

# Northern Lights Project

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106124

## Details

Status	Received
Company number	<a href="#">638437</a>
Registered	2018-04-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

Address	C/O North West Play Resource Centre 5-7 Artillery Street Londonderry BT48 6rg BT48 6RG
Phone	07561213229
Website	<a href="http://www.northernlightsproject.org">www.northernlightsproject.org</a>

## Activities

**Purposes:** (1) Advance arts and culture by: (a) the creation, production and promotion of contemporary Irish and European music theatre throughout the island of Ireland and abroad; (b) encouraging, facilitating and assisting the creation of new, original work, particularly work which explores the themes of cultural identity, tradition, multiculturalism, and work that explores the creative use of languages other than English; (c) initiating and facilitating projects to improve engagement in the arts, specifically music theatre, for disadvantaged people and those with special needs. (2) Promote public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of contemporary music theatre by the professional production and organisation of performances and events in the island of Ireland and abroad.

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

**How the charity works:** Arts,Community development,Cultural

**Who the charity helps:** General public,Language community,Older people,Specific areas of deprivation,Voluntary and community sector,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£56,670	£65,062	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Leanne Peacocke		
Mr Brian Stafford		

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# Accounts

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**

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**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 May 2025**

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**Company information**

<b>Directors</b>	Brian Stafford Leanne Peacocke
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Koser-Gillespie
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC106124
<b>Company number</b>	NI638437
<b>Registered office</b>	5-7 Artillery Street Derry BT48 6RG
<b>Accountants</b>	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd Accountants & Tax Consultants 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
<b>Bankers</b>	Santander 17 The Diamond Derry BT48 6HW

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**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2025**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the charitable company include the promotion and development of cohesive and confident communities in Northern Ireland as well as empowered and creatively engaged individuals.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Brian Stafford  
Leanne Peacocke

**Purpose and aims**

Northern Lights Project is a Derry-based music organisation and charity. It was founded in 2016 with the purpose of creating, producing and promoting cutting-edge new music and adventurous interdisciplinary arts events. The organisation develops innovative approaches to presentation with performances, workshops, and concerts in a range of public arenas.

Its main aims are to:

- Create, produce and promote new and innovative new music/sound-based and multi-media events;
- Promotes and present performances, concerts and other events;
- Use music as a tool for community engagement and development;
- Encourage and facilitate participation, particularly by young people, in music and the arts;
- Develop partnerships that cross boundaries between music, the arts and beyond.

**Activities**

In July 2024, we delivered the second RAMP Festival of Experimental and Contemporary Music in Rathmullan, Co. Donegal, further establishing the festival as a key platform for innovative musical practice in the region.

In September, we presented a concert tour across north-west Ireland, featuring a program of newly commissioned music for instruments and electronics, including works by composers from the Derry-Donegal-Sligo region. This project was supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media through the Co-operation with Northern Ireland Scheme, with additional assistance from the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, and the Spilt Milk Festival.

In October, we brought Gaireacht to the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, presenting four newly commissioned works for our 8-channel loudspeaker array by Brona Martin, Ailís Ní Ríain, Linda O'Keeffe, and Amble Skuse. Each piece explored ideas of nearness, intimacy, and proximity in relation to technological transformation, responding to the theme of Gaireacht (Irish for "closeness").

In April 2025, we curated and produced the inaugural Signal Flow Festival of Electronic Music at the Playhouse in Derry, delivering six concerts across three venues and showcasing a diverse range of contemporary electronic music practices.

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**Beneficiaries**

**Education and Outreach**

Education and outreach remain central to our program. Most of our concerts and events incorporate participatory elements, creating meaningful opportunities for a wide range of groups to engage directly in creative music-making. These activities have particularly benefited school children and young people, offering them hands-on experiences with contemporary and experimental music practices, fostering creativity, confidence, and critical listening skills.

**Artists and Creative Development**

Our concert series provides a vital platform for composers, performers, and sound artists to develop, test, and refine new work. By supporting experimentation and risk-taking, we enable artists to explore new ideas, advance existing projects, and present ambitious, high-quality work to engaged audiences. This process is essential to the development of innovative contemporary music and sound art, and contributes directly to artistic growth, professional development, and sector sustainability.

**Audiences and Sector Development**

We curate a deliberately diverse program of music and sound-based events, each with a distinct artistic identity and designed to appeal to different audience segments. This approach attracts a broad and overlapping audience base, encompassing interests in contemporary art, improvisation, new music, and electronic music.

