

Ulster Human Rights Watch

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101384

Details

Known as	UHRW
Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's objects ("the Objects") are to promote human rights in Northern Ireland and the whole of the United Kingdom, as well as in other European countries on the basis of their constitution and international conventions, particularly the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights.

What the charity does: 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: Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, Human rights/equality

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Victim support, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£196,823	£199,598	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ivan Marshall Walker		
Mr Philip Alexander Black Bsc Bphil		
Mr Raymond Chestnutt		
Mr Robert Hamilton Campbell Ba		
Mr Robert Ingram Breadon Bsc		
Mr William Gordon Liggett		
Ms Lindsey Louise Liggett Llb Llm Dip Legal Practice		

Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	2024
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Grant: Victims Support Programme	-	23,290	23,290
Grant: Peace IV	-	597	597
Grant: Peace Plus	-	165,737	165,737
Fees	7,199	-	7,199
	7,199	189,624	196,823
Payments			
Capital Expenditure	-	3,896	3,896
Wages & pension Costs	-	166,961	166,961
Rent	-	10,200	10,200
Insurance	-	819	819
Heat, Light & Power	-	2,000	2,000
Printing & Stationery	-	978	978
Advertising & Marketing	5,291	3,268	8,559
Postage, Telephone & Internet	-	1,610	1,610
Hospitality	640	752	1,392
Travel & Subsistence	-	2,808	2,808
Fees & Subscriptions	-	191	191
Bank Charges	146	38	184
	6,077	193,521	199,598
Net Receipts/(Payments)	1,122	(3,897)	(2,775)
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,122	(3,897)	(2,775)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	7,363	43,736	51,099
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	1,122	(3,897)	(2,775)
Total Funds carried forward	8,485	39,839	48,324

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	2023
	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation			
Total Funds at 30 June 2024	7,363	43,736	51,099
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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account: VSS	4,843
Bank Current Account: SEUPB/PP	40,843
Bank Current Account	2,638

48,324

Total Funds at 30 June 2025

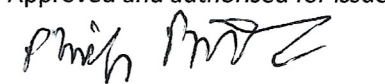
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Approved and authorised for issue on behalf of all the directors


Philip Black
(Director and Company Secretary)

10-Dec-25

Accounts



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Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
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Receipts			
Grant: Victims Support Programme	-	45,828	45,828
Grant: Peace IV	-	116,132	116,132
Grant: Peace Plus		53,995	53,995
	-	215,955	215,955
Payments			
Capital Expenditure	-	500	500
Wages & pension Costs	-	139,746	139,746
Recruitment expenses	-	50	50
Programme Costs	-	8,890	8,890
Rent	-	10,500	10,500
Insurance	-	764	764
Heat, Light & Power	-	2,250	2,250
Printing & Stationery	(1,065)	880	(185)
Advertising & Marketing	600	8,062	8,662
Postage, Telephone & Internet	-	1,459	1,459
Hospitality	-	1,665	1,665
Travel & Subsistence	-	1,715	1,715
Fees & Subscriptions	-	66	66
Sundry Expenses	50	(50)	-
Bank Charges	141	-	141
	(274)	176,497	176,223
Net Receipts/(Payments)	274	39,458	39,732
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	274	39,458	39,732
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	7,089	4,278	11,367
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Financial Statements and Trustees' Report
for the year ended 30 June 2024

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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	1,516.74
	49,582.55
	51,099

Total Funds at 30 June 2024	51,099
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Approved by the Trustees on 11 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

 (Chairman)

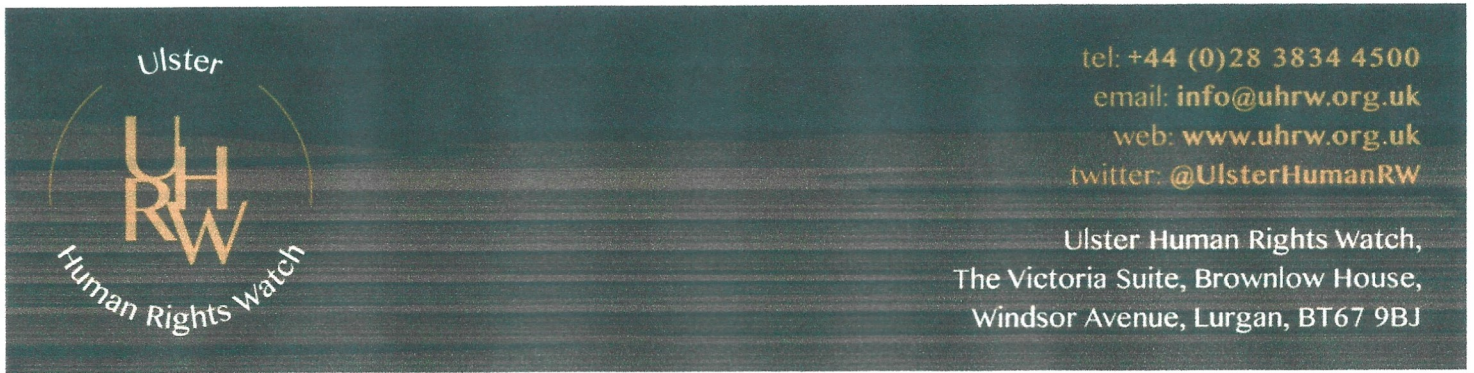
 (Secretary)

