

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104842

Details

Known as	NIMMA
Status	Received
Registered	2016-05-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: 2.0 The Association is established to foster reconciliation through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage, the promotion of religious harmony and the furtherance of respect for equality and diversity. 2.1.1 to provide pastoral care, information and support to people either in or contemplating mixed marriage.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training

Who the charity helps: General public, Men, Parents, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£4,646	£7,708	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Olding-Smee		
Hugh Nelson		
Ken Dunn		
Mary Harrison		
Maura Dunn		
William Olding- Smee		

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Accounts

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2025.

Charity number 104842

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

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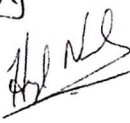
Directors and Trustees:

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Printed below is the list of individuals who are trustees of our organisation.

Title: MR
 Personal Names: Hugh
 Family Name: Nelson
 Honours and Qualifications:
 Display Name: - **Hugh Nelson**
 Date of Birth: ~~23 May 1944~~ 18/02/62
 Address: ~~54 Knightsbridge Park~~
 BELFAST 22 Glen Road, Glenavy
 Postcode: ~~BT9 5EH~~ BT29 4LT
 Telephone:
 Email: info@nimma.org.uk
 Chair of the charity: -P YES
 Trustee of another charity: NO



Request for Anonymity: This trustee has not requested anonymity

Title: MRS
 Personal Names: Mary
 Family Name: Harrison
 Honours and Qualifications:
 Display Name: -P MARY HARRISON
 Date of Birth: 24 August 1961
 Address: 2 Winston Gardens
 BELFAST
 Postcode: BT5 6HZ

Telephone: 02890 235444
Email: info@nimma.org.uk
Chair of the charity: -P NO
Trustee of another charity: NO
Request for Anonymity: This trustee has not requested anonymity

Chairman's Report:

Development Officer's Report

Media Management:

Internal:

- NIMMA News – June 24 edition issued.
- NIMMA News – September 24 edition issued.
- NIMMA News - Christmas 24 edition – issued.
- NIMMA News – March 25 edition issued.

External:

Funding:

- **Application results:**

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house.

NIMMA Books:

Housing:

Stories Network:

SUMMARY:

Paul McLaughlin
14th May 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document/Constitution follows;

CONSTITUTION

NORTHERN IRELAND MIXED MARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

1.0 Name

The Association shall be called the Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (hereinafter referred to as "The Association").

Objects:

2.0 The Association is established to foster reconciliation through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage, the promotion of religious harmony and the furtherance of respect for equality and diversity.

2.1 to provide pastoral care, information and support to people either in or contemplating mixed marriage.

2.2 In furtherance of the above objects, but not otherwise (and so that nothing herein shall operate as

to constitute a non-charitable activity) the Association may:

2.2.1 provide a centre or centres for the supply of information, and advice and recruit and train

volunteers to undertake such activities.

2.2.2 promote, organise, sponsor, conduct (or co-operate with any other party in so doing)

education courses, leisure activities and events, lectures, meetings, conferences and other activities designed to promote the aforesaid objects.

2.2.3 publish, print, distribute and issue books, literature and information relative to the activities

of the Association.

2.2.4 receive, allocate and administer grants, gifts or bequests made available to the Association

for any or all of its objects (whether from public funds or from private sources) under the terms and conditions referable or attached to such grants, gifts or bequests.

2.2.5 raise funds for the objects of the Association by public subscription and appeals.

2.2.6 federate or amalgamate with, or become affiliated to, any body whose objects are similar to or

complement in any way the objects of the Association.

2.2.7 to do all such lawful other things necessary for the attainment of the above objects.

2.2.8 purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal

property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the above objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections which the Association may think necessary for the promotion of its objects;

2.2.9 make any regulations for any property which may be so acquired;

2.2.10 subject to any consents as may be required by law, sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Association with a view to the furtherance of its objects;

2.2.11 receive money on deposit or loan and borrow or raise money in such a manner as the Association shall think fit subject to such consents as may be required by law,

2.2.12 invest the monies of the Association not immediately required for the furtherance of the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may be for the time being imposed or required by law,

2.2.13 recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objects of the Association;

2.2.14 employ and pay any person or persons, not being a member of the Executive Committee referred to below ("the Committee") to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Association and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees;

30 Membership

Membership of the Association shall consist of persons who are aged eighteen years or over who subscribe to the objects of Association and whose applications for membership are accepted by the Committee of Management hereinafter provided for,

4.0 Honorary Membership

Persons who have a special interest in or have rendered special service to the Association may be elected to Honorary Membership from time to time by the Committee of Management either for life or for such time as the Committee may think it fit. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership (except voting) and shall not be liable for subscriptions.

5.0 Office Bearers

The Association shall have a Chairman, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer who shall be members or honorary members of the Association. Election for such offices shall be by ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting provided however that in the event of any

such offices not being filled at the Annual General Meeting the Committee of Management may appoint from amongst its number an appropriate officer to hold office until the next following Annual General meeting.

6.0 Committee of Management

6.1 Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

6.2 Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in

writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

6.3 In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the

Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

7.0 Functions of Committee

7.1 The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all

such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

7.2 The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its

own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and

the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

7.3 The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or

such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

7.4 The Committee shall have the power

7.4.1 to approve or reject applications for membership;

7.4.2 to fix the amount of all subscriptions; and

7.4.3 for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member of the Association provided that Member shall have the right to be heard by the Committee before any decision to terminate his or her membership shall be made.

8.0 Meetings

8.1 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such time (not being more than fifteen months after the holding of the preceding Annual General Meeting) and place as the Committee shall determine. At such Annual General Meeting the business shall include the election of members to serve on the Committee, the consideration of an Annual Report of the work done by or under the auspices of the Committee and of the accounts, and the transaction of such other matters as may from time to time be necessary.

8.2 Special General Meetings

The Committee may at any time at its discretion and shall upon the request of not less than one fifth of the members having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting of the Association for the purpose of altering the constitutions in accordance with Clause 12 hereof or of considering any matter which may be referred to them by the Committee or for any other purpose.

8.3 Chairmanship of Meetings

All meetings of the Association or of the Committee or of any of its sub-committees shall be presided over by its Chairman. Failing the Chairman those present may elect one of their number to take the Chair. The Chairman of any meeting shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

8.4 Rules of Procedure at all Meetings

8.4.1 Voting

Subject to the provision of Clauses 9 and 10 hereof all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and

entitled to vote thereat. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

8.42 Minutes

Minute books shall be kept by the Committee and all other Sub-Committees and the appropriate Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions,

8.43 Quorum

The quorum at a General Meeting of the Association shall be ten members or one fifth of the total membership (other than honorary members) whichever shall be the less.

9.0 Finance

9.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the

Association and for no other purpose.

9.2 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Association.

9.3 A statement of accounts for the last financial year shall be examined by an independent person and

shall be submitted by the Committee to the Annual General Meeting.

9.4 A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association with Northern Bank Ltd., High Street,

Belfast or with such other bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. The Committee shall authorise in writing the Honorary Treasurer and two members of the Committee to sign cheques on behalf of the Association. All cheques must be signed by not less than two of the three authorised signatories.

10.0 Trust Property

The title to all and any real and/or personal property which may be required by or for the purposes of the Association shall be vested in Trustees who shall hold such property in trust for the Association. the number of Trustees shall not be less than three or more than six. The power to appoint new Trustees, or to terminate the appointment of existing Trustees, shall be exercised by the Committee.

11.0 Alterations to the Constitution

Any alterations of this Constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Association present and voting at a meeting specially called for the purpose PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have

been received by the Honorary Secretary in writing not less than 21 clear days before the meeting at which the alteration is to be brought forward. At least 14 clear days notice in writing of such a meeting setting forth the terms of alteration to be proposed shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to each member of the Association. PROVIDED FURTHER THAT no alteration shall be made which shall cause the Association to cease to be charitable at law.

12.0 Dissolution

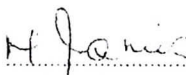
If the Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote of which meeting not less than 21 days notice (stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed thereat) shall be given. If such decision shall be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at such a meeting the Committee shall have power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Association. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any prior debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association as the Committee may with the approval of the Department of Finance having jurisdiction under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 determine.

13.0 Indemnity

The Association shall indemnify and keep indemnified every officer, member, volunteer and employee of the Association from and against all claims demands, actions and proceedings (and all costs and expenses in connection therewith or arising therefrom) made or brought against the Association in connection with its activities, the actions of its officers, members, volunteers or employees, or in connection with its property and equipment but this indemnity shall not extend to liabilities arising from willful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of the officer, member, volunteer or employee sought to be made liable. The Finance Officer shall effect a policy of insurance in respect of this indemnity.

Proposed and adopted as the constitution of the Association at General Meeting of 18th June 1982.

Amended at Meeting on 6
November 1996.

