

# North Belfast Interface Network

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103324

## Details

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| Known as   | NBIN   |
| Status     | Received   |
| Registered | 2016-04-28   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The objects of the Company shall be:- A. To promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony, tolerance of differing political opinions and equality of opportunity in North Belfast and its environs (the "area of benefit") by: (i) raising public awareness of different customs, cultures, traditions and national identities and of their historical roots; (ii) advancing the education of the public in equality and diversity; (iii) raising awareness of all aspects of discrimination in society; (iv) promoting better understanding of, and respect for, different cultures, religions, races and identities; (v) working towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination, including discrimination on the grounds of culture, ethnic identity, race, religion or political opinion, and promoting social inclusion; (vi) promoting for the public benefit, the provision of services directed towards mediation, conciliation or reconciliation between persons, organisations or groups involved in or likely to become involved in dispute or conflict both generally and in any situation where that dispute or conflict results from or may lead to acts of violence, nuisance, vandalism, abuse, unlawful activity or breakdown of public order; (vii) advancing for the public benefit the education of the public in the purposes and methods of such mediation, conciliation or reconciliation and the understanding of the nature and causes of any such disputes or conflicts and of all means of managing them for the purposes of peaceful resolution in the interests of good citizenship, and to provide education and training to those who will provide the mediation; (viii) promoting co-operation between community and voluntary organisations and groups to achieve these objects. B. To advance community development and in particular to develop the capacity and skills of the inhabitants of the area of benefit, an area of social and economic disadvantage, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. C. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, 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, Community development, Cultural, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Interface communities, Unemployed/low income, Women

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £290,435 | £289,746    | £0     | 3         |

## Trustees

| Name                                      | Role | Appointed |
|---|------|-----------|
| Mr Anthony Kerr                           |      |           |
| Mr John Mcalea                            |      |           |
| Mr Leo Morgan                             |      |           |
| Mr Liam Wiggins                           |      |           |
| Mr Manus Maguire Msc Executive Leadership |      |           |
| Ms Cecilia Devlin                         |      |           |

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# Accounts

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**Registration number NI068528**

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Company limited by guarantee  
Charity no: NIC 103324  
Directors' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**2024-2025**

From the outset of the April 2024 to March 2025 NBIN as achieved all of the objectives set out in its IFI TASCIT Peace Barrier removal Work plan.

In relation to Peace Barrier removal work in Jan this year, 2025, work to remove the interface structure at the rear of properties on Donaldson Crescent/Twaddell Avenue and Mountainview Park took place and the existing structure was replaced with civilian purpose fencing which now belongs to the residents themselves and are no longer considered DOJ barriers.

Community consent has been achieved, dependant of provision of concept plans, for the removal of the Woodvale /Holy Cross barriers and we awaiting instructions from the Department of Justice as to when this work may be carried out.

With the opening of the Flax St gates,2023, the area has witnessed an increased amount of road users and pedestrian footfall. TASCIT have been contacted by a number of residents and community organisations in the area appealing for speed calming and traffic calming to make the road and the immediate area safer. This issue affects pedestrians from both the Flax Street and Columbia Street entrances. The matter has been discussed with political representatives and has been raised with officials of the Department of Infrastructure from whom we are awaiting a response.

The only outstanding barrier for which there has been no community consent for change has been the Alliance Ave/ Glenbyrn Park fence. This means that 90% of the barrier removal work undertaken on by TASCIT is now complete.

With this in mind NBIN commissioned a review of the Twaddell, Ardoyne, Shankill Communities in Transition programmeto explore the impact of the work of the TASCIT Partnership to date alongside a series of recommendations for its future strategy and direction. The review undertaken by Dr Mc Cready and Dr Bell from Ulster University and the report , 'Reflections and Future Pathways' was delivered to NBIN in May 2024 and is freely available upon request.Among the key recommendations from the report was the suggestion that TASCIT broaden out their work from being a site specific Peace Barrier Removal Programme to a Barriers to Peace Programme which would identify and work on additional barriers to peace and reconciliation beyond the physical structures. This will be considered as the cornerstone of ongoing NBIN and TASCIT future strategic plans 2025 - 2028.

