

The City Chapter

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103329

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	43 Abbey Street Armagh BT61 7dy BT61 7DY
Phone	02837523142

Activities

Purposes: The Association is established for the promotion of the arts and the advancement of education for the benefit of the public within the City of Armagh area.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Cultural, Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£1,356	£573	£0	0
2024-12-31	£320	£533	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Conlin		
Catherine Gartland		
Cathy Donnelly		
Roddy Hegarty		

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Accounts




The City Chapter

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - Charity No. NIC103329

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
Grants:	Speaker/venue fees and expenses:	
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	World Book Day	171.00
	National Poetry Day	220.00
Donations	Commercial Combined Insurance	100.80
	Bank fees	81.49
Total Income	Total Expenditure	573.29
OPENING BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY	CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	1,355.14
		<u>£1,928.43</u>
		<u>£1,928.43</u>

I have prepared the foregoing Account from the books, vouchers and information supplied and certify it as a true and fair Summary of the Income and Expenditure of The City Chapter for the year and closing balance at 31 December 2025.

Signed

 Eric Marshall 28 February 2026

■ Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £s	Restricted Funds 2025 £s	Endowment Funds 2025 £s	Total 2025 £s	Total 2024 £s
Receipts						
Grants	1		1,251.00		1,251.00	100.00
Donations	2	105.00			105.00	220.00
Total Receipts		105.00	1,251.00		1,356.00	320.00
Payments						
Speaker/venue fees and expenses	3	391.00	0.00		391.00	450.00
Commercial Combined Insurance		100.80			100.80	0.00
Bank Fees		81.49			81.49	83.15
Total Payments		573.29	0.00		573.29	533.15
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		-468.29	1,251.00		782.71	
Transfers		0.00	0.00		0.00	
Excess/deficit (-) of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers		-468.29	1,251.00		782.71	

■ Reconciliation at 31 December 2025

Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2024	572.43	0.00	0.00	572.43
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments	-468.29	1,251.00	0.00	782.71
Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2025	104.14	1,251.00	0.00	1355.14

■ Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £s	Restricted Funds 2025 £s	Endowment Funds 2025 £s	Total 2025 £s	Total 2024 £s
Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)						
Current Account		104.14	1,251.00		1,355.14	572.43
Total Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)		104.14	1,251.00		1,355.14	572.43
Assets retained for Chapter's own Use	4	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Funds/Overdraft(-)		104.14	1,251.00		1,355.14	572.43

■ Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Grants	2025	2024
	£s	£s
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	1,251.00	
<i>The John Hewitt Society</i>		100.00
	1,251.00	100.00
2. Donations	2025	2024
	£s	£s
Voluntary at events listed below	105.00	220.00
	105.00	220.00
3. Speaker/venue fees and expenses	2025	2024
	£s	£s
World Book Day	171.00	100.00
National Poetry Day	220.00	350.00
<i>St. Patrick's Festival</i>		
	391.00	450.00

4. Assets and Liabilities

Cash reserves are the sole assets held by the Chapter

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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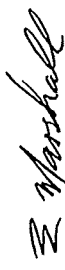
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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

INCOME	EXPENDITURE	
Grants:	Speaker/Venue fees and expenses:	
The John Hewitt Society	World Book Day	100.00
	National Poetry Day	350.00
Donations	Bank fees	83.15
Total Income	Total Expenditure	533.15
OPENING BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY	CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	572.43
		<u>£1,105.58</u>
		<u>£1,105.58</u>

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Signed 
Eric Marshall 06 March 2025

■ Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £s	Restricted Funds 2024 £s	Endowment Funds 2024 £s	Total 2024 £s	Total 2023 £s
Receipts						
Grants	1		100.00		100.00	1,936.00
Donations	2	220.00			220.00	608.00
Total Receipts		220.00	100.00		320.00	2,544.00
Payments						
Speaker/venue fees and expenses	3	350.00	100.00		450.00	1,818.78
Commercial Combined Insurance					0.00	89.59
Administration and publication expenses					0.00	195.64
Bank Fees		83.15			83.15	83.80
Total Payments		433.15	100.00		533.15	2,187.81
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		-213.15	0.00		-213.15	
Transfers		0.00	0.00		0.00	
Excess/deficit (-) of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers		-213.15	0.00		-213.15	

■ Reconciliation at 31 December 2024

Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2023	785.58	0.00	0.00	785.58
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments	-213.15	0.00	0.00	-213.15
Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2024	572.43	0.00	0.00	572.43

■ Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £s	Restricted Funds 2024 £s	Endowment Funds 2024 £s	Total 2024 £s	Total 2023 £s
Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)						
Current Account		572.43	0.00		572.43	785.58
Total Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)		572.43	0.00		572.43	785.58
Assets retained for Chapter's own Use	4	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Funds/Overdraft(-)		572.43	0.00		572.43	785.58

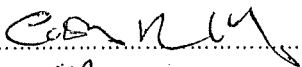

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Grants	2024 £s	2023 £s
The John Hewitt Society	100.00	100.00
Arts Council of Northern Ireland		1,836.00
	100.00	1,936.00
2. Donations	2024 £s	2023 £s
Voluntary at events listed below	220.00	608.00
	220.00	608.00
3. Speaker/venue fees and expenses	2024 £s	2023 £s
World Book Day	100.00	175.00
National Poetry Day	350.00	543.63
St. Patrick's Festival		1,100.15
	450.00	1,818.78

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

 Carol Kelly
 Elizabeth Jones

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Grants:	Speaker/venue fees and expenses:
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	World Book Day
John Hewitt Society	St. Patrick's Festival
	National Poetry Day
Donations	Public Liability Insurance
	Administration and publication expenses
	Bank fees
Total Income	Total Expenditure
OPENING BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY	CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER
<u>£2,973.39</u>	<u>£2,973.39</u>

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Signed 
Eric Marshall 09 March 2024

■ Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £s	Restricted Funds 2023 £s	Endowment Funds 2023 £s	Total 2023 £s	Total 2022 £s
Receipts						
Grants	1		1,936.00		1,936.00	100.00
Donations	2	608.00			608.00	190.00
Total Receipts		608.00	1,936.00		2,544.00	290.00
Payments						
Speaker/venue fees and expenses	3		1,818.78		1,818.78	325.00
Commercial Combined Insurance			89.59		89.59	0.00
Administration and publication expenses			195.64		195.64	0.00
Bank Fees		83.80			83.80	31.66
Total Payments		83.80	2,104.01		2,187.81	356.66
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		524.20	-168.01		356.19	
Transfers		-168.01	168.01		0.00	
Excess/deficit (-) of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers		356.19	0.00		356.19	

■ Reconciliation at 31 December 2023

Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2021	429.39	0.00	0.00	429.39
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments	356.19	0.00	0.00	356.19
Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2022	785.58	0.00	0.00	785.58

■ Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £s	Restricted Funds 2023 £s	Endowment Funds 2023 £s	Total 2023 £s	Total 2022 £s
Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)						
Current Account		785.58	0.00		785.58	429.39
Total Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)		785.58	0.00		785.58	429.39
Assets retained for Chapter's own Use	4	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Funds/Overdraft(-)		785.58	0.00		785.58	429.39

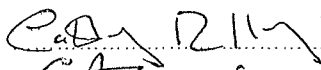
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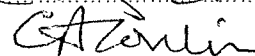
1. Grants	2023 £s	2022 £s
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	1,836.00	
John Hewitt Society	100.00	100.00
	1,936.00	100.00
2. Donations	2023 £s	2022 £s
Voluntary at events listed below	608.00	190.00
	608.00	190.00
3. Speaker/venue fees and expenses	2023 £s	2022 £s
World Book Day	175.00	125.00
St. Patrick's Festival	1,100.15	
National Poetry Day	543.63	200.00
	1,818.78	325.00

4. Assets and Liabilities

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees





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Annual report

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Trustees' Report for 2023

The City Chapter registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland as Charity No. 103329 on 14 August 2015. Since registration, the City Chapter has continued to convene regular meetings of the Trustees and has planned and delivered several events in support of its aims and state public benefit.

The City Chapter was established for the promotion of the arts and the advancement of education for the benefit of the public within the City of Armagh area.

The direct benefits which flow from the work of the City Chapter are:

The increase in opportunities to explore culture and identity;

Increased education and skills for participants;

Reduction in social isolation;

Improved levels of self-confidence and self-esteem;

Improved community life through involvement in enriching arts events.

The benefit is demonstrated through the City Chapter's annual programme of events to promote the spoken and written word, details of which are outlined below and which are delivered through the collaboration of all four libraries in Armagh, through their membership of the City Chapter and their joint efforts to promote the spoken and written word. All of these events were provided free of charge and in local people's home area.

Three main events were delivered by the City Chapter during 2023. As is normally the case, the four libraries in Armagh share the hosting of City Chapter events and in 2023, Armagh City Library and the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library and Archive took on these roles. In addition, the City Chapter event as part of the 2023 Festival of St Patrick In Armagh was held in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh.

