

# Fóram na nÓg

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106317

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-04-10
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## Activities

**Purposes:** a) To enhance the educational and social experience of young Irish speakers through the provision of Irish-medium youth services b) To offer advice, guidance and training to all those involved in the provision of Irish-medium youth services and to advocate on behalf of the sector

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Community development,Cultural,Volunteer development,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),Voluntary and community sector,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£549,210	£485,828	£-8,535	20

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin		
Mr Conchúr Ó Muadaigh		
Mr Feargal Mac Ionrachaigh		
Mr Joseph O Doherty		
Mrs Gearoidín Mhic Mhathúna		
Ms Brónagh Fusco		
Niall Enright		
Padraig Mac Cathail		

**Fóram na nÓg**

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# Accounts

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**Fóram Na Nóg**

**Annual' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: Fóram Na Nóg

Charity Registration number: NIC106317

Registered Office: 4 Whiterock Close, Whiterock Road Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT12 7RG

Business Address: 4 Whiterock Close, Whiterock Road Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT12 7RG

#### **Trustee's**

Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

Niall Enright

Feargal Mac Ionnrachtaigh

Padraig Mac Cathal

Bronagh Fusco

Joseph O' Doherty

#### **Auditors**

McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD, 1 Lanyon Quay, Belfast, BT1 3LG

#### **Bankers**

Bank of Ireland, 202 Andersonstown Road, Belfast, BT11 9EB

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Fóram Na Nóg is a registered charity, number NIC106317 and is governed by its constitution. New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

Irish-medium youth work provides important non-formal educational opportunities for young people through the medium of Irish. This is beneficial as Irish Medium youth work has been long established in contributing to young people's personal, social and linguistic development skills coupled with informal learning opportunities in safe spaces. The benefits as identified above can be demonstrated by the number of young people who attend Irish-medium youth clubs and by the number of youth clubs which are being run. Consultations with young people and research carried out by Fóram na nÓg and others has shown that the provision of Irish-medium youth services and the assistance provided to the clubs which carry out these activities are an essential part of the educational experience of these young people. There is no harm arising from the purposes. The beneficiaries of Fóram na nÓg's work will be young Irish speakers who engage in youth work. There is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Fóram na nÓg, established in 2009, is a Regional Youth Organisation serving the Irish-medium youth sector. Its purpose, as set out in its governing document, is to strengthen and promote Irish-language youth work and to expand informal educational opportunities for children and young people through the medium of Irish.

The organisation works to enhance the educational, social, and cultural experiences of young Irish speakers by providing innovative, high-quality services, leadership, and strategic support to the sector. As the only voluntary Regional Youth Organisation dedicated to Irish-medium youth work, Fóram na nÓg plays a unique role in sector coordination, capacity-building, and sectoral development.

During the 2024-2025 financial period, Fóram na nÓg continued to provide strategic leadership, guidance, and operational support to 37 member groups. The organisation delivered targeted training programmes for Irish-language youth workers and offered ongoing expert advice on strategic planning, governance, and operational development. Fóram na nÓg was funded through a range of government and NGO awards, ensuring growth, stability, and increased coordination across the Irish-medium youth sector. The organisation employed six full-time staff Director, Training Coordinator, Education Officer, Volunteer Coordinator, and two Membership Support Officers alongside 13 part-time apprentices. A volunteer base of approximately 100 young people and adults (aged 14-50) supported delivery across the region.

New board members were recruited during the year to strengthen organisational governance and bring fresh strategic insight. Through extensive stakeholder engagement including staff, volunteers, member organisations, young people, parents, and educators the Board and Director developed six new strategic pillars to guide the organisation's work from 2025-2030.

Fóram na nÓg continued to advocate for the Irish-medium youth sector, maintaining active communication with members to identify emerging needs and developments. The organisation collaborated closely with the Department of Education, the Education Authority, and other key partners to support the implementation of the Indigenous Youth Work model.

The organisation represented the sector on various platforms with Government Departments including the Regional Advisory Group for youth work, the review of the current Youth Work Policy and the NSETs Cross-Border Committee, we supported broader engagement between the Irish-language youth sector, the Irish-speaking community, and communities across Ireland.

A significant part of this work included adapting and interpreting key youth work policy documents such as Priorities for Youth and the Model for Effective Practice for use in the Irish-medium context, coupled with our Indigenous Model developed by Fóram na nÓg in 2022. The organisation guided youth workers and management committees to embed these policies into everyday practice.

To promote meaningful youth participation, Fóram na nÓg continued to support Coiste na nGael Óg, the regional youth committee representing young Irish speakers. This forum provided a youth-led structure through which young people contributed directly to the vision, development, and evaluation of the Irish-medium youth sector. The organisation also facilitated international youth leadership opportunities, including transnational exchanges, best-practice visits, and participation in programmes.

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

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Fóram na nÓg advanced its all-island approach to Indigenous Youth Work (Obair Óige Dhúchasach), collaborating with Irish-language youth organisations and language service providers across Ireland to deepen sociolinguistic immersion opportunities. This approach positioned youth work as a core tool for language planning and language revitalisation. The organisation also supported outdoor learning initiatives, including environmental programmes, residential, and heritage-based activities. Work began on the development of an accredited environmental learning programme for young people.

Fóram na nÓg operated as an umbrella organisation with Access NI for safeguarding checks for staff, volunteers, and trustees across the sector. Safeguarding support, training, and quality assurance of policies were provided to all member organisations.

