

Enniskillen Drama Festival

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 July 2024

CRUDDEN DOLAN LIMITED

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

Year ended 31 July 2024

The trustees, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Enniskillen Drama Festival

Charity registration number NIC108270

Principal office and registered office Fermanagh House
Broad Meadow
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The trustees

Stefan Bukowski
Paul Doherty
Amanda Finch
Brian Farry
Dave Rees
Christine Irvine
Tracey Kernaghan

Independent examiner Crudden Dolan Ltd
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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is run by committee.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Enniskillen Drama Festival are to encourage and promote drama/theatre in the Fermanagh area through the presentation of Festival(s)

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

Year ended 31 July 2024

The trustees have worked hard this year after 2023 where the festival took a financial hit. A reduction in sponsorship from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (FODC), lower nightly sponsorship numbers and flat ticket sales alongside an increase in costs in almost every area, meant the continuation of the festival needed new ideas and new tactics in generating income.

The trustees are grateful to the incredible work of the Festival Director in working with Arts & Business NI, Arts Council NI, ADC! and countless local businesses to understand how best to work with these organisations to ensure sustainability for the festival. In addition, working with FODC to return sponsorship to the previous levels.

Reworking the sponsorship packages and the overall offering to local business, alongside council and other statutory agencies, to communicate the benefits of not just the festival, but the arts in general in Fermanagh has meant a change in the financial outlook of the festival and the way it is supported.

The support of these organisations, particularly the main sponsors of the 2024 festival, with not just financial assistance but vocal and sustained support in promoting the arts and the benefits of participation and interaction with the arts, has been a boon to the sustainability and long-term viability of the festival.

A change to ticket prices, whilst not something the committee have usually considered, having held prices for almost 6 years, was accepted by our audience as a necessary part of ensuring our survival and sales reflected that agreement, with an increase in audience numbers to a level more in keeping with pre-pandemic levels.

Encouraging local drama groups to engage and participate, alongside working with local artists, and nationally based practitioners to create an offering outside of the 9-days in March has been instrumental in changing the fortunes of the Enniskillen Drama Festival, in an environment where a number of festivals have removed themselves from the All-Ireland circuit due to immense financial and resource pressures.

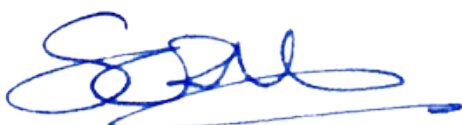
The introduction of the first 1-Act festival in Enniskillen in November 2024 as well as the target of hosting the All-Ireland 3-Act Confined final in 2030, is a testament to the ambition of the trustees to solidifying the Enniskillen Drama Festival over the next 10 years.

It has been a positive year and one we hope will be a starting point for further success in the next few years.

Financial review

Having obtained funding from various sources, together with public and private donations, the organisation has been able to maintain sufficient cash flow to continue operations uninterrupted.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 3rd December 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



S Bukowski (Treasurer)
Trustee



D Rees (Chair)
Trustee