While contemporary music is more established in Belfast, we actively develop connections between Derry and Belfast to strengthen the regional ecology. These links broaden audiences, increase performance opportunities for artists, and contribute to the long-term growth and resilience of the contemporary music sector. By cultivating a small but curious and committed audience, we support cultural vibrancy and expand access to high-quality, innovative artistic experiences in the north-west region.

**Plans for the future**

In late 2025 and early 2026, we will present a new series of concerts across Derry and Belfast, featuring Northern Irish and international artists working across improvised music, sound art, live art, and electronic music. Artists are selected for their distinctive aesthetic voices, technical excellence, and the originality of their work. Each concert prioritizes experimentation, risk, and imaginative practice, offering audiences inspiring experiences that would not otherwise be available locally.

The growing success of our events demonstrates strong public interest in experimental music in Northern Ireland, particularly in the north-west region. Over time, we are cultivating a dedicated and engaged audience, while providing critical professional development opportunities for artists at local, regional, and national levels.

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Looking ahead, we have applied for substantial project funding from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to sustain and expand our programming. This support will enable us to continue presenting ambitious music projects, broaden audience reach, and strengthen the ecosystem for experimental and contemporary music across the region. By investing in innovative artistic practice and audience development, we aim to reinforce the cultural profile of Derry as a hub for experimental music and sound art.

**Directors responsibilities**

The directors of Northern Lights Project Ltd for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 24 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by

  
Director

  
Director

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of**  
**Northern Lights Project Ltd**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 6 - 13.

**Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;**

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- 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 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd*  
**McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd**

**Accountants & Tax Consultants**

**2 Carlisle Terrace**

**BT48 6JX**

**Date: 24 February 2026**

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant & Sundry Income		5,389	51,281	56,670	80,215
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>5,389</u>	<u>51,281</u>	<u>56,670</u>	<u>80,215</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure		8,454	55,225	63,679	78,559
Management & Administration		1,383	-	1,383	1,158
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<u>9,837</u>	<u>55,225</u>	<u>65,062</u>	<u>79,717</u>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>		(4,448)	(3,944)	(8,392)	498
Balances brought forward 1 June 2024		<u>773</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,932</u>	<u>2,434</u>
Balances carried forward 31 May 2025	<b>6</b>	<u>(3,675)</u>	<u>(1,785)</u>	<u>(5,460)</u>	<u>2,932</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

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**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 May 2025**

		2025		2024	
Notes	£	£	£	£	
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	4		1,619	2,159	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		1,160		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		24,734		8,435	
		<u>25,894</u>		<u>8,435</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5				
		<u>(32,973)</u>		<u>(7,662)</u>	
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(7,079)</u>	<u>773</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			(5,460)	2,932	
<b>Net (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(5,460)</u>	<u>2,932</u>	
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted			(1,785)	2,159	
Unrestricted			(3,675)	773	
			<u>(5,460)</u>	<u>2,932</u>	

**The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

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**Balance sheet (continued)**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

  
Director

Date : 24 February 2026

  
Director

Date : 24 February 2026

Registration number NI638437

**The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2025**

**1. General information**

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry, BT48 6RG.

**1.1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

**1.2. Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

**1.3. Income resources**

**Grants**

Grants represent all amounts received and receivable during the year.

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are received.

**Sundry Income**

This comprised amounts of other income received during the year.

**1.4. Resources expended**

**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

This represents all expenditure directly attributable to charitable causes.

**Management & Administration**

This includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above and a portion of the overhead cost attributable to management and administration.

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2.1 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2025 £	Restricted Income 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u></b>				
Arts Council Northern Ireland	-	28,028	28,028	37,689
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	500	500	1,000
PRS Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Arts Council Ireland	-	1,643	1,643	13,908
Clear Funding	-	4,410	4,410	-
Donegal County Council	-	-	-	1,664
Department of Tourism, Culture & Arts	-	5,825	5,825	8,503
Creative Scot Nation	-	5,875	5,875	3,668
Halifax Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
	-	51,281	51,281	76,432
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>				
Other Income	1,660	-	1,660	-
Ticket income	3,729	-	3,729	3,783
	5,389	-	5,389	3,783
<b>Total</b>	5,389	51,281	56,670	80,215

**(i) Restricted Funds**

Funds received which are earmarked by the funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

**(ii) Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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**2.2 Resources Expended**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
Programme expenses	7,313	53,191	60,504	73,497
Marketing expenses	745	1,014	1,759	236
Insurance	396	480	876	4,286
Depreciation	-	540	540	540
	<u>8,454</u>	<u>55,225</u>	<u>63,679</u>	<u>78,559</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Accountancy	1,294	-	1,294	1,067
Bank charges	89	-	89	91
	<u>1,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>1,158</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>9,837</u>	<u>55,225</u>	<u>65,062</u>	<u>79,717</u>

**3. Taxation**

As a charity, Northern Lights Project Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its chargeable objects.

