

# Friends of the Choir Studio

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108238

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2022-01-17

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

## Contact

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Unit 5G Greenbank Service Station  
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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The purpose of Friends of the Choir Studio is to make the Arts more accessible to members, from different cultural and social backgrounds, who are given the opportunity to join in song and performance. We have special focus on a sense of well-being, promoting social inclusion, reducing isolation & supporting community development. We also use the choir to provide promotion and support to local charities and charitable causes.

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

**How the charity works:** Arts,Community development,Cultural,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Older people,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£18,611	£13,100	£0	0

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Ann Reid		
Mrs Joelle Stamp		
Mrs Linda O' Hagan		
Mrs Lisa Maria Flanagan		
Mrs Sinead Drummond		

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# Accounts

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Friends Of The Choir Studio

Financial Statements

31 March 2025

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends Of The Choir Studio**

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28 January 2026

**Friends Of The Choir Studio**  
**Income & Expenditure**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
Donations	7,886
Fundraising	4,951
Lottery Fund	574
Venue Hire	5,200
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>18,611</u>
Affiliation fee	60
Bank charges	66
Equipment	149
Events	6,962
Insurance costs	314
Rent	5,400
Travel and subsistence	150
	<u>13,100</u>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<u>5,511</u>

**Friends Of The Choir Studio**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 31 March 2025**


	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	
Balance at start of period	2,062
Surplus for the year	5,511
	<u>7,573</u>

**Represented by:**

Bank balances	<u>7,573</u>
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16 January 2025

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**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
Donations	3,830
Fundraising	4,899
Lottery Fund	5,866
Prize money	200
Venue Hire	5,340
Workshop	3,285
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>23,420</u>
Accountants fees	300
Affiliation fee	50
Bank charges	75
Equipment	1,327
Events	15,027
Insurance costs	259
Rates	(461)
Rent	5,200
Venue hire	916
	<u>22,693</u>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<u>727</u>

**Friends Of The Choir Studio**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	
Balance at start of period	1,335
Surplus for the year	727
	<u>2,062</u>

**Represented by:**

Bank balances	<u>2,062</u>
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# Annual report

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# FRIENDS OF THE CHOIR STUDIO



Trustees  
Report  
2023/24



I am delighted to submit our Annual report for Friends Of The Choir Studio. The 2023/24 year has been another successful year for our charity, full of creativity, music making and friendship..

We have had many successes and achievements this year that are highlighted within our report. We are extremely grateful to our music professionals and committee members who have worked tirelessly this year to enable us to learn, develop as a charity and most importantly to bring singing and music to the hearts of those who need it the most.

This year has reinforced the importance of music in making the world a happier and healthier place. We have seen the benefits our projects have brought to our members and local community. We look forward to more opportunities, welcoming new people into our choir family and continuing to spread joy through our music and song

Lisa Flanagan

# Committee Information

## 2023/24



The Choir Studio

NIC108238

Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Committee member  
Committee member

Lisa Flanagan  
Linda O Hagan  
Sinead Drummond  
Joelle Stamp  
Ann Reid  
Keva Quinn  
Brenda Kellaghan

### Artistic operations

Kathy McCaughey  
Gareth Hughes  
Mark Hughes

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### Friends Of The Choir Studio



Creating a healthier and happier world through music & song

**Music  
Charity  
Community  
Song**

Friends of  
The Choir Studio

#### OUR Charity aims

Our belief has been in the power of singing and music to improve health and wellbeing for ALL.

We aim to build a sense of community, family & belonging

We produce, promote & create opportunities to learn with a commitment to charitable purposes.

We support the physiological, social, psychological, behavioural and medical benefits of music and singing.

Lending support through music & performances to highlight important social causes.



The Charity  
Commission  
for Northern Ireland



# Charity Aims

## **Music & Singing accessible to ALL**

Our charity was established to ensure everyone, irrespective of age, gender, religion and beliefs find happiness and joy through the power of music & singing.

Our emphasis on inter-generational singing will be at the forefront of our objectives for the foreseeable - building community relationships and friendships, enhancing the lives of our members young and old, through a shared love of music and song.

## **Providing skill's & opportunities**

Our Charity aims to produce, promote and create opportunities for our members.

