

The James Kane Foundation

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105396

Details

Status	Received
Company number	637659
Registered	2016-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's Objects are: 3.1.1 to advance education for the public benefit in Portadown and its environs in particular and elsewhere in Northern Ireland ("the area of benefit") whether directly to individuals or indirectly through education bodies such as schools, colleges and third level institutions or employers by the provision of funding for work experience, employment opportunities or training opportunities or for preparation for entry to any occupation, vocation, trade or profession or to enhance career development, skills and competencies within the area of benefit or for the benefit of the public connected to the area of benefit provided that the funding will not be used for anything which schools and colleges have a statutory duty to provide; and 3.1.2 to promote any other purpose which is exclusively charitable according to the law of Northern Ireland. Nothing in the articles shall authorise an application of the property of the Charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with s.2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training,Grant making

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-30	£169,328	£508,264	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Charles Jenkins		
Mr Gavin Boyd		
Mr Michael Wilson		
Mr Paul Sweeney		
Mrs Lynn Connaughton		
Mrs Mary Montgomery		
Sir Gerard Loughran		

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Accounts

The James Kane Foundation
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Investments	2	169,328	169,328	177,472
Total income		169,328	169,328	177,472
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3,4	113,371	113,371	101,907
Charitable activities	6	394,893	394,893	558,650
Total expenditure		508,264	508,264	660,557
Net expenditure before net gains on investments		(338,936)	(338,936)	(483,085)
Net gains on investments	9	40,386	40,386	235,922
Net movement in funds		(298,550)	(298,550)	(247,163)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		5,507,249	5,507,249	5,754,412
Net movement in funds		(298,550)	(298,550)	(247,163)
Total funds carried forward		5,208,699	5,208,699	5,507,249

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	5,088,064	5,357,467
		<u>5,088,064</u>	<u>5,357,467</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	14,434	37,769
Cash at bank and in hand		126,779	176,184
		<u>141,213</u>	<u>213,953</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(20,578)	(64,171)
Net current assets		<u>120,635</u>	<u>149,782</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>5,208,699</u>	<u>5,507,249</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>5,208,699</u>	<u>5,507,249</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>5,208,699</u></u>	<u><u>5,507,249</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	-	-
Unrestricted funds	12	5,208,699	5,507,249
Total funds		<u><u>5,208,699</u></u>	<u><u>5,507,249</u></u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Michael Wilson

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The James Kane Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The charity has elected not to include a cash flow statement in the financial statements, as it qualifies as a small entity under the Charity SORP (FRS 102) criteria. The decision is based on the charity's size, as it does not meet the thresholds requiring the preparation of a cash flow statement.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Foundation will continue its operations for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have considered the Foundation's current financial position, including its cash reserves and the substantial value of its investments. As of the reporting date, the Foundation holds cash balances and liquid assets sufficient to meet its short-term obligations and fund ongoing operations. Additionally, the value of its investment portfolio provides a strong financial cushion, supporting liquidity needs even in the event of unforeseen challenges.

Therefore, there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	169,328	169,328	177,472
Total 2024	177,472	177,472	

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3. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Audit, accountancy and advisory fees	5,400	5,400	5,040
Insurance	369	369	357
Bank charges	71	71	53
Management costs	70,833	70,833	61,667
Marketing & Website hosting	286	286	-
Bookkeeping fees	3,351	3,351	1,620
Additional Room hire charges	-	-	316
Events and Hospitality	602	602	210
	<u>80,912</u>	<u>80,912</u>	<u>69,263</u>
Total 2024	<u>69,263</u>	<u>69,263</u>	

4. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment management fees	32,460	32,460	32,644
	<u>32,460</u>	<u>32,460</u>	<u>32,644</u>
Total 2024	<u>32,644</u>	<u>32,644</u>	

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5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
MEGA	104,793	104,793	42,500
EOTAS	93,136	93,136	-
North Belfast Digital Hub Foundation	85,000	85,000	50,000
Workplus	38,000	38,000	-
Young Enterprise	18,308	18,308	-
Stranmillis Research Project	15,921	15,921	-
Supporting Communities Bursary	11,135	11,135	-
Southern Regional College Bursary	10,800	10,800	-
Shankill Principals Primary Group	10,000	10,000	-
Other	7,800	7,800	108,045
SistersIN Leadership Programme	-	-	60,000
Schools Cost of Living Grants	-	-	140,250
St Louise's College	-	-	90,400
Bursaries and Grants	-	-	67,455
	<u>394,893</u>	<u>394,893</u>	<u>558,650</u>
Total 2024	<u>558,650</u>	<u>558,650</u>	

At the year end, the charity had approved grants totalling £1,684,002 to projects. These grants are subject to specific conditions being met before payment is made. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), such conditional grants are not recognised as liabilities at the balance sheet date, as the conditions had not been fulfilled.

