

# **Aras Cholmcille Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

#### **Year ended 30 September 2018**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2018.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Aras Cholmcille Trust
<b>Charity registration number</b>	100269
<b>Company registration number</b>	NI047957
<b>Principal office and registered</b>	43 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ER
<b>The trustees</b>	Rev David Latimer Mr Ivor Doherty Mr Giovanni Doran
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mr Gerry Heaney Claremount Chartered accountants 43 Clarendon Street Derry BT48 7ER

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##### **Structure, governance and management**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The company is governed and managed by the board of directors. The directors who served the company throughout the period are shown on page 1. The registered office and details of other professional advisors are also listed on page 1.

The board of directors carry out their governance role throughout the year by way of meetings on a monthly basis to review the performance of the company and to make decisions regarding the company's financial and operational matters. The directors govern the activities of the company in line with the objectives set out in the governing documents of the charity, namely the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the charity's constitution.

##### **Objectives and activities**

Aras Cholmcille Trust through the restoration of the Wee Nuns listed building houses a visitor and education centre, focusing on the shared history and heritage of Cholmcille/Columba, considered as the "founding father" of Derry~Londonderry. The centre is open for visitors and runs a number of heritage related events for children from schools throughout the area, local visitors and visitors from further afield. The organisation also offers the centre's facilities to benefit the local community including cross community by giving them use of the available space in the building.

##### **Achievements and performance**

The centre, which opened in June 2014, has attracted visitors who have been able to view video material recreating the city as it was before the walls were erected. There is also a facsimile Book of Kells and range of other illuminated manuscripts dating from the 14th century. Large-scale illustrated books for children based on the legends about Columba have also been created along with audio recordings of the legends by local people in both Irish and English.

The centre's education programme is available to all schools and among the young people who have benefited from this resource are students who visited to research an element of their curriculum, Celtic Christianity and a range of Primary schools who have participated in workshops related to the legacy of Columba. Visitors to the city have enjoyed their informative visits to the Centre and have left their positive and supportive comments in our Visitors' Book.

##### **Financial review**

The net incoming resources for the year was £28,401. The company reserves at the year end were (£38,354) of which £32,599 is unrestricted funds and (£70,953) is restricted funds. The trustees aim to have a reserve covering at least three months expenditure at any given time.

The full results are set out in the accounts which form part of this report.

##### **Plans for future periods**

The organisation plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory generation of income and funding arrangements. In the coming year full use will be made of the exhibitions initiated first by the council, such as the Showbands Story.

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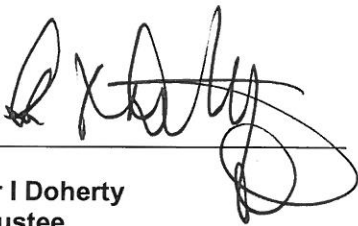
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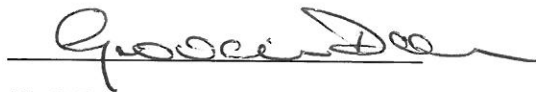
#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 08 March 2019 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

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**Mr I Doherty  
Trustee**

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**Mr G Doran  
Trustee**