Signed 
Hon. Secretary

Amended at AGM 16th April 2016

Signed

Ken Dunn
Chairman

Public Benefit:

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future. These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

Hugh Nelson
Chairman



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	3103/2025	
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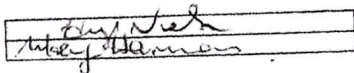
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	500	-	-	500	
Grants	3,713			3,713	1,000
Interest on deposit account	3			3	6
Dividend on investments					
Members' subscriptions	270			270	305
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	160			160	
Rents from land & buildings					
Other charitable receipts		-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (<i>Gross income for the Annual Return</i>)	4,646	-	-	4,646	1,311
A2 Asset and investment sales (<i>see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance</i>).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,646	-	-	4,646	1,311
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	7,708	-	-	7,708	5,435
Direct charitable activity		-	-	-	
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs		-	-	-	
Other costs		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	7,708	-	-	7,708	5,435
A4 Asset and investment purchases (<i>see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance</i>).					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,708	-	-	7,708	5,435
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,062	-	-	- 3,062	4,124
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,179	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,117	-	-	3,062	4,124

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No 1 Account	139	-	-	139	1,895
	No 2 Account	978	-	-	978	2,284
	Total cash funds	1,117	OK	OK	1,117	4,179
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>					
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			Unrestricted	-	-	-
				-	-	-
	Total			-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
	Total			-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
	Total			-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name

Hugh Nelson (Chairperson)
 Mary Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval

13/03/25
 13/03/25

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants		Individual	0	0
		Total		-

	Authority under which paid	£
C3 Trustee remuneration - details		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

		Number of trustees	£
C4 Trustee expenses - details		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

C6 Other information

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). you are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the charity commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by with section 63 of the 2008 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records, or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report\$) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jeff Harrison

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2022

**Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountant
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN**

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
P McLaughlin

Accountants

Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountant
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Chair's report

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent more than 40 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

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NIMMA is perceived as an agent for social change in Northern Ireland, is the first port of call for local media on topics such as reconciliation and advocates mixed marriage as a 'normal thing' in a healthy society and one that can provide a blueprint for a truly shared future. Its work of reconciliation impacts on thousands of people on this island through pastoral care that radiates through extended families, an educational strategy that targets secondary school pupils and teachers and management of the media.

Another year of uncertainty and challenge has passed – we're getting used to them now - and we are delighted to be able to meet today to report on our progress over the past twelve months.

Necessity once put us in a position where much of our work shifted to be online, over the phone and through media. Fortunately, this limited the impact of the pandemic on our work. We were discovering 'working from home' just prior to the first lockdown and that is how it has been ever since. Our services have continued uninterrupted and it has been 'business as usual' throughout the past year. It is nonetheless a good feeling to be able to return our AGM to meet in person instead of the usual zoom avatars.

Media and academics continue to call on us on a wide range of topics, individuals and couples seek us out for information and support and, remarkably, we have managed to reduce our overheads and manage our finances better than at any time in the past five years. Thanks to Mary for good governance of our modest but vital funds. Change brings with it challenges, but also opportunities.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

We thank all of you for coming today and give a nod to the technology that kept us in contact until now. We have adapted well to the new world of webinars, Zoom meetings and podcasts. I'm expecting Paul to become a TikTok sensation any day now. Together we have realised that these relatively new channels of communications – new to us certainly – are ideal for getting across what is our fundamental message, the need for tolerance, compromise and accommodation in all that we do in this part of the world.

Our trilogy of books are now complete and stories have been shared by couples in mixed marriages, children in mixed marriages and couples who were driven abroad. Wonderful stories told by Paul through the lens of the lived experience of enduring love. Books with a healthy sprinkle of historical context and factual explanation from Ken. NIMMA brings about change and we adapt to change. We have made good use of traditional media format and are now embracing the new social media which has become commonplace in today's world, replacing traditional channels of communication in many cases. We seek to make the best possible use of such multi-media platforms, not to replace our tried and trusted methods, but rather to complement them. We are aware that social media has its pitfalls and difficulties as well as opportunities, but we also feel that social media needs organisations like NIMMA bringing with it the qualities of reasoned discussion and reconciliation that we embody.

Our messages remain the same and don't change. It is the means of distribution are changing, changing fast and making us adapt to change. Consider how our message is now available worldwide, is being pursued by enquirers from around the world. We are delighted to respond using the new technology and long may it continue.

Reflecting on change, Churches are emerging to provide weddings, baptisms and services as before, with the impact of webcams and the like still to be understood and the cost of living crisis still to be worked through. All this against an international backdrop of the horror of a territorial and identity war in Ukraine.

The past couple of years has seen a constitutional shake up as the impact of Brexit ripples through our political sphere, leading to increased tension and further uncertainty. The recent Assembly election brought not only the usual polarisation but also a stronger cross-community centre ground. Regardless of how, or indeed if, you voted, there are hopeful signs of a landscape which is more conducive for the core objectives of NIMMA and our ultimate aim of no longer being needed.

But that's for the future. For now we remain the only organisation providing support and information on mixed marriage on the island of Ireland, the only organisation that lobbies on behalf mixed marriage couples and children and the only organisation of its kind that continues to battle for greater availability of integrated education and shared social housing.

So I look forward to the 12 months ahead, to building new partnerships, securing established ones and to continuing to provide the best possible pastoral care for those who need it.

At all times, the NIMMA trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

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Year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association was established by a Trust Deed in 1982. There were subsequent amending deeds in 1996 and 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Constitution of the Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

Organisation Structure

The Management Committee administers the charity. It meets monthly.

Related Parties and Co-Operation with other Organisations

The charity has close relationships with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Department for Communities, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the reconciliation charity Healing Through Remembering.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

They have identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due.

Objectives and activities

- The Association is established to benefit the community in Northern Ireland through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.
- to educate the general public concerning the institution of marriage between persons of particular religious persuasions or none.
- to provide information guidance and advice in so far as the same may be charitable in law to such persons as may have need of such assistance.

Educational Partnership:

NIMMA continues its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and more than 700 of the three NIMMA books were distributed to teachers across the Province in March 2020.

The NIMMA books are used in classroom and workshop situations in integrated schools and on shared campus to foster debate and discussion.

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Public Benefit

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future.

These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

Achievements and performance

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Year ended 31 March 2022

Media Management:

Internal:

- NIMMA News – June 21 edition issued.
- NIMMA News – September 21 edition issued.
- NIMMA News - Christmas 21 edition – issued.
- NIMMA News – March 22 edition issued.

External:

- Met with producer Peter Kelly from Esras Films. They are producing a documentary about MM for RTE and wanted background briefing material and a possible interviewee. They are at the early stages of development, but Roley & Jo McIntyre have volunteered to take part.
 - ZOOM media briefing for French journalist Lucas Gregorio for TV documentary on post- Brexit Northern Ireland a divided society.
 - ZOOM background briefing for Spanish journalist Silvia Niebla re reconciliation in a post-Brexit society.
 - Podcast material produced and recorded Allan Leonard's Future Ireland website.
 - Contacted by the Director of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Interchurch Families (AIF) Paul Docherty. He read Hugh's piece in NIMMA News about our desire to increase usage of social media and is keen to help. We have got back to him to agree a time/date for ZOOM meeting. NO reply as yet from Paul D.
 - Zoom meeting with Lennart Soberon from EU 'Borderlands' research unit. He and his colleague Sylvia are returning to Northern Ireland for three months – seeking further border contacts. I've asked Kate Turner for her suggestions.
 - Podcast for Paul Lee from Divided Families USA about mixed marriage in Northern Ireland.
 - Met with Dr Alison Garden and Ruth Coon from QUB re their project – an academic exploration of mixed marriage in Ireland in the 20th Century.
 - Met with author and journalist Malachi O'Doherty re his research into a new book about division in Northern Ireland.
 - Exchanged memos with Financial Times' Ireland correspondent Jude Webber re mixed marriage in Northern Ireland.
 - Arranged volunteers and provided background material for local journalist Patricia Devlin on behalf of French documentary maker.
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Outreach

- **UPDATE:** Spoke again with Rev David Thompson of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and provided NIMMA literature for him. He is part of a committee that is being set up by PCI. He said,

“I’m heading up the setting up of a new Marriage Panel for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. It will offer a listening ear and light touch advice to Ministers of PCI who require some gentle guidance in how to assist couples in the area of inter-church marriage . We hope to be up and running in February. Maybe best to see how we go before saying too much!”

- David has produced a draft document of his proposal which Ken has checked. David was very impressed with Ken's Church of Ireland document and will use it as a template for his final draft.

Funding:

• Application results:

- Application to Spring tranche of Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund - **pending**
- Application to Stormont 'Dormant Accounts' – **declined**
- Application to the Anchor Foundation - **pending**
- Trustees' '21 report produced.
- DFA end of grant report completed.

Details of all grants received are included in the NIMMA annual accounts listed later in this report.

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Year ended 31 March 2022

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house with eventual custodianship by St Anne's Cathedral.

NIMMA Books:

- **Exiles for Love:** Printed. Spare copies held at Paul's house.
- Pdf copies of all three books are now available.

Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. There has been no movement since last phase of shared housing development was completed and meetings will continue biannually until further notice.

Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network.

SUMMARY

A good year, despite pandemic restrictions, when continued media and academic interest – local and international – was complimented by a degree of success in sourcing funding.

The NIMMA brand remains a constant and we really are the first port-of-call for all matters 'reconciliation'. On reflection, this is due to the success of our website and our partnership with Healing through Remembering. Our website also continues to drive enquiries and we have put together a determined, collaborative application to both the DFA and the Anchor Foundation for further funding.

And finally a little e-mailed note from a client that makes it all worthwhile –

Hi Paul,

Thanks a lot for your prompt and concise response. We have arranged for my priest to attend the marriage ceremony already but thanks for the suggestion. Your information has really helped put my mind at ease

Thanks a lot for your help with this, as these are awkward questions to try and discuss. The work that you are doing as part of NIMMA is greatly appreciated and is genuinely helping this country move forward.