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Throughout this period TASCIT has continued to participate in ongoing conflict intervention activities including low level, youth led disturbances and parade and protest management. With only minor incidents to report and the summer period remaining relatively peaceful again this year has helped further enhance the TASCIT cross community engagement programme with over 1500 residents taking part in a range of activities. These activities have included cross community Meet the Neighbours and a Christmas Family Fun day events. 8 cross community workshops, the 15th and 16th tranche of Challenging Conversations and a number of single identity events

During this reporting period NBIN applied for and received funding to the value of £288846 from IFI, £900.00 from Belfast City Council, and €20,000 from DFA, offer pending. Unfortunately NBIN was unable to secure any funding from the CRC Core Funding programme.

In September this year NBIN took part in an IFI onsite audit of the Peace Barriers Programme. The results of the audit show TASCIT as being, 'Fully Compliant', which is great news and is a reflection of the great work being done by the NBIN Office manager and all TASCIT partners.

**Achievements and performance**

As outlined above, the company believes it achieved its goals of promoting good community relations throughout the North Belfast interface area.

**Reserve Policy**

In order to carry out our work it is necessary to hold financial resources in reserve. The trustees have agreed a policy that requires financial i.e. unrestricted reserves to be maintained at a level sufficient to sustain 3 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

To operate as a successful community organisation, we require financial reserves for the following purposes:

- Strategic- acquiring and replacing assets to benefit the community
- Accountability - complying with legal and statutory obligations e.g. redundancy payments
- Operational - to cover running costs not included in grant income, sustaining staff in gap funding periods etc.

**Financial review**

The results are set out in full in the financial statements. The directors have obtained funding for the near future.

This report was approved by the Board on 11 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by

*Manus Maguire*

[Manus Maguire \(Nov 25, 2025 11:03:50 GMT\)](#)

**M Maguire  
Director**

## **Independent examiner's Report to the Members of North Belfast Interface Network**

I report on the accounts of the for the for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on the pages that follow.

### **Respective responsibilities of and examiner**

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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. The examination included 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
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 following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

**MTS**

[MTS \(Nov 11, 2025 21:33:01 GMT\)](#)

**Richard McClay FCA**

**For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD**

**1 Lanyon Quay  
Belfast**

**11 November 2025**

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

|  |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total            | Total           |
|--|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|  |       | 2025                  | 2025                | 2025             | 2024            |
|  |       | £                     | £                   | £                | £               |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                              | Notes |                       |                     |                  |                 |
| <i>Activities to further the charity's objectives:</i> |       |                       |                     |                  |                 |
| Grant received and events                              | 3     | 689                   | 289,746             | 290,435          | 275,158         |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                        |       | <u>689</u>            | <u>289,746</u>      | <u>290,435</u>   | <u>275,158</u>  |
| <b>Charitable expenditure</b>                          |       |                       |                     |                  |                 |
| Management and administration                          | 4     | (424)                 | (271,247)           | (271,671)        | (288,098)       |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                        |       | <u>(424)</u>          | <u>(271,247)</u>    | <u>(271,671)</u> | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| <b>Net income before transfers</b>                     |       | <u>265</u>            | <u>18,499</u>       | <u>18,764</u>    | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>                          |       | -                     | -                   | -                | -               |
| <b>Net incoming resources</b>                          |       | <u>265</u>            | <u>18,499</u>       | <u>18,764</u>    | <u>(12,940)</u> |
| Fund balances brought forward                          |       | 49,806                | 9,329               | 59,135           | 72,075          |
| <b>Fund balances carried forward</b>                   |       | <u>50,071</u>         | <u>27,828</u>       | <u>77,899</u>    | <u>59,135</u>   |

All of the above results are derived from from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

**The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2025**

|   |           | 2025    |        | 2024   |        |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Notes   | £         | £       | £      | £      | £      |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |           |         |        |        |        |
| Debtors   | <b>8</b>  | 48,015  |        | 55,263 |        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |           | 30,934  |        | 3,872  |        |
|   |           | 78,949  |        | 59,135 |        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | <b>9</b>  | (1,050) |        | -      |        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |           |         | 77,899 |        | 59,135 |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |           |         | 77,899 |        | 59,135 |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                           |           |         |        |        |        |
| Restricted funds                                      | <b>10</b> |         | 27,828 |        | 9,329  |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | <b>10</b> |         | 50,071 |        | 49,806 |
| <b>General funds</b>                                  |           |         | 77,899 |        | 59,135 |

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- (a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 11 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by

**M Maguire  
Director**

  
[Manus Maguire \(Nov 25, 2025 11:03:50 GMT\)](#)

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Company information**

North Belfast Interface Network is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 123 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT14 6JR.

