

# The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107974

## Details

Known as	The Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust
Status	Received
Registered	2022-05-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Trustees shall hold the capital and income of the Trust Fund upon trust to apply the income and all or such part of parts of the capital at such time or times and in such manner as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall decide to advance education by the study and appreciation of poetry at the Universities and elsewhere for the public benefit through the provision of workshops, seminars and educational programmes, and for such other exclusively charitable purpose according to the law of Northern Ireland as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Arts

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£81,999	£86,182	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ms Maura Mcgrath		
Nora Douds		
Philip Coleman		
Professor Brian Walker		
Professor Fran Brearton		
Professor Lucy Collins		
Sir Donell Deeny		

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# Accounts

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**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**  
**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**31 MARCH 2025**

**KSI Faulkner Orr Limited**  
**Accountants**  
**Behan House**  
**10 Lower Mount Street**  
**Dublin 2**

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**TRUSTEES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Maura McGrath Professor Fran Brearton Professor Lucy Collins Professor Ignatius McGovern Sir Donnell Deeny Professor Brian Walker The Late Professor Michael Longley (RIP 22.01.2025)</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Liam Hannaway</b>
<b>Principal Address</b>	<b>Poetry Ireland 11 Parnell Square East Dublin 1</b>
<b>Accountants</b>	<b>KSi Faulkner Orr Limited Behan House 10 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2</b>
<b>Principal Bankers</b>	<b>Allied Irish Bank</b>

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

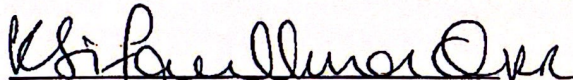
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**BEHAN HOUSE**  
**10 LOWER MOUNT STREET**  
**DUBLIN 2**

Date: 24/6/2025

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Investments</b>	€	€
Via - Sarasin - Cost	107,138	141,027
	<u>107,138</u>	<u>141,027</u>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Sundry Debtors	73,196	73,124
Prepayments	-	307
	<u>73,196</u>	<u>73,431</u>
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
First Trust Current Account	27,954	27,309
Account under Poetry Ireland	62,197	15,361
	<u>90,151</u>	<u>42,670</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>270,485</u>	<u>257,128</u>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals	33,451	14,823
Credit Card	-	-
Creditors	46,460	48,390
Short Term Loans	11,564	9,934
Deferred income	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>91,475</u>	<u>73,147</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>179,010</u>	<u>183,981</u>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
<b>Trust Reserves</b>		
Opening Balance	183,981	228,914
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 4,971	- 44,933
<b>Closing Reserves</b>	<u>179,010</u>	<u>183,981</u>

The above is a non-audited Balance Sheet at 31st March 2025 has been prepared from the information and records provided by the Trustees and correctly represent the transactions in the period.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

*Dunfollins*  
TRUSTEE

*Franz*  
TRUSTEE

DATE: 24/06/2025.

30/10/2025

THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>	€	€
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	14,550	14,375
Queens University of Belfast	14,550	14,375
University College Dublin	14,550	14,375
Trinity College Dublin	14,550	14,375
An Chomhairle Ealaíon	14,550	14,375
Investment Income	24,701	-
	<u>97,451</u>	<u>71,875</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Stipend	42,238	54,955
Subvention - Publication	-	3,000
Administration	20,000	22,815
Accommodation and Travel - PM	9,210	7,927
Accommodation and Travel - Other	1,896	1,140
Bursaries - Accommodation/Travel Awards	1,805	3,141
Hospitality	621	2,426
Bank charges	193	251
Accountancy	307	-
Audit fee	1,230	1,845
Exchange differences	13,696	19,307
Debtor adjustment	-	23,452
Student Awards	6,000	10,086
Publications	4,040	-
Marketing - Advertising	986	1,387
Governance	200	3,690
	<u>102,422</u>	<u>116,808</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>- 4,971</u>	<u>- 44,933</u>

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TRUSTEE

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<b>Chairperson</b>	Mr Liam Hannaway
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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DUBLIN 2

Date: 26/1/2025

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

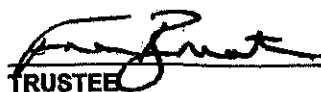
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	14,375	14,375
Queens University of Belfast	14,375	14,375
University College Dublin	14,375	14,375
Trinity College Dublin	14,375	14,375
An Chomhairle Ealaíon	14,375	14,375
	<u>71,875</u>	<u>71,875</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Stipend	54,955	38,993
Subvention - Publication	3,000	-
Administration	22,815	15,847
Accommodation and Travel - PM	7,927	5,589
Accommodation and Travel - Other	1,140	-
Bursaries - Accommodation/Travel Awards	3,141	1,750
Hospitality	2,426	1,934
Bank charges	251	42
Legal and professional Costs	-	3,930
Audit fee	1,845	1,230
Exchange differences	- 19,307	- 14,964
Debtor adjustment (Note 1)	23,452	-
Student Awards	10,086	7,970
General expenses	-	174
Marketing - Advertising	1,387	-
Computer costs	-	105
Governance	3,690	3,075
	<u>116,808</u>	<u>65,327</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>- 44,933</u>	<u>6,548</u>

Note 1: During the year the Trustees undertook to review old debtor balances which had been outstanding for a period but did not appear to be due. Following investigation and consultation with debtors, it was determined that these balances were not due, and the Trustees decided to adjust the debtors down by €23,452, resulting in a corresponding increase in expenses of €23,452.

