

Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Iochtar

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

We are a voluntary organisation based in the Mourne, County Down, whose aims is to promote the Irish language as well as public awareness, knowledge and understanding of all of the cultural and linguistic heritages of Ireland. Our organisation is established to advance education, reconciliation and training for the benefit of the general public in South Down and its environs. It is an Irish language, cross-community group which aims to promote the usage of and learning of Irish locally to all communities.

We engage with the community by organising events and we aim to forge deep links with all the local community in the wider Kilkeel area as well as with local schools.

Our activities, whilst focusing on the Irish language community are run on a bilingual basis and aim to attract the widest possible participation and interest, thus having a wider public benefit to the community in the area.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We have year on year improved and increased the activities we have to offer in order to target all age groups, backgrounds, interests and demands of the community.

Some of the events organised throughout the year include but not limited to:

- Lectures and talks
- Community events,
- Afterschool activities (art, craft, play time), and
- Youth clubs and schemes across the community,
- Two week promotion of the Irish language and Cultures " Seachtain na Gaeilge"
- Adult night classes and intensive language courses.
- Library and Youth Club
- Parent and Toddler Group
- Seasonal fun-days for families and young people etc.

We hope to maintain and add to the above list in the coming year in order to extend the services provided to our catchment area of learners and Irish speakers.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

CnaG Boirche Iochtar runs and holds a number of events and programmes throughout the year to target both young people and adults who are interested in the Irish language. This is done through a number of different methods, including but not limited to;

- Language Classes
- Fun Days,
- Workshops
- Online Shop
- Language Courses
- Parent Groups
- Summer Schemes etc.

Internal and external factors

Our objectives could only have been achieved by securing a centre to facilitate, run and organise the charitable activities developing the Irish Language in the Mourne area.

With funding received from the Irish Language Investment Fund and other bodies we were able to secure a base. Our centre, 'Páirc na Mara' is now recognised as a cultural and social enterprise hub for all the community.

The building allows for different groups and projects to take place, allowing us to provide employment for people which would otherwise be unavailable.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

We currently operate within tight financial constraints and depend on the time and efforts of our volunteers, committee and development officer to meet our aims.

We are grant aided from the following:

- Foras Na Gaeilge
- Newry Mourne Down District Council
- Education Authority
- Community foundation
- Daera
- other smaller grants gained from other organisations

The events we run are generally free or have a minimum charge to attend. Any funds raised through events assist with covering the ever rising running costs of the centre.

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FUTURE PLANS

Páirc na Mara, is the base for CnaG Boirche Iochtar and comprise of a community centre where we hold our activities. We intend to further develop the facilities we have in order to extend our range of services to our target audience. We also hope to extend our services and provide Irish Language support on a larger scale in the years ahead. We opened a Community Coffee Shop in June 2024 to engage with the local community and to encourage the social aspect of speaking Irish. This is a volunteer run shop.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its Memorandum & Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI610196 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

102825

Registered office

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Trustees

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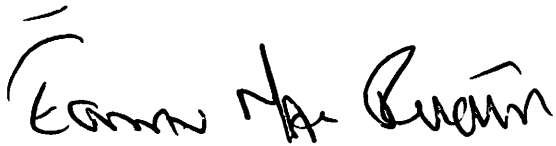
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Eamon Rodgers - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eamon Rodgers', written in a cursive style.