**1.1. Accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**1.2. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

**1.3. Resources**

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**2. Employees**

| <b>Number of employees</b>  | <b>2025</b>     | <b>2024</b>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| The average monthly numbers of employees<br>(including the directors) during the year were: |                 |                 |
| Employed  | <u>3</u>        | <u>3</u>        |
| <br><b>Employment costs</b>   | <br><b>2025</b> | <br><b>2024</b> |
|   | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| Wages and salaries  | <u>112,257</u>  | <u>118,281</u>  |

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 March 2025.

| <b>3. Income from charitable activities</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>2025</b>         | <b>2025</b>       | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Grants and donations</b>                 |                     |                   |                |                |
| International Fund For Ireland              | -                   | 288,846           | 288,846        | 229,759        |
| Belfast City Council                        | -                   | 900               | 900            | -              |
| General Income                              | 689                 | -                 | 689            | 1,384          |
| The Executive Office                        | -                   | -                 | -              | 15,806         |
| NI Community Relations Council              | -                   | -                 | -              | 28,209         |
|   | <u>689</u>          | <u>289,746</u>    | <u>290,435</u> | <u>275,158</u> |

In 2024 of the charitable income £273,774 was attributable to restricted income funds with the balance £1,384 adding to unrestricted income.

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|  | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>4. Total resources expended</b>           |                |                |
| Wages and pension costs                      | 112,257        | 118,281        |
| Rent and room hire                           | 15,805         | 15,080         |
| Insurance                                    | 1,768          | 1,733          |
| Project workers, activities and facilitation | 130,165        | 141,165        |
| Light and heat                               | 2,292          | 3,213          |
| Cleaning                                     | 1,750          | 1,900          |
| Underspend                                   | -              | 717            |
| Printing, postage and stationery             | 2,915          | 1,607          |
| Telephone                                    | 3,251          | 2,892          |
| Independent examination                      | 1,050          | 1,050          |
| Bank charges                                 | 418            | 460            |
|  | <u>271,671</u> | <u>288,098</u> |

In 2024 of the charitable expenditure £287,685 was attributable to restricted funds with the balance £413 relating to unrestricted funds.

**5. Taxation**

No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The company is a registered charity .

**6. Incorporation**

North Belfast Interface Network is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
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|  |   |                    |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>7. Tangible fixed assets</b>                              | <b>Fixtures,<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
| <b>Cost</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2024  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2025   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2024  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2025   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>8. Debtors</b>  | <b>2025<br/>£</b>                                     | <b>2024<br/>£</b>  |
| Grants due   | 46,235  | 55,263             |
| Prepayments and accrued income                               | 1,780   | -                  |
|  | <u>48,015</u>   | <u>55,263</u>      |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>9. Creditors: amounts falling due<br/>within one year</b> | <b>2025<br/>£</b>                                     | <b>2024<br/>£</b>  |
| Accruals and deferred income                                 | 1,050   | -                  |
|  | <u>1,050</u>  | <u>-</u>           |

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| <b>10. Statement of funds</b>          | <b>Restricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total reserves at 1 April 2024</b>  | 9,329                               | 49,806                                | 59,135             |
| Total income for the year              | 289,746                             | 689                                   | 290,435            |
| Total expenditure for the year         | (271,247)                           | (424)                                 | (271,671)          |
| <b>Total reserves at 31 March 2025</b> | <u>27,828</u>                       | <u>50,071</u>                         | <u>77,899</u>      |

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| <b>11. Analysis of net assets between funds</b>           | <b>Restricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Fund Balances at 31 March 2025<br/>represented by:</b> |                                     |                                       |                    |
| Current assets  | 28,878                              | 50,071                                | 78,949             |
| Current liabilities                                       | (1,050)                             | -                                     | (1,050)            |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                                   | <u>27,828</u>                       | <u>50,071</u>                         | <u>77,899</u>      |

