

# Feis Dhoire Cholmcille

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107559

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-06-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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Website	<a href="http://www.derryfeis.com">www.derryfeis.com</a>

## Activities

**Purposes:** The Organisation will promote & enhance the culture, arts & and in particular the respective disciplines of the Irish, Classical Music, Traditional Music, Song, Speech & Drama, History and Irish Dancing, heritage of Ireland & shall encourage participation in the annual Feis by competitors, audiences & groups irrespective of their gender, disability, cultural, religious, political or social background.

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

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

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£43,725	£33,000	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Patrick Maccafferty		
Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Gallagher		
Ms Aisling Bonner		
Siobhán Watts		
Ursula Clifford		

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# Chair Report 2025

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Feis Dhoire Cholmcille.

It is with great sadness that we all acknowledge the sudden loss of Christine McIvor. Christine served as a steady and trusted hand in managing our finances for many years. Her warmth and dedication will be deeply missed. Our heartfelt condolences have been extended to her husband Liam and their family.

May I ask the Secretary to confirm that we are quorate in accordance with our constitution. If clarification is needed regarding quorum requirements, I proposed this be addressed as a motion for approval.

May I ask for confirmation of the Minutes from the AGM held on 29 October 2024. If there are no objections, could I have a proposer and seconder please?

We are grateful to the teams at St Mary's College, St Columb's Hall and the Playhouse Theatre for their invaluable support leading up to and during both Holy week and Easter week to ensure that everything went as smoothly as it could.

It is also noted that without the enormous achievements of each of you, this year's programmes in each discipline would not have come about without some quite astonishing efforts by you who work tirelessly in the background to make this happen. This year has been exceptional, with increased entries and attendance. We extend our sincere thanks to Eamon Sweeney for his outstanding work in promoting the Feis through social media and local press and we are pleased to say he has agreed to continue his role into 2026.

Can we also extend our greatest thanks to Genny Sweeney and James Kelly for their efforts in supporting the Feis before having to step down from their roles. We hope to see them in the future still supporting the Feis when they can.

At this point, I would hand over to the Treasurer to give an update on our financial position, but in light of Christine's passing, I refer to the audited accounts received from our accountants previously circulated in advance of the AGM. I am delighted to confirm that we made a modest surplus this year which is attributed to changing the venue from the Millennium Forum to St Columb's Hall; the increased number of entries across all disciplines and it was wonderful to see a comeback from dancers from both An Coimisiún and An Chomhdhailand

and Shauna's great work in bringing them together. Are there any questions? If none, I will ask the Secretary to address this in the next part of the Agenda.

Looking ahead, we'll continue to monitor our financial position and allocate resources effectively to meet both immediate needs and long-term goals including venue planning and programme development.

I now invite the Secretary to present the newly drafted governance documents aligned with the Northern Ireland Charity Commission guidance.

Thank you once again for giving up your evening to attend this year's AGM.

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**Respective responsibilities of charity members and examiner**

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**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

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**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

*McGroarty McCafferty Ltd*

McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd  
Accountants and Tax Consultants  
2 Carlisle Terrace  
Derry  
N Ireland  
BT48 6JX

Date:

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### **Members report**

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#### **Management Committee**

The members of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the members.

The members serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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Elizabeth Gallagher  
Patrick MacCafferty  
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#### **Public benefits**

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#### **Risk Management**

The members have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the association, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

#### **Financial review**

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The members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the necessary legislation. The members 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.

By Order of the Management Committee:

Member Arling Bonner  
Date: 6/11/24

Member Christine  
McLoughlin  
Date: 6/11/2024

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Income/ Receipts</u></b>				
Entry Fees	18,150	-	18,150	16,706
Prize Fund	1,000	-	1,000	-
Sponsorship	3,700	-	3,700	2,150
Derry City Strabane District Council	-	-	-	1,000
Book sales	1,090	-	1,090	2,580
	<b>23,940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,940</b>	<b>22,436</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Cup, Medals and Plaques	732	-	732	2,295
Programme expenses	5,717	-	5,717	6,312
Hire of premises	8,375	-	8,375	11,090
Accountancy	300	-	300	240
Internet & IT expenses	297	-	297	2,917
Bank fees	225	-	225	669
Publishing & advertising	272	-	272	4,903
Bursaries	6,253	-	6,253	2,775
	<b>22,171</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,171</b>	<b>31,201</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>(8,765)</b>
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-
<b>(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>(8,765)</b>
<b>Reconciliation 30.09.24</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 01.10.23	52,678	-	52,678	61,443
Surplus - year ended 30.09.24	1,769	-	1,769	(8,765)
Cash at bank & in hand 30.09.24	<b>54,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,447</b>	<b>52,678</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 30th September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total 2024 €	Total 2023 €
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 01.10.23	52,678	-	52,678	51,443
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	1,769	-	1,769	(6,765)
Cash at bank & in hand 30.09.24	<u>54,447</u>	-	<u>54,447</u>	<u>52,678</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank current account			€ 54,447	€ 52,678
Cash on hand				
			<u>€ 54,447</u>	<u>€ 52,678</u>

