



- COALITION OF AID & DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES NI -

**COALITION OF AID & DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
NORTHERN IRELAND**

CHARITY COMMISSION NO: 101332

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Peter Anderson (appointed Sept 2023)
Andrea Brown
Siobhan Hanley (resigned Jan 2023)
Eithne McNulty
Jenny Williams (resigned Jun 2023)
Emma Hassard (resigned Jun 2023)
David Hall (appointed Jun 2021, resigned Jan 2023)
Kathryn McDonagh (appointed Jun 2023)
Peter Heaney (appointed Jun 2023)
Séamus O'Gorman (appointed Jun 2023)

CHAIRPERSON

Peter Anderson

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Vacant

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Eithne McNulty

TREASURER

Andrea Brown

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CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER

101332

DATE REGISTERED

9th October 2016

COALITION OF AID & DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES NORTHERN IRELAND (CADA NI)

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies Northern Ireland (CADA NI) are to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of our members and to advance the education of the public, including government agencies, about international aid and development work. CADA NI has been very active over this last year in working towards these charitable objectives. CADA is a small network of 20 development organisations with one part-time Development Officer (this post has been vacant since April 2022). We rely, to a great extent, on the staff capacity and time given by our members to support our work, particularly by those who serve on our Management Committee and One World Festival Committee.

CONTEXT

CADA members faced yet another very challenging year, as we emerged from pandemic restrictions. The communities in countries where CADA members work continue to face enormous challenges in dealing with the tragic loss of life and aftermath of Covid-19. We entered into an environment where the cost of living crisis, plus the impact of the war in Ukraine, has had a detrimental effect on the financial security of people across Northern Ireland. With less disposable income, our member organisations have felt the reduction in donations and an increasingly negative attitude towards international development. Financial insecurity has left many people in Northern Ireland struggling to meet their own rising energy and food bills. Subsequently, the public have become more focused on the visible, local needs, rather than looking outward to support those in need globally. This has been further compounded by the impact of the devastating aid cuts, and the absence of a functioning Stormont government. Without a functioning Stormont government all public advocacy work has been stalled, which has impeded any collective joint initiatives that CADA members could have supported.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

ONE WORLD FESTIVAL

One World Festival had another successful year, despite the capacity limitation of not having a Development Officer in place. The Management Committee want to express our huge gratitude to the One World Festival part time Festival Manager, Ruth Young, and the Volunteer Committee members for having organised and planned such a varied and interesting festival programme. Thanks also to all our members who hosted and delivered events for the festival. We remain hugely grateful to our funders for the festival - Concern Worldwide and funding through Bond and the UK Alliance that enables the festival to be resourced and managed.

The Festival theme was 'Displacement, Migration, Movement'. 12 events were hosted between 10-14 October 2022 over five days. The festival was a hybrid with seven events held in person, five online events and two exhibitions over the duration of the week. The sold-out Flagship event 'One World on the Move' was held in The Accidental Theatre on Thursday 13 October at 7pm. Attendance was high at all events with 2,231 recorded to have attended over the five days. Press coverage included an article in the Irish News, and UNANI promoted the Festival on BBC Radio Ulster. Great social media presence was recorded with 415,003 reach across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter in the run up to and duration of the festival. Additionally, Q Radio ads were successful with 64 spots across 13 days.

An extensive external review of the One World Festival was completed in June 2022 by Clare Cuthbert from Blue Moss, following three years of successful festivals. This review was extremely positive and reinforced the value of the festival to member agencies and the desire for the festival to continue to develop and grow annually.

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The review concluded that the festival is well organised and event organisers are highly supported on limited resources. Additional resources are recommended to enable future development. Internal systems could be improved, specifically monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, enabling evidence based evaluation of future festivals /events.

The review stated that CADA NI is to be commended for establishing and continuing to deliver a unique and valued festival, with 2022 providing a post-Covid opportunity for re-invigoration and further development.