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**2023-2024**

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- To minimise the potential for violent conflict and support positive intervention in North Belfast
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**29 November 2024**

**North Belfast Interface Network  
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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

|  |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total            | Total          |
|--|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
|  |       | 2024                  | 2024                | 2024             | 2023           |
|  |       | £                     | £                   | £                | £              |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                                  | Notes |                       |                     |                  |                |
| <i>Activities to further the<br/>charity's objectives:</i> |       |                       |                     |                  |                |
| Grant received and events                                  | 3     | 1,384                 | 273,774             | 275,158          | 290,350        |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                            |       | <u>1,384</u>          | <u>273,774</u>      | <u>275,158</u>   | <u>290,350</u> |
| <b>Charitable expenditure</b>                              |       |                       |                     |                  |                |
| Management and administration                              | 4     | (413)                 | (287,685)           | (288,098)        | (281,808)      |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                            |       | <u>(413)</u>          | <u>(287,685)</u>    | <u>(288,098)</u> | <u>8,542</u>   |
| <b>Net income before transfers</b>                         |       | <u>971</u>            | <u>(13,911)</u>     | <u>(12,940)</u>  | <u>8,542</u>   |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>                              |       | -                     | -                   | -                | -              |
| <b>Net incoming resources</b>                              |       | <u>971</u>            | <u>(13,911)</u>     | <u>(12,940)</u>  | <u>8,542</u>   |
| Fund balances brought forward                              |       | 48,835                | 23,240              | 72,075           | 63,533         |
| <b>Fund balances carried forward</b>                       |       | <u>49,806</u>         | <u>9,329</u>        | <u>59,135</u>    | <u>72,075</u>  |

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**North Belfast Interface Network  
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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2024**

|   |           | <b>2024</b>   |               | <b>2023</b>   |               |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Notes</b>  | <b>£</b>  | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |               |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |           |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors   | <b>8</b>  | 55,263        |               | 15,176        |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |           | 3,872         |               | 61,800        |               |
|   |           | <u>59,135</u> |               | <u>76,976</u> |               |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> |           |               |               |               |               |
|   | <b>9</b>  | -             |               | (4,901)       |               |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |           |               | <u>59,135</u> |               | <u>72,075</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |           |               | <u>59,135</u> |               | <u>72,075</u> |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                           |           |               |               |               |               |
| Restricted funds                                      | <b>10</b> |               | 9,329         |               | 23,240        |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | <b>10</b> |               | 49,806        |               | 48,835        |
| <b>General funds</b>                                  |           |               | <u>59,135</u> |               | <u>72,075</u> |

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**North Belfast Interface Network  
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**Balance sheet (continued)**

**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

(a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

(b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 29 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by

**M Maguire  
Director**

  
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**North Belfast Interface Network  
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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies**

**Company information**

North Belfast Interface Network is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 123 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT14 6JR.

**1.1. Accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

**1.2. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

**1.3. Resources**

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**2. Employees**

| <b>Number of employees</b>  | <b>2024</b>     | <b>2023</b>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| The average monthly numbers of employees<br>(including the directors) during the year were: |                 |                 |
| Employed  | <u>4</u>        | <u>4</u>        |
| <br><b>Employment costs</b>   | <br><b>2024</b> | <br><b>2023</b> |
|   | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| Wages and salaries  | <u>118,281</u>  | <u>109,854</u>  |

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 March 2024.

| <b>3. Income from charitable activities</b>                     | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Grants and donations</b>                                     |                     |                   |                |                |
| International Fund For Ireland                                  | -                   | 229,759           | 229,759        | 197,557        |
| The Executive Office  | -                   | 15,806            | 15,806         | 17,565         |
| General Income  | 1,384               | -                 | 1,384          | 2,043          |
| NI Community Relations Council                                  | -                   | 28,209            | 28,209         | 30,193         |
| Department of Foreign Affairs<br>and Trade Reconciliation Funds | -                   | -                 | -              | 11,502         |
| St Stephens Green Trust   | -                   | -                 | -              | 20,000         |
| Belfast City Council  | -                   | -                 | -              | 11,490         |
|   | <u>1,384</u>        | <u>273,774</u>    | <u>275,158</u> | <u>290,350</u> |

