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Irish World Trustees' Annual Report for the year 1st Jan- 31st Dec 2022

Irish World's governance

Irish World is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Day to day management decisions are taken by a Manager, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. General Meetings are held once a year, generally in April or May. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were drawn up at the company's inception in 1984 and amended in 2000. The most recent amendments were in 2015, subsequently approved by the Charities Commission, in order more fully to express and refine the company's charitable aims and objectives.

Irish World's objects and purposes

- To advance the education of the public in the genealogy, family-history and cultural heritage of counties Tyrone and Fermanagh through the provision of an information and research service
- To promote the work of local history and cultural groups within the above counties through advice, research and, where practicable, financial assistance

Public Benefit Requirement

In all its activities throughout the year, Irish World's trustees were mindful of the company's charitable aims and objectives, and acted with full regard to all available guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. All activities were for the public benefit and trustees were actuated by their desire to ensure that the company work towards its aims and objectives. No material or other benefits, or emoluments of any kind, accrued to any trustee, and no private benefit flowed from the work of Irish World.

Main Activities and achievements

In 2022, Irish World continued to cater to the interests of people with ancestral links to Tyrone/Fermanagh. This was achieved via the use of its specialist genealogy knowledge and data to help anyone wishing to pursue their ancestral research. The geographical spread of enquirers and visitors reflected the broad parameters of the Irish Diaspora - ranging, in numerical strength, from USA, Britain, Canada and Australia, as well as many from across Ireland, including our core-area of counties Tyrone and Fermanagh. In all, some 300 people were assisted in finding out more about their family roots.

The abating of the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic during the year meant that visitor numbers increased compared to the previous two years. This trend was matched by a relaxing of restrictions in the main research repositories, thus facilitating our work in the Public Record Office and General Register Office. However, the main focus of our genealogy work, as with previous years, was conducted via email, telephone and written reports.

The aftermath of the pandemic continued to manifest in reduced activities among history groups and schools, which in turn meant fewer applications were received for grant aid from our schools competition programme or local history groups under our publications programme. However, Irish World did provide sponsorship funding towards a school history project by way of its 'Our Neighbourhood' competition.

Public Benefit arising from activities

Our interest in promoting interest in local history via the Primary Schools competition continued in 2022 and we were able to present a grant to St Malachy's PS, Glencull, Ballygawley. The school's P7 pupils submitted an excellent entry in the 'My Neighbourhood' competition and the award enabled pupils and teachers to undertake a day-trip to various historic sites in Co Tyrone. We look forward to promoting this aspect of our charitable activities in future and hope to connect with more schools in the coming years.

Financial Position

The trustees are pleased to report a positive financial situation for the year 2022. As set out in the Finance Report, income for the year was £28,582 and expenditure amounted to £27,775. As previously, administrative outgoings have remained well-controlled, and as a result of donations and membership subscriptions the company has maintained a positive balance for the year. The company has incurred no debts and there was no overspend on any items.

Names of Trustees during 2022

The following individuals acted as trustees during 2022:-

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| ➤ <i>Mr John Joseph Gill</i> | ➤ <i>Mrs Grainne McGlinchey</i> |
| ➤ <i>Ms Ellen Doris</i> | ➤ <i>Mr Brian McCrory</i> |
| ➤ <i>Mr James Joseph McGlinchey</i> | ➤ <i>Ms Annette McMurray</i> |

Signed this date, 26th July 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gill', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

John Gill - Chairman and Trustee