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Trustees' Report

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Trustee Committee and other Charity Information

Trustee Committee

Mr Robert Hamilton Campbell BA
Mr Philip Alexander Black BSc BPhil
Mr Robert Ingram Breadon BSc
Ms Lindsey Louise Liggett LIB LI Dip
Ms Marion Isabel Jamison Dip Crp
Mr Raymond Chestnutt
Mr William Gordon Liggett
Mr Ivan Marshall Walker

Charity Number

101384

Governing Document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Legal Status

Private Limited Company by guarantee without
share capital
use of 'Limited' exemption

Registered Address

23 Upper Toberhewney Lane
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Trustees' Annual Report

The Management Committee (Trustees) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2015.

Objectives:

The Charity's objects ("the Objects") are to promote human rights and the Judeo-Christian interpretation of such rights in Northern Ireland, the whole of the United Kingdom and other countries on the basis of their constitution and international conventions, particularly the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Activities:

I. Advocacy Service

This is the final report for the year 2023-2024 on the work achieved by the Ulster Human Rights Watch Advocacy Service.

The outline of the report is as follows:

- (1) Development of the Advocacy Service;
- (2) Development of the UHRW Corporate Governance Manual;
- (3) Evaluation and monitoring systems for the Advocacy Service;
- (4) Meetings with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS), the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and other stakeholders;
- (5) Work effected by the Advocacy Service Sub-Committee (ASSC);
- (6) Cases considered by the Advocacy Service;
- (7) Narratives and audio-visual recordings for the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR);
- (9) Promotional programme;
- (10) Outputs of the work carried out by the Advocacy Service;
- (11) Conclusion.

1. Development of the Advocacy Service

The UHRW Advocacy Service has one Advocacy Support Manager, two full-time Advocacy Support Workers and one part-time Finance and Administration Officer.

To ensure the optimal efficiency of the Advocacy Service, the workload has been divided between the different members of staff. A shared time-table for all members of staff set up on Outlook has been updated regularly. The number of representations made before public bodies and agencies for all the cases dealt with by the Advocacy Service have been recorded. The number of directly

supported and indirectly impacted individuals has been recorded according to the Guidance issued by the Advocacy Service in line with SEUPB recommendations and approved by VSS in February 2021. In several cases, further assistance has been provided by way of referral to a partner organisation providing health and wellbeing services and welfare advice (in compliance with Memoranda of Understanding agreed between UHRW Advocacy Service and these organisations¹).

A promotional programme has been designed with the assistance of Angle Comms during the past year. As a result, news releases have been issued and articles have been published in the newspapers in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The UHRW Advocacy Service has continued to take an active part in the implementation of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 that was approved by the Parliament in Westminster. The Advocacy Service met with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO), UK Government Ministers and the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR) to discuss the Act compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights. UHRW made representations with the Secretary of State with a view to opposing the Republic of Ireland challenge against the United Kingdom before the European Court of Human Rights in relation to the 2023 Act. Also, on 29 March 2023, UHRW responded to The Executive Office (TEO) consultation on the New Strategy for Victims and Survivors to be implemented in Northern Ireland.

The Advocacy Service took an active part in assisting victims of terrorism to apply for the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme (TPDPS) i.e. the Victims' Payments Scheme. The partnership agreement between the Advocacy Service and Ely Centre has been successful in dealing with applications to the Victims' Payments Board. This Agreement has allowed cross referrals for cases that are jointly dealt with by both organisations, with the Advocacy Service dealing with Troubles-Related Incidents and Impact Statements while Ely Centre manages all application forms to be submitted to the Victims' Payments Board. Since the Scheme has been opened for applications to be submitted on 31st August 2021, the Advocacy Service has made 62 referrals for the TPDPS to Ely Centre. Assistance has also been provided before the Victims' Payments Board Appeal Panel in a number of cases, on the point of eligibility for victims who had been denied access to the Scheme, mainly widows and children, because they were said not to be present at the Troubles-related incident.

