

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108448

Details

Status Received

Company number [623554](#)

Registered 2021-12-09

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

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Activities

Purposes: 1. The advancement of citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions; 2. The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation by the removal of fear from and to offer hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity; and to empower and enable communities to develop bespoke solutions that address and remove the causes of division and violent conflict; 3. The advancement of education by providing a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building to facilitate research and discussion in partnership with government and civil society on the development and implementation of policies and programmes that build a shared and united community; to host a fellowship programme to pass on learning from the peace process generation to future leaders; and to capture and document the lessons and experiences from Northern Ireland and other places which have experienced violent political conflicts.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Ethnic minorities, General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£234,064	£238,341	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Harvey Maylor		
Mr Darragh Mccarthy		
Mrs Christina Bates		

Accounts

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

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DIRECTORS' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors

Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Mr. Chris Maccabe (Resigned 31 March 2025)
Mr. Ciarán Ó Cuinn (Appointed 25 May 2024)
Mrs Christina Bates (Appointed 1 April 2025)
Mr. Darragh McCarthy (Appointed 1 April 2025)

Company Secretary

Mrs. Eva Grosman

Charity Number in Northern Ireland

108448

Company Registration Number

NI623554

Registered Office

C/O K Magill and Company
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Northern Ireland

Principal Address

46 Hill Street
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Independent Examiner

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Chartered Accountants
2 Church Street
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Principal Bankers

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Centre for Democracy and Peace Building present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2025.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building's purpose is to provide:

1. advancement of citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions;
2. advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation by the removal of fear from and to offer hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity; and to empower and enable communities to develop bespoke solutions that address and remove the causes of division and violent conflict;
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Financial Review

During the year ended 31 March 2025, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building produced a deficit of £4,277 (2024: £5,673).

At the year end, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building had total funds of £7,726 (2024: £12,003).

The directors/trustees do not foresee any financial issues in the foreseeable future.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £16,128 (2024 - £29,702) and liabilities of £8,402 (2024 - £17,699). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(4,277).

Directors

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Baroness Margaret Ritchie

Mr. Chris Maccabe (Resigned 31 March 2025)

Mr. Ciarán Ó Cuinn (Appointed 25 May 2024)

Mrs Christina Bates (Appointed 1 April 2025)

Mr. Darragh McCarthy (Appointed 1 April 2025)

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Mrs. Eva Grosman

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

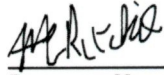
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Centre for Democracy and Peace Building subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director



Mrs Christina Bates
Director

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

General responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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

Directors' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

The directors approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have made available to Xeinadin NI Limited, Chartered Accountants, all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director



Mrs Christina Bates
Director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company 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 directors 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.

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 in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



Kieran Magill BSc (Econ) FCA FCPA AFTA

XEINADIN NI LIMITED

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Chartered Accountants

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Northern Ireland

Date: 5 August 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Notes						
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	9,751	-	9,751	7,718	-	7,718
Activities for generating funds	3.2	4,500	31,836	36,336	28,266	20,871	49,137
Investments	3.3	43	-	43	-	-	-
Other income	3.4	187,977	-	187,977	108,304	-	108,304
Total incoming resources		202,271	31,836	234,107	144,288	20,871	165,159
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	118,681	31,636	150,317	88,099	19,611	107,710
Other expenditure	4.2	87,867	200	88,067	50,516	1,260	51,776
Total Resources Expended		206,548	31,836	238,384	138,615	20,871	159,486
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(4,277)	-	(4,277)	5,673	-	5,673
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(4,277)	-	(4,277)	5,673	-	5,673
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year		12,003	-	12,003	6,330	-	6,330
Total funds at the end of the year		7,726	-	7,726	12,003	-	12,003

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	655	352
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	12,000	27,722
Cash at bank and in hand		3,473	1,628
		15,473	29,350
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(8,402)	(17,699)
Net Current Assets		7,071	11,651
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		7,726	12,003
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		7,726	12,003
Total funds		7,726	12,003

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 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 profit and loss 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 5 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director



Mrs Christina Bates
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O K Magill and Company, 2 Church Street, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, BT70 2HB, Northern Ireland. The company's principal activity is carried out at 46 Hill Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT1 2LB, Northern Ireland. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the company. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the company is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the company is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the company recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

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In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the company is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% Straight line

