

Irish Youth Convention

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107599

Details

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| Known as | IYC |
| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2020-07-06 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The aim of the IYC is to organise an annual youth conference, and other necessary events, in order to engage young people with God's word. Our desire is to see God's Word communicated faithfully, clearly and creatively so that a generation of young people is raised up to live out their Christian faith in the home, in school, in churches and in the wider community. IYC believes this will have significant benefits for the community in which we live. IYC also aims to train and equip youth leaders to communicate God's Word to young people in appropriate ways.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities, Youth development

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

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £5,879 | £3,501 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------|------|-----------|
| Miss Erin Wilson | | |
| Mr Andrew Mcauley | | |
| Mr David Loughridge | | |
| Mr Jason Nicholl | | |
| Mr Jonathan Beare | | |
| Mr Jonathan Thompson | | |
| Mr Matthew Campbell | | |
| Mr Peter Wright | | |
| Mrs Hannah Dowling | | |
| Mrs Laura Dillon | | |

Irish Youth Convention

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Accounts

Irish Youth Convention
Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2025

| Receipts | | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2025 £ |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Ticket Sales | 5,879.03 | | 5,879.03 |
| | | <u>5,879.03</u> | | <u>5,879.03</u> |
| | | | | |
| Payments | | | | |
| | Bank Fees | 62.97 | | 62.97 |
| | Insurance | 190.84 | | 190.84 |
| | Website Maintenance | 192.00 | | 192.00 |
| | Speaker | 1008.40 | | 1008.40 |
| | Music | 600.00 | | 600.00 |
| | Audio Visual | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| | Catering & Hospitality | 223.65 | | 223.65 |
| | Conference Resources | 973.53 | | 973.53 |
| | | <u>3501.39</u> | | <u>3501.39</u> |
| | | | | |
| Bank reconciliation | Opening Balance 01.01.25 | 13,311.45 | | |
| | Surplus/Deficit this year | 2,377.64 | | |
| | Unpresented cheque(s) | 672.65 | | <u>16,361.74</u> |
| | | | | |
| | Closing Balance 31.12.25 | | | <u>16,361.74</u> |

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year ended 31 December 2025


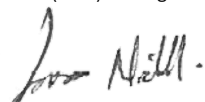
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|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Funds Reconciliation | 31.12.2025 | |
| | Retained earnings 01.01.25 | 13,311.45 |
| | Surplus 2025 | 2,377.64 |
| | Creditors | 672.65 |
| | Net Assets | 16,361.74 |

Bank and Cash Balances

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|--------------|----------|
| Bank Account | 16361.74 |
| Cash in Hand | 0 |

Other Assets (Unrestricted)

Approved by the Trustees on (date) and signed on their behalf by:



 Jonathan Beare Jason Nicholl
 Chair Secretary

18/03/2026

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Irish Youth Convention
Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2024

| Receipts | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2024 £ |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Ticket Sales | 6,811.63 | | 6,811.63 |
| | <u>6,811.63</u> | | <u>6,811.63</u> |
| | | | |
| Payments | | | |
| Bank Fees | 65.88 | | 65.88 |
| Insurance | 179.77 | | 179.77 |
| Website Maintenance | 172.80 | | 172.80 |
| Speaker | 600.00 | | 600.00 |
| Music | 725.00 | | 725.00 |
| Audio Visual | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Catering & Hospitality | 705.83 | | 705.83 |
| Conference Resources | 531.14 | | 531.14 |
| Venue Hire | 600.00 | | 600.00 |
| | <u>3880.42</u> | | <u>3880.42</u> |
| | | | |
| Bank reconciliation | 31.12.2023 | | |
| | Opening Balance 01.01.24 | 10,380.24 | |
| | Surplus/Deficit this year | 2,931.21 | <u>13,311.45</u> |
| | Closing Balance 31.12.24 | | <u>13,311.45</u> |

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year ended 31 December 2023

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Funds Reconciliation | 31.12.2024 | |
| | Retained earnings 01.01.24 | 10,380.24 |
| | Surplus 2024 | 2,931.21 |
| | Net Assets | 13,311.45 |

Bank and Cash Balances

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| Bank Account | 13,311.45 |
| Cash in Hand | 0 |

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Jonathan Beare
Chair

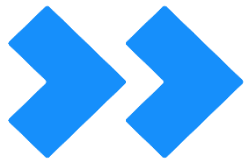


Jason Nicholl
Secretary

Irish Youth Convention

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107599

Annual report



**IRISH YOUTH
CONVENTION**

TRUSTEES REPORT

January – December 2024

Charity No. 107599

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Aims and Purposes:

The aim of the IYC is to organise an annual youth conference, and other necessary events, in order to engage young people with God's word. Our desire is to see God's Word communicated faithfully, clearly and creatively so that a generation of young people is raised up to live out their Christian faith in the home, in school, in churches and in the wider community. IYC believes this will have significant benefits for the community in which we live. IYC also aims to train and equip youth leaders to communicate God's Word to young people in appropriate ways.

