Cairde Naíscoil Sliabh gCuillinn

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105973

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-04-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: Cairde Naíscoil Sliabh gCuillinn is established to advance education and training through the medium of the Irish Language for the benefit of the general public in Newry and Mourne and its environs of Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and in particular: (a) promote public awareness, knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritage of Ireland, bilingualism, and the Irish language, and to carry out research into, and promote public awareness of, the social and economic structures of Irish society including the Irish-speaking community; (b) advance education by carrying out, or assisting in the carrying out of, research into the fields of Irish-medium education, culture, community-work, training, and business, (especially, but not exclusively, among voluntary sector and community-based initiatives and projects) in the area of benefit; (c) promote research into the Irish language medium, cultural projects, community work, training and research.

What the charity does: The advancement of education,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Playgroup/after schools

Who the charity helps: Preschool (0-5 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£78,750	£73,177	£0	5
2024-06-30	£69,785	£73,795	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Kevin Hanratty		
Mrs Aine Mcsherry		
Mrs Denise Treanor		
Mrs Laura Rice		
Mrs Maeve Finnegan		
Mrs Patricia Fearon		
Mrs Paula Scullion		
Ms Natalie Duffy		

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NAÍSCOIL SHLIABH G CUILINN

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees	Natalie Duffy Maeve Finnegan Laura Rice Kevin Hanratty Patricia Fearon Paula Scullion Denise Treanor Aine McSherry
Charity number	NIC105973
Principal office	Naíscoil Sliabh gCuilinn C/O Dromintee Community Centre 66 Finnegans Road Dromintee BT35 8TA
Independent examiner	Mr Paul McAreavey FCA 405 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 7EW
Bankers	Ulster Bank 86 Hill Street Newry BT34 1BT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Structure, Governance and Management
Naíscoil Shliabh gCuilinn is an unincorporated charity governed by it's constitution. It is managed by a voluntary committee. The committee is made up of Trustees and other members. The committee meets regularly and each meeting is minuted. The committee includes a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

Summary of the charity's purposes:
Aims of Naiscoil Shliabh gCuilinn:

a. To provide a first class pre-school education.
b. To deliver a high standard of pastoral care for every child.
c. To adhere to Education Authority standards and guidelines.
d. To promote the Irish language locally.
e. To provide staff with training and development opportunities.
f. To provide a platform for Irish language development in the local community.
g. To raise the profile of the Irish language in local primary schools.

Summary of the charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit
We provided preschool education through the medium of Irish language to our main beneficiaries, children of preschool age from Dromintee and the surrounding areas. We delivered a carefully constructed programme based on guidelines from the Department of Education whereby children learn through play within a stimulated environment. We encouraged parents and guardians of our main beneficiaries to develop the growth of the Irish medium sector through regular engagement including provision of monthly newsletters to keep them up to date with our key themes. There is no harm or private benefit from our purposes.

Summary of the charity's main achievements in the year:
Intake in the year totalled 21 pupils.

During the Easter Break we ran a very successful Irish language Easter Camp for children in primary 3 to Primary 7.

Financial Review
During the year the charity made a surplus of £5,573 (2024: £4,010 deficit) and the charity has small debts of £230 at the year end.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the Charity at the year end 30 June 2025. The Charity has managed its incoming resources effectively in the year under review.

The balance of funds at 30 June 2025 is £30,183 (2024: £24,610). This is held as £26,424 in unrestricted funds and £3,759 in restricted funds.

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

Restricted funds are held by the Charity to cover specific expenses during the period.

Alongside income from the education authority, grants received and fee income, each year it is essential to fundraise in order to cover the costs of our programme. Our fundraising strategy is agreed upon at committee meetings and includes a Halloween disco, an Easter raffle and a coffee morning.