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Financial review

The organisation had total payments of £6,171 and total receipts of £6,864 creating a surplus of £693. Cash funds at the year end totalled to £8,652.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income. Apart from small donations and subscriptions from members all our funding is grant based. We do not have any regular guaranteed funding. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 March 2022 would be £5,000. This is based on the average monthly costs to run the office and cover general overheads and expenditure.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25 July '22 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



H Nelson
Trustee

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

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Independent examiner's statement

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3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Independent Examiner

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Charity Name
Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity No. (if any)
NIC104842



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	10
Department of FA	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
Grants	4,000	-	-	4,000	10,294
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	10	-	-	10	6
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	325	-	-	325	315
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	29	-	-	29	73
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	6,864			6,864	10,698
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total					
Total receipts	6,864			6,864	10,698
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	5,602	-	-	5,602	3,675
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	26	-
Governance costs	642	-	-	642	531
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	6,171			6,171	4,206
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total					
Total payments	6,171			6,171	4,206
Net of receipts/(payments)	693			693	6,492
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,959			7,959	1,467
Cash funds this year end	8,652			8,652	7,959

Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	10

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Esmee Mitchell Trust	-	-	-	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Anchor Funding	-	-	-	-
John Moore	4,000	-	4,000	-
Cadbury	-	-	-	500
St Annes	-	-	-	-
Enkalon Foundation	-	-	-	860
Cleaver Fulton Rankin	-	-	-	1,500
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	3,000
Department for Foreign Affairs	2,500	-	2,500	4,434
Total	6,500	-	6,500	10,294

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	29	-	-	-	29	73
Annual Subscriptions	325	-	-	-	325	315
Bank Interest	10	-	-	-	10	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	364	-	-	-	364	394

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	5,482	-	-	-	5,482	3,385
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & petty cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	263
Conference expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountants Fee	504	-	-	-	504	504
Bank Fees	38	-	-	-	38	27
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses	-	-	-	-	-	27
Corrymeela	26	-	-	-	26	-
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,171	-	-	-	6,171	4,206

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nature and purpose of funds						

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Annual report

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2024

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Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson (Chairman)
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent 50 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

To that end;

- a) it provides information, advice and support to couples either in or contemplating mixed marriage
- b) It gives talks to a range of community and educational groups, as well as universities, colleges and schools and distributes educational publications relating to mixed marriage
- c) It produces a bi-monthly newsletter, which is distributed widely throughout the island of Ireland to press, clergy, educationalists, politicians, opinion formers and the general public
- d) It collates and presents reports to church bodies, networks with cross-community groups and youth umbrella groups such as Youth Action
- e) It represents Northern Ireland at international conferences
- f) It lobbies for extended integrated education through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- g) It lobbies for an increase in shared social housing through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development
- h) It provides background briefings about reconciliation to journalists, broadcasters and academics.

Chairman's Report:

Another challenging year over. Time surely to pause and consider how we have done and how we can, finances permitting, mark our fiftieth year in public service in the best way possible.

We can allow ourselves a little bit of pride at that milestone, tempered of course with experience and the knowledge that we still have a long way to go.

But the important thing to remember at this time is that we are on the right track.

Our policy of providing pastoral care at the highest levels has won hearts and minds of all who have come into our orbit. Our use of the best we can afford in technology has made the NIMMA brand a known force for reconciliation worldwide. That is no idle boast when we consider that academics and media folk from as far away as Europe, Australia and even Asia have sought our counsel on matters relating to post conflict Northern Ireland.

We maintain our primary aim of making mixed marriage a 'normal' thing in a 'normal' society through our day-to-day work, but take those not-so-small steps further through what used to be our extra-curricular activities in media relations, our international focus on a wide range of reconciliation topics and our persistent lobbying for greater availability of integrated education and shared social

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housing.

It's a package that promises success.

We continue to offer information and support to individuals, couples and families that does prove crucial in personal, familial and extended relationships. An emotional fixative that keeps couples and families together. The very basis of our aim to change society from the bottom up by actually helping people.

Mixed marriage is showing that change is possible. Its example of tolerance and accommodation is one that this society is following, however slowly.

Thousands of our children are being educated together, hundreds of families are living together in shared social housing and the mature and considered debate about history, legacy and the future is light-years away from the shocking silence that dominated our society in recent times. Not perfect by any means, but evidence of certainty in uncertain times.

That brings me to the impact of public opinion polls that do nothing to cement any degree of certainty. Far from it in fact. And the urgent need for our politicians to take a leaf out of NIMMA's book, and our watchword of accommodation. This is no time for triumphalism or scaremongering, but rather for a much-needed measure of statesmanship. Change is always challenging, but it is the management of change, however small, that will allow our society to evolve in ways that are beneficial to all.

NIMMA has been part of that change for fifty years. A quiet, often behind-the-scenes driving force but dynamic in our own understated way, and chooses to be part of the new and challenging conversations that will have to take place.

I seem to have used the word challenging quite a lot this morning and we in NIMMA are no strangers to it. Our founders faced it all those years ago, a little fearful perhaps, uncertain certainly, but daring to strive to make changes for the better. In this anniversary year, it is only proper that we should look back over our shoulders at the work of so many of the NIMMA pioneers who strived to forge reconciliation before that word became the fashion and to mark their successes.

We have come a long way, despite hurdles, particularly of lack of funding, and we recognise that there is a long way to go. But, we are confident that NIMMA's tried and tested attitude of making change work is enough to ward off the most formidable of challenges.

Development Officer's Report

Media Management:

Internal:

- NIMMA News – June 23 edition issued.
- NIMMA News – September 23 edition issued.
- NIMMA News - Christmas 23 edition – issued.
- NIMMA News – March 24 edition issued.

External:

- Very positive Newsletter piece by Philip Bradfield
- Roley and Jo McIntyre interview featured The Detail podcast after major feature in the Irish Times by Luke Butterly.
- Two background briefings with RTE chief researcher Rhenda Sheedy re documentary about mixed marriage and the song Through the Barricades. The proposed programme failed to get RTE finance after a six month gestation period. Rhenda says it is mothballed rather than discarded.

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Year ended 31 March 2024

- 50th anniversary letter to editors picked up by Newsletter and Irish News.
- Background provided for Danish journalist Bjorn Hansen in prep for interview with Roley and Jo McIntyre.
- Background briefing – post conflict Northern Ireland – with New Delhi journalist Sonia Sarkar.
- Background briefing with Will Hollingworth of the Kyodo News Agency – it syndicates stories to news outlets and newspapers with more than 50 million subscribers.
- Obituaries for the late Stirling McGuinness in both the Newsletter and the Irish News.

Funding:

• **Application results:**

- Application to the John Moores Foundation – **declined**.
- Application made to **Esme Mitchell Trust - £1,000 granted**.
- Application made to the **Enkalon Foundation – pending**.
- Application made to Wm A Cadbury Trust – **£750 granted**.
- Application to the **Halifax Foundation** completed, but have now been advised that criteria and format for applications are being changed for 2024. These will be available later in the Spring.
- Application to Awards for All – **pending**.
- Application to DFA Reconciliation Fund – **pending**.
- Application to Souter Trust – **declined**.
- Application made to Edward Cadbury Trust – **pending**.

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IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house.

NIMMA Books:

- **Pdf copies of all three books are available. E pubs of the books have proved much more difficult to produce.**

Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. The Department has advised that things are static at the minute, but is hopeful that with the return of the Executive, there will be movement in the near future.

Meetings will continue to be held by Zoom biannually until further notice. It remains a useful networking forum despite the enforced inertia of recent times.

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Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network (SN). NO meetings have been held in the past year, but Kate Turner advises that this will now be a priority.

SN is also a useful and wide-ranging network of diverse contacts, many of whom we would have little chance of meeting in the normal course of things.

SUMMARY:

A good year, dominated by international interest in the 25th anniversary of the GFA, that gave NIMMA a perfect opportunity to spell out its measured view.

NIMMA remains a high-profile provider of background briefings about all things post conflict Northern Ireland, particularly reconciliation, with enquirers realising from our web footprint that the Association is driven by a desire to make reconciliation a reality from the ground up.

Sourcing funding remains a challenge as always.

Finally, NIMMA was always all about people and two people worthy of special mention in any NIMMA report are Roley and Jo McIntyre. These two stalwarts have been vital in providing journalists with faces and voices for NIMMA over the years.

They first featured in 'Mixed Emotions', starred in the drama that it spawned and have been interviewed dozens of times by the national and international media. I cannot thank them enough for their great work.

It is worth noting that twelve years ago, we had problems in recruiting couples to take part in our first book, although eventually we managed to tell ten stories. Despite, two further books and, hopefully a softening of attitudes toward mixed marriage, I have found it impossible to enlist the help of any other couple other than Roley and Jo to cover any of our press/media interviews. I think this is a subject worthy of discussion on its own.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 7th June 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Hugh Nelson
7th June 2024

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

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Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association	NIC104842	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Department of FA	-	-	-	-	2,473
Grants	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,860
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	6	-	-	6	9
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	306	-	-	306	365
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,312	-	-	1,312	5,707
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,312	-	-	1,312	5,707
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	5,435	-	-	5,435	6,057
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Corrymeela	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	5,435	-	-	5,435	6,057
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,435	-	-	5,435	6,057
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,123	-	-	- 4,123	- 350
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652
Cash funds this year end	4,179	-	-	4,179	8,302

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	No.1 Account	£ 1,895	-	-	1,895	2,476
	No.2 Account	£ 2,284	-	-	2,284	5,827
	Total cash funds	4,179	-	-	4,179	8,303
	Receipts and payments account(s)		OK	OK		

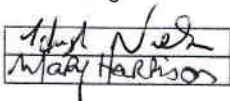
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
		Unrestricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H Nelson (Chairperson)
 M Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval
 12/6/24
 10/6/24

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / Institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
	0
	0
	0
Total	0