Public Benefit:

The direct benefits are primarily for those attending the Convention, and other events organised by IYC, as they absorb the Bible's practical and relevant teaching about living life in our community. This impacts on all aspects of life, including the individual's relationship to God, through to the difference it makes to a person's moral framework to live a Christ-centred life. We believe this has a significant impact on the wider community, as young people are shaped by and equipped with values that benefit not only their own life, but also the lives of others.

IYC intends that the day of teaching at the Convention, and any other organised events, should have practical outcomes. To that end we encourage local youth leaders who bring their groups to our events to seek feedback and reflection on what the young people have learned, and to encourage them to live out what they have heard.

The best way we can practically demonstrate and measure the above, is in the number of attendees at the Convention each year. We seek feedback from the young people and their youth leaders, as to what they have learned and how it has impacted them.

There is no harm arising from any of our charitable purposes.

The beneficiaries are all Convention attendees, parents of the young people who attend, and those who they come into contact with.

There is no private benefit to anyone associated with IYC.

How we meet our aims and purposes:

The IYC Committee carries out its purpose by organising an all-day Convention, held annually in November. This involves a significant amount of planning and organisation, including:

1. Arranging the practical details of the Convention, with a particular focus on the speaker and supporting teaching programme. This also includes volunteer training, liaising with suppliers, the provision of a Bookstall where supporting materials can be purchased, creation of a handbook for attendees, and child protection arrangements.
2. Marketing the event appropriately to young people, to ensure an attendance as close to 500 as possible. This involves liaising with local church youth groups, designing and delivering social media adverts, and maintaining our website.

3. Delivery of the Convention itself.

Irish Youth Convention 2024:

IYC 2024 took place on Saturday 16th November 2024, in Crescent Church (Belfast). This was a new venue for us and we were delighted that the event was attended by just approximately 500 young people and leaders. We were so appreciative of the help and support provided by the people of Crescent Church.

Our main stage speaker was Rev Ross Mungavin (Blackstaff Mission Area, Belfast). Teaching from the New Testament book of Revelation. Teaching from Revelation 21 and 22 to help young Christians to consider the great future in store for them, and how to live now in light of that great future. Helping young people to see that this life is only a shadow of the reality to come, he encouraged young people to live their lives for God's glory and in the service of others.

Through the teaching, and interviews, young people will have been helped to think through issues such as dealing with disappointment, difficult circumstances, bullying and mental health.

The sessions were led by two committee members, Jonny and Erin. Ian Vennard and band led our singing, and we had approximately 20 volunteers stewarding at the event.

Feedback from church leaders was positive and we hope to run our next convention on Saturday 15th November 2025. Our speaker at that event will be Nate Morgan-Locke (Author and Creative Director at Speak Life UK). We are pleased that Crescent Church are willing to host us again next year, which will allow us to reduce ticket costs.

Financial Review:

1st January 2024 – 31st February 2024

The opening balance, in our bank account was **£10,380.24**. The closing balance was **£13,311.45**.

Income:

Income was mostly received through event tickets sales, which came to **£6811.63**. This was approximately a £400 increase on 2023 figures, due to a small rise in the numbers attending.

We are really appreciative of the local churches, which send their youth groups to the Irish Youth Convention.

Expenditure:

This year we were able to significantly reduce our expenditure, primarily through a change of venue. Our venue hire costs reduced from £2433.75 to £600.00. This year catering cost us £705.83.

Other major costs were associated with gifts to guests invited to take part in the event. For example,

- Speaker **£600.00**
- Band: **£725.00**

Reserves policy

With our closing bank account of £13,311 the trustees are content that we have enough in reserve to run IYC throughout 2025.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard in helping with the smooth running of our event in 2024.

We are especially thankful to Pamela Smyth, for all her hard work as our Treasurer, and to Andrew Taylor, our Independent Examiner.

Structure , governance and management

The method of appointment for IYC Committee members is set out in the IYC Constitution. The IYC Committee will consist of 6-10 members, reflecting a healthy gender balance. All members of the group will be in agreement with all aspects of the basis of faith.

The committee members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the work of Irish Youth Convention and deciding on how the funds of the church are spent.

The Committee met 6 times this year with an average level of attendance of 70%.

Administrative information:

Irish Youth Convention

c/o 12 Millreagh Heights
Dundonald
Co Down
BT16 1TP

The IYC Committee Members who served throughout 2024 are:

Johnny Beare (Chairperson)
Hannah Dowling
Jason Nicholl (Secretary)
Matthew Campbell
Peter Wright
Philomena Fitzpatrick (Co-opted)
Erin Wilson
Jonny Thompson
Andrew Moorcroft (from April 2024)
Laura Dillon (from April 2024)

Treasurer: Pamela Smyth (ex-officio)

Approved by the IYC Committee and signed on their behalf by Jonathan Beare (Chairperson):

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Beare', written in a cursive style.