We aim to provide singing workshops with industry professionals from all genres of music, and to provide performance opportunities both locally and nationally.

We hope to lend support through music & performances to highlight important social causes and to assist other charitable organisations through our music.

## **Creating a happier & healthier world through music and song**

We support the physiological, social, psychological, behavioural and medical benefits of singing and the transformative power that singing can have for so many.

# In 2023/24 Friends Of The Choir Studio,

**Held over 50  
in person events,  
performances &  
workshops**



**Partnered and supported  
10 organisations from the  
charity, health and  
educational sector**



**Welcomed new  
members age 4-82  
years from all walks of  
life!**

**Our performances,  
workshops and music  
videos, have benefited  
over  
750,000 attendees, both  
in person and online**

**Welcomed  
Broadway star  
Rachel Tucker to  
facilitate a  
number of  
workshops**



# *Vision & Aims* A Masterclass with *Broadway & West-End Star* **Rachel Tucker**



July 1st 2023  
The Choir Studio  
Newry

*Wickedly Wicked*  
Age 10 -14 years  
*Musical Theatre*  
Masterclass

## *Music & Performance*

2023/24 proved very successful in terms of performances, workshops, outreach charity work, festivals and welcoming new members to our choir family. The studio was a flurry of excitement with the arrival of singer Brian Kennedy for a series of rehearsals, filming of a documentary and subsequent magical performance alongside our Uplifted Choir in front of thousands of festival-goers!

West End and Broadway star Rachel Tucker facilitated a series of Musical Theatre workshops that were attended by singers from all over the island of Ireland. It was a wonderful accolade that Rachel chose our performance space and highlighted the wealth of talent we have within our choir family.

We presented our Big Band Night in Newry City Hall, featuring 100 performers aged 4-82 years.

Our Christmas programme saw us visit and perform for the most vulnerable people in our community. We had the privilege of singing in four local care homes, Daisy Hill Hospital, The Southern Area Hospice and an emotional performance singing at Belfast City Airport for a group of terminally ill children as they embarked on a trip to Lapland.

Our recorded song for Newry Hospice went "Viral" over 1 million views online!

We partnered with several other charities and groups including The Southern Area Hospice, The Road Ahead Group, Newry Heritage Charity, Angel Wishes and PIPS.





# Financial Review

Friends Of The Choir Studio's total income for 2023/24 is £23,420. We were delighted to have secured funding from The National Lottery NI of £5866 to facilitate our very successful community projects.

Our core source of income was generated from our own fundraising initiatives and performances including our Big Band Night, in-house concerts, Christmas Light switch on, community movie night, our annual Carol service and our members subsidies.

Please refer to our treasurer's and the independent examiners report to show income and expenditure in more detail.

We have ensured compliance with the governance obligations of our funders and donors,

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# A year in pics.....



The Choir Studio

## Shake a tail feather Big Band Show

Sat 25th May  
Newry Town Hall  
7.30pm

£15

QR Code

Tickets here

Instagram icon

Facebook icon

Bar facilities 🍷 🍹  
Doors open at 6.50pm

The Uplifted Gospel Choir

Little Voices & Rise Up Choir

Leon

Emily-Jane Flanagan

The Young At Heart's







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# Annual return

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# Accounts

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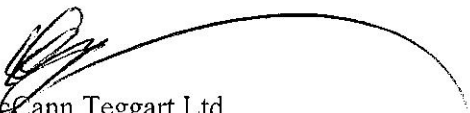
**Friends Of The Choir Studio**  
**Income & Expenditure**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
Donations	500
Fundraising	8,199
Lottery Fund	6,300
Newry & Mourne District Council	2,450
Prize money	500
Venue Hire	4,100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,049</b>
Affiliation fee	40
Bank charges	77
Equipment	2,025
Events	12,051
Rates	461
Rent	3,200
Repairs and maintenance	2,088
Venue hire	772
	<b>20,714</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b><u>1,335</u></b>

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	<b>£</b>
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5 December 2023

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# Annual report

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# TRUSTEE'S REPORT

# Committee Information

## 2022/23



# NIC108238

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trustee
- Trustee
- Committee member
- Committee member

- Lisa Flanagan
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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland



# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to introduce you to Friends Of The Choir Studio's annual report!  
 The 2022/23 year has been a year of important landmarks - our first as a recognised charity and our first year of face to face singing since the pandemic.