Declarations

The management committee confirm that it has regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Natalie Duffy

Natalie Duffy
Chairperson

Date: 29/04/26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF NAÍSCOIL SHLIABH G CUILINN

I report on the financial statements of Naíscoil Shliabh gCuilinn for the year ended 30 June 2025 set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
As the charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the 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.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

PGM

Paul McAreavey FCA
PGM Chartered Accountants
405 Lisburn Road
Belfast
BT9 7EW
29 April 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
				Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Grants		-	3,389	**3,389**	1,080
Fundraising & Donations		9,661	-	**9,661**	8,562
Sponsorship		600	-	**600**	-
From Charitable Activities					
SELB		49,740	-	**49,740**	22,652
Fees		15,360	-	**15,360**	37,491
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Total receipts		75,361	3,389	**78,750**	69,785
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Payments					
Fundraising		71	1,163	**1,234**	2,158
Insurance		599	-	**599**	520
Internet		1,357	-	**1,357**	-
Vetting		-	-	-	98
Accountancy		1,140	-	**1,140**	630
Bank charges		206	-	**206**	179
Repairs and maintenance		80	-	**80**	-
Charitable Activities					
Wages		51,294	28	**51,322**	56,524
Rent		12,000	50	**12,050**	9,950
School trips		667	-	**667**	-
Sundry		3,133	1,389	**4,522**	3,149
Asset and investment purchase					
Equipment		-	-	-	587
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Total payments		70,547	2,630	**73,177**	73,795
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Net receipts/(payments)		4,814	759	**5,573**	(4,010)
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-	-	-
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Surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,814	759	**5,573**	(4,010)
Cash at bank & in hand 30 June 2024		21,610	3,000	**24,610**	28,620
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Cash at bank & in hand 30 June 2025		26,424	3,759	**30,183**	24,610
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The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Funds Reconciliation	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand 30 June 2024	21,610	3,000	**24,610**	28,620
Surplus/(deficit) year ended 30 June 2025	4,814	759	**5,573**	(4,010)
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Cash at bank and in hand 30 June 2025	26,424	3,759	**30,183**	24,610
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Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank accounts			**26,716**	24,610
Cash in hand			**3,467**	-
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			30,183	24,610
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Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Play equipment (estimated value)			**500**	500
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			500	500
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Liabilities (Restricted Fund)				
Hall Hire			**150**	-
Tutor			**80**	-
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			230	-
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Approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 29 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Natalie Duffy

Natalie Duffy
Chair

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NAISCOIL SHLIABH GCUILINN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 30 June 2024

RECEIPTS

SELB	22,652.00	
Fees	37,491.08	
Other Income - Fundraising	8,562.17	
Grant	1,080.00	
TOTAL		**69,785.25**

PAYMENTS

Wages	56,523.79	
Accountancy Fees	630.00	
Bank Charges	178.64	
Equipment	586.66	
Fundraiser	2,158.41	
Insurance	519.68	
Rent	9,950.00	
Sundry	3,149.34	
Vetting	98.00	
		73,794.52
Excess of payments over receipts		**-4,009.27**

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RECEIPTS

SELB	40,493.80	
Fees	7,594.50	
Other Income - Fundraising	11,984.16	
Grant	800.00	
TOTAL		**60,872.46**

PAYMENTS

Wages	51,539.15	
Pension Contributions (Nest)	487.39	
Accountancy Fees	450.00	
Bank Charges	151.91	
Equipment	996.06	
Fundraiser	5,011.16	
Insurance	472.00	
Rent	8,313.00	
Sundry	1,585.45	
Vetting	198.00	
		69,204.12
Excess of payments over receipts		**-8,331.66**

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Annual report

Go Raibh maith Agat Sarah agus Fiona

Good Evening Everyone, Cead Mile Failte..just to introduce myself, I am the current Treasurer of the Naiscoil Sheila Fearon, I have been on the committee now almost 5 years, some of your faces I know and you may know me also.

Firstly I would like to thank our brilliant Staff Sarah, Anita, Louise, Leanne and Annmarie, special mention to Anita for agreeing to step into Sarah's role during her maternity leave and doing a sterling job as always, I know she is very much appreciated by both her colleagues and the committee, also thanks to our Committee members for their continued support, help and attendance at our meetings throughout the year.

Usually, the AGM is our opportunity to report our financial position at the end of the year however our accounts have not yet been released by our accountant GP Boyle as our year end is the 30th June. We are holding our AGM this evening in June rather than July /August as previous, as we have found the summer months leave it harder to get parents on board to join our committee due to holiday clashes etc. Our accounts will be completed and uploaded online the coming weeks, thankfully I can say that although we have had a very difficult two years we are currently not in a deficit financial position.