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
MEGA	104,793	104,793	42,500
Other	183,165	183,165	108,045
SisterIN Leadership Programme	-	-	60,000
Schools Cost of Living Grants	-	-	140,250
North Belfast Digital	85,000	85,000	50,000
St Louise's College	-	-	90,400
Bursaries and Grants	21,935	21,935	67,455
	<u>394,893</u>	<u>394,893</u>	<u>558,650</u>
Total 2024	<u>558,650</u>	<u>558,650</u>	

7. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £5,400 (2024 - £5,400).

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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9. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2024	5,357,467
Additions	680,851
Disposals	(990,641)
Revaluations	40,386
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At 31 May 2025	5,088,064 <hr/> <hr/>
 Net book value	
At 31 May 2025	5,088,064 <hr/>
At 31 May 2024	5,357,467 <hr/> <hr/>

10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	14,434	37,769
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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	368	56,100
Accruals and deferred income	20,210	8,071
	<u>20,578</u>	<u>64,171</u>

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 May 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	5,507,249	169,328	(508,264)	40,386	5,208,699
	<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>169,328</u>	<u>(508,264)</u>	<u>40,386</u>	<u>5,208,699</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 May 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	5,754,412	177,472	(660,557)	235,922	5,507,249
	<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>177,472</u>	<u>(660,557)</u>	<u>235,922</u>	<u>5,507,249</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fixed asset investments	5,088,064	5,088,064
Current assets	141,213	141,213
Creditors due within one year	(20,578)	(20,578)
Total	<u><u>5,208,699</u></u>	<u><u>5,208,699</u></u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	5,357,467	5,357,467
Current assets	213,953	213,953
Creditors due within one year	(64,171)	(64,171)
Total	<u><u>5,507,249</u></u>	<u><u>5,507,249</u></u>

14. Related party transactions

Mr M Wilson, Sir G Loughran and Mr G Boyd declared conflicts of interest as members of the Board of Governors of St Malachy's College, Belfast which was paid a grant of £85,000 in respect of the North Belfast Creative Digital Hub.

Mr C. Jenkins declared a conflict of interest in respect of the MEGA Project which received grant funding of £104,793 during the year.

Mrs M. Montgomery declared a conflict of interest in respect of Shankill Area Learning Group which received grant funding of £10,000..

Mrs L. Connaughton declared a conflict of interest in respect of EOTAS which received grant funding of £93,136 in this financial year.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Investment income	2	177,472	177,472	161,350
Total income		177,472	177,472	161,350
Expenditure on:				
Governance costs	3,4	101,907	101,907	96,368
Charitable activities	5	558,650	558,650	358,745
Total expenditure		660,557	660,557	455,113
Net expenditure before net gains/(losses) on investments		(483,085)	(483,085)	(293,763)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		235,922	235,922	(333,841)
Net movement in funds		(247,163)	(247,163)	(627,604)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		5,754,412	5,754,412	6,382,016
Net movement in funds		(247,163)	(247,163)	(627,604)
Total funds carried forward		5,507,249	5,507,249	5,754,412

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Registered number: NI637659

Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	5,357,467	5,282,345
Current assets			
Debtors	9	37,769	33,906
Cash at bank and in hand		176,184	445,511
		<u>213,953</u>	<u>479,417</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(64,171)	(7,350)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>
Total net assets		<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>
Total funds		<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 26 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

MW Wilson

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The James Kane Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The charity has elected not to include a cash flow statement in the financial statements, as it qualifies as a small entity under the Charity SORP (FRS 102) criteria. The decision is based on the charity's size, as it does not meet the thresholds requiring the preparation of a cash flow statement.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Foundation will continue its operations for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the approval of these financial statements.

The Trustees have considered the Foundation's current financial position, including its cash reserves and the substantial value of its investments. As of the reporting date, the Foundation holds cash balances and liquid assets sufficient to meet its short-term obligations and fund ongoing operations. Additionally, the value of its investment portfolio provides a strong financial cushion, supporting liquidity needs even in the event of unforeseen challenges.

Therefore, there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure (continued)

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	177,472	177,472	161,350
Total 2023	161,350	161,350	

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

3. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Audit, accountancy and advisory fees	5,040	5,040	11,160
Insurance	357	357	352
Bank charges	53	53	61
Management costs	61,667	61,667	50,000
Marketing and PR	-	-	458
Bookkeeping fees	1,620	1,620	1,260
Additional Room hire charges	316	316	-
Events and Hospitality	210	210	-
Total 2024	<u>69,263</u>	<u>69,263</u>	<u>63,291</u>
Total 2023	<u>63,291</u>	<u>63,291</u>	

4. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment management fees	32,644	32,644	33,077

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
MEGA	42,500	42,500	42,500
Other	108,045	108,045	25,830
SistersIN Leadership Programme	60,000	60,000	17,880
Workplus - Shared Apprenticeship Agency	-	-	15,750
North Belfast Digital Hub	50,000	50,000	121,000
Schools Cost of Living Grants	140,250	140,250	135,785
St Louise's College	90,400	90,400	-
Bursaries and Grants	67,455	67,455	-
Total	<u>558,650</u>	<u>558,650</u>	<u>358,745</u>

6. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £5,400 (2023 - £4,320).

