

Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101337

Details

Known as	NIF
Status	Received
Registered	2014-12-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	28 Derrymore Road Craigavon BT67 0bw BT67 0BW
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Activities

Purposes: To provide a forum for the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh Faiths to dialogue with one another on matters of religious, national and civic importance; and To support a wider inter-faith dialogue with other religious and belief groups as appropriate To represent the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh faith communities when advising or collaborating with other organisations on matters relating to faith matters in Northern Ireland To advise Government and other appropriate organisations or bodies on faith matters in Northern Ireland To encourage and facilitate education and training in matters relating to faith diversity in Northern Ireland To organize and promote inter-faith activities and events in Northern Ireland

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Cultural, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,726	£5,251	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Gasser Abdelal		
Dr Naomi Green		
Dr Norman Richardson		
Dr Satyavir Singhal		
Dr Wasif Naeem		
Kais Aloui		
Mr Boyd Sleator		
Mr Edward Petersen		
Mr Edwin Graham		
Mr Matthew Bushby		
Mr Mutaraf Ahmed		
Mr Raj Puri		
Mrs Ashley Hillary		
Ms Victoria Heslop		
Paul Fitzsimmons		

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Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum

Income and Expenditure Report for 2024

Income			
Membership	455		
CRC Grant	750		
Donations	796		
Loans	2685		
Total income	£4726		
Expenditure			
Bank	35.63		
Speakers	1090.00		
Website	1185.00		
Video	1000.00		
Venues	440.00		
Loan repayments	1500.00		
Total expenditure	£5250.63		
Balance of income over expenditure	£524.63		

Signed _____

Edwin Graham, Chairman, 15th February 2025

Note: For detail see [NIIF Income and Expenditure 2024](#)

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Income			
Jan/19/2023	£715.00	CRC Grant	
May/15/2023	£20.00	members sub	
May/16/2023	£20.00	members sub	
Jun/28/2023	£60.00	members sub	
Jul/3/2023	£20.00	members sub	
Jul/20/2023	£40.00	members sub	
Jul/24/2023	£20.00	members sub	
Jul/25/2023	£200.00	donation	
Aug/17/2023	£20.00	members sub	
Sep/19/2023	£15.00	members sub	
Sep/21/2023	£10.00	members sub	
Sep/27/2023	£10.00	members sub	
Dec/4/2023	£10.00	members sub	
Total income	£1,160.00		
Expenditure			
Jan/5/2023	£15.26	Bank fees	
Apr/6/2023	£9.86	Bank fees	
Jul/6/2023	£9.86	Bank fees	
Oct/6/2023	£12.68	Bank fees	
Total expenditure	£47.66		
Balance of income over expenditure			1112.34
Opening balance @ 1st January 2023			335.49
Closing balance @ 31st December 2023			1147.83

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Annual report

Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum - Charity reference number

Trustees Annual Report

This report is for the financial year 1st January 2003 - 31st December 2003

Main activities during the year included:

- Convening regular meetings of representatives of the main minority faith communities in Northern Ireland
- Establishing good relations with other faith and belief organisations
- Maintaining a social media presence

The Trustees have acted in accordance with the relevant legislation for charities. They have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

This report has been approved by the Trustees on 20th October 2024

Signed  _____ Date 31st October 2024
Edwin Graham, Chairman

Trustees serving during the year:

- Dr Norman Richardson
- Ed Petersen
- Raj Puri
- Gasser Abdelal
- Wasif Naeem
- Boyd Sleator
- Victoria Heslop
- Edwin Graham

The same Trustees were serving in the Executive Committee when this report was approved.

The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum is constituted as an unincorporated association. The constitution was last revised on 23rd April 2013.

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Annual return

Dear Sir,

I submit this unqualified report regarding The Northern Ireland Inter-faith forum, a charity that is not a company and has an income of £250,000 or less. I report on the accounts of the Forum for the year ended 30 April 2024, which are set out on page 1.

As the charity's Executive Committee, 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 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.

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 included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Terry McKenna

67 Brookview Glen, Eglinton

Londonderry

BT47 3GW

28/10/2024

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Accounts

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM
Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Charities Number: NIC101337

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2019

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Approved by the trustees on 30/10/2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Norman Richardson



Edwin Graham

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Endowment Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Cash Funds						
Current Accounts		113	-	-	113	793
Total Cash Funds		113	-	-	113	793
Creditors and accruals		216	-	-	216	558
Total Funds		(103)	-	-	(103)	235

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NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

2. Transactions with Trustees

Travel expenses of £nil (2018: £186) were paid to Dr Norman Richardson during the year. Dr Richardson is a trustee of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum.

