

Comhaltas Uladh

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107709

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-02-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The main objective of Comhaltas Uladh is to promote the spoken Irish language in the following counties: Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Down, Donegal, Fermanagh, Louth, Monaghan and Tyrone.

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

How the charity works: Cultural, Education/training, Grant making, Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Language community, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£29,650	£45,341	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr. N Comer		
Mr. S Mac Dhaibhéid		
Ms. Ú Cregan		

Accounts

Comhaltas Uladh
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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period from 01/01/24 to 31/12/24

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Grants	11,397	11,397	2,354
Publications	940	940	1,151
Investment Income	5,431	5,431	6,236
Interest	15	15	15
Other	1,584	1,584	5,443
Gross Income	19,367	19,367	15,199
Asset and Investment Sales			
Sale of shares	10,283	10,283	24,052
	-	-	-
Asset & Investment Sales	10,283	10,283	24,052
Total Receipts	29,650	29,650	39,251
Payments			
Scholarships	13,710	13,710	9,755
Publications & Media	20,047	20,047	5,210
Governance costs	2,713	2,713	3,794
Banking & Finance Fees	930	930	156
Sponsorship	2,000	2,000	
Courses & Events	5,941	5,941	-
Total Payments	45,341	45,341	18,915
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,691	- 15,691	20,336
Cash funds last year end	28,089	28,089	7,753
Cash funds this year end	12,398	12,398	28,089

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31/12/24

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Cash Funds	Cash at Bank	12,398	12,398	28,090
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total Cash Funds	12,398	12,398	28,090
	Details	Fund	Value 31/12/24	Value 31/12/23
Investment assets		Unrestricted	-	-
	Shareholdings	182,877	182,877	173,302
	Total Investment Assets	182,877	182,877	173,302
Signed on behalf of the Trustees:	Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval	
		Una Cregan	20/09/2025	

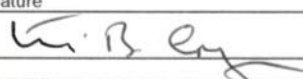
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Accounts

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	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds	
	£		£	£	
Receipts					
Grants	2,354		2,354	42,320	
Publications	1,151		1,151	4,009	
Investment Income	6,850		6,850	6,497	
Interest	15		15	15	
Other	4,829		4,829	5,330	
Gross Income	15,199		15,199	58,170	
Asset and investment sales					
Sale of shares	24,052		24,052	74,695	
Asset & Investment Sales	24,052		24,052	74,695	
Total Receipts	39,251		39,251	132,865	
Payments					
Scholarships	9,755		9,755	108,496	
Publications & Media	5,210		5,210	25,965	
Governance costs	3,794		3,794	6,286	
Bank Fees	156		156	69	
Total Payments	18,915		18,915	140,816	
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-		-	-	
	-		-	-	
A4 Sub total	-		-	-	
Total payments	18,915		18,915	140,816	
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,336		20,336	7,951	
A5 Transfers between funds					
Cash funds last year end	7,753		7,753	15,704	
Cash funds this year end	28,089		28,089	7,753	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31/12/23					Last Year	
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Total funds		Total funds	
Cash Funds	Cash at Bank	28,090	28,090	7,753		
		-	-	-		
		-	-	-		
	Total cash funds	28,090	28,090	7,753		
Investment assets	Details	Fund	Value 31/12/23	Value 31/12/22		
	Shareholdings	Unrestricted	173,302	264,785		
			-	-		
	Total		173,302	264,785		
Signed on behalf of all the Trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
			Una Cregan	30/08/2024		

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Annual report

Comhaltas Uladh: Trustees' Annual Report 2023

(01/01/23 - 31/12/2023)

Charity Name: Comhaltas Uladh

NIC No. 107709

Address: Gaeláras Mhic Ardghail, Cnocán Phádraig Naofa, Chapel Street, Newry BT34 2DZ

Purpose

Comhaltas Uladh's main purpose is to promote the Irish language in Ulster through classes, school competitions, festivals and supporting ventures to provide Gaeltacht Scholarships. There are a range of Comhaltas Uladh classes all over Ulster. Comhaltas Uladh supports summer courses in the Donegal Gaeltacht for both adult and teenage learners. The charity supports publication of Irish language literature and general reading material to encourage and stimulate literacy in the Irish language. Our branches provide structured and graded language courses and other formal and informal learning opportunities to promote and develop the Irish language with a particular focus on the young, those new to Irish and returners to education.

Public Benefit Statement

The public benefit that flows from the purpose is the well attested benefit of bilingualism, participation in group activities, the promotion of shared heritage and cultural awareness, an increase in job opportunities within the Irish language sector and the provision of opportunities to socialise and communicate with others. In addition, the provision of language instruction can lead to formal educational qualifications and facilitates the inclusion of the Irish language community in the cultural context of Northern Ireland and further afield.

The benefits of branch membership of Comhaltas Uladh are evidenced through regular qualitative assessment, including annual participation in the organisation's school and Feis competitions; registers of and feedback from participants at lessons, courses and events; photo and press coverage, documentation and recordings; audited annual accounts; engagement with and feedback from our Facebook page and regular media appearances on BBC, RTÉ and Raidió na Gaeltachta.

There is no harm arising from any of the activities and there is no private benefit flowing from any of the purpose.

Beneficiaries

The charity's beneficiaries are the general public in Northern Ireland and in the counties of Monaghan, Louth and Donegal, including affiliated branches of Comhaltas Uladh and both the primary and secondary school sectors in Northern Ireland.

The beneficiaries include the age 12-18 age group and learners of the language from all age groups. The benefit is provided through various schemes and activities including annual competitions for the 12-18 age-group and provision of online materials for learners of Irish. Activities which are conducted bilingually are advertised as such and in situations where a knowledge of Irish is required (e.g. when working with Irish medium education), this is made clear on all promotional material. Comhaltas Uladh regularly engages with projects which promote reconciliation and Irish medium education.

Activities and Achievements 2023

In 2023, Comhaltas Uladh continued with the voluntary administration of a Gaeltacht scholarship scheme, funded by Foras na Gaeilge. This was done through a programme of visits to secondary schools and branches in Northern Ireland to promote the Gaeltacht summer colleges and to give students the opportunity to partake in various competitions to win scholarships. Over 1000 students participated in these competitions, with a significant number aged 12-18 being awarded scholarships.

Comhaltas Uladh also continued to contribute to the development of Irish literature and to the provision of language learning resources. The organization assisted in specialized language courses directed towards GCSE; AS and A2 students, enhancing their ability in spoken Irish and understanding of local issues such as Irish Language Place-Names and Surnames.

A further edition of the songbook, which we had published in 2022, was produced (Abair Amhrán (Say a Song) book and some smaller publications, including Faigh Fáinne, Caith Fáinne (Get a Fáinne, Wear a Fáinne) we also produced. These were published and distributed throughout our branch network and, indeed, further afield.

Further development on a voluntary basis of an online presence, increased the organisation's impact considerably and has increased the provision of facilities to support the promotion of spoken Irish.

Financial

Total income for the year exceeded total expenditure by £20.3k and the Trustees consider the overall financial position at the end of the year as stable. Income received during the year included £2.3k from Conradh na Gaeilge. Comhaltas Uladh had no debts at the end of the reporting year.

Statement of compliance

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 to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's educational purposes and provide a public benefit.

Trustees 31/12/23

N. Comer

Ú. Cregan

S. Mac Dhaibhéid

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Comhaltas Uladh

I report on the accounts of Comhaltas Uladh for the year ended 31st December 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 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.

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: *Louise McNeil*

Signature: *L. McNeil*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *CPFA*

Address: *51, Knutsford Drive*

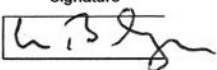
Date: *Belfast BT14 6NA*

02/10/2024.

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Receipts			
Grants	42,320		42,320
Publications	4,009		4,009
Investment Income	6,497		6,497
Interest	15		15
Other	5,330		5,330
Gross Income	58,170		58,170
Asset and investment sales			
Sale of shares	74,695		74,695
	-		-
Asset & Investment Sales	74,695		74,695
Total Receipts	132,865		132,865
Payments			
Scholarships	108,496		108,496
Publications & Media	25,965		25,965
Governance costs	6,286		6,286
Bank Fees	69		69
	-		-
Total Payments	140,816		140,816
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,951		- 7,951
Cash funds last year end	15,704		15,704
Cash funds this year end	7,753		7,753

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			-
		Total	264,785
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			Una Cregan
			Date of approval
			30/06/2023

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Comhaltas Uladh was central in the production of a series of short videos to promote an understanding and awareness of our place-name culture in Northern Ireland and the idea of a shared-heritage. This, and continued development on a voluntary basis of an online presence, increased the organisation's impact considerably and has increased the provision of facilities to support the promotion of spoken Irish.

Financial

Expenditure for the year exceeded income by £8k but the overall financial position at the end of the year is stable. Grants received during the year included £41,120 from Foras na Gaeilge. Comhaltas Uladh had no debts at the end of the reporting year.

Statement of compliance

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Name: Gael Edwards



11/8/23