The above is a non-audited Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2024 which has been prepared from the information and records provided by the Trustees and correctly represent the transactions in the period.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

  
TRUSTEE

  
TRUSTEE

DATE: 26.01.25

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Investments</b>	€	€
Via - Sarasin - Cost	141,027	132,142
	<u>141,027</u>	<u>132,142</u>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Sundry Debtors	73,124	101,213
Prepayments	307	307
	<u>73,431</u>	<u>101,520</u>
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
First Trust Current Account	27,309	28,560
AIB - Current Account	-	13,847
Account under Poetry Ireland	15,361	36,906
	<u>42,670</u>	<u>77,312</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>257,128</u>	<u>310,974</u>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals	14,823	33,935
Credit Card	-	-
Creditors	48,390	38,190
Short Term Loans	9,934	9,934
Deferred Income	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>73,147</u>	<u>82,060</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>183,981</u>	<u>228,914</u>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
<b>Trust Reserves</b>		
Opening Balance	228,914	222,366
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 44,933	6,548
<b>Closing Reserves</b>	<u>183,981</u>	<u>228,914</u>

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**The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107974

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# Annual report

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# The Ireland Chair of Poetry

**Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland**

**Trustees Annual Report**

**Period: 2023 / 2024**

**Date registered with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland**  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

**Charity no. 107974**

**Trustees of the Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023:**

Professor Fran Brearton  
Professor Lucy Collins  
Professor Ignatius McGovern  
Sir Donnell Deeny  
Professor Michael Longley  
Professor Brian Walker  
Maura McGrath

Chairperson Mr. Liam Hannaway

**Principal Address**

Poetry Ireland CLG.  
11 Parnell Square East  
Dublin 1

**Principal Bankers**

Allied Irish Banks

**Introduction:**

The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, was set up in 1998 following the award of the Nobel Prize of Literature to Seamus Heaney and is jointly held between Queen's University Belfast, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. Every three years a poet of honour and distinction



University College Dublin  
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

is chosen to represent the Chair as Ireland's Professor of Poetry. During their tenure, the holder spends a year attached to each of the three universities and resides for a period of approximately eight weeks at each. While in residence, the poet gives informal workshops or readings, spends time working with students and performing outreach work and makes one formal presentation a year, usually in the form of a lecture.

## **Activities of the Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, over these twelve months:**

### **How to Read a Poem Seminars by Professor Paul Muldoon**

From January – March 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon, gave a series of discussions at Queen's University Belfast, entitled *How to Read a Poem*. Dates of the seminar were 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Readings by Professor Paul Muldoon**

On February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon gave a reading at the Linen Hall Library, in Belfast. On Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon gave a reading in the Thomas Davis Theatre, Trinity College Dublin.

### **Lectures by Professor Paul Muldoon**

Prof Paul Muldoon gave a lecture entitled 'Talking Heads, on campus at University College Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> May and in The Great Hall of Queen's University Belfast on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

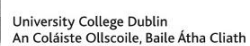
### **The Poet of Promise**

In July, Molly Twomey was nominated by the Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust and the Ireland Professor of Poetry as the Poet of Promise for 2023. The bursary awarded Molly with a four-week residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig County Monaghan. Her nomination and acceptance of the bursary was announced on the ICOP website and social media channels on the 13th July 2023.

### **The Ireland Chair of Poetry Student Awards**

Now in its fifth year, the Ireland Chair of Poetry Student Award recognised excellence in the work of six emerging poets currently enrolled at Master's level. The student awards went to Rhiannon McGavin, Shakeema Edwards, Simon Goligher, Emma Buckley, Cullan Maclear and Sam Furlong.

### **The Ireland Chair of Poetry Travel Award**



The 2023 Travel Award was awarded to Dane Holt. The winners of the 2023 Student and Travel Awards were announced on the ICOP website and social media channels on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Dane Holt successfully traveled to Paris to visit Place Saint-Sulpice, and to sit where Georges Perec had sat over a long weekend in 1974 when he was writing 'An Attempt at Exhausting a Place in Paris'. A summary of Dane's experience and an extract from Day 1 of his journal can be read on the Ireland Chair of Poetry website.

