

Croí Éanna

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104825

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-04-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: Croi Eanna is established to advance education through the medium of the Irish language for the benefit of the general public in Glengormley, and its environs of Greater Belfast (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of age, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to promote an interest in Irish culture, and in particular: (a) to promote Irish traditional arts, music, dance, heritage and history and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

How the charity works: Community development, Cultural, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Heritage/historical, Playgroup/after schools, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Language community, Older people, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£182,062	£239,122	£0	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ciaran Mccavana	Chartered Accountant	
Mr Dara Mac Coille	Teacher	
Mr James Donaldson	Manager	
Mr Niall Murphy	Solicitor	
Mrs Joanne Kinnear	Charity Worker	
Pádraig Ó Ceallaigh		

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Accounts

Croí Éanna
Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity Number: 104825

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Croí Éanna
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Joanne Kinnear
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Charity Number in Northern Ireland

104825

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Croí Éanna **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Croí Éanna present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

In order to achieve a cohesive way forward for Pobal Éanna, the vision and mission of all four individual organisations were synergised in the 2017 Pobal Éanna development plan to create one voice going forward. The new overarching vision and mission of all of independent but interdependent organisations within Pobal Éanna are:

Vision: A confident, vibrant, inclusive and prosperous Irish language community located in the townland of Ballybought.

Mission: To provide developmental support to meet the sporting, educational and community development evidenced needs of the growing Irish language community in the townland of Ballybought.

The overarching vision and mission developed successfully captures the aspiration of the Croí Éanna to deliver strong transformative community development outcomes.

Objectives

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Ballybought, a townland on the north side of the Cave Hill, is home to a small, thriving Irish Language community whose needs are currently met through the services provided by Pobal Éanna, an umbrella concept which consists of the four independent, but interdependent, organisations as shown below:

- Pobal Éanna
- CLG Naomh Éanna
- Naiscoil and Gaelscoil Éanna
- Croí Éanna
- Cumann Óige Éanna

CLG Naomh Éanna is the original and largest organisation within Pobal Éanna. It was established in 1956 by a small band of committed Gaels who, right from the beginning, considered the development of the Irish language to be of high importance, despite living in a very hostile environment. Naomh Éanna has gone from strength to strength and now boasts almost 1000 members, 700 of whom are under the age of eighteen.

As a second generation of Gaels reached adulthood and considered raising their own families, the commitment to Irish medium education of the site developed and in September 2004 Naiscoil Éanna opened its doors with Gaelscoil Éanna following in September 2007. The staff and volunteer board of Naiscoil and Gaelscoil have developed the academic and pastoral reputation of both to the point that they now collectively educate 250 pupils.

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In 2008 it became apparent that if the Pobal Éanna was to succeed it would be necessary to provide developmental support to the growing community needs of the children and parents involved with Naomh, Naiscoil and Gaelscoil Éanna.

As a direct response to these emerging needs, Croí Éanna was formed to deliver a range of community development services to the growing Irish Language Community.

Croí Éanna is established to establish and support the growing Irish Language Community in its locality.

Croí Éanna also advances and disseminates knowledge of the Irish language and culture through extra-curricular classes and events. These are held usually during evenings and weekends.

Croí Éanna is not politically motivated or influenced and does not provide scholarships for named individuals or founder's kin.

The benefits of Croí Éanna's purposes are intended for the public in general. Although we can identify that the section of the public that can benefit from the charity is the section of people who intend to learn more about the Irish language and culture. A common characteristic shared by the interest in delivering community led and based services through the medium of Irish.

The individuals we engage with mainly come from the immediate North Belfast and South Antrim area, although it should be noted that because of the emphasis Croí Éanna places on developing cross-community linkages, we have participants from a range of community backgrounds and from a wide geographical catchment area including Larne, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Hollywood and Newry.

The benefit flowing directly from the charity's purposes is demonstrable to and beneficial for the general public. The families and individuals who take part in Croí Éanna activities are directly affected by those activities, (for example language classes and hearing spoken Irish at cultural events), in a positive way.

Their disposition to the Irish language is changed, their general education is improved and their appreciation of Irish language and culture is increased. This in turn has a beneficial and secondary effect on future generations and on the section of public who have not directly been involved in the relevant events and activities.

There is a direct, indirect and wider benefit resulting from the charity's work. The benefit is measurable by:

- the number of attendees at classes and events
- statutory statistical data,
- the standard of Irish used by its users.

Non-measurable direct consequences of the charity's objects include the sense of community and identity that is anecdotally returned to the charity.

Private benefit is incidental. Some tutors and teachers for example receive compensation for their work. This is a necessary transaction to support the charity's service to the public. There may be an incidental enhancement of the reputation of said tutors and teachers as a result of them carrying out the work of Croí Éanna.

