

# Congo Initiative UK

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107268

## Details

Status	Received
Company number	<a href="#">657985</a>
Registered	2019-02-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Trust is established for charitable purposes only specifically the advancement of Religion (specifically the Christian Faith), the advancement of education, the advancement of citizenship or community development, the the relief of poverty.

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Education/training

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£122,785	£101,690	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jonathan Birnie		
Mr Andrew Kyle		
Mr Eric Clarke		
Mrs Heather Saunders		
Mrs Heather Snoek		

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# Accounts

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**(Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Annual Financial Report**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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**Board of Directors, Trustees and Other Information**

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Congo Initiative UK has also been able to provide support for the following activities during the year:

- Funding for a Counselling Centre and trauma Counselling for women and girls.
- Providing support and capacity building to the Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo (UCBC) and encouraging new relationships between the UK, Churches and UCBC.
- Being able to provide UK scholarships for two UCBC graduates.
- David McAllister, CEO has been able to focus on building the capacity of Congo Initiative UK and also establishing and strengthening new networks within the UK.

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## By order of the Board



17/03/2026

Date

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**Mr Eric Clarke**  
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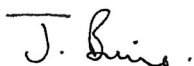
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**Mr Jonathan Birnie**  
**Director and Trustee**

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**Date**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congo Initiative UK for the year ended 31 December 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's directors and trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my understanding to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- follow the procedure laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Independent examiner's statement**

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



**Stuart Compston FCA**  
**Chartered Accountant with Chartered Accountants Ireland**  
**105 Derryrairie Road**  
**Collone**  
**Armagh**  
**BT60 1LL**

17/13/26  
**Date**

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	<u>Notes</u>				
<b><u>Incoming Resources:</u></b>					
<b>Voluntary income</b>					
Gifts and Donations	2	34,205	88,080	122,285	88,925
Gift Aid Tax Refund		500	-	500	55
Other income		-	-	-	-
<b>Activities to Generate Funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Investment and Other Income</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>34,705</u>	<u>88,080</u>	<u>122,785</u>	<u>88,980</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended:</u></b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Donations	3	-	51,280	51,280	47,680
Charitable Activity	4	15,396	18,600	33,996	25,576
Administration Costs	5	16,414	-	16,414	7,090
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>31,810</u>	<u>69,880</u>	<u>101,690</u>	<u>80,346</u>
<b>Net Income for the year</b>	8	2,895	18,200	21,095	8,634
Gross Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Income/(Expense) for the year</b>		<u>2,895</u>	<u>18,200</u>	<u>21,095</u>	<u>8,634</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		21,107	19,910	41,017	32,383
<b>Total Funds to Carry Forward</b>		<u>24,002</u>	<u>38,110</u>	<u>62,112</u>	<u>41,017</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025**

Employment of Capital		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	<u>Notes</u>				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	6	1,632	-	1,632	1,632
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		22,370	38,110	60,480	39,385
		<u>22,370</u>	<u>38,110</u>	<u>60,480</u>	<u>39,385</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	7	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		22,370	38,110	60,480	39,385
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>24,002</u>	<u>38,110</u>	<u>62,112</u>	<u>41,017</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			24,002	21,107
Restricted Funds	9			38,110	19,910
				<u>62,112</u>	<u>41,017</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2025, the company was entitled to an exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors and trustees have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- A) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- B) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on the 23 February 2026 and were signed by:



**Mr Eric Clarke**  
**Director and Trustee**

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

### 1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of the donors in so far as these are intended to be binding on the charity. Where such wishes are not intended to be binding, they are taken into account and recognised in appropriately designated funds.

#### **Unrestricted Free Reserves**

Free Reserves represent amount which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

#### **Resources Expended**

All resources expended are accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non –staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rat to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

No Provision for depreciation on fixed assets is made in these accounts.

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## 2 Gifts and Donations

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Northern Ireland Church Donations	6,275	-	6,275	2,400
Donations from Trusts	16,550	88,080	104,630	77,000
General Donations	7,475	-	7,475	8,855
CAF	3,905	-	3,905	670
	<u>34,205</u>	<u>88,080</u>	<u>122,285</u>	<u>88,925</u>

## 3 Charitable Donations

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Congo Initiative - DRC	-	51,280	51,280	47,680
	<u>-</u>	<u>51,280</u>	<u>51,280</u>	<u>47,680</u>

## 4 Charitable Activity

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	15,214	-	15,214	8,566
Travel Costs	182	-	182	5,010
Development Expenditure	-	18,600	18,600	12,000
	<u>15,396</u>	<u>18,600</u>	<u>33,996</u>	<u>25,576</u>