In 2023 of the charitable income £288,307 was attributable to restricted income funds with the balance £2,043 adding to unrestricted income.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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|  | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2023</b>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>4. Total resources expended</b>           |                |                |
| Wages and pension costs                      | 118,281        | 109,854        |
| Rent and room hire                           | 15,080         | 13,780         |
| Insurance                                    | 1,733          | 2,250          |
| Project workers, activities and facilitation | 141,165        | 143,413        |
| Light and heat                               | 3,213          | 3,432          |
| Cleaning                                     | 1,900          | 1,700          |
| Underspend                                   | 717            | -              |
| Printing, postage and stationery             | 1,607          | 1,664          |
| Telephone                                    | 2,892          | 2,474          |
| Independent examination                      | 1,050          | 1,008          |
| Bank charges                                 | 460            | 424            |
| General expenses                             | -              | 1,809          |
|  | <u>288,098</u> | <u>281,808</u> |

In 2023 of the charitable expenditure £280,984 was attributable to restricted funds with the balance £824 relating to unrestricted funds.

**5. Taxation**

No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The company is a registered charity .

**6. Incorporation**

North Belfast Interface Network is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
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| <b>7. Tangible fixed assets</b>                              | <b>Fixtures,<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2023  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2024   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2023  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2024   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>8. Debtors</b>  | <b>2024</b>   | <b>2023</b>        |
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|  | <b>£</b>  | <b>£</b>           |
| Accruals and deferred income                                 | <u>-</u>  | <u>4,901</u>       |

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| <b>10. Statement of funds</b>          | <b>Restricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
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|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103324

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# Annual report

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**North Belfast Interface Network**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103324

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**1 Lanyon Quay  
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**29 November 2024**

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103324

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# Accounts

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**Registration number NI068528**

**North Belfast Interface Network  
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Charity no: NIC 103324  
Directors' report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**North Belfast Interface Network  
Company limited by guarantee**

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**Directors' report  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

**Structure, governance and management**

The Company is a company limited by guarantee.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year were as follows

C Heron (Secretary)

A Kerr

M Maguire

J McAlea

L Morgan

M Morgan

K Murphy

L Wiggins

**Introduction**

NBIN aim to achieve these through consultation, local representation, work with community representatives across sectarian divides and interagency work. As a result of this engagement process NBIN plan activities that enable local people to address issues that have that have a negative impact on community relations. NBIN develop initiatives that seek to transform the nature of conflict and act as a catalyst for the development of community collaborations that have the potential to bring about positive social and physical change in the area. The primary vehicle for the delivery of this work has been through the programming of the Twaddell Ardoyne Shankill Communities in Transition (TASCIT) programme, of which NBIN is the lead partner.

The creation of North Belfast Interface Network has been a response to intra communal violence and the threat to the physical and social structures of community life posed by ongoing conflict and communal segregation.

North Belfast Interface Network was formed in 2002. Its primary focus is now on developing relations and trust between the two communities and to help create the conditions for the regeneration of interface communities.

**Objectives and activities**

**Objectives & Activities for the Public Benefit**

The Vision of The North Belfast Interface Network is of,

"A safe, confident and prosperous community at peace with itself and its neighbours".

The NBIN Mission statement is,

"Working to create understanding, respect and positive relations within and between North Belfast Communities

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NBIN have three have three key strategic aims which are:

To minimise the potential for violent conflict and support positive intervention in North Belfast

To build and maintain positive working relationships within and between communities

To play an active role in creating positive physical transformation of interface communities in North Belfast

This year North Belfast Interface Network enters its 20 year of serving the community. In 2003 North Belfast faced a lot of seemingly intractable problems that were being played out on the streets on a daily basis. At this time the area was being described as a patchwork quilt of divided communities. Segregated, if not by wall, fence or gate then certainly by desire - many people, in what is referred to as the 'interface areas', felt safe by being apart.

