

Shared History Interpretive Project (S.H.I.P)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100596

Details

Known as	S.H.I.P
Status	Received
Registered	2014-10-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: SHIP is established to collect, collate and record information to promote and organise historical and heritage projects for the benefit of the people of Belfast and its connected areas without distinction of sex, gender, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance educational, cultural and heritage projects for the said inhabitants.

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

How the charity works: Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Older people, Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£95	£2,229	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Brian Mccann		
Mr Brian Quinn		
Mr John Brennan		
Mr Thomas Graham		
Ms Eimear Hargey		

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Accounts

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<u>Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31.03.25</u>	£p	£p	£p
Opening Bank balance 01.04.24			26550.82
<u>Income</u>			
Donation	<u>95.00</u>	95,00	
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Subscriptions	200.78		
Office equipment	263.66		
Dockers Reunion event	496.00		
Ship Remeembrance Service	1206.58		
Bank charges	<u>62.00</u>	<u>2229.02</u>	<u>-2134.02</u>
Closing Bank balance 31.03.25			<u>24416.80</u>

The above Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31.03.25 was prepared from thye books, records and explanations received and is in agreement therewith. An Independent Examination was carried out.


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Income & Expenditure Account for year ended 31.03.24

	£p	£p	£p
Opening Bank balance 01.04.23			
<u>Income</u>			30858.89
Intercomm Ireland Donation	2774.70 <u>1000.00</u>	3774.70	
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Subscriptions			
Website	439.41		
Postage	298.25		
Docker Stories	13.96		
Dockers Reunion	4282.00		
Ship Remeembrance Service	1272.00		
Subsistance	1228.31		
Bank charges	73.65		
Mural repairs	61.20		
Dockers Titanic visit	219.60		
Howth Single Circle	124.00		
	<u>70.39</u>	<u>8082.77</u>	<u>(4308.07)</u>
Closing Bank balance 31.03.24			<u>26550.82</u>

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Projects undertaken by Shared History Interpretive Project (SHIP) during the period: April 2023 -March 2024

In April 2023, two facilitators from Belfast City Council interviewed four retired deep-sea dockers as part of the Belfast Stories project. The Belfast Stories project will be housed in the former Bank of Ireland on the corner of Royal Avenue/North Street, which will be part of a £100m development in the adjoining space. The project will be ready for 2028. This was followed with interviews carried out with another twelve retired dockers the following month. Some dockers brought along historic documents and badges that can be used for the project. A 50-year Commemorative badge for ITGWU membership was one example.

In June 2023 SHIP hosted historian Charlie McGuire from Teesside University who is keen to publish a short history of Belfast Deep-Sea Dockers. Charlie carried out interviews with several retired dockers that will be uploaded to the project.

In August, the City Council hosted several members of SHIP for a tour of the Bank of Ireland building to give us a practical insight into what shape the Belfast Stories project will take. Also, in August SHIP met with Former President of the American Trade Union “LiUNA” during his return visit to Belfast, Terry O’Sullivan. Also, in August another former President of an American Trade Union was back home in Belfast and had several meeting with SHIP in his capacity as “Honorary President.” Robbie Hunter who recently retired as President of the State Building & Trades Council of California. Also, in August the Lord Mayor of Belfast hosted the SHIP committee and fifteen retired deep Sea dockers for an afternoon of storytelling and refreshments in the Mayor’s Parlour. As part of the event the Mayor presented, SHIP stalwart and retired Deep Sea Docker, Jim Austin with a cake to recognise his 90th birthday. August was a busy month for SHIP during which we also put on some private walking tours

In September, the owner of the Titanic Distillery Peter Lavery invited SHIP members to the official launch of one of his whiskey brands. At the event Peter connected SHIP members with retired members of Harland & Wolff members Club, and both groupings have met since.

Separately SHIP also completed the project “Learning from our people” which was part funded by the Departments of foreign Affairs. The project was delayed for several, reasons and the book finally launched in the Dockers Club

In October SHIP brought together 54 retired Belfast Deep Sea dockers for a reunion and a day of events in the Dockers Club. Some of those attending had not seen each other since they left the dock around 40 years ago. SHIP material that has been produced over the years, such as Banner displays, books, commemorative Trade Union badges was on display along with the 1962 “ITG&WU enrolment ledger” This ledger showed the names of some of those who attended detailing their age, when they joined, where they lived

and the subscriptions made to the Union. The guest speaker was the North Belfast MP John Finucane who detailed the progress of the Belfast branch of the ITGWU since it was established in 1911.