Member groups received comprehensive assistance in developing and reviewing core policies, including safeguarding, data protection, equal opportunities, employment, health and safety, residential, and social media. Peer learning opportunities were facilitated through shared best-practice networks.

The organisation delivered a broad programme of staff and volunteer training in three key areas:

Safeguarding:

- Child Protection
- Designated Officer
- First Aid
- Adult Safeguarding
- Safe and responsible use of Social Media

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Quality Assurance:

- Assessor Training
- Internal Verifier Training
- External Verifier Training
- Training on Quality Assurance Frameworks (OCN NI)

Programme Delivery:

- Indigenous Youth Work Training
- Outdoor Learning Training (Mountaineering and Kayaking Levels 1 ; 2)
- LGBTQ+ Awareness
- CRED (Community Relations, Equality and Diversity) Training

Staff also undertook Continuous Professional Development (CPD) throughout the year, supported by tailored development plans.

Fóram na nÓg supported children and young people through both formal and informal educational links, enhancing academic outcomes for those educated through the medium of Irish. Programmes strengthened connections between communities and youth services. The organisation also supported employability initiatives for young adults, including work experience placements, skills-based training, and structured programmes designed to build confidence and capability this programme.

Fóram na nÓg launched a Training Academy in April 2024, Acadamh na nÓg, as a new youth work training academy created to support and strengthen training across the Irish-language youth sector. The academy provides young Irish speakers aged 16-25 with opportunities to build skills, gain qualifications, take part in practical work experience, and contribute to youth-led research.

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

A core feature of Acadamh na nÓg is the promotion of Fóram na nÓg's Indigenous Youth Work model, which ensures that all training reflects the culture, identity, and lived experience of the Irish-medium community.

Acadamh na nÓg represents a major step forward in training and professional development for young Irish speakers. Through its four pillars and its culturally grounded approach, the academy aims to develop skilled, confident, and motivated young leaders who can contribute positively to their communities and to the Irish-language youth sector.

The programme is built around four key pillars:

#### **1. Skills Development**

Learners take part in activities that develop personal, social, professional, and sociolinguistic skills. The academy focuses on teamwork, leadership, planning, communication, and problem-solving to prepare young people for work within their communities.

#### **2. Accredited Qualifications**

Acadamh na nÓg offers a range of recognised qualifications including OCNs, First Aid, Child Protection, equality training, and rights-based learning. These qualifications equip participants with the knowledge needed to progress in youth work and community roles.

#### **3. Practical Work Experience**

Participants gain hands-on experience through placements in youth clubs and Irish-language community organisations. This practical element helps learners apply their training in real settings, build confidence, and develop a strong understanding of youth and community work.

#### **4. Research Opportunities**

Learners engage in youth-led research by designing and distributing surveys and gathering feedback from their peers. This helps develop analytical skills and generates useful insights for the wider sector.

During the period 2024-2025, Fóram na nÓg continued to develop a high-quality Irish-medium youth work curriculum in areas including:

- Outreach and detached youth work
- Gender equality
- Good relations
- Community development
- Participation and leadership
- Rights-based youth work and advocacy

Resources, safeguarding information, and sector-wide youth programme materials were made available through the organisation's website. Fóram na nÓg strengthened communication channels with the Irish-medium and wider youth sector. This included developing online resources, digital learning tools, registration systems, policy repositories, and sectoral signposting. Membership Support Officers maintained consistent communication with all member groups, including the development of a comprehensive Communication Strategy.

The trustees confirm that, throughout the year, they have had full regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All activities undertaken by Fóram na nÓg during 2024-2025 were planned and delivered to advance the organisation's charitable purposes for the benefit of children, young people, Irish-medium organisations, and the wider Irish-speaking community.

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The past financial year has been one of achievement, growth and capacity-building for Fóram na nÓg, with the charity's actions recognised as having a local, national, and international impact through a diverse and vibrant range of actions and activities. The charity has received large grants from the EA and multiple other small grants from a range of charities and NGOs, all of whom have been positively and co-operatively engaged with, and whose aims and objectives have been met. Funder moderations have found that Fóram na nÓg has exceeded standards, and praised Fóram na nÓg's commitment to continuous improvement, its quality youth work, and its positive impact on the lives of children and young people.

As ever, Fóram na nÓg has focused primarily on the support and experience of its 37 member groups, that is a constellation of Irish-language youth clubs throughout the north of Ireland. Through constant communication and regular evaluation, with Needs Assessments and focus-groups, the need to recruit and retain volunteers was highlighted as a key need, and thus this year has seen Fóram na nÓg's formation and implementation of a comprehensive Volunteer strategy. With new volunteer-recruitment materials, opportunities and training provided across the region through the medium of Irish, member groups cited the capacity for their volunteers to bond with others, share their interests and strengthen their connection to their language. Fóram na nÓg's 'Roadshow' allowed the personalisation of the recruitment process and the fostering of a more inclusive volunteer community, and the provision of excellent training and induction processes. Volunteers were recognised and celebrated for their contributions, in particular through June's Volunteer week and through a regional event that showcased a short film about the volunteer experience in the Irish-language youth sector, and the successful delivery of volunteer development initiatives.