## 5 Administration Costs

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees	176	-	176	111
Accountancy	293	-	293	190
Computer Expenses	1,105	-	1,105	407
FR Coordinator Role	8,175	-	8,175	5,849
Media Manager	1,695	-	1,695	-
Trusts and Foundations and Statutory Costs	4,110	-	4,110	-
Governance Costs	179	-	179	-
Office Materials	681	-	681	533
	<u>16,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,414</u>	<u>7,090</u>

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## 6 Tangible Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2025	1,632	1,632
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2025	-	-
Charge	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>

## 7 Sundry Creditors and Accruals

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## 8 Movement in Funds

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	34,705	(31,810)	2,895
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	88,080	(69,880)	18,200
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>122,785</u>	<u>(101,690)</u>	<u>21,095</u>

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### 9 Net Movement in Funds, included in the above as follows:

	At the 01/01/2025 £	Movement In Funds £	Transfers in/(out) £	Transfers In Funds £	At the 31/12/2025 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	21,107	2,895	-	-	24,002
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
LA Charite - Primary School	4,400	-	-	-	4,400
Office Printer	250	-	-	-	250
UCBC	240	13,800	-	-	14,040
Memorial Fund	2,014	-	-	-	2,014
CI UK Development Support	10,000	4,400	-	-	14,400
Centre for Renewal & Global Mission Programme	3,006	-	-	-	3,006
Bethesdas Counselling Centre	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>41,017</b>	<b>21,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,112</b>

### 10 Director's and Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no Director's or Trustee's remuneration, or other benefits made during the year ended 31 December 2025.

There were no Director's or Trustee's reimbursed for approved expenses incurred in connection with the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Congo Initiative UK**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107268

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**By order of the Board**



\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mr Eric Clarke**  
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**Date**

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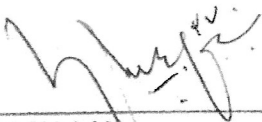
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Mr Olufemi Akinlabi  
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12/5/25  
Date

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Notes				
<b><u>Incoming Resources:</u></b>					
<b>Voluntary income</b>					
Gifts and Donations	2	13,605	75,320	88,925	35,520
Gift Aid Tax Refund		55	-	55	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
<b>Activities to Generate Funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Investment and Other Income</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>13,660</u>	<u>75,320</u>	<u>88,980</u>	<u>35,520</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended:</u></b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Donations	3	-	47,680	47,680	50,600
Charitable Activity	4	9,382	16,194	25,576	2,474
Administration Costs	5	7,090	-	7,090	696
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>16,472</u>	<u>63,874</u>	<u>80,346</u>	<u>53,770</u>
<b>Net Income for the year</b>	8	(2,812)	11,446	8,634	(18,250)
Gross Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Income/(Expense) for the year</b>		<u>(2,812)</u>	<u>11,446</u>	<u>8,634</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		23,919	8,464	32,383	50,633
<b>Total Funds to Carry Forward</b>		<u>21,107</u>	<u>19,910</u>	<u>41,017</u>	<u>32,383</u>

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### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Employment of Capital		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	6	1,632	-	1,632	1,632
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		19,475	19,910	39,385	30,751
		<u>19,475</u>	<u>19,910</u>	<u>39,385</u>	<u>30,751</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	7	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		19,475	19,910	39,385	30,751
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>21,107</u>	<u>19,910</u>	<u>41,017</u>	<u>32,383</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			21,107	23,919
Restricted Funds	9			19,910	8,464
				<u>41,017</u>	<u>32,383</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the company was entitled to an exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors and trustees have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- A) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- B) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on the 12 May 2025 and were signed by:



**Mr Eric Clarke**  
Director and Trustee

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of the donors in so far as these are intended to be binding on the charity. Where such wishes are not intended to be binding, they are taken into account and recognised in appropriately designated funds.

#### **Unrestricted Free Reserves**

Free Reserves represent amount which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

#### **Resources Expended**

All resources expended are accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non –staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

No Provision for depreciation on fixed assets is made in these accounts.