The SHIP Annual Remembrance Service was held on Sunday 26th November 2023, celebrated in the usual style by Father Gary and the Reverend Colin. Guest of Honour was Belfast First Citizen/Lord Mayor Councillor Ryan Murphy. Around 200 people attended and on the day, a fifth tribute board displaying faces of fifty deceased deep-Sea Dockers was unveiled by the Mayor

During January and February SHIP participated in a project called “Memory Anchors” which was part of the Maritime Mile/Sailortown initiative. This project was led by European artist Ekaterina Solomatina and was one of 6 innovation projects supported by Maritime Mile, HUB-IN, Belfast City Council and European Horizons programme. As part of the engagement Ekaterina recorded several interviews with SHIP members about the key cultural memories to help wider audiences understand better the history and livelihood of Belfast dockers. Another initiative Ekaterina worked on was to digitise and preserve images of the Statue of Our Lady which Belfast Deep-Sea Dockers presented to St Joseph’s Parish in 1954.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's report to the charity trustees of

SHIP – Shared History Interpretive Project

Report on the charity accounts of the organisation for the year ended 31.03.24

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also 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 N Ireland under section 65(9)(b)of the Charities Act and 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 N 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 accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning and 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 Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK .
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

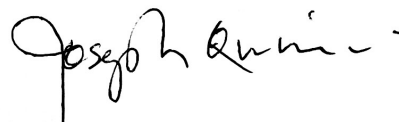
Independent examiners statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Certified Public Accountants Association that is a listed body.

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

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Opening Bank balance 01.04.22			17408.67
<u>Income</u>			
Robbie Hunter Retirement Charity	15465.25		
McMillan Estate Agents	<u>500.00</u>	15965.25	
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Office Rent	475.00		
Maintenance of murals	110.40		
Website fees	431.28		
Computer/Printer	483.79		
Remembrance Service costs	967.36		
Bank fees	<u>69.20</u>	<u>2537.03</u>	
Surplus in 22/23			<u>13428.22</u>
Closing Bank balance 31.03.23			<u>30836.89</u>

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SHIP would have liked to have completed much more projects during the period April 2022 to March 2023 than we were able to do. The sudden passing of our Chairperson Liam McCormick, who was a driving force for SHIP was a major factor in that.

In early 2022 SHIP members including Liam paid a visit to the Speaker of the Assembly, former Belfast deep-sea docker Alex Maskey, where we presented Alex with a miniature SHIP Connolly banner and a bog oak piece that was skilfully hand crafted by Gerry McAtamney, also a former fellow Belfast dock worker and Sailortown man. Gerry sculpted the bog oak to represent a ship and a wharf with images of founder members of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union (ITGWU) Belfast Branch, Connolly, Carney, Larkin, McMullen and Quinn inserted into the piece. The carving was complimented with a Winifred Carney coin that SHIP launched in St Patrick's School, Donegall Street where Winifred attended and returned to teach in. When Gerry was asked for the bill to cover the bog oak carving, his sharp reply was 'Tell Alex the bosun paid for it.'

It was unbelievable that Liam died suddenly around six weeks later, a shock to his family and to SHIP.

In August 2022, an event was held in the McCracken Irish Language in Belfast where the family of our Honorary President Robbie Hunter presented SHIP with a cheque from Robbie's Trade Union Retirement Charity Fund. Robbie could not make it back from America at that time, but he was keen that we got the cheque as soon as possible and asked his family in Belfast to present the award. Robbie was President of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California for 12 years until his retirement and was keen to make sure that SHIP benefitted from his retirement.

In November we held the 2022 Remembrance Service which was attended by around one hundred people. Obviously at that time, some people were still unsure about gathering in enclosed spaces due to the threat of COVID. Our long serving Minister, the Reverend Colin Hall Thompson had retired, and we were most fortunate to have had the Reverend Bill Shaw from the 147 Trust celebrate the Service alongside Father Gary. The music was performed as usual, by Gerard McCabe whose father and grandfather were Deep Sea Dockers. The entire Service was professionally recorded and posted on the SHIP Facebook page. Despite being a newcomer to the Service the Reverend Bill was confident throughout and is looking forward to the 2023 Service. We had the attendance of the Belfast's First Citizen, Lord Mayor Councillor Tina Black and SHIP is confident that the present First Citizen will attend the Service this year.

On New Years Eve 2022 an enhanced plaque to recognise the original Belfast Branch office of the ITGWU at Corporation Street was erected, replacing the previous one that had been put up in 2019. The only difference being that new plaque has a silver border around the entire script that should make it more noticeable to those passing by.

In early 2023 SHIP committed to producing another tribute board showing the faces of another 50 Belfast deep-sea to add to the four tribute boards that we have on display in the Dockers Club. We are hopeful that the new board will be ready in time for the 2023 SHIP Remembrance Service.

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