The additional outcomes, the things that have changed as a result of the work undertaken by the organisation are:

- The advancement of capacity through informal and formal community led education projects
- An increased sense of place
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

The charities beneficiaries fall into the following five main categories

- Pre school (0-5)
- Children (5-13 year olds)
- Youth (14-25 year olds)
- Language community
- Older people

Our services are run through five main themes:

Theme One: Language Development

- weekly introduction to Irish taster outreach sessions
- weekly bunrang classes, two each week over three academic terms
- weekly manrang classes, one each week over three academic terms
- weekly ardrang classes, one each week over three academic terms

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- 4 quarterly Dianchúrsa each with 4 class levels and Irish Language child carer provision
- 24 Parent and toddler classes
- Wraparound school provision
- Summer Scheme

Theme Two: Arts and Culture Development

- 1 month of Seacht na Gaelige events
- 1 annual Feis involving 10 local bun/Gaelscoil and English Medium Primary schools
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór na nóg preparations
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór Sinsir preparations

Theme Three: Health and Wellbeing

- 3 (1 each academic term) mental health and wellbeing awareness event
- 3 (1 each academic term) physical health and wellbeing awareness event

Theme Four: Community Inclusion

- 3 large scale seasonal community cohesion events
- 3 school sports events, ensuring developmental engagement with a minimum of 10 bun/Gaelscoil.
- Working lunches held in a city centre location
- 4 family events
- 3 cultural expression events

Theme Five: Environmental Protection and Enhancement

- Weekly gardening classes, one each week over three academic terms
- Planting of native species trees.
- 30 (weekly weather and holidays permitting) hill walks

16 Partnership Working

Croí Éanna are committed to collaborative working and to that end actively undertake regular engagement with a range of statutory and community partners. During the past year we have engaged with the following external organisations:

- Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
- The Department for Communities (DFC)
- The Executive Office (TEO)
- The Department of Education (DE)
- The Public Health Agency
- Glór na Ghael
- Foras Na Gaeilge
- An Ciste Infheistíochta Gaeilge
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Language Forum
- Conradh Na Gaeilge
- Carnogher
- Gael Linn
- Cultúrtha Mic Reachtan
- Cultúrlann Mc Adam ó Fiaich
- Turas
- Glór na Mona

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £1,797,913 (2023 - £1,854,846) and liabilities of £3,156 (2023 - £3,029). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(57,060).

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Croí Éanna subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Croí Éanna
TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CROÍ ÉANNA

We have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by 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 our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

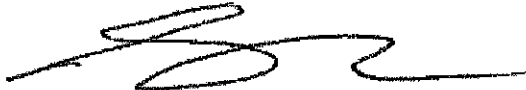
We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 15 October 2025

Croí Éanna STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Endowment Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Endowment Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and legacies	3.1	81,132	-	-	81,132	90,630	-	-	90,630
Charitable activities		-	67,430	-	67,430	-	65,290	-	65,290
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	3.2	-	67,430	-	67,430	-	65,290	-	65,290
Other trading activities	3.3	33,500	-	-	33,500	88,434	-	-	88,434
Total income		114,632	67,430	-	182,062	179,064	65,290	-	244,354
Expenditure									
Charitable activities	4.1	117,022	67,430	-	184,452	98,080	76,093	-	174,173
Other expenditure	4.2	17,769	-	36,881	54,670	14,082	8,154	36,881	59,117
Total Expenditure		134,811	67,430	36,881	239,122	112,162	84,247	36,881	233,290
Net income/(expenditure)		(20,179)	-	(36,881)	(57,060)	66,902	(18,957)	(36,881)	11,064
Transfers between funds		130,136	-	(130,136)	-	(116,072)	-	116,072	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		109,957	-	(167,017)	(57,060)	(49,170)	(18,957)	79,191	11,064
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds beginning of the year	13	103,225	-	1,748,592	1,851,817	152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753
Total funds at the end of the year		213,182	-	1,581,575	1,794,757	103,225	-	1,748,592	1,851,817

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Croí Éanna
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>1,693,922</u>	<u>1,748,592</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	67,000	33,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>36,991</u>	<u>72,754</u>
		<u>103,991</u>	<u>106,254</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(3,156)</u>	<u>(3,029)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>100,835</u>	<u>103,225</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,794,757</u>	<u>1,851,817</u>
Funds			
Endowment funds		1,581,575	1,748,592
Income funds:	12		
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>213,182</u>	<u>103,225</u>
Total funds	13	<u>1,794,757</u>	<u>1,851,817</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Croí Éanna is a registered charity in Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O Gaelscoil Éanna, Hightown Road, Newtownabbey, Antrim, BT36 7AU which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as

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 income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the charity recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the charity is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% Reducing Balance

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

3. INCOME				
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	<u>81,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,132</u>	<u>90,630</u>
3.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants from governments and other co-funders:				
Income from charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>67,430</u>	<u>67,430</u>	<u>65,290</u>

