

COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st July 2018

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Name	COLERAINE MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
Charity Registration Number	NIC 106472
Principal Office	25 Gillistown Road Toomebridge Antrim BT41 3QD
Trustees	Dr John Johnston Mrs Margaret Sloane Mr Joe Dwyer
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Governance and Purpose

Coleraine Music Festival Association is a charitable association governed by a constitution. The objects of the association are to hold and promote competitive music festivals; to present and promote public performances, concerts and recitals; and to affiliate with and promote the charitable objects of The British Association of Festivals for Music, Dance and Speech.

The trustees have had regard to the CCNI statutory guidance regarding public benefit.

Activities and Main Achievements

The Coleraine Music Festival was held from 11th-27th April 2018, with the Speech and drama Competitions from 11th to 20th April and Music Competitions from 23-27th April in Coleraine Town hall. With over 900 individual entries in the Speech Competitions and also 4 larger choral entries this meant that approximately 1000 individuals competed in the Speech and drama Section of the Festival. Music entries increased by almost 30 per cent in 2018 with over 400 single entries as well as 39 choirs and larger group entries.

All in all we provided a platform for competition, experience and adjudication for almost 2500 children and adults from a wide area. Entrants came from as far away as Moneymore, Tobermore, Ballymena and Limavady; as well as from throughout the entire Causeway Coast Council Area. Again this year there was also an increased focus on children (and adults) with special needs. A massive number of teachers and helpers were also in attendance with the school groups and over 2000 adult spectators paid at the door as well as those who had free access as teachers or guardians. As a result attendances grew compared to prior years. Also, to 'staff' the Festival we required at least 5-6 volunteers or Committee members per session so in total between 200-250 individuals were required (and used) some on many more than one occasion and all done voluntarily.

This certainly should have given local businesses a boost with the influx of so many people to the town over this 14 days and 39 sessions of Competition at Coleraine Music Festival in our Town Centre venue. We trust that we have contributed in some way to the growth of our local economy.

This year our two adjudicators appeared to award more than the usual number of awards for Second and Third place prizewinners and also 'highly commended' awards, along with our usual cash Bursary awards. As a result a larger than ever number of our young competitors were encouraged and awarded for their participation and performance at the festival and their hard work in preparation in the run up to it which was evident in the higher standard of performances.

In addition to the above achievements, in 2018 we were successful in obtaining sponsorship from The Honourable The Irish Society, and signed up 23 advertisers and 10 other donors toward our Festival programme.

Financial review

The results for the year are laid out in our Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st July 2018. The deficit for 2018 was £2850 (2017 deficit £2962) largely because we purchased a sizeable number of medals and badges that should service part of our festival awards for the next five years or so. We have sufficient reserves to continue into future years but continue to seek funding and other ways to eliminate deficits in future years.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by



on 13.6.2019.