



- 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 2023**

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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)
Jackie Trainor (appointed Mar 2024)
Chris Thompson (appointed Jun 2024)
Ruth Cooke (appointed Jun 2024)

CHAIRPERSON

Peter Anderson (resigned Apr 2023)
Peter Heaney (appointed Apr 2024)

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Vacant

SECRETARY

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)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 19 development organisations. 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 a challenging year as inflation negatively impacted the budgets of the general public who generously support CADA members. These challenges were more pronounced in Northern Ireland in part due to the absence of a functioning devolved government. Globally CADA member organisations continued to respond to a growing number of humanitarian crises driven by conflict and climate change with member agencies providing emergency and long-term response to crises in places such as Ethiopia, Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, the D.R.C. and many others. This was added to in the final months of 2023 by the catastrophic civilian casualties and famine faced by those in Gaza. CADA throughout 2023, on behalf of and with support from our members, has continued to raise awareness of issues affecting the Global South to the general public and decision makers within Northern Ireland. 2023 has, however, seen some limitations on CADA due to turnover in the Management Committee and the position of Development Officer remaining vacant. However, CADA has focused in the past year on strengthening the network through initiating a review of its strategic plan, recruiting new members on to the Management Committee and applying for long term funding to allow for the recruitment of a new development officer. As a result, we look forward to the progress envisaged in 2024.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

ONE WORLD FESTIVAL

The One World Festival was held from the 16th to 20th October 2023 and this year the focus of the festival was 'The Health of Our World'. In total 13 events were held across the week by CADA members and others, ranging from the screening of documentaries to panel discussions and music events. Events were held on topics such as climate, refugees, health, the circular economy and youth. In total, 10 of the events were in person and 3 were held online, in locations across Northern Ireland such as Belfast, Portrush, Portstewart and Derry/Londonderry, with a total attendance of 582 during the week. Attendance was slightly lower than in 2022, in part due to a transition back to in person events following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. The festival closed with the flagship event Health of Our World in the Accidental Theatre on Shaftsbury Square on Friday 20th October. Promotion of the festival was strong with compelling branding and significant coverage on Social Media as well as 28 spots promoting the festival on U105 Radio. Based on the continued success of the One World Festival CADA looks forward to the planning of events in 2024.

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FUNDING

CADA continues to be hugely appreciative to Bond and the UK Aid 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 supports. 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 in 2023.

It is essential that we recruit for a Development Officer post to enable the successful operation of CADA. Our priority in 2023 has been to seek new funding and develop more sustainable funding streams for CADA activities including the One World Festival. Positively, towards the end of 2023 CADA submitted an application for multi-annual funding through the UK Aid Alliance to the FCDO which, we anticipate, will result in the recruitment of this role in 2024.

ALL PARTY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Despite Stormont institutions not functioning throughout 2023 CADA, through engagement with MLAs, has successfully assisted in the re-constitution of the All Party Group on International Development (APGID). This involved the forming of a All Party Working Group in the last quarter of 2023 with the intention to formally register the group once Stormont institutions are restored to full functionality in 2024. CADA will act as secretariat to the APGID which will prove an important forum for discussion on issues affecting the Global South. CADA would like to thank Kate Nicholl, MLA for convening the first All Party Working Group meeting and acting as its Chair.

LOOKING TO 2024

Following a year in 2023 in which much work was conducted on laying the foundations for future success, CADA looks forward to seeing an increase in activities. Recruitment of new members to the Management Committee, work on securing funding for the recruitment of a Development Officer and the re-constitution of the APGID all provide the basis for an active and engaging 2024. We will continue this work in 2024 looking to further expand both the Management Committee and the membership of CADA.

During 2024, CADA will focus on both engaging and being informed by our members as we embark upon the creation of a new strategic plan with stakeholder engagement events planned for the beginning of 2024.

CADA also looks forward to being able to engage decision makers in Northern Ireland on issues that our member agencies are dealing with globally. As secretariate of the APGID, CADA looks forward to being able to engage with our members to inform the workplan of APG to highlight issues such as Overseas Development Aid, Climate Change, Global Citizenship Education and Humanitarian Response.

We also look forward to raising awareness of the issues that member organisations are working on to the wider Northern Irish public, primarily through the annual One World Festival which has proved a key highlight in previous years.

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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

CADA's total income for the year ended 31st Dec 2023 was £23,567, gained primarily through grants (£19,897 secured from FCDO through the UK Aid Alliance) and membership fees. Total expenditure for the year amounted to £40,545, resulting in a deficit of £16,978. This was managed through the utilisation of funds carried forward from the previous year and results in a closing balance at year end of £23,637. The majority of expenditure was directed towards the implementation and promotion of the annual One World Festival.

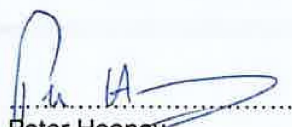
During 2023, CADA focused on securing new sources of income, in particular a multi-annual grant from FCDO through the UK Aid Alliance. This grant, anticipated in 2024, will result in a positive budget for 2024 that facilitates the recruitment of a Development Officer position and continues to support CADA's charitable activities and the implementation of its 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.


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 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

APPROVAL

The Trustees report was approved by the Board on 6th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by


Peter Heaney
Chairperson


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 2023

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

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 ACA
Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland
7 Annadale Square
Belfast
BT7 3LT

9/30/2024

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Date

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
From Charitable Activities				
Membership Fees	3,670	-	3,670	3,718
Grants	-	19,897	19,897	35,226
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	10
Total Receipts	3,670	19,897	23,567	38,954
<u>Payments</u>				
Events	-	2,992	2,992	3,130
Consultancy & Secretarial	478	20,705	21,183	2,240
Salary	-	-	-	6,230
Members Training	-	-	-	-
Website	288	4,074	4,362	3,998
PR, Marketing & Merchandising	-	9,596	9,596	4,812
Bank Fees	162	-	162	164
Miscellaneous	400	1,850	2,250	2,000
Total Payments	1,328	39,217	40,545	22,574
Net Receipts / (Payments)	2,342	(19,320)	(16,978)	16,380
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year	2,342	(19,320)	(16,978)	16,380

Reconciliation at 31st Dec 2023

Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2022	15,471	25,144	40,615	24,235
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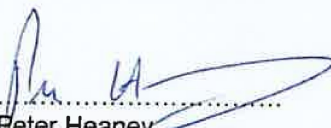
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account		23,637
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Approved by the trustees on 6th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


 Peter Heaney
 Chairperson


 Andrea Brown
 Treasurer

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Appendix 1

List of CADA NI member organisations

1. Beyond Skin
2. Centre for Global Education
3. Children in Crossfire
4. Christian Aid Ireland
5. Concern Worldwide
6. Disability Aid Abroad
7. Friends of Africa
8. Habitat for Humanity
9. IJM International Justice Mission
10. Leprosy Mission
11. Oxfam Ireland
12. Saphara
13. Save the Children
14. Self Help Africa
15. Share Uganda
16. Tearfund NI
17. Tools for Solidarity
18. Trócaire
19. UNA NI