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3.3	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
			£	£	£	£
	Other trading activities		<u>33,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>88,434</u>
4.	EXPENDITURE					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>20,508</u>	<u>49,868</u>	<u>114,076</u>	<u>184,452</u>	<u>174,173</u>
4.2	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	Other expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>54,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,670</u>	<u>59,117</u>
4.3	SUPPORT COSTS			Charitable Activities	2024	2023
				£	£	£
	Wages & Salaries			<u>114,076</u>	<u>114,076</u>	<u>127,443</u>
5.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2024	2023
					£	£
	Wages & Salaries				<u>114,076</u>	<u>127,443</u>
6.	NET INCOME				2024	2023
					£	£
	Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):					
	Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>54,670</u>	<u>59,117</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

No employee had remuneration/ benefits in excess of £60,000.

The charity trustees were not paid nor received any other benefit during the financial year ended 31st December 2024.

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Average Number of Employees	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	100,601	109,593
Social security costs	2,577	3,905
Pension costs	10,898	13,945
	<u>114,076</u>	<u>127,443</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,844,053</u>	<u>134,443</u>	<u>1,978,496</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	184,407	45,497	229,904
Charge for the financial year	36,881	17,789	54,670
At 31 December 2024	<u>221,288</u>	<u>63,286</u>	<u>284,574</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,622,765</u>	<u>71,157</u>	<u>1,693,922</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,659,646</u>	<u>88,946</u>	<u>1,748,592</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	67,000	33,500
	<u>67,000</u>	<u>33,500</u>

10. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security costs (Note 11)	518	490
Other creditors	138	39
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,500
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>3,029</u>

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11. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors:		
PAYE / NI	518	490

12. RESERVES	2024	2023
	£	£
At the beginning of the year	1,851,817	1,840,753
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year	(57,060)	11,064
At the end of the year	1,794,757	1,851,817

13. FUNDS			
13.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	152,395	1,669,401	1,840,753
Movement during the financial year	(49,170)	79,191	11,064
At 31 December 2023	103,225	1,748,592	1,851,817
Movement during the financial year	109,957	(167,017)	(57,060)
At 31 December 2024	213,182	1,581,575	1,794,757

13.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 January			between	31 December
	2024			funds	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds					
SIF Capital	1,344,377	-	27,924	(98,903)	1,217,550
An Ciste	388,020	-	8,060	(28,630)	351,330
DFC Capital	16,195	-	897	(2,603)	12,695
	1,748,592	-	36,881	(130,136)	1,581,575
Other Grants					
Other Grants	-	28,400	28,400	-	-
Foras na Gaeilge	-	35,313	35,313	-	-
DOH	-	3,717	3,717	-	-
	-	67,430	67,430	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	103,225	114,632	134,811	130,136	213,182
Total funds	1,851,817	182,062	239,122	-	1,794,757

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13.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Endowment capital Permanent	1,581,575	-	-	1,581,575
Unrestricted general funds	112,347	103,991	(3,156)	213,182
	<u>1,693,922</u>	<u>103,991</u>	<u>(3,156)</u>	<u>1,794,757</u>

14. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

Croí Éanna

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104825

Accounts

Croí Éanna

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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Croí Éanna
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Croí Éanna TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Croí Éanna present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

In order to achieve a cohesive way forward for Pobal Éanna, the vision and mission of all four individual organisations were synergised in the 2017 Pobal Éanna development plan to create one voice going forward. The new overarching vision and mission of all of independent but interdependent organisations within Pobal Éanna are:

Vision: A confident, vibrant, inclusive and prosperous Irish language community located in the townland of Ballybought.

Mission: To provide developmental support to meet the sporting, educational and community development evidenced needs of the growing Irish language community in the townland of Ballybought.

The overarching vision and mission developed successfully captures the aspiration of the Croí Éanna to deliver strong transformative community development outcomes.

Objectives

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Ballybought, a townland on the north side of the Cave Hill, is home to a small, thriving Irish Language community whose needs are currently met through the services provided by Pobal Éanna, an umbrella concept which consists of the four independent, but interdependent, organisations as shown below:

- Pobal Éanna
- CLG Naomh Éanna
- Naiscoil and Gaelscoil Éanna
- Croí Éanna
- Cumann Óige Éanna

CLG Naomh Éanna is the original and largest organisation within Pobal Éanna. It was established in 1956 by a small band of committed Gaels who, right from the beginning, considered the development of the Irish language to be of high importance, despite living in a very hostile environment. Naomh Éanna has gone from strength to strength and now boasts almost 1000 members, 700 of whom are under the age of eighteen.

As a second generation of Gaels reached adulthood and considered raising their own families, the commitment to Irish medium education of the site developed and in September 2004 Naiscoil Éanna opened its doors with Gaelscoil Éanna following in September 2007. The staff and volunteer board of Naiscoil and Gaelscoil have developed the academic and pastoral reputation of both to the point that they now collectively educate 250 pupils.