The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) contacted the Advocacy Service about the review of the operation of the Victims' Payments Scheme, As a result the UHRW Advocacy Service prepared a submission that was forwarded to the Secretary of State on 20 March 2023.

All four members of the Advocacy Service have attended appraisal meetings that were carried out in May 2024. The Advocacy Service staff made a presentation of the work carried out during year 2023-2024 at the UHRW Annual General meeting on 11 December 2024.

Registration with the Information Commissioner (ICO) was renewed for the year 2023-2024.

2. Development of the UHRW Corporate Governance Manual

The UHRW remained committed to improving its Corporate Governance Manual and has continued to do so during the year 2023-2024, diligently.

¹ Ely Centre, Decorum NI, Family Moving On, Beyond the Battlefield.

All required submissions from UHRW to the Company House and the Charity Commission have been made.

The review of UHRW Policies at the request of the VSS has been undertaken in September 2023 in order to meet the required standards.

The Corporate Governance documents were reviewed on 6 October 2023 by VSS Programme Officer. As a result, three new policies were approved by the AGM on 13 December 2023, and were added to the Corporate Governance document: the Protect Life Policy, the Record Keeping Policy and the Serious Adverse Incident Policy.

3. Evaluation and monitoring systems for the Advocacy Service

Two evaluation and monitoring systems operate concurrently for the Advocacy Service: (a) the Ulster Human Rights Watch internal evaluation and monitoring system and (b) the Victims and Survivors Service monitoring system.

a. Ulster Human Rights Watch internal evaluation and monitoring system

The Advocacy Service implements an evaluation and monitoring system with some of the clients, using a Questionnaire. The Questionnaire Form is made up of three sets of questions related to the Advocacy Service Evaluation Scale (9 questions), the Work and Social Adjustment Scale (WSAS) (5 questions) and the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale (WEMWBS) (7 questions).

Two other documents are being used to assess the answers provided in the Questionnaire for client individually. The first is the Advocacy Service Evaluation Comprehensive Table which collates the answers provided by each client each year and the second is the Advocacy Service Overall Evaluation Comprehensive Table which provides an overview of the impact of the work carried out by the Advocacy Service.

b. Victims and Survivors Service monitoring system

The Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) monitoring spreadsheets have been duly completed (with references for all directly supported and indirectly impacted clients) and returned to VSS by the Finance and Administration Officer every month from May 2023 to April 2024.

The VSS Quarterly Feedback Reports were sent to the VSS Programmes Officer at the end of every quarter between July 2023 and April 2024.

The Advocacy Service has been dealing with 156 cases and 202 directly supported individuals and 212 indirectly impacted individuals, which brings the total number of registered victims of terrorism being supported to 414.

4. Meetings with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS), the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and other stakeholders

a. Meetings with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS)

UHRW has cooperated effectively with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS). The VSS Finance/Verification Officers carried out verifications of the expenditures claim forms and supporting documentation with a very positive outcome thanks to the meticulous work carried out by the Finance and Administration Officer.

Quarterly meetings with the Victim and Survivor Service (VSS) Programmes Officer took place. Members of staff attended the Advocacy Support Working Group (ASWG) meetings during the year.

Staff members took part in training sessions when required.

b. Meetings with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR)

The Advocacy Service has engaged with the NIO and UK Government Ministers and met with Minister Stephen Baker, in Brownlow House on 6 June 2023 to discuss the Legacy Act. Following this, a written submission on the proposed Legacy and Reconciliation Act with suggested amendments to make it acceptable to victims of terrorism was forwarded to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The Advocacy Service also met with Sir Declan Morgan, Chief Commissioner for the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR) on 29 June 2023.

c. Meeting with the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) and the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB)

Representations were made with the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) and the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB) in order to discuss and follow-up the investigations of several cases, some of them related to serious incidents.

d. Meeting with partner organisations

Meetings were arranged with Ely Centre with a view to following-up applications for applying for the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme. Other meetings took place with Decorum, Families Moving On and Beyond the Battlefield to inform about the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR).

5. Work effected by the Advocacy Service Sub-Committee (ASSC)

The Advocacy Service Sub-Committee (ASSC), consisting of UHRW Chairman and UHRW Secretary, has been meeting on a regular basis. Regular meetings of the UHRW Committee took place to oversee the work carried out by the ASSC. The Finance and Administration Officer has taken part in these meetings to take the minutes and support the Committee in the preparation of financial documents and reports.