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2024, expenses totalling £nil were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees. (2023 - £144).

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8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2023	5,282,346
Additions	317,514
Disposals	(478,315)
Revaluations	235,922
At 31 May 2024	<u>5,357,467</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2024	<u>5,357,467</u>
At 31 May 2023	<u>5,282,346</u>

9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	37,769	33,906
	<u>37,769</u>	<u>33,906</u>

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10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	56,100	-
Accruals and deferred income	8,071	7,350
	<u>64,171</u>	<u>7,350</u>

11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 May 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	5,754,412	177,472	(660,557)	235,922	5,507,249
	<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>177,472</u>	<u>(660,557)</u>	<u>235,922</u>	<u>5,507,249</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 June 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 May 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	6,382,016	161,350	(455,113)	(333,841)	5,754,412
	<u>6,382,016</u>	<u>161,350</u>	<u>(455,113)</u>	<u>(333,841)</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	5,357,467	5,357,467
Current assets	213,953	213,953
Creditors due within one year	(64,171)	(64,171)
Total	<u>5,507,249</u>	<u>5,507,249</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	5,282,345	5,282,345
Current assets	479,416	479,416
Creditors due within one year	(7,350)	(7,350)
Total	<u>5,754,411</u>	<u>5,754,411</u>

13. Related party transactions

Mr M Wilson was a member of the Board of Governors of the Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch. The Assumption Grammar School operates the SistersIN Leadership Programme which was paid a grant of £60,000 during the year.

Mr M Wilson, Sir G Loughran and Mr G Boyd are members of the Board of Governors of St Malachy's College Belfast which was paid a grant of £50,000 in respect of the North Belfast Creative Digital Hub.

Mr C Jenkins declared a conflict of interest in respect of the MEGA Project which received grant funding of £42,500 during the year.

The James Kane Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105396

Annual report

Registered number: NI637659
Charity number: NIC105396

The James Kane Foundation
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
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Trustees

- G Boyd
- L Connaughton
- CG Jenkins
- Sir G Loughran
- M Montgomery
- Professor MA Price
- P Sweeney
- MW Wilson, Chair

Company registered number NI637659

Charity registered number NIC105396

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Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

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Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of The James Kane Foundation, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, is:

"To advance education for the public benefit in Portadown and its environs in particular and elsewhere in Northern Ireland whether directly to individuals or indirectly through education bodies such as schools, colleges or third level institutions or employers by the provision of funding for work experience, employment opportunities or training opportunities or for preparation for entry to any occupation, vocation, trade or profession or to enhance career development, skills and competencies within the area of benefit provided that the funding will not be used for anything which schools or colleges have a statutory duty to provide"

And

"To provide any other purpose which is exclusively charitable according to the law of NI"

b. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The focus of the Charity's activities in the period has been to deliver on its objectives through a mixture of direct funding to educational and other charitable bodies, and also through a series of collaborative programmes with, and the provision of funding support to, other charities, educational, training and skills bodies.

The Charity has supported a range of projects including direct bursaries for those faced with financial barriers to education and employment; and made significant investment in school food programmes and cost of living support for schools and families in deprived areas across Northern Ireland. There was also investment in pilot projects supporting work placements, coding initiatives for those not in school and leadership programmes for Year 13 girls. The Charity financed mentoring and apprenticeships within the engineering sector and committed to champion digital technology across all subjects of the post-primary curriculum. At a strategic level it has supported research projects that assess current delivery models within schools and within the wider workforce. The Charity continues to engage with a range of stakeholders to enable Trustees to keep abreast of wider policy development, initiatives, trends, and emerging needs that can help inform its ongoing and strategic decision making.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

The charity holds its funds in investments and draw these down as needed to meet its grant commitments. The availability of significant cash funds to the Charity has afforded the Trustees the opportunity to carefully and strategically consider the charitable opportunities now open to it, and the manner in which it can make a meaningful and substantial impact in the short and longer term.

b. Review of activities

The following achievements and performance reflect the main expenditure in the year and mostly came in the form of the provision of grants.