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NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

Trustees' Annual report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Charities Number: NIC101337

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

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NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM
Year ended 31 December 2019

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum

Charity Registration Number: NIC101337

Contact Address: c/o Clonard Monastery
1 Clonard Gardens
Belfast
BT13 2RL

Trustees

Mr Edward Petersen (Chairperson), Mr Edwin Graham (Treasurer), Dr Wasif Naeem (Secretary), Dr Norman Richardson (Membership Secretary), Mr Raj Puri, Mrs Iulia Picu-Iwaisi, Mr Terry McKenna, Mr Jim Scott, Dr Gasser Abdelal, Ms Victoria Heslop, Mr Boyd Sleator.

Principal Office-bearers

Honorary President: Rev Maurice Ryan

Chairperson: Mr Edward Petersen

Vice-Chairperson: *(position vacant)*

Honorary Treasurer: Mr Edwin Graham

Honorary Secretary: Dr Wasif Naeem

Independent Examiner

CG Taggart Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor
49 Ashcroft Way
Lower Ballinderry
Lisburn
Co Antrim
BT28 2AY

Bankers

First Trust Bank
4-8 Market Street
Lurgan
Co Armagh
BT66 6AQ

NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum is to provide a forum for the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh Faiths to dialogue with one another on matters of religious, national and civic importance; and to support a wider inter-faith dialogue with other religious and belief groups as appropriate

The principal functions of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum are to represent those faith and belief communities when advising or collaborating with other organisations on matters relating to faith matters in Northern Ireland; to advise Government and other appropriate organisations or bodies on faith matters in Northern Ireland; to encourage and facilitate education and training in matters relating to faith diversity in Northern Ireland; and to organize and promote inter-faith activities and events in Northern Ireland.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum through its activities during the calendar year of 2019 has continued to increase its activity in supporting inter-faith dialogue between faith communities and with other public bodies. The executive committee meets on a regular basis, usually at the Belfast Islamic Centre where the current Forum Secretary is based. A range of public meetings during the year highlighted relationships between faith communities and issues such as faith responses to the climate crisis and the challenges of hate crime. The Forum was engaged in the UK-wide Inter Faith Week programme and continued to develop its relationship with the UK Inter Faith Network and other interfaith bodies in the UK and Ireland. The Forum also maintains strong links with the local Remembering Srebrenica movement.

These activities implement our charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

Financial Review, including Reserves Policy

The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum suffered deficits in both 2018 and 2019 and its bank balance at 31 December 2019 stands at £113. Unrestricted funds amounted to £(103) (2018: £235). All income is available for general purposes.

The trustees plan to build up their reserves by increasing income and reducing costs.

Going Concern

The main costs of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum are normally venue and catering costs associated with meetings. These costs have fallen dramatically in 2020, with the current pandemic having resulted in meetings being held virtually, an arrangement which is set to continue for some time.

An appeal for members to renew their subscriptions has just been launched and the trustees are confident that this will boost income in 2020.

As a result, the trustees are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum can continue its activities for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The Constitution of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum was last revised and approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 24th April 2013 and has not been amended since then. In its present form it remains appropriate for the current purposes, structure and activities of the Forum.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum are drawn from the Executive Committee. Members of the Forum have the opportunity each year at the Annual General Meeting to stand for election to the Executive, and most members of the committee opt to serve as Trustees for the period of their membership.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee meets on average once every four to six weeks to manage the business of the Forum and to organise meetings for members. Meetings are notified to members and the wider public via a Google Groups email system, via a Facebook group and also via the Forum website; the latter, however, is currently undergoing a major review and update. Members make a small administration donation to the Forum in order to cover the costs of hiring venues, speakers' expenses, light refreshments and similar ongoing costs.

Meetings are normally held in the Belfast area in publicly accessible buildings, varying according to the nature of each meeting.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum has given careful consideration to 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 its purpose and objectives, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



Norman Richardson



Edwin Graham

Date October 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of NORTHERN IRELAND INTER-FAITH FORUM

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Independent examiner's statement

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In respect of matter (4) above, I would draw your attention to that section of the Trustees' Annual Report dealing with Going Concern which explains that whilst deficits and the bank balance indicate that an uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the ability of the Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum to continue as a going concern, the trustees are optimistic that significantly reduced costs in both 2020 and on into the future, coupled with increased subscription revenues, will help secure that continuation for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

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*Grace Taggart FCA
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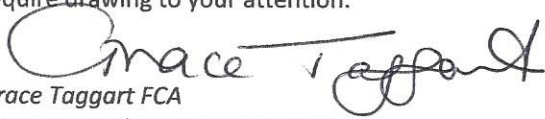
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Date 30 October 2020