Although in our infancy as a fully operational charity, we have had many successes and achievements this year that are highlighted within our report. We are extremely grateful to our music professionals and committee members who have worked tirelessly this year to enable us to learn, develop as a charity and most importantly to bring singing and music to the hearts of those who need it the most.

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In 2022/23 Friends Of The Choir Studio,



Held over 50 in person events, performances & workshops

Partnered and supported 10 organisations from the charity, health and educational sector



Welcomed new members age 4-82 years from all walks of life!



Renovated our studio space

Our performances, workshops and music videos, have benefited over 750,000 attendees, both in person and online



# Vision & Aims



2022-23 saw our charity successful in achieving many aspects of our vision and aims.

The awarding of charity status has enabled us to,

- Secure the lease of the studio
- Open a community bank account (this proved a lengthy process due to the covid backlog)
- Become affiliated with the CCG
- Secure grants with The Arts Council & Newry & Mourne Council
- Merge two rooms to increase studio space.

The refurbishment and increase of size within our studio space has allowed us to expand our number of members, ensuring we can bring singing and music to "all". The extra room has proven extremely beneficial post covid, allowing members, particularly our senior citizen choir, to distance out evenly and feel safe.



# Vision & Aims



## Music & Performance

2022/23 proved very successful in terms of performances, workshops, outreach charity work and competitions.

Emerging from the pandemic, morale from our members proved low - what better way to lift your heart than to SING, have a focus and task at hand.

We competed in our first ever choir competition in the City of Derry International Choir Festival and returned home as CHAMPIONS!

We presented our Big Band Night in Newry City Hall, featuring 100 performers aged 4-82 years.

Our Christmas programme saw us visit and perform for the most vulnerable people in our community. We had the privilege of singing in four local care homes, Daisy Hill Hospital, The Southern Area Hospice and an emotional performance singing at Belfast City Airport for a group of terminally ill children as they embarked on a trip to Lapland.

Our recorded song for Newry Hospice went "Viral" over 1 million views online! We raised a staggering £3,000 towards Hospice services.

We partnered with several other charities and groups including The Southern Area Hospice, The ARC, Road Traffic Safety Committee and Daisy Hill Hospital.



# Financial Review

Friends Of The Choir Studio's total income for 2022/23 was £22,049. We were delighted to have secured funding from The Arts Council NI of £7,000 to facilitate our very successful community project over the Christmas period. A total of £2450 from Newry, Mourne & Down District Council was awarded for projects and payment for choirs performances at events.

Our core source of income was generated from our own fundraising initiatives and performances including our Big Band Night, in-house concerts, Christmas Light switch on, community movie night and The NI Business Awards, which totalled to £8,199. Our success at The City Of Derry International Choir Festival acquired £500 prize money with a further £200 donation from The Canal Court Hotel. Members subsidies/rent totalled £4100.

Please refer to our treasurer's and the independent examiners report to show income and expenditure in more detail. We have ensured compliance with the governance obligations of our funders and donors,



# Timeline of events

April 2022	* Formal takeover of lease * Family Movie Night	Community
May 2022	* Extensive rehearsal schedule, vocal tuition, choreography and band practice  * Big Band Night	All choirs, soloists, facilitators and band members  120 performers ranging age 4-82 years.
June 2022	* Performance Workshop  * Examination centre  * Musical Tea Party	Outside facilitator, children aged 7-19 years.  Children's singing exams, outside examiner. Young At Heart senior citizen choir, community
July 2022	* Extensive vocal and band rehearsals  * Performance at Fiddlers Green Festival  * Singing Summer School	Uplifted Adult Gospel Choir & band.  Uplifted Gospel Choir & band.  Children aged 4 - 18 years.
August 2022	* Musical scoring preparation  * Recording Studio  * Performance At Praxis Healthcare Centre	Studio 32 & Elizabeth Freeburn, The Uplifted & Shining Light Choir  The Uplifted & Shining Light Choir, musicians and soloists.