Just To reiterate what Fiona and has just said and unknown to many the Naiscoil has charity status and therefore the majority of our capital stems from our fund-raising efforts throughout the year, as you can imagine our efforts have been hampered and pretty much restricted this past 2 years due to the lockdown, that together with the rising cost of living, overheads etc has had a financial strain on the Naiscoil. We have just this month been informed of a rental increase on the centre which we are currently working through. We do receive funding from the education board for each child however this funding is to pay the wages and currently does not cover the cost of all wages,   We are lucky in the fact we received additional covid funding last year which allowed an additional member of staff to be paid, this additional member was a vital requirement due staff changes, Sarah going on maternity and the ratios per child changing and also additional daily cleaning being required due to the pandemic.

With regards our fundraising, To give you a breakdown or brief overview, of our annual fundraising methods, you may have noticed we have our yellow coin boxes located in numerous shops / outlets across the community, we do the bucket collection each Halloween in the month of October at the gates of the market and we also hold our pub quiz and Christmas fundraiser been our Santa drive through last December.

The fundraising has took in approx. 4000STG from Sept last year.

As I mentioned, due to the pandemic we did receive additional funding last year, with we utilised very well, this funding is allocated for certain equipment /resources many Thanks for Sarah for her successful applications for this funding, We received £1224 from Extended services Fund which we used for the Sticky fingers Arts programme each Wednesday. £5943 Engage funding, which helped pay Annemaries wages, £1000 from the Dept Education outdoor learning, which enabled us to purchase two buddy benches, balance scales and a music frame. £1275 Sustainability grant from Early Years, this was to compensate for covid expenses.

With regards this years funding we have not had notification as yet what the current allocation per child will be from the Education Authority or if it will increase and if any additional funding with be available to us, We would hope a oil/electric grant may be made available for us due to the increased in energy bills and as I mentioned which would go a long towards the rental increase we are facing.

In conclusion and taking the above into account We would appeal to our new parents, grandparents to please come on board and help us with these fundraising events, there are small jobs required, from emptying /sorting the coin boxes, holding at bucket at the market collection. It is imperative for continued running of our school that we raise funds, we meet once a month and All new faces and ideas our welcome and much appreciated.

Many Thanks for your time this evening and best of luck to our new intake including my own for September.

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NAISCOIL SHLIABH GCUILINN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 30 June 2021

RECEIPTS

SELB	56,953.00	
Fees	8,636.48	
Other Income - Fundraising	12,308.47	
TOTAL		**77,897.95**

PAYMENTS

Wages	40,347.37	
Pension Contributions (Nest)	847.76	
Covid Costs	3,187.80	
Uniforms	0.00	
Insurance	392.00	
Professional Fees	0.00	
Advertising & Marketing	0.00	
Rent	4,543.50	
IT/Stationery	2,169.56	
Purchases - Food	627.05	
Postage & Stationary	0.00	
Sundry Expenses	1,670.41	
Vetting	66.00	
Accountancy Fees	930.00	
Cleaning	0.00	
Bank Charges	111.70	
Equipment	4,635.07	
		59,528.22
Excess of payments over receipts		**18,369.73**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 30 June 2020

RECEIPTS

SELB	35,709.20	
Fees	11,355.84	
Other Income - Fundraising	14,747.99	
TOTAL		**61,813.03**

PAYMENTS

Wages	34,894.53	
Pension Contributions (Nest)	409.46	
Recruitment Costs	0.00	
Uniforms	20.00	
Insurance	392.00	
Membership Fees	1,015.00	
Advertising & Marketing	12.00	
Rent	3,133.50	
IT/Stationery	36.96	
Purchases - Food	743.27	
Postage & Stationary	2.70	
Sundry Expenses	64.00	
Vetting	99.00	
Accountancy Fees	180.00	
Cleaning	0.00	
Bank Charges	184.12	
Equipment	967.00	
		42,153.54
Excess of payments over receipts		**19,659.49**

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