

St Colmcille's Belfast Guide Unit - CGI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107414

Details

Known as	Saint Colmcilles Guide Unit
Status	Received
Registered	2020-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Website	www.girlguidesireland.ie

Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the Unit is to provide the Guiding Programme of the Catholic Guides of Ireland, which promotes and fosters the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, social and physical development of its members, to girls and young women at a local level.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Education/training, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Parents, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£17,996	£13,322	£0	0
2024-08-31	£11,909	£14,274	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annemarie Hunter		
Miss Lisa Owens		
Miss Philomena Dawson		
Miss Roisin McMullan		
Mrs Sarah Jane Greene		

Accounts

NAME & Number OF UNIT: St Colmcille's, Belfast
 REGION: Northern Region
 SECTION (if applicable): **** Note (i)**

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st August 2025

	Year ending 31st August 2025	Previous year ending 31st August 2024 - ** Note (ii)	Notes Current Year - can be used for Notes re Payments/ Receipts
Receipts (In)	£'s	£'s	
Opening Balance 1 September 2024** Note (iii)	10,522.53	12,888.02	
Subs	4,184.75	3,600.25	
Registration	1,722.50	1,555.00	
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	4,440.00	2,060.01	
Uniform	744.00	532.00	
Grants 1	3,600.00	687.00	EA 2 years grant aid
Grants 2		310.39	
Grants 3			
Fundraising 1	2,179.75	1,934.75	Den & Minibus
Fundraising 2			
Bank Interest	161.51	163.21	
Other Income 1	943.69	1,066.22	Gift aid
Other Income 2	50.00		Donation
Total Receipts	18,026.20	11,908.83	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Payments (Out)			
Registration - ** Note (v)	1,925.00	1,675.00	
Affiliation Fees	150.00		
Programme resources	2,165.18	2,308.47	
Camps & Events	5,279.13	6,252.96	
Transport			
Rent			
Uniform	1,016.18	739.18	
Training		129.34	
Equipment	38.00	238.66	
Fundraising 1	2,179.75	1,934.75	Den & Minibus
Fundraising 2			
Bank Charges	88.29	84.93	
Other 1	24.19	516.69	
Other 2 - Insurance	385.94	394.34	
Total Payments	13,251.66	14,274.32	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)	4,774.54	-2,365.49	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Closing Balance as at 31 August 2025	15,297.07	10,522.53	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten

Signature:

Philomena Dawson

Boisin McMullan

Treasurer

Unit Leader

Date:

1st October 2025

1st October 2025

Notes:

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Opening Balance 1 September 2023** Note (iii)	12,888.02	14,590.57	
Subs	3,600.25	3,628.00	
Registration	1,555.00	1,440.00	
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	2,060.01	10,205.00	
Uniform	532.00	452.00	
Grants 1	687.00	1,400.00	Education Authority
Grants 2	310.39	550.00	Northern Region
Grants 3			
Fundraising 1	1,934.75	1,766.00	Den & Minibus
Fundraising 2		135.80	
Bank Interest	163.21	61.29	
Other Income 1	1,066.22	789.21	Gift aid
Other Income 2			
Total Receipts	11,908.83	20,427.30	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Payments (Out)			
Registration - ** Note (v)	1,675.00	1,471.00	
Affiliation Fees		150.00	
Programme resources	2,308.47	1,796.15	
Camps & Events	6,252.96	14,266.05	
Transport			
Rent			
Uniform	739.18	743.46	
Training	129.34	234.00	
Equipment	238.66	103.97	
Fundraising 1	1,934.75	1,766.00	Den & Minibus
Fundraising 2		184.80	
Bank Charges	84.93	338.32	
Other 1	516.69	471.63	
Other 2 - Insurance	394.34	604.47	
Total Payments	14,274.32	22,129.85	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)	-2,365.49	-1,702.55	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Closing Balance as at 31 August 2024	10,522.53	12,888.02	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten

Signature:

Philomena Dawson
Treasurer

Roisin McMullan
Unit Leader

Date:

02/10/2024

02/10/2024

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Receipts (In)	£'s	£'s	
Opening Balance 1 September 2022** Note (iii)	14,590.57	13,199.72	
Subs	3,628.00	2,383.38	
Registration	1,440.00	1,036.25	
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	10,205.00	403.00	
Uniform	452.00	301.00	
Grants 1	1,400.00	3,906.95	Education Authority
Grants 2	550.00	180.00	Northern Region
Grants 3			
Fundraising 1	1,766.00	1,362.47	Den & Minibus account
Fundraising 2	135.80		Charity fundraising - Guider step 1 challenge
Bank Interest	61.29	1.19	
Other Income 1	789.21	188.34	Gift Aid
Other Income 2			
Total Receipts	20,427.30	9,762.58	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Payments (Out)			
Registration - ** Note (v)	1,471.00	1,484.00	
Affiliation Fees	150.00	150.00	
Programme resources	1,796.15	2,640.07	
Camps & Events	14,266.05	1,636.66	
Transport			
Rent			
Uniform	743.46	775.30	
Training	234.00		
Equipment	103.97		
Fundraising 1	1,766.00	1,362.47	Den & Minibus account
Fundraising 2	184.80		
Bank Charges	338.32	263.23	
Other 1	471.63	60.00	flowers
Other 2 - Insurance	604.47		
Total Payments	22,129.85	8,371.73	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)	-1,702.55	1,390.85	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten
Closing Balance as at 31 August 2023	12,888.02	14,590.57	* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten

Signature:

Philomena Dawson
 Treasurer

Roisin McMullan
 Unit Leader

Date:

25/09/2023

25/09/2023

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St Colmcille's Belfast Guide Unit - CGI

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107414

Annual report

St Colmcille's Guide Unit

ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	St Colmcille's Belfast Guide Unit - CGI
2. Any other names the charity is known by	N/a
3. Financial year the report is for	Year ended 31 August 2023
4. CCNI Charity Registration Number	107414
5. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Meeting Place) <i>This should be the address that the charity used when registering unless it has changed.</i>	St Colmcille's Guide Unit, St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB
6. The names of all our Trustees at the date this report was approved plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	Miss Roisin McMullan Miss Philomena Dawson Mrs Annemarie Hunter Mrs Sarah Greene Miss Lisa Owens

7. A summary description of the purposes of the charity

The purpose of the Unit is to provide the Guiding Programme of the Catholic Guides of Ireland, which promotes and fosters the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, social, and physical development of its members, to girls and young women at a local level.

8. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments

If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.

N/A

9. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee

This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.

N/A

10. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.

The following is taken from the report made at the Unit's AGM on 25th October 2023 by the Unit Leader Miss Roisin McMullan

Membership: Total membership at the 31st August 2023 was 53 youth members consisting of 7 Rangers, 13 Guides, 18 Brigini and 15 Cygnets,



Leadership: The Unit had 13 leaders and 4 parent helpers throughout the year. The Ranger section was headed up by Kerry McEvoy with other leaders helping out when needed. Guide section was headed up by Roisin McMullan, Lauren McKissick, and Lisa Owens. Brigin section was headed up by Anne Marie Hunter, Katriana Rodgers, Lily Maxwell, Nichola Kelly and Rachael Kelly with Joanne Gallagher and Laura Stitt as parent helpers. The Cygnet Section was headed up by Sinead Verdon, Anna McLaughlin, and Lucia Murphy with Maureen Verdon and Rebecca Thompson as Parent Helpers. Philomena Dawson has the role as Unit Treasurer.

Programme and Unit Activities:

All sections met regularly and participated in various activities throughout the year.

Rangers - At the of the year the girls made a list of activities they would like to do in the months ahead, these included Ready, Steady, Cook which is always a firm favourite. Other activities the girls participated in included carving pumpkins, a trip of the Christmas market, using diamond art to make coasters, Easter egg milkshakes and a colouring in evening to relax during the exams. The Northern Region organised a Ranger Day in Lorne which the girls participated in and learnt some skills in to manage their mental health.