After the Good Friday Agreement, as conflict between armed protagonists faded into the background, inter communal tensions began to rise. Street violence and inter community violence became a nightly occurrence in many parts of North Belfast. In response to these issues Ardoyne Focus Group, Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, Ashton Community Trust and Ligoniel Improvement Association came together and in 2002 North Belfast Interface Network was conceived. The following year, 2003 funding was sorted, staff recruited and for us the work of creating positive change in North Belfast began.

NBIN began to implement a strategic plan that included minimising the potential for violence, developing a commitment to community relations in local communities and enabling cross interface partnerships that could work towards the regeneration of interface communities.

NBIN began to organise from Ligoniel to Greencastle, initially strengthening the mobile phone networks that were the key to tackling interface violence at time. This was the primary tool that enabled NBIN to forge the many relationships that have been the backbone of much of the success we enjoy today. From mobile phone networks summer intervention schemes were organised, anti-interface violence poster campaigns were initiated and anti-sectarian charters launched.

This led to cross interface partnerships such as the North Belfast Interface Monitoring Group. Along with a host of other agencies throughout the city this partnership contributed to significantly reducing violent behaviour at interfaces. In 2003, the year NBIN began there were almost 600 incidents of interface crimes reported in North Belfast. In 2013 this number was reduced to 259. As of 2022 that number has been more than halved again and it appears to be dropping all the time. In 2022 we had no reported incidents of sectarian crime during the 11th and 12th of July, a period that has historically been associated with disputed parades and protest, inter community tensions and rioting.

In September coming we will also celebrate the 10 anniversary of NBIN's role as the lead partner in the Twaddell Ardoyne Shankill Communities in Transition (TASCIT) partnership. The TASCIT partnership set out to create the conditions that would enable residents to begin the process of residential de-segregation by transforming interface structures, removing segregation walls and opening gates that have closed for over 30 yrs.

Since 2013 TASCIT have supported residents on the Crumlin Rd with the removal of the first Northern Ireland Housing Executive wall to come down in 40 yrs. This year we have witnessed the removal of two barriers in Flax Street that have kept the road closed for over 30 years and later in the year the Colombia Street pedestrian gate which has also been closed for over 30 years will open.

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TASCIT has also initiated a Promoting Positive Change Programme and in September 2022 it facilitated a well-attended Meet the Neighbours event at the Everton Centre on the Ardoyne Road. A site that 20 years earlier had been the epicentre of the Holy Cross school blockade. This month the TASCIT partnership, in conjunction with an increasing number of other local community groups, will have delivered the 11th tranche of Challenging Conversations, engaging over 220 local residents in the programme. More and more people are involved in reconciliation work than ever before. Fear of the 'other' is being replaced by inquiry and a desire to know and understand those who have different political, cultural or religious outlooks to 'us'. I'm delighted to say that not only did NBIN achieve the majority of the objectives it set out to achieve but in many areas it has surpassed what many of us would not have thought possible at time.

Although things have certainly changed a lot here in North Belfast since 2003 that is not to say that everything is rosy in the garden. There are still many issues where agreements in short supply. Although interface violence has been significantly reduced there is still more of sectarian crime in North Belfast than in East and South Belfast combined. There is still a lot of work for NBIN to get along with but if anything the last twenty years has shown us that progress can be made if there is a continued commitment to dialogue, problem solving and partnership working.

Finally none of this would be achievable without those who work with us, the residents who engage in all aspects of our programme activity, all of our voluntarily committee, the tenacity and dedication of our staff and, last but not least, our main funders, the International Fund for Ireland and the Community Relations Council who continue to support our strategic plan in North Belfast.

Manus Maguire

Chairperson - North Belfast Interface Network  
31st March 2023

**Achievements and performance**

As outlined above, the company believes it achieved its goals of promoting good community relations throughout the North Belfast interface area.

**Reserve Policy**

In order to carry out our work it is necessary to hold financial resources in reserve. The trustees have agreed a policy that requires financial i.e. unrestricted reserves to be maintained at a level sufficient to sustain 3 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

To operate as a successful community organisation, we require financial reserves for the following purposes:

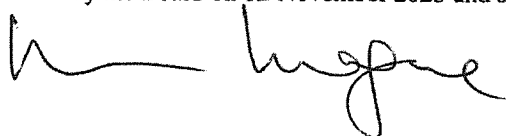
- Strategic- acquiring and replacing assets to benefit the community
- Accountability - complying with legal and statutory obligations e.g. redundancy payments
- Operational - to cover running costs not included in grant income, sustaining staff in gap funding periods etc.