There were several key areas of improvement identified, which the One World Festival endeavoured to implement into One World Festival 2023:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FESTIVAL REVIEW:

- Agree on the model of future festival delivery and festival duration.
- Ensure future festivals programme a wide range of events.
- Encourage organisers to consider hybrid presentation of events as relevant to their event content and context.
- Provide training for CADA members and festival organisers and provide the small grant resource to smaller organisations to enable them to explore a hybrid event approach.
- Clarify the flagship event purpose and intended audience for increased relevance and impact.
- Seek increased opportunities for non CADA NI organisations to engage with the festival as hosts/contributors/event organisers.
- Review attendee and organiser evaluation mechanisms.
- Emphasise the importance of assessing events and their impact and include organiser and attendee evaluation as a mandatory aspects of festival engagement.
- In consultation with RV (website developer and design company), clarify festival programme & website design appearance approach.
- Encourage CADA NI member organisations to promote festival events, beyond their own.
- Increase and diversify festival funding.
- In consultation with website design company, explore centralised ticketing options.
- Ensure fit for purpose monitoring and evaluation information systems.
- Encourage event organisers to have explicit consideration of festival intended outcomes and objectives.

TRAINING

CADA approached NICVA (NI Council for Voluntary Action) about how to provide the best, varied and bespoke training for our members. We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with NICVA, which means we are sharing their training calendar in our newsletter each month and that we can request bespoke training sessions, based on need within the sector. This is an efficient and cost-saving partnership, which ensures broad variety of training opportunities are available and delivered by the most qualified and professional training services provider.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

The Development Education, Public Engagement and Advocacy sub-committee organised an online event on 9 November, 'Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Session: Networking and Good Practice' with IDEA. The event was well attended with 12 attendees. The cross learning was very worthwhile with very engaged participants and the quick fire evaluation response was extremely positive.

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FUNDING

CADA continues to be hugely appreciative to Bond and the UK Alliance for funding through the FCDO for the CADA Development Officer role, which is essential to supporting and engaging with our members through the One World Festival and through training and other support. In April 2022 our Development Officer resigned to move to a new permanent full time position outside of the sector. This was a great loss for the Coalition and impeded our ability to develop and extend our support to our member organisations.

CADA is also very grateful for the continued support of Concern Worldwide for their grant towards the delivery and promotion of the One World Festival, without which we would not be able to produce the festival resources and promote the festival as widely as we do.

It is essential that we continue to maintain our Development Officer post to enable the successful operation of CADA. Our priority in 2023 is to seek an extension of funding, new funding opportunities, and develop more sustainable funding streams for CADA activities including the One World Festival.

NEW MEMBER

In 2022 we were delighted to welcome a new member to the Coalition, [The Leprosy Mission NI](#). This brings the number of member agencies to 20. We look forward to working with, and alongside, The Leprosy Mission in the years to come.

LOOKING TO 2023

We continue to live in unprecedented, challenging times. Whilst we return to in person events, a life without masks or restrictions, it is clear that life will never quite be the same. The Coalition realises that we must embrace these changes, acknowledging that a hybrid working pattern with online meetings can reduce our carbon footprint and offer more inclusivity to those who are hard to reach. It offers us the opportunity for unheard voices to be heard, sometimes for the first time. However, we acknowledge that much of the human interaction that we have been missing, is not easily reclaimed. As we look to future engagement we must ensure that we are mindful of the atmosphere of the world emerging from this devastation of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whilst negotiating these post-pandemic challenges and opportunities, it is clear new issues are emerging, such as the cost-of-living crisis and the consequences of climate change. These issues have interconnected global and local ramifications. It remains the challenge for CADA members to bridge the local and global, educating and engaging locally, whilst delivering global solutions, aid and development. The world is becoming more aware of many ongoing conflicts, not only in Ukraine, but also in Yemen and Sudan. These conflicts not only result in human suffering, but have global consequences as we see influxes of refugees and impact on food supplies to affected areas. In these darkest of situations, we are in no doubt that member agencies will continue to work tirelessly to deliver aid, support and life-saving care across the globe.

It is more important than ever that CADA reflects and amplifies the voices of our members to speak with one voice to counteract the narrative that issues outside of Northern Ireland are 'not our problem'. We have a responsibility to educate and inform how the situation across the globe impacts on us all locally, as seen when energy prices soared due the ongoing war in Ukraine.

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While we work to improve and inform, our members are all feeling the strain of increasing need being hindered by decreasing capacity and funds. As we represent the international development sector we will ensure that we are heard, that the impact of cuts and the government policies are challenged.