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## 2 Gifts and Donations

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Northern Ireland Church Donations	-	2,400	2,400	-
Donations from Trusts	4,080	72,920	77,000	29,000
General Donations	8,855	-	8,855	6,226
CAF	670	-	670	294
	<u>13,605</u>	<u>75,320</u>	<u>88,925</u>	<u>35,520</u>

## 3 Charitable Donations

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Congo Initiative - DRC	-	47,680	47,680	50,600
	<u>-</u>	<u>47,680</u>	<u>47,680</u>	<u>50,600</u>

## 4 Charitable Activity

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	8,566	-	8,566	334
Travel Costs	816	4,194	5,010	2,140
Development Expenditure	-	12,000	12,000	-
	<u>9,382</u>	<u>16,194</u>	<u>25,576</u>	<u>2,474</u>

## 5 Administration Costs

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees	111	-	111	114
Accountancy	190	-	190	200
Computer Expenses	407	-	407	-
FR Coordinator Role	5,849	-	5,849	-
Office Materials	533	-	533	382
	<u>7,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,090</u>	<u>696</u>

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## 6 Tangible Assets

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2024	1,632	1,632
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2024	-	-
Charge	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>

## 7 Sundry Creditors and Accruals

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## 8 Movement in Funds

	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Movement in Funds £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	13,660	(16,472)	(2,812)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	75,320	(63,874)	11,446
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>88,980</u>	<u>(80,346)</u>	<u>8,634</u>

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### 9 Net Movement in Funds, included in the above as follows:

	At the 01/01/2024 £	Movement In Funds £	Transfers in/(out) £	Transfers In Funds £	At the 31/12/2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	23,919	(2,812)	-	-	21,107
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
LA Charite - Primary School	6,200	(1,800)	-	-	4,400
Office Printer	250	-	-	-	250
UCBC	-	240	-	-	240
Memorial Fund	2,014	-	-	-	2,014
CI UK Development Support	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Centre for Renewal & Global Mission Programme	-	3,006	-	-	3,006
Bethesdas Counselling Centre	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>32,383</b>	<b>8,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,017</b>

### 10 Director's and Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no Director's or Trustee's remuneration, or other benefits made during the year ended 31 December 2024.

There were no Director's or Trustee's reimbursed for approved expenses incurred in connection with the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Congo Initiative UK**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107268

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# Annual report

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## Directors' and Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors and Trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is an incorporated body and is under the control of the Directors and Trustees as detailed out in the charity constitution. The charity is recognised as a charity under the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland as at the date of registration being the 6 February 2019.

### Organisation

The Directors and Trustees who have served during the year are detailed out on page 3. The Directors and Trustees are expected to play several key roles in the running of the charity including fundraising, governance, financial budgeting and auditing, evaluation and assessment of the organisation's mission and strategic goals, resource development, public policy and advocacy, and marketing and communication,

### Public Benefit

The directors and Trustees believe that both the purposes and the activities undertaken in this last financial year clearly satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement.

Funds have been raised from small trusts and foundations in the UK, churches and individuals. Advocacy has continued in the UK through faith groups and interested parties although fundraising activities have been curtailed due to the Covid pandemic lockdown.

Work in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo has been curtailed due to continued ethnic violence and insecurity. With the armed interventions of the armies of Kenya and Uganda in support of the national army, there is the danger of increased military activity. However, in spite of these difficulties, various CI-UK funded projects have continued such as the two primary schools, the counselling centre, the Mangina trade school, and the Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo (UCBC). A campus-wide clean water system has been completed at UCBC with a deep well water pump. Land has been purchased for the Mangina trade school with money from the Bob McAllister Memorial Fund.

### Statement of Public Benefit

The charity is organised and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literacy, education and religious purposes and to foster the prevention of cruelty to children, gender abuse and actively support environmental protection. These benefits are evidenced by regular and substantial support, both financial and practical for a number of key projects. Currently the Charity is actively engaged in developing a trade school in addition to continued support of La Charité primary school and the UCBC university. The charities beneficiaries are all those whose needs bring them within the ambit of the charity's support. Any private benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the organisation achieves its purpose. All funds received by the charity shall be dedicated and invested solely for such purposes.

### Aims and Objectives

The vision of the charity is to model, nurture and shape an authentic community of Christ's followers whose calling is to transform society in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The charity hopes to train and develop strong indigenous leaders to transform their communities in their nation of Congo by building civil society on Christian principles of social justice for the common good.

The overall purpose of Congo Initiative UK is the transformation of the Democratic Republic of Congo through holistic development of leaders who bring hope and healing to individuals, communities and the nation.

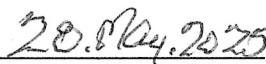
## Financial Review and Reserves

The principle sources of income are mainly from gifts and donations. The annual accounts show a surplus for the year of £8,634. The trustees still believe that the charity is in a good financial position. The Directors and Trustees will continue to actively seek financial support in order to commence new projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

By order of the Board



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Eric Clarke  
Director and Trustee



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Date

## **Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Directors and Trustees are responsible for preparing the Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report and the Accounts in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the directors and trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102). Accounting and Reporting by charities: Statements of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the directors and trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the financial activities of the charity for that period.