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<b>4. Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 June 2024	2,699	2,699
At 31 May 2025	<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,699</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 June 2024	540	540
Charge for the year	540	540
At 31 May 2025	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,080</u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
At 31 May 2025	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,619</u>
At 31 May 2024	<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,159</u>
<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deferred income	30,959	5,875
Accruals	2,014	1,787
	<u>32,973</u>	<u>7,662</u>

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<b>6. Movements in Funds</b>	<b>At</b>			<b>At</b>
	<b>1 June</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>31 May</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>resources</b>	<b>resources</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Charitable Activities	2,159	51,281	(55,225)	(1,785)
Total restricted funds	<u>2,159</u>	<u>51,281</u>	<u>(55,225)</u>	<u>(1,785)</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General funds	773	5,389	(9,837)	(3,675)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>773</u>	<u>5,389</u>	<u>(9,837)</u>	<u>(3,675)</u>
	<u>2,932</u>	<u>56,670</u>	<u>(65,062)</u>	<u>(5,460)</u>

**7. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

**8. Controlling interest**

The controlling interest of the charitable company lies with the board of directors.

**9. Company limited by guarantee**

Northern Lights Project Ltd a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

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**Company information**

<b>Directors</b>	Brian Stafford Leanne Peacocke Amanda Koser-Gillespie Kevin Peter O'Doherty	Appointed 9th July 2024 Resigned 22nd July 2024 Resigned 22nd July 2024
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Koser-Gillespie	
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Kevin Peter O'Doherty - Resigned 22 July 2024

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**Activities**

Highlights in the season 2023-24, funded by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, included:

September - December 2023: The Oram Awards Series. This series provided a platform for innovation in sound, music, and related technologies. With the support of lead partners The Radiophonic Institute, PRS Foundation and the British Council, the aim of the awards is to elevate the work and voices of Women, Trans and Non-Binary music creators in electronic music.

October & November 2023 - Northern Lights Project marked the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Michel Chion's "Requiem" in Belfast and Huddersfield.

February 2024 - Tour of N. Ireland and England - four concerts with Electric Circus and bass clarinetist Sarah Watts.

May 2024 - Tour of N. Ireland - two concerts with Electric Circus and violinist Darragh Morgan.

In 2023-24 we also continued with our regular series of Derry Sound Factory events presenting new and experimental music by local practitioners with regular events.

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In 2023, with funding from Arts Council of Northern Ireland's National Lottery Rural Engagement Arts Programme we ran "Cinema for the Qu(ear)s - a project for young LGBTQI+ people aged between 12 and 18 and living in rural areas in the North West to create the soundtrack for a new audio artwork.

**Beneficiaries**

**Education and Outreach**

Most of our concerts have included an education or outreach component with opportunities for various groups to actively take part in creative music-making. These have included school children and young people.

Our concert series provides a platform for new and experimental music and sound art, allowing participating artists to road-test new ideas and develop existing pieces. The series provides a space for creative exploration and risk-taking with a view to developing and presenting high-quality imaginative and innovative work.

We have attempted to programme a diverse series of music and sound-based events, each with a distinct identity and appealing to a slightly different audience segment. The intention is to attract a broad audience with overlapping interests ranging from contemporary art, improvisation, new music and electronica. Contemporary music is rather more established in Belfast and we believe that much is to be gained from developing links between Derry and Belfast to help strengthen both the sector, by catering for a small but curious audience, as well as providing these artists with much-needed exposure and performance opportunities.

**Plans for the future**

We plan to present a further series of concerts in Derry and Belfast in late 2023 and early 2024. They will feature Northern Irish and visiting artists from a range of disciplines, including improvised music, sound art, live art and electronic music. These artists have been chosen for their unique aesthetic voice, the high standard of their artistic abilities and the high quality of the work they produce. Each concert in the series foregrounds risk, experimentation and imagination and seeks to present inspiring work that would not otherwise be available for local audiences to experience.

The success of this series of events, highlights the need for and level of public interest in experimental music in Northern Ireland, particularly in the north west region. We are gradually building a dedicated audience and plan to continue to support experimental music artists, locally, regionally and nationally.

