

Cleamairí Feirste- The Belfast Wren Boys

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108217

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-09-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

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

How the charity works: Arts,Community development,Community enterprise,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Disability,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Heritage/historical,Playgroup/after schools

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Asylum seekers/refugees,Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,Ex-offenders and prisoners,General public,Hiv/aids,Interface communities,Language community,Learning disabilities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Overseas/developing countries,Parents,Physical disabilities,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory

disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Travellers, Unemployed/low income, Victim support, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-06	£18,780	£19,950	£0	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daithí Mac Uait		
Gerald Crossan		
Joanne Fitzsimons		
John Mc Mullan		

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Accounts

**Cleamairi Feirste - The Belfast Wren Boys
Statement of Receipts and Payments 2024 - 2025**

Opening Balance £1,251.20

Receipts		Payments
Performing Fees	£18,720.00	Artists Fees
Sundry	£60.00	Sundry
Total	£18,780.00	Total

Closing Balance £81.59

Signed - Trustee

Signed - External Verifier

V. O'Prey 20/06/25

**Cleamairi Feirste - The Belfast Wren Boys
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024 - 2025**

Funds Reconciliation	Funds
Cash in Bank at 06/05/2024	£1,251.20
Cash in Bank at 05/04/2025	£81.59
Other Assets (Unrestricted Funds)	£0

This charity has no other assets and liabilities

Signed - Chairperson

Signed - Treasurer

Garinnella
18/6/25

Johny Gibson
18-06-25

Signed - External Verifier

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Opening Balance £500.00

Receipts		Payments	
Performing Fees	£10,965.00	Artists Fees	£9,978.00
		Sundry	£235.80
Total	10,965.00	Total	£10,213.80

Closing Balance £1,251.80

Signed - Trustee



Signed - External Verifier

Vanessa O'Prey
25/09/24

Cleamairi Feirste - The Belfast Wren Boys
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023 - 2024

Funds Reconciliation

Cash in Bank at 06/04/2023

£500

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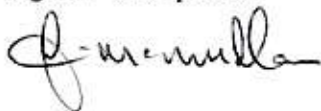
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Treasurer



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Annual report

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Annual Report 2024

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Date registered. 17/09/2021

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The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

Who the charity helps

Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse)

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Children (5-13 year olds)

Ethnic minorities

Ex-offenders and prisoners General public

Hiv/aids

Interface communities Language community Learning disabilities

Men

Mental health

Older people Overseas/developing countries Parents

Physical disabilities

Preschool (0-5 year olds) Sensory disabilities

Specific areas of deprivation Travellers

Unemployed/low income

Victim support

Voluntary and community sector Volunteers

Women

Youth (14-25 year olds)

How the charity works

Arts events

Community development Community enterprise Cross-border/cross-community

Cultural events

Working with people with Disabilities

Education/training

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People

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N/A Employees

N/A Volunteers

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Jo Fitzsimmons

Gerry Crossan

John (Jackie) Mc Mullan

Public address

Mr Cormac O Briain, 283-289 Antrim Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT15 2GZ

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Trustees Report 10 Bealtaine 2024

Chairman's opening statement

1. Jackie MacMullen presented a report of the significant events of the previous year. He stated that the main goal for this year, to develop the organisation was successful. The organisation's goal to begin applying for grants in order to continue our work was a success as we managed to obtain a grant from the Ultach trust and have progressed an application for funding through Foras na Gaeilge. The organisation is continuing to develop artistic material for performances and we have managed to recruit and train new performers.

No data breaches were reported

2. Events highlighted throughout the year included performances at:

- **An Carn**
- **Gaelscoil na Speiríní**
- **The Belfast Mela**
- **Belfast Trad Children's workshop**
- **Titanic Ceilli**
- **Folk Museum Cultra**
- **Rathlin Island Primary School**
- **Armagh Special Needs Group**
- **Skainos Centre**
- **St Patrick's PS**
- **Cumann Cúlúrátha Mhic Reachtain**
- **Belfast Building Trust**
- **RSPB**
- **Radio Failte**
- **An Chultúrlann Beal Feirste**
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Election of committee; Office Holders,

