

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105690

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-04-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Company shall be: The advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through: (i) Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; to share different ways of doing things that can be adapted and transferred to improve practice in this region. (ii) Educational study visits to explore shared history, and promote good relations and peace building by encouraging mutual understanding between communities around the different perceptions and interpretations that exist. (iii) Projects with partners from other regions to collaborate and share expertise and skills to improve formal and non formal education, training and youth work. (iv) Cultural awareness training to provide the skills and expertise to communicate effectively across cultures and promote peace building, respect for religious equality and diversity (v) Information on EU funding programmes, partnerships, projects, exchanges, placements and participation in events to develop links across Europe to share expertise

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

How the charity works:

Advice/advocacy/information, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Voluntary and community sector, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,350	£46,128	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gerald Hackett		
Mr William Harrison Boyd		
Mrs Alverta Steen		

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI045661

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The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Mr Gerard Hackett
Mr Harrison Boyd
Mrs Alverta Stein

Company secretary Gerald Hackett

Accountants SP McCaffrey & Co
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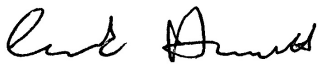
Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on12 August 2025... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

Gerald Hackett
Charity Secretary



19 September 2025

The Rural Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

Report to the Board of Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements of The Rural Centre

Year ended 31 March 2025

As described on the statement of financial position, the trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes.

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit under the Companies Act 2006.

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to us.

SP McCAFFREY & CO
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The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2025

		2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	1,350	1,350	1,625
Total income		<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,625</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	46,128	48,403	52,654
Total expenditure		<u>46,128</u>	<u>48,403</u>	<u>52,654</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(44,778)</u>	<u>(47,053)</u>	<u>(51,029)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		208,327	208,327	259,356
Total funds carried forward		<u>163,549</u>	<u>163,549</u>	<u>208,327</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	11		1,343	80
Current assets				
Debtors	12	60,556		66,373
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>105,423</u>		<u>146,926</u>
		165,979		213,299
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>6,048</u>		<u>5,052</u>
Net current assets			<u>159,931</u>	<u>208,247</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>161,274</u>	<u>208,327</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>163,549</u>	<u>208,327</u>
Total charity funds	14		<u>163,549</u>	<u>208,327</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 August 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, BT76 0AD.

2. Statement of compliance

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

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows: Nothing to note

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- 20% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, the members being required to pay not more than £5 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants				
Mid Ulster Council	1,350	1,350	725	725
Heritage	–	–	900	900
	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable Activity	46,128	48,403	52,654	52,654

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Charitable Activity	48,403	48,403	52,654

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2025

8. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	336	20
Foreign exchange differences	2,275	6,286

9. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	31,500	31,500

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees; or

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	1,116	1,116
Additions	1,599	1,599
At 31 March 2025	2,715	2,715
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	1,036	1,036
Charge for the year	336	336
At 31 March 2025	1,372	1,372
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2025	1,343	1,343
At 31 March 2024	80	80

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12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	–	5,817
Other debtors	60,556	60,556
	<u>60,556</u>	<u>66,373</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,048	5,052
	<u>6,048</u>	<u>5,052</u>

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>208,327</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>(46,128)</u>	<u>163,549</u>

	At 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>259,356</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>(52,654)</u>	<u>208,327</u>

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Management Information
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Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	31,500	31,500
Rent	1,100	1,100
Insurance	1,747	1,907
Legal and professional fees	868	898
Telephone	1,392	1,432
Other office costs	2,033	2,091
Depreciation	336	20
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	141	388
Foreign exchange gain/loss	2,275	6,286
Travel Costs	1,120	1,445
Study visits, events & EU project costs	5,891	5,587
	<u>48,403</u>	<u>52,654</u>
Total expenditure	<u><u>48,403</u></u>	<u><u>52,654</u></u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(47,053)</u></u>	<u><u>(51,029)</u></u>

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Total income		<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>123,582</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	52,654	52,654	106,563
Total expenditure		<u>52,654</u>	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(51,029)</u>	<u>(51,029)</u>	<u>17,019</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		259,356	259,356	242,337
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Fixed assets				
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Current assets				
Debtors	12	66,373		29,588
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>146,926</u>		<u>290,058</u>
		213,299		319,646
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>5,052</u>		<u>60,390</u>
Net current assets			<u>208,247</u>	<u>259,256</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>208,327</u>	<u>259,356</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>208,327</u>	<u>259,356</u>
Total charity funds	14		<u>208,327</u>	<u>259,356</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 9 July 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, BT76 0AD.

2. Statement of compliance

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

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows: Nothing to note

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, the members being required to pay not more than £5 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants				
Mid Ulster Council	725	725	725	725
Malta Art Project	–	–	1,352	1,352
Heritage	900	900	24,000	24,000
Tourism LED	–	–	14,306	14,306
Beflex	–	–	39,627	39,627
So Engage Plus	–	–	35,309	35,309
Wise Project	–	–	8,263	8,263
	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>123,582</u>	<u>123,582</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable Activity	<u>52,654</u>	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>	<u>106,563</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable Activity	<u>52,654</u>	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

8. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	20	25
Foreign exchange differences	6,286	(8,880)
	<u>6,286</u>	<u>(8,880)</u>

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of staff - type 1	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees; or

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1,116	1,116
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	1,016	1,016
Charge for the year	20	20
At 31 March 2024	1,036	1,036
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2024	80	80
At 31 March 2023	100	100

12. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,817	29,588
The Rural Project Network co. Ltd	60,556	–
	<u>66,373</u>	<u>29,588</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>5,052</u>	<u>60,390</u>

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024
General funds	<u>259,356</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>(52,654)</u>	<u>208,327</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023
General funds	<u>242,337</u>	<u>123,582</u>	<u>(106,563)</u>	<u>259,356</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Management Information
Year ended 31 March 2024

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Mid Ulster Council	725	725
Malta Art Project	-	1,352
Heritage	900	24,000
Tourism LED	-	14,306
Beflex	-	39,627
So Engage Plus	-	35,309
Wise Project	-	8,263
	<u>1,625</u>	<u>123,582</u>
Total income	<u>1,625</u>	<u>123,582</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	31,500	32,108
Rent	1,100	1,375
Insurance	1,907	1,802
Legal and professional fees	898	856
Telephone	1,432	1,051
Other office costs	2,091	4,043
Depreciation	20	25
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	388	407
Foreign exchange gain/loss	6,286	(8,880)
Travel Costs	1,445	522
Study visits, events & EU project costs	5,587	73,254
	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>
Total expenditure	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(51,029)</u>	<u>17,019</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable Activity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages	31,500	32,108
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Insurance	1,907	1,802
Accounts	898	856
Telephone	1,432	1,051
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Foreign exchange gain/loss	6,286	(8,880)
Travel costs	1,445	522
Study Vists & Events	5,587	73,254
	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>52,654</u>	<u>106,563</u>

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Annual report

TRUSTEE REPORT

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024



Section A Reference and administration

**Charity name: The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee: Company Registration: NI045661
Charity Number: NIC105690
Address: The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher BT76 0AD**

Trustees

**Mr William Harrison Boyd, Chairperson
Mr Gerald Hackett, Secretary
Mrs Alverta Steen**

Manager

Mrs Heather McLaughlin

Section B Structure, governance and management

Governing Document: Memorandum of Association
Recruiting and Appointing New Members: The method of selection for all new members is through appointment by existing Board members.

Bank: Ulster Bank, Main Street, Clogher
Accountant: SP Mc Caffrey & Co Ltd, 50 Campsie Road, Omagh

Area of Benefit: Northern Ireland, UK

Section C Objectives and activities

The advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through:

- (i) Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; to share different ways of doing things that can be adapted and transferred to improve practice in this region.
- (ii) Educational study visits to explore shared history, and promote good relations and peace building by encouraging mutual understanding between communities around the different perceptions and interpretations that exist.
- (iii) Projects with partners from other regions to collaborate and share expertise and skills to improve formal and non formal education, training and youth work.
- (iv) Cultural awareness training to provide skills to communicate effectively across cultures. promote peace building, respect for religious equality and diversity
- (v) Information on EU funding programmes, partnerships, projects, exchanges, placements and participation in events to develop links across Europe to share expertise.

Section D Activities

Activities – Local and European Projects`

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public including support, EU information, cultural awareness training, exploring shared history, educational and thematic study visits, Erasmus+ European Projects with partners from other regions.

All training and educational materials, videos and modules produced by EU projects are available free to any user.

This report captures the main activities carried out to deliver the projects and outputs to the same high standard as previous years.

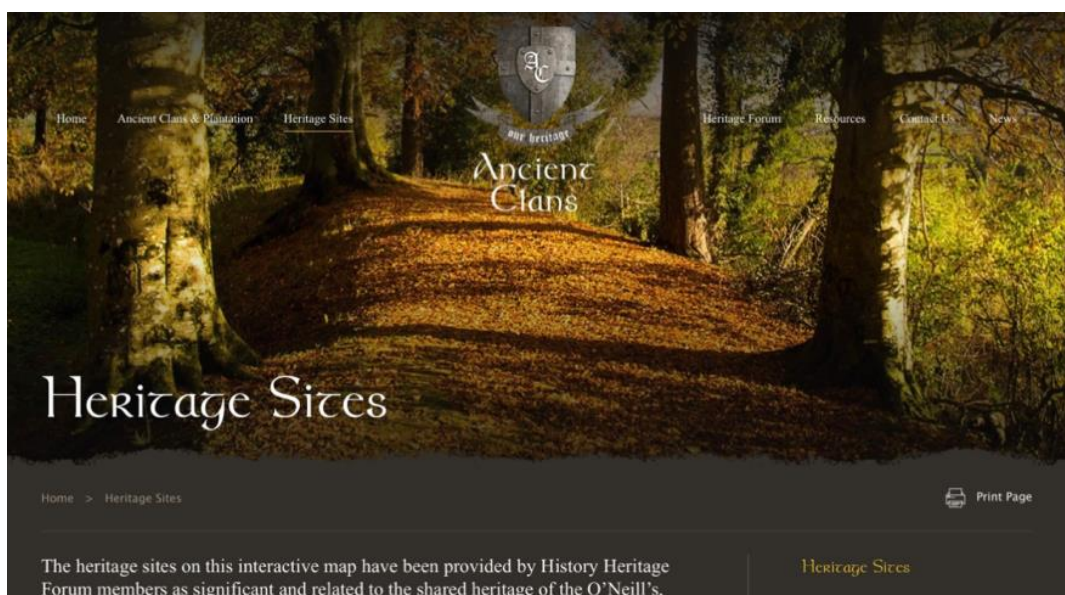
- **Mid Ulster District Council and Donegal County Council: Ancient Clans of Ireland – Our Shared Heritage**