- **Workplus Ltd Shared Apprenticeship Agency Research (Year 2)** - £4,350 of funding was approved to support a consultation process with a variety of stakeholders, including the Department of Education, further education colleges and universities, training organisations and the Federation of Small Businesses, exploring the viability of a Shared Apprenticeship Agency.
- **Workplus Developing transversal skills in young people** - £22,680 to provide support and training for teachers at 12 schools across the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, giving young people access to skills assessment, career planner and a work experience platform.
- **SistersIN** - £60,000 provided to employ a Director of Growth and Operations. SistersIN is a Leadership Programme which aims to foster girls' leadership capacity and confidence amongst its Sixth Form students. In 2023/24 it has almost 400 active mentors from 134 organisations across 71 professions, engaged 379 pupils from 28 schools in over 1700 hours of mentoring and 370 job shadow days. It has been formally endorsed by the William J Clinton Leadership Institute and hosted a 2048 – The Future Starts Now speaking event at Stormont and had over 1,000 attendees at a celebration event.
- **MEGA Apprenticeship Mentoring and Support Officer Role** - £42,500 in this year. The Foundation continues to support this project which seeks to encourage and retain engineering apprenticeships by providing essential mentor support. There now are 44 Degree Apprenticeship Employers, 70 member companies, 54 fee paying members and a master's degree apprenticeship with Queen's University Belfast and a series of Masterclasses.
- **Dickson Plan – Joint Mentor Scheme** - £60,000 towards a shared resource of mentor / youth / family worker for Pupils of Clounagh Junior High School, Killicomaine Junior High School, Lurgan Junior High School and Tandragee Junior High School.
- **Supporting Communities – James Kane Foundation Scholarship** £7,335 - targets students in the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council (ABC) area who are applying to Queen's or Ulster University to study STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) degrees. Successfully recruited students studying physics and computer science.
- **Southern Regional College Scholarship Award** - £5,400 to support financially disadvantaged higher education students living within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon council area to help students stay in education and complete their course by using this funding to pay tuition fees and other course related costs such as equipment, materials, and travel expenses. Three students were successful this year.

The Charity has also worked with a number of other organisation's and approved support to:

- **ABC Area Post Primary Bursary Programme** – £15,000 for a programme operating within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council area, which is intended to alleviate financial barriers for those wishing to move to higher education and or employment from secondary schools.

Trustees' Report (continued)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

- **Mary Ann McCracken Bursary programme (Year 3)** - For a third year, the James Kane Foundation, the Mary Ann McCracken Charity and Belfast Charitable Society along with independent funder the Hunter Smyth Fund, LFT Charitable Fund and the Raj Darshna Foundation supported the Mary Ann McCracken bursary programme for twelve post primary schools in North Belfast. Each school within the North Belfast Area Learning Community received up to £2,500 to support pupils (16+ year-olds) who face financial barriers which may prevent them from continuing to AS / A-Level, further or higher education, employment or apprenticeship.
- **North Belfast Creative Digital Hub** - £50,000 has been committed to a project, based in St Malachy's College, Belfast, to develop and champion the use of digital technology in all subject areas of the post-primary curriculum which includes the provision of access to four other North Belfast Post Primary schools.
- **Schools Cost of Living Grants** - £137,220 was committed to fund school food programmes, 30 schools from some of the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland were provided with financial support to help schools and families amid the cost-of-living crisis and to ensure children were fed, ready to concentrate and. The schools ranged from St Cecilia's College, Derry to Brownlow College, Craigavon. Since Belfast Charitable Society started this initiative, other funders in addition to the Charity have also come on board to support schools with food programmes. These include Ulster Garden Villages and the ARN fund, amounting to nearly £250,000 of funding. During the period, the Charity has had ongoing engagement with several organisations in order to ascertain the nature and extent of current challenges facing the education, training and employment sectors in Northern Ireland, and the barriers facing young people moving between these sectors.

Marketing and Promotion:

The Charity continues its online and social media profiles, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. This has allowed it to engage with a wider audience, and to better promote its charitable activities with relevant audiences and stakeholders and is updated on a regular basis

c. Investment policy and performance

The Charity's funds are managed by Rathbones (formerly Investec), with whom the Charity has agreed the terms of management of its portfolio. These include a medium-term investment time horizon of 5 years, with a low/medium attitude to risk. This is regularly reviewed with Rathbones to ensure that the needs of the Charity for income and capital investment are adequately balanced. In common with many similar organisations, the performance of the Charity's investments may be adversely affected by the UK and worldwide economic challenges, but the Trustees are satisfied that the nature of the investments is prudent, and that the ongoing attitude to risk remains appropriate.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Material investments policy

The Trustees have developed an investment policy with Rathbones which is reviewed at least annually. This policy seeks to balance risk and return on investments for the optimal benefit of the Charity.

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c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The challenges facing the UK and global economies have increased the risk of educational and employment poverty. The Charity does not consider that this poses a material risk to its financial well-being.

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Trustees have appointed Financial Investment Advisors to provide advice on the financial risk management of its cash balances seeking to balance risk with optimising the return for the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity, number NIC105396.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Members' liability

The Members of the Charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Charity in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and;
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, SumerAuditCo NI Ltd (formerly ASM (B) Ltd), were appointed, following a tender process. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



MW Wilson

Date: 26 November 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The James Kane Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 May 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 May 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation (continued)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We considered the opportunities and incentives that exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas, Management override of controls and revenue recognition. We discussed these risks with client management and designed audit procedures to respond to these risks by testing a sample of journals posted throughout the year, and to test a sample of income items received during the year.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

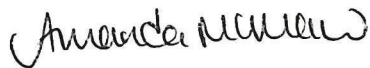
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Amanda McMaw (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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Statutory Auditors

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26 November 2024

Sumer AuditCo NI Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The James Kane Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105396

Accounts

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And

"To provide any other purpose which is exclusively charitable according to the law of NI"

b. Activities for achieving objectives

As noted in the Report for the Year to 31 May 2020 the only asset of the Charity was the entire issued ordinary and preference share capital of J W Kane (Precision Engineering) Limited, which was sold on 28th February 2019. Outstanding items of deferred consideration arising from the sale of J W Kane (Precision Engineering) Limited were settled and released in November 2021 and were reflected in the Financial Statements to the end of May 2022.

