

# **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).

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

## 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~~  
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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

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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  
14<sup>th</sup> 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 less 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.

## 80 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.

#### 8.4.2 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,

#### 8.4.3 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**

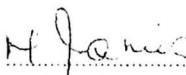
If the Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote of which meeting not less than 21 days notice (stating the 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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		-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	4,646	-	-	4,646	1,311
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	4,646	-	-	4,646	1,311
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	7,708	-	-	7,708	5,435
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made		-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	7,708	-	-	7,708	5,435
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 3,062	-	-	- 3,062	4,124
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	4,179	-	-		
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,117	-	-	3,062	4,124

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

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

### B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained  
for the charity's own  
use

### B5 Liabilities

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Hugh Nelson (Chairperson)  
Mary Harrison (Treasurer)

13	6	25
13	6	25



**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.

## 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