**Financial review**

The results are set out in full in the financial statements. The directors have obtained funding for the near future.

This report was approved by the Board on 12 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by

M Maguire  
Director



**Independent examiner's Report to the Members of  
North Belfast Interface Network**

I report on the accounts of the for the for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of and examiner**

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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. The examination included 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
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 following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Richard McClay FCA**  
**For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD**

**1 Lanyon Quay**  
**Belfast**

**12 November 2023**

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

|  |              | Unrestricted  | Restricted       |                  |                |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|  |              | Funds         | Funds            | Total            | Total          |
|  |              | 2023          | 2023             | 2023             | 2022           |
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>                              | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>       |
| <i>Activities to further the charity's objectives:</i> |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| Grant received and events                              | 3            | 2,043         | 288,307          | 290,350          | 284,429        |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                        |              | <u>2,043</u>  | <u>288,307</u>   | <u>290,350</u>   | <u>284,429</u> |
| <br>   |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| <b>Charitable expenditure</b>                          |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| Management and administration                          | 4            | (824)         | (280,984)        | (281,808)        | (276,531)      |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                        |              | <u>(824)</u>  | <u>(280,984)</u> | <u>(281,808)</u> | <u>7,898</u>   |
| <br>   |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| <b>Net income before transfers</b>                     |              | <u>1,219</u>  | <u>7,323</u>     | <u>8,542</u>     | <u>7,898</u>   |
| <br>   |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>                          |              | -             | -                | -                | -              |
| <br>   |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| <b>Net incoming resources</b>                          |              | <u>1,219</u>  | <u>7,323</u>     | <u>8,542</u>     | <u>7,898</u>   |
| <br>   |              |               |                  |                  |                |
| Fund balances brought forward                          |              | 47,616        | 15,917           | 63,533           | 55,635         |
| <b>Fund balances carried forward</b>                   |              | <u>48,835</u> | <u>23,240</u>    | <u>72,075</u>    | <u>63,533</u>  |

All of the above results are derived from from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2023**

|   |    | 2023    |        | 2022   |        |
|---|----|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Notes   | £  | £       | £      | £      |        |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |    |         |        |        |        |
| Debtors   | 8  | 15,176  |        | 19,270 |        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |    | 61,800  |        | 44,263 |        |
|   |    | 76,976  |        | 63,533 |        |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> |    |         |        |        |        |
|   | 9  | (4,901) |        | -      |        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |    |         | 72,075 |        | 63,533 |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |    |         | 72,075 |        | 63,533 |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                           |    |         |        |        |        |
| Restricted funds                                      | 10 |         | 23,240 |        | 15,917 |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | 10 |         | 48,835 |        | 47,616 |
| <b>General funds</b>                                  |    |         | 72,075 |        | 63,533 |

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

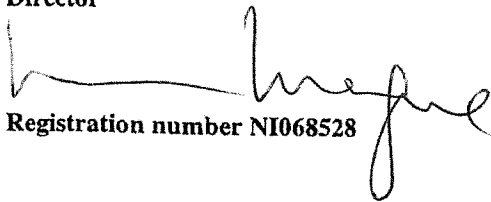
Directors' responsibilities:

- (a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 12 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by

**M Maguire  
Director**

Registration number NI068528



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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1. Basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**1.2. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

**1.3. Resources**

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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**2. Employees**

| <b>Number of employees</b>  | <b>2023</b>     | <b>2022</b>     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| The average monthly numbers of employees<br>(including the directors) during the year were: |                 |                 |
| Employed  | <u>4</u>        | <u>4</u>        |
| <br><b>Employment costs</b>   | <br><b>2023</b> | <br><b>2022</b> |
|   | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| Wages and salaries  | <u>109,854</u>  | <u>111,693</u>  |

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 March 2023.