We have applied for substantial project funding from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to allow us to continue presenting music projects and to allow us to grow the reach of our activities in Derry and further afield.

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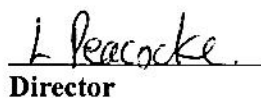
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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
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We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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**Accountants & Tax Consultants**

**2 Carlisle Terrace**

**BT48 6JX**

**Date: 25 February 2025**

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**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant & Sundry Income		3,783	76,432	80,215	27,296
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>76,432</u>	<u>80,215</u>	<u>27,296</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure		4,286	74,273	78,559	25,103
Management & Administration		1,158	-	1,158	1,089
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<u>5,444</u>	<u>74,273</u>	<u>79,717</u>	<u>26,192</u>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>		(1,661)	2,159	498	1,104
Balances brought forward 1 June 2023		<u>2,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,434</u>	<u>1,330</u>
Balances carried forward 31 May 2024	<b>6</b>	<u>773</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,932</u>	<u>2,434</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 May 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	4		2,159		-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		8,435		31,562	
		<u>8,435</u>		<u>31,562</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>(7,662)</u>		<u>(29,128)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>773</u>		<u>2,434</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			2,932		2,434
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,932</u>		<u>2,434</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted			2,159		-
Unrestricted			<u>773</u>		<u>2,434</u>
			<u>2,932</u>		<u>2,434</u>

**The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet (continued)**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

  
Director

Date : 25 February 2025

  
Director

Date : 25 February 2025

Registration number NI638437

**The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

**1. General information**

The charity is a private limited company by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 5-7 Artillery Street, Derry, BT48 6RG.

**1.1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

**1.2. Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

**1.3. Income resources**

**Grants**

Grants represent all amounts received and receivable during the year.

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are received.

**Sundry Income**

This comprised amounts of other income received during the year.

**1.4. Resources expended**

**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

This represents all expenditure directly attributable to charitable causes.

**Management & Administration**

This includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above and a portion of the overhead cost attributable to management and administration.

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

2.1 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2024 £	Restricted Income 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u></b>				
Arts Council Northern Ireland	-	37,689	37,689	21,962
DSCDC	-	1,000	1,000	300
PRS Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	1,590
Arts Council Ireland	-	13,908	13,908	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin Ltd	-	-	-	1,000
Donegal County Council	-	1,664	1,664	-
Department of Tourism, Culture & Arts	-	8,503	8,503	-
Creative Scot Nation	-	3,668	3,668	-
	-	76,432	76,432	24,852
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>				
Ticket income	3,783	-	3,783	2,444
	3,783	-	3,783	2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>76,432</b>	<b>80,215</b>	<b>27,296</b>

**(i) Restricted Funds**

Funds received which are earmarked by the funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

**(ii) Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

**2.2 Resources Expended**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Programme expenses	4,286	73,097	77,383	24,764
Marketing expenses	-	236	236	88
Insurance	-	400	400	251
Depreciation	-	540	540	-
	<u>4,286</u>	<u>74,273</u>	<u>78,559</u>	<u>25,103</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy	1,067	-	1,067	973
Bank charges	91	-	91	116
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,089</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>5,444</u>	<u>74,273</u>	<u>79,717</u>	<u>26,192</u>

**3. Taxation**

As a charity, Northern Lights Project Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its chargeable objects.

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

<b>4. Tangible fixed assets</b>		<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	
<b>Cost</b>				
Additions		2,699	2,699	
At 31 May 2024		<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,699</u>	
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Charge for the year		540	540	
At 31 May 2024		<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>	
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 May 2024		<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,159</u>	
At 31 May 2023		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	
Deferred income		5,875	28,408	
Accruals		1,787	720	
		<u>7,662</u>	<u>29,128</u>	
<b>6. Movements in Funds</b>	<b>At 1 June 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing resources £</b>	<b>At 31 May 2024 £</b>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Charitable Activities	-	76,432	(74,273)	2,159
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>76,432</u>	<u>(74,273)</u>	<u>2,159</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General funds	2,434	3,783	(5,444)	773
Total unrestricted funds	<u>2,434</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>(5,444)</u>	<u>773</u>
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**Northern Lights Project Ltd  
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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 May 2024**

**7. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

**8. Controlling interest**

The controlling interest of the charitable company lies with the board of directors.

**9. Company limited by guarantee**

Northern Lights Project Ltd a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

**Northern Lights Project**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106124

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# Annual report

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2024.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the charitable company includes the promotion and development of cohesive and confident communities in Northern Ireland as well as empowered and creatively engaged individuals.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Brian Stafford

Leanne Peacocke - Appointed 9th July 2024

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**Purpose and aims**

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Its main aims are to:

- Create, produce and promote new and innovative new music/sound-based and multi-media events;
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- Use music as a tool for community engagement and development;
- Encourage and facilitate participation, particularly by young people, in music and the arts;
- Develop partnerships that cross boundaries between music, the arts and beyond.

**Activities**

Highlights in the season 2023-24, funded by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, included:

September – December 2023: The Oram Awards Series. This series provided a platform for innovation in sound, music, and related technologies. With the support of lead partners The Radiophonic Institute, PRS Foundation and the British Council, the aim of the awards is to elevate the work and voices of Women, Trans and Non-Binary music creators in electronic music.

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In 2023, with funding from Arts Council of Northern Ireland's National Lottery Rural Engagement Arts Programme we ran "Cinema for the Qu(ear)s – a project for young LGBTQI+ people aged between 12 and 18 and living in rural areas in the North West to create the soundtrack for a new audio artwork.

**Beneficiaries**

**Education and Outreach**

Most of our concerts have included an education or outreach component with opportunities for various groups to actively take part in creative music-making. These have included school children and young people.

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**Plans for the future**

We plan to present a further series of concerts in Derry and Belfast in late 2024 and early 2025. They will feature Northern Irish and visiting artists from a range of disciplines, including improvised music, sound art, live art and electronic music. These artists have been chosen for their unique aesthetic voice, the high standard of their artistic abilities and the high quality of the work they produce. Each concert in the series foregrounds risk, experimentation and imagination and seeks to present inspiring work that would not otherwise be available for local audiences to experience.

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**Northern Lights Project**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106124

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# Annual return

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**

**(Company limited by guarantee)**

**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Company information**

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<b>Bankers</b>	Santander 17 The Diamond Derry BT48 6HW	

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**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

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**Directors responsibilities**

The directors of Northern Lights Project Ltd for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
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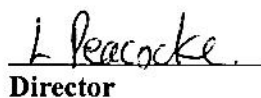
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This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd*  
**McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd**

**Accountants & Tax Consultants**

**2 Carlisle Terrace**

**BT48 6JX**

**Date: 25 February 2025**

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<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>		(1,661)	2,159	498	1,104
Balances brought forward 1 June 2023		<u>2,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,434</u>	<u>1,330</u>
Balances carried forward 31 May 2024	<b>6</b>	<u>773</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,932</u>	<u>2,434</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 May 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	4		2,159		-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		8,435		31,562	
		<u>8,435</u>		<u>31,562</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>(7,662)</u>		<u>(29,128)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>773</u>		<u>2,434</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,932</u>		<u>2,434</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,932</u></u>		<u><u>2,434</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted			2,159		-
Unrestricted			<u>773</u>		<u>2,434</u>
			<u><u>2,932</u></u>		<u><u>2,434</u></u>

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet (continued)**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


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The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

  
Director

Date : 25 February 2025

  
Director

Date : 25 February 2025

Registration number NI638437

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

**1. General information**

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**1.2. Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

**1.3. Income resources**

**Grants**

Grants represent all amounts received and receivable during the year.

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are received.

**Sundry Income**

This comprised amounts of other income received during the year.

**1.4. Resources expended**

**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

This represents all expenditure directly attributable to charitable causes.

**Management & Administration**

This includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above and a portion of the overhead cost attributable to management and administration.

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2024**

2.1 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2024 £	Restricted Income 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u></b>				
Arts Council Northern Ireland	-	37,689	37,689	21,962
DSCDC	-	1,000	1,000	300
PRS Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	1,590
Arts Council Ireland	-	13,908	13,908	-
Cleaver Fulton Rankin Ltd	-	-	-	1,000
Donegal County Council	-	1,664	1,664	-
Department of Tourism, Culture & Arts	-	8,503	8,503	-
Creative Scot Nation	-	3,668	3,668	-
	-	76,432	76,432	24,852
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>				
Ticket income	3,783	-	3,783	2,444
	3,783	-	3,783	2,444
<b>Total</b>	3,783	76,432	80,215	27,296

**(i) Restricted Funds**

Funds received which are earmarked by the funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

**(ii) Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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**2.2 Resources Expended**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Programme expenses	4,286	73,097	77,383	24,764
Marketing expenses	-	236	236	88
Insurance	-	400	400	251
Depreciation	-	540	540	-
	<u>4,286</u>	<u>74,273</u>	<u>78,559</u>	<u>25,103</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy	1,067	-	1,067	973
Bank charges	91	-	91	116
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,089</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>5,444</u>	<u>74,273</u>	<u>79,717</u>	<u>26,192</u>

**3. Taxation**

As a charity, Northern Lights Project Ltd is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its chargeable objects.

