

The Institute of Irish Leadership

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100142

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2014-06-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's objects are: 1.To advance education for the public benefit through the provision of classes, courses, lectures and other educational events. 2.To advance the arts, culture, heritage and science for the public benefit by encouraging public interest in the Irish Language and all or any of the cultural traditions of the region in and around Pomeroy 3.To advance citizenship and community development through the provision of facilities and services for the use and benefit of the general public but in particular the local community 4.To advance health and well-being for the benefit of the public and in particular local community through the provision of health-based educational events or talks from medical professionals and agencies

What the charity does: The advancement of education,The advancement of health or the saving of lives,The advancement of citizenship or community development,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: Adult training,General public,Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,342	£25,042	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brendan		
Mr Michael Quinn		
Mrs Kathleen Burns		

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Annual Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2024



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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the **Trustees and Members of Institute of Irish Leadership**

We have examined the accounts for the financial year to 31 December 2024 as set out on page 2, on the basis explained below.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and the independent examiner

The trustees are responsible for preparing the charity's accounts, and they consider that:

- they are entitled to adopt the receipts and payments basis for the financial year as provided by section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Act); and
- the audit requirement of section 65(2) of the Act does not apply but the alternative requirement of independent examination under section 65(3)(a) does apply.

It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures outlined below, whether certain matters have come to our attention in connection with the independent examination.

Basis of report

Our examination of the accounts was carried out in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. An independent 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 or especially significant transactions or events and their disclosure in the accounts, and seeking any further information or explanations we considered necessary concerning any such matters. The procedures required to be carried out do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently our report does not express any audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Report

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

- (a) giving us any reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect proper accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 63 of the Act or that the accounts do not agree with those records; or
- (b) which in our opinion needs to be highlighted in our report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated: **30 October 2025**



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Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Donations	1,476	1,444
Funding for courses	26,866	13,181
	<u>28,342</u>	<u>14,625</u>
Expenditure		
Direct Costs	11,231	5,195
Rent	320	-
Insurance and rates	1,530	1,153
Light and Heat	1,355	2,210
Telephone	1,323	1,069
Motoring Costs	20	76
Postage, Printing and Stationery	36	310
Repairs	3,788	702
Professional Fees	720	660
Consultancy Fees	3,960	3,600
Online costs	478	380
Equipment	-	773
Sundries	92	304
Bank Fees	189	192
	<u>25,042</u>	<u>16,624</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>3,300</u>	<u>(1,999)</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Assets		
Cash at Bank	4,605	1,305
Liabilities	Nil	Nil

The above Statement of Accounts was approved by the Trustees on
30 October 2025.

Signed: Kathleen Burns Chairperson
Kathleen Burns

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Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2023

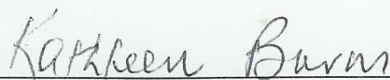
	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Donations	1,444	1,277
Courses	1,100	1,174
Funding	12,081	17,248
	<u>14,625</u>	<u>19,699</u>
Expenditure		
Direct Costs	5,195	3,523
Rent	-	6,500
Insurance and rates	1,153	1,392
Light and Heat	2,210	2,064
Telephone	1,069	976
Motoring Costs	76	90
Postage, Printing and Stationery	310	158
Repairs	702	455
Professional Fees	660	600
Consultancy Fees	3,600	3,600
Online costs	380	596
Equipment	773	5,171
Sundries	304	235
Bank Fees	192	110
	<u>16,624</u>	<u>25,470</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u>(1,999)</u>	<u>(5,771)</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Assets		
Cash at Bank	1,305	3,304
Liabilities	Nil	Nil

The above Statement of Accounts was approved by the Trustees on
6 September 2024.

Signed:



Kathleen Burns

Chairperson

The Institute of Irish Leadership

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Annual report

AGM Thursday, 17th October 2024 (7:30 PM – 11:00 PM)

Committee Present: M Quinn, K Burns, K Mc Aleer, M O’Coinne, B Burns

Overview of 2023

2023 was another outstanding year for the Institute of Irish Leadership, with continued growth in both engagement and programming. Building on the momentum of previous years, we expanded our activities to reach more participants and serve diverse age groups and communities. Through cultural, educational, and health focused initiatives, we have continued our mission to enrich our community’s connection to Irish heritage, language, and overall wellbeing.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our volunteers, funders and community partners, whose contributions have been pivotal in delivering many of these programmes. Some funders this year included the Public Health Agency (PHA), Mid Ulster District Council, Community Foundation, and the Telecommunity Fund, among others. Their support has allowed us to offer a rich variety of activities for community members of all ages.