As noted in the Report for the Year to 31 May 2022, a recruitment process to attract new trustees was initiated in that year, and resulting from that process Lynn Connaughton who is highly experienced in business development within the further and higher education sector formally joined the Board on 20 February 2023.

Belfast Charitable Society provides support to the Charity in the administration of its ongoing grant awards and in the development of the Charity's longer term strategic planning and thematic programmes.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The focus of the Charity's activities in the period has been to deliver on its objectives through a mixture of direct funding to educational and other charitable bodies, and also through a series of collaborative programmes with, and the provision of funding support to, other charities, educational, training and skills bodies.

The Charity has supported a range of projects including direct bursaries for those faced with financial barriers to education and employment in both North Belfast and the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon ('ABC') Council area, significant investment in school food programmes and cost of living support for schools and families in deprived areas across Northern Ireland. There was also investment in pilot projects supporting work placements, coding initiatives for those not in school and leadership programmes for Year 13 girls. The Charity financed mentoring and apprenticeships within the engineering sector and committed to champion digital technology across all subjects of the post-primary curriculum. At a strategic level it has supported research projects that assess current delivery models within schools and within the wider workforce. The Charity continues to engage with a range of stakeholders to enable Trustees to keep abreast of wider policy development, initiatives, trends, and emerging needs that can help inform its ongoing and strategic decision making.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

Following the sale of J.W Kane Precision Engineering on 28 February 2019 all remaining retentions have been released.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

The following achievements and performance reflect the main expenditure in the year and mostly came in the form of the provision of grants.

- **Workplus Ltd Shared Apprenticeship Agency Research (Year 2)** - £4,350 of funding was approved to support a consultation process with a variety of stakeholders, including the Department of Education, further education colleges and universities, training organisations and the Federation of Small Businesses, exploring the viability of a Shared Apprenticeship Agency.
- **Workplus Transverral Skills** - £11,400 invested in a Pilot Programme delivered with Wallace High School, Lisburn for 180 Year 12 pupils and supporting 30 employers to fulfil work placements.
- **SistersIN** - £17,880 provided to support the development costs of the 'out-of-the box' leadership development programme toolkits for Year 13 girls; provided to participating schools, so each have a consistent approach to the delivery of the project, and costs are managed.
- **MEGA Apprenticeship Mentoring and Support Officer Role** - £42,500 per annum for three years. The Charity supported this project which seeks to encourage and retain engineering apprenticeships by providing essential mentor support. 37 Industry Mentors supported, 25 MEGA Mentors have completed and qualified in level 3 Mentorship in Leadership and Management in collaboration with South-West College. The aftercare service provided by the MEGA mentor has resulted a 99% retention rate.
- **EOTAS (Education otherwise than at school)– Go Bezerk Coding Initiative** - £6,330 for 120 young people to receive a recognised Level 2 qualification including a coding aspect, providing resources (books and apps) for the completion of the Go Berserk Stage One programme, 20 teachers in EOTAS centres trained in Go Bezerk Programming (1 teacher from 20 centres) and resources for all 27 Go Bezerk centres.

The Charity has also worked with a number of other organisation's and approved support to:

- **ABC Area Post Primary Bursary Programme** – £13,500 for a programme operating within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council area, which is intended to alleviate financial barriers for those wishing to move to higher education and or employment from secondary schools.
- **Mary Ann McCracken Bursary programme (Year 2)** - For a second year, the Mary Ann McCracken Charity and Belfast Charitable Society along with independent funder the Hunter Smyth Fund will support the Mary Ann McCracken bursary programme for twelve post primary schools in North Belfast. Each school within the North Belfast Area Learning Community received up to £2,000 to support pupils (16+ year-olds) who face financial barriers which may prevent them from continuing to AS / A-Level, further or higher education, employment or apprenticeship.
- **North Belfast Creative Digital Hub** - £121,000 has been committed to a project, based in St Malachy's College, Belfast, to develop and champion the use of digital technology in all subject areas of the post-primary curriculum which includes the provision of access to four other North Belfast Post Primary schools.
- **Schools Cost of Living Grants** - £135,785 was committed to fund several school food programmes, an initiative originally launched by the Belfast Charitable Society. With additional funding from the Charity, a further 16 schools from some of the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland were provided with financial support to help schools and families amid the cost-of-living crisis and enhance the educational experience of the children with schools ranging from St Cecilia's College, Derry to Brownlow College, Craigavon. Since Belfast Charitable Society started this initiative, other funders in addition to the Charity have also come on board to support schools with food programmes. This includes Ulster Garden Villages and the ARN fund, amounting to nearly £250,000 of funding.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

During the period, the Charity has had ongoing engagement with several organisations in order to ascertain the nature and extent of current challenges facing the education, training and employment sectors in Northern Ireland, and the barriers facing young people moving between these sectors. This has included meetings with EOTAS, Business Support within ABC Council, the NOW group Social Enterprise; MEGA, Harland and Wolff and attendance the launch of Build a Plane at Balmoral show.

