

# United Nations Association Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103663

## Details

Known as	United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belfast Branch
Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** UNA-NI subscribes to the vision of a safer, fairer and more sustainable world through a strong, credible and effective United Nations.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£400	£280	£0	0

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Conlin		
Manuel Carta		
Patricia Irvine		
Ruth Taillon		

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UNA NORTHERN IRELAND

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT For year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

OPENING BALANCE at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024: £771.34

Income (£)	2024-2025	2023-2024
Annual subscriptions	225	145.00
Donations	175	115.00
Collection at UU (UNICF)		110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>370.00</b>
<b>Expenditure (£)</b>		
Zoom Licence		100.00
One World Festival Speaker expenses		42.00
UN in Crisis Meeting in UU Expenses		40.00
Collection At UU for UNICEF		110.00
"Think Globally Act Locally" project		00.00
Ulster University event Speaker expenses	222.00	
CADA Annual Fee	40.00	20.00
Bank Charges	17.86	16.29
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>279.86</b>	<b>328.29</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>891.48</b>	<b>771.34</b>
<b>CREDIT BALANCE at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>£891.48</b>	

Treasurer: *Patricia Irvine*

Accounts audited by: *[Signature]*  
Email unassocni@gmail.com Website unani.weebly.com

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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	2023-2024	2022 – 2023
<b>Income (£)</b>		
Annual subscriptions	145.00	00.00
Donations	115.00	00.00
Collection at UU (UNICEF)	110.00	00.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370.00</b>	<b>00.00</b>
<b>Expenditure (£)</b>		
Zoom Licence	100.00	100.00
One World Festival Speaker: Expenses	42.00	00.00
UN in Crisis Meeting in UU: Expenses	40.00	00.00
Collection at UU (UNICEF)	110.00	00.00
‘Think Globally, Act Locally’ project	00.00	25.00
CADA Annual Fee	20.00	00.00
Bank Charges	16.29	15.83
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>328.29</b>	<b>140.83</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>771.34</b>	<b>729.63</b>

**CREDIT BALANCE at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024: £771.34**

Treasurer: *Justin Fawcett*

Accounts audited by: *M. S. A. H.*

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# Annual report

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## **UNA-NI - Trustees' Report**

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### **One World Festival Event in Derry-Londonderry – 17/10/23**

UNA-NI was delighted when the Principal of Oakgrove Integrated College agreed to host an event which was held during the 2023 One World Festival Northern Ireland. UNA-NI is a member of CADA, the Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies Northern Ireland and each year since 2019, CADA has organised a week-long festival to highlight particular themes. This year's theme focussed on how climate change impacts on people around the world.

UNA-NI invited Emer Rafferty to be the guest speaker at the Derry event. Hosted by the Principal, staff and students of Oakgrove Integrated College, the Principal and students from Lisneal College and a representative of St Cecilia's College were welcomed to the event.

Emer is a second-year chemical engineering student at Queen's University Belfast. She is also the youngest director of EcoJustice Ireland and was selected by the Education Authority to attend the One Young World Festival which was held in Belfast in early October. Her presentation was based on her experiences at that festival, including the workshops and discussions by a wide range of speakers. She encouraged the students to act locally, no matter how modestly they may feel their contribution to reducing climate action may seem. Reference was made to the importance of using music, poetry and art in order to raise awareness of the climate and ecological crisis.



A group photograph which included students from Oakgrove Integrated College, UNA-NI members from second left, Carol Conlin, Patricia Irvine, Ruth Taillon and John Harkin, along with guest speaker Emer Rafferty and representatives of CADA, Maria McLaughlin and Seamus O'Gorman. (Photograph credit: Jim McCafferty)



Students from Oakgrove Integrated College and Lisneal College with their respective Principals, Mr John Harkin and Mr Michael Allen, were featured with guest speaker Emer Rafferty. (Photograph credit: Jim McCafferty)



## Conference in Armagh on UN Day – 24/10/23

Having established links in Armagh, UNA-NI welcomed the opportunity to mark UN Day at a conference, titled Primacy of Peace: Promoting Understanding and Dialogue through the collections of the Primates of All-Ireland, Archbishop Robin Eames (1986 – 2006) and Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich (1977 - 1990). The UN logo and quotation were used as a backdrop for part of the conference in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh.



## Joint Conference with UU's Transitional Justice Institute – 22/02/24


UNA-NI was pleased to work with the Transitional Justice Institute in Ulster University. Hosted by Professor Siobhan Wills, the Institute's Director, guest Speakers were Professor William A Schabas and Dr Stephen Farry.


 

**INVITATION**


**IMPUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW: THE UN IN CRISIS**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

 **Professor William A. Schabas** is Professor of International Law at Middlesex University in London. From 2002 to 2004 he served as a member of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission and in 2014 was appointed Chairman of the UN Commission of Inquiry into the Gaza war. He has worked as a consultant on capital punishment for the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, and drafted the 2010, 2015 and 2020 reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the death penalty.

 **Dr Stephen Farry** is a long-standing member of UNA-NI. He has served as Deputy Leader of the Alliance Party since December 2016 and as the Member of Parliament for North Down since 2019. He represented the North Down constituency as MLA until 2019 and was Minister for Employment and Learning in the Northern Ireland Executive between 2011-2016. Dr Farry was awarded a PhD in International Relations from Queen's University Belfast in 2000 and was appointed an International Peace Scholar by the US Institute of Peace in 2005.

