

# Multimedia Heritage

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104624

## Details

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Known as	MMH
Status	Received
Registered	2016-05-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** 3.1 The Association is established to advance education and to promote the arts for the benefit of the public in Belfast primarily, but also in any part of Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") by: (a) Studying and encouraging the study of the history, traditions, arts, folklore, historical, artistic and cultural heritage of the area of benefit and promoting public awareness of, and appreciation for, the cultural heritage of Belfast in particular; (b) Raising awareness of among the general public in the area of benefit and beyond and encouraging appreciation of, and knowledge of the historical and cultural heritage of the area of benefit; (c) providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for education, training, recreation or other leisure-time occupation of people who are in need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, disability or social or economic circumstances;

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

**How the charity works:** Arts, Cultural, Education/training, Heritage/historical

**Who the charity helps:** General public, Older people

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,146	£14,217	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Elizabeth Bogle		
Ms Bríd Mckernon		
Ms Úna Mulgrew		

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# Annual report

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## Trustees Report (1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024)

### Current / Ongoing Projects:

#### 1. The Whitewell - a 20th century community on the slopes of Cave Hill.

**August 2023** - we received the first payment (£13,645) of a grant from the Heritage Lottery to start our a project on the Whitewell a unique urban/rural community on the slopes of Cave Hill close to Bellevue zoo. The community was scattered and the houses demolished to make way for the M2 motorway. The people have strong links and love reminiscing about this special place. Interestingly, the Cave Hill was their playground. We were determined to record and preserve their stories.

We started by bringing older people together to reminisce and reflect on their experiences. Much visiting and door to door leafleting and posters were used in the local area.

The project was launched at The local pub 'The Bellevue' and community groups in the area were invited as well as individuals. Mclloy Court, The Belfast Hills Partnership and The Newtownabbey Community Forum at Barron Hall and Whitewell Development Association, and the nearest Churches (Col, R.C) were enthusiastic supporters of the project.



We got press coverage in the North Belfast News and Mr. Mukesh Sharma from the Heritage Lottery Board attended the launch.

**August 2023:** We appealed at the launch for photos of the area, and heritage stories and research about the laundry and mills. A Whatsapp group was set up to communicate with and between interested parties and volunteers. (50 members).

**October 2023:** We sent old analogue video taped recordings to Alive Studios in England to be converted to Digital for use in the Whitewell Project.

**November 2023:** We started researching the history of the Whitewell area.

**January 2024** We started filmed interviews with project participants and began location Film shoots on the Cave Hill. Editing also began on the filmed material as well as research for the book about the Whitewell.

## **2. Pádraic Fiacc, Poet.**

**January 2024** A grant of £3,000 was awarded to MMH from the Esme Mitchell Foundation to assist with the archival work on the poet's papers and work began with the Pádraic Fiacc Archive.

**January 2024** A grant of £3,663 was awarded to MMH by Arts Council NI to curate an exhibition and film about the life of Pádraic Fiacc (in the year he would have been 100). We got agreement from PRONI to exhibit this in their gallery in the coming June.

**March 2024** - Fiona Gault a graduate student at Maynooth University volunteered to help with the Fiacc Archive, with advice, guidance and planning for the forthcoming events.

### **Other Activities/Future Project Plans:**

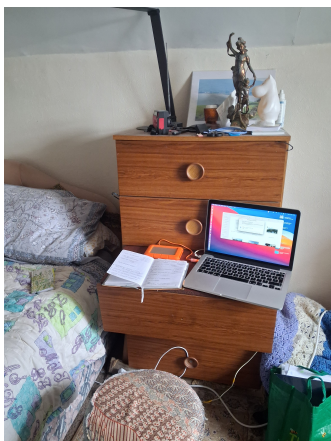
#### **2. Belfast Stories Project**

MMH volunteers attended further consultations about the "Belfast Stories" initiative at Belfast City Hall. MMH offered its wealth of material filmed in Belfast and beyond.