On a monthly basis the Advocacy Support Manager, with the assistance of the Advocacy Support Workers and the Finance and Administration Officer, has reported to the Sub-Committee on the work carried out by the Advocacy Service.

The Sub-Committee has overseen the activities of the Advocacy Service as follows:

- Overview of the Advocacy Service;
- Report on progress of the Advocacy Service;
- Strategic direction of the Advocacy Service;

- Review of the caseload;
- Finance;
- Marketing;
- Promotional programme and meetings;
- Meetings with other organisations: VSS, NIO, ROI, Ely Centre, Decorum, Family Moving On, Beyond the Battlefield, etc.;
- Report to the Charity Commission;
- Appraisal of members of staff.

6. Cases considered by the Advocacy Service

In order to progress legacy cases entrusted to the Advocacy Service, representations were made by the Advocacy Service with the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB), the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI), the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), the Public Prosecution Service (PPS), the Attorney General for Northern Ireland (AGNI), the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), 38 Brigade, the National Archives of Great Britain, the Coroners Service, Operation Kenova, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the Victims' Payments Board, the High Court in Northern Ireland (through solicitors and barristers) and other public bodies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (Garda Síochána (GS), National Archives of Ireland, Courts, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)).

UHRW analysed the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 and complementary documents prepared by the ICIR. Following the publication of the draft report on a proposed bereavement payment scheme by the Commissioner for Victims and Survivors (CVS), UHRW made a submission on 30 November 2023, supported by three other partner organisations, that was forwarded to CVS and later sent to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

On 21 March 2024 Ulster Human Rights Watch organised a conference 'Spotlight on Truth' in Brownlow House. It was an honour to welcome Sir Declan Morgan, Chief Commissioner for the ICIR as well as Lorraine Bourke from PRONI and Paul Bullick from the Victims' Payments Board. The issues addressed were up to date and interesting. The emphasis was put on those issues that need to be addressed in the future: counter-radicalisation, education and reconciliation. It was attended by 53 people and 17 evaluation forms were completed and returned with positive comments.

All the cases have been reviewed and all action points for each of them have been recorded.

7. Narratives and audio-visual recordings for the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR)

With the approval of clients, the Advocacy Service has undertaken to write narratives of Troubles-related stories they have experienced. With the financial support of VSS and Glasgow University the Advocacy Service has been able to carry out audio-visual recordings of victims of terrorism, professionally done with the assistance of Angle Comms, that are also translated in French.

These narratives and audio-visual recordings are now included in the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR) created by the Advocacy Service in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in 2020. The purpose of the LPR is to make available to the public at large reliable information about the experience victims of terrorism have gone through during the Troubles. The LPR could prove to be useful to educate younger generations as to the consequences of terrorism and to prevent terrorism and radicalisation in the future.

The Legacy of the Past Record has received nineteen written narratives and three audio-visual recordings since 2021 and other narratives and audio-visual recordings are in preparation to be added to the archive.

A new introductory page for the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR) has been added on the PRONI website in the section 'Conflict related records' which makes it easier to access. The reference for the Legacy of the Past Record in PRONI is: D4791.

8. Promotional programme

New agreements between UHRW Advocacy Service and Angle Comms were drawn up during the year 2023-2024. Regular meetings were arranged to develop the approach to the various issues of concern and the writing of articles.

Several news releases were issued and articles published in the Newsletter, the Irish News, the Belfast Telegraph website.

A Twitter account was created for UHRW on 27 February 2020 and on 31 March 2024 UHRW had 529 followers.

A Facebook account was created in July and had over 500 followers by the end of March 2024.

Members of the advocacy Service took part in the commemorations of the Teebane bombing on 14 January 2023 and of the La Mon House bombing in Lisburn Council on 17 February 2024.

The Advocacy Service took part in the organisation of the European Remembrance Day for Victims and Survivors in Stormont on 11 March 2024.

9. Outputs for the work carried out by the Advocacy Service

Outputs in relation to the number of clients and family members impacted were in line with the review of targets approved with VSS for the year 2023-2024. The Advocacy Service worked alongside the VSS to develop a new approach to recording outputs and results under the new funding scheme provided by PEACEPLUS through SEUPB that will be implemented from June 2024.

The number of representations made with the public authorities on behalf of clients was significant and demonstrated the level of commitment and the seriousness of the work done for clients. Multiple meetings, letters, emails and phone calls have been undertaken with various public bodies (LIB, PONI, PSNI, PRONI, 38 Brigade, the Attorney General for NI, Garda Síochána and the Courts in the Republic of Ireland).

The number of meetings with clients by members of staff as well as the number of letters, emails and phone calls exchanged with clients has been satisfactory.

