

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2022

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

Charity registration number NIC104842

Principal office

The trustees

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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.

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 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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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.

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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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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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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.

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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Charity Name

Charity No. (if any)

Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

NIC104842

Charity
Commission

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
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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	542	-	-	542	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
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Net of receipts/(payments)

693				693	6,492
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A5 Transfers between funds

7,959				7,959	1,467
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Cash funds this year end

8,652				8,652	7,959
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No.1 Account	£ 1,277	-	-	1,277	1,449
	No.2 Account	£ 7,375	-	-	7,375	6,510
			-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	8,652	-	-	8,652	7,959

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

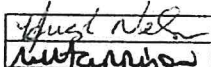
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets		Unrestricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

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

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

25/07/22
27/07/22

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	£
		1	
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
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C6 Other information

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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