The Charity has also developed its online and social media profiles and in late 2021 it launched its new website, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. This has allowed it to engage with a wider audience, and to better promote its charitable activities with relevant audiences and stakeholders and is updated on a regular basis.

The availability of significant cash funds to the Charity has afforded the Trustees the opportunity to carefully and strategically consider the charitable opportunities now open to it, and the manner in which it can make a meaningful and substantial impact in the short and longer term.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Charity's funds are managed by Investec, with whom the Charity has agreed the terms of management of its portfolio. These include a medium-term investment time horizon of 5 years, with a low/medium attitude to risk. This is regularly reviewed with Investec to ensure that the needs of the Charity for income and capital investment are adequately balanced. In common with many similar organisations, the performance of the Charity's investments may be adversely affected by the UK and worldwide economic challenges, but the Trustees are satisfied that the nature of the investments is prudent, and that the ongoing attitude to risk remains appropriate.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Material investments policy

The Trustees have developed an investment policy with Investec which is reviewed not less than annually. This policy seeks to balance risk and return on investments for the optimal benefit of the Charity.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The challenges facing the UK and global economies have increased the risk of educational and employment poverty. The Charity does not consider that this poses a material risk to its financial well-being.

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d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Trustees have appointed Financial Investment Advisors to provide advice on the financial risk management of its cash balances seeking to balance risk with optimising the return for the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity and the group is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

The Charity and the group is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity, number NIC105396.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Members' liability

The Members of the Charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Charity in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, ASM (B) Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



MW Wilson

Date: 28 November 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The James Kane Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 May 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 May 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation (continued)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We considered the opportunities and incentives that exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas: timing of recognition of expenditure and approval of expenditure. We discussed these risks with client management and designed audit procedures to test the timing and approval of expenditure.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation (continued)



Michael Nixon (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

ASM (B) Limited

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

4th Floor

Glendinning House

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28 November 2023

ASM (B) Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Investment income	2	161,350	161,350	36,696
Total income		161,350	161,350	36,696
Expenditure on:				
Governance costs	3,4	96,368	96,368	54,775
Charitable activities		358,745	358,745	119,050
Total expenditure		455,113	455,113	173,825
Net expenditure before net losses on investments		(293,763)	(293,763)	(137,129)
Net losses on investments		(333,841)	(333,841)	(200,943)
Net movement in funds		(627,604)	(627,604)	(338,072)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		6,382,016	6,382,016	6,720,088
Net movement in funds		(627,604)	(627,604)	(338,072)
Total funds carried forward		5,754,412	5,754,412	6,382,016

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Registered number: NI637659

Balance Sheet
As at 31 May 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	5,282,345	4,954,179
Current assets			
Debtors	9	33,906	-
Cash at bank and in hand		445,511	1,476,156
		<u>479,417</u>	<u>1,476,156</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,350)	(48,319)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>6,382,016</u>
Total net assets		<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>6,382,016</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>6,382,016</u>
Total funds		<u>5,754,412</u>	<u>6,382,016</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

MW Wilson

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The James Kane Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	-	-	358
Investment income - other investments	161,350	161,350	36,338
	<u>161,350</u>	<u>161,350</u>	<u>36,696</u>
Total 2022	<u>36,696</u>	<u>36,696</u>	

3. Governance costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Audit, accountancy and advisory fees	11,160	11,160	3,745
Legal fees	-	-	792
Insurance	352	352	335
Bank charges	61	61	41
Management costs	50,000	50,000	33,333
Marketing and PR	458	458	1,683
Bookkeeping fees	1,260	1,260	960
Events and Hospitality	-	-	202
Total 2023	<u>63,291</u>	<u>63,291</u>	<u>41,091</u>
Total 2022	<u>41,091</u>	<u>41,091</u>	

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4. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment management fees	33,077	33,077	13,684
Total 2022	<u>13,684</u>	<u>13,684</u>	

5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
MEGA	42,500	42,500	-
Other	25,830	25,830	-
SistersIN Leadership Programme	17,880	17,880	-
4C UR Future	-	-	100,000
North Belfast Post Primary Bursery Programme	-	-	6,000
Workplus - Shared Apprenticeship Agency	15,750	15,750	13,050
North Belfast Digital Hub	121,000	121,000	-
Schools Cost of Living Grants	135,785	135,785	-
	<u>358,745</u>	<u>358,745</u>	<u>119,050</u>
Total 2022	<u>119,050</u>	<u>119,050</u>	

6. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £4,320 (2022 - £3,745).

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2023, expenses totalling £144 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee. (2022- £nil).

