

## FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Significant activities and Public benefit**

Fermanagh Genealogy Centre continued to thrive in 2023 due to its enthusiastic and dedicated committee and its loyal membership. Our committee in 2023 included Caroline Fitzpatrick, Conor Maguire, Dave McNulty, Frankie Roofe, Fred Cleary, Karen Ireson, Mary-Anne Grant, Mervyn Hall and Viola Wiggins. 2023 saw our greatest ever number of members (over the 100 mark) and, due to use of recordings of talks and live recording of meetings, this has extended our outreach to North America and Australia, as well as the U.K. Monthly bulletins also kept the membership informed of developments.

Monthly meetings in Fermanagh House were very well attended with usually over 30 people physically present, as well as a steady number who viewed online. Our online website at [www.fermanaghgenealogy.org](http://www.fermanaghgenealogy.org) placed recorded presentations for the membership to view, at their leisure. These recordings and their editing were expertly dealt with by Mary-Anne Grant. We continued with our active Face Book page which was run by Karen and Linda.

We continued to enjoy a very good relationship with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council who again provided FGC with a grant, in return for our transcription service and Face to Face meetings. The curator kindly made the art room available for the aforementioned activities.

Face to Face meetings resumed from Spring 2023 with Covid in abeyance. Here Frankie and Caroline took on the bulk of these meetings. Great credit also to Caroline who, as well as overseeing our books, organised membership enrolment and volunteering. She also took on the role of co-ordinator for cyber security in October. Shelley, in Canada, responded to all email enquiries and received great praise from those she helped.

Vivienne organised a tour of Enniskillen's Workhouse and the Inniskillings Museum back in April, and this was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance. So, too her annual FGC outing in June which visited places of interest in Monaghan and Cavan. By coincidence, we met an Irish government minister (Heather Humphries) who was attending an event in Clones.

Our major doner, Joe Quinlan & his wife Mary Lou visited Fermanagh in May and it was a pleasure to meet them and their extended Fermanagh family.

FGC Sage Library - books and other family history material continued to be collected in 2023. We await the completion of the agreed appropriate space in the museum before opening up a lending service to our local members.

One consequence of our 2022 Back Streets Dardanelles online memory map, was an award given to Mervyn. The core part of FGC's Back Streets Memory Map, was his research on the men from this part of Enniskillen who were killed in the First World War. Mervyn's role, as an Inniskillings Regimental Museum volunteer, was recognised by The British Museum's Marsh Volunteers' Award. He was the Northern Ireland regional winner for 2023.

#### Talks Programme for 2023:

January - The border Reivers - Frankie Roofe & Mervyn Hall.

February- The Fermanagh Maguires - Vicky Herbert.

March - Fermanagh & the Crimea War - Mervyn Hall.

April - Shipping records with a focus on Fermanagh - Brian Mitchell.

May - Annual General Meeting & Show and Tell.

June - Annual summer outing - County Monaghan.

September - Tracing an Enniskillen Workhouse family - Frankie Roofe.

October - Fermanagh links/stories from Canadian archives, Shelley Lunney.

November - Fermanagh doctors from across the world - Dr Dave McNulty.

December - Annual FGC Christmas lunch.

The following policies were completed or updated during 2023:

Complaints Policy (February)

Volunteers:

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Our current number of volunteers in 2023 was 13.  
Our Committee has 9 active members.

Finally, one event to look forward to in 2024 will be the production of a third FGC Fermanagh Roots Journal.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Financial report:

The financial position at Fermanagh Genealogy Centre continues to be positive, with net income of £6,230 (compared to a deficit of £2,824 last year). This was mainly due to the increase in income and the costs for the Dardanelles Project and the purchase of new equipment and laptops included last year.

Voluntary donations continue to make a positive contribution to the financial stability of the organisation (£1,177 compared to the previous year of £416).

The donations from the American Ireland Fund amounted to £1,000 with none showing last year.

Membership income has increased when compared with previous years (£2,196 this year, when compared to the previous year of £1,537). Grant monies increased this year to £7,060 when compared to the previous year of £2,319. This includes grants from FODC and LELP.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

NI614236 (Northern Ireland)

##### **Registered Charity number**

100414

##### **Registered office**

5 The Willows  
Enniskillen  
Co. Fermanagh  
BT74 6GD

##### **Trustees**

Mrs V Carson (resigned 20.5.23)  
M Hall  
Ms K Ireson  
J F Roofe  
Mrs V M Wiggins  
Dr D McNulty (appointed 20.5.23)

##### **Company Secretary**

M Hall

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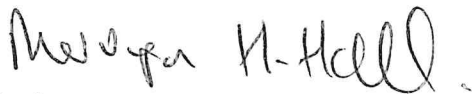
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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BT74 7BT

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hall', with a small flourish at the end.

M Hall - Trustee