### **The publication of Prof. Frank Ormsby's lectures, The Poet's Chair published by UCD Press**

In October 2023 the publication of *The World Unmade, Writings of the Ireland Professor of Poetry Frank Ormsby 2019-2022* was launched. UCD Press published the lectures, and the launch took place in The Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Spring Semester Series of Public IPOP Events 2024**

From January 24<sup>th</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup> Professor Paul Muldoon hosted his popular series of discussions 'How to Read a Poem' this time in the Long Room Hub in Trinity College Dublin. There were seven seminars in total. He gave a reading of his recent poems in the Museum of Literature Ireland on February 1<sup>st</sup>. To complete his series of events for the Spring of 2024 Professor Muldoon gave a lecture entitled Make Like a Bird in Trinity College Dublin on 27<sup>th</sup> February and in Queen's University Belfast on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

### **How the Trust raised and spent funds**

The Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust is funded by donations from Queen's University Belfast, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, and the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. The funds are spent on the promotion and support of poetry in the South and the North of Ireland.

### **To conclude:**

Over these twelve months, the Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust has supported and helped poets in the North and South of Ireland – through student awards, a poet's residency, and by supplying a travel award to facilitate a poet's travel. In addition to supporting the work of poets, the Trust has supported the poetry infrastructure in Ireland (North and South) by providing a series of poetry seminars, readings, and lectures to benefit the public.

The trustees have at all times regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement with particular reference to the purposes of arts and education.

A review of the charity's financial position is included in the audit which has been submitted with this return.





**The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107974

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# Annual return

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Date: 1st October 2024

**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

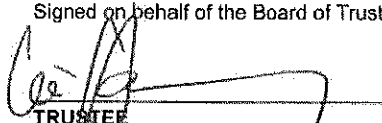
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<i>as restated</i>
<b>Income</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	14,375	14,500
Queens University of Belfast	14,375	14,500
University College Dublin	14,375	14,500
Trinity College Dublin	14,375	14,500
An Chomhairle Ealaíon	14,375	14,500
	<u>71,875</u>	<u>72,500</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Stipend	38,993	29,346
Administration	15,847	15,298
Accommodation and Travel	5,589	195
Bursaries - Accommodation/Travel Awards	1,750	8,332
Hospitality	1,934	-
Bank charges	42	177
Legal and professional Costs	3,930	1,197
Audit fee	1,230	-
Exchange differences	- 14,964	- 1,767
Student Awards	7,970	-
General expenses	- 174	-
Books - research material	-	132
Computer costs	105	79
Governance	3,075	7,995
Lecture/reading	-	300
	<u>65,327</u>	<u>61,284</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>6,548</u>	<u>11,216</u>

The above is a non-audited Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2023 which has been prepared from the information and records provided by the Trustees and correctly represent the transactions in the period.

  
KSI Faulkner Orr Limited

DATE: 1st October 2024

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

  
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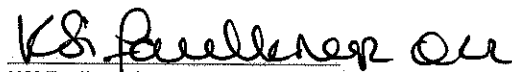
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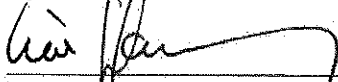
BALANCE SHEET	2023	2022 <i>as restated</i>
<b>Investments</b>	€	€
Via - Sarasin - Cost	132,142	106,683
	<u>132,142</u>	<u>106,683</u>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Sundry Debtors	101,213	144,281
Prepayments	307	307
	<u>101,520</u>	<u>144,588</u>
<b>Cash at Bank</b>		
First Trust Current Account	26,560	27,680
AlB - Current Account	13,847	230
Account under Poetry Ireland	36,906	57,347
	<u>77,312</u>	<u>85,257</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>310,974</u>	<u>336,528</u>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Accruals	33,935	990
Credit Card	-	175
Creditors	38,190	42,495
Short Term Loans	9,934	8,000
Deferred income	-	62,500
	<u>82,060</u>	<u>114,160</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>82,060</u>	<u>114,160</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>228,914</u>	<u>222,368</u>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
<b>Trust Reserves</b>		
Opening Balance	222,366	211,150
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6,548	11,216
	<u>228,914</u>	<u>222,366</u>

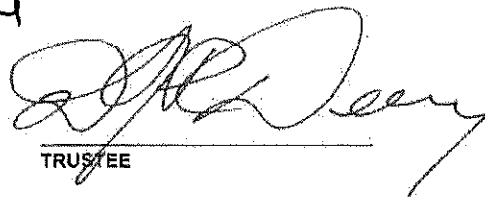
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**The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107974

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# Annual report

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# The Ireland Chair of Poetry

Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland

Trustees Annual Report

Period: 2022 / 2023

**Date registered with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland**  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