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8. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 June 2022	1	4,953,530	4,953,531
Additions	-	959,036	959,036
Disposals	-	(296,381)	(296,381)
Revaluations	(1)	(333,840)	(333,841)
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>
At 31 May 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>
Net book value			
At 31 May 2023	-	5,282,345	5,282,345
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>	<u>5,282,345</u>
At 31 May 2022	1	4,953,530	4,953,531
	<u>1</u>	<u>4,953,530</u>	<u>4,953,531</u>

The Company's subsidiary Charlestown Holdings Limited has nil net assets and is in the process of being dissolved.

9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	33,906	-
	<u>33,906</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>33,906</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	-	30,386
Accruals and deferred income	7,350	11,933
Grants accrued	-	6,000
	<u>7,350</u>	<u>48,319</u>

11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1			Gains/	Balance at
	June 2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	31 May 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds 1	<u>6,382,016</u>	<u>161,350</u>	<u>(455,113)</u>	<u>(333,841)</u>	<u>5,754,412</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at			Gains/	Balance at
	1 June 2021	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	31 May 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds 1	<u>6,720,088</u>	<u>36,696</u>	<u>(173,825)</u>	<u>(200,943)</u>	<u>6,382,016</u>

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds - class ii 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	5,282,345	-	5,282,345
Current assets	479,416	-	479,416
Creditors due within one year	(7,350)	-	(7,350)
Total	5,754,411	-	5,754,411

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	4,954,179	4,954,179
Current assets	1,476,156	1,476,156
Creditors due within one year	(48,319)	(48,319)
Total	6,382,016	6,382,016

13. Related party transactions

Mr M Wilson was a member of the Board of Governors of the Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch. The Assumption Grammar School operates the SistersIN Leadership Programme which was paid a grant of £17,880 during the year.

Mr M Wilson, Sir G Loughran and Mr G Boyd are members of the Board of Governors of St Malachy's College Belfast which was paid a grant of £121,000 in respect of the North Belfast Creative Digital Hub.

Mr C Jenkins declared a conflict of interest in respect of the MEGA Project which received grant funding of £42,500 during the year.

The James Kane Foundation

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105396

Annual report

**The James Kane Foundation
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**Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 May 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company ('the Charity') for the year 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023. The Annual Report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a Directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 effective January 2015).

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of The James Kane Foundation, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, is:

"To advance education for the public benefit in Portadown and its environs in particular and elsewhere in Northern Ireland whether directly to individuals or indirectly through education bodies such as schools, colleges or third level institutions or employers by the provision of funding for work experience, employment opportunities or training opportunities or for preparation for entry to any occupation, vocation, trade or profession or to enhance career development, skills and competencies within the area of benefit provided that the funding will not be used for anything which schools or colleges have a statutory duty to provide"

And

"To provide any other purpose which is exclusively charitable according to the law of NI"

b. Activities for achieving objectives

As noted in the Report for the Year to 31 May 2020 the only asset of the Charity was the entire issued ordinary and preference share capital of J W Kane (Precision Engineering) Limited, which was sold on 28th February 2019. Outstanding items of deferred consideration arising from the sale of J W Kane (Precision Engineering) Limited were settled and released in November 2021 and were reflected in the Financial Statements to the end of May 2022.

As noted in the Report for the Year to 31 May 2022, a recruitment process to attract new trustees was initiated in that year, and resulting from that process Lynn Connaughton who is highly experienced in business development within the further and higher education sector formally joined the Board on 20 February 2023.

Belfast Charitable Society provides support to the Charity in the administration of its ongoing grant awards and in the development of the Charity's longer term strategic planning and thematic programmes.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The focus of the Charity's activities in the period has been to deliver on its objectives through a mixture of direct funding to educational and other charitable bodies, and also through a series of collaborative programmes with, and the provision of funding support to, other charities, educational, training and skills bodies.

The Charity has supported a range of projects including direct bursaries for those faced with financial barriers to education and employment in both North Belfast and the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon ('ABC') Council area, significant investment in school food programmes and cost of living support for schools and families in deprived areas across Northern Ireland. There was also investment in pilot projects supporting work placements, coding initiatives for those not in school and leadership programmes for Year 13 girls. The Charity financed mentoring and apprenticeships within the engineering sector and committed to champion digital technology across all subjects of the post-primary curriculum. At a strategic level it has supported research projects that assess current delivery models within schools and within the wider workforce. The Charity continues to engage with a range of stakeholders to enable Trustees to keep abreast of wider policy development, initiatives, trends, and emerging needs that can help inform its ongoing and strategic decision making.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

Following the sale of J.W Kane Precision Engineering on 28 February 2019 all remaining retentions have been released.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

The following achievements and performance reflect the main expenditure in the year and mostly came in the form of the provision of grants.