C4 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0
		0	0

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Department for Foreign Affairs	-	-	-	2,473
Esmee Fairburn	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Enkalon Foundation	-	-	-	860
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	1,000	-	1,000	5,333

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	-	-	-	-	-	29
Annual Subscriptions	305	-	-	-	305	325
Bank Interest	6	-	-	-	6	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	311	-	-	-	311	364

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	4,464	-	-	-	4,464	4,638
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	120
Subscriptions	26	-	-	-	26	26
Accountants Fee	540	-	-	-	540	540
Bank Fees	62	-	-	-	62	66
PC Rights Europe	145	-	-	-	145	594
AGM	78	-	-	-	78	63
	-	-	-	-	-	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5,435	-	-	-	5,435	6,057

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Annual return

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson (Chairman)
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
P McLaughlin

Accountants

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chair's report

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent nearly 50 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

To that end,

- a) it provides information, advice and support to couples either in or contemplating mixed marriage
- b) it gives talks to a range of community and educational groups, as well as universities, colleges and schools and distributes educational publications relating to mixed marriage
- c) it produces a bi-monthly newsletter, which is distributed widely throughout the island of Ireland to press, clergy, educationalists, politicians, opinion formers and the general public
- d) it collates and presents reports to church bodies, networks with cross-community groups and youth umbrella groups such as Youth Action
- e) it represents Northern Ireland at international conferences
- f) it lobbies for extended integrated education through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- g) it lobbies for an increase in shared social housing through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development
- h) it provides background briefings about reconciliation to journalists, broadcasters and academics

NIMMA is perceived as an agent for social change in Northern Ireland, is the first port of call for local media on topics such as reconciliation and advocates mixed marriage as a 'normal thing' in a healthy society and one that can provide a blueprint for a truly shared future. Its work of reconciliation impacts on thousands of people on this island through pastoral care that radiates through extended families, an educational strategy that targets secondary school pupils and teachers and management of the media.

Another year over and a time to reflect perhaps. I too have been thinking back over the years and marvelling just a little at just how prescient NIMMA has been about reconciliation in this part of the world. And it is that prescience, that insight and farsightedness into what our people need and what they deserve that rings so true after all these years. One word can sum up what NIMMA is all about and that is continuity.

We continue to offer information and support to individuals, couples and families that can prove vital in personal relationships. The emotional glue that keeps couples and families together. We still lobby to influence individuals, organisations and policy makers and continue to contribute to the development of practice and to changes in policy.

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We continue to lead by example and we provide practical help through our advisory helpline service to couples needing support. We still engage with statutory organisations to offer policy advice. The times are changing certainly, but NIMMA was always years ahead of the others in the struggle to bring normality and reconciliation and we have always felt frustration over the pace of change.

Mixed marriage has shown the example of tolerance and accommodation that this society should follow.

We continue our efforts, pioneering as they were only a few short years ago, in the field of shared social housing, where a kind of normality, envisioned by NIMMA twenty years ago, is being lived out by families in shared neighbourhoods across the Province. We also continue to contribute to the debate about legacy through our active membership of the Stories Network. Years ago, NIMMA urged mature debate about diversity and division in our society. Others, some just recently, have realised that this is indeed the way forward.

The recent results from the 2021 census seem to have come as a wake-up call to many who have been sleepwalking for years and mixed marriage must be part of the new conversations that will have to take place.

Questions about the subject still seem somewhat distant, but the census itself will change and this brings opportunity. There is talk of radical reform with more frequently asked questions, a shorter-term focus and a chance to measure and establish statistical evidence about such *grey areas* as mixed marriage. It is our hope that we can continue to strive for this.

Yes, NIMMA can take a pride in its continuity. We have led the way on things like a shared future and shared housing by showing the example of shared lives that welcome change. We continue to work our little bit of magic in areas that others have largely ignored because NIMMA is about people and respect. We continue to put the two together at every opportunity and look to the challenging months ahead with the kind of optimism that only sustained and uninterrupted continuity can provide.

At all times, the NIMMA trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association was established by a Trust Deed in 1982. There were subsequent amending deeds in 1996 and 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not

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exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Constitution of the Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

Organisation Structure

The Management Committee administers the charity. It meets monthly.

Related Parties and Co-Operation with other Organisations

The charity has close relationships with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Department for Communities, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the reconciliation charity Healing Through Remembering.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

They have identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due.

Objectives and activities

- The Association is established to benefit the community in Northern Ireland through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.
- To educate the general public concerning the institution of marriage between persons of particular religious persuasions or none.
- To provide information guidance and advice in so far as the same may be charitable in law to such persons as may have need of such assistance.

Educational Partnership:

NIMMA continues its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and more than 700 of the three NIMMA books were distributed to teachers across the Province in March 2020.

The NIMMA books are used in classroom and workshop situations in integrated schools and on shared campus to foster debate and discussion.

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Public Benefit

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage

vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future.

These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

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Achievements and performance

Media Management:

- NIMMA News – June 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News – September 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News - Christmas 22 edition – issued
- NIMMA News – March 23 edition issued.

External:

Comment' piece by NIMMA in Belfast Telegraph in response to Census results was a great opportunity to raise the brand and spread the message.

- Met with French student Claire-Gabrielle who spent the month of September in Belfast.

Background: "I come from France and am studying medicine in Germany. I am doing this travel in September with the help of the German association ZIS (<https://www.zis-reisen.de/en/start/>), who gives young people the opportunity to travel about a specific subject for one month on their own. I choose this subject as I was very interested about Northern Ireland, and want to learn how is it there and how and to what extent the peace initiative are taking place. I would be very grateful if you could find time so that we can meet and would be looking forward to have an insight of the association work".

- Briefed Belgian freelance Francois Bellerin on GFA progress and mixed marriage.
 - Met with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. We will have a full interview for her four-year reconciliation project in the coming weeks.
 - Met with Allan Leonard from Shared Future News -they produced the book 'My Northern Ireland' – has referred me to a colleague in the printing game with 'some' knowledge of e book production. Unable to help with e pubs of our books, but computer expert Damien Maddalena from the Stories Network is working on this. The 'My Northern Ireland' book proved very successful, according to Allan.
 - Met with Paul Lee from Divided Families Korea. NIMMA featured on the cast this year with great success, according to Paul. He is in Belfast for the next year, studying – as part of his masters – at the city's Trinity College campus. Paul is currently an intern with Healing through Remembering and working with the Stories Network.
 - Met with Dr Alison Garden and Ruth Coon from QUB re their project – an academic exploration of mixed marriage in Ireland in the 20th Century.
 - Interviewed again by author and journalist Malachi O Doherty re his research into a new book, 'How to fix Northern Ireland', about division here. It features a full, comprehensive chapter on mixed marriage.
 - Exchanged memos with Financial Times' Ireland correspondent Jude Webber re mixed marriage in Northern Ireland. She has just taken on the post and found the material very helpful. She will be a useful national contact.
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- Arranged volunteers and provided background material for local journalist Patricia Devlin on behalf of French documentary maker.
- Briefing with Jill Caskey from IEF for progress update on Integrated Education for NIMMA News.
- Briefing with Harry Maher from the Department for Communities on latest progress of shared social housing for NIMMA News.
- Met again with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. Full morning interview recorded for major 4 year project on reconciliation – at last.
- Met with the New Letter's Sam McBride for briefing linked to the GFA anniversary. Sam is arguably the most able journalist in the Province, but he was surprised at the gaps in his knowledge of mixed marriage.
- Background briefing about GFA with Remus from the Japanese newspaper Tokyo Shimbuni. Widespread interest in Japan about all things Northern Ireland.
- Met with Luke Butterly from the Irish Times and the Detail website/podcast for feature about mixed marriage and the GFA. This piece led to a very positive 15 minute interview on Dublin's Newstalk radio.
- **UPDATE:** Met again with Rev David Thompson of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He is part of a committee, set up by PC in Ireland to produce a protocol for mixed marriage.

David will keep us posted on developments.

• **Application results:**

- Application to Spring 22 tranche of Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund – €3000 awarded. Grant received. A further application, Spring 23, is being considered at present. • Attended DFA workshop in anticipation of Spring application.
- Application to the Souter Trust – **declined**.
- Trustees' '22 report sent to Charity Commission.
- Application to Wm A Cadbury Charitable Trust – **declined**.
- Successful applications to **Esme Mitchell Trust** and the **Enkalon Foundation**, grants awarded of £2,000 and £860 respectively.
- Application to the Anchor Foundation – **declined**.
- DFA end of grant report for last year completed.

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house

NIMMA Books:

- Pdf copies of all three books are now available.

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Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. There has been no movement since last phase of shared housing development was completed. The Department has advised that things are static at the minute due to impasse with NI Executive. There are plans for future developments, money was available from last year's budget, but these are now on hold because of central government cuts to the NI budget and the continuing suspension of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network (SN). One Zoom meeting and one actual meeting have been held in the past 18 months. SN is also a useful and wide-ranging network of diverse contacts.

SUMMARY

A good year, when continued media and academic interest, particularly about the anniversary of the GFA – local and international – was complimented by a degree of success in sourcing funding.

NIMMA remains a high-profile provider of background in all things reconciliation, driven by our website – 45,000 hits in the past six months - and our network of contacts. Sourcing funding remains a challenge, but value-for-money in these difficult times is always a good selling point in any application.

Finally, NIMMA is all about people and, sadly, one of our best people died this year. Stephen and wife Ann featured in 'Mixed Emotions' and that four-hour first interview led to a lasting friendship. Stephen was always willing to help NIMMA, always keen to help others and always a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day.