2024 saw the launch of Fóram na nÓg's innovative youth work training academy designed for the Irish language sector, called Acadamh na nÓg. The past year saw the delivery of 3 OCN Level 3 accredited training courses to a minimum of 24 staff and volunteers across the region, with courses designed to meet the assessed need of Fóram na nÓg's member groups. As an OCNNI licence-holder and a member of the NSETS committee, Fóram na nÓg has broad experience in capacity building of the Irish-language youth work workforce, with its own workforce now trained in IQA Level 3 and 4 assessor and IV training, which has aided the charity's robust quality assurance systems and its delivery of high quality accredited programmes. Acadamh na nÓg's skill-building and qualification delivery are organised around 4 key pillars: Skills Development, Accredited Qualifications, Practical Work Experience, and Research Opportunities.

Fóram na nÓg trained and supported 13 young people across 10 Irish-language organisations through the charity's apprenticeship programme, facilitated through the wider LYNC (Linking Young people to New Careers) scheme. Apprentices were trained in Child Protection, EDI, Health and Safety, organisational policies and procedures, safeguarding and 2 vocational courses. Apprentices also achieved 2 official qualifications: OCN Level 2 in Youth Work Practice and a Level 3 certificate in Group Work skills. Fóram na nÓg's co-ordinator engaged continually in one-to-one support meetings throughout the year, developing interview and CV skills and discussing employability and further higher education opportunities, and bookmarked the programme with residential courses, allowing further education and reflection among the apprentices. This programme improved workforce skills and experience, and has fostered the growth of 14 young people who are now able to deliver youth work programmes with a focus on mutual understanding, youth work in divided communities, rights-based approaches and challenging prejudice, racism and injustice. Surveys showed a satisfaction rate of 80%.

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### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

This year saw Fóram na nÓg seize the opportunity to deliver a programme to 15 young people that culminated in an international trip to Boston. Beginning with a local overnight residential - that explored relationship-building as a foundation for a wider youth engagement initiative - this programme facilitated weeks of personal development, teamwork, active citizenship and a mix of accredited and non-accredited training. The safe, inclusive environment created immediately fostered a sense of belonging and empowerment among participants, who themselves discussed and undertook actions to counter the isolation, poverty and cost-of-living crisis suffocating their communities. A particularly impactful aspect of the international trip to Boston was the young people's visit to the Wôpanâak tribe, where young people had the unique opportunity to meet members of the tribe, explore their grounds, and gain deeper insights into Indigenous history, culture, and resilience. The programme was closed with a series of reflective sessions and a final overnight residential, which allowed the young people to recognise the impact of this experiential learning on their own development and practice.

Fóram na nÓg's identified foci of a new communication strategy and increased collaboration within and across sectors was perhaps best exemplified in a further international trip that took a cohort of 18 Irish-language youth, who both attended and volunteered in Irish-language youth settings, to the Basque country, to experience and learn from a growing and flourishing minority-language community and its best youth work practices. This experience offered the participating young people a valuable sense of global responsibility and internationalism, and the programme's facilitators highlighted, in particular, the increased confidence, engagement and motivation of the young people involved. Coiste na nGael Óg was relaunched in 2024, and saw its first efforts this year, as a beacon for young Irish-speakers in a range of rural and urban contexts, as they learn and train and are empowered to improve their own communities and to speak as representatives of the youth voice. Fóram na nÓg delivers a broad range of accredited and non-accredited training for part-time and full-time staff across its member groups, with identified needs as 'increasing confidence in adapting to future challenges' and 'increased skills and capacity', both of which will be aided by the full development and implementation of the network that is Coiste na nGael Óg, attracting, training and retaining the Irish-language youth leaders of the future.

#### **Related parties**

None of the Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity to related parties must be disclosed to the full Board of Trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a third party. There were no such disclosures in the current year.

#### **Financial Review**

The charity reported income of £549,210 (2024: £215,975). Total expenditure for the year was £485,828 (2024: £208,946). The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £69,958 in reserves at the end of the year. (2024: £25,688).

## **Fóram Na Nóg**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008], the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Disclosures of information to Auditors**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.



**Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin**

**Director**

**19 December 2025**

## Fóram Na Nóg

### **Independent auditors' report to the members of Fóram Na Nóg**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Fóram Na Nóg for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
  - have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- and

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Charity will continue in operation. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditors report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Fóram Na Nóg continued

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

## Fóram Na Nóg

### **Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

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

We identified the areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements and risks of material misstatement due to fraud, using our understanding of the entity's industry, regulatory environment and other external factors and inquiry with the Trustees. In addition, our risk assessment procedures included: inquiring with the Trustees as to the charities policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations and prevention and detection of fraud; inquiring whether the Trustees have knowledge of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations or alleged fraud; inspecting the charities regulatory and legal correspondence; and reading Board minutes.

We discussed identified laws and regulations, fraud risk factors and the need to remain alert among the audit team.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements charity and financial reporting legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items, including assessing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing them to supporting documentation when necessary.

The charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, environmental law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these non-direct laws and regulations to inquiry of the Trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

We assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. As required by auditing standards, we performed procedures to address the risk of management override of controls. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In response to risk of fraud, we also performed procedures including: identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation; evaluating the business purpose of significant unusual transactions; assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and assessing the disclosures in the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

## Fóram Na Nóg

In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Richard McClay FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Registered Auditors**  
**1 Lanyon Quay**  
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**19 December 2025**

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024
<b>Income from:</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and legacies	2	20,512	503,310	523,822	203,547
Income from charitable activities	3	25,388	-	25,388	12,428
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>45,900</u>	<u>503,310</u>	<u>549,210</u>	<u>215,975</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		(1,630)	(484,198)	(485,828)	(208,946)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	4	<u>(1,630)</u>	<u>(484,198)</u>	<u>(485,828)</u>	<u>(208,946)</u>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>		<u>44,270</u>	<u>19,112</u>	<u>63,382</u>	<u>7,029</u>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<u>44,270</u>	<u>19,112</u>	<u>63,382</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Fund balances brought forward		25,688	888	26,576	19,547
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>69,958</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>89,958</u>	<u>26,576</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		98,493		26,576	
		<u>98,493</u>		<u>26,576</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>6</b>	<u>(8,535)</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			89,958		26,576
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>89,958</u>		<u>26,576</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			69,958		25,688
Restricted funds			20,000		888
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>89,958</u>		<u>26,576</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 19 December 2025 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by



**Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin**  
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	63,382	7,029
Movement in creditors	8,535	-
<b>Net cash movement from operating activities</b>	<u>71,917</u>	<u>7,029</u>
<b>Cash flow statement</b>		
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
<b>Movement in cash in the year</b>	<u>71,917</u>	<u>7,029</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</b>		
<b>Movement in cash in the year</b>	71,917	7,029
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2024</b>	<u>26,576</u>	<u>19,547</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2025</b>	<u>98,493</u>	<u>26,576</u>

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### Company information

Fóram Na Nóg is a Charity, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 4 Whiterock Close, Whiterock Road Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT12 7RG.

##### 1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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.

##### 1.2. Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3. Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4. Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Investment income is recognised once the income has been declared and notified to bank accounts.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### **1.5. Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

#### **1.6. Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### **1.7. Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1.8. Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially and subsequently at transaction price.

#### 1.9. Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

#### 1.10. Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1.11. Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>2. Income from charitable activities</b>				
Education Authority	20,512	405,405	425,917	120,981
Belfast City Council	-	44,584	44,584	43,955
Foras Na Gaelige	-	-	-	5,290
Dormant Accounts	-	33,321	33,321	33,321
	20,512	503,310	523,822	203,547
	20,512	503,310	523,822	203,547

In 2024 charitable income of £203,547 was attributable to restricted income.

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>3. Generated funds</b>				
Generated funds	25,388	-	25,388	12,428
	25,388	-	25,388	12,428
	25,388	-	25,388	12,428

In 2024 generated funds of £12,428 was attributable to unrestricted income.

**Fóram Na Nóg**

**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>4. Expenditure:</b>		
<b>Support and administrative expenses</b>		
Wages and Salaries	293,495	124,057
Staff training	2,410	-
Programme costs	156,309	67,037
Rent	21,697	6,618
Insurance	2,044	1,667
Office costs	2,317	2,094
Travelling	3,337	1,931
Accountancy	3,916	576
Bank charges	303	100
Amounts returned to funder	-	4,866
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>485,828</u>	<u>208,946</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,630	
Restricted funds	<u>484,198</u>	
	<u>485,828</u>	
 <b>For the year ended 31 March 2024</b>		
Unrestricted funds		8,641
Restricted funds		<u>200,305</u>
		<u>208,946</u>
 <b>5. Taxation</b>		
No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The entity is a registered charity .		
 <b>6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals & Deferred Income	<u>8,535</u>	<u>-</u>

## Fóram Na Nóg

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Statement of funds	Balance April 23	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer £	Balance March 24 £
<b>7. Restricted Funds:</b>					
EA Regional Strategic	-	104,993	(104,993)	-	-
EA Training	71	39,951	(40,022)	-	-
EA Go Global	-	24,955	(24,955)	-	-
EA Lync	-	163,698	(163,698)	-	-
EA RD-004	-	71,808	(71,808)	-	-
Dormant Accounts	817	33,321	(34,138)	-	-
Belfast City Council	-	44,584	(44,584)	-	-
National Lottery	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
	<u>888</u>	<u>503,310</u>	<u>(484,198)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
General funds	25,688	45,900	(1,630)	-	69,958
	<u>25,688</u>	<u>45,900</u>	<u>(1,630)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,958</u>

Statement of funds- prior year	Balance April 23	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer £	Balance March 24 £
<b>7 Restricted Funds:</b>					
Restricted funds	2,071	199,122	(200,305)	-	888
	<u>2,071</u>	<u>199,122</u>	<u>(200,305)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>888</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
General funds	17,476	16,853	(8,641)	-	25,688
	<u>17,476</u>	<u>16,853</u>	<u>(8,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,688</u>

#### 9. Related party transactions

There were no material related party transactions to disclose during the year.

**Fóram Na Nóg**

**Notes to the financial statements  
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**10. Ultimate Controlling party**

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the Trustees.

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Accounts

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC106317**

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**Tony Clarke**

53 Andersonstown Road

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

FÓRAM NA NÓG

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC106317

Approved 10 April 2017

**CHAIRPERSON**

Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

Niall Enright

Feargal Mac Ionnrachtaigh

Padraig Mac Cathal

Sean O hEacháin

Resigned - 9th May 2024

Breanda Uí Chleirigh

Resigned - 9th May 2024

Bronagh Fusco

Appointed - 9th May 2024

Joseph O' Doherty

Appointed - 9th May 2024

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53 Andersonstown Road

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **Structure**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

Fóram na nÓg is the lead representative organisation for the youth sector through the medium of Irish. The organisation aims to develop the sector with the co-operation of youth workers and volunteers, youth club committees, Irish language organisations and statutory agencies and, most importantly, young people themselves.