World Book Day

The City Chapter welcomed author, Jan Carson, to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2 March 2023 in Armagh City Library.

Speaking ahead of World Book Day, Cathy Donnelly, Armagh City Library representative on the City Chapter had said, "The emphasis for World Book Day 2023 is on making it **your** World Book Day. Jan Carson's writing, including her most recent book, 'The Raptures', helps us to do this by exploring themes familiar to us all; such as *'how tragedy can unite a small community - and tear it apart'*. We thank our funder for making this event possible and look forward to welcoming a capacity audience at the event." This event was funded by the Arts Council for Northern Ireland.

The City Chapter

invites you to celebrate

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023

at 7:30pm

at Armagh City Library



We are delighted to invite you to join us for an author reading featuring Jan Carson.

JAN CARSON is a writer and community arts facilitator based in Belfast. Her first novel, *Malcolm Orange Disappears*, was published in 2014 to critical acclaim, followed by a short-story collection, *Children's Children* (2016), and two flash fiction anthologies, *Postcard Stories* (2017) and *Postcard Stories 2* (2020). Her second novel, *The Fire Starters* (2019), won the EU Prize for Literature and was shortlisted for the Dalkey Novel of the Year Award. She has won the *Harper's Bazaar* short-story competition and has been shortlisted for the BBC National Short Story Award and the Seán Ó Faoláin Short Story Prize.



To book a place telephone the Armagh City Library on 028 3752 4072 or email: Armagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

Donations for The City Chapter gratefully received on the night or via www.justgiving.com/thecitychapter

A Partnership of Armagh Libraries
The City Chapter



The City Chapter's World Book Day event welcomed writer Jan Carson who talked about and read her work to an appreciative audience. Pictured with members of the audience is Jan Carson, seated third from the left and Cathy Donnelly, seated third from the right who hosted the event as Armagh City Library's representative on the City Chapter.

Storytelling Sessions for Primary Schools – Festival of St Patrick, Armagh

Aware that none of the four libraries in Armagh could hold the audience numbers of local primary schools for a story telling session with professional story teller, Niall de Burca, the City Chapter booked the Studio Theatre at the Market Place Theatre, Armagh. This was given free of charge and was included as one of the events during Armagh's Festival of St Patrick. On the morning of Tuesday 14 March 2023, unexpectedly, a heavy fall of snow meant that not all the schools which had booked to attend one of two sessions were able to do so. The story teller offered to stay overnight in Armagh as the weather improved later that day. As a result, day 2 required the main auditorium of the Theatre, as numbers exceeded the Studio Theatre capacity. This event was also funded by the Arts Council for Northern Ireland.

The City Chapter presents ...

A Hooley of Tales

On Tuesday 14 March 2023



in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh



Grab your seats and hang on tight, Niall de Búrca is coming to Armagh for a hooley of tales!

More dangerous than the Pied Piper, de Búrca will cast a spell on young and old alike. Join us in the Market Place Theatre for three shows of sensational tales.

Raised on the wild Atlantic coast, Niall travels the world performing stories of derring-do. He has worked on six continents in countries as diverse as Romania, Azerbaijan and Bangladesh. Using his voice with a craftsman's skill, de Búrca turns an ancient art form on its head with tremendous energy and superb timing. To quote the Vienna Review of Books:

"His ability to evoke a wide range of emotions from his rapt audiences enables him to bewitch people with his stories."

"Níor bhreis focal maith fiacal riamh...
A good word never broke a tooth!"

Primary Schools (KS2): 10:00am to 10:45am

11:15am to 12:00pm

Post-primary Schools: 1:00pm to 1:45pm

Booking is essential

through the Marketplace Theatre

t: 03300561025

Maximum of 50 places per school.

Admission free



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Day 1 of the story telling session with Niall de Burca and 100 students in the Studio Theatre, Armagh



Day 2 of the Story telling session with Niall De Burca and 120 students in the Main Auditorium

National Poetry Day

The City Chapter, in association with the John Hewitt Society, held a poetry reading on the evening of National Poetry Day with poets Ruth Carr and Iggy McGovern. This year's event which had the theme of 'Refuge' was held on Thursday 5 October 2023 in The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive. The City Chapter was most grateful to the John Hewitt Society and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland for their support for this poetry event.



