

Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100526

Details

Known as FULS

Status Overdue

Registered 2014-09-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the study and recording of the history, antiquities and folk life of Ulster, to encourage the provision of the necessary services for the furtherance of those historical studies in Ulster and to develop communication and co-operation (a) amongst voluntary associations concerned with local historical studies in Ulster and (b) between the associations and other relevant organisations whether of a statutory or voluntary nature, local national or otherwise

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Interface communities, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£5,284	£7,707	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bridget Bradley		
John Doohar		
Mr Joseph Columba Mccoy		
Ms Aine Ni Dhuibhne		

Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd

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Accounts

The Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd
Financial Statements for The Year Ended
31st March 2024

Company Registration Number	NI 027863
Charity Registration Number	NIC 100526

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my 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, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Roisin Shanks

Roisin Shanks (FCA)
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FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>5,284</u>	<u> </u>	<u>5,284</u>	<u>3,816</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>5,284</u>	<u> </u>	<u>5,284</u>	<u>3,816</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3	(7,431)	-	(7,431)	(6,527)
Governance costs	4	<u>(276)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(276)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(7,707)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(7,707)</u>	<u>(6,777)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		<u>(2,424)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(2,424)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2032
INCOME	5,284	3,816
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(7,707)</u>	<u>(6,777)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	<u>(2,424)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>
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RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>(2,424)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2024

	Note	March 2024 £	March 2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		13,220	15,643
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued costs		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>13,220</u>	<u>15,643</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,220</u>	<u>15,643</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted income funds		-	-
Unrestricted income funds	5	13,220	15,643
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>13,220</u>	<u>15,643</u>

The trustees (directors of the company for the purposes of company law) have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 not to have these financial statements audited and confirm that no notice has been deposited under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on

19th October 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

Bridget Bradley

BRIDGET BRADLEY

Trustee

Company Registration Number: NI 027863

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations			
Grants	-	-	-
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	-	-	

ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£		£
Donations			
Membership	3,758	3,758	2,637
PL Insurance	1,506	1,506	1,084
Excursions/Events	20	20	-
Publications	-	-	95
Other Income	-	-	-
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	5,284	5,284	3,816

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£		£
PL Insurance	1,770	-	1,770	1,765
Travel Costs	1,382	-	1,382	648
Office Expenses & Postage	61	-	61	294
Meetings/Events/Excursions	1,226	-	1,226	409
Administrator	1,500	-	1,500	1,375
Bank Charges	187	-	187	162
IT costs	427	-	427	416
Publications	-	-	-	1,290
Refunds	-	-	-	169
Seminar	879	-	879	
Other Expenses	276	-	276	250
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	7,707	-	7,707	6,777
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	250	250
Filing fees	26	-
	<u>276</u>	<u>263</u>

5. CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS

All funds are deemed to be unrestricted.

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**Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st March
2023**

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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds	2	<u>3,816</u>	<u> </u>	<u>3,816</u>	<u>2,986</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>3,816</u>	<u> </u>	<u>3,816</u>	<u>2,986</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3	(6,527)	-	(6,527)	(5,912)
Governance costs	4	<u>(250)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(6,777)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(6,777)</u>	<u>(6,162)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		<u>(2,961)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(2,961)</u>	<u>(3,176)</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME	3,816	2,986
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(6,777)	(6,162)
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	(2,961)	(3,176)
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RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>(2,961)</u>	<u>(3,176)</u>

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FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2023

	Note	March 2023 £	March 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		15,643	18,603
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued costs		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,643</u>	<u>18,603</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>15,643</u>	<u>18,603</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted income funds		-	-
Unrestricted income funds	5	15,643	18,603
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>15,643</u>	<u>18,603</u>

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Trustee

Company Registration Number: NI 027863

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Donations			
Grants	-	-	-
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	-	-	

ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Donations			
Membership	2,637	2,637	2,814
PL Insurance	1,084	1,084	49
Excursions/Events	-	-	-
Publications	95	95	123
Other Income	-	-	-
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	3,816	3,816	2,986
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3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
PL Insurance	1,765	-	1,765	1,646
Travel Costs	648	-	648	-
Office Expenses & Postage	294	-	294	171
Meetings/Events/Excursions	409	-	409	150
Administrator	1,375	-	1,375	
Bank Charges	162	-	162	162
IT costs	416	-	416	1,227
Publications	1,290	-	1,290	1,864
Refunds	169	-	169	628
Other Expenses	250	-	250	313
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	6,777	-	6,777	6,162
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	250	250
Filing fees	-	13
	<u>250</u>	<u>263</u>

5. CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS

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Annual report



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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2023



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Federation for Ulster Local Studies Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr Joseph McCoy	Mr Johnny Dooher
Ms Aine NiDuibhne	Ms Helen Meehan
Ms Bridie Bradley	Mr Joe McCoy
Ms Elizabeth Hoy	Mrs Florence

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Independent Examiner

Róisín Shanks
Fellow, Chartered Accounts Ireland
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Lurgan,
Co Armagh
BT 67 9GW

Bankers Allied Irish Bank

Charity

Registration Number NIC100526

Company

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Website www.fuls.org

Structure, Governance and Management

The Federation for Ulster Local Studies is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 15 October 1993. The Company is governed by the terms of its memorandum and articles of association.

The Federation registered as a charity on 12 September 2014

Eleven meetings were held (one via Zoom) during the year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance was good with an average attendance of 73.2% at meetings.

Trustee	Actual	Possible
Joe McCoy	11	11
Bridie Bradley	11	11
Johnny Doohar	11	11
Josie Harbison	2	4
Denvir Boyd	3	11
Aine niDhubhne	7	11
Robert Guthrie	0	4
Elizabeth Hoy	4	4
Ian Elliot	3	4

Introduction

This report covers the year from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has mainly disapated with a lot more members beginning to meet again sometimes totally in person, sometimes totally virtual and sometimes a blend of both virtual and in person. This report sets out the very activities of the Executive Committee since 1st April 2022. All meetings were held in person.

Membership

Society Membership stands at 80, Individual Membership, 23. More societies became active during the year and two more societies ceased operations. A number of societies have still to renew their membership for the year despite several reminders.

In view of the continuing impact of the pandemic on Members' activities, and their financial resources, the Executive Committee decided to continue the reduction of membership fees to a flat rate of £50.00 for the 2022-2023 year.



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Officers & Committee

Officers

Chairman: Joseph McCoy – Individual Member

Vice-Chairman: Denver Boyd - Individual Member

Secretary: Ian Elliott – South Belfast Historical Society

Treasurer: Bridie Bradley, West Belfast Historical Society

Executive Committee

Johnny Dooher – Strabane History Society

Elizabeth Hoy – Broughshane History Society

Helen Meehan: Donegal Historical Society

Aine NíDuibhne: Donegal Historical Society

However due to health matters our Secretary, Mr George Elliott had to resign after eight months in post. The Trustees wish to record or thanks to George who in the short time he held the position mad a substantial impact on the post, particulary the minutes of meetingsw.

Administration

The Administrative Officer appointed in February 2022 continues in post and administers the day to day affairs of the Federation, including, membership, insurance, organisation of meetings etc and ensures that all key duties of the Federation are carried out in line with its responsibilities as a registered charity.

As per the resolution approved at the last AGM the Federation membership year was aligned with the financial year resulting in payments for both membership and insurances being due at the same time. This took affect from 1st April 2023.

Insurance

The Federation continues to provide public liability insurance for its member societies in Northern Ireland. As a result of reduced activity at local level during the past year the Federation Executive reduced insurance premiums for societies to a flat fee of £15 (2022-2023). However due to a welcome increase in activity of member societies and the triennial review of premium the annual cost of insurance was increased to £25 per society for the incoming year (2023-2024) which is still very cost effective when compared to insurance purchased by member societies individually.