Fóram na nÓg comprises membership from a wide range of groups and any youth club or community group working with young people in Northern Ireland through the medium of Irish. We work in partnership with relevant statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations to promote the needs of youth services through the medium of Irish. Our mission is to ensure that community based youth provision through the medium of Irish is safe, fun, educational, interesting and inclusive.

Fóram na nÓg offers support, guidance, quality assurance and advice to the committees of Irish-medium youth clubs across the north to help them to provide high quality non-formal educational and social experiences to young people. The organisation offers accredited and non-accredited training programmes/courses to youth workers, volunteers and committee members and holds a licence with Open Collage Network (OCN) awarding body. It also offers training, support and guidance to other youth organisations who have a role in the provision of youth services to increase the understanding of Irish-medium youth work e.g. through sitting on regional and local youth planning committees, policy reference forums with Government departments. Through developing a theory of change including a Irish Medium Youth Work model for the organisation and for the sector over the next number of years and through working with partners in local authorities, the Education Authority, Department of Education and smaller Charity's and with other regional youth organisations, Fóram na nÓg will lead the development of a strategic, long-term sustainable plan for the Irish-medium youth sector.

Fóram na nÓg recruits young people for Coiste na nGael Óg (Regional Youth Voice Committee), it trains these members and facilitates the meetings and activities of this group to enable them to participate fully in the planning and work of Fóram na nÓg and therefore the development of the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg sits on advisory committees on a cross Departmental/Cross Boarder groups to represent, lobby and advocate the interests of the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg and its member organisation work closely with the Irish Medium Formal Education sector to promote the ethos of the formal and informal sectors complementing one and other. Fóram na nÓg works along with the Irish Medium schools to provide learning opportunities that will contribute positively to the young person's life in a holistic manner.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

Fóram na nÓg also provide young people with international learning expeditions throughout Europe and the USA. It works to raise awareness of Irish-medium youth work and seeks out new opportunities to work with other partners in a way that will benefit the Irish-medium youth

Fóram na nÓg was also relaunched in 2021 into a new funding scheme, which has employed six members of full-time staff since then, it also has a volunteer base of 100 people between the ages of 14-40. Fóram na nÓg currently employ a full time Director, Training Coordinator, Education Officer, Volunteer Coordinator and two Membership support Officers and 13 part time apprentices to assist, build the capacity and develop youth clubs and community development organisations delivering youth work services through the medium of Irish. These posts were foundational to the work needed to support the organisation's member groups as they were also to enter a new Priorities For Youth funding scheme in April 2023. New board members were also recruited to bring in a swath of new ideas to plan for the future of Fóram na nÓg strategically. Member groups have been consistently supported in their efforts to enter the new funding scheme. This has developed their capacity for delivering youth work and in turn, provided opportunities for young people and their communities as a whole.

**Public Benefits**

Irish-medium youth work provides important non-formal educational opportunities for young people through the medium of Irish. This is beneficial as Irish Medium youth work has been long established in contributing to young people's personal, social and linguistic development skills coupled with informal learning opportunities in safe spaces. The benefits as identified above can be demonstrated by the number of young people who attend Irish-medium youth clubs and by the number of youth clubs which are being run. Consultations with young people and research carried out by Fóram na nÓg and others has shown that the provision of Irish-medium youth services and the assistance provided to the clubs which carry out these activities are an essential part of the educational experience of these young people. There is no harm arising from the purposes. The beneficiaries of Fóram na nÓg's work will be young Irish speakers who engage in youth work. There is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 7 & 8. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£5,349), (2023: £21,261). At 31 March 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £19,547 (2023 £24,896) of which restricted funds were £2,071 (2023 £9,642) and £17,476 (2023 £15,254) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £18,967 is made up of cash at the bank of which £17,476 is unrestricted reserves. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

### **Structure, governance and management**

Fóram Na Nóg is a registered charity, number NIC106317 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### **Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



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Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin  
Chair

17/12/2024

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Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF EDENDERRY ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Fóram Na Nóg for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It was 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
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be

**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 you attention.



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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast  
BT11 9AG

17/12/2024

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Date:

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to Mar-24 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-23 TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Grants	1	4,425	199,122	<b>203,547</b>	148,602
Legacy		-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	12,428	-	<b>12,428</b>	4,394
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>16,853</b>	<b>199,122</b>	<b>215,975</b>	152,996
<b>Payments:</b>					
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	8,541	199,729	<b>208,270</b>	156,830
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	100	576	<b>676</b>	1,516
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>8,641</b>	<b>200,305</b>	<b>208,946</b>	158,346
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		8,212	(1,183)	<b>7,029</b>	(5,350)
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		8,212	(1,183)	<b>7,029</b>	(5,350)
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.24</u></b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23		17,476	2,071	<b>19,547</b>	24,896
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		8,212	(1,183)	<b>7,029</b>	(5,349)
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24		<b>25,688</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>26,576</b>	19,547

The statement of Receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23	17,476	2,071	<b>19,547</b>	24,896
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	8,212 -	1,183	<b>7,029</b>	(5,349)
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.24</b>	<b>25,688</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>26,576</b>	<b>19,546</b>

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	25,997	-	<b>25,997</b>	18,967
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
	<b>25,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,997</b>	<b>18,967</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Grants Owed	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Finance fees	420	-	<b>420</b>	420
	<b>420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on 17/12/024 and were signed on their behalf by:



Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

17/12/2024

Date

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 Generated Funds**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	4,425	116,556	<b>120,981</b>	119,932
BCC	-	43,955	<b>43,955</b>	5,000
HLF	-	-	-	5,100
Irish Youth Funation	-	-	-	4,000
Foras Na Gaelige	-	5,290	<b>5,290</b>	14,570
Dormant Accounts	-	33,321	<b>33,321</b>	-
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>199,122</b>	<b>203,547</b>	<b>148,602</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	-	<b>148,602</b>	<b>148,602</b>	

**2 Activities for generating funds**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	12,428	-	<b>12,428</b>	4,394
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>12,428</b>	-	<b>12,428</b>	<b>4,394</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>4,394</b>	-	<b>4,394</b>	

**3 Payments on charitable activities**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	-	124,057	<b>124,057</b>	93,670
Overheads	283	10,096	<b>10,379</b>	9,802
Other Costs	8,257	65,577	<b>73,834</b>	53,358
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>199,729</b>	<b>208,270</b>	<b>156,830</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>156,086</b>	<b>156,830</b>	

**4 Governance Costs**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	-	576	<b>576</b>	1,416
Bank Fees	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>1,516</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>1,515</b>	

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

<b>5 Funds</b>	Balance at 1 April 23	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 Mar 24
	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>					
EA Regional Strategic	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	-
EA Training	71	41,556	(41,556)	-	71
Other Grants	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Dormant Accounts	-	33,321	(32,504)	-	817
Foras Na Gaelige	-	5,290	(5,290)	-	-
BCC	-	43,955	(43,955)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>199,122</b>	<b>(200,305)</b>	-	<b>888</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	17,476	16,853	(8,641)	-	25,688
	<b>17,476</b>	<b>16,853</b>	<b>(8,641)</b>	-	<b>25,688</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>19,547</b>	<b>215,975</b>	<b>(208,946)</b>	-	<b>26,576</b>

**7 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £240 (2023:£240)

**8 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

None.

**9 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**10 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

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

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023- £NIL).

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Annual report

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **Structure**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

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Fóram na nÓg comprises membership from a wide range of groups and any youth club or community group working with young people in Northern Ireland through the medium of Irish. We work in partnership with relevant statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations to promote the needs of youth services through the medium of Irish. Our mission is to ensure that community based youth provision through the medium of Irish is safe, fun, educational, interesting and inclusive.

Fóram na nÓg offers support, guidance, quality assurance and advice to the committees of Irish-medium youth clubs across the north to help them to provide high quality non-formal educational and social experiences to young people. The organisation offers accredited and non-accredited training programmes/courses to youth workers, volunteers and committee members and holds a licence with Open Collage Network (OCN) awarding body. It also offers training, support and guidance to other youth organisations who have a role in the provision of youth services to increase the understanding of Irish-medium youth work e.g. through sitting on regional and local youth planning committees, policy reference forums with Government departments. Through developing a theory of change including a Irish Medium Youth Work model for the organisation and for the sector over the next number of years and through working with partners in local authorities, the Education Authority, Department of Education and smaller Charity's and with other regional youth organisations, Fóram na nÓg will lead the development of a strategic, long-term sustainable plan for the Irish-medium youth sector.

Fóram na nÓg recruits young people for Coiste na nGael Óg (Regional Youth Voice Committee), it trains these members and facilitates the meetings and activities of this group to enable them to participate fully in the planning and work of Fóram na nÓg and therefore the development of the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg sits on advisory committees on a cross Departmental/Cross Boarder groups to represent, lobby and advocate the interests of the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg and its member organisation work closely with the Irish Medium Formal Education sector to promote the ethos of the formal and informal sectors complementing one and other. Fóram na nÓg works along with the Irish Medium schools to provide learning opportunities that will contribute positively to the young person's life in a holistic manner.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

Fóram na nÓg also provide young people with international learning expeditions throughout Europe and the USA. It works to raise awareness of Irish-medium youth work and seeks out new opportunities to work with other partners in a way that will benefit the Irish-medium youth

Fóram na nÓg was also relaunched in 2021 into a new funding scheme, which has employed six members of full-time staff since then, it also has a volunteer base of 100 people between the ages of 14-40. Fóram na nÓg currently employ a full time Director, Training Coordinator, Education Officer, Volunteer Coordinator and two Membership support Officers and 13 part time apprentices to assist, build the capacity and develop youth clubs and community development organisations delivering youth work services through the medium of Irish. These posts were foundational to the work needed to support the organisation's member groups as they were also to enter a new Priorities For Youth funding scheme in April 2023. New board members were also recruited to bring in a swath of new ideas to plan for the future of Fóram na nÓg strategically. Member groups have been consistently supported in their efforts to enter the new funding scheme. This has developed their capacity for delivering youth work and in turn, provided opportunities for young people and their communities as a whole.

**Public Benefits**

Irish-medium youth work provides important non-formal educational opportunities for young people through the medium of Irish. This is beneficial as Irish Medium youth work has been long established in contributing to young people's personal, social and linguistic development skills coupled with informal learning opportunities in safe spaces. The benefits as identified above can be demonstrated by the number of young people who attend Irish-medium youth clubs and by the number of youth clubs which are being run. Consultations with young people and research carried out by Fóram na nÓg and others has shown that the provision of Irish-medium youth services and the assistance provided to the clubs which carry out these activities are an essential part of the educational experience of these young people. There is no harm arising from the purposes. The beneficiaries of Fóram na nÓg's work will be young Irish speakers who engage in youth work. There is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 7 & 8. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£5,349), (2023: £21,261). At 31 March 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £19,547 (2023 £24,896) of which restricted funds were £2,071 (2023 £9,642) and £17,476 (2023 £15,254) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £18,967 is made up of cash at the bank of which £17,476 is unrestricted reserves. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

### **Structure, governance and management**

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New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### **Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



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Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin  
Chair

17/12/2024

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Date

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF EDENDERRY ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Fóram Na Nóg for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It was also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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**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 you attention.