Finally, we look forward to more engagement, more interaction with our members, as we look to write our CADA strategy for the future. We invite you to read and participate in our newsletters, training and events. We look forward to seeing our members more in person and online throughout 2023.

'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.' Helen Keller

PUBLIC BENEFIT

CADA NI fosters collaboration between international development NGOs working in Northern Ireland and with their networks in Ireland and the rest of the UK. CADA NI works to raise awareness of international development issues in NI and to coordinate the activities of its member organisations to maximise the use of resources in the sector. This work is completed through organising public events and meetings of a variety of staff working for member organisations.

CADA NI also provides information about funding and networking opportunities with potential funders. CADA NI acts as a liaison between its members and UK, Irish and EU-based international development networks to promote information sharing.

The trustees of CADA NI have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the objectives of CADA NI as well as providing public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As of 31st December 2022 CADA NI had a positive balance with the First Trust bank of £40,615.

In 2022, CADA's total income was £38,954, from members' fees (£3,718), grants (£35,226) and miscellaneous income (£10) with expenditure of £22,574 resulting in a net contribution of £16,380.

A significant part of our 2022 expenditure was on our CADA Development Officer (part-time) salary (£6,230) to support the delivery of the One World Festival, training and other events during 2022. One World Festival expenditure included the updating of the festival website, running of online events, producing and promoting the festival programme and consultancy (for communications and media support). Other 2022 expenditure included website fees, online training events, bank fees, producing charity accounts and staff expenses. Costs for CADA meetings, including for training events, were minimal as all meetings moved to online or were held at member organisations premises.

Grant income in 2022 included £25,487 from BOND as part of the Civil Society Collective Programme funded by DFID UK Aid and £9,738.68 from Concern Worldwide. The BOND/DFID UK Aid and Concern Worldwide grants were restricted grants. Our thanks for our funders for their support for the development of CADA NI and the delivery of our training and events programme in 2022. Other income received in 2022 was members' fees (£3,718) and miscellaneous income (£10).

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GOING CONCERN

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that CADA NI can continue its activities and that the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

APPROVAL

The Trustees report was approved by the Board on 30th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by

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Eithne McNulty

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Secretary

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Andrea Brown

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Andrea Brown
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF THE COALITION OF AID & DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes 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 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
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 the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Paula McGuigan

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Paula McGuigan ACA

Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland
7 Annadale Square
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30.10.23

Date

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
From Charitable Activities				
Membership Fees	3,718	-	3,718	3,355
Grants	-	35,226	35,226	35,526
Miscellaneous	10	-	10	149
Total Receipts	3,728	35,226	38,954	39,030
<u>Payments</u>				
Events	-	3,130	3,130	8,147
Consultancy & Secretarial	-	2,240	2,240	2,500
Salary	-	6,230	6,230	15,438
Members Training	-	-	-	318
Website	372	3,626	3,998	2,581
PR, Marketing & Merchandising	-	4,812	4,812	-
Bank Fees	164	-	164	160
Miscellaneous	200	1,800	2,000	752
Total Payments	736	21,838	22,574	29,896
Net Receipts / (Payments)	2,992	13,388	16,380	9,134
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	2,992	13,388	16,380	9,134
Reconciliation at 31st Dec 2022				
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2021	12,479	11,756	24,235	15,101
Surplus this year	2,992	13,388	16,380	9,134
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2022	15,471	25,144	40,615	24,235

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2021	12,479	11,756	24,235	15,101
Surplus this year	2,992	13,388	16,380	9,134
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2022	15,471	25,144	40,615	24,235

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	40,615
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Approved by the trustees on 30th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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 Eithne McNulty
 Secretary

DocuSigned by:

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 Andrea Brown
 Treasurer

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Appendix 1

List of CADA NI member organisations

Beyond Skin
Centre for Global Education
Children in Crossfire
Christian Aid
Concern Worldwide
Disability Aid Abroad
Fields of Life
Habitat for Humanity NI
IJM
Leprosy Mission
Oxfam Ireland
Saphara
Save the Children
Self Help Africa
Share Uganda
Tools for Solidarity
Tear Fund
Trocaire
UNA -NI

Funders:

**Concern Worldwide
UK Aid**