Jackie Mc Mullan – Chair

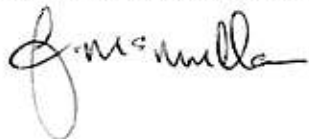
Jo Fitzsimmons Secretary

Gerry Crossan – Hon Treasurer

Daithí Mac Uait- Trustee

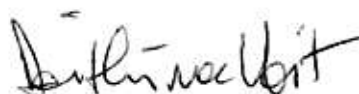
3. Discussions ongoing with Rathlin Festival re performance.
4. All child protection training is now up to date but should be renewed annually.
5. Cormac and Adam to represent Cleamairí Feirste at the GNÓ awards.
6. Cormac to meet with ACNI to discuss possible funding streams
7. Practice ongoing for new Lú play for Mhic Reachtain
8. *Titanic Céilí performance again this year*
9. Further gigs in Ulster Folk museum to be investigated. Adam to organise a meeting
10. 'If You know you know' festival performance to be organised by Cormac
11. Public Liability Insurance to be renewed
12. AOB – there was no other business

Signed



Chair

Signed



Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Cleamairí Feirste – Belfast Wren Boys

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and independent examiner.

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the Charities Commission Annual Monitoring requirements. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination/ verification, 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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Vaneeta O'Prey (Chartered Accountant)

Vaneeta O'Prey
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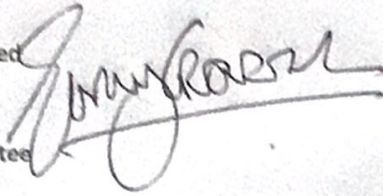
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Statement of Receipts / Payments
2022/2023

Opening balance	£1,000		
Receipts Performance fees			Payments
		Artist fees	£4,650
		Sundries	£200
Total	£4,282.21	Total	£4,850
Closing balance	£500		

Signed

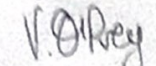
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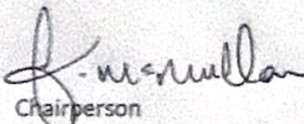


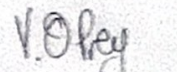
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

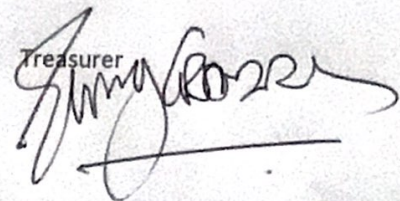
Funds reconciliation	Funds
Cash in bank & in hand @6/04/22	0
Cash in bank @ 5/04/23	£500
Other assets(unrestricted funds)	0

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Chairperson


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Trustees Report

Financial Year ended 05/04/2023

This was a formative year for Cleamairi Feirste. We are now registered with the charities commission and have opened our business bank account with Ulster Bank in November 2022. Many thanks to Cormac O'Briain for kindly letting us channel bank transactions temporarily until the new account was finalised.

Our main goal for this year was to develop the organisation and commence working together under our new organisational structure as a charity.

Organisationally we have established our board of Trustees and have assigned board members their roles and responsibilities.

No data breaches were reported.

Artistically we have been working on new plays and material for our performances. Most notably we have worked on the structure and artistic content for four separate types of show; the nursery school show, the primary school show, the Ceili Drama for adults and a special needs show.

Activities we have undertaken this financial year are as follows:

Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtan

Preparation and video recording performances celebrating Celtic festivals

Belfast Tradfest July20/22

Performance at Titanic Ceilidh

(NI) Opera 7/09/22

Performance at Belfast Opera House outreach programme

Feile an Phobail Oct 2022

Performances at Halloween Festival

Artsekta 22/11/22

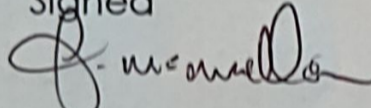
Performance at Day of the Dead festival

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – 16/12/2022 – We performed for the community Christmas festival which also celebrated the opening of a new park in the area.u

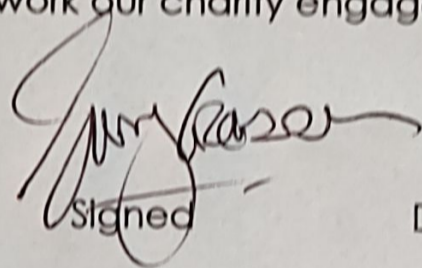
Spring Equinox Performance – 03/03/2023 – Spring Equinox performance for social inclusion of ethnic minorities in association with Arts Ekta at the Belfast Waterfront.

Gaelscoil na Spelríní – 07/03/2023 – Play performance at the Irish Language primary school in Draperstown, Co. Tyrone.

Our goals for the coming year are to develop our shows, costumes and artistic material. We also intend to promote our organisation in order to increase our profile and the amount of work our charity engages in this coming year.

Signed

J McMullan.
Chairman

Date

 18.1.24
Signed Date
G Crossan
Hon Treasurer

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