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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast  
BT11 9AG

17/12/2024

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Date:

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Accounts

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC106317**

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

**Tony Clarke**

Clarke&Co. Accountants

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## **FÓRAM NA NÓG**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

FÓRAM NA NÓG

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC106317

Approved 10 April 2017

**CHAIRPERSON**

Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

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Fóram na nÓg underwent numerous changes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that has informed the ways in which the organisation's work is carried out to ensure maximum effectiveness. The pandemic allowed Fóram na nÓg to strengthen its digital approach to supporting member groups situated farther away from the Greater Belfast area where the main office is based. The use of new apps designed to aid remote work during the pandemic has allowed Fóram na nÓg to carry out effective and efficient work at a faster rate.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

Fóram na nÓg was also relaunched in 2021 into a new funding scheme, which has employed five members of full-time staff since then. Research, Development, Training, and Support Officers and a Director were employed to assist youth clubs delivering services through Irish. These posts were foundational to the work needed to support the organisation's member groups as they were also to enter a new Priorities For Youth funding scheme in April 2022. In September 2022 Fóram na nÓg Regional Development Scheme and Regional Project Scheme came to an end with the loss of a full-time youth development officer and a part time training officer. In November 2022 Fóram na nÓg have re applied to the Education Authority for the continuation of the Regional Strategic Funding, in addition to this Fóram na nÓg have applied for Regional Project funding to build and develop the volunteer workforce across the Sector. Additional Funding has also been awarded from the Dormant Account Fund to employ a part time staff member to work on building the sustainability of the project from 2022-2025. There have also been numerous small grants for programme and facilitation costs from Halifax Foundation, Irish Youth Foundation, Belfast City Council and Foras na Gaeilge. New board members were also recruited to bring in a swath of new ideas to plan for the future of Fóram na nÓg strategically. Member groups have been consistently supported in their efforts to enter the new funding scheme. This has developed their capacity for delivering youth work and in turn, provided opportunities for young people and their communities as a whole.

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Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



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Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin  
Chair

18/12/2023

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Date

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18/12/2023

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Tony Clarke  
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Date:

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to Mar-23 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-22 TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Grants	1	-	148,602	148,602	207,966
Legacy		-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	4,394	-	4,394	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>4,394</b>	<b>148,602</b>	<b>152,996</b>	207,966
<b>Payments:</b>					
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	743	156,086	156,829	191,355
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	100	1,416	1,516	1,154
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>843</b>	<b>157,502</b>	<b>158,345</b>	192,509
<b>Net Receipts/(payments)</b>		3,551	(8,900)	(5,349)	21,261
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		(1,329)	1,329	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>2,222</b>	<b>(7,571)</b>	<b>(5,349)</b>	21,261
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.23</u></b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.22		15,254	9,642	24,896	3,634
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		2,222	(7,571)	(5,349)	21,261
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23		<b>17,476</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>19,547</b>	24,896

The statement of Receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	Total 2022 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.22	15,254	9,642	<b>24,896</b>	3,634
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	2,222 -	7,571	<b>(5,349)</b>	21,261
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.23</b>	<b>17,476</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>19,547</b>	<b>24,894</b>

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	Total 2022 £
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	18,967	-	<b>18,967</b>	24,896
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
	<b>18,967</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,967</b>	<b>24,896</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	Total 2022 £
Grants Owed	-	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	Total 2022 £
Finance fees	-	420	<b>420</b>	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on 18/12/2023 and were signed on their behalf by:



Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin

18/12/2023

Date

**FÓRAM NA NÓG**  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 Generated Funds**

	<b>2023</b>			2022
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	119,932	<b>119,932</b>	189,466
Awards for All	-	-	-	10,000
Youth Action	-	-	-	8,500
BCC	-	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	-
HLF	-	5,100	<b>5,100</b>	-
Irish Youth Funation	-	4,000	<b>4,000</b>	-
Foras Na Gaelige	-	14,570	<b>14,570</b>	-
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,602</b>	<b>148,602</b>	<b>207,966</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>4,781</b>	<b>203,185</b>	<b>207,966</b>	

**2 Activities for generating funds**

	<b>2023</b>			2022
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	4,394	-	<b>4,394</b>	5,805
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>5,805</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>5,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

**3 Payments on charitable activities**

	<b>2023</b>			2022
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	71	93,599	<b>93,670</b>	116,625
Overheads	673	9,129	<b>9,802</b>	13,429
Other Costs	-	53,358	<b>53,358</b>	61,300
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>156,086</b>	<b>156,829</b>	<b>191,355</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>191,262</b>	<b>191,355</b>	

**4 Governance Costs**

	<b>2023</b>			2022
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	-	1,416	<b>1,416</b>	936
Bank Fees	100	-	<b>100</b>	218
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>1,154</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,154</b>	

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

<b>5 Funds</b>	Balance at 1 April 22	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 Mar 23
	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>					
EA Regional Development		29,700	(29,700)	-	-
EA Regional Strategic	-	72,000	(72,000)	-	-
EA Training	-	18,232	(18,161)	-	71
EA	971	-	(971)	-	-
Other Grants	8,671	28,670	(36,670)	1,329	2,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>9,642</b>	<b>148,602</b>	<b>(157,502)</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>2,071</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	15,254	4,394	(843)	(1,329)	17,476
	<b>15,254</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>(843)</b>	<b>(1,329)</b>	<b>17,476</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>24,896</b>	<b>152,996</b>	<b>(158,345)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,547</b>

**7 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £240 (2022:£240)

**8 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

None.