Guides – The numbers increased this year 6 girls moving up from the Brigin section. The year started with team building challenges such as building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, this helped to promote the patrol spirit, time was also spent on the pre-enrolment challenge to prepare the girls for their Enrolment ceremony. The annual Christmas outing to the Christmas market is always a enjoyable evening and a lovely way to finish to term off. This year 4 girls took on the Chief Commissioner's Award and this involved participating the craft fairs to raise funds, hiking, campcrafts and planning and running programmes in the Cygnet and Brigin sections. A Spanish evening was held to celebrate the National Day of Spain, where the girls learnt some Spanish, decorated fans, and made non-alcoholic Sangrias. Other activities included bowling at Dundonald, a walk to CS Lewis Square. The section invited Guide Dogs to a meeting to hear about their amazing work and agreed to sponsor a Labrador puppy in training called Toby for 2 years. The weekly meetings finished in June with the very popular water fight and pizza



Brigin - The Brigin section had a varied programme throughout the year, incorporating badge work into the programme. Parents were kept up to date via the parent/guardian WhatsApp group, which proved very beneficial. The girls raised £60.80 for Autism NI by filling Smarties Tubes and £120 for Marie Curie by the Strava Challenge. As well as the normal weekly meetings in the den the girls hiked around Stormont, had a trip to CS Lewis Square followed by a McFlurry, an evening in Victoria Park and 10 pin bowling. Joanne Gallagher, a parent helper, spent a night, discussing bullying, via role play. The girls also attend that National Brigin Day held in October.



Cygnets - The girls did a range of activities throughout the year, including a pyjama party, Christmas crafts, party night to wish Sinead Bon Voyage on her travels to New Zealand, Easter crafts, animal themed activities. Away from the den the girls enjoyed bowling, a visit to the Fire Station and a trip to Moat Playpark at Dundonald. The Community Safety Police Officers also visited the section to talk to the about keeping themselves safe and what the police were there for, the girls had the opportunity to try on some of the police clothing and explore inside the police land rover.



Unit camp – all sections participated in Unit camp in March where the theme was pirates. During the weekend the girls took part in on site activities including, crate climbing, grass sledging, caving and 3D swing. A Pirate treasure hunt was organised, which included ‘authentic’ old pages with clues to the next point in the trail. The traditional campfire was held on Saturday evening. During the weekend the girls were able to practise their camping skills with backwoods cooking and making stretch chairs using poles tied together with knots and lashings.



Summer camp - 17 guides and rangers along with 5 leaders participated in a week's camp at the Venture Centre, in the Isle of Man. Despite the overnight ferry going over and the late night ferry coming home, the girls had a fantastic trip. During the week the girls participated in a wide range of activities including, a 7km hike around Ramsey Nature Reserve, assault course, raft building, swimming, campfire, team building exercises, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, raft building, paddle boarding, mini golf, and abseiling. The girls even managed to find time to have a day in Douglas for some retail therapy and a visit to the Manx National Museum.





Equipment:

The unit continued to look after their equipment and replacing some of the smaller items such as cooking utensils, plates, and bowls, which are used during the weekly meetings.

Trustees:

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Conclusion:

A very successful year for all sections. It was lovely to see Rachael & Nicola Kelly returning to the unit as leaders, after a couple of years break, both girls have come up through the sections. Rachael & Nicola also completed their Step 1 training and Safeguarding training.

Philomena completed her term as Regional Treasurer, after 5 years. Philomena is still a Regional Trustee and will continue to stay on the Regional support team.