Due North

Currently Due North is being co-ordinated and isn't ready for print. It is planned that Due North will issue early 2024. Thanks are due to all the contributors who provided the articles

needed to make the publication possible. More articles from member societies would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Seminar

We held our first seminar since before COVID. It was held in Draperstown on Saturday 3rd June 2023. Speakers were Professor Brian Walker, Queens University Belfast on “The decade of centenaries, 1912-22: Commemoration, Controversy and conciliation – a look back” and Mr Edward Montgomery, The Honourable The Irish Society on “ A history of the Honourable The Irish Society and the Livery Companies in the City of London in the County of Londonderry” This was followed, in the afternoon with a tour of the Plantation town of Draperstown led by Mr. Graham Mawhinney of Ballinascreen Historical Society.

Website

Very little website activity happened during the year. A special meeting of the Trustees was held in August 2023 to review the website with the priority to update articles and revamp the website throughout the remainder of 2023 and early 2024. A lot of material regarding the Federation can be accessed on the website www.fuls.org.uk

News-letter

Two news-letters were issued during the year updating members on the activities of the Federation and its member societies. Both news-letters can be obtained on the Federation website. However we can only issue newsletters if we get material from our member societies, To date very few societies supply us with information for the Newsletter.

Financial Review

The Federation finances remain sound with adequate resources instantly available (bank current account). We continue to monitor our accounts regularly, and will take appropriate action if the occasion demands it.

Income is generated from membership fees, insurance contributions and sales of Due North, all of which were maintained during the year. As a lot of member societies were only starting to get back to business after the Covid 19 pandemic during the year, substantial reductions on both membership fees and insurance contributions were given.

Independent Examiner

The Federation reappointed Mrs Roisin Shanks (FCA) as independent examiner for the ensuing year. Mrs Shanks has agreed to be reappointed for the incoming year 2023/2024



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Signed

Joseph McCoy (Chair)

Date: 30th January 2024

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Annual return

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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>2,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,986</u>	<u>7,302</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3	(5,912)	-	(5,912)	(7,869)
Governance costs	4	<u>(250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(6,162)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,162)</u>	<u>(8,119)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		<u>(3,176)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,176)</u>	<u>(817)</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
INCOME	2,986	7,302
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(6,162)</u>	<u>(8,119)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	(3,176)	(817)
RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>(3,176)</u>	<u>(817)</u>

The Income and Expenditure Account includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2022

	Note	March 2022 £	March 2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		18,603	21,781
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued costs		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,603</u>	<u>21,781</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>18,603</u>	<u>21,781</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted income funds		-	-
Unrestricted income funds	5	<u>18,603</u>	<u>21,781</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>18,603</u>	<u>21,781</u>

The trustees (directors of the company for the purposes of company law) have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 not to have these financial statements audited and confirm that no notice has been deposited under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that:

- i. the Company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- ii. the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 March 2022 and of its surplus/(deficit) for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s396, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on

19th November 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:



Trustee Joseph McCoy

Company Registration Number: NI 027863

The notes on pages 12 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Membership	2,814	2,814	3,633
PL Insurance	49	49	3,203
Excursions/Events	-	-	50
Publications	123	123	319
Other Income	-	-	98
	<u>2,986</u>	<u>2,986</u>	<u>7,302</u>

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
PL Insurance	1,646	-	1,646	1,646
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-
Office Expenses & Postage	171	-	171	313
Meetings/Events/Excursions	150	-	150	51
Bank Charges	162	-	162	261
IT costs	1,227	-	1,227	1,721
Publications	1,864	-	1,864	1,785
Refunds	628	-	628	2,091
Other Expenses	313	-	313	251
	<u>6,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,162</u>	<u>8,119</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	250	250
Filing fees	13	-
	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

5. CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS

All funds are deemed to be unrestricted.

Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100526

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Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd

Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

**Federation for Ulster Local Studies
Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs Josephine Herbison	Mr Patrick Devlin
Mr Joseph McCoy	Mr Johnny Dooher
Ms Aine NiDuibhne	Mr Sean Barden
Mr Robert Guthrie	Ms Katie Orme
Ms Helen Meehan	

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Company Registration Number NI 027863

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Federation for Ulster Local Studies is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 15 October 1993. The Company is governed by the terms of its memorandum and articles of association.