#### **3. Advisory Committee formed for the Whitewell Project**

**March 2024** An Advisory Committee was set up for the Whitewell Project meeting monthly in a local cafe. Members Patrica Doherty, Alan McKinlay and our Treasurer, Elizabeth Bogle.

### **MMH Management & Governance**



MMH has no premises and no staff. This is an advantage. It is run out of our volunteers' houses, cafes, libraries and community venues, even outdoors. We visit people in their homes to interview them if invited. This works well. Talking to people over a cuppa is a great way to network and find out what is really going on in our local areas, and what people really care about. MMH believes that social media has a place but talking to people, recording their stories, preserving

them and presenting them in films and at public screenings and events is our key aim.

The Trustees thank the MMH volunteers for allowing their premises to be used for meetings, the use of their own computer equipment, cameras and cars when needed to carry out events and activities.

The feedback from those MMH engages with - both individuals and organisations - is overwhelmingly positive. We could not produce the high-quality outputs (books, films, exhibitions and events) without the backing of people we encounter and engage with. We work ethically and with a healthy regard to issues of consent, safeguarding and accountability.

### MMH Resources

The issue of storage drives & capacity for filmed material continues to be a priority and a challenge. 4K film is very 'memory-hungry'. We continue to add to secure storage drives and backups for our original SD cards, Tapes and other material.

### Social media

Vimeo Pro account allows 20GB of film to be uploaded per week. We continue to add material to the vimeo site.

The website continues to be a challenge, and we have relied more on Whatsapp and Facebook to communicate, as well as email and leafleting campaigns. This ensures that people excluded from the digital age can still be active participants and volunteers in our projects.

### Thanks

MMH currently has 8 core volunteers who consistently help with MMH projects and events, and 10 more who help with projects on an occasional basis. They are all over the north of Ireland and have been the driving force in identifying projects and facilitating and liaising with participants.

### R.I.P Marie Griffin

**1 May 2023** MMH Chairperson Marie Griffin sadly passed away. She is a great loss to us. Marie was involved with MMH since the 2010 and was delighted to be elected to serve as Chairperson.

Her love of history and heritage and especially her local knowledge touched those who knew her well.

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'MULTIMEDIA HERITAGE'**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 4 August 2016

**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:** Danny Grinder Relevant professional qualification or body:

...TAX ACCOUNTANT.....

**Address:** 70 SHERWOOD AVENUE, NEWTOWNABBAY BT36 5GF

**Date:** ...18...MARCH... 2026.

**Signed:**  .....

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#### **1. The Rouskey Project - “Know Your Place” the town lands of Badoney Lower.**

Thanks to all those MMH volunteers and others who have donated hundreds of hours of hard work to drive this project forwards, despite the challenges of Covid restrictions, and travelling requirements.

**April 2022** both at home and in Rouskey Community Development Association (C.D.A), we continued interviewing, filming and ariel photography in the various town lands of Badoney Lower. Editing and transcribing of this material began in preparation for a film and book.

**25, 26 & 27 May 2022** - 2 days filming at “Joe’s Cottage” in Rylands townland near Gortin. The local residents, a mixed community - attended a day of music, poetry and story-telling organised by Bridie McCullagh with help from the locals at Rylands.

MMH filmed at the cottage all day on 26 May, and in the surrounding area on the other 2 days. It was a very special day - attended by 40 people. Musicians from the area played music, and the participants were delighted. They all took part and enjoyed the experience.

**June 2022** transcribing and editing work continues. On the 22 June we recorded audio at a reminiscence day for women at the C.D.A. We also filmed at a women's walking group, and interviewed the participants on film.

**21 July** Filming Session No.6 at the C.D.A involving some of the older men and women in the community.

**12 August** Filming Session No.7 in Gortin and Omagh

**22 August** Filming Session No.8 at the Bothy - 8 local young musicians and dancers performed and were interviewed on film.

**8 September** - MMH Editorial Meeting regarding the developing film and book

**9 September** - Meeting in Rouskey with CDA committee to show the first edit of the film - lots of amendments and corrections still to be done.