11. How is the Group doing financially?

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial year ended 31 August 2022 the Charity had an income of £20,427.00 and an expenditure of £22,129.00

12. How has the Unit ensured members have not come to harm?

All leaders and parent helpers receive training in Safeguarding, which is renewed every 2 years and are Access NI every 3 years. Leaders are required to attend Step One Guiders Course. Other training is available to leaders such as Step 2 and Advanced Leaders training. A valid Camp Warrant must be held by at least one leader who wishes to take the young people away either indoors or outdoors, this includes doing First Aid which needs to be updated every 3 years. Parents are regularly updated with planned activities. All activities are carefully planned and the appropriate equipment used.

13. How has your Unit ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work? Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.					
14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit. We the Trustees of St Colmcille's Guide Unit can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.					
15. This report was approved by the Trustees at Unit Council on 11th June 2024					
16. Signature of Trustees <table> <tr> <td>Trustee 1: Roisin McMullan</td> <td>Date: 17th June 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee 2: Philomena Dawson</td> <td>Date: 11th June 2024</td> </tr> </table>		Trustee 1: Roisin McMullan	Date: 17 th June 2024	Trustee 2: Philomena Dawson	Date: 11 th June 2024
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St Colmcille's Belfast Guide Unit - CGI

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107414

Annual return

Independent Examiners' Report to the Charity Trustees of St Colmcille's Belfast

We report on the accounts of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2023

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and 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 our 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 Examiners' Report

We 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.

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

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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 reached

Independent Examiners' Statement

We 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Francesca Braniff and Patricia McDermott

Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

Address: C/o St Francis De Sales 55 Beechmount Drive, Belfast BT12 7LU

Date: 22 May 2024

Accounts

NAME & Number OF UNIT:
 REGION:
 SECTION (if applicable): **** Note (i)**

St Colmcille's, Belfast
 Northern Region

Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31s

	Year ending 31st August 2022
Receipts (In)	£'s
Opening Balance 1 September - ** Note (iii)	13,199.72
Subs	2,383.38
Registration	1,036.25
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	403.00
Uniform	301.00
Grants 1	3,906.95
Grants 2	180.00
Grants 3	
Fundraising 1	1,362.47
Fundraising 2	
Bank Interest	1.19
Other Income 1	188.34
Other Income 2	
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Payments (Out)	
Registration - ** Note (v)	1,484.00
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Equipment	
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Bank Charges	263.23
Other 1	60.00
Other 2	
Total Payments	8,371.73
Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)	1,390.85
Closing Balance as at 31 August 2022	14,590.57

Signature:

Philomena Dawson

Treasurer

Date:

18th September 2022

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31st August 2022

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461.25
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663.79
10.00
4.44
1,179.83
5,059.26
900.00
1,873.62
1,292.34
663.79

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Roisin McMullan

Unit Leader

18th September 2022

from 31/12/2020

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Notes Current Year - can be used for Notes re Payments/ Receipts

Education Authority

Northern Region

Den & Minibus account

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N/A

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N/A

10. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.

The following is taken from the report made at the Unit's AGM on 15th October 2022 by the Unit Leader Miss Roisin McMullan

Membership: Total membership at the 31st August 2022 was 47 youth members consisting of 8 Rangers, 9 Guides, 20 Brigini and 10 Cygnets,

Leadership: The unit had 11 leaders and 3 parent helpers throughout the year. The Ranger section was headed up by Kerry McEvoy with other leaders helping out when needed. Guide section was headed up Roisin McMullan and Lauren McKissick. Brigin section was headed up with Anne Marie Hunter, Katriana Rodgers and Lily Maxwell with Joanne Gallagher and Laura Stitt as parent helpers. The Cygnet Section was headed up with Sinead Verdon, Anna McLaughlin, and Lucia Murphy with Maureen Verdon as a Parent Helper. Philomena Dawson has the role as Unit Treasurer.

Programme and Unit Activities: This was the first year back in since we had to stop face to face meetings in March 2020 due to COVID. All sections met regularly and participated in various activities throughout the year.

Rangers - The girls in the Ranger section have all moved up from guides this year, and this was

Kerry's 1st year heading up this section. The girls took a while to settle into the section and taking on the responsibility of planning their own programme. The girls held a number of challenge evenings, a spa night, quiz nights, games night as well as cooking evenings. A number of meetings were held away from the den which including visiting the Zombie Outbreak Escape Room. With the girls doing GCSEs a few meetings had to be cancelled from Easter to the end of June.