**Thursday 22 February 2024** **Room BC-03-206A at**  
**12.30 - 2.00 PM** **Ulster University, York Street**  
**Belfast**

 <https://eventbrite.com/e/impunity-and-international-humanitarian-law-the-un-in-crisis-tickets-826893238937>



From left, UNA-NI Committee members Patricia Irvine and Ruth Taillon, Professor Shabas, Professor Wills, Dr Farry and UNA-NI Chairperson, Carol Conlin. (Photograph credit: Kevin Cooper, Photoline plc)

Almost 40 people attended the lunchtime talks in Ulster University and a donation for UNICEF was collected at the event, raising £110.00.



UNA-NI Chairperson, Carol Conlin, gave the vote of thanks to both guest speakers and to Professor Wills for the TJI's willingness to work with UNA-NI. (Photograph credit: Kevin Cooper, Photoline plc)

## **Launch of an exhibition in Armagh Robinson Library to highlight the UN International Year of Camelids – 06/03/24**



To mark the 2024 United Nations International Year of Camelids, Armagh Robinson Library has launched a temporary exhibition on the subject of camelids. Featured at the launch were Library Education and Outreach Officer, Ursula Monaghan; Library Administrative Officer, Lorraine Grattan; United Nations Association Northern Ireland (UNA-NI) Committee Member, Maureen Maguire; Library Archivist, Thirza Mulder; UNA-NI Committee Member, Ruth Taillon; Library Keeper, the Very Revd Shane Forster; Accreditation Mentor, Ken Abraham; former Museum Mentor, Noreen Cunningham; Assistant Keeper, Carol Conlin and UNA-NI Committee Member, Judith Fawcett. The exhibition will run until 30 June 2024.

(Photograph Credit: Ian Maginess)

### **Committee Meetings**

The Committee has met online on five occasions and once in person to carry out the business for UNA-NI.

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of  
the United Nations Association – Northern Ireland**

I report on the accounts of UNA-NI for the year ended 30 April 2024.

**Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
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**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.

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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 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.

Name: William McArthur

Signed: *W. T. McArthur*

Relevant professional qualification or body:

*Insurance Official (Ata)*

Address: *22 WESTLAND GARDENS  
BELFAST B.T. 14 6NF*

Date: *5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.*

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	2022-2023	2021 – 2022
<b>Income (£)</b>		
Donations	00.00	100.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.42</b>
<b>Expenditure (£)</b>		
Zoom Licence	100.00	143.88
Book Token for Speaker	0.00	30.00
'Think Globally, Act Locally' project, the Robinson Library, Armagh	25.00	0.00
CADA Fee	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	15.83	6.06
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>140.83</b>	<b>179.94</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>729.63</b>	<b>870.46</b>

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Treasurer:

Accounts audited by:

24.05.2023

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### **Fishing Exhibition in Armagh Robinson Library for UN International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture Launch – 07/09/22**

Armagh Robinson Library's temporary exhibition highlighted the subject of fishing to coincide with the United Nations International year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture. Members of UNA-NI helped to launch the exhibition along with Brian Russell, a local fly-fishing guide. A representative from UNA-NI said, "We thank Armagh Robinson Library for choosing this theme to reflect the UN International Year. This special year is helping to encourage people to buy and consume products from small-scale artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, and to learn more about the value of small-scale fishers, fish farmers and fish workers. We note that the exhibition will remain on view for World Fisheries Day on 21 November which is a day to highlight the importance of healthy ocean ecosystems and to ensure that there are sustainable stocks of fisheries throughout the world."



Pictured in the photograph from UNA-NI were from right Patricia Irvine, Carol Conlin and Ruth Taillon, along with representatives of Armagh Robinson Library and, far left, Brian Russell.

## Climate Change Talk – ‘From one COP to the Next!’ – 10/10/22

The United Nations Association Northern Ireland in association with Armagh Robinson Library organised an event as part of the 2022 One World Festival NI. The in-person talk was given in the Library on Monday 10 October 2022 from 10.30am to 11.15am by Emer Rafferty, Climate Activist and Northern Ireland’s first Young Climate Ambassador for the Conference of the Parties (COP 26).

Held ahead of United Nations International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, Emer covered the outcomes and challenges from COP 26, leading to COP 27. She looked at the progress in reducing disaster risk and the loss of life, livelihood and health. Cities are in the front lines in dealing with disasters and are vulnerable to increasingly frequent and extreme weather hazards, such as storms, climate change impacts, including water shortages, environmental degradation and unsafe constructions.

Speaking ahead of her talk, Emer said, “I will be keen to let people know what worked well in the world of COP, and where improvements are needed. I will also want to let everyone know what actions they can take, both as individuals and as members of society, to confront the climate emergency.”

Armagh Robinson Library welcomed the opportunity to host one of the events as part of the One World Festival which ran from 10 to 15 October 2022. The festival was organised by CADA NI, the Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies in Northern Ireland, which is the umbrella organisation of overseas aid and development agencies with an active presence in Northern Ireland. The following photographs show the range of school students who attended the event along with UNA-NI representatives and the guest speaker Emer Rafferty:



Students from Royal School, Armagh, St Patrick’s College Armagh and St Patrick’s School, Keady



Representatives from UNA-NI and the One World Festival with Emer Rafferty



We welcomed a full house (50) to the event with Year 10 students and their teachers.



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Name: William McArthur

Signed: *W. S. M. Arthur*

Relevant professional qualification or body:

*Assurance Consultant.*

Address:

*22 WESTLAND GARDENS  
BELFAST BT14 6NF.*

Date:

*24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.*