Financial review

The organisation had total payments of £6,057 and total receipts of £5,707 creating a deficit of £350. Cash funds at the year end totalled to £8,302.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income. Apart from small donations and subscriptions from members all our funding is grant based. We do not have any regular guaranteed funding. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 March 2023 would be £5,000. This is based on the average monthly costs to run the office and cover general overheads and expenditure.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29/9/23 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


H Nelson
Trustee

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by with section 63 of the 2008 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Department of FA	2,473	-	-	2,473	2,500
Grants	2,860	-	-	2,860	4,000
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	9	-	-	9	10
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	365	-	-	365	325
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	-	-	-	-	29
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	5,430	-	-	5,430	5,602
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	26	26
Governance costs	601	-	-	601	542
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 350	-	-	- 350	693
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,652	-	-	8,652	7,959
Cash funds this year end	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No.1 Account	£ 2,476	-	-	2,476	1,277
	No.2 Account	£ 5,826	-	-	5,826	7,375
	Total cash funds	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652
	<small>(egts. and payments account s1)</small>		OK	OK		

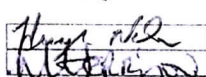
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	<small>Debts</small>	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs Unrestricted	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	<small>Debts</small>			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H Nelson (Chairperson)
 M Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval
 29/3/23
 26/3/23

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Esmée Mitchell Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Anchor Funding	-	-	-	-
John Moore	-	-	-	4,000
Cadbury	-	-	-	-
St Annes	-	-	-	-
Enkalon Foundation	860	-	860	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin	-	-	-	-
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	-
Department for Foreign Affairs	2,473	-	2,473	2,500
Total	5,333	-	5,333	6,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	-	-	-	-	-	29
Annual Subscriptions	365	-	-	-	365	325
Bank Interest	9	-	-	-	9	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	374	-	-	-	374	364

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	4,643	-	-	-	4,643	5,482
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & petty cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	120
Computer expenses	594	-	-	-	594	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountants Fee	540	-	-	-	540	504
Bank Fees	61	-	-	-	61	38
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses	10	-	-	-	10	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	-	26	26
AGM	63	-	-	-	63	-
Total	6,057	-	-	-	6,057	6,171

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountant
Causeway Tower
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Belfast
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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson (Chairman)
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
P McLaughlin

Accountants

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chair's report

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent nearly 50 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

To that end,

- a) it provides information, advice and support to couples either in or contemplating mixed marriage
- b) it gives talks to a range of community and educational groups, as well as universities, colleges and schools and distributes educational publications relating to mixed marriage
- c) it produces a bi-monthly newsletter, which is distributed widely throughout the island of Ireland to press, clergy, educationalists, politicians, opinion formers and the general public
- d) it collates and presents reports to church bodies, networks with cross-community groups and youth umbrella groups such as Youth Action
- e) it represents Northern Ireland at international conferences
- f) it lobbies for extended integrated education through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- g) it lobbies for an increase in shared social housing through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development
- h) it provides background briefings about reconciliation to journalists, broadcasters and academics

NIMMA is perceived as an agent for social change in Northern Ireland, is the first port of call for local media on topics such as reconciliation and advocates mixed marriage as a 'normal thing' in a healthy society and one that can provide a blueprint for a truly shared future. Its work of reconciliation impacts on thousands of people on this island through pastoral care that radiates through extended families, an educational strategy that targets secondary school pupils and teachers and management of the media.

Another year over and a time to reflect perhaps. I too have been thinking back over the years and marvelling just a little at just how prescient NIMMA has been about reconciliation in this part of the world. And it is that prescience, that insight and farsightedness into what our people need and what they deserve that rings so true after all these years. One word can sum up what NIMMA is all about and that is continuity.

We continue to offer information and support to individuals, couples and families that can prove vital in personal relationships. The emotional glue that keeps couples and families together. We still lobby to influence individuals, organisations and policy makers and continue to contribute to the development of practice and to changes in policy.

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We continue to lead by example and we provide practical help through our advisory helpline service to couples needing support. We still engage with statutory organisations to offer policy advice. The times are changing certainly, but NIMMA was always years ahead of the others in the struggle to bring normality and reconciliation and we have always felt frustration over the pace of change.

Mixed marriage has shown the example of tolerance and accommodation that this society should follow.

We continue our efforts, pioneering as they were only a few short years ago, in the field of shared social housing, where a kind of normality, envisioned by NIMMA twenty years ago, is being lived out by families in shared neighbourhoods across the Province. We also continue to contribute to the debate about legacy through our active membership of the Stories Network. Years ago, NIMMA urged mature debate about diversity and division in our society. Others, some just recently, have realised that this is indeed the way forward.

The recent results from the 2021 census seem to have come as a wake-up call to many who have been sleepwalking for years and mixed marriage must be part of the new conversations that will have to take place.

Questions about the subject still seem somewhat distant, but the census itself will change and this brings opportunity. There is talk of radical reform with more frequently asked questions, a shorter-term focus and a chance to measure and establish statistical evidence about such *grey areas* as mixed marriage. It is our hope that we can continue to strive for this.

Yes, NIMMA can take a pride in its continuity. We have led the way on things like a shared future and shared housing by showing the example of shared lives that welcome change. We continue to work our little bit of magic in areas that others have largely ignored because NIMMA is about people and respect. We continue to put the two together at every opportunity and look to the challenging months ahead with the kind of optimism that only sustained and uninterrupted continuity can provide.

At all times, the NIMMA trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association was established by a Trust Deed in 1982. There were subsequent amending deeds in 1996 and 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not

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exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Constitution of the Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

Organisation Structure

The Management Committee administers the charity. It meets monthly.

Related Parties and Co-Operation with other Organisations

The charity has close relationships with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Department for Communities, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the reconciliation charity Healing Through Remembering.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

They have identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due.

Objectives and activities

- The Association is established to benefit the community in Northern Ireland through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.
- To educate the general public concerning the institution of marriage between persons of particular religious persuasions or none.
- To provide information guidance and advice in so far as the same may be charitable in law to such persons as may have need of such assistance.

Educational Partnership:

NIMMA continues its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and more than 700 of the three NIMMA books were distributed to teachers across the Province in March 2020.

The NIMMA books are used in classroom and workshop situations in integrated schools and on shared campus to foster debate and discussion.

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Public Benefit

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage

vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future.

These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

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Achievements and performance

Media Management:

- NIMMA News – June 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News – September 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News - Christmas 22 edition – issued
- NIMMA News – March 23 edition issued.

External:

Comment' piece by NIMMA in Belfast Telegraph in response to Census results was a great opportunity to raise the brand and spread the message.

- Met with French student Claire-Gabrielle who spent the month of September in Belfast.

Background: "I come from France and am studying medicine in Germany. I am doing this travel in September with the help of the German association ZIS (<https://www.zis-reisen.de/en/start/>), who gives young people the opportunity to travel about a specific subject for one month on their own. I choose this subject as I was very interested about Northern Ireland, and want to learn how is it there and how and to what extent the peace initiative are taking place. I would be very grateful if you could find time so that we can meet and would be looking forward to have an insight of the association work".

- Briefed Belgian freelance Francois Bellerin on GFA progress and mixed marriage.
 - Met with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. We will have a full interview for her four-year reconciliation project in the coming weeks.
 - Met with Allan Leonard from Shared Future News -they produced the book 'My Northern Ireland' – has referred me to a colleague in the printing game with 'some' knowledge of e book production. Unable to help with e pubs of our books, but computer expert Damien Maddalena from the Stories Network is working on this. The 'My Northern Ireland' book proved very successful, according to Allan.
 - Met with Paul Lee from Divided Families Korea. NIMMA featured on the cast this year with great success, according to Paul. He is in Belfast for the next year, studying – as part of his masters – at the city's Trinity College campus. Paul is currently an intern with Healing through Remembering and working with the Stories Network.
 - Met with Dr Alison Garden and Ruth Coon from QUB re their project – an academic exploration of mixed marriage in Ireland in the 20th Century.
 - Interviewed again by author and journalist Malachi O Doherty re his research into a new book, 'How to fix Northern Ireland', about division here. It features a full, comprehensive chapter on mixed marriage.
 - Exchanged memos with Financial Times' Ireland correspondent Jude Webber re mixed marriage in Northern Ireland. She has just taken on the post and found the material very helpful. She will be a useful national contact.
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- Arranged volunteers and provided background material for local journalist Patricia Devlin on behalf of French documentary maker.
- Briefing with Jill Caskey from IEF for progress update on Integrated Education for NIMMA News.
- Briefing with Harry Maher from the Department for Communities on latest progress of shared social housing for NIMMA News.
- Met again with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. Full morning interview recorded for major 4 year project on reconciliation – at last.
- Met with the New Letter's Sam McBride for briefing linked to the GFA anniversary. Sam is arguably the most able journalist in the Province, but he was surprised at the gaps in his knowledge of mixed marriage.
- Background briefing about GFA with Remus from the Japanese newspaper Tokyo Shimbuni. Widespread interest in Japan about all things Northern Ireland.
- Met with Luke Butterly from the Irish Times and the Detail website/podcast for feature about mixed marriage and the GFA. This piece led to a very positive 15 minute interview on Dublin's Newstalk radio.
- **UPDATE:** Met again with Rev David Thompson of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He is part of a committee, set up by PC in Ireland to produce a protocol for mixed marriage.

David will keep us posted on developments.

• **Application results:**

- Application to Spring 22 tranche of Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund – €3000 awarded. Grant received. A further application, Spring 23, is being considered at present. • Attended DFA workshop in anticipation of Spring application.
- Application to the Souter Trust – **declined**.
- Trustees' '22 report sent to Charity Commission.
- Application to Wm A Cadbury Charitable Trust – **declined**.
- Successful applications to **Esme Mitchell Trust** and the **Enkalon Foundation**, grants awarded of £2,000 and £860 respectively.
- Application to the Anchor Foundation – **declined**.
- DFA end of grant report for last year completed.