Guides - With the Guide section having low numbers during the year it was challenging to find games that were suitable for the numbers involved. The 1st part of the year there were still precautions still in place such as the wearing of face masks, social distancing and not sharing equipment, this did not stop the girls have a fun at their weekly meetings. The girls had a number of outings such as bowling, and a visit to an escape room in the City Centre. The girls participated in a fun day at the Scout Centre, Crawfordsburn at the end of June. Unfortunately the girls were unable to have a summer camp due to suitable dates not being available for leaders and girls.



Brigin - The Brigin section had a varied programme throughout the year, incorporating badge work into the programme. The girls also had a First Aid Evening and a Mindfulness evening where parents came in and ran. Throughout the year the girls visited CS Lewis Square to visit Mr Tummus and celebrate The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Another hit with the girls was a Saturday pyjama party with the movie, Encanto followed by pizza from Little Wings. Father Vincent Cushnahan enrolled 14 girls during the month of June at a special ceremony in the den. At the end of June the girls had a overnight indoor camp at the Scout Centre in Crawfordsburn, this was followed with a day of activities on Saturday.





Cygnets - The Cygnet section had a completely new intake of members, since this was the 1st time the section has had face to face meetings since March 2020. As the girls have been living with restrictions over the last couple of years, the leaders realised the girls were finding it hard to share and playing team games. The girls did a range of crafts including scratch art bookmarks, painting ceramic pots and making suncatchers. The girls had a trip to We Are Vertigo, which went down really well and visit Stormont Park.



Equipment:

With the use of grants received during the year the unit bought a desk for the office, some cooking utensils and equipment, a fogging machine, and a gazebo.

Trustees:

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the

beneficiaries. <u>Conclusion:</u> It was great to see all sections up and running again after COVID. All sections manage a varied programme with a mixture of meetings in the den and away from the den. Philomena Dawson, the current Unit Treasurer has been a member of the Unit since it's formation in 1971 and received her 50 year's membership award at the Regional AGM in November 2021.					
11. How is the Group doing financially? A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year: In the financial year ended 31 August 2022 the Charity had an income of £9,763.00 and an expenditure of £8,372.00					
12. How has the Unit ensured members have not come to harm? All leaders and parent helpers receive training in Safeguarding, which is renewed every 2 years and are Access NI every 3 years. Leaders are required to attend Step One Guiders Course. Other training is available to leaders such as Step 2 and Advanced Leaders training. A valid Camp Warrant must be held by at least one leader who wishes to take the young people away either indoors or outdoors, this includes doing First Aid which needs to be updated every 3 years. Parents are regularly updated with planned activities. All activities are carefully planned and the appropriate equipment used.					
13. How has your Unit ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work? Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.					
14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit. We the Trustees of St Colmcille's Guide Unit can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.					
15. This report was approved by the Trustees at Unit Council on 3rd June 2023					
16. Signature of Trustees <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Trustee 1: Roisin McMullan</td> <td>Date: 3rd June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustee 2: Philomena Dawson</td> <td>Date: 3rd June 2023</td> </tr> </table>		Trustee 1: Roisin McMullan	Date: 3rd June 2023	Trustee 2: Philomena Dawson	Date: 3rd June 2023
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St Colmcille's Belfast Guide Unit - CGI

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107414

Annual return

Independent Examiners' Report to the Charity Trustees of St Colmcille's Belfast

We report on the accounts of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and 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 our 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 Examiners' Report

We 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.

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

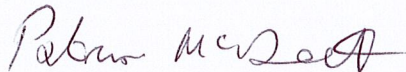
Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

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 reached

Independent Examiners' Statement

We 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Patricia McDermott



Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

Address: C/o St Francis De Sales 55 Beechmount Drive, Belfast BT12 7LU

Date: 28 October 2022