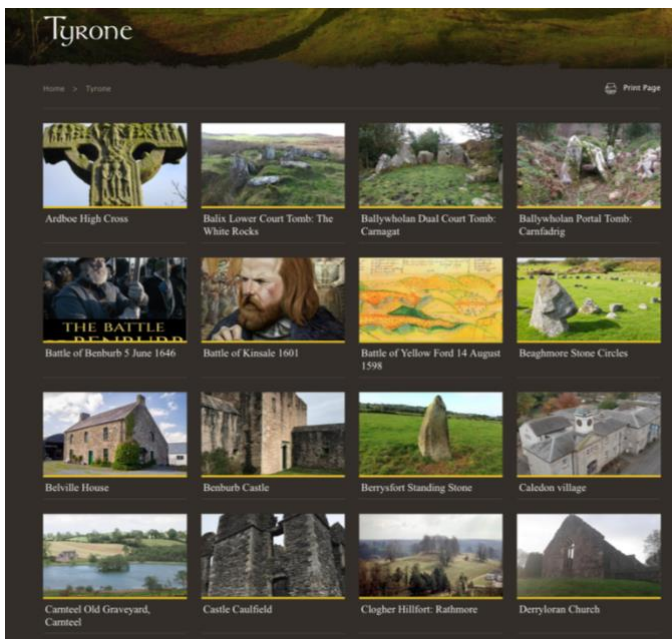
This project facilitates links between Mid Ulster District Council, Donegal County Council and local groups through visits to sites with shared heritage of the O'Neills, other ancient Clans and the Plantation of Ulster. 10 Groups each area reaching 100+ people

Over 30 heritage sites added to the Ancient Clans website April 2023 – Mar 2024. The Ancient Clans website aims to share heritage sites to encourage people to visit and understand our rich history, heritage, language, and culture.

The Ancient Clans website is the result of a cross border project between Mid Ulster District Council and Donegal County Council funded through EU PEACE IV funding. We began by sharing heritage sites in Donegal and Mid Ulster and are now extending it to include heritage sites connected to our ancient history and heritage supported through Mid Ulster District Council funding.

<https://ancientclans.org/heritage-sites/>





- **Tourism LED Project**

Erasmus+ funded for 2yrs from 05-10-2020 to 30-4-2023.

Cordinated by Stiftelsen Minerva, Sweden.

Partners from UK, Sweden, Poland, Malta and Turkey.

The Tourism LED project explored how migrants communities have used their cultural heritage in tourism initiatives to generate income and contribute social and economic development to their new region. Partners shared best practice examples from their regions as a way to generate ideas for other regions.



This project was concluded with a short series of short introductory videos with voiceovers in our partner languages of Swedish, English, Turkish and Polish along with Final modules, case studies, tools translated to all partner languages and uploaded to Platform.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xLIGXC6DTY&t=3s>

- **Women Inspired: Supporting Entrepreneurship (WISE) Project**

Erasmus+ funded for 2yrs from 01.05.2021 to 30.04.2023.

Project Number: 2020-1-PL01-KA226-VET-095420.

Coordinated by Linking Foundation, Poland

Partners from Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Northern Ireland (UK)

WISE project final meeting took place at the end of March 2024 in Krakow, Poland. The project produced some excellent e-commerce and digital training modules and case studies of women entrepreneurs from our partner regions of Poland, Spain, Slovenia, Romania and N Ireland.

All materials are available and free to use <https://wisesupport.eu/en/>



Support and Representation Activities

Serving on various Boards and providing support to local groups such as web design, funding applications, providing administrative support and meeting space etc.

- COSTA Board member attending meetings.
- Support to a range of groups including Aughnacloy and Traugh, Ancient Clan O'Neill, Broughderg Area Development Association, Cinéal Eoghain, Caledon Regeneration Project, Clans of Ulster, Clogher Playgroup, Clogher Village Community Forum, Desertcreat Church of Ireland, Hnads on Heritage, Killeshial and Clonanesse, Local History Society.
- Mid Ulster District Council Clogher village development plan meetings

Sliabh Beagh Partnership

The Rural Centre sits as community representative on the Sliabh Beagh Partnership with Monaghan, Mid Ulster, and Fermanagh Omagh Councils to develop a tourism Masterplan for the area attending meetings.

Mid Ulster District Council Heritage Strategy August 2023

Submission of five year heritage strategy for Mid Ulster District Council to foster greater community participation and visitor engagement, to enhance awareness of heritage assets to promote the built, natural and cultural heritage owned, managed and supported by Mid Ulster District Council.

Erasmus+ Project Tenders, Funding Activities

Development of Erasmus+ project applications with partners from other regions of Europe across a variety of themes.

ROSE Project – Remote Work Education

The main goal of the ROSE project is to equip individuals with remote work skills for personal and professional growth to empower them to excel in remote work careers and attain economic independence

Preventing IT October 2024

A project proposal was submitted to Erasmus+ Youth with the aim to prevent Young people from developing any types of addictions to develop resources on how to work with youth on addictions.

Adapt Ability October 2024

This project proposal was submitted to Erasmus+ to addresses the priority of adapting existing vocational education and training to better meet training labour market needs by developing the skills of SMEs in cognitive flexibility.

Approved - Build it together Project - Project Term: Jan 2024 – Dec 2025

The project aims at promoting awareness and building knowledge of EU citizenship rights and associated European common values and common democratic standards through building knowledge and sharing best practices on the benefits of diversity as well as effective measures on how to tackle discrimination and racism at the local level.

