

**Irish World Ltd.**  
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***NI Company Reg. No - 017578***

### **Irish World Trustees' Annual Report for the year 1st Jan- 31st Dec 2023**

#### **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 2023, 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 338 people were assisted in finding out more about their family roots.

Overall visitor numbers were higher compared to the previous two years, when the effects of the Covid pandemic had a limiting impact. As has been the case for a good many years, the main original countries for visitors were USA, Britain, Canada and Australia. However, notwithstanding visitors, the main focus of our genealogy work, as with previous years, was conducted via e-mail, telephone and written reports.

With regard to our charitable work in promoting local history, there was a marked emphasis on assisting local historical societies via our publications programme. This was counter-balanced by less interaction with local schools via their local studies curriculum.

#### **Public Benefit arising from activities**

Our interest in promoting interest in local history during 2023 took the form of providing a grant to Donaghmore Historical Society for the publication of *'The Torrent'*, a journal celebrating forty years of the group's existence and featuring articles on the local area's history and culture. Similarly, Stewartstown and District Local History Society received a grant towards the publication of *'The Bell'*, their bi-annual journal of local studies, and an additional grant to fund their forthcoming programme of speakers and events. We look forward to helping a number of other groups and societies in the coming year.

#### **Financial Position**

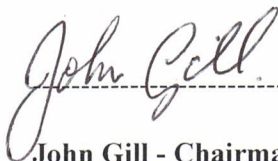
The trustees are pleased to report a positive financial situation for the year 2023. As set out in the Finance Report, income for the year was £39,637 and expenditure amounted to £24,333. As previously, administrative outgoings have remained well-controlled, and as a result of donations and membership 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 2023**

The following individuals acted as trustees during 2023:-

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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, 19th Sept 2024



**John Gill - Chairman and Trustee**