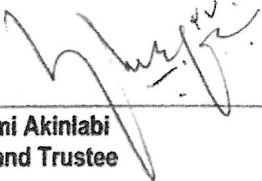
In preparing these accounts, the directors and trustees are required to follow best practice and:

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The directors and trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

Directors and Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charities website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By order of the Board

  
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**Mr Olufemi Akinlabi**  
Director and Trustee

  
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**Date**

**Congo Initiative UK**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107268

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congo Initiative UK for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's directors and trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my understanding to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
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- 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.

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# Accounts

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**Congo Initiative UK  
(Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Annual Financial Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Company Number: NI657985**

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**Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**Board of Directors, Trustees and Other Information**

**Directors** Mr Eric Clarke  
Mr Olufemi Akinlabi (Chairman)  
Mr Jonathan Birnie  
Mrs Heather Saunders

**Trustees** Mr Eric Clarke  
Mr Olufemi Akinlabi  
Mr Jonathan Birnie  
Mrs Heather Saunders

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**Bankers** AIB  
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By order of the Board



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Mr Eric Clarke  
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10/04/2024

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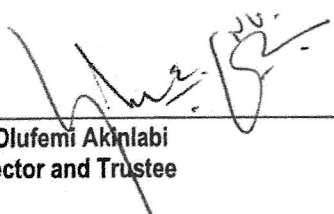
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10/4/24  
Date

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<b>Voluntary income</b>					
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Other income		-	-	-	-
<b>Activities to Generate Funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Investment and Other Income</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>6,520</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>35,520</u>	<u>41,041</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended:</u></b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Donations	3	-	50,600	50,600	14,200
Charitable Activity	4	2,474	-	2,474	2,048
Administration Costs	5	696	-	696	452
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>3,170</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>53,770</u>	<u>16,700</u>
<b>Net Income for the year</b>	8	3,350	(21,600)	(18,250)	24,341
Gross Transfers between funds		(700)	700	-	-
<b>Net Income/(Expense) for the year</b>		<u>2,650</u>	<u>(20,900)</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>	<u>24,341</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		21,269	29,364	50,633	26,292
<b>Total Funds to Carry Forward</b>		<u>23,919</u>	<u>8,464</u>	<u>32,383</u>	<u>50,633</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

Employment of Capital		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	<u>Notes</u>				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	6	1,632	-	1,632	1,632
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		22,287	8,464	30,751	49,001
		<u>22,287</u>	<u>8,464</u>	<u>30,751</u>	<u>49,001</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	7	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		22,287	8,464	30,751	49,001
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>23,919</u>	<u>8,464</u>	<u>32,383</u>	<u>50,633</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9			23,919	21,269
Restricted Funds	9			8,464	29,364
				<u>32,383</u>	<u>50,633</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the company was entitled to an exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors and trustees have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- A) Ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- B) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on the 28 February 2024 and were signed by:



**Mr Eric Clarke**  
Director and Trustee

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of the donors in so far as these are intended to be binding on the charity. Where such wishes are not intended to be binding, they are taken into account and recognised in appropriately designated funds.

#### **Unrestricted Free Reserves**

Free Reserves represent amount which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

#### **Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

#### **Resources Expended**

All resources expended are accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non –staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rat to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

No Provision for depreciation on fixed assets is made in these accounts.

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## 2 Gifts and Donations

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Christian Fellowship Trust	-	-	-	8,000
Sally Philips Trust	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Ardbarron Trust	-	27,000	27,000	25,000
General Donations	6,226	-	6,226	5,747
CAF	294	-	294	294
	<u>6,520</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>35,520</u>	<u>41,041</u>

## 3 Charitable Donations

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Congo Initiative - DRC	-	50,600	50,600	14,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>14,200</u>

## 4 Charitable Activity

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	334	-	334	233
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-
Programme Costs	2,140	-	2,140	1,815
	<u>2,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>2,048</u>

## 5 Administration Costs

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank Fees	114	-	114	89
Accountancy	200	-	200	200
Office Materials	382	-	382	163
	<u>696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>452</u>

6 Tangible Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2023	1,632	1,632
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2023	-	-
Charge	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,632</u>	<u>1,632</u>

7 Sundry Creditors and Accruals

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Movement in Funds

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	6,520	(3,170)	3,350
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	29,000	(50,600)	(21,600)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>35,520</u>	<u>(53,770)</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>

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### 9 Net Movement in Funds, included in the above as follows:

	At the 01/01/2023 £	Movement In Funds £	Transfers in/(out) £	Transfers In Funds £	At the 31/12/2023 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	21,269	3,350	-	(700)	23,919
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
LA Charite - Primary School	6,000	200	-	-	6,200
Office Printer	250	-	-	-	250
UCBC	19,100	(19,800)	-	700	-
Memorial Fund	4,014	(2,000)	-	-	2,014
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>50,633</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,383</u>

### 10 Director's and Trustee's Remuneration and Benefits

There were no Director's or Trustee's remuneration, or other benefits made during the year ended 31 December 2023.

