

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104842**

**Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2024**

**Finegan Gibson Ltd**  
**Chartered accountant**  
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# **Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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# Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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  
P McLaughlin

### Accountants

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# Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

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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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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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- 50<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### **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 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Hugh Nelson  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2024



# Northern Ireland Mixed Marriage Association

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

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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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 2024.

### **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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## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>5,707</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>5,707</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>6,057</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>6,057</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,123</b>	<b>- 350</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,302</b>	<b>8,652</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>8,302</b>

**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	£ 1,895	-	-	1,895	2,476
	No.2 Account	£ 2,284	-	-	2,284	5,827
			-	-	-	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>8,303</b>
	Receipts and payments account(s)		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	Details	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

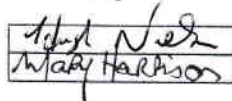
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Details	Unrestricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

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

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

**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	£
<b>Total</b>			

Authority under which paid	£
	0
	0
	0
Total	

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

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

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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	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
	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
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	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
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	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
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	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
<b>Receipts</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<b>Payments</b>						
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	
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<i>Net receipts / (payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Surplus / (deficit) for year</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
					OK	

**Nature and purpose of funds**

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