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In 2008 it became apparent that if the Pobal Éanna was to succeed it would be necessary to provide developmental support to the growing community needs of the children and parents involved with Naomh, Naíscóil and Gaelscoil Éanna.

As a direct response to these emerging needs, Croí Éanna was formed to deliver a range of community development services to the growing Irish Language Community.

Croí Éanna is established to establish and support the growing Irish Language Community in its locality.

Croí Éanna also advances and disseminates knowledge of the Irish language and culture through extra-curricular classes and events. These are held usually during evenings and weekends.

Croí Éanna is not politically motivated or influenced and does not provide scholarships for named individuals or founder's kin.

The benefits of Croí Éanna's purposes are intended for the public in general. Although we can identify that the section of the public that can benefit from the charity is the section of people who intend to learn more about the Irish language and culture. A common characteristic shared by the interest in delivering community led and based services through the medium of Irish.

The individuals we engage with mainly come from the immediate North Belfast and South Antrim area, although it should be noted that because of the emphasis Croí Éanna places on developing cross-community linkages, we have participants from a range of community backgrounds and from a wide geographical catchment area including Larne, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Hollywood and Newry.

The benefit flowing directly from the charity's purposes is demonstrable to and beneficial for the general public. The families and individuals who take part in Croí Éanna activities are directly affected by those activities, (for example language classes and hearing spoken Irish at cultural events), in a positive way.

Their disposition to the Irish language is changed, their general education is improved and their appreciation of Irish language and culture is increased. This in turn has a beneficial and secondary effect on future generations and on the section of public who have not directly been involved in the relevant events and activities.

There is a direct, indirect and wider benefit resulting from the charity's work. The benefit is measurable by:

- the number of attendees at classes and events
- statutory statistical data,
- the standard of Irish used by its users.

Non-measurable direct consequences of the charity's objects include the sense of community and identity that is anecdotally returned to the charity.

Private benefit is incidental. Some tutors and teachers for example receive compensation for their work. This is a necessary transaction to support the charity's service to the public. There may be an incidental enhancement of the reputation of said tutors and teachers as a result of them carrying out the work of Croí Éanna.

The additional outcomes, the things that have changed as a result of the work undertaken by the organisation are:

- The advancement of capacity through informal and formal community led education projects
- An increased sense of place
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

The charities beneficiaries fall into the following five main categories

- Pre school (0-5)
- Children (5-13 year olds)
- Youth (14-25 year olds)
- Language community
- Older people

Our services are run through five main themes:

Theme One: Language Development

- weekly introduction to Irish taster outreach sessions
- weekly bunrang classes, two each week over three academic terms
- weekly manrang classes, one each week over three academic terms
- weekly ardrang classes, one each week over three academic terms

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- 4 quarterly Dianchúrsa each with 4 class levels and Irish Language child carer provision
- 24 Parent and toddler classes
- 50 weeks of wraparound school provision
- 30 day (6 weeks x 5 days) long summer scheme running from 9am-2.30pm daily

Theme Two: Arts and Culture Development

- 1 month of Seacht na Gaeilge events
- 1 annual Feis involving 10 local bun/Gaelscoil and English Medium Primary schools
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór na nóg preparations
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór Sinsir preparations

Theme Three: Health and Wellbeing

- 3 (1 each academic term) mental health and wellbeing awareness event
- 3 (1 each academic term) physical health and wellbeing awareness event

Theme Four: Community Inclusion

- 3 large scale (over 500) seasonal community cohesion events
- 3 school sports events, ensuring developmental engagement with a minimum of 10 bun/Gaelscoil.
- 9 (1 per month) working lunches held in a city centre location
- 4 family events
- 3 cultural expression events

Theme Five: Environmental Protection and Enhancement

- 30 weekly gardening classes, one each week over three academic terms
- A minimum of one annual project undertaken with Belfast Hills Partnership. The great outdoors was the theme of 2021
- A minimum of one annual project undertaken with the woodland trust. The project involved the planting of native species trees.
- 30 (weekly weather and holidays permitting) hill walks

16 Partnership Working

Croí Éanna are committed to collaborative working and to that end actively undertake regular engagement with a range of statutory and community partners. During the past year we have engaged with the following external organisations:

- Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
- The Department for Communities (DFC)
- The Executive Office (TEO)
- The Department of Education (DE)
- The Public Health Agency
- Glór na Gnael
- Foras Na Gaeilge
- An Ciste Infheistíochta Gaeilge
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Language Forum
- Conradh Na Gaeilge
- Carntogher
- Gael Linn
- Cultúrtha Mic Reachtan
- Cultúrlann Mc Adam ó Fiaich
- Turas
- Glór na Mona

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £1,854,846 (2022 - £1,844,119) and liabilities of £3,029 (2022 - £3,366). The net assets of the company have increased by £11,064.