10. Conclusion

One hundred and fifty six cases have been considered and dealt with by way of various investigations and multiple representations with the relevant public bodies, with 202 directly supported individuals

and 212 indirectly impacted individuals, a total of 414 victims of terrorism supported by the Advocacy Service. The quality of the work done by the Advocacy Service has been acknowledged.

2. Other Activities undertaken by the Ulster Human Rights Watch

1. Education

Input to the Education Sector has been limited during this year. However, UHRW has been in contact with the Northern Ireland's Department of Education with a view to developing an educational programme for young people to counter-terrorism and prevent radicalisation that could be included in the Northern Ireland Curriculum. This proposed programme is at present is at its initial stages with stakeholders beginning to realise, at last, the importance of this need to be addressed

2. Religious Freedom

This vital aspect of moral and lawful balance has been increasingly under attack during the past year and the UHRW is continuing to respond on an advisory capacity to personal and organisational queries with respect to the freedom of thought, conscience and religion protected by Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

3. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

In 2019 the UHRW made significant proposals to the NIO with respect to the various key issues arising in the area of Freedom of Peaceful Assembly. These are contained in Project IMPACT and UHRW is still awaiting consideration by the Northern Ireland Assembly and the relevant NIO Minister in order to make progress in this area of work. There appears, at last, during the past few months to be positive signs that the N. I. Assembly may be taking steps to address this vital topic.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £215,955 and payments were £176,223 giving a surplus of 39,732 for the year under review.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed below on their behalf by:



Robert Campbell
(Chairman)

12 March 2024

Ulster Human Rights Watch

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101384

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ulster Human Rights Watch

I report on the accounts of Ulster Human Rights Watch for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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 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 Report

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.

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 Examiners Statement

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.

Keith Lutton FCA, FIATl
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11 December 2024

Accounts

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Ulster Human Rights Watch

Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Donations		-	
	-	154,362	154,362
Payments			
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Wages & pension Costs	-	128,194	128,194
Recruitment expenses	-	-	-
Programme Costs	-	265	265
Rent	-	9,500	9,500
Insurance	-	648	648
Heat, Light & Power	-	1,250	1,250
Printing & Stationery	-	1,461	1,461
Advertising & Marketing	1,000	4,870	5,870
Postage, Telephone & Internet	-	1,605	1,605
Hospitality	-	1,001	1,001
Travel & Subsistence	-	2,335	2,335
Fees & Subscriptions	-	-	-
Sundry Expenses	-	35	35
Bank Charges	146	-	146
	1,146	151,165	152,311
Net Receipts/(Payments)	(1,146)	3,197	2,051
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(1,146)	3,197	2,051
Reconciliation of funds			
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Phipp Black
(Director and Company Secretary)

13 December 2023

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Mr Ivan Marshall Walker

Charity Number

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Governing Document

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Legal Status

Private Limited Company by guarantee without
share capital
use of 'Limited' exemption

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Trustees' Annual Report

The Management Committee (Trustees) present their report for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2015.

Objectives:

The Charity's objects ("the Objects") are to promote human rights and the Judeo-Christian interpretation of such rights in Northern Ireland, the whole of the United Kingdom and other countries on the basis of their constitution and international conventions, particularly the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Activities:

I. Advocacy Service

This is the final report for the year 2022-2023 on the work achieved by the Ulster Human Rights Watch Advocacy Service between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023.

The outline of the report is as follows:

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1. Development of the Advocacy Service

The UHRW Advocacy Service has one Advocacy Support Manager, one full-time Advocacy Support Worker, two part-time Advocacy Support Workers, and one Administration Officer.

To ensure the optimal efficiency of the Advocacy Service, the workload has been divided between the different members of staff. A shared time-table for all members of staff set up on Outlook has been updated regularly. The number of representations made before public bodies and agencies for all the cases dealt with by the Advocacy Service have been recorded. The number of directly supported and indirectly impacted individuals has been recorded according to the Guidance issued by the Advocacy Service in line with SEUPB recommendations and approved by VSS in February 2021. In several cases, further assistance has been provided by way of referral to a partner organisation providing health and wellbeing services and welfare advice (in compliance with Memoranda of Understanding agreed between UHRW Advocacy Service and these organisations¹).

A promotional programme has been designed with the assistance of Angle Comms during the past year. As a result, articles have been published in the newspapers in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, which were made available on the UHRW website, Facebook and Twitter.

The UHRW Advocacy Service has continued to take an active part in the consultation on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill that was brought before Parliament in Westminster. The Advocacy Service made representations with the Northern Ireland Office and UK Government Ministers and suggested a number of amendments for the Bill to be made European Human Rights Convention compliant.

UHRW Advocacy Service sent a submission to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (NIAC) in relation to the twentieth anniversary of the Belfast Agreement on 5 December 2022.

The Advocacy Service took an active part in assisting victims of terrorism to apply for the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme (TPDPS). The partnership agreement between the Advocacy Service and Ely Centre has been successful in dealing with applications to the Victims' Payments Board. This Agreement has allowed cross referrals for cases that are jointly dealt with by both organisations, with the Advocacy Service dealing with Troubles-Related Incidents and Impact Statements while Ely Centre manages all application forms to be submitted to the Victims' Payments Board. The Advocacy Service made 60 referrals for the TPDPS to Ely Centre since September 2021.

All four members of the Advocacy Service have attended appraisal meetings that were carried out at the end of March 2023. The Advocacy Service staff made a presentation of the work carried out during year 2021-2022 at the UHRW Annual General meeting via Zoom on 14 December 2022.

Registration with the Information Commissioner (ICO) was renewed for the year 2021-2022.

2. Development of the UHRW Corporate Governance Manual

The UHRW remained committed to improving its Corporate Governance Manual and has continued to do so during the year 2022-2023, as required.

¹ Ely Centre, Castle Hill Foundation, Decorum NI.

The UHRW reviewed its Social Media Policy following the case of a Committee Member who had been the victim of a fake Facebook account that was damaging to his reputation and could severely damage the reputation of the Advocacy Service with an adverse effect on victims of terrorism. VSS carried out their investigation and issued a report that was communicated to UHRW on 11 November. At the same time a thorough inquiry was carried out by UHRW leading to a report completed on the incident and sent to VSS on 18 November 2022 to be passed on to SEUPB. On that occasion UHRW reviewed its Social Media Policy and at the request of VSS carried out a risk assessment. Both documents were communicated to VSS on 18 November. UHRW report was also sent to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 18 November 2022.

The draft of the Advocacy Service Manual has been completed and was reviewed, amended and updated during the year 2022-2023.

3. Evaluation and monitoring systems for the Advocacy Service

Two evaluation and monitoring systems operate concurrently for the Advocacy Service: (a) the Ulster Human Rights Watch internal evaluation and monitoring system and (b) the Victims and Survivors Service monitoring system.

a. Ulster Human Rights Watch internal evaluation and monitoring system

The Advocacy Service implements an evaluation and monitoring system with all clients, using a Questionnaire. The Questionnaire Form is made up of three sets of questions related to the Advocacy Service Evaluation Scale (9 questions), the Work and Social Adjustment Scale (WSAS) (5 questions) and the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being Scale (WEMWBS) (7 questions).

Two other documents are being used to assess the answers provided in the Questionnaire for each client individually. The first is the Advocacy Service Evaluation Comprehensive Table which collates the answers provided by each client each year and the second is the Advocacy Service Overall Evaluation Comprehensive Table which provides an overview of the impact of the work carried out by the Advocacy Service.

b. Victims and Survivors Service monitoring system

The Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) monitoring spreadsheets have been duly completed (with references for all directly supported and indirectly impacted clients) and returned to VSS by the Administration Officer every month from May 2022 to April 2023.

The VSS Quarterly Feedback Reports were sent to the VSS Programmes Officer at the end of every quarter between July 2022 and April 2023.

The Advocacy Service has been dealing with 141 cases and 189 directly supported individuals and 197 indirectly impacted individuals, which brings the total number of registered victims of terrorism being supported to 386.

4. Meetings with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS), the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and other stakeholders

a. Meetings with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS)

UHRW has cooperated effectively with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS). The VSS Finance/Verification Officers carried out verifications of the expenditures claim forms and supporting documentation with an excellent outcome thanks to the meticulous work carried out by the Administration Officer.

Quarterly meetings with the VSS Programmes Officer took place. Members of staff attended the Advocacy Support Working Group (ASWG) meetings during the year.

Staff members took part in training sessions when required.

b. Meetings with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and representations with the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (NIAC)

The Advocacy Service has engaged with the NIO and UK Government Ministers and met with Lord Jonathan Caine, Parliamentary under Secretary of State at the NIO, in Brownlow House on 1st September 2022 to discuss the Legacy Bill that was going through Parliament. Following this, a written submission on the Bill with proposed amendments to make it acceptable to victims of terrorism has also been completed on 30 September and sent to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Lord Caine and 20 other members of the House of Lords. The submission was made available on the UHRW website and the UHRW Twitter account.

The Advocacy Service also engaged with the Lords, a Senator from the Republic of Ireland, the NIO and UK Government Ministers to discuss the Legacy Bill. Following Lord's Caine proposed amendments to the Bill, UHRW responded with comments sent to 20 members of the House of Lords in January 2023.

c. Meeting with the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) and the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB)

Representations were made with the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) and the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB) in order to discuss and follow-up the investigations of several cases.

d. Meeting with partner organisations

Meetings were arranged with Ely Centre with a view to following-up applications for applying for the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme. Other meetings took place with Decorum to inform about the Legacy of the Past Record (LPR).

5. Work effected by the Advocacy Service Sub-Committee (ASSC)

The Advocacy Service Sub-Committee (ASSC), consisting of UHRW Chairman and UHRW Secretary, has been meeting on a regular basis. Regular meetings of the UHRW Committee

took place to oversee the work carried out by the ASSC. The Administration Officer has taken part in these meetings to take the minutes and support the Committee in the preparation of financial documents.

On a monthly basis the Advocacy Support Manager, with the assistance of the Advocacy Support Workers and the Administration Officer, has reported to the Sub-Committee on the work carried out by the Advocacy Service.

The Sub-Committee has overseen the activities of the Advocacy Service as follows:

- Overview of the Advocacy Service;
- Report on progress of the Advocacy Service;
- Strategic direction of the Advocacy Service;
- Review of the caseload;
- Finance;
- Marketing;
- Promotional programme and meetings;
- Meetings with other organisations: VSS, NIO, ROI, Ely Centre, Decorum, etc.;
- Report to the Charity Commission;
- Appraisal of members of staff.

6. Cases considered by the Advocacy Service

Representations were made by the Advocacy Service with the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB), the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI), the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), the Public Prosecution Service (PPS), the Attorney General for Northern Ireland (AGNI), the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), 38 Brigade, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC), the National Archives of Great Britain, the Coroners Service and other public bodies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (Garda Síochana (GS), National Archives of Ireland, Courts, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)).

All the cases have been reviewed and all action points for each of them have been recorded.

- Cases investigated by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI):
 - Substantial complaints lodged with the Police Ombudsman were to be investigated, one of them being second in line (out of a caseload of over 420 cases) was started during the year 2022-2023.
- Cases considered by the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB):
 - The Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB) dealt with a number of cases whose families are supported by the Advocacy Service. The Advocacy Service submitted questions and reports to the LIB.
- Cases about which information was requested from the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI):
 - UHRW has received a number of court files, including inquest files, criminal files and Public Prosecution files from PRONI.

- Cases about which information was requested from 38 Brigade:
 - UHRW has made a number of requests to 38 Brigade in order to obtain a copy of Army records in relation to a number of terrorist attacks.
- Cases referred to the PSNI and the PPS:
 - Representations were made to the PSNI and the PPS about investigations in individual cases.
- Cases submitted to the Attorney General for Northern Ireland
 - Submissions were made to the Attorney General for Northern Ireland requesting the opening of inquests in legacy cases.
- Cases for which representations were made before other public bodies in NI and ROI:
 - In a number of cases representations were made with the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC), the Garda Síochána, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of the Republic of Ireland, the Courts in the Republic of Ireland, and documents were obtained from the Irish National Archives and the National Archives of Great Britain.

7. Narratives

With the approval of clients, the Advocacy Service has undertaken to write the stories of traumatic experiences they have suffered as a result of losing members of their families in terrorist attacks.

The Advocacy Service has taken the initiative of creating the UHRW Legacy of the Past Record (LPR) in cooperation with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) for the purpose of having a source of reliable information produced by victims of terrorism. This could prove to be useful to educate younger generations as to the consequences of terrorism and to prevent terrorism and radicalization in the future.

The agreement between the UHRW Advocacy Service and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland for the creation of the UHRW Legacy of the Past Record was signed on 20 March 2020 and reviewed in March 2021.

The Legacy of the Past Record received nine written narratives at the end of the year 2021 and other narratives are in preparation to be added to the archive. It is hoped that if the required funding is provided that there will be the possibility to develop audio-visual recordings with victims of terrorism.

8. Victims of Terrorism Council (VTC)

The Victims of Terrorism Council (VTC) was formed with a view to giving a voice to the victims of terrorism who are clients of the Advocacy Service and wish to be more involved in the fight for truth, justice and acknowledgement.

The purpose of the Council is to assist the UHRW in maximising the impact of investigations into cases of Victims of Terrorism. The role of the Council is to advise the UHRW, from a victims' specific point of view, on the most effective means of communicating with and fulfilling the individual needs of victims of terrorism.