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house

NIMMA Books:

- Pdf copies of all three books are now available.

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Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. There has been no movement since last phase of shared housing development was completed. The Department has advised that things are static at the minute due to impasse with NI Executive. There are plans for future developments, money was available from last year's budget, but these are now on hold because of central government cuts to the NI budget and the continuing suspension of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network (SN). One Zoom meeting and one actual meeting have been held in the past 18 months. SN is also a useful and wide-ranging network of diverse contacts.

SUMMARY

A good year, when continued media and academic interest, particularly about the anniversary of the GFA – local and international – was complimented by a degree of success in sourcing funding.

NIMMA remains a high-profile provider of background in all things reconciliation, driven by our website – 45,000 hits in the past six months - and our network of contacts. Sourcing funding remains a challenge, but value-for-money in these difficult times is always a good selling point in any application.

Finally, NIMMA is all about people and, sadly, one of our best people died this year. Stephen and wife Ann featured in 'Mixed Emotions' and that four-hour first interview led to a lasting friendship. Stephen was always willing to help NIMMA, always keen to help others and always a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day.

Financial review

The organisation had total payments of £6,057 and total receipts of £5,707 creating a deficit of £350. Cash funds at the year end totalled to £8,302.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income. Apart from small donations and subscriptions from members all our funding is grant based. We do not have any regular guaranteed funding. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 March 2023 would be £5,000. This is based on the average monthly costs to run the office and cover general overheads and expenditure.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29/9/23 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


H Nelson
Trustee

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by with section 63 of the 2008 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

FINEGAN GIBSON LTD
Independent Examiner

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Belfast
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

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Total payments	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 350	-	-	- 350	693
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,652	-	-	8,652	7,959
Cash funds this year end	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No.1 Account	£ 2,476	-	-	2,476	1,277
	No.2 Account	£ 5,826	-	-	5,826	7,375
	Total cash funds	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652
	<small>(egts. and payments account \$1)</small>		OK	OK		

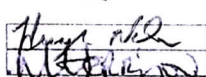
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	<small>Debts</small>	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs Unrestricted	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	<small>Debts</small>			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H Nelson (Chairperson)
 M Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval
 29/3/23
 26/3/23

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Esmée Mitchell Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Anchor Funding	-	-	-	-
John Moore	-	-	-	4,000
Cadbury	-	-	-	-
St Annes	-	-	-	-
Enkalon Foundation	860	-	860	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin	-	-	-	-
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	-
Department for Foreign Affairs	2,473	-	2,473	2,500
Total	5,333	-	5,333	6,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	-	-	-	-	-	29
Annual Subscriptions	365	-	-	-	365	325
Bank Interest	9	-	-	-	9	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	374	-	-	-	374	364

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	4,643	-	-	-	4,643	5,482
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & petty cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	120
Computer expenses	594	-	-	-	594	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountants Fee	540	-	-	-	540	504
Bank Fees	61	-	-	-	61	38
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses	10	-	-	-	10	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	-	26	26
AGM	63	-	-	-	63	-
Total	6,057	-	-	-	6,057	6,171

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Annual report

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountant
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson (Chairman)
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
P McLaughlin

Accountants

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chair's report

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent nearly 50 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

To that end,

- a) it provides information, advice and support to couples either in or contemplating mixed marriage
- b) it gives talks to a range of community and educational groups, as well as universities, colleges and schools and distributes educational publications relating to mixed marriage
- c) it produces a bi-monthly newsletter, which is distributed widely throughout the island of Ireland to press, clergy, educationalists, politicians, opinion formers and the general public
- d) it collates and presents reports to church bodies, networks with cross-community groups and youth umbrella groups such as Youth Action
- e) it represents Northern Ireland at international conferences
- f) it lobbies for extended integrated education through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- g) it lobbies for an increase in shared social housing through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development
- h) it provides background briefings about reconciliation to journalists, broadcasters and academics

NIMMA is perceived as an agent for social change in Northern Ireland, is the first port of call for local media on topics such as reconciliation and advocates mixed marriage as a 'normal thing' in a healthy society and one that can provide a blueprint for a truly shared future. Its work of reconciliation impacts on thousands of people on this island through pastoral care that radiates through extended families, an educational strategy that targets secondary school pupils and teachers and management of the media.

Another year over and a time to reflect perhaps. I too have been thinking back over the years and marvelling just a little at just how prescient NIMMA has been about reconciliation in this part of the world. And it is that prescience, that insight and farsightedness into what our people need and what they deserve that rings so true after all these years. One word can sum up what NIMMA is all about and that is continuity.

We continue to offer information and support to individuals, couples and families that can prove vital in personal relationships. The emotional glue that keeps couples and families together. We still lobby to influence individuals, organisations and policy makers and continue to contribute to the development of practice and to changes in policy.

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We continue to lead by example and we provide practical help through our advisory helpline service to couples needing support. We still engage with statutory organisations to offer policy advice. The times are changing certainly, but NIMMA was always years ahead of the others in the struggle to bring normality and reconciliation and we have always felt frustration over the pace of change.

Mixed marriage has shown the example of tolerance and accommodation that this society should follow.

We continue our efforts, pioneering as they were only a few short years ago, in the field of shared social housing, where a kind of normality, envisioned by NIMMA twenty years ago, is being lived out by families in shared neighbourhoods across the Province. We also continue to contribute to the debate about legacy through our active membership of the Stories Network. Years ago, NIMMA urged mature debate about diversity and division in our society. Others, some just recently, have realised that this is indeed the way forward.

The recent results from the 2021 census seem to have come as a wake-up call to many who have been sleepwalking for years and mixed marriage must be part of the new conversations that will have to take place.

Questions about the subject still seem somewhat distant, but the census itself will change and this brings opportunity. There is talk of radical reform with more frequently asked questions, a shorter-term focus and a chance to measure and establish statistical evidence about such *grey areas* as mixed marriage. It is our hope that we can continue to strive for this.

Yes, NIMMA can take a pride in its continuity. We have led the way on things like a shared future and shared housing by showing the example of shared lives that welcome change. We continue to work our little bit of magic in areas that others have largely ignored because NIMMA is about people and respect. We continue to put the two together at every opportunity and look to the challenging months ahead with the kind of optimism that only sustained and uninterrupted continuity can provide.

At all times, the NIMMA trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association was established by a Trust Deed in 1982. There were subsequent amending deeds in 1996 and 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not

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exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Constitution of the Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

Organisation Structure

The Management Committee administers the charity. It meets monthly.

Related Parties and Co-Operation with other Organisations

The charity has close relationships with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Department for Communities, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the reconciliation charity Healing Through Remembering.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

They have identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due.

Objectives and activities

- The Association is established to benefit the community in Northern Ireland through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.
- To educate the general public concerning the institution of marriage between persons of particular religious persuasions or none.
- To provide information guidance and advice in so far as the same may be charitable in law to such persons as may have need of such assistance.

Educational Partnership:

NIMMA continues its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and more than 700 of the three NIMMA books were distributed to teachers across the Province in March 2020.

The NIMMA books are used in classroom and workshop situations in integrated schools and on shared campus to foster debate and discussion.

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Public Benefit

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage

vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future.

These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

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Achievements and performance

Media Management:

- NIMMA News – June 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News – September 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News - Christmas 22 edition – issued
- NIMMA News – March 23 edition issued.

External:

Comment' piece by NIMMA in Belfast Telegraph in response to Census results was a great opportunity to raise the brand and spread the message.

- Met with French student Claire-Gabrielle who spent the month of September in Belfast.

Background: "I come from France and am studying medicine in Germany. I am doing this travel in September with the help of the German association ZIS (<https://www.zis-reisen.de/en/start/>), who gives young people the opportunity to travel about a specific subject for one month on their own. I choose this subject as I was very interested about Northern Ireland, and want to learn how is it there and how and to what extent the peace initiative are taking place. I would be very grateful if you could find time so that we can meet and would be looking forward to have an insight of the association work".

- Briefed Belgian freelance Francois Bellerin on GFA progress and mixed marriage.
 - Met with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. We will have a full interview for her four-year reconciliation project in the coming weeks.
 - Met with Allan Leonard from Shared Future News -they produced the book 'My Northern Ireland' – has referred me to a colleague in the printing game with 'some' knowledge of e book production. Unable to help with e pubs of our books, but computer expert Damien Maddalena from the Stories Network is working on this. The 'My Northern Ireland' book proved very successful, according to Allan.
 - Met with Paul Lee from Divided Families Korea. NIMMA featured on the cast this year with great success, according to Paul. He is in Belfast for the next year, studying – as part of his masters – at the city's Trinity College campus. Paul is currently an intern with Healing through Remembering and working with the Stories Network.
 - Met with Dr Alison Garden and Ruth Coon from QUB re their project – an academic exploration of mixed marriage in Ireland in the 20th Century.
 - Interviewed again by author and journalist Malachi O Doherty re his research into a new book, 'How to fix Northern Ireland', about division here. It features a full, comprehensive chapter on mixed marriage.
 - Exchanged memos with Financial Times' Ireland correspondent Jude Webber re mixed marriage in Northern Ireland. She has just taken on the post and found the material very helpful. She will be a useful national contact.
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- Arranged volunteers and provided background material for local journalist Patricia Devlin on behalf of French documentary maker.
- Briefing with Jill Caskey from IEF for progress update on Integrated Education for NIMMA News.
- Briefing with Harry Maher from the Department for Communities on latest progress of shared social housing for NIMMA News.
- Met again with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. Full morning interview recorded for major 4 year project on reconciliation – at last.
- Met with the New Letter's Sam McBride for briefing linked to the GFA anniversary. Sam is arguably the most able journalist in the Province, but he was surprised at the gaps in his knowledge of mixed marriage.
- Background briefing about GFA with Remus from the Japanese newspaper Tokyo Shimbuni. Widespread interest in Japan about all things Northern Ireland.
- Met with Luke Butterly from the Irish Times and the Detail website/podcast for feature about mixed marriage and the GFA. This piece led to a very positive 15 minute interview on Dublin's Newstalk radio.
- **UPDATE:** Met again with Rev David Thompson of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He is part of a committee, set up by PC in Ireland to produce a protocol for mixed marriage.

