



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date		Period end date	
From	8	Sept	2021	To	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

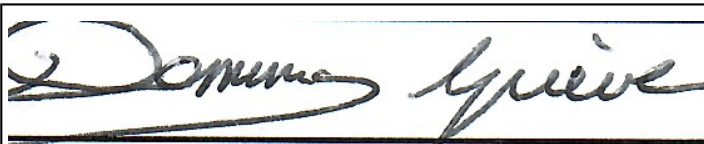
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Dominic Charles Robert Grieve

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23 June 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The British Irish Association

1194733

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

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

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

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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**Endowment
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**Endowment
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**Current value
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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval