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<b>4. Tangible fixed assets</b>		<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>	
<b>Cost</b>				
Additions		2,699	2,699	
At 31 May 2024		<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,699</u>	
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Charge for the year		540	540	
At 31 May 2024		<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>	
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 May 2024		<u>2,159</u>	<u>2,159</u>	
At 31 May 2023		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	
Deferred income		5,875	28,408	
Accruals		1,787	720	
		<u>7,662</u>	<u>29,128</u>	
<b>6. Movements in Funds</b>	<b>At 1 June 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing resources £</b>	<b>At 31 May 2024 £</b>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Charitable Activities	-	76,432	(74,273)	2,159
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>76,432</u>	<u>(74,273)</u>	<u>2,159</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General funds	2,434	3,783	(5,444)	773
Total unrestricted funds	<u>2,434</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>(5,444)</u>	<u>773</u>
	<u>2,434</u>	<u>80,215</u>	<u>(79,717)</u>	<u>2,932</u>

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**7. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

**8. Controlling interest**

The controlling interest of the charitable company lies with the board of directors.

**9. Company limited by guarantee**

Northern Lights Project Ltd a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

**Northern Lights Project**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106124

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# Accounts

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**Registration number NI638437**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**

**(Company limited by guarantee)**

**Directors' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

**Northern Lights Project Ltd  
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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Company information**

<b>Directors</b>	Amanda Koser-Gillespie Kevin Peter O'Doherty
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Koser-Gillespie
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC106124
<b>Company number</b>	NI638437
<b>Registered office</b>	5-7 Artillery Street Derry BT48 6RG
<b>Accountants</b>	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd Accountants & Tax Consultants 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
<b>Bankers</b>	Santander 17 The Diamond Derry BT48 6HW

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the charitable company include the promotion and development of cohesive and confident communities in Northern Ireland as well as empowered and creatively engaged individuals.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Amanda Koser-Gillespie  
Kevin Peter O'Doherty

**Purpose and aims**

Northern Lights Project is a Derry-based music organisation and charity. It was founded in 2016 with the purpose of creating, producing, and promoting cutting-edge new music and adventurous interdisciplinary arts events. The organisation develops innovative approaches to presentation with performances, workshops, and concerts in a range of public arenas.

Its main aims are to:

- Create, produce and promote new and innovative new music/sound-based and multi-media events;
- Promotes and present performances, concerts and other events;
- Use music as a tool for community engagement and development;
- Encourage and facilitate participation, particularly by young people, in music and the arts;
- Develop partnerships that cross boundaries between music, the arts and beyond.

**Activities**

Highlights in the season 2022-23, funded by PRS Open Fund for Organisations and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, included:

November 2022 - Pitch Shifting: Commission and workshops for the preparation of an immersive sound installation that will premiere at Outburst Queer Arts Festival in 2023 before touring.

February 2023 - The Language & Shapes of Synthesisers & Electronic Sound // The Art & Science of Interference Patterns: Two workshop/ talk/ performances at NI Science Festival.

March 2023 - Michel Chion: Requiem: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first performance, we embarked on an ambitious project to perform this work live in a number of locations in 2023, starting with Derry's Guildhall exactly 50 years after the first performance.

April 2023 - re:sonance: Performance Art & Sound Event, in partnership with Beyond Belfast. An eclectic mix of contemporary performance and sound works.

In 2022-23 we also continued with our regular series of Derry Sound Factory events presenting new and experimental music by local practitioners with regular events.

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**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

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**Beneficiaries**

**Education and Outreach**

Most of our concerts have included an education or outreach component with opportunities for various groups to actively take part in creative music-making. These have included school children and young people.

Our concert series provides a platform for new and experimental music and sound art, allowing participating artists to road-test new ideas and develop existing pieces. The series provides a space for creative exploration and risk-taking with a view to developing and presenting high-quality imaginative and innovative work.

We have attempted to programme a diverse series of music and sound-based events, each with a distinct identity and appealing to a slightly different audience segment. The intention is to attract a broad audience with overlapping interests ranging from contemporary art, improvisation, new music and electronica. Contemporary music is rather more established in Belfast and we believe that much is to be gained from developing links between Derry and Belfast to help strengthen both the sector, by catering for a small but curious audience, as well as providing these artists with much-needed exposure and performance opportunities.

**Plans for the future**

We plan to present a further series of concerts in Derry and Belfast in late 2023 and early 2024. They will feature Northern Irish and visiting artists from a range of disciplines, including improvised music, sound art, live art and electronic music. These artists have been chosen for their unique aesthetic voice, the high standard of their artistic abilities and the high quality of the work they produce. Each concert in the series foregrounds risk, experimentation and imagination and seeks to present inspiring work that would not otherwise be available for local audiences to experience.

The success of this series of events, highlights the need for and level of public interest in experimental music in Northern Ireland, particularly in the north west region. We are gradually building a dedicated audience and plan to continue to support experimental music artists, locally, regionally and nationally.

We have applied for substantial project funding from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to allow us to continue presenting music projects and to allow us to grow the reach of our activities in Derry and further afield.

**Directors responsibilities**

The directors of Northern Lights Project Ltd for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 27 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Director

  
Director

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of**  
**Northern Lights Project Ltd**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 6 - 12.

**Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;**

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- 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 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd

Accountants & Tax Consultants

2 Carlisle Terrace

BT48 6JX

Date: 27 February 2024

**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

		<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Grant & Sundry Income		2,444	24,852	27,296	12,707
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<u>2,444</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>27,296</u>	<u>12,707</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure		251	24,852	25,103	9,822
Management & Administration		1,089	-	1,089	481
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<u>1,340</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>26,192</u>	<u>10,303</u>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b>6</b>	1,104	-	1,104	2,404
Balances brought forward 1 June 2022		<u>1,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>(1,074)</u>
Balances carried forward 31 May 2023		<u>2,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,434</u>	<u>1,330</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 May 2023**

		2023		2022	
Notes	£	£	£	£	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	-		5,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		31,562		3,020	
		<u>31,562</u>		<u>8,020</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(29,128)		(6,690)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>2,434</u>		<u>1,330</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			2,434		1,330
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,434</u>		<u>1,330</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted			-		-
Unrestricted			2,434		1,330
			<u>2,434</u>		<u>1,330</u>

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
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**Balance sheet (continued)**

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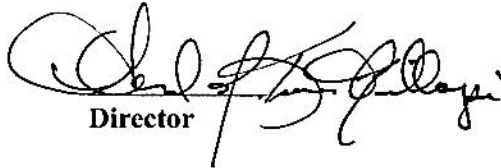
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**Director**

**Date : 27 February 2024**



**Director**

**Date : 27 February 2024**

**Registration number NI638437**

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

**1. General information**

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**1.3. Income resources**

**Grants**

Grants represent all amounts received and receivable during the year.

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are received.

**Sundry Income**

This comprised amounts of other income received during the year.

**1.4. Resources expended**

**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

This represents all expenditure directly attributable to charitable causes.

**Management & Administration**

This includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above and a portion of the overhead cost attributable to management and administration.

**1.5. Foreign currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss account.

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

2.1 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2023 £	Restricted Income 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b><u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u></b>				
Arts Council Northern Ireland	-	21,962	21,962	-
DSCDC	-	300	300	1,412
PRS Foundation	-	1,590	1,590	8,410
Cleaver Fulton Rankin Ltd	-	1,000	1,000	-
	-	24,852	24,852	9,822
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>				
Donations	-	-	-	2,473
Ticket income	2,444	-	2,444	112
Other Income	-	-	-	300
	2,444	-	2,444	2,885
<b>Total</b>	2,444	24,852	27,296	12,707

**(i) Restricted Funds**

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**(ii) Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

**2.2 Resources Expended**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
Programme expenses	251	24,764	25,015	8,345
Marketing expenses	-	88	88	1,477
	<u>251</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>25,103</u>	<u>9,822</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Accountancy	973	-	973	373
Bank charges	116	-	116	90
Loss on currency exchange	-	-	-	18
	<u>1,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,089</u>	<u>481</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>1,340</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>26,192</u>	<u>10,303</u>

**3. Tax on profit on ordinary activities**

No charge to taxations is due as the company has charitable status.