David will keep us posted on developments.

• **Application results:**

- Application to Spring 22 tranche of Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund – €3000 awarded. Grant received. A further application, Spring 23, is being considered at present. • Attended DFA workshop in anticipation of Spring application.
- Application to the Souter Trust – **declined**.
- Trustees' '22 report sent to Charity Commission.
- Application to Wm A Cadbury Charitable Trust – **declined**.
- Successful applications to **Esme Mitchell Trust** and the **Enkalon Foundation**, grants awarded of £2,000 and £860 respectively.
- Application to the Anchor Foundation – **declined**.
- DFA end of grant report for last year completed.

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house

NIMMA Books:

- Pdf copies of all three books are now available.

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Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. There has been no movement since last phase of shared housing development was completed. The Department has advised that things are static at the minute due to impasse with NI Executive. There are plans for future developments, money was available from last year's budget, but these are now on hold because of central government cuts to the NI budget and the continuing suspension of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network (SN). One Zoom meeting and one actual meeting have been held in the past 18 months. SN is also a useful and wide-ranging network of diverse contacts.

SUMMARY

A good year, when continued media and academic interest, particularly about the anniversary of the GFA – local and international – was complimented by a degree of success in sourcing funding.

NIMMA remains a high-profile provider of background in all things reconciliation, driven by our website – 45,000 hits in the past six months - and our network of contacts. Sourcing funding remains a challenge, but value-for-money in these difficult times is always a good selling point in any application.

Finally, NIMMA is all about people and, sadly, one of our best people died this year. Stephen and wife Ann featured in 'Mixed Emotions' and that four-hour first interview led to a lasting friendship. Stephen was always willing to help NIMMA, always keen to help others and always a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day.

Financial review

The organisation had total payments of £6,057 and total receipts of £5,707 creating a deficit of £350. Cash funds at the year end totalled to £8,302.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income. Apart from small donations and subscriptions from members all our funding is grant based. We do not have any regular guaranteed funding. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 March 2023 would be £5,000. This is based on the average monthly costs to run the office and cover general overheads and expenditure.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29/9/23 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


H Nelson
Trustee

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by with section 63 of the 2008 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

FINEGAN GIBSON LTD
Independent Examiner

Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Department of FA	2,473	-	-	2,473	2,500
Grants	2,860	-	-	2,860	4,000
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	9	-	-	9	10
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	365	-	-	365	325
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	-	-	-	-	29
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	5,430	-	-	5,430	5,602
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	26	26
Governance costs	601	-	-	601	542
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
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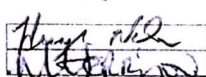
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B2 Other monetary assets	<small>Debts</small>	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs Unrestricted	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	<small>Debts</small>			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H Nelson (Chairperson)
 M Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval
 29/3/23
 26/3/23

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Esmée Mitchell Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Anchor Funding	-	-	-	-
John Moore	-	-	-	4,000
Cadbury	-	-	-	-
St Annes	-	-	-	-
Enkalon Foundation	860	-	860	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin	-	-	-	-
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	-
Department for Foreign Affairs	2,473	-	2,473	2,500
Total	5,333	-	5,333	6,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	-	-	-	-	-	29
Annual Subscriptions	365	-	-	-	365	325
Bank Interest	9	-	-	-	9	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	374	-	-	-	374	364

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	4,643	-	-	-	4,643	5,482
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & petty cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	120
Computer expenses	594	-	-	-	594	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountants Fee	540	-	-	-	540	504
Bank Fees	61	-	-	-	61	38
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses	10	-	-	-	10	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	-	26	26
AGM	63	-	-	-	63	-
Total	6,057	-	-	-	6,057	6,171

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104842

Annual return

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Finegan Gibson Ltd
Chartered accountant
Causeway Tower
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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

M Harrison
K Dunn
H Nelson (Chairman)
A Olding-Smee
M Dunn
W Olding-Smee
P McLaughlin

Accountants

Finegan Gibson Ltd
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chair's report

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association (NIMMA) is a volunteer-based group, formed in 1974, that has spent nearly 50 years fostering reconciliation on the island of Ireland. NIMMA's main aim is to create tolerance and acceptance of mixed marriage and, ideally, to reach a time of reconciliation when an organisation like NIMMA is no longer required.

To that end,

- a) it provides information, advice and support to couples either in or contemplating mixed marriage
- b) it gives talks to a range of community and educational groups, as well as universities, colleges and schools and distributes educational publications relating to mixed marriage
- c) it produces a bi-monthly newsletter, which is distributed widely throughout the island of Ireland to press, clergy, educationalists, politicians, opinion formers and the general public
- d) it collates and presents reports to church bodies, networks with cross-community groups and youth umbrella groups such as Youth Action
- e) it represents Northern Ireland at international conferences
- f) it lobbies for extended integrated education through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- g) it lobbies for an increase in shared social housing through its partnership with the Northern Ireland Department of Social Development
- h) it provides background briefings about reconciliation to journalists, broadcasters and academics

NIMMA is perceived as an agent for social change in Northern Ireland, is the first port of call for local media on topics such as reconciliation and advocates mixed marriage as a 'normal thing' in a healthy society and one that can provide a blueprint for a truly shared future. Its work of reconciliation impacts on thousands of people on this island through pastoral care that radiates through extended families, an educational strategy that targets secondary school pupils and teachers and management of the media.

Another year over and a time to reflect perhaps. I too have been thinking back over the years and marvelling just a little at just how prescient NIMMA has been about reconciliation in this part of the world. And it is that prescience, that insight and farsightedness into what our people need and what they deserve that rings so true after all these years. One word can sum up what NIMMA is all about and that is continuity.

We continue to offer information and support to individuals, couples and families that can prove vital in personal relationships. The emotional glue that keeps couples and families together. We still lobby to influence individuals, organisations and policy makers and continue to contribute to the development of practice and to changes in policy.

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We continue to lead by example and we provide practical help through our advisory helpline service to couples needing support. We still engage with statutory organisations to offer policy advice. The times are changing certainly, but NIMMA was always years ahead of the others in the struggle to bring normality and reconciliation and we have always felt frustration over the pace of change.

Mixed marriage has shown the example of tolerance and accommodation that this society should follow.

We continue our efforts, pioneering as they were only a few short years ago, in the field of shared social housing, where a kind of normality, envisioned by NIMMA twenty years ago, is being lived out by families in shared neighbourhoods across the Province. We also continue to contribute to the debate about legacy through our active membership of the Stories Network. Years ago, NIMMA urged mature debate about diversity and division in our society. Others, some just recently, have realised that this is indeed the way forward.

The recent results from the 2021 census seem to have come as a wake-up call to many who have been sleepwalking for years and mixed marriage must be part of the new conversations that will have to take place.

Questions about the subject still seem somewhat distant, but the census itself will change and this brings opportunity. There is talk of radical reform with more frequently asked questions, a shorter-term focus and a chance to measure and establish statistical evidence about such *grey areas* as mixed marriage. It is our hope that we can continue to strive for this.

Yes, NIMMA can take a pride in its continuity. We have led the way on things like a shared future and shared housing by showing the example of shared lives that welcome change. We continue to work our little bit of magic in areas that others have largely ignored because NIMMA is about people and respect. We continue to put the two together at every opportunity and look to the challenging months ahead with the kind of optimism that only sustained and uninterrupted continuity can provide.

At all times, the NIMMA trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association was established by a Trust Deed in 1982. There were subsequent amending deeds in 1996 and 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Subject as hereinafter mentioned the Policy and General Management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") which shall meet not less than four times a year and shall consist of the Office Bearers of the Association and not less than four members or honorary members of the Association who shall be elected in manner hereinafter appearing.

Nominations from members of the Association for membership of the Committee must be in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least three days before the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by a ballot of the members of the Association present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Committee may co-opt up to four further members or honorary members of the Association to serve on the Committee of Management until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting after co-option provided that the number of co-opted members shall not

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exceed the number of elected members (other than office bearers) of the Committee as prescribed above. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee may appoint on such terms as to duties and remuneration as it may determine all such staff, not being members of the committee, as may in its opinion be necessary.

The Committee may appoint such Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups or Working Parties of its own members and other persons as it may from time to time decide is necessary for the carrying out of its work and may determine their terms of reference, their compositions and the duration of their activities. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their activities to the Committee.

The quorum at a Meeting of the Committee shall be four of whom two shall be office bearers or such other number as the Committee may from time to time determine.

Trustees Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Constitution of the Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees.

Organisation Structure

The Management Committee administers the charity. It meets monthly.

Related Parties and Co-Operation with other Organisations

The charity has close relationships with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Department for Communities, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the reconciliation charity Healing Through Remembering.

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Risk Management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

They have identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due.