Approved by the members and signed on their behalf by:

Member: Aisling Bonner  
Date: 6/11/24

Member: John F. O'Connell  
Date: 6/11/2024

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# Annual report

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# FEIS DHOIRE CHOLMCILLE

## Trustees Annual Report

**For the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

1. The charity is an organisation governed by a constitution dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 setting out the objectives of the charity. It is managed by a committee of six Trustees and other committee members elected each year at the AGM
2. The purpose of the charity is to advance education and promote arts and culture among children aged 4yrs to 18yrs within the Derry and Strabane district council and the wider Donegal area. It also is there to promote the knowledge and a love of the various disciplines of Irish language, classical and Irish music, drama, classical and traditional instruments and Irish dancing. The annual Feis on Easter week is also supported by the choral competitions run every year on the Tuesday of Holy week.
3. The charity Trustees at the date of the approval of this report were: Aisling Bonner, Pat Mac Cafferty, Ursula Clifford, Christine Mc Ivor, Elizabeth Gallagher and Siobhan Watts.
4. The charity's activities this year were as follows
  - (a) The Annual General Meeting took place 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 where venues timetables and syllabus items were discussed as well as other issues pertaining to the running of the Feis in Easter 2024
  - (b) The syllabus was prepared by the charity's trustees in conjunction with adjudicators in October which consisted of a detailed outline of competitions available including set pieces for the disciplines of Drama, Music, Instrumental and Irish language. This was reviewed and agreed in November 2023 by all Trustees being uploaded to the Feis website.
  - (c) The entries for the Feis were taken by hand and via the website during January completing at the Playhouse Theatre in Derry February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.
  - (d) The timetable for the annual Feis and the choral competitions was prepared by the Trustees in February and March 2024 and finalised at a

meeting in March before going to print and being uploaded to the website the week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

- (e) The annual Feis Clar and programme detailing competitions and competitors names was prepared by the Feis Trustees and proof read in preparation for printing the week of 18<sup>th</sup> of March
  - (f) The annual timetable for volunteers including stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers was prepared by the Trustees early March
  - (g) The annual Choral competitions took place in St Mary's College on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Eight Primary and Post primary Schools took part in nine different competitions. All winning schools were awarded a cup and bursary. There was a special overall prize also awarded to one Primary and one Post Primary School
  - (h) The annual Feis took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April to 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. It involved running some 295 competitions in five venues within the St Columbs Hall Theatre and The Playhouse Theatre. Over 3000 competitors between the ages of 4yrs to 18yrs took part in competitions in their respective disciplines. The Feis employed 11 adjudicators and 5 accompanists for the various disciplines. Many of the children went on to receive a medal, cup or certificate to celebrate their achievements. All of the competitions were run by volunteers who included stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers and overseen by the Trustees.
  - (i) A Meeting took place on May 2024 to review finances and agree bills payable. Bursaries were detailed and agreement was made to pay these out to recipients during June and July 2024
5. Financial position: The accounts confirm that the charity is in funds in the sum of £54447. The Feis received £3700 from sponsors and £1090 in book sales the rest of its income was derived from competitors entry fees and entry to competitions by the public. The Feis issued £6253 in bursaries which are used by pupils and schools for the tuition or promotion of music, drama, instrumental Irish language and Irish dancing
6. The Charity holds no funds that are in deficit
7. In compiling this report the trustees of the charity have regard to the Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance
8. The principal address of the charity is: **16 The Meadow Derry City BT488RJ**

*Aisling Bonner*

Christine Mc Ivor

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**Trustee**

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**20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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# Annual return

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By Order of the Management Committee:

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Date:

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BT48 6JX

Date: 17/10/23

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Feis Dhoire Cholmcille

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Date: 17/10/2023

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## Feis Dhoire Cholmille

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Feis Dhoire Cholmáille

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Approved by the members and signed on their behalf by:

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**Feis Dhoire Cholmcille**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107559

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# Annual report

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# FEIS DHOIRE CHOLMCILLE

## Trustees Annual Report

**For the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

1. The charity is an organisation governed by a constitution dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 setting out the objectives of the charity. It is managed by a committee of six Trustees and other committee members elected each year at the AGM
2. The purpose of the charity is to advance education and promote arts and culture among children aged 4yrs to 18yrs within the Derry and Strabane district council and the wider Donegal area. It also is there to promote the knowledge and a love of the various disciplines of Irish language, classical and Irish music, drama, classical and traditional instruments and Irish dancing. The annual Feis on Easter week is also supported by the choral competitions run every year on the Tuesday of Holy week.
3. The charity Trustees at the date of the approval of this report were:  
Aisling Bonner, Pat Mac Cafferty, Ursula Clifford, Christine Mc Ivor, Elizabeth Gallagher and Siobhan Watts
4. The charity's activities this year were as follows
  - (a) The Annual General Meeting took place in November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 where venues timetables and syllabus items were discussed as well as other issues pertaining to the running of the Feis in Easter 2023.
  - (b) The syllabus was prepared by the charity's trustees in conjunction with adjudicators in October and November 2022 which consisted of a detailed outline of competitions available including set pieces for the disciplines of Drama, Music, Instrumental and Irish language. This was reviewed and agreed at a meeting in December 2022 by all Trustees before going to print and being uploaded to the Feis website.
  - (c) The entries for the Feis were taken by hand and via the website online. Entries were taken during January completing on one day at the Playhouse Theatre in Derry 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.
  - (d) The timetable for the annual Feis and the choral competitions was prepared by the Trustees in February and March 2023 and finalised at a

meeting in April before going to print and being uploaded to the website the week beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> March

- (e) The annual Feis Clar and programme detailing competitions and competitors names was prepared by the Feis Trustees and proof read in preparation for printing the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2023
  - (f) The annual timetable for volunteers including stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers was prepared by the Trustees early April
  - (g) The annual Choral competitions took place in St Mary's College on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Primary and Post primary Schools took part in nine different competitions. All winning schools were awarded a cup and bursary. There was a special overall cup also awarded to one Primary and one Post Primary School
  - (h) The annual Feis took place on 11<sup>th</sup> of April to 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. It involved running some 226 competition sessions in five venues within the Millennium Forum Theatre and The Playhouse Theatre. Over 2000 competitors between the ages of 4yrs to 21yrs took part in competitions in their respective disciplines. The Feis employed 11 adjudicators and three accompanists for the various disciplines. Many of the children went on to receive a medal, cup or certificate to celebrate their achievements. All of the competitions were run by volunteers who included stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers and overseen by the Trustees.
  - (i) A Meeting took place on May 2023 to review finances and agree bills payable. Bursaries were detailed and agreement was made to pay these out to recipients during June and July 2023.
5. Financial position: The accounts confirm that the charity is in funds in the sum of £52678 The Feis received £3150 from sponsors and £2580 in book sales the rest of it's income was derived from competitors entry fees and entry to competitions by the public. The Feis issued £2775 in bursaries which are used by pupils and schools for the tuition or promotion of music, drama, instrumental, Irish language and Irish dancing
6. The Charity holds no funds that are in deficit
7. In compiling this report the trustees of the charity have regard to the Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance
8. The principal address of the charity is: **16 The Meadow Derry City BT488RJ**

*Audling Bonner*

Christine Mc Ivor

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**Feis Dhoire Cholmcille**

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# Annual return

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**Feis Dhoire Cholmcille**

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**for the year ended 30th September 2023**

# **Feis Dhoire Cholmcille**

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## **Feis Dhoire Cholmcille**

### **Information**

<b>Committee</b>	Aisling Bonner Elizabeth Gallagher Pat MacCafferty Christine McIvor Ursula Clifford Siobhán Watts
<b>Accountants</b>	McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd Accountants and Tax Consultants 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry N Ireland BT48 6JX
<b>Address</b>	16 The Meadows Derry N Ireland BT48 8RJ
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**Féis Dhoire Cholmille**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity members of Féis Dhoire Cholmille**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of charity members and examiner**

As the charity's members 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 our attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

We have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity members 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 Examiner's Statement**

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

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