There were no Director's or Trustee's reimbursed for approved expenses incurred in connection with the Charity during the year ended 31 December 2023.

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# Annual report

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## Directors' and Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Directors and Trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is an incorporated body and is under the control of the Directors and Trustees as detailed out in the charity constitution. The charity is recognised as a charity under the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland as at the date of registration being the 6 February 2019.

### Organisation

The Directors and Trustees who have served during the year are detailed out on page 3. The Directors and Trustees are expected to play several key roles in the running of the charity including fundraising, governance, financial budgeting and auditing, evaluation and assessment of the organisation's mission and strategic goals, resource development, public policy and advocacy, and marketing and communication,

### Public Benefit

The directors and Trustees believe that both the purposes and the activities undertaken in this last financial year clearly satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement.

Funds have been raised from small trusts and foundations in the UK, churches and individuals. Advocacy has continued in the UK through faith groups and interested parties although fundraising activities have been curtailed due to the Covid pandemic lockdown.

Work in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo has been curtailed due to continued ethnic violence and insecurity. With the armed interventions of the armies of Kenya and Uganda in support of the national army, there is the danger of increased military activity. However, in spite of these difficulties, various CI-UK funded projects have continued such as the two primary schools, the counselling centre, the Mangina trade school, and the Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo (UCBC). A campus-wide clean water system has been completed at UCBC with a deep well water pump. Land has been purchased for the Mangina trade school with money from the Bob McAllister Memorial Fund.

### Statement of Public Benefit

The charity is organised and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literacy, education and religious purposes and to foster the prevention of cruelty to children, gender abuse and actively support environmental protection. These benefits are evidenced by regular and substantial support, both financial and practical for a number of key projects. Currently the Charity is actively engaged in developing a trade school in addition to continued support of La Charité primary school and the UCBC university. The charities beneficiaries are all those whose needs bring them within the ambit of the charity's support. Any private benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the organisation achieves its purpose. All funds received by the charity shall be dedicated and invested solely for such purposes.

### Aims and Objectives

The vision of the charity is to model, nurture and shape an authentic community of Christ's followers whose calling is to transform society in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The charity hopes to train and develop strong indigenous leaders to transform their communities in their nation of Congo by building civil society on Christian principles of social justice for the common good.

The overall purpose of Congo Initiative UK is the transformation of the Democratic Republic of Congo through holistic development of leaders who bring hope and healing to individuals, communities and the nation.

## Financial Review and Reserves

The principle sources of income are mainly from gifts and donations. The annual accounts show a deficit for the year of £18,250. The trustees still believe that the charity is in a good financial position. The Directors and Trustees will continue to actively seek financial support in order to commence new projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

By order of the Board



Mr Eric Clarke  
Director and Trustee

10/04/2024  
Date

## Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The Directors and Trustees are responsible for preparing the Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report and the Accounts in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the directors and trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102). Accounting and Reporting by charities: Statements of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the directors and trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the financial activities of the charity for that period.

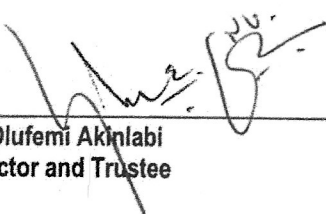
In preparing these accounts, the directors and trustees are required to follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the application of accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors and trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

Directors and Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charities website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By order of the Board

  
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Mr Olufemi Akinlabi  
Director and Trustee

  
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Date

**Congo Initiative UK**

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congo Initiative UK for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's directors and trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my understanding to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- follow the procedure laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- 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.

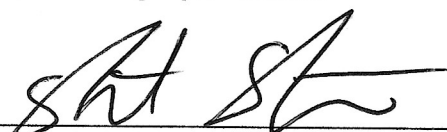
My Examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors and trustees concerning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

My role is also 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### Independent examiner's statement

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

  
Stuart Compston FCA  
Chartered Accountant with Chartered Accountants Ireland  
105 Derryraine Road  
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Armagh  
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10/4/24  
Date