Objectives and activities

- The Association is established to benefit the community in Northern Ireland through the advancement of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.
- To educate the general public concerning the institution of marriage between persons of particular religious persuasions or none.
- To provide information guidance and advice in so far as the same may be charitable in law to such persons as may have need of such assistance.

Educational Partnership:

NIMMA continues its partnership with the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) and more than 700 of the three NIMMA books were distributed to teachers across the Province in March 2020.

The NIMMA books are used in classroom and workshop situations in integrated schools and on shared campus to foster debate and discussion.

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Public Benefit

Mixed marriage couples and their extended families will receive pastoral care, information and support, as well as access to an office/focal point of contact and the expertise of experienced NIMMA members. This will enable them to prepare for being in a mixed marriage or raising children in a mixed marriage, help couples decide what is best for them and their families and help to alleviate suffering that can occur in these circumstances.

The Northern Ireland public will have a better-educated and balanced view of mixed marriage, while local school-age teenagers will learn about the realities of mixed marriage

vis-a-vis the conflict and the reconciliation process. The shared present of mixed marriage can be a blueprint for the shared future envisaged in Northern Ireland governmental initiatives.

NIMMA will continue to help to break down segregation, in the wider sense of bringing individuals, couples, extended families and communities together and also through its work in promoting and assisting integrated education and its consultative role in the provision of shared social housing. NIMMA promotes tolerance, accommodation and compromise through its pastoral work, media strategy, educational policy and its use of customised publications aimed at our young people as essential building blocks for a truly shared future.

These benefits are (will be) demonstrated through feedback from users, by evaluating enquiry numbers and website activity and press/media response to initiatives.

The charity's beneficiaries are mixed marriage couples and their extended families, but also the general public in terms of increased knowledge and awareness.

The only private benefit flowing from this purpose, and it is incidental, is that those who provide the pastoral care involved will gain in experience and expertise on the subject of mixed marriage.

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Achievements and performance

Media Management:

- NIMMA News – June 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News – September 22 edition issued
- NIMMA News - Christmas 22 edition – issued
- NIMMA News – March 23 edition issued.

External:

Comment' piece by NIMMA in Belfast Telegraph in response to Census results was a great opportunity to raise the brand and spread the message.

- Met with French student Claire-Gabrielle who spent the month of September in Belfast.

Background: "I come from France and am studying medicine in Germany. I am doing this travel in September with the help of the German association ZIS (<https://www.zis-reisen.de/en/start/>), who gives young people the opportunity to travel about a specific subject for one month on their own. I choose this subject as I was very interested about Northern Ireland, and want to learn how is it there and how and to what extent the peace initiative are taking place. I would be very grateful if you could find time so that we can meet and would be looking forward to have an insight of the association work".

- Briefed Belgian freelance Francois Bellerin on GFA progress and mixed marriage.
 - Met with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. We will have a full interview for her four-year reconciliation project in the coming weeks.
 - Met with Allan Leonard from Shared Future News -they produced the book 'My Northern Ireland' – has referred me to a colleague in the printing game with 'some' knowledge of e book production. Unable to help with e pubs of our books, but computer expert Damien Maddalena from the Stories Network is working on this. The 'My Northern Ireland' book proved very successful, according to Allan.
 - Met with Paul Lee from Divided Families Korea. NIMMA featured on the cast this year with great success, according to Paul. He is in Belfast for the next year, studying – as part of his masters – at the city's Trinity College campus. Paul is currently an intern with Healing through Remembering and working with the Stories Network.
 - Met with Dr Alison Garden and Ruth Coon from QUB re their project – an academic exploration of mixed marriage in Ireland in the 20th Century.
 - Interviewed again by author and journalist Malachi O Doherty re his research into a new book, 'How to fix Northern Ireland', about division here. It features a full, comprehensive chapter on mixed marriage.
 - Exchanged memos with Financial Times' Ireland correspondent Jude Webber re mixed marriage in Northern Ireland. She has just taken on the post and found the material very helpful. She will be a useful national contact.
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- Arranged volunteers and provided background material for local journalist Patricia Devlin on behalf of French documentary maker.
- Briefing with Jill Caskey from IEF for progress update on Integrated Education for NIMMA News.
- Briefing with Harry Maher from the Department for Communities on latest progress of shared social housing for NIMMA News.
- Met again with Dr Ruth Duffy from QUB. Full morning interview recorded for major 4 year project on reconciliation – at last.
- Met with the New Letter's Sam McBride for briefing linked to the GFA anniversary. Sam is arguably the most able journalist in the Province, but he was surprised at the gaps in his knowledge of mixed marriage.
- Background briefing about GFA with Remus from the Japanese newspaper Tokyo Shimbuni. Widespread interest in Japan about all things Northern Ireland.
- Met with Luke Butterly from the Irish Times and the Detail website/podcast for feature about mixed marriage and the GFA. This piece led to a very positive 15 minute interview on Dublin's Newstalk radio.
- **UPDATE:** Met again with Rev David Thompson of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He is part of a committee, set up by PC in Ireland to produce a protocol for mixed marriage.

David will keep us posted on developments.

• **Application results:**

- Application to Spring 22 tranche of Department of Foreign Affairs' Reconciliation Fund – €3000 awarded. Grant received. A further application, Spring 23, is being considered at present. • Attended DFA workshop in anticipation of Spring application.
- Application to the Souter Trust – **declined**.
- Trustees' '22 report sent to Charity Commission.
- Application to Wm A Cadbury Charitable Trust – **declined**.
- Successful applications to **Esme Mitchell Trust** and the **Enkalon Foundation**, grants awarded of £2,000 and £860 respectively.
- Application to the Anchor Foundation – **declined**.
- DFA end of grant report for last year completed.

Accommodation:

IT provider - TIBUS – NIMMA's 30 day rolling contract continues.

Paul working from home. Office library transferred to his house

NIMMA Books:

- Pdf copies of all three books are now available.

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Housing:

NIMMA remains a member of the TBUC housing sub-group. There has been no movement since last phase of shared housing development was completed. The Department has advised that things are static at the minute due to impasse with NI Executive. There are plans for future developments, money was available from last year's budget, but these are now on hold because of central government cuts to the NI budget and the continuing suspension of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Stories Network:

NIMMA remains a member of the Stories' Network (SN). One Zoom meeting and one actual meeting have been held in the past 18 months. SN is also a useful and wide-ranging network of diverse contacts.

SUMMARY

A good year, when continued media and academic interest, particularly about the anniversary of the GFA – local and international – was complimented by a degree of success in sourcing funding.

NIMMA remains a high-profile provider of background in all things reconciliation, driven by our website – 45,000 hits in the past six months - and our network of contacts. Sourcing funding remains a challenge, but value-for-money in these difficult times is always a good selling point in any application.

Finally, NIMMA is all about people and, sadly, one of our best people died this year. Stephen and wife Ann featured in 'Mixed Emotions' and that four-hour first interview led to a lasting friendship. Stephen was always willing to help NIMMA, always keen to help others and always a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day.

Financial review

The organisation had total payments of £6,057 and total receipts of £5,707 creating a deficit of £350. Cash funds at the year end totalled to £8,302.

Reserves

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income. Apart from small donations and subscriptions from members all our funding is grant based. We do not have any regular guaranteed funding. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 March 2023 would be £5,000. This is based on the average monthly costs to run the office and cover general overheads and expenditure.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29/9/23 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


H Nelson
Trustee

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act'). You are satisfied that your charity is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by with section 63 of the 2008 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act; or
4. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

FINEGAN GIBSON LTD
Independent Examiner

Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Department of FA	2,473	-	-	2,473	2,500
Grants	2,860	-	-	2,860	4,000
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	9	-	-	9	10
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	365	-	-	365	325
Charitable trading receipts - sale of books	-	-	-	-	29
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,707	-	-	5,707	6,864
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	5,430	-	-	5,430	5,602
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	26	26
Governance costs	601	-	-	601	542
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,057	-	-	6,057	6,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 350	-	-	- 350	693
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,652	-	-	8,652	7,959
Cash funds this year end	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No.1 Account	£ 2,476	-	-	2,476	1,277
	No.2 Account	£ 5,826	-	-	5,826	7,375
	Total cash funds	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,652
	<small>(egts. and payments account \$1)</small>		OK	OK		

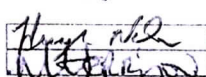
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	<small>Debts</small>	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs Unrestricted	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<small>Debts</small>		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	<small>Debts</small>			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H Nelson (Chairperson)
 M Harrison (Treasurer)

Date of approval
 29/3/23
 26/3/23

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Esmée Mitchell Trust	2,000	-	2,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-
Anchor Funding	-	-	-	-
John Moore	-	-	-	4,000
Cadbury	-	-	-	-
St Annes	-	-	-	-
Enkalon Foundation	860	-	860	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin	-	-	-	-
Saucer Charity	-	-	-	-
Department for Foreign Affairs	2,473	-	2,473	2,500
Total	5,333	-	5,333	6,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sale of Books	-	-	-	-	-	29
Annual Subscriptions	365	-	-	-	365	325
Bank Interest	9	-	-	-	9	10
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	374	-	-	-	374	364

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Wages & Salaries	4,643	-	-	-	4,643	5,482
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & petty cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	120	-	-	-	120	120
Computer expenses	594	-	-	-	594	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountants Fee	540	-	-	-	540	504
Bank Fees	61	-	-	-	61	38
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses	10	-	-	-	10	-
Corrymeela	26	-	-	-	26	26
AGM	63	-	-	-	63	-
Total	6,057	-	-	-	6,057	6,171

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1	Restricted fund 2			Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

Nature and purpose of funds

