

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for Enniskillen ComicFest
for the year ended 31st July 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 31st July 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Enniskillen ComicFest is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 1st September 2020.

The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out are listed below.

Trustees / Directors

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Chair. Paul Trimble

Secretary. Paul Donaghey

Treasurer. Chris Fawcett

Stephen Trimble

Lauren Trimble

James Eames

Niamh Cusack

Enniskillen ComicFest is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 15th February 2021, under reference number NIC107954.

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Objectives and Activities

Objectives

The objectives of Enniskillen ComicFest are to advance the education of the public in the arts and culture of comic book literature and associated fields of art, design, technology, philosophy and literature, particularly, but not exclusively by:

- a) the organization of a comic book convention based in County Fermanagh;
- b) the encouragement of active participation by all ages and communities in the medium of comic book literature and other niche related hobbies and interests
- c) such other ways as the committee shall decide from time to time.

Key Activities in this Year

A workshop on creating comics was run in a local Primary School for P7 children on May.

ComicFest itself was then run on 2nd and 3rd June. For the first time it was run as a two day event rather than a single day. This proved very popular and increased the attendance but costs were also increased by more than what we

had anticipated. Overall the two day show was judged to have been a success and will be discussed at the next AGM

Enniskillen ComicFest Trustees have considered Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities to ensure that these achieve the association's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

Financial Review

Review of Business

Enniskillen ComicFest is non-profit making with net income and resources in this year of zero. Funds held over from our 2020 event, cancelled because of the Covid outbreak, were available to cover most of the additional costs. Fundraising opportunities to rebuild the Reserve haven't been as plentiful post-Covid and with the cost of living crisis affecting so much now. Other avenues to increase fundraising will have to be explored. The trustees continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Reserves Policy

Enniskillen ComicFest has a Reserves Policy, which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisation's core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that the organisation's known liabilities will be paid should the organisation cease to trade.

Future Plans

Enniskillen ComicFest plans to continue to focus on controlling costs, while maintaining the high standards of service to our beneficiaries and running a top quality comic book convention.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the year ended 31st July 2023

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The 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 financial statements comply with all appropriate regulations. 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. [1]
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In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing the independent examiner's report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner

is aware of that information.

On behalf of the Trustees



Paul Trimble
Trustee

Date: 10/5/24