Project Partners: Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Malta, Poland, Slovenia

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) Project No: 101136806

First Meeting October 2024, Malta



Events, Study Visits, Cultural Awareness Activities

Social Innovation Conference, Krakow, Poland 11 & 12 April 2023

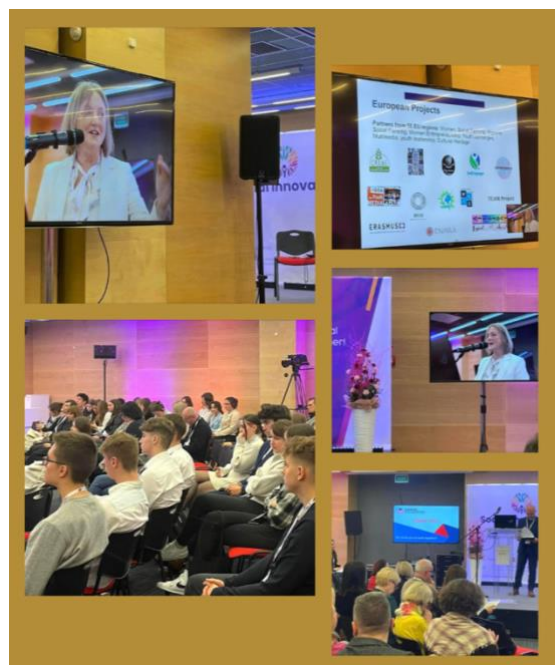
The Rural Centre was invited to speak and act as moderator at the social Innovation Brokers conference in Krakow.

The purpose was to share our work and activities as a way to share and inspire over 200 participants from across Europe.

The aim of the Social Innovation Brokers project is to develop an innovative training for Social Innovation Brokers.

To act as the bridge builders who connect innovators With stakeholders with industry leaders, visionaries, and like-minded professionals who are ready to explore the boundless potential of New Ideas!

<https://socialinnovationbrokers.eu/conference2023/>



“New Ideas New Opportunities” Networking event, Vienna

The [Centre for Promoting Lifelong Learning](#) from Timisoara, together with its associated partners and support networks from Europe organises this event as a network for professionals interested in developing co-financed projects, supporting lifelong learning for our communities.

Members and the developed projects reflect the diversity of the need across Europe, all united under the power of creating lifelong learning spaces.

Heather McLaughlin, The Rural Centre participated in a plenary sharing expertise on managing EU Projects with Q&A.



Red Hugh O’Donnell Study visit Lifford, Mongavlin 10 October 2023

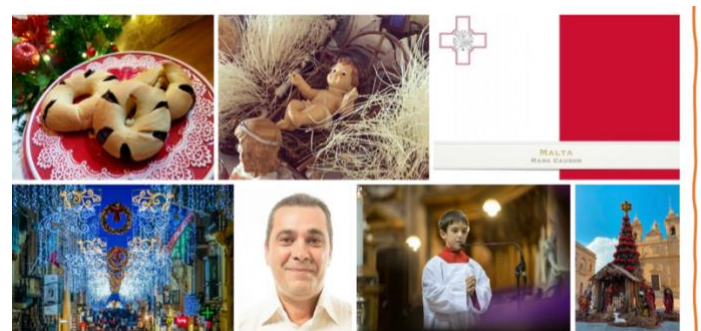
Red Hugh O’Donnell birthday event in Donegal was attended by over 100 people at the various activities. The day began with a guided tour of Lifford’s town history, and castle built by O’Donnell’s great-grandfather. Mongavlin Castle on the banks of the river Foyle had strategic significance in battles involving the O’Donnell clan and its occupation during the Plantation with a visit from King James II on his way to the siege of Derry in 1690. In the evening the official opening of ‘Seomra Aoidh Raiudh’ took place in Maggie’s Tavern followed by a Hedge School with a panel of expert historians to discuss Red Hugh’s life and his association with Chieftan Hugh O’Neill and the Nine Year’s War against the English.



Videos to share how Christmas is celebrated across Europe December 2023

Christmas Tree Festival, Cookstown

The Rural Centre used its contacts across Europe to produce a series of short videos to share how different cultures celebrated Christmas. The videos from Spain, Malta, Poland, Germany, Romania and Sweden were shared at a three day Christmas Tree Festival in Desertcreat.



Section E Financial review

Review of the Business

The Rural centre is non-profit making with the net incoming resources of £45,062 for the year. There was no capital expenditure during the year.

The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.


Reserves Policy

The trustees of The Rural Centre have set up a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained, in unrestricted bank accounts, at a level which ensures that The Rural Centres core activities, could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The trustees consider that this figure should be £5,000 and will endeavour to reach this figure in the next few years. The Company Review Policy is reviewed every year.

Section D Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Mr Gerard Hackett
Position	Secretary

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Annual return

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI045661

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC105690

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2024

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The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Rural Centre
Charity registration number	NIC105690
Company registration number	NI045661
Principal office and registered office	The Old Primary School 4 Augher Road Clogher Co. Tyrone BT76 0AD

The trustees

Mr Gerard Hackett
Mr Harrison Boyd
Mrs Alverta Stein

Company secretary Gerald Hackett

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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Rural Centre is a company limited by guarantee (registered number NI 045661) and does not have a share capital. The Company is governed by its Memorandum of Articles of Association. The Company is recognised as a charity by NIC105690

Principle Activity

The Principle Activity is the advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally.