Date: 27/03/2025

Irish Youth Convention

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107599

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Irish Youth Convention:

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. August 2016 CCNI ARR0? - supporting document 4

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Andrew Taylor

Signed: *Andrew Taylor*

Relevant professional qualification or body: Accounts Assistant - Crosslinks

Address: 502 Davidson Road, Croydon, CR0 6DH

Date: 18th March 2025

Irish Youth Convention

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107599

Accounts

Irish Youth Convention

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ticket Sales | 6,441.69 | | 6,441.69 |
| Donations | 424.39 | | 424.39 |
| Debtor Ticket Sales | 216 | | 216 |
| | 7,082.08 | | 7,082.08 |

Payments

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Bank Fees | 69.21 | | 69.21 |
| Photographer | 100 | | 100 |
| Insurance | 156.58 | | 156.58 |
| Speaker | 636.46 | | 636.46 |
| Music | 625 | | 625 |
| Audio Visual | 100 | | 100 |
| Catering & Hospitality | 1309.23 | | 1309.23 |
| Venue Hire | 2433.75 | | 2433.75 |
| | 5430.23 | | 5430.23 |

Bank reconciliation

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| 31.12.2023 | | | |
| Opening Balance 01.01.23 | 9,801.39 | | |
| Surplus/Deficit this year | 1,651.85 | | |
| Unpresented cheques 2023 | 125 | 11,578.24 | |
| (Less 2022 presented cheques) | -982 | | |
| (Less 2023 unpresented income) | -216 | -1198 | |
| | | | |
| Closing Balance 31.12.23 | | 10,380.24 | |

Statement of assets and liabilities - Year ended 31 December 2023

Funds Reconciliation

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 31.12.2023 | |
| Retained earnings 01.01.23 | 9,801.39 |
| Surplus 2023 | 1,651.85 |
| Debtors | -1,198.00 |
| Creditors | 125.00 |
| Net Assets | 10,380.24 |

Bank and Cash Balances

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|--------------|-----------|
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| Cash in Hand | 0 |

Other Assets (Unrestricted)

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Chair

Jason Nicholl
Secretary

29/02/2024

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Irish Youth Convention 2023:

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Our main stage speaker was Shane Deane (Passage Baptist Church, Cork). Teaching from the Old Testament book of Judges. He helped the young people see the chaos and hurt caused when people live life in a self-centred way. He then contrasted that with the hope that can be found when living life God's way by trusting Christ Jesus. Through the teaching, and interviews, young people will have been helped to think through issues such as mental health, drug & alcohol misuse and bullying.

The sessions were led by three committee members, Jonny, Philomena and Erin. Jacob Vallely and band led our singing and we had approximately 20 volunteers stewarding at the event.

Feedback from church leaders was positive and we hope to run our next convention on Saturday 16th November 2024. Our speaker at that event will be Rev Ross Mungavin (Associate Minister of South Belfast Inner Mission Area). We are currently looking for a new venue to reduce our running costs, which will enable us to limit any ticket price rises.

Financial Review:

1st January 2023 – 31st February 2023

The opening balance, in our bank account was **£9801.39**. The closing balance was **£10,380.24**.

Income:

Income was mostly received through event tickets sales, which came to **£6441.69**. This was an increase on 2022 figures, due to a small rise in the price of tickets. We are also thankful for a **£424.39** anonymous donation.

We are really appreciative of the local churches, which send their youth groups to the Irish Youth Convention.

Expenditure:

Most of our expenditure was on venue hire (**£2433.75**) and catering (**£1309.23**).

Other major costs were associated with gifts to guests invited to take part in the event. For example,

- Speaker **£636.46**
- Band: **£625.00**

Reserves policy

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| Aaron Douglas | <i>Stepped down Oct 2023</i> |
| Hannah Dowling | |
| Jason Nicholl (Secretary) | |
| Keith McIlwaine | <i>Stepped down Oct 2023</i> |
| Matthew Campbell | |
| Peter Wright | |
| Philomena Fitzpatrick (Co-opted) | |
| Rachael Gamble | <i>Stepped down Dec 2023</i> |
| Erin Wilson (Co-opted) | |
| Jonny Thompson (Co-opted) | |

Treasurer: Pamela Smyth (ex-officio)

Approved by the IYC Committee and signed on their behalf by Jonathan Beare (Chairperson):

Signed: 

Date: 29/02/2024

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Name: **ANDREW J TAYLOR**

Signed: *Andrew Taylor*

Relevant professional qualification or body: Account Assistant - Crosslinks

Address: 502 Davidson Road, Croydon, CR0 6DH

Date: 23rd February 2024