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Croí Éanna subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

Croí Éanna
TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CROÍ ÉANNA

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The company's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by 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 our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Gary McErlean
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Date: 21 October 2024

Croí Éanna STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources									
Voluntary Income	2.1	90,630	-	-	90,630	60,005	-	-	60,005
Charitable activities									
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	2.2	-	65,290	-	65,290	-	61,785	29,855	91,640
Activities for generating funds	2.3	88,434	-	-	88,434	33,500	-	-	33,500
Total incoming resources		179,064	65,290	-	244,354	93,505	61,785	29,855	185,145
Resources Expended									
Charitable activities	3.1	98,080	78,093	-	174,173	95,850	57,289	-	153,139
Other expenditure	3.2	14,082	8,154	36,881	59,117	-	3,735	52,672	66,407
Total Resources Expended		112,162	84,247	36,881	233,290	95,850	61,024	52,672	209,546
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		66,902	(18,957)	(36,881)	11,064	(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)
Gross transfers between funds		(116,072)	-	116,072	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(49,170)	(18,957)	79,191	11,064	(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds beginning of the year	12	152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753	154,740	18,198	1,692,218	1,865,154
Total funds at the end of the year		103,225	-	1,748,592	1,851,817	152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Croí Éanna
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	<u>1,748,592</u>	<u>1,774,631</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	33,500	33,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>72,754</u>	<u>35,988</u>
		<u>106,254</u>	<u>69,488</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(3,029)</u>	<u>(3,366)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>103,225</u>	<u>66,122</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,851,817</u>	<u>1,840,753</u>
Funds			
Endowment funds			
Income funds:			
Restricted trust funds	11	-	18,957
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>103,225</u>	<u>152,395</u>
Total funds	12	<u>1,851,817</u>	<u>1,840,753</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015)", and "The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015)".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

Unrestricted designated funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the company is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the company.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	- 2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% Reducing Balance

Taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Croí Éanna

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Croí Éanna is a registered charity in Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O Gaelscoil Éanna, Hightown Road, Newtownabbey, Antrim, BT36 7AU which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. INCOME

2.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and legacies	90,630	-	90,630	60,005

2.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Grants from governments and other co-funders: Income from charitable activities	-	65,290	65,290	91,640

2.3 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Other trading activities	88,434	-	88,434	33,500

3. EXPENDITURE

3.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	19,740	26,990	127,443	174,173	153,139

3.2 OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Other expenditure	-	59,117	-	59,117	56,407

3.3 SUPPORT COSTS	Charitable Activities £	2023 £	2022 £
Wages & Salaries	127,443	127,443	106,182

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages & Salaries	127,443	106,182

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	59,117	56,407

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6. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

No employee had remuneration/ benefits in excess of £60,000.

The charity trustees were not paid nor received any other benefit during the financial year ended 31st December 2023.

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Average Number of Employees	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	109,593	95,083
Social security costs	3,905	749
Pension costs	13,945	10,350
	<u>127,443</u>	<u>106,182</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	1,844,053	101,365	1,945,418
Additions	-	33,078	33,078
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,844,053</u>	<u>134,443</u>	<u>1,978,496</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	147,526	23,261	170,787
Charge for the financial year	36,881	22,236	59,117
At 31 December 2023	<u>184,407</u>	<u>45,497</u>	<u>229,904</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,659,646</u>	<u>88,946</u>	<u>1,748,592</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,696,527</u>	<u>78,104</u>	<u>1,774,631</u>

8. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	33,500	33,500
	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

9. CREDITORS		2023	2022		
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
Taxation and social security costs (Note 10)		490	866		
Other creditors		39	-		
Accruals and deferred income		2,500	2,500		
		3,029	3,366		
10. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY		2023	2022		
		£	£		
Creditors:					
PAYE / NI		490	866		
11. RESERVES		2023	2022		
		£	£		
At the beginning of the year		1,840,753	1,865,154		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		11,064	(24,401)		
At the end of the year		1,851,817	1,840,753		
12. FUNDS					
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	
At 1 January 2022	154,740	18,196	1,692,218	1,865,154	
Movement during the financial year	(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)	
At 31 December 2022	152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753	
Movement during the financial year	(49,170)	(18,957)	79,191	11,064	
At 31 December 2023	103,225	-	1,748,592	1,851,817	
12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS	Balance 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds					
SIF Capital	1,284,086	-	27,924	88,215	1,344,377
An Ciste	370,544	-	8,060	25,536	388,020
DFC Capital	14,771	-	897	2,321	16,195
	1,669,401	-	36,881	116,072	1,748,592
Other Grants	18,957	12,161	31,118	-	-
Foras na Gaeilge	-	45,695	45,695	-	-
DOH	-	7,434	7,434	-	-
	18,957	65,290	84,247	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	152,395	179,064	112,162	(116,072)	103,225
Total funds	1,840,753	244,354	233,290	-	1,851,817

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Endowment capital Permanent	1,748,592	-	-	1,748,592
Unrestricted general funds	-	106,254	(3,029)	103,225
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13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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Structure

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The individuals we engage with mainly come from the immediate North Belfast and South Antrim area, although it should be noted that because of the emphasis Croí Éanna places on developing cross-community linkages, we have participants from a range of community backgrounds and from a wide geographical catchment area including Larne, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Hollywood and Newry.