**Charity no. 107974**

**Trustees of the Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023:**

Professor Kevin Rafter  
Professor Fran Brearton  
Professor Lucy Collins  
Professor Ignatius McGovern  
Sir Donnell Deeny  
Professor Michael Longley  
Professor Brian Walker

Chairperson Mr. Liam Hannaway

## **Principal Address**

Poetry Ireland CLG.  
11 Parnell Square East  
Dublin 1

## **Principal Bankers**

Allied Irish Banks

## **Introduction:**



The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, was set up in 1998 following the award of the Nobel Prize of Literature to Seamus Heaney and is jointly held between Queen's University Belfast, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. Every three years a poet of honour and distinction is chosen to represent the Chair as Ireland's Professor of Poetry. During their tenure, the holder spends a year attached to each of the three universities and resides for a period of approximately eight weeks at each. While in residence, the poet gives informal workshops or readings, spends time working with students and performing outreach work and makes one formal presentation a year, usually in the form of a lecture.

### **Activities of the Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland, over these twelve months:**

#### **Prof. Frank Ormsby's lectures and publication of *The Poet's Chair***

'Poetry of the Trouble's Revisited', a lecture by Professor Frank Ormsby took place in front of a socially distanced audience in the Provost's House, at Trinity College Dublin on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Professor Frank Ormsby's third and final lecture took place as a private interview on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Queen's University Belfast. Prof. Lucy Collins travelled to Belfast on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 to interview and record Prof. Ormsby's lecture. The transcript from this was to appear in the next edition of *The Poet's Chair*, published by UCD Press. Work on *The Poet's Chair* publication was ongoing through 2022/2023. The publication consists of the transcript from the interview, some new poems, and Professor Ormsby's collected lectures. The publication was launched in August 2023.

#### **The Poet of Promise**

In June, Jess McKinney was nominated by the Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust and the Ireland Professor of Poetry as the Poet of Promise for 2022. The bursary awarded Jess with a four-week residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig County Monaghan. Her nomination and acceptance of the bursary was announced on the ICOP website and social media channels on 2nd June 2022.



## **The Ireland Chair of Poetry Student Awards**

Now in its fourth year, the Ireland Chair of Poetry Student Award recognized excellence in the work of six emerging poets currently enrolled at Master's level. The student awards went to, Eoghan Totten (QUB), Elizabeth Oaxley (TCD), Kate Lawlor (UCD), Judy O'Kane (QUB), Vivianna Fiorentino (QUB), Noah Racey (TCD)

## **The Ireland Chair of Poetry Travel Award**

The 2022 Travel Award was awarded to Jane Clarke. The winners of the 2022 Student and Travel Awards were announced on the ICOP website and social media channels on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Jane Clarke successfully traveled to the Lake District to write and research with English poet James Rebanks. The second phase of the proposed project culminated in a reading/presentation at the Burren Beo Winterage Weekend, in October 2022. This inspired her to write ten new poems.

## **Announcement of new Ireland Professor of Poetry**

In November 2022 Professor Paul Muldoon was announced as the ninth Ireland Professor of Poetry, taking over from Professor Frank Ormsby. Paul Muldoon will hold the position until November 2025. The announcement was made at a small reception hosted by President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, in Áras an Uachtaráin. There was significant media coverage in the North and South of Ireland.

## **How to Read a Poem Seminars by Professor Paul Muldoon**

From January – March 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon, gave a series of discussions at Queen's University Belfast, entitled *How to Read a Poem*. Dates of the seminar were 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Readings by Prof Paul Muldoon**

On February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon gave a reading at the Linen Hall Library, in Belfast.

On Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Prof. Paul Muldoon gave a reading in the Thomas Davis Theatre, Trinity College Dublin.



## **How the Trust raised and spent funds**

The Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust is funded by donations of £12000 each from Queen's University Belfast, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, and the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon. The funds are spent on the promotion and support of poetry in the South and the North of Ireland as per this report and accounts attached.

## **To conclude:**

Over these twelve months, the Ireland Chair of Poetry Trust has supported and helped poets in the North and South of Ireland – through student awards, a poet's residency, and by supplying a travel award to facilitate a poet's travel. In addition to supporting the work of poets, the Trust has supported the poetry infrastructure in Ireland (North and South) by providing a series of poetry seminars, readings, and lectures to benefit the public.

The Trustees have at all times had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement with particular reference to the purposes of arts and education.

A review of the charity's financial position is included in the audit which has been submitted with this return.



**The Ireland Chair of Poetry, Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107974

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# Annual return

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**THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE IRELAND CHAIR OF POETRY**

We have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet.

This report is made solely to the Trust's members. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements;
- Follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Regulator in Ireland; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the regulatory authorities. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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