**NATIONAL
POETRY
DAY 5TH OCT
2023**
#NATIONALPOETRYDAY

REFUGE
The City Chapter
in association with the
John Hewitt Society and The Arts Council of Northern Ireland

invites you to a Poetry Reading
on the evening of National Poetry Day
with Iggy McGovern and Ruth Carr

Thursday 5 October @ 7.30 pm
in The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial
Library & Archive
15 Moy Road ARMAGH BT61 7LY

For further information, contact:
Cardinal Ó Fiaich
Library & Archive
on 028 37522981

Admission: FREE
with donations for
the City Chapter
welcome





This year the City Chapter's National Poetry Day event was held in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library. Featured before the poetry reading were seated from the left, poet Iggy McGovern, host and O'Fiaich Library representative Roddy Hegarty, and poet Ruth Carr. Standing from left was Paul McAvinchey, representing the John Hewitt Society which helped to fund the event along with the Arts Council for Northern Ireland; Catherine Gartland representing the Cultural Heritage Service Library; Patricia Curran for Libraries NI and Carol Conlin for Armagh Robinson Library.



Some of the 30+ audience members at the National Poetry Day event

The Trustees of the City Chapter have met virtually to plan events for the coming year.

Images courtesy of Ian Maginess

The City Chapter

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103329

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report
to
The Trustees of 'The City Chapter'**

I report on the accounts of the City Chapter for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the following two pages.

Representative 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 that:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. 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 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.

Signed: 
Eric Marshall

Relevant professional qualification or body: none

Address: 14 Greenpark Drive, Markethill, ARMAGH, BT60 1PX.

Date: 09 March 2024

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Grants ex John Hewitt Society	100.00	Speaker/venue fees and expenses: World Book Day	125.00
Donations	190.00	National Poetry Day	200.00
		Bank fees	31.66
Total Income	290.00	Total Expenditure	356.66
OPENING BALANCE AT 01 JANUARY	496.05	CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	429.39
	<u>£786.05</u>		<u>£786.05</u>

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Signed
E Marshall

Eric Marshall 30 March 2023

■ Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £s	Restricted Funds 2022 £s	Endowment Funds 2022 £s	Total 2022 £s	Total 2021 £s
Receipts						
Grants	1		100.00		100.00	100.00
Donations	2	190.00			190.00	107.86
Bank Interest					0.00	0.57
Total Receipts		190.00	100.00		290.00	208.43
Payments						
Speaker/venue fees and expenses	3		325.00		325.00	502.48
Commercial Combined Insurance					0.00	0.00
JustGiving tm - Membership fees					0.00	72.00
Bank Fees		31.66			31.66	72.67
Total Payments		31.66	325.00		356.66	647.15
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers		158.34	-225.00		-66.66	-438.72
Transfers		-225.00	225.00		0.00	
Excess/deficit (-) of Receipts over Payments for the year after transfers		-66.66	0.00		-66.66	-438.72

■ Reconciliation at 31 December 2022

Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2021	496.05	0.00	0.00	496.05
Excess/deficit(-) of Receipts over Payments	-66.66	0.00	0.00	-66.66
Cash/deficit(-) at bank 31 December 2022	429.39	0.00	0.00	429.39

■ Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £s	Restricted Funds 2022 £s	Endowment Funds 2022 £s	Total 2022 £s	Total 2021 £s
Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)						
Current Account		429.39	0.00		429.39	496.05
Total Cash Funds/Overdraft(-)		429.39	0.00		429.39	496.05
Assets retained for Chapter's own Use	4	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Funds/Overdraft(-)		429.39	0.00		429.39	496.05

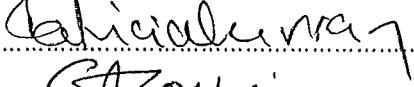

■ Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Grants	2022	2021
	£s	£s
John Hewitt Society	100.00	100.00
	100.00	100.00
2. Donations	2022	2021
	£s	£s
On-line via justgiving.com		57.86
Voluntary at events listed below	190.00	50.00
	190.00	107.86
3. Speaker/venue fees and expenses	2022	2021
	£s	£s
World Book Day	125.00	225.00
National Poetry Day	200.00	277.48
	325.00	502.48

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Two main events were delivered by the City Chapter during 2022 and were held in person once more, following the impact of COVID. As is always the case, the four libraries in Armagh share the hosting of City Chapter events and in 2022, The Cardinal O'Fiaich Library and Archive and Armagh Robinson Library took on these roles.

Due to lack of funding, the City Chapter was not in a position to participate in the 2022 Festival of St Patrick in Armagh. Normally the City Chapter provides events for schools as part of the Armagh festival.