**4. Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry Debtors	-	5,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

<b>5.</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	Deferred income	28,408	1,590
	Other creditors	-	4,500
	Accruals	720	600
		<u>29,128</u>	<u>6,690</u>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Movements in Funds</b>	<b>At</b>			<b>At</b>
		<b>1 June</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>31 May</b>
		<b>2022</b>	<b>resources</b>	<b>resources</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£	£	£
	<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
	Charitable Activities	-	24,852	(24,852)	-
	Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>(24,852)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
	General funds	1,330	2,444	(1,340)	2,434
	Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,330</u>	<u>2,444</u>	<u>(1,340)</u>	<u>2,434</u>
		<u>1,330</u>	<u>27,296</u>	<u>(26,192)</u>	<u>2,434</u>

**7. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

**8. Controlling interest**

The controlling interest of the charitable company lies with the board of directors.

**9. Company limited by guarantee**

Northern Lights Project Ltd a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

**Northern Lights Project**

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# Annual report

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd**  
**Company limited by guarantee**

**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 May 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the charitable company include the promotion and development of cohesive and confident communities in Northern Ireland as well as empowered and creatively engaged individuals.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Amanda Koser-Gillespie  
Kevin Peter O'Doherty

**Purpose and aims**

Northern Lights Project is a Derry-based music organisation and charity. It was founded in 2016 with the purpose of creating, producing, and promoting cutting-edge new music and adventurous interdisciplinary arts events. The organisation develops innovative approaches to presentation with performances, workshops, and concerts in a range of public arenas.

Its main aims are to:

- Create, produce and promote new and innovative new music/sound-based and multi-media events;
- Promotes and present performances, concerts and other events;
- Use music as a tool for community engagement and development;
- Encourage and facilitate participation, particularly by young people, in music and the arts;
- Develop partnerships that cross boundaries between music, the arts and beyond.

**Activities**

Highlights in the season 2022-23, funded by PRS Open Fund for Organisations and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, included:

November 2022 - Pitch Shifting: Commission and workshops for the preparation of an immersive sound installation that will premiere at Outburst Queer Arts Festival in 2023 before touring.

February 2023 - The Language & Shapes of Synthesisers & Electronic Sound // The Art & Science of Interference Patterns: Two workshop/ talk/ performances at NI Science Festival.

March 2023 - Michel Chion: Requiem: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first performance, we embarked on an ambitious project to perform this work live in a number of locations in 2023, starting with Derry's Guildhall exactly 50 years after the first performance.

April 2023 - re:sonance: Performance Art & Sound Event, in partnership with Beyond Belfast. An eclectic mix of contemporary performance and sound works.

In 2022-23 we also continued with our regular series of Derry Sound Factory events presenting new and experimental music by local practitioners with regular events.

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**Beneficiaries**

**Education and Outreach**

Most of our concerts have included an education or outreach component with opportunities for various groups to actively take part in creative music-making. These have included school children and young people.

Our concert series provides a platform for new and experimental music and sound art, allowing participating artists to road-test new ideas and develop existing pieces. The series provides a space for creative exploration and risk-taking with a view to developing and presenting high-quality imaginative and innovative work.

We have attempted to programme a diverse series of music and sound-based events, each with a distinct identity and appealing to a slightly different audience segment. The intention is to attract a broad audience with overlapping interests ranging from contemporary art, improvisation, new music and electronica. Contemporary music is rather more established in Belfast and we believe that much is to be gained from developing links between Derry and Belfast to help strengthen both the sector, by catering for a small but curious audience, as well as providing these artists with much-needed exposure and performance opportunities.

**Plans for the future**

We plan to present a further series of concerts in Derry and Belfast in late 2023 and early 2024. They will feature Northern Irish and visiting artists from a range of disciplines, including improvised music, sound art, live art and electronic music. These artists have been chosen for their unique aesthetic voice, the high standard of their artistic abilities and the high quality of the work they produce. Each concert in the series foregrounds risk, experimentation and imagination and seeks to present inspiring work that would not otherwise be available for local audiences to experience.

The success of this series of events, highlights the need for and level of public interest in experimental music in Northern Ireland, particularly in the north west region. We are gradually building a dedicated audience and plan to continue to support experimental music artists, locally, regionally and nationally.

We have applied for substantial project funding from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to allow us to continue presenting music projects and to allow us to grow the reach of our activities in Derry and further afield.

**Directors responsibilities**

The directors of Northern Lights Project Ltd for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 27 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Director

  
Director

**Northern Lights Project**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106124

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# Annual return

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**Northern Lights Project Ltd  
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**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of  
Northern Lights Project Ltd**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 6 - 12.

**Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;**

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- 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 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

**Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd

Accountants & Tax Consultants

2 Carlisle Terrace

BT48 6JX

Date: 27 February 2024