The Victims of Terrorism Council has taken an active part in defining the Work Plan for the coming years 2020-2023 following additional funding provided by VSS and approved at the end of October in order to develop such a plan.

9. Promotional programme

Public Relations:

New agreements between UHRW Advocacy Service and Angle Comms were drawn up during the year. Regular meetings were arranged to develop the approach to the various issues of concern and the writing of articles.

The following articles were published and radio interview given between April 2021 and March 2022:

- News Letter on 16 April 2022;
- News Letter on 12 May 2022;
- Irish News on 12 May 2022;
- Irish News on 21 May 2022;
- News Letter on 21 May 2022;
- News Letter on 25 May 2022;
- News Letter on 23 July 2022;
- Irish Newspapers on 16 November 2022;
- Irish News on 17 November 2022;
- Derry Now 05 January 2023;
- Irelandlive 05 January 2023;
- Belfast Telegraph 05 January 2023;
- News Letter 05 January 2023;
- News Letter 18 February 2023;
- Sunday World 26 February 2023;
- Numerous press releases and a number of other interviews.

A Twitter account was created for UHRW on 27 February 2020 and on 31 March 2023 UHRW had 450 followers.

A Facebook account was created in July and had over 500 followers by the end of March 2023.

The commemoration of the La Mon House bombing took place in Lisburn Council on 17 February 2022. A bunch of flowers was laid down at the remembrance bench.

10. Outputs for the work carried out by the Advocacy Service

Outputs in relation to the number of clients and family members impacted were in line with the review of targets approved with VSS for the year 2022-2023. The Advocacy Service will be making every effort to meet the reviewed proposed targets by March 2024.

The number of representations made with the public authorities on behalf of clients was significant and demonstrated the level of commitment and the seriousness of the work done for clients. Multiple meetings, letters, emails and phone calls have been undertaken with various public bodies (LIB, PONI, PSNI, PRONI, 38 Brigade, the Attorney General for NI, Garda Síochana and the Courts in the Republic of Ireland).

The number of meetings with clients by members of staff as well as the number of letters, emails and phone calls exchanged with clients has been satisfactory.

11. Conclusion

One hundred and forty-one cases have been considered and dealt with by way of various investigations and multiple representations with the relevant public bodies, with 189 directly supported individuals and 197 indirectly impacted individuals, a total of 386 victims of terrorism supported by the Advocacy Service. The quality of the work done by the Advocacy Service has been acknowledged.

2. Other Activities undertaken by the Ulster Human Rights Organisation

1. Education

Input to the Education Sector has continued to be limited during the 2022 - 2023 year due to a slow uptake of community groups following the lifting of covid-19 restrictions and to the increasing difficulties arising from the downturn in funding available from governments both nationally and locally. However, the organisation has still been available, through various communication channels, to support any issues raised by the community in general and parents in particular with regards to having their children educated in conformity with their own religious and philosophical conviction according to Protocol One to the European Convention on Human Rights.

Also, the staff manager and caseworkers in the advocacy sector continue to avail themselves, at every opportunity, to complete additional recognised qualifications enabling even greater expertise in delivering advocacy advice to a wider client base.

2. Religious Freedom

During the period, as assaults increase against and the lack of tolerance shown towards, religious organisations and especially towards established Christian denominations the UHRW Advocacy Service continues to respond, on an advisory capacity, to personal and organisational queries with respect to the freedom of thought, conscience and religion protected by Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Issues in this area have

continued to increase significantly over the period particularly as a result of parliamentary Acts passed and amendments made to existing ones with respect to same sex marriage, abortion legislation, LGBT legislation, Government and most recently with regards to Government proposals with reference to Conversion Therapy. The organisation has produced in-depth responses to Government Consultation requests for submissions on most of these key issues highlighting, where necessary, the dangers contained in them and recommending alternatives to these vital community matters.

3. Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

In the past the UHRW made significant proposals to the NIO with respect to the various key issues arising in the area of Freedom of Peaceful Assembly. These are contained in Project IMPACT and we are still awaiting consideration by the Northern Ireland Assembly and/or the relevant NIO Minister in order to make progress in this area of work. A recent report would signify that our proposals are still very much 'alive'. Action in this area is expected to take place following the (possible) return of the Assembly at Stormont during the coming year.

Financial Review

Total receipts were £154,362 and payments were £152,311 giving a surplus of £2,051.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed below on its behalf by:

Robert Campbell

(Chairman)

13 December 2023

Ulster Human Rights Watch

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101384

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Ulster Human Rights Watch

I report on the accounts of Ulster Human Rights Watch for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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 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 Report

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.

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 Examiners Statement

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.

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