The Federation registered as a charity on 12 September 2014

Ten meetings were held via Zoom during the year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

Attendance was good with an average attendance of 74.7% at meetings. However activity was limited during the year due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

	Actual	Possible
Josephine Herbison	10	10
Bridie Bradley	10	10
Patrick Devlin	7	7
Johnny Dooher	10	10
Aine niDhuibhne	9	10
Joseph McCoy	10	10
Sean Barden	3	7
Robert Guthrie	8	10
Katie Orme	6	7
Helen Meehan	0	10
Denvir Boyd	1	1

Objectives and Activities

The Federation established in 1974 was set up to promote and assist with the study and recording of the history, antiquities and folk-life of Ulster, to develop communication and co-operation between local historical groups and between these groups and relevant statutory and voluntary organisations.

Our Mission

The Federation will provide guidance, support and direction to those societies who are interested in the rich and varied history and heritage of Ulster. This will be done in an inclusive and assessable manner that encourages widespread participation and promotes mutual respect and understanding.

Our Vision

Our vision is of a community in Ulster that is able to lay claim to, and have pride in, its history and heritage.

Objectives

- To provide direction through organising and executing educational workshops and seminars so that both local societies and the general public can develop the skills and methodologies to enable them to further their own studies.
- To encourage the publication of accessible and stimulating material that encourages widespread participation in local studies and to provide opportunities for people to meet, network and exchange ideas and experiences.

- To develop member societies presence on the internet and develop and maintain electronic communications with and between them.
- To plan for targeted training groups who wish to use local studies in their own field.

Achievements, Performance and Public Benefit

Membership

Society Membership stands at 92, Individual Membership, 23. Many societies were inactive during the year and two societies ceased operations. Twelve societies had not renewed their membership for the year.

In view of the continuing impact of the pandemic on Members' activities, and their financial resources, as well as the fact that the Federation is at present able to provide only limited services, the Executive Committee decided to continue the reduction of membership fees by 50% for the 2021-2022 year. Members (Society and individual) that paid by Standing Order were refunded the difference in November 2021.

Administration Review

Following on from the AGM 2021 and the failure to fill all administrative positions on the Federation executive committee it was decided that an Administrative Officer should be appointed to ensure that all key duties of the Federation would be carried out in line with its responsibilities as a registered charity. Mr. Patsy McShane, a long-time member of the Ballinascreen History Society and a member of the early Federation committee was appointed by the executive committee at the February meeting.

Insurance

The Federation continues to provide public liability insurance for its members. As a result of the continuing pandemic the committee decided to reduce the PL Insurance charge for the year. This means that member societies only paid a flat fee of £15.00. This is a much reduced rate.

Due North

Due North was once again produced and circulated to member societies and contained many interesting articles.

Website

As very little activity happened during the year, there was limited updates of the website. It is hoped that this very useful facility will be reactivated in the incoming year. A lot of material regarding the Federation can be accessed from the website.

News-letter

Two news-letters were issued during the year updating members on the activities albeit limited of the Federation and its member societies. Both news-letters can be obtained on the Federation website.

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to have a major impact on member Societies, most of which suspended their activities with all meetings and events abandoned. However after very little activity by the Executive Committee during the previous year 2020/2021 the Committee resumed and ten meetings were held virtually during the year.

Financial Review

The Federation finances remain sound with adequate resources instantly available (bank current account). We continue to monitor our accounts regularly, and will take appropriate action if the occasion demands it.

Income is generated from membership fees, insurance contributions and sales of Due North, all of which were maintained during the year. As most member societies were inactive during the year substantial reductions on both membership fees and insurance contributions were given.

Independent Examiner

The Federation reappointed Mrs Roisin Shanks (FCA) as independent examiner for the ensuing year. Mrs Shanks has agreed to be reappointed for the incoming year 2022/2023

Signed

Joseph McCoy (Chair)

Date

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Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100526

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FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my 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. The 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 7 August 2016 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my 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, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Roisin Shanks

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