

- 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 2024**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Peter Anderson (appointed Sept 2023) Andrea Brown Eithne McNulty 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 July 2024)
CHAIRPERSON	Peter Anderson (resigned as chair, April 2024) Peter Heaney (appointed April 2024)
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Vacant
SECRETARY	Eithne McNulty
TREASURER	Andrea Brown
REGISTERED OFFICE	C/O Concern Worldwide (UK) 47 Frederick Street Belfast BT1 2LW
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CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER	101332
DATE REGISTERED	9 th October 2016

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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. In particular, CADA was pleased to welcome three new members to its Management Committee in 2024.

APPENDIX 1: list of CADA NI member organisations

CONTEXT

CADA throughout 2024, 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. This is an increasingly difficult task as global and local narratives throughout 2024 challenged the values that underpin our work towards global justice. This was evidenced both in global media narratives as well as within Northern Ireland as we witnessed racist and anti-immigrant on our streets in August. We are thankful however, that while highly visible, this represents a minority of NI Society and CADA members continue to be supported, both financially and in their campaigning, through the generosity and solidarity of those across the region.

Unfortunately, in early 2025, the international aid sector was rocked by cuts, initially led by the incoming Trump regime which eviscerated US Aid budgets and was unfortunately followed by cuts from other institutional donors most notably the UK who announced a reduction in Aid spending from 0.5% of GNI to 0.3% of GNI. These cuts mark a dramatic shift in the global consensus around aid and their depth has profound implications for the world's most vulnerable communities. CADA members and our local partners are among those organisations that have had to suspend lifesaving programmes as a result. Challenging these funding cuts and countering negative, and sometimes actively misleading, narratives about Overseas Development Aid (ODA) has become a priority for CADA in 2025.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

At the beginning of 2024, CADA developed a new Strategic Plan to run from 2024 to 2026. CADA members were consulted through a network engagement event in January which outlined key priorities, and the Strategic Plan was confirmed by members at our AGM in July of 2024. The plan has 3 key focus areas which CADA will work towards over a 3 year period: inspiring change, influencing national and regional policy and supporting our network members. As part of our strategic planning process, CADA also took time to reflect on what it can realistically achieve while remaining ambitious in our aims. As a result, a decision was taken to not hold the One World Festival in 2024 while the Development Officer role remained vacant. However, CADA did continue to engage its members through a range of events during 2024 including; our AGM which featured a talk from climate author Gaia Vince, a learning event on fundraising and communications in an NI context and a Christmas networking event.

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2. FUNDING

CADA continues to be hugely appreciative to Bond and the UK Aid Alliance for funding through the FCDO. In 2024 this allowed us to recruit a Development Officer role, which is essential to supporting and engaging with our members. This role will commence in early 2025 and will allow CADA to significantly enhance the level of support it can provide to its members.

In 2024, CADA, in conjunction with Dóchas and the Irish Development Education Association (IDEA), successfully applied for funding from the Shared Island Civic Society Fund for a project to enhance cross border learning and connection on Global citizenship Education (GCE). This project, which will commence in 2025, will seek to identify opportunities and overcome barriers in taking an all-island approach to GCE.

3. ALL PARTY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The return of Stormont institutions in early 2024 has allowed for continued engagement with MLA's through the All Party Group on International Development (APGID) for which CADA acts as secretariate. This has been a key avenue for engaging and influencing duty bearers and decision makers. The APGID met 5 times in 2024, with an initial meeting to identify themes and set a schedule, a meeting to formally constitute the APGID to discuss issues such as Emergency Response and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Business and Human Rights and how devolved institutions can play a role in international development.

LOOKING TO 2025

During 2024, CADA focused on both engaging and being informed by our members as we formed a new strategic plan, connecting members and in engaging with the All Party Group on International Development.

In 2025 we look forward to the commencement of our Development Officer role to assist in the delivery of our new strategic plan. This will include building closer relationships and sharing learning with our member organisations and other key stakeholders, continuing to raise issues important to the sector and engage decision makers through the APGID and promoting awareness of global justice issues to the public through the One World Festival and other events. In particular, we look forward to a series of events on the global impacts of climate change featuring author Gaia Vince planned in May 2025, including a keynote event held in partnership with the Institute for Global Food Security in Queens University Belfast.

However, it is also important to note that CADA and its members will in 2025 also be seeking to respond to the drastic cuts in ODA that have occurred since the end of 2024. These cuts have a direct, negative impact on the lives of the thousands of people that CADA member agencies work with and highlight the importance of the work done by CADA's members, not only in improving outcomes for vulnerable communities in the Global South, but also in communicating the importance and necessity of that work to communities across the north of Ireland.

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.

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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 2024 was £21,139, gained primarily through grants (£18,652 secured from FCDO through the UK Aid Alliance) and membership fees. Total expenditure for the year amounted to £10,442, resulting in a surplus of £10,696. A portion of this surplus is funding given in advance under the FCDO grant which will be carried forward for costs in 2025.


Expenditure was lower due to the vacancy in CADA's Development Officer position as well as the decision not to hold the One World Festival in 2024. CADA anticipates expenditure will increase in 2025 with the recruitment of the Development Officer. CADA ended the year in a strong position with funding secured for key costs in 2025.


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 2024 can be signed off as a going concern.

APPROVAL

The Trustees report was approved at CADA's AGM on 2nd July 2025 and signed on their behalf by


Peter Heaney
Chair


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 2024

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2024 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.

Paula McGuigan

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

29th October 2025

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Date

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
From Charitable Activities				
Membership Fees	2,487	-	2,487	3,670
Grants	-	18,652	18,652	19,897
Total Receipts	2,487	18,652	21,139	23,567
<u>Payments</u>				
Events	-	-	-	2,992
Consultancy & Secretarial	-	527	527	21,183
Salary	-	3,375	3,375	-
Evaluation	-	1,230	1,230	-
Website	734	-	734	4,362
PR, Marketing & Merchandising	-	3,494	3,494	9,596
Bank Fees	167	-	167	162
Miscellaneous	528	388	916	2,250
Total Payments	1,429	9,014	10,443	40,545
Net Receipts / (Payments)	1,058	9,638	10,696	(16,978)
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year	1,058	9,638	10,696	(16,978)
Reconciliation at 31st Dec 2024				
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2023	17,813	5,824	23,637	40,615
(Deficit) / Surplus in year	1,058	9,638	10,696	(16,978)
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2024	18,871	15,462	34,333	23,637

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024


	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2023	17,813	5,824	23,637	40,615
(Deficit) / Surplus in year	1,058	9,638	10,696	(16,978)
Cash at Bank & Hand 31/12/2024	18,871	15,462	34,333	23,637

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	34,333
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Approved by the trustees on 2nd July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Peter Heaney
Chair


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