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Their disposition to the Irish language is changed, their general education is improved and their appreciation of Irish language and culture is increased. This in turn has a beneficial and secondary effect on future generations and on the section of public who have not directly been involved in the relevant events and activities.

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- The advancement of capacity through informal and formal community led education projects
- An increased sense of place
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
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- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór na nóg preparations
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- 3 (1 each academic term) mental health and wellbeing awareness event
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Theme Four: Community Inclusion

- 3 large scale (over 500) seasonal community cohesion events
- 3 school sports events, ensuring developmental engagement with a minimum of 10 bun/Gaelscoil.
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- 30 weekly gardening classes, one each week over three academic terms
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Croí Éanna are committed to collaborative working and to that end actively undertake regular engagement with a range of statutory and community partners. During the past year we have engaged with the following external organisations:

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Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £1,854,846 (2022 - £1,844,119) and liabilities of £3,029 (2022 - £3,366). The net assets of the company have increased by £11,064.

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Croí Éanna subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

Croí Éanna
TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
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Croí Éanna

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104825

Annual return

Croí Éanna
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OF CROÍ ÉANNA

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The company's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

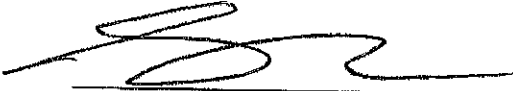
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.


In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Croí Éanna

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CROÍ ÉANNA

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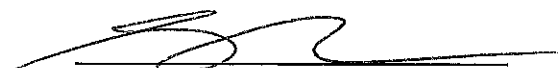
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Date: 12 September 2023

Croí Éanna
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Endowment Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources									
Voluntary Income	2.1	60,005	-	-	60,005	53,642	-	-	53,642
Charitable activities									
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	2.2	-	61,785	29,855	91,640	-	127,565	-	127,565
Activities for generating funds	2.3	33,500	-	-	33,500	33,500	-	-	33,500
Total Incoming resources		93,505	61,785	29,855	185,145	87,142	127,565	-	214,707
Resources Expended									
Charitable activities	3.1	95,850	57,289	-	153,139	15,242	109,369	36,882	161,493
Other expenditure	3.2	-	3,735	52,672	56,407	29,513	-	-	29,513
Total Resources Expended		95,850	61,024	52,672	209,546	44,755	109,369	36,882	191,006
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)	42,387	18,196	(36,882)	23,701
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)	42,387	18,196	(36,882)	23,701
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds beginning of the year	12	154,740	18,196	1,692,218	1,865,154	112,353	-	1,729,100	1,841,453
Total funds at the end of the year		152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753	154,740	18,196	1,692,218	1,865,154

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Croí Éanna
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	<u>1,774,631</u>	<u>1,748,348</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	33,500	33,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>35,988</u>	<u>86,141</u>
		<u>69,488</u>	<u>119,641</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(3,366)</u>	<u>(2,835)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>66,122</u>	<u>116,806</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,840,753</u>	<u>1,865,154</u>
Funds			
Endowment funds		<u>1,669,401</u>	<u>1,692,218</u>
Income funds:	11		
Restricted trust funds		18,957	18,196
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>152,395</u>	<u>154,740</u>
Total funds	12	<u>1,840,753</u>	<u>1,865,154</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by



James Donaldson
Trustee

Croí Éanna

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015)", and "The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015)".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

Unrestricted designated funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the company is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the company.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	- 2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% Reducing Balance

Taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Croí Éanna
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Croí Éanna is a registered charity in Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O Gaelscoil Éanna, Hightown Road, Newtownabbey, Antrim, BT36 7AU which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. INCOME

2.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	Donations and legacies		<u>60,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,005</u>	<u>53,642</u>
2.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	Grants from governments and other co-funders:					
	Income from charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>61,785</u>	<u>29,855</u>	<u>91,640</u>	<u>127,565</u>
2.3	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
	Other trading activities		<u>33,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>
3.	EXPENDITURE					
3.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>23,110</u>	<u>23,847</u>	<u>106,182</u>	<u>153,139</u>	<u>161,493</u>
3.2	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	Other expenditure	<u>-</u>	<u>56,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,407</u>	<u>29,513</u>
3.3	SUPPORT COSTS			Charitable Activities	2022	2021
				£	£	£
	Wages & Salaries			<u>106,182</u>	<u>106,182</u>	<u>92,609</u>
4.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2022	2021
					£	£
	Wages & Salaries				<u>106,182</u>	<u>92,609</u>
5.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2022	2021
					£	£
	Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):					
	Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>56,407</u>	<u>40,617</u>

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6. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

No employee had remuneration/ benefits in excess of £60,000. (2017: £nil).