Recruiting and Appointing New Members

The method of selection for all new members is through appointment by existing Board members.

Training of New Board Members

There is Board Member Induction training provided

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Decision Making

The Board of Trustees are responsible for overall decision making on legal & financial management policies, they meet once a month with the manager, who would implement new policies and strategies.

Statement of Risks

The main risk to the company is to be adequately funded to continue with the level of service provided to the inhabitants of N Ireland and Border Regions and the safeguarding of any employment it may create in the local area.

Objectives and activities

The advancement of education; citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; Educational study visits; Projects with partners from other regions; Cultural awareness training; Information on EU funding programmes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Achievements and performance

Review of Performance against Objectives

The board of trustees continue the process of Self Assessment against the quality management procedures

Financial review

Review of the Business

The Rural centre is non-profit making with net outgoing resources of £51,029 for the year. There was no capital expenditure during the year.

The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

Reserves Policy

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Plans for future periods

The Company plans for the future is to continue to provide local areas with their service and build relationships with fellow european communities in creating exchanges and Study Visits which will benefit all parties.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 July 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

Gerald Hackett
Charity Secretary



The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Accounts

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The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Decision Making

The Board of Trustees are responsible for overall decision making on legal & financial management policies, they meet once a month with the manager, who would implement new policies and strategies.

Statement of Risks

The main risk to the company is to be adequately funded to continue with the level of service provided to the inhabitants of N Ireland and Border Regions and the safeguarding of any employment it may create in the local area.

Objectives and activities

The advancement of education; citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; Educational study visits; Projects with partners from other regions; Cultural awareness training; Information on EU funding programmes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Achievements and performance

Review of Performance against Objectives

The board of trustees continue the process of Self Assessment against the quality management procedures

Financial review

Review of the Business

The Rural centre is non-profit making with the net incoming resources of £17,019 for the year. There was no capital expenditure during the year.

The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of The Rural Centre have set up a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained, in unrestricted bank accounts, at a level which ensures that The Rural Centres core activities, could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The trustees consider that this figure should be £100,000 and will endeavour to maintain this figure over the next few years. The Company Review Policy is reviewed every year.

Plans for future periods

The Company plans for the future is to continue to provide local areas with their service and build relationships with fellow european communities in creating exchanges and Study Visits which will benefit all parties.

The Rural Centre
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

Gerald Hackett
Charity Secretary

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee

**Report to the Board of Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory
Financial Statements of The Rural Centre**

Year ended 31 March 2023

As described on the statement of financial position, the trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes.

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit under the Companies Act 2006.

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to us.

SP McCAFFREY & CO
Chartered accountants

50 Campsie Road
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT79 0AG

20 December 2023

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	123,582	123,582	340,367
Total income		<u>123,582</u>	<u>123,582</u>	<u>340,367</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	106,563	106,563	259,983
Total expenditure		<u>106,563</u>	<u>106,563</u>	<u>259,983</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>17,019</u>	<u>17,019</u>	<u>80,384</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		242,337	242,337	161,953
Total funds carried forward		<u>259,356</u>	<u>259,356</u>	<u>242,337</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	11		100	125
Current assets				
Debtors	12	29,588		20,811
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>290,058</u>		<u>238,881</u>
		319,646		259,692
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>60,390</u>		<u>15,361</u>
Net current assets			<u>259,256</u>	<u>244,331</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			259,356	244,456
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		<u>–</u>	<u>2,119</u>
Net assets			<u>259,356</u>	<u>242,337</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>259,356</u>	<u>242,337</u>
Total charity funds	15		<u>259,356</u>	<u>242,337</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, BT76 0AD.

2. Statement of compliance

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

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows: Nothing to note

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

- 20% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, the members being required to pay not more than £5 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants				
Mid Ulster Council	725	725	1,450	1,450
Malta Art Project	1,352	1,352	–	–
SoEngage	–	–	5,148	5,148
Heritage	24,000	24,000	7,144	7,144
Ards	–	–	2,650	2,650
Tourism LED	14,306	14,306	10,244	10,244
Beflex	39,627	39,627	164,019	164,019
So Engage Plus	35,309	35,309	133,003	133,003
Wise Project	8,263	8,263	16,709	16,709
	<u>123,582</u>	<u>123,582</u>	<u>340,367</u>	<u>340,367</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable Activity	<u>106,563</u>	<u>106,563</u>	<u>259,983</u>	<u>259,983</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable Activity	106,563	106,563	259,983

8. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	25	31
Foreign exchange differences	(8,880)	2,768

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of staff - type 1	1	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees; or

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	1,116	1,116
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	991	991
Charge for the year	25	25
At 31 March 2023	1,016	1,016
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2023	100	100
At 31 March 2022	125	125

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2023

12. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>29,588</u>	<u>20,811</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>60,390</u>	<u>15,361</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>-</u>	<u>2,119</u>

15. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023
General funds	<u>242,337</u>	<u>123,582</u>	<u>(106,563)</u>	<u>259,356</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022
General funds	<u>161,953</u>	<u>340,367</u>	<u>(259,983)</u>	<u>242,337</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Management Information
Year ended 31 March 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Mid Ulster Council	725	1,450
Malta Art Project	1,352	–
SoEngage	–	5,148
Heritage	24,000	7,144
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Tourism LED	14,306	10,244
Beflex	39,627	164,019
So Engage Plus	35,309	133,003
Wise Project	8,263	16,709
	<u>123,582</u>	<u>340,367</u>
Total income	<u>123,582</u>	<u>340,367</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	32,108	30,000
Rent	1,375	825
Insurance	1,802	1,740
Legal and professional fees	856	3,393
Telephone	1,051	1,466
Other office costs	4,043	1,025
Depreciation	25	31
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	407	150
Foreign exchange gain/loss	(8,880)	2,768
Travel Costs	522	1,135
Computer/ website costs	–	320
Study visits, events & EU project costs	73,254	217,130
	<u>106,563</u>	<u>259,983</u>
Total expenditure	<u>106,563</u>	<u>259,983</u>
Net income	<u>17,019</u>	<u>80,384</u>

The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable Activity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages	32,108	30,000
Rent	1,375	825
Insurance	1,802	1,740
Accounts	856	3,393
Telephone	1,051	1,466
Other Office Costs	4,043	1,025
Depreciation	25	31
Bank Fees	407	150
Foreign exchange gain/loss	(8,880)	2,768
Travel costs	522	1,135
Computer/Website Costs	-	320
Study Vists & Events	73,254	217,130
	<u>106,563</u>	<u>259,983</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>106,563</u></u>	<u><u>259,983</u></u>

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Annual report

TRUSTEE REPORT

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023



Section A Reference and administration

**Charity name: The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee: Company Registration: NI045661
Charity Number: NIC105690
Address: The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher BT76 0AD**

Trustees

**Mr William Harrison Boyd, Chairperson
Mr Gerald Hackett, Secretary
Mrs Alverta Steen**

Manager

Mrs Heather McLaughlin

Section B Structure, governance and management

Governing Document: Memorandum of Association
Recruiting and Appointing New Members: The method of selection for all new members is through appointment by existing Board members.

Bank: Ulster Bank, Main Street, Clogher
Accountant: SP Mc Caffrey & Co Ltd, 50 Campsie Road, Omagh

Area of Benefit: Northern Ireland, UK

Section C Objectives and activities

The advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through:

- (i) Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; to share different ways of doing things that can be adapted and transferred to improve practice in this region.
- (ii) Educational study visits to explore shared history, and promote good relations and peace building by encouraging mutual understanding between communities around the different perceptions and interpretations that exist.
- (iii) Projects with partners from other regions to collaborate and share expertise and skills to improve formal and non formal education, training and youth work.
- (iv) Cultural awareness training to provide the skills and expertise to communicate effectively across cultures and promote peace building, respect for religious equality and diversity
- (v) Information on EU funding programmes, partnerships, projects, exchanges, placements and participation in events to develop links across Europe to share expertise.

Section D Activities and performance

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public including support, EU information, cultural awareness training, exploring shared history, educational and thematic study visits, Erasmus+ European Projects with partners from other regions.

All training and educational materials, videos and modules produced by EU projects are available free to any user.

Meetings continued online during this period because of restrictions in travelling due to Covid. A number of hybrid meetings took place when some partners were allowed to travel with other partners joining the two day meetings online. Unfortunately Heather McLaughlin broke her next in August 2022 and was not able to attend some project meetings until December 2022 but continued to take part in meetings on line and manage all the projects to deliver all outputs.

- **Mid Ulster District Council and Donegal County Council: Ancient Clans of Ireland – Our Shared Heritage**
 This project facilitates links between Mid Ulster District Council, Donegal County Council and local groups through visits to sites with shared heritage of the O’Neills, other ancient Clans and the Plantation of Ulster. 10 Groups each area reaching 100+ people
 Activities April 2022 – March 2023
 - **Ancient Clans website:** Management of Ancient clans of Ulster and Plantation uploading information, videos, photographs, maps etc on heritage sites ready to
 - <http://ancientclans.org> 11k views April 2022– March 2023
 - April 2022 – May 2022 Editing film The Battle of Benburb 1646 Film with re-enactors at Benburb Castle. Planning script, shots, editing and voiceover.
 - September 2022 Donega Castle: Official launch of the Ancient Clans website and The Battle of Benburb Film.
 - 23 June 2022 The Battle of Benburb film



launched in Benburb.
 - 11 September 2022 launch of The Battle of Benburb film in Donegal Castle

Ancient Clan website



Launch of The Battle of Benburb 1646 Film in Benburb June 2022 and Donegal Castle Sept 2022

- **BeFlex** funded for 2yrs from 01-10-2020 to 30-09-2022
Coordinated by The Rural Centre.
Partners from: Portugal, Romania, Spain (2), Slovakia
Developing training to support employers and employees
develop cognitive flexibility to adapt to a rapidly changing work environment.
Modules, case studies and resources.
Activities April 2022 – March 2023
 - May 2022 first face to face meeting in Espinho, Portugal. The modules were finalised and the next stage was to develop the tools.
 - 15 June 2022 BEFLEX: Hosted project partners in Belfast. Carried out research with focus groups of employers and employees to identify key areas for training modules.
 - July 2022 – Sept 2022 Podcast to share the results from focus groups across our 6 partner regions.Modules 1: Resistance to Change 2: Motivation 3: Time Management
4: Adaptation 5: Coaching 6: Emotional Management
Planning podcast to be produced by experts in each partner region.

Meeting in May 2022 in Portugal and June in Belfast 2022



Podcast to share the results from focus groups to identify key skills required.



