficit)	52,466	54,393	
	<b>£261,654</b>	<b>£209,188</b>	

Approved by the trustees

Signed 

Date 28/04/2025

Signed 

Date 21.04.2025

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**Notes to the Accounts 2024**

Note 1	Office Equipment Depreciation	£
	Net Book Value B/forward	0
	Disposal - scrapped	0
	Depreciation @ 20%	<u>0</u>
	Net Book Value C/forward	0
Note 2	Creditors, Accruals and Income in advance	
	Income received in advance	0
	Accountancy, Book-keeping and Independent Examination Accrual	1,434
	Sundry creditors credit card	<u>301</u>
		1,735
Note 3	Debtors and Prepayments	
	Sundry debtors	<u>0</u>
		0

# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

## Report to the trustees of The British Irish Association Registered charity number 1194733 On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting record and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

 ..... Dated: 27 May 2025

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**THE BRITISH IRISH ASSOCIATION**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
<b>From</b>	8 Sept 2021	<b>To</b>	7 Sept 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** The British Irish Association

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1194733

**Charity's principal address**  
 Prama House  
 267 Banbury Road, Oxford  
 OX2 7HT

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dominic Grieve	Chair	June 22 to date	
2	Bob Collins	Hon Treasurer		
3	Ciaran Devane			
4	George Fergusson			
5	Katy Hayward		June 22 to date	
6	Deirdre Heenan			
7	Mark Hennessy			
8	Roisin McDonough			
9	John McGrane			
10	Duncan Morrow			
11	David Porter			
12	Hugo McNeill	Chair	Sept 21 to June 22	
13	Patrick Handley		Sept 21 to June 22	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objects of the CIO are to promote the advancement of education in international political affairs, the arts and social sciences.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The main activity of the CIO is its annual conference. This brings together over 150 participants drawn from a deliberately wide range of politicians, officials, academics, journalists, leaders in community and cultural organisations and influential business people who will disseminate within their contact groups insights and lessons gained from the conference. Although proceedings are held under the Chatham House Rule, all speakers are welcome to publish their own talk and nothing precludes participants from sharing what is said at conferences, provided they do not give attribution. Opinion pieces by attending journalists clearly reflect understandings gained, and a full report on the conference is posted on the website of the CIO.

In addition to the conference, the CIO holds an annual colloquium where leading academics and government officials can discuss detailed constitutional matters and questions of governance, for example the Northern Ireland Protocol. Better informed advice on public policy is the result.

The Trustees review each Conference afterwards with a view to seeing how well it fulfilled their objectives, including external feedback. They are cognisant of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission of the requirement for public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2021 Conference was held in Oxford on 3-5 September and attended by around 160 people from a wide range of backgrounds. politicians and government officials, academics, commentators, former. Speakers included the Taoiseach, the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, the Irish Finance Minister, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the First Minister of Wales, the Scottish Minister for External Affairs and the First and deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. Among the topics discussed were post-Brexit arrangements, the Northern Ireland Protocol, the devolution of fiscal powers in Northern Ireland, the Shared Island Initiative, co-operation after the Covid-19 pandemic and conflict resolution at a time of change.

The first BIA colloquium took place in Cambridge in April 2022. At a particularly complex time in UK/EU relations, it facilitated clearer understanding of issues that included trading arrangements, political stability and senses of identity in Northern Ireland.

Among the topics discussed at the 2022 Conference, on 2-4 September, were the vision of the Good Friday agreement 25 years on, equality in Northern Ireland and responding to shared challenges across these islands. Speakers included the Taoiseach, the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations, the poet Gail McConnell, and a panel of young MLAs. Acknowledgement was made in public of the role the Conference played in paving the way towards the Windsor Framework, agreed between the EU and the UK in February 2023. This highlighted a tangible aspect of the public benefit delivered by the CIO.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The CIO aims to hold one year's operating costs in reserve.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The CIO is the successor charity to unincorporated charity number 26509. Pending the full transfer of assets to the new CIO, which was not accomplished until 17 January 2023, the British Irish Association continued also to operate as the unincorporated charity with regard to income and expenditure. Therefore, there were no financial transactions during the period under review. Since 17 January 2023, the CIO has been fully operational. The accounts for 2022 pertaining to the unincorporated charity number 26509 will be submitted with its Annual Return, at which point that charity will be wound up.

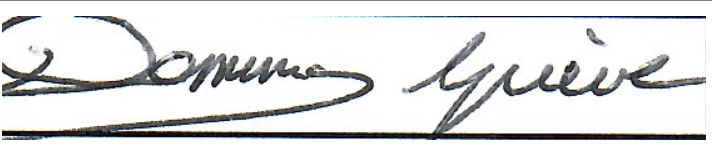
**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Dominic Charles Robert Grieve	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	23 June 2023	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	-	-	-

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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**Last year**  
**to the nearest £**

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**Endowment funds**  
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**Endowment funds**  
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**Current value (optional)**

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**Current value (optional)**

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**When due (optional)**


**Date of approval**
