



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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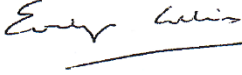

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

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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
	Total Receipts	162,722	25,254	187,976	174,915
	Expenditure				
	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
	Total Expenditure	103,815	25,254	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 31st 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

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