- **SoEngage/ SoEngage Plus**

funded for 2yrs from 01-10-2020 to 30-09-2022.

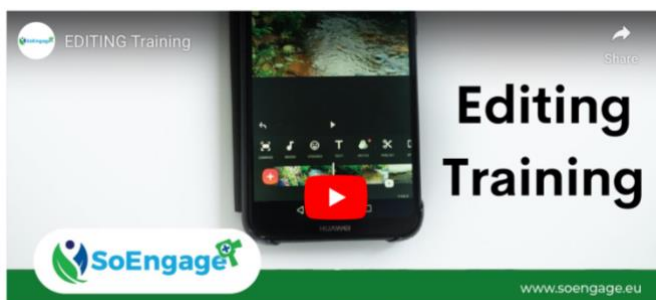
Coordinated by The Rural Centre

Partners from Germany, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Spain and UK.

Developing online training on how to produce podcasts and digital videos so farmers can promote their social farm services to generate economic and social benefits.

Activities April 2022 – March 2023

- 26 & 27 May 2022 in Bad Wörishofen, hosted by our German partner, Johannes Dreer finalising the module translation in all partner languages. Two training videos provide training on how to create a video using a mobile phone and how to edit the video using a mobile phone app so farmers can easily produce videos to promote their farm services.
- June – August 2022
Developing written handbook for training, video training, translating handbook and videos. Training videos and handbook, scripts in all partner languages.



6 Expert podcast on social farming in each region.



6 Summary podcasts

30 Video cast studies

- 29 September 2022 The final meeting of our

project in Timișoara, Romania.

I attended online as I had a broken neck.

Video training on creating a video using a mobile phone and how to edit is using mobile phone app.
Podcasts

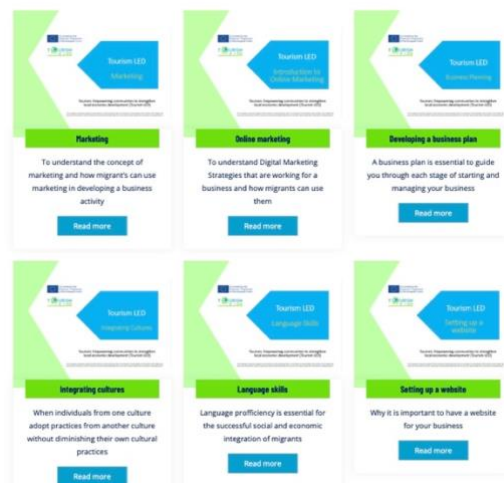
Final meeting of our project in Timișoara, Romania 29 September 2022

- Tourism LED** funded for 2yrs from 05-10-2020 to 04-10-2022.
 Cordinated by Stiftelsen Minerva, Sweden.
 Partners from UK, Sweden, Poland, Malta and Turkey.
 Activities April 2022 – March 2023
 - 12 April 2022 meeting with project partners from UK, Sweden, Malta and Turkey with our host Linking Foundation in Krakow, Poland. To finalise the modules, and to record voice over for promotional video
 - 28 July 2022 face face meetings in Falun, Sweden hosted by Stiftelsen Minerva to finalise training modules and agree the case studies to promote heritage tourism.
 - Sept 2022 hosted project colleagues from Poland, Sweden, Turkey, Malta and Ukraine met to agree the final case studies and tools to add to our training modules.
 - October – December 2023 Modules, case studies, tools finalised and translated to all partner languages and uploaded to Platform.
 - 16 March 2023 Final meeting in Krakow, Poland. Produced a series of short introductory videos with voiceovers in our partner languages of Swedish, English, Turkish and Polish.



English, Turkish and Polish. Modules: Development a business plan, Integrating cultures, Language skills, Marketing, Online

marketing, Setting up a website.



Meeting in Sweden July 2022



September 2022 hosted meeting



- **Women Inspired: Supporting Entrepreneurship (WISE)**

Funded for 2yrs from 01.05.2021 to 30.04.2023.

Project Number: 2020-1-PL01-KA226-VET-095420.

Coordinated by Linking Foundation, Poland

Partners from Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Northern Ireland (UK)

Activities April 2022 – March 2023

- April 2022 Partners from Poland, Spain, Romania and Slovenia met in Belfast to review the training modules on digital marketing and e-commerce to support women entrepreneurs promote their SME business.
- Modules: How to start a digital business; Introduction to digital marketing; Inbound marketing; Content and email marketing; Social Media; SEO; Lead Generation; Conversational, Performance and Video marketing and e-commerce.
- May 2022 partner meeting in Granada, Spain. Agreeing the 15 digital tools, services, and frameworks to present on the platform
- June – September 2022 writing, editing online training, case studies, tools
- 5 October 2022 Partners took part in training to test the online training course, case studies and tools developed to support women entrepreneurs develop their e-commerce and digital skills.
- November – December 2022 Training materials revised and translated to all partner languages.
- 26 January 2023 Enniskillen meeting of Network for Enterprising Women to present the training materials produced by the WISE project on e-commerce and

online marketing women entrepreneurs shared their experiences of digital marketing.

- 13 March Final meeting Krakow, Poland to finalise materials to upload to the learning and plan final report.

- 9 online modules, 18 case studies, 33 Digital tools, 5 Entrepreneur videos



WISE partners meeting in Belfast April 2022 and Granada May 2022

- **Life Beyond Project**

Funded 01/05/2021 – 30/04/2022

The aim the Life Beyond project is to raise awareness of the cultural and historical value of burial grounds. Cemeteries and other burial grounds, and their artefacts are the material anchors to our past to create lasting identities.