Some of the key activities we delivered in 2023 include;

Language and Cultural Promotion

- Seachtain na Gaeilge: This annual event featured traditional Irish music, conversation, and storytelling (caint agus ceol). The event brought together individuals from various backgrounds, celebrating the Irish language and culture in a vibrant and inclusive setting.
- Ciorcal Comhrá: Supported by the Ultach Fund and Mid Ulster District Council, we ran a 10 week Irish conversation programme that catered to beginners and experienced speakers alike. Sessions combined social elements with structured reading classes, helping participants engage more deeply with the language and build confidence. These sessions were held both in person and online, enabling global participation.
- Feile Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: In its 13th year, this annual Irish language festival offered three days of immersive language activities, with beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Led by expert tutors, sessions included storytelling, music, and community building exercises, fostering a stronger connection to Irish culture and language. Participants of all ages engaged in this highly impactful event. This event was supported by the Ultach Fund and Mid Ulster District Council.

Educational and Youth Programmes

- Cultural Storytelling Programme: Funded by the Community Foundation’s Cregganconroe Fund, this 6 week programme targeted local primary school children aged 6 to 8, enhancing their communication skills and knowledge of local folklore. The sessions used interactive reading exercises to spark an appreciation for Irish heritage.
- Local History and Poetry Programme: With support from the Community Foundation’s Inishaetive Fund we ran this programme across July and August, which introduced local primary school students to Irish poetry and history, strengthening their literacy, speaking, and cultural knowledge.
- Irish Storytelling Programme: this 6 week storytelling series, supported by the Telecommunity Fund, engaged 60 young participants from St. Mary’s Primary School. Through songs, storytelling, and discussions about personal heritage, the children built

connections with Irish culture, socialised with peers, and developed conversational skills in the Irish language.

Health and Wellbeing Initiatives

- Elderly Exercise Class: This 8 week exercise class, funded by the PHA, targeted rural elderly community members, emphasising fitness and wellbeing. Through accessible, supportive sessions, participants benefited from physical activity and social interaction, helping to combat isolation in rural settings.
- Irish Environment Programme: This initiative combined environmental awareness with Irish language learning. For five weeks in September and October, participants explored local ecology, all through the medium of Irish. The programme increased participants' appreciation for their surroundings while reinforcing language skills, supported by the Mid Ulster District Council.

Ongoing Community Engagement

- Weekly Walking Group: Held every Monday, this group brought together community members for both physical activity and Irish language practice. Aimed primarily at older adults, this group fosters regular social interaction and engagement with Irish culture in a relaxed, welcoming environment.
- Coffee Mornings and Informal Language Sessions: Throughout the year, we hosted casual coffee mornings that provided a space for community members to socialise and learn about the Irish language informally. These gatherings have been instrumental in fostering community spirit and introducing new members to the language in a comfortable setting.
- Online and In Person Programme Delivery: While our physical events and activities resumed fully following the impact and restraints of covid, we also retained online options in response to community feedback. This hybrid approach allowed us to reach a broader audience, including those unable to attend in person, extending our impact and reach.

In 2023, we saw growth in engagement, serving a diverse array of participants across ages, backgrounds, and interests. The activities delivered this year deepened connections within the community, enhanced knowledge of Irish culture, and supported well-being in tangible ways.

We have continued to create a wider platform for promoting Irish language and culture globally and are particularly proud of our community focused approach, which continues to prioritise inclusivity and accessibility, offering everyone a chance to connect with their heritage.

We extend thanks to our dedicated volunteers, funders, and partners for their invaluable contributions throughout 2023 who were all instrumental in enabling us to provide quality programming.

As we have moved into 2024, we have had another busy year and we are eager to build upon the strong foundation and impact created in 2023. We have and will continue to seek funding opportunities that allow us to grow and adapt our offerings in response to community needs, with a focus on promoting the Irish language, cultural enrichment, and overall wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this year a success. We look forward to the continued growth of the Institute of Irish Leadership in the year ahead.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Basis of report

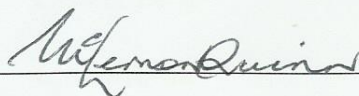
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Dated: **6 September 2024**



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Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Donations	1,277	3,690
Courses	1,174	1,703
Funding	17,248	32,104
Sundry Receipts	-	-
	<u>19,699</u>	<u>37,497</u>
Expenditure		
Direct Costs	3,523	13,850
Rent	6,500	7,100
Insurance and rates	1,392	943
Light and Heat	2,064	1,031
Telephone	976	1,356
Motoring Costs	90	30
Postage, Printing and Stationery	158	216
Repairs	455	169
Professional Fees	600	600
Consultancy Fees	3,600	1,800
Online costs	596	598
Equipment	5,171	4,078
Sundries	235	272
Bank Fees	110	106
	<u>25,470</u>	<u>32,149</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u><u>(5,771)</u></u>	<u><u>5,348</u></u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Assets		
Cash at Bank	3,304	9,075
Liabilities	Nil	Nil

The above Statement of Accounts was approved by the Trustees on
24 October 2023.

Signed: Kathleen Burns Chairperson
Kathleen Burns

The Institute of Irish Leadership

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Annual report

AGM Thurs 19th Oct 2023 (7 30pm -11 00pm)

Institute of Irish Leadership ,Pomeroy

Committee present. M Quinn, K Burns, M O'Coinne, B Burns

We have had another very busy and successful year at Institute of Irish Leadership throughout 2022, with the first full year of uninterrupted activities after the Covid pandemic. The activities included many of the annual and seasonal initiatives we regularly deliver, as well as a large number of new activities. All of the activities had a community focus and we were very glad to welcome so many new faces into our centre and engage in our activities. Over the course of the year, we worked with such a large number of people from a wide range of backgrounds, ages and genders. All with the focus of increase opportunity to engage in community, cultural and heritage based activities. We had our largest year on record for number of participants and reach of our activities and have set a fantastic platform for all of this work to continue growing in 2023.

We were glad to work with so many funders again throughout the year. Many of whom were instrumental in the delivery of certain programmes and initiatives. Their support has been invaluable and we look forward to working with many of them again to deliver initiatives to the community. Some of the funders included: Mid Ulster District Council, The Community Foundation NI, Public Health Agency, Fibrus etc.

We were so happy to welcome people back into our facility over the course of the year. However we did still facilitate some of the services and events online, as our participants had requested this and we were able to engage with people from much further afield online. We believe that we achieved a good balance of quality service delivery to the highest level, while also allowing our community to come together in our space and increase levels of social interaction and learning.

Please see a brief description of the activities delivered over the course of 2022 below:

We facilitated our annual Ciorcal Comhra/ Irish Language Conversation Circle from Jan 2022 for a period of 12 weeks. This included both on Zoom and in person, allowing as many to participate as possible, also not being limited to the centres capacity.

We run a number of programmes and events with the local primary school, St Mary's Primary School. This included linking in with Healthy Kidz again to run a programme with the help of funding from the Public Health Agency. The aim of these activities where to enhance the health and well-being of some of the youngest members of our community, while also engaging them in cultural and educational activities.

Community Pharmacy Project May – June 2022 for a period of 6 weeks. Here we brought older people in the community together here in the centre , with our local pharmacist delivering different topics and to advice them on health and well-being. They also educated them on key issues such as Alzheimer/dementia, mental health, diabetes etc. This gave older people a forum to come and ask questions and get clarity on many issues they were having or were unsure on. This project was very successful and was a good example of new programming we introduced this year and will continue to do so in future years.

We also developed a number of outdoor focused projects and activities, such as a sensory walk through the forest. This brought people together, while also engaging them in Irish and local stories and heritage along the way. This was instrumental in bringing people back together socially and engaging them in community based activities. They enhanced their knowledge in the outdoors, such

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Institute of Irish Leadership

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We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on Page 2.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- ☐ follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- ☐ state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

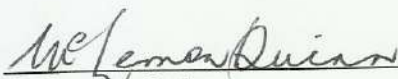
Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Date: 24 October 2023