World Book Day

The City Chapter welcomed storyteller, Marianne McShane to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March 2022 in the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library and Archive. This was the first in-person event organised by the City Chapter since COVID.

Speaking ahead of World Book Day, Marianne said, "Long before stories were ever written down, they were told around hearths, and they were told to adults, the words of the storyteller seeping into the imaginations of all who sat listening, so that each one present watched the story unfold in their own minds. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to share stories with adults by joining the City Chapter for World Book Day this year."

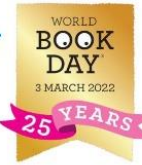
The City Chapter

invites you to celebrate

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March 2022
at 8:00pm

in the Cardinal Tomás Ó'Fiaich
Memorial Library and Archive,
Armagh



Join author and storyteller **Marianne McShane** to experience the magic of traditional storytelling. Marvel at the princess who became Ireland's mermaid saint, hear how the first harp came to Ireland, and rejoice with the brave young girl who saved her father from the fairy sleep. Marianne comes from Bangor, Co. Down. Her debut picture book *Rónán and Mermaid* was named a Best Book of 2020 by the Arts Council NI.

To book a place telephone the
Cardinal Tomás Ó'Fiaich Memorial Library
and Archive on 028 3752 2981 or
email: Roddy.Hegarty@ofiaich.ie

Donations for The City Chapter gratefully
received on the night or via
www.justgiving.com/thecitychapter

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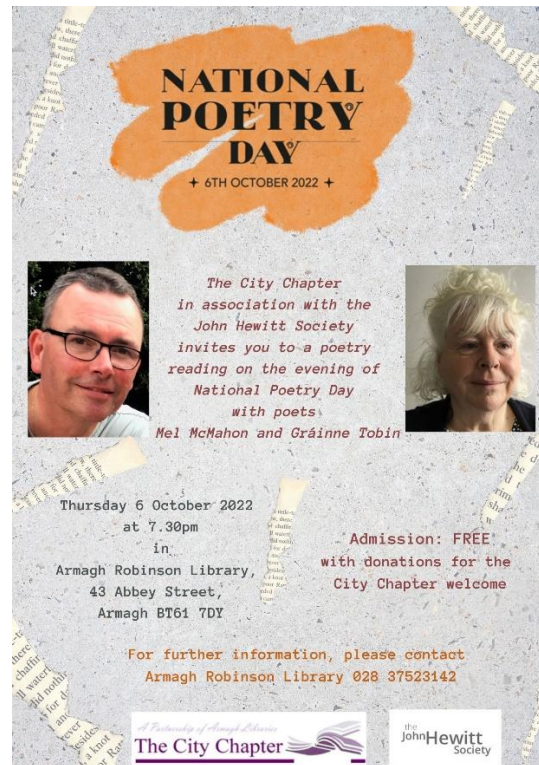
Roddy Hegarty, representative of the Ó Fiaich Library on the City Chapter and host for this event said, “World Book Day is the biggest celebration of its kind, with its aims to celebrate authors, books, illustrators and, of course, reading. The aim of our partnership is to promote the spoken and the written word and to do this as much for adults as for children.”



Seated front left was the host for this City Chapter event, Roddy Hegarty. Seated third from the left was the guest speaker, Marianne McShane. Representatives from all four libraries which make up the City Chapter were also present, along with some audience members.

National Poetry Day

The City Chapter, in association with the John Hewitt Society, held a poetry reading on the evening of National Poetry Day with Armagh poets Mel McMahon and Gráinne Tobin. Held on Thursday 6 October 2022 in Armagh Robinson Library, the evening of poetry reading encouraged adults to go along to listen to poetry reading.



Featured in the photograph were standing from left Patricia Morris and Tony Kennedy, respectively Director and Chairperson for the John Hewitt Society, Catherine Gartland for the Cultural Heritage Service Library, Carol Conlin for Armagh Robinson Library, Cathy Donnelly and Patricia Curran for Armagh City Library. Seated were the poets Mel McMahon and Gráinne Tobin.



Part of the audience awaiting the poetry reading for National Poetry Day.

The Trustees of the City Chapter have met virtually to plan events for the coming year.

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The City Chapter

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103329

Annual return

**Independent Examiner's Report
to
The Trustees of 'The City Chapter'**

I report on the accounts of the City Chapter for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on the following two pages.

Representative 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 that:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. 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 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.

Signed: 
Eric Marshall

Relevant professional qualification or body: none

Address: 14 Greenpark Drive, Markethill, ARMAGH, BT60 1PX.

Date: 30 March 2023