Project partners from: UK, Malta, Turkey, Portugal, Italy



- Participants from Northern Ireland, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy and Portugal visited important cultural and burial sites in Malta and shared examples from their own



regions during two visits:

17-22 October 2022 In Malta

24-29 October 2022 in Malta

31 October 2022 November to Northern Ireland.



- **Art Project**

One week programme bring youth from all partner countries together to look at how creative actions – photography, music, drama etc can be used to integrate youth.

Partners: Poland, Malta, Turkey, Ireland and Greece

- Training of the project took place in Preveza Greece between 26th to 30th June 2022 with the participation of 25 youths, and 7 youth workers. The training focused on Digital photography, Digital Media, Digital storyboards, Storytelling resources, Creation of storytelling and Sound bites. 2 participants from N Ireland took part in the training.

<https://annadubik3.wixsite.com/artinclusion/training>

- **Support and Representation Activities**

Serving on various Boards and providing support to local groups such as webs design, funding applications, meeting space etc.

- COSTA Board member attending meetings.
- Network for Enterprising Women member
- MUD Community representative - member
- The Rural Centre sits as community representative on the Sliabh Beagh Partnership with Monaghan, Mid Ulster, and Fermanagh Omagh Councils to develop a tourism Masterplan for the area attending meetings.
- Clogher village development plan meetings.
- Support to a range of groups including Clogher village renewal, Aughnacloy, Aughintaine, Clogher and Traugh, Living history Project Cullyhanna Ancient Clan O'Neill, Broughderg Area Development Association, Caledon Regeneration Project, Clans of Ulster, Desertcreat Church of Ireland, Killeshial and Clonanesse, Stewartstown and District Local History Society.
- CWSAN Network study visit to Porto, Portugal providing contact for visit to experience some of the Community led projects in the region.

- **Mid Ulster District Council Heritage Strategy**

Engagement with community, culture, heritage and other relevant stakeholders to carry out research to define what is heritage, who is responsible for heritage assets and the heritage needs of the area to develop a five year heritage strategy for Mid Ulster District Council to foster greater community participation and visitor engagement, to enhance awareness of heritage assets to promote the built, natural and cultural heritage owned, managed and supported by Mid Ulster District Council.



Section E Financial review

Review of the Business

The Rural centre is non-profit making with the net incoming resources of £45,062 for the year. There was no capital expenditure during the year.

The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.


Reserves Policy

The trustees of The Rural Centre have set up a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained, in unrestricted bank accounts, at a level which ensures that The Rural Centres core activities, could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The trustees consider that this figure should be £5,000 and will endeavour to reach this figure in the next few years. The Company Review Policy is reviewed every year.

Section D Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Mr Gerard Hackett
Position	Secretary

The Rural Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105690

Annual return

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI045661

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The Rural Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023

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The Rural Centre
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Rural Centre
Charity registration number	NIC105690
Company registration number	NI045661
Principal office and registered office	The Old Primary School 4 Augher Road Clogher Co. Tyrone BT76 0AD

The trustees

Mr Gerard Hackett
Mr Harrison Boyd
Mrs Alverta Stein

Company secretary Gerald Hackett

Accountants SP McCaffrey & Co
Chartered accountants
50 Campsie Road
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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Rural Centre is a company limited by guarantee (registered number NI 045661) and does not have a share capital. The Company is governed by its Memorandum of Articles of Association. The Company is recognised as a charity by NIC105690

Principle Activity

The Principle Activity is the advancement of education; the advancement of citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally.

Recruiting and Appointing New Members

The method of selection for all new members is through appointment by existing Board members.

Training of New Board Members

There is Board Member Induction training provided

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Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Decision Making

The Board of Trustees are responsible for overall decision making on legal & financial management policies, they meet once a month with the manager, who would implement new policies and strategies.

Statement of Risks

The main risk to the company is to be adequately funded to continue with the level of service provided to the inhabitants of N Ireland and Border Regions and the safeguarding of any employment it may create in the local area.

Objectives and activities

The advancement of education; citizenship or community development and the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity among the inhabitants of Northern Ireland to promote peace building and respect for cultural diversity by connecting people to collaborate and build relationships cross community, cross border and between other regions of Europe and internationally through Thematic study visits to share expertise and knowledge; Educational study visits; Projects with partners from other regions; Cultural awareness training; Information on EU funding programmes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Achievements and performance

Review of Performance against Objectives

The board of trustees continue the process of Self Assessment against the quality management procedures

Financial review

Review of the Business

The Rural centre is non-profit making with the net incoming resources of £17,019 for the year. There was no capital expenditure during the year.

The management continues to be engaged in ongoing efficiency savings and is aware of the sustainable use of resources.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of The Rural Centre have set up a reserves policy which requires that reserves be maintained, in unrestricted bank accounts, at a level which ensures that The Rural Centres core activities, could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The trustees consider that this figure should be £100,000 and will endeavour to maintain this figure over the next few years. The Company Review Policy is reviewed every year.

Plans for future periods

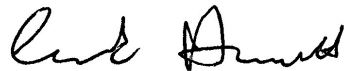
The Company plans for the future is to continue to provide local areas with their service and build relationships with fellow european communities in creating exchanges and Study Visits which will benefit all parties.

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Gerard Hackett
Director

Gerald Hackett
Charity Secretary