# Timeline of events

September 2022	* Performance at Hospice Midnight Memory Walk  * Introduction of singing for positive Mental health class	The Uplifted & Shining Light Choir, musicians and soloists.  Community - adults
October 2022	* Release of Hospice Song  * Performing at Newry Variety Market	All choirs, musicians, soloists and community.
November 2022	* The City of Derry International Choir Competition - three competitions and winners' performance.	The Uplifted & Shining Light Choir, musicians and soloists. Young At Heart Choir
December 2022	* Performance at four care homes, The Hospice, Daisy Hill Hospital, Belfast Airport - Children Lapland Trust.  * Performance at The Quays and Buttercrane Centre	The Uplifted & Shining Light Choir, musicians and soloists.  All Choirs, musicians and soloists, Community



January 2023	Performance at JigJazz show.	Uplifted & Shining Light Choir, band and community.
February 2023	Singing at Kayden McKeown anniversary Mass	All choirs and musicians
March 2023	Renovation of Studio	

## Future Aims & Goals

Our first year as a charity has been both challenging and rewarding! Whilst we have had many successes, we acknowledge there is room for expansion and improvement in the coming year.

The refurbishment of our studio space will allow for more opportunities - projects and programmes, performance and educational workshops, music making and choral singing.

Enhancing our members lives through music and song and creating a happier and healthier community!

We will continue to develop and strengthen intergenerational music making, creating inspiring and musical opportunities for both young and old.

We hope to collaborate with industry professionals for a series of workshops, both educational and performance based.

Acknowledging the life changing ability our "Young At Heart Choir" has on its members, we hope to develop "The Musical Cafe"- a once monthly social gathering of the older generation to listen to great music provided by the members of our choirs!

Each afternoon a different musical theme, inviting the audience to sing along. We hope to include people living in rural areas as well as those local to the studio.

We are dedicated in the development of youth music making and singing! This year we hope to introduce musical instrument tuition.

We will seek new committee members that can help drive our organisation to its full potential.

We strive to develop and grow as a committee, ensuring we achieve our charitable purposes for the coming year.

*"Being part of the choir has changed my life. It is wonderful sharing the joy of music with our choir family. I am grateful for all the opportunities choir has given me to perform and give back to the community"*  
 Melissa Mathers



*"I am truly honoured to be part of the Uplifted Choir!"*  
 Valerie Campbell

# Testimonials

*"At 80 years of age I performed for the first time on stage in front of an audience! It was a truly wonderful experience. Choir has changed my life! I look forward to Monday's to sing, have a cup of tea and chat with our teacher Kathy and the many friends I've made, it really has lifted my heart being part of this wonderful organisation"*

*Eileen O Hanlon, The Young At Heart Choir*



*"Choir is brilliant, I love singing and dancing with my friends. We get lots of opportunities singing in shows and going to the recording studio"*

*Elyse, aged 9, The Little Voices Choir*

*"I could write a book on what choir has done for me. Mainly it has encouraged personal growth! Definitely reduces stress levels! It's something I do for me, me time.*

*Choir has given me so many opportunities that I never in a million years would have had. I have met some of my closest friends in choir. I'm tearful thinking how life has changed since joining choir, happy tears"*

*Maoliosa McAteer, The Uplifted Choir*

*"We want to thank our friend Kathy and members of her choir for supporting The Hospice over the past few years. We continue to be in awe of their talents and thoughtfulness. Each year they perform at our Midnight Walk, in our hospice garden for patients and staff and release their annual charity single to raise much needed funds. To date they have raised a £18,000 for Hospice services. We cannot thank them enough"*

*Allison, The Southern Area Hospice.*

*"Singing with the choir is like medicine for my heart and soul"*  
*Linda, The Uplifted Choir*



*"Joining choir is the best thing I've ever done. It has truly enriched my life and I have formed some wonderful friendships along the way"*  
*Donna Blevins, The Uplifted Choir*

*"Singing and choir is my life. It has afforded me so many wonderful opportunities. In 2021 under our vocal teacher Kathy's guidance, I reached the final of The Voice Kids. Since then I have gone from strength to strength and am delighted to be working on my debut album with my production team. Choir really has shaped me into the performer I am today and I am incredibly grateful for being part of something so magical".*

*Emily Jane Flanagan, The Shining Light Gospel Choir*

**Friends of the Choir Studio**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108238

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# Annual return

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## **Friends Of The Choir Studio**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends Of The Choir Studio**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 2 & 3

#### **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.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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.

  
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5 December 2023