The charity trustees were not paid nor received any other benefit during the financial year ended 31st December 2022.

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Average Number of Employees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	95,083	83,855
Social security costs	749	-
Pension costs	10,350	9,303
	<u>106,182</u>	<u>93,158</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	1,844,053	18,675	1,862,728
Additions	-	82,690	82,690
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,844,053</u>	<u>101,365</u>	<u>1,945,418</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	110,645	3,735	114,380
Charge for the financial year	36,881	19,526	56,407
At 31 December 2022	<u>147,526</u>	<u>23,261</u>	<u>170,787</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,696,527</u>	<u>78,104</u>	<u>1,774,631</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,733,408</u>	<u>14,940</u>	<u>1,748,348</u>

8. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other debtors	33,500	33,500
	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>

9. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxation and social security costs (Note 10)	866	335
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,500
	<u>3,366</u>	<u>2,835</u>

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10. TAXATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY	2022	2021
	£	£
Creditors:		
PAYE / NI	866	335

11. RESERVES	2022	2021
	£	£
At the beginning of the year	1,865,154	1,841,453
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year	(24,401)	23,701
At the end of the year	1,840,753	1,865,154

12. FUNDS				
12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2021	112,353	-	1,729,100	1,841,453
Movement during the financial year	42,387	18,196	(36,882)	23,701
At 31 December 2021	154,740	18,196	1,692,218	1,865,154
Movement during the financial year	(2,345)	761	(22,817)	(24,401)
At 31 December 2022	152,395	18,957	1,669,401	1,840,753

12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS	Balance 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds					
SIF Capital	1,312,116	-	28,030	-	1,284,086
An Ciste	378,658	-	8,114	-	370,544
DFC Capital	1,444	29,855	16,528	-	14,771
	1,692,218	29,855	52,672	-	1,669,401
Restricted funds					
HSBC Specialist	-	6,007	6,007	-	-
Other Grants	18,196	30,355	29,594	-	18,957
Foras na Gaeilge	-	19,902	19,902	-	-
DOH	-	5,521	5,521	-	-
	18,196	61,785	61,024	-	18,957
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	154,740	93,505	95,850	-	152,395
Total funds	1,865,154	185,145	209,546	-	1,840,753

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12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Endowment capital Permanent	(163,317)	1,832,718	-	1,669,401
Restricted trust funds	(7,470)	26,427	-	18,957
Unrestricted general funds	1,945,418	33,500	(1,826,523)	152,395
	1,774,631	1,892,645	(1,826,523)	1,840,753

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Croí Éanna present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2022.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

In order to achieve a cohesive way forward for Pobal Éanna, the vision and mission of all four individual organisations were synergised in the 2017 Pobal Éanna development plan to create one voice going forward. The new overarching vision and mission of all of independent but interdependent organisations within Pobal Éanna are:

Vision: A confident, vibrant, inclusive and prosperous Irish language community located in the townland of Ballybought.

Mission: To provide developmental support to meet the sporting, educational and community development evidenced needs of the growing Irish language community in the townland of Ballybought.

The overarching vision and mission developed successfully captures the aspiration of the Croí Éanna to deliver strong transformative community development outcomes.

Objectives

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Ballybought, a townland on the north side of the Cave Hill, is home to a small, thriving Irish Language community whose needs are currently met through the services provided by Pobal Éanna, an umbrella concept which consists of the four independent, but interdependent, organisations as shown below:

- Pobal Éanna
- CLG Naomh Éanna
- Naiscoil and Gaelscoil Éanna
- Croí Éanna
- Cumann Óige Éanna

CLG Naomh Éanna is the original and largest organisation within Pobal Éanna. It was established in 1956 by a small band of committed Gaels who, right from the beginning, considered the development of the Irish language to be of high importance, despite living in a very hostile environment. Naomh Éanna has gone from strength to strength and now boasts almost 1000 members, 700 of whom are under the age of eighteen.

As a second generation of Gaels reached adulthood and considered raising their own families, the commitment to Irish medium education of the site developed and in September 2004 Naiscoil Éanna opened its doors with Gaelscoil Éanna following in September 2007. The staff and volunteer board of Naiscoil and Gaelscoil have developed the academic and pastoral reputation of both to the point that they now collectively educate 250 pupils.

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In 2008 it became apparent that if the Pobal Éanna was to succeed it would be necessary to provide developmental support to the growing community needs of the children and parents involved with Naomh, Náiscoil and Gaelscoil Éanna.

As a direct response to these emerging needs, Croí Éanna was formed to deliver a range of community development services to the growing Irish Language Community.

Croí Éanna is established to establish and support the growing Irish Language Community in its locality.