**23 September** - Extra interview done for the film with Dr. Majella

**29 September** - Additional filmed interviews (No.9) with Rouskey women at the C.D.A

**10 October** - proofs for the book sent to Rouskey C.D.A for approval/correction.

**17 October** MMH Chair Marie Griffin called a meeting of the MMH committee and advisory board members to view the Rouskey film final edit.

**November 2022** - work on audio editing for the Rouskey Audio book was worked on throughout the month using audacity. Film editing continued week on week.

**January- March 2023** - intensive background work on editing the Rouskey films, book and audio files continues. Various meetings with the MMH trustees took place re editorial decisions and liaison with all relevant parties.

## **2. Pádraic Fiacc, Poet.**

MMH continues to support the Pádraic Fiacc archive with many hours of volunteer time donated to the archive. MMH also donated Folders, Files, Sundry stationary items.

MMH Trustees work with Michael McKernon and others to plan a series of exciting events and outreach for the year 2024, the centenary of the poets birth in 1924.

Several MMH volunteers will donate their time and expertise to ensure that Pádraic Fiacc's legacy will be celebrated in a memorable year of events, visits, exhibitions and talks.

The fundraising sub-committee plan to make several funding applications to resource different aspects of this ambitious project. Eg: The Arts Council, and Esme Mitchell Trust.

## **Other Activities/Future Project Plans:**

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M2 motorway. However they still have strong links and love reminiscing about this special place - although poor, the people had the Cave Hill as their playground. So their stories are well worth recording and we intend to create a film and a book to bring the older people together to reminisce and reflect on their experiences... McIlroy Court, The Belfast Hills Partnership and The Newtownabbey Community Forum at Barron Hall and Whitewell Development Association will be contacted to assist with the outreach for this project.

**5 July** we met with Cathy Wolff at the Barron Hall. She is very supportive of the project and has photographs of the area, and heritage about the laundry and mills.

## **2. Belfast Stories Project**

**27 October** 3 MMH volunteers attended the consultation about the “Belfast Stories” initiative at Belfast City Hall. The Bank of Ireland building on Royal Avenue is to be the venue for the project and we want to ensure that MMH offers its wealth of material filmed in Belfast and throughout the 6 counties for the exhibition and film parts of the project.

## **3. Meeting with contact from the Ireland Funds**

**2 February** 2 MMH volunteers travelled to Dublin to meet a representative of the Ireland Funds. We will keep in touch and plan to apply in the future.

**15 March** 2 MMH volunteers travelled to Downpatrick to attend Paddy Cullivan’s show about Wolfe Tone. They reported back to the next committee meeting about his

unique blend of stagecraft, historical research and presentation.

**4 April** 2 MMH volunteers attended the AE Festival at the Aonach Mhacha Centre in Armagh. They reported back to the committee about potential future work with the AE Committee in regard to confluences between AE and Pádraic Fiacc's creativity and philosophy.

### **MMH Management & Governance**

MMH has no dedicated premises. This is an advantage - run out of our volunteers' houses, cafes, libraries and community venues. This works for our group - these are great hubs to network and meet diverse people. We can concentrate on what we do best - talking to people, recording their stories, preserving them and presenting them in films and at public screenings and events.

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## **R.I.P Maurice Reid**

MMH volunteer Maurice Reid's death in November 2022 is a great loss to our group. Maurice was involved with MMH since the start in 1998.

His talent and expertise covered many areas - music, electronics, computers and cameras. Maurice provided so much professional advice and took part in film shoots with MMH up until his health problems prevented him from getting out and about in recent years.

Despite his health problem he was always available by phone to provide guidance, ideas and know-how - always with kindness and a sense of humour. We miss him. Our sincere condolences to his family.

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**Name:** HUGH KELLY

**Relevant professional qualification or body:** TAX ACCOUNTANT

**Address:** 9 GLENROSS PARK, NEWTOWNABBAY BT36 5GN

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> DEC 2023

**Signed:** 