- **Workplus Ltd Shared Apprenticeship Agency Research (Year 2)** - £4,350 of funding was approved to support a consultation process with a variety of stakeholders, including the Department of Education, further education colleges and universities, training organisations and the Federation of Small Businesses, exploring the viability of a Shared Apprenticeship Agency.
- **Workplus Transverral Skills** - £11,400 invested in a Pilot Programme delivered with Wallace High School, Lisburn for 180 Year 12 pupils and supporting 30 employers to fulfil work placements.
- **SistersIN** - £17,880 provided to support the development costs of the 'out-of-the box' leadership development programme toolkits for Year 13 girls; provided to participating schools, so each have a consistent approach to the delivery of the project, and costs are managed.
- **MEGA Apprenticeship Mentoring and Support Officer Role** - £42,500 per annum for three years. The Charity supported this project which seeks to encourage and retain engineering apprenticeships by providing essential mentor support. 37 Industry Mentors supported, 25 MEGA Mentors have completed and qualified in level 3 Mentorship in Leadership and Management in collaboration with South-West College. The aftercare service provided by the MEGA mentor has resulted a 99% retention rate.
- **EOTAS (Education otherwise than at school)– Go Bezerk Coding Initiative** - £6,330 for 120 young people to receive a recognised Level 2 qualification including a coding aspect, providing resources (books and apps) for the completion of the Go Berserk Stage One programme, 20 teachers in EOTAS centres trained in Go Bezerk Programming (1 teacher from 20 centres) and resources for all 27 Go Bezerk centres.

The Charity has also worked with a number of other organisation's and approved support to:

- **ABC Area Post Primary Bursary Programme** – £13,500 for a programme operating within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council area, which is intended to alleviate financial barriers for those wishing to move to higher education and or employment from secondary schools.
- **Mary Ann McCracken Bursary programme (Year 2)** - For a second year, the Mary Ann McCracken Charity and Belfast Charitable Society along with independent funder the Hunter Smyth Fund will support the Mary Ann McCracken bursary programme for twelve post primary schools in North Belfast. Each school within the North Belfast Area Learning Community received up to £2,000 to support pupils (16+ year-olds) who face financial barriers which may prevent them from continuing to AS / A-Level, further or higher education, employment or apprenticeship.
- **North Belfast Creative Digital Hub** - £121,000 has been committed to a project, based in St Malachy's College, Belfast, to develop and champion the use of digital technology in all subject areas of the post-primary curriculum which includes the provision of access to four other North Belfast Post Primary schools.
- **Schools Cost of Living Grants** - £135,785 was committed to fund several school food programmes, an initiative originally launched by the Belfast Charitable Society. With additional funding from the Charity, a further 16 schools from some of the most deprived areas of Northern Ireland were provided with financial support to help schools and families amid the cost-of-living crisis and enhance the educational experience of the children with schools ranging from St Cecilia's College, Derry to Brownlow College, Craigavon. Since Belfast Charitable Society started this initiative, other funders in addition to the Charity have also come on board to support schools with food programmes. This includes Ulster Garden Villages and the ARN fund, amounting to nearly £250,000 of funding.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

During the period, the Charity has had ongoing engagement with several organisations in order to ascertain the nature and extent of current challenges facing the education, training and employment sectors in Northern Ireland, and the barriers facing young people moving between these sectors. This has included meetings with EOTAS, Business Support within ABC Council, the NOW group Social Enterprise; MEGA, Harland and Wolff and attendance the launch of Build a Plane at Balmoral show.

The Charity has also developed its online and social media profiles and in late 2021 it launched its new website, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. This has allowed it to engage with a wider audience, and to better promote its charitable activities with relevant audiences and stakeholders and is updated on a regular basis.

The availability of significant cash funds to the Charity has afforded the Trustees the opportunity to carefully and strategically consider the charitable opportunities now open to it, and the manner in which it can make a meaningful and substantial impact in the short and longer term.

c. Investment policy and performance

The Charity's funds are managed by Investec, with whom the Charity has agreed the terms of management of its portfolio. These include a medium-term investment time horizon of 5 years, with a low/medium attitude to risk. This is regularly reviewed with Investec to ensure that the needs of the Charity for income and capital investment are adequately balanced. In common with many similar organisations, the performance of the Charity's investments may be adversely affected by the UK and worldwide economic challenges, but the Trustees are satisfied that the nature of the investments is prudent, and that the ongoing attitude to risk remains appropriate.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Material investments policy

The Trustees have developed an investment policy with Investec which is reviewed not less than annually. This policy seeks to balance risk and return on investments for the optimal benefit of the Charity.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The challenges facing the UK and global economies have increased the risk of educational and employment poverty. The Charity does not consider that this poses a material risk to its financial well-being.

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d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Trustees have appointed Financial Investment Advisors to provide advice on the financial risk management of its cash balances seeking to balance risk with optimising the return for the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Charity and the group is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

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b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Members' liability

The Members of the Charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Charity in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, ASM (B) Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



MW Wilson

Date: 28 November 2023

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Annual return

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The James Kane Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The James Kane Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 May 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 May 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We considered the opportunities and incentives that exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas: timing of recognition of expenditure and approval of expenditure. We discussed these risks with client management and designed audit procedures to test the timing and approval of expenditure.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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28 November 2023

ASM (B) Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.