Croí Éanna also advances and disseminates knowledge of the Irish language and culture through extra-curricular classes and events. These are held usually during evenings and weekends.

Croí Éanna is not politically motivated or influenced and does not provide scholarships for named individuals or founder's kin.

The benefits of Croí Éanna's purposes are intended for the public in general. Although we can identify that the section of the public that can benefit from the charity is the section of people who intend to learn more about the Irish language and culture. A common characteristic shared by the interest in delivering community led and based services through the medium of Irish.

The individuals we engage with mainly come from the immediate North Belfast and South Antrim area, although it should be noted that because of the emphasis Croí Éanna places on developing cross-community linkages, we have participants from a range of community backgrounds and from a wide geographical catchment area including Larne, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Hollywood and Newry.

The benefit flowing directly from the charity's purposes is demonstrable to and beneficial for the general public. The families and individuals who take part in Croí Éanna activities are directly affected by those activities, (for example language classes and hearing spoken Irish at cultural events), in a positive way.

Their disposition to the Irish language is changed, their general education is improved and their appreciation of Irish language and culture is increased. This in turn has a beneficial and secondary effect on future generations and on the section of public who have not directly been involved in the relevant events and activities.

There is a direct, indirect and wider benefit resulting from the charity's work. The benefit is measurable by:

- the number of attendees at classes and events
- statutory statistical data,
- the standard of Irish used by its users.

Non-measurable direct consequences of the charity's objects include the sense of community and identity that is anecdotally returned to the charity.

Private benefit is incidental. Some tutors and teachers for example receive compensation for their work. This is a necessary transaction to support the charity's service to the public. There may be an incidental enhancement of the reputation of said tutors and teachers as a result of them carrying out the work of Croí Éanna.

The additional outcomes, the things that have changed as a result of the work undertaken by the organisation are:

- The advancement of capacity through informal and formal community led education projects
- An increased sense of place
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

The charities beneficiaries fall into the following five main categories

- Pre school (0-5)
- Children (5-13 year olds)
- Youth (14-25 year olds)
- Language community
- Older people

Our services are run through five main themes:

Theme One: Language Development

- weekly introduction to Irish taster outreach sessions
- weekly bunrang classes, two each week over three academic terms
- weekly manrang classes, one each week over three academic terms
- weekly ardrang classes, one each week over three academic terms

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- 4 quarterly Dianchúrsa each with 4 class levels and Irish Language child carer provision
- 24 Parent and toddler classes
- 50 weeks of wraparound school provision
- 30 day (6 weeks x 5 days) long summer scheme running from 9am-2.30pm daily

Theme Two: Arts and Culture Development

- 1 month of Seacht na Gaelige events
- 1 annual Feis involving 10 local bun/Gaelscoil and English Medium Primary schools
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór na nóg preparations
- Developmental support provided to Naomh Éanna in their Scór Sinsir preparations

Theme Three: Health and Wellbeing

- 3 (1 each academic term) mental health and wellbeing awareness event
- 3 (1 each academic term) physical health and wellbeing awareness event

Theme Four: Community Inclusion

- 3 large scale (over 500) seasonal community cohesion events
- 3 school sports events, ensuring developmental engagement with a minimum of 10 bun/Gaelscoil.
- 9 (1 per month) working lunches held in a city centre location
- 4 family events
- 3 cultural expression events

Theme Five: Environmental Protection and Enhancement

- 30 weekly gardening classes, one each week over three academic terms
- A minimum of one annual project undertaken with Belfast Hills Partnership. The great outdoors was the theme of 2021
- A minimum of one annual project undertaken with the woodland trust. The project involved the planting of native species trees.
- 30 (weekly weather and holidays permitting) hill walks

16 Partnership Working

Croí Éanna are committed to collaborative working and to that end actively undertake regular engagement with a range of statutory and community partners. During the past year we have engaged with the following external organisations:

- Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
- The Department for Communities (DfC)
- The Executive Office (TEO)
- The Department of Education (DE)
- The Public Health Agency
- Glór na Gnael
- Foras Na Gaeilge
- An Ciste Infheistíochta Gaeilge
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Language Forum
- Conradh Na Gaeilge
- Carntogher
- Gael Linn
- Cultúrtha Mic Reachtan
- Cultúrlann Mc Adam ó Fiaich
- Turas
- Glór na Mona

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

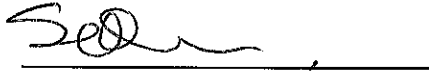
At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £1,844,119 (2021 - £1,867,989) and liabilities of £3,366 (2021 - £2,835). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(24,401).

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Croí Éanna subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



James Donaldson
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CROÍ ÉANNA

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The company's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by 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 our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

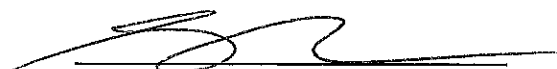
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 12 September 2023