**9 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**10 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

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

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022- £NIL).

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Annual report

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **Structure**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

Fóram na nÓg is the lead representative organisation for the youth sector through the medium of Irish. The organisation aims to develop the sector with the co-operation of youth workers and volunteers, youth club committees, Irish language organisations and statutory agencies and, most importantly, young people themselves.

Fóram na nÓg comprises membership from a wide range of groups and any youth club or community group working with young people in Northern Ireland through the medium of Irish can affiliate. We work in partnership with relevant statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations to promote the needs of youth services through the medium of Irish. Our mission is to ensure that community based youth provision through the medium of Irish is safe, fun, educational, interesting and inclusive.

Fóram na nÓg offers support, guidance and advice to the committees of Irish-medium youth clubs across the north to help them to provide high quality non-formal educational and social experiences to young people. The organisation offers training to youth workers and volunteers on youth work programmes and also offers training, support and guidance to other youth organisations who have a role in the provision of youth services to increase the understanding of Irish-medium youth work e.g. through sitting on regional and local youth planning committees. Through developing a theory of change for the organisation and for the sector over the next number of years and through working with partners in local authorities, the education authority and with other regional youth organisations, Fóram na nÓg will lead the development of a strategic, long-term plan for the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg recruits members for Coiste na nGael Óg, trains these members and facilitates the meetings and activities of this group to enable them to participate fully in the planning and work of Fóram na nÓg and therefore the development of the Irish-medium youth sector. Fóram na nÓg sits on advisory committees to represent the interests of the Irish-medium youth sector, works to raise awareness of Irish-medium youth work and seeks out new opportunities to work with other partners in a way that will benefit the Irish-medium youth sector.

Fóram na nÓg underwent numerous changes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that has informed the ways in which the organisation's work is carried out to ensure maximum effectiveness. The pandemic allowed Fóram na nÓg to strengthen its digital approach to supporting member groups situated farther away from the Greater Belfast area where the main office is based. The use of new apps designed to aid remote work during the pandemic has allowed Fóram na nÓg to carry out effective and efficient work at a faster rate.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

Fóram na nÓg was also relaunched in 2021 into a new funding scheme, which has employed five members of full-time staff since then. Research, Development, Training, and Support Officers and a Director were employed to assist youth clubs delivering services through Irish. These posts were foundational to the work needed to support the organisation's member groups as they were also to enter a new Priorities For Youth funding scheme in April 2022. In September 2022 Fóram na nÓg Regional Development Scheme and Regional Project Scheme came to an end with the loss of a full-time youth development officer and a part time training officer. In November 2022 Fóram na nÓg have re applied to the Education Authority for the continuation of the Regional Strategic Funding, in addition to this Fóram na nÓg have applied for Regional Project funding to build and develop the volunteer workforce across the Sector. Additional Funding has also been awarded from the Dormant Account Fund to employ a part time staff member to work on building the sustainability of the project from 2022-2025. There have also been numerous small grants for programme and facilitation costs from Halifax Foundation, Irish Youth Foundation, Belfast City Council and Foras na Gaeilge. New board members were also recruited to bring in a swath of new ideas to plan for the future of Fóram na nÓg strategically. Member groups have been consistently supported in their efforts to enter the new funding scheme. This has developed their capacity for delivering youth work and in turn, provided opportunities for young people and their communities as a whole.

**Public Benefits**

Irish-medium youth work provides important non-formal educational opportunities for young people through the medium of Irish. This is beneficial as it has been long established that youth work contributes to young people's personal development and social skills. The Irish-medium youth sector provides the same benefits and opportunities and also brings with it the additional benefit of contributing to young people's social language skills and provides an opportunity for fluent Irish speakers to use their language in a safe, social environment. The benefits as identified above can be demonstrated by the number of young people who attend Irish-medium youth clubs and by the number of youth clubs which are being run. Consultations with young people and research carried out by Fóram na nÓg and others has shown that the provision of Irish-medium youth services and the assistance provided to the clubs which carry out these activities are an essential part of the educational experience of these young people. There is no harm arising from the purposes. The beneficiaries of Fóram na nÓg's work will be young Irish speakers who engage in youth work. There is no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 7 & 8. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£5,349), (2022: £21,261). At 31 March 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £19,547 (2022 £24,896) of which restricted funds were £2,071 (2022 £9,642) and £17,476 (2022 £15,254) were unrestricted.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £18,967 is made up of cash at the bank of which £17,476 is unrestricted reserves. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

### **Structure, governance and management**

Fóram Na Nóg is a registered charity, number NIC106317 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### **Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



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Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhéin  
Chair

18/12/2023

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Date

**Fóram na nÓg**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106317

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF EDENDERRY ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Fóram Na Nóg for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It was 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
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be

**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 you attention.



18/12/2023

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Tony Clarke  
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Date: