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Charity registered number: NIC107970

MUSEUM OF THE TROUBLES INITIATIVE

(Private company limited by guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was incorporated on 23 February 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 14 December 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI651235

Registered Charity number

NIC107970

Registered office

39 Rugby Road
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CHAIRPERSON

Terence Brannigan

TRUSTEES

Prof Catherine Clinton

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Dr Gul Kacmaz Erk

Jane Elizabeth Morrice

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Dr Iene Boada Montagut

Terence Brannigan

Shelby Hanna

Alex Knowles

Prof John Morison

Appointed on 9 May 2024

Appointed on 11 April 2024

Appointed on 7 March 2024

Appointed on 30 April 2024

Appointed on 28 November 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Tony Clarke

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practices applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Structure, Governance and Trustees

Museum of the Troubles Initiative which is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland, registration number NI651235, with the objective of undertaking charitable activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northern Ireland.

Objectives and Activities

We are a charity working to bring into being a Museum of the Troubles & Peace which would offer a range of perspectives on Northern Ireland's recent past. The idea of this project is to create an exhibition space in an iconic building that showcases three decades of (conflict and survival in Northern Ireland, and the evolution of the Northern Irish Peace Process. The Museum would also have an area for remembrance and reconciliation.

Our view is that small, single-identity museums are not the answer, though they clearly have a valuable role in the wider infrastructure of commemoration. What is needed is a major initiative, imaginatively conceived and housed in a historic building, that educates and challenges, and that achieves a number of vital objectives. These include:

Legacy & Healing:- attempting to understand the Troubles in all its complexity is one of the keys to the future, enabling us to deal with our divided past in a way that promotes understanding across the communal divide.

Economy: a multi-functional complex that draws on the rich Archives of the Troubles and Peace initiatives - artefacts, photographs, posters, television recordings, documentaries, oral archives, digital recreations of events - would constitute a major visitor attraction, generating income, export earnings and employment, as evidenced by the hugely successful Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Education: Younger generations in these islands have little knowledge of the Troubles. There is much to be learned from a dispassionate, multi-voiced exploration of the past, to ensure we are not plunged into communal violence once again.

International: Northern Ireland speaks to a wider world and the wider world speaks to Northern Ireland. Building in a comparative dimension to the Museum that draws on ethnic and national conflicts elsewhere in the world - South Africa, Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine, Palestine, Israel - would further enhance its educative and consciousness-raising value.

At present we have been funded by the Social Justice Small Grants Programme and Community Foundation to set up the group, Women working Together on a Troubled Past and a Better Future.

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Achievement and Performance

We have prominent patrons from many spheres of life. They include Mary Robinson. Robin Eames. George Bain, , Mark Devenport, Denis Bradley. Colin Davidson, Rita Duffy, Barry Douglas. i should add, we are a company limited by guarantee and we are registered with the Charity Commission. We have made extensive contact with local community groups and we have set up some partnership.

Over the last five years Museum of the Troubles & Peace has generated a climate of opinion in favor of a bold initiative on the scale of Titanic Belfast that memorialises the Troubles and the peace process.

The concept now has the backing of community and youth activists. of academics ac Queen's University Belfast. Ulster University and Belfast Metropolitan College. it has featured in newspaper and radio coverage and has won sympathetic interest at the highest levels in London and Dublin, and fits readily within the US government's Legacy proposals. Our patrons include some of the most distinguished names in Irish public life, north and south.

Management

Overall legal, strategic and financial governance of the museum is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees/Directors of the registered charity/company. The members of the Board are as follows:

Terence Brannigan (Chair), While Terence was chairman of Tourism NorthernIreland, he delivered over £1bn of annual revenues during his 7-year tenure. He was also the Chairman of the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation for 11 years, and was responsible for the regeneration and development of the site.

Shelby Hanna, Treasurer. Digital Learning Officer has a long experience of digital Learning and she has a strong passion for education and a deep understanding of good teaching practices. She is dedicated to leveraging emerging technologies, such as virtual reality, to create engaging and immersive learning experiences.

Jane Morrice, former head of the European Commission Office in Belfast and former MLA (Northern Ireland Women's Coalition); Hon. President European Movement Northern Ireland

Ed Petersen, Coordinator of Clonard Monastery's Peace and Reconciliation Ministry. Chair of Forthspring Inter Community Group and Northern Ireland Inter-Faith Forum.

Teachers Training Diploma, 30 years as Equality and Management Trainer, 20 years in Peacebuilding with various Voluntary and community Sector organisations in NI. Brigid has been a chair and Secretary of various organisations in the voluntary and Community Sector.

Frank Gaffikin, Emeritus Professor, Queen's University Belfast School of Natural & Built Environment. Originally from "The Bone" in North Belfast. Community activist and major research grant-holder.

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Suneil Sharma, Entrepreneur; former member, Policing Board; former member, Commission for Racial Equality NI; trustee, RAM Foundation

Dr Gul Kacmaz Erk, senior lecturer and programme director of MSc Advanced Architectural Design at Queen's University Belfast. Her research is on humanitarian architecture as well as cinematic architecture.

Catherine Clinton, Denman Chair and Professor of American History, University of Texas, San Antonio. Historical adviser: Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* (2012). Formerly professor of history, Queen's University Belfast.

Alex Knowles, a recently qualified architect and RIBA medal nominee. His thesis 'A Treatise on Palimpsest' received an award.

Jack Gillespie, Barrister, Belfast. Professor John Morison, Professor, Queen's University Belfast School of Law, The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice and member of the Royal Irish Academy.

Dr Irene Boada Montagut, graduate of the University of Barcelona, Queen's University Belfast and Ulster University; radio and TV presenter, Barcelona; Northern Ireland correspondent for Spanish media; founder of Museum of the Troubles & Peace and the cross community group, Children of the Troubles; member of the Holyland's Regeneration Group; Leadership and Management certificate, Peace IV-funded project with St Peter's and Townsend Youth Clubs, Belfast.

Combined, the Board has extensive knowledge and experience of research, history, policy, funding, museums, law, architecture, business enterprise, planning, governance, management, leadership, and peace and reconciliation.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 29 February 2024 are set out on pages 7 and 8 of the financial statements.

The total income for the year ended 29 February 2024 amounted to £16,675 (2023:£5,000).

The total expenditure was £16,131 (2023:£5,133)

The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £245 in reserves at the year end (2023: (£299)).

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Reserves Policy

The income of the Company is considered adequate and the risks associated with any significant reduction in income is regarded as unlikely. The Trustees are satisfied with the current level of reserves at the present time. The Trustees are reviewing the Reserves Policy in the current year.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Museum of the Troubles Initiative for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2016. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Museum of the Troubles Initiative is a company limited by guarantee by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Each members liability is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 12/11/2024..... and signed on behalf by:



Shelby Hanna
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MUSEUM OF THE TROUBLES INITIATIVE.

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 29 February 2024 which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body in accordance with section 65(3)(a) of the Charities Act Northern Ireland 2008 and regulations made under section 66 of the Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work of this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the company's Trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for Independent examination.

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 was also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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INITIATIVE(continued)**

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.



Tony Clarke
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12.11.2024

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 29-Feb-24 TOTAL £	Year to 28-Feb-23 TOTAL £
Income from:					
Generated Funds	2	-	15,675	15,675	5,000
Charitable Activities	3	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total Income		1,000	15,675	16,675	5,000
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	5	456	15,675	16,131	5,133
Total Expenditure:		456	15,675	16,131	5,133
Net income/(expenditure)		544	-	544	(133)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		544	-	544	(133)
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward	12	(299)	-	(299)	(166)
Total Funds carried forward	11	245	-	245	(299)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on page 10 to 15 form and integral part of these accounts

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As at 29 February 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	-	-
Cash at bank & Other		845	1
		<u>845</u>	<u>1</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(600)	(300)
Net Current Assets		<u>245</u>	<u>(299)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>245</u></u>	<u><u>(299)</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted	11	-	-
Unrestricted	11	245	(299)
TOTAL FUNDS	11	<u><u>245</u></u>	<u><u>(299)</u></u>


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 29 February 2024.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board directors on 12/11/2024 and were signed on their behalf by:


Shelby Hanna
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Museum of the Troubles Initiative is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: 39 Rugby Road, Belfast, Antrim, BT7 1PT

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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1.4 Incoming resources (continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measure reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

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1.9 Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1.10 Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2 Income from Generated funds

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
NI Community Relation	-	675	675	5,000
Esmee Fairbairn	-	15,000	15,000	-
Totals 2024	-	15,675	15,675	5,000
Totals 2023	-	-	-	-

3 Income from Charitable Activities

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,000	-	1,000	-
Totals 2024	1,000	-	1,000	-
Totals 2023	-	-	-	-

4 Staff Costs and Numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Wages and Salaries	-	-
	-	-

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: None)

The average monthly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

2024	2023
Number	Number
-	-

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5 Expenditure

Analysis of resources expended

	2024			2023
Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
General Expenses	-	-	-	13
Consultant	-	12,000	12,000	-
Workshops	156	3,675	3,675	4,620
Mediator	-	-	-	200
Totals 2024	456	15,675	15,975	5,133
Totals 2023	133	5,000	5,133	

6 Trustees remuneration & expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
	-	-

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	600	300
	600	300

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9 Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £300 (2023 - £180)

10 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

11 Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 March 2023	Income	Expense	Transfer in/out	Balance at 29 February 2024
<u>Restricted funds</u>	£	£	£	£	£
NI Community Relation	-	675	(675)	-	-
Esmee Fairbairn		15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	675	(675)	-	-
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	(299)	1,000	(456)	-	245
Total Unrestricted funds	(299)	-	(456)	-	245
Total of funds - current year	(299)	675	(1,131)	-	245

12 Statement of fund - prior year

	Balance at 1 March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer in/out	Balance at 28 February 2023
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	(166)	5,000	(5,133)	-	(299)
Total of funds - prior year	(166)	5,000	(5,133)	-	(299)