| <b>3. Income from charitable activities</b>                     | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2023</b>       | <b>2023</b>    | <b>2022</b>    |
|   | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Grants and donations</b>                                     |                     |                   |                |                |
| International Fund For Ireland                                  | -                   | 197,557           | 197,557        | 223,092        |
| Belfast City Council  | -                   | 11,490            | 11,490         | 24,746         |
| The Executive Office  | -                   | 17,565            | 17,565         | 3,230          |
| General Income  | 2,043               | -                 | 2,043          | 4,676          |
| NI Community Relations Council                                  | -                   | 30,193            | 30,193         | 28,685         |
| Department of Foreign Affairs<br>and Trade Reconciliation Funds | -                   | 11,502            | 11,502         | -              |
| St Stephens Green Trust   | -                   | 20,000            | 20,000         | -              |
|   | <u>2,043</u>        | <u>288,307</u>    | <u>290,350</u> | <u>284,429</u> |

In 2022 of the charitable income £281,130 was attributable to restricted income funds with the balance £3,299 adding to unrestricted income.

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|  | 2023           | 2022           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | £              | £              |
| <b>4. Total resources expended</b>           |                |                |
| Wages and pension costs                      | 109,854        | 111,693        |
| Rent and room hire                           | 13,780         | 14,180         |
| Insurance                                    | 2,250          | 1,824          |
| Project workers, activities and facilitation | 143,412        | 137,747        |
| Light and heat                               | 3,432          | 2,231          |
| Cleaning                                     | 1,700          | 1,575          |
| Printing, postage and stationery             | 1,664          | 2,091          |
| Telephone                                    | 2,474          | 2,498          |
| Independent examination                      | 1,008          | 936            |
| Bank charges                                 | 424            | 433            |
| General expenses                             | 1,810          | 1,323          |
|  | <u>281,808</u> | <u>276,531</u> |
|  | <u>281,808</u> | <u>276,531</u> |

In 2022 of the charitable expenditure £275,698 was attributable to restricted funds with the balance £833 relating to unrestricted funds.

**5. Taxation**

No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The company is a registered charity .

**6. Incorporation**

North Belfast Interface Network is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
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| <b>7. Tangible fixed assets</b>                              | <b>Fixtures,<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2022  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2023   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2022  | 6,342   | 6,342              |
| At 31 March 2023   | <u>6,342</u>  | <u>6,342</u>       |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>8. Debtors</b>  | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>        |
|  | £   | £                  |
| Grants due   | <u>15,176</u>   | <u>19,270</u>      |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>9. Creditors: amounts falling due<br/>within one year</b> | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>        |
|  | £   | £                  |
| Accruals and deferred income                                 | <u>4,901</u>  | <u>-</u>           |

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| <b>10. Statement of funds</b>          | <b>Restricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total reserves at 1 April 2022</b>  | 15,917                              | 47,616                                | 63,533             |
| Total income for the year              | 288,307                             | 2,043                                 | 290,350            |
| Total expenditure for the year         | (280,984)                           | (824)                                 | (281,808)          |
| <b>Total reserves at 31 March 2023</b> | <u>23,240</u>                       | <u>48,835</u>                         | <u>72,075</u>      |

The restricted reserve represents monies that are subject to restriction on their expenditure imposed by the donor. These funds are not available for general charity expenses and must be spent on expenditure stipulated by the funder.

The unrestricted reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

| <b>11. Analysis of net assets between funds</b>           | <b>Restricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>reserve<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Fund Balances at 31 March 2023<br/>represented by:</b> |                                     |                                       |                    |
| Current assets  | 28,141                              | 48,835                                | 76,976             |
| Current liabilities                                       | (4,901)                             | -                                     | (4,901)            |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                                   | <u>23,240</u>                       | <u>48,835</u>                         | <u>72,075</u>      |

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

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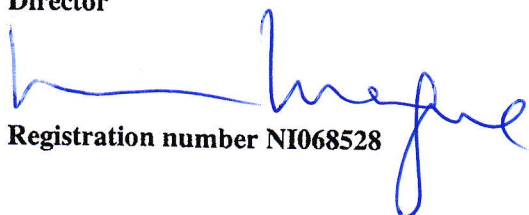
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# Annual return

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**Basis of independent examiner's report**

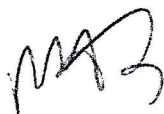
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**Richard McClay FCA  
For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD**

**1 Lanyon Quay  
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**12 November 2023**