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

3. INCOME				
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations	9,751	-	9,751	7,718
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
General fundraising	-	-	-	5,735
Grants	4,500	31,836	36,336	43,402
	4,500	31,836	36,336	49,137
3.3 INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	43	-	43	-

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3.4	OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
	Other income	187,977	-	187,977	108,304

4.	EXPENDITURE					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2025 £	2024 £
	Expenditure on charitable activities	150,317	-	-	150,317	107,710

4.2	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2025 £	2024 £
	Admin expenses	-	88,067	-	88,067	51,776

5.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2025 £	2024 £
	Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	297	177

6.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME	2025 £	2024 £
	Bank interest	43	-

7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administrative	4	4

	2025 £	2024 £
The staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	32,990	27,393
Pension costs	841	617
	33,831	28,010

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	1,696	1,696
Additions	600	600
At 31 March 2025	2,296	2,296
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	1,344	1,344
Charge for the financial year	297	297
At 31 March 2025	1,641	1,641
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	655	655
At 31 March 2024	352	352

9. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	15,000
Other debtors	2,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	10,000	12,722
	12,000	27,722

10. CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,774	7,240
Taxation and social security costs	3,636	4,165
Other creditors	166	3,625
Accruals and deferred income	2,826	2,669
	8,402	17,699

11. RESERVES

	2025 £	2024 £
At the beginning of the year	12,003	6,330
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year	(4,277)	5,673
At the end of the year	7,726	12,003

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12. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number 108448).

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Donations	9,751	7,718
Sponsorship	160,000	79,875
Other - Fellowship	27,977	28,429
Conference and event income	-	4,243
DFA grant	28,816	20,871
Community Relations Council grant	-	1,492
Polish Cultural Institute grant	4,500	9,809
Shared Ireland Fund Grant	-	12,722
Wawel Royal Castle Grant	3,020	-
	<u>234,064</u>	<u>165,159</u>
Cost of generating funds		
Programme implementation costs	150,317	107,710
	<u>150,317</u>	<u>107,710</u>
Gross surplus	<u>83,747</u>	<u>57,449</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	32,990	27,393
Staff defined contribution pension costs	841	617
Rent payable	348	174
Insurance	629	584
Advertising	17,904	5,108
Telephone and computer costs	1,328	2,951
Legal and professional	8,983	3,994
Consultancy fees	21,475	7,678
Accountancy	3,036	2,825
Bank charges	156	125
Depreciation	297	177
	<u>87,987</u>	<u>51,626</u>
Finance		
Interest paid on overdue taxation	80	150
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	43	-
Net (deficit)/surplus	<u>(4,277)</u>	<u>5,673</u>

Accounts

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DIRECTORS' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors

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Sir Jeffrey Mark Donaldson (Resigned 29 March 2024)
Mr. Allen Niall Johnston (Resigned 28 September 2023)
Ciarán Ó Cuinn (Appointed 25 May 2024)

Company Secretary

Mrs. Eva Grosman

Charity Number in Northern Ireland

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Company Number

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Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Centre for Democracy and Peace Building present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building's purpose is to provide:

1. advancement of citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions;
2. advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation by the removal of fear from and to offer hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity; and to empower and enable communities to develop bespoke solutions that address and remove the causes of division and violent conflict;
3. advancement of education by providing a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building to facilitate research and discussion in partnership with government and civil society on the development and implementation of policies and programmes that build a shared and united community; to host a fellowship programme to pass on learning from the peace process generation to future leaders; and to capture and document the lessons and experiences from Northern Ireland and other places which have experienced violent political conflicts.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31 March 2024, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building produced a surplus of £5,673 (2023 - £3,740).

At the year end, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building had total funds of £12,003 (2023: £6,330).

The directors/trustees do not foresee any financial issues in the foreseeable future.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £29,702 (2023 - £16,712) and liabilities of £17,699 (2023 - £10,382). The net assets of the company have increased by £5,673.

Directors

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Baroness Margaret Ritchie

Mr. Chris Maccabe

Sir Jeffrey Mark Donaldson (Resigned 29 March 2024)

Mr. Allen Niall Johnston (Resigned 28 September 2023)

Ciarán Ó Cuinn (Appointed 25 May 2024)

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Mrs. Eva Grosman

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for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Centre for Democracy and Peace Building subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Directors on 7 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director


[Ciarán Ó Cuinn \(Nov 7, 2024 19:56 GMT\)](#)
Ciarán Ó Cuinn
Director

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

General responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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

Directors' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

The directors approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have made available to K Magill and Company, Chartered Accountants, all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 7 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director


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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company 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 directors 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.

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 in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



Kieran Magill BSc (Econ) FCA FCPA AFTA

K MAGILL AND COMPANY

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Date: 7 November 2024

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	7,718	-	7,718	88,517	-	88,517
Activities for generating funds	3.2	28,266	20,871	49,137	31,670	20,191	51,861
Other income	3.3	108,304	-	108,304	95,044	-	95,044
Total incoming resources		144,288	20,871	165,159	215,231	20,191	235,422
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	88,099	19,611	107,710	139,866	13,688	153,554
Other expenditure	4.2	50,516	1,260	51,776	79,105	6,503	85,608
Total Resources Expended		138,615	20,871	159,486	218,971	20,191	239,162
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		5,673	-	5,673	(3,740)	-	(3,740)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		5,673	-	5,673	(3,740)	-	(3,740)
Reconciliation of funds							
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		6,330	-	6,330	10,070	-	10,070
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024		12,003	-	12,003	6,330	-	6,330

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	352	529
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	27,722	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand		1,628	6,183
		29,350	16,183
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(17,699)	(10,382)
Net Current Assets		11,651	5,801
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		12,003	6,330
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		12,003	6,330
Total funds		12,003	6,330

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 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 profit and loss 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 7 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by


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Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director


Ciarán Ó Cuinn (Nov 7, 2024 19:56 GMT)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O K Magill and Company, 2 Church Street, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, BT70 2HB, Northern Ireland. The company's principal activity is carried out at 42 Hill Street, Belfast, Co.Antrim, BT1 2LB, Northern Ireland. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

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for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the company. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the company is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the company is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

- Time based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the company recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the company is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% Straight line
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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

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3. INCOME					
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Donations		<u>7,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,718</u>	<u>88,517</u>
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
General fundraising		<u>5,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,735</u>	<u>2,690</u>
Grants		<u>22,531</u>	<u>20,871</u>	<u>43,402</u>	<u>49,171</u>
		<u>28,266</u>	<u>20,871</u>	<u>49,137</u>	<u>51,861</u>
3.3 OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Other income		<u>108,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,304</u>	<u>95,044</u>
4. EXPENDITURE					
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>107,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,710</u>	<u>153,554</u>
4.2 OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Admin expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>51,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,776</u>	<u>85,608</u>
5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2024	2023
				£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>177</u>	<u>177</u>
6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME				2024	2023
				£	£
Bank interest				<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administrative	4	5
The staff costs comprise:	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	27,393	19,737
Pension costs	617	380
	28,010	20,117

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 March 2024	1,696	1,696
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	1,167	1,167
Charge for the financial year	177	177
At 31 March 2024	1,344	1,344
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	352	352
At 31 March 2023	529	529

9. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	15,000	10,000
Prepayments and accrued income	12,722	-
	27,722	10,000

10. CREDITORS
Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	7,240	7,052
Taxation and social security costs	4,165	468
Other creditors	3,625	79
Accruals and deferred income	2,669	2,783
	17,699	10,382

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for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

11. RESERVES

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 April 2023	6,330	10,070
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year	5,673	(3,740)
At 31 March 2024	12,003	6,330

12. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number 108448).

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	7,718	88,517
Sponsorship	79,875	48,000
Other - Fellowship	28,429	37,794
Two Wings Institute grant	-	8,863
Conference and event income	4,243	2,690
DFA grant	20,871	20,611
Community Relations Council grant	1,492	-
Polish Cultural Institute grant	9,809	12,140
Irish American Partnership grant	-	7,975
The Executive Office grant	-	(420)
Shared Ireland Fund Grant	12,722	-
Consultancy income	-	9,250
	165,159	235,420
Cost of generating funds		
Programme implementation costs	107,710	153,554
	107,710	153,554
Gross surplus	57,449	81,866
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	27,393	19,737
Staff defined contribution pension costs	617	380
Rent payable	174	570
Insurance	584	-
Advertising	5,108	4,872
Telephone and computer costs	2,951	3,497
Legal and professional	3,994	3,760
Consultancy fees	7,678	48,525
Accountancy	2,825	3,575
Bank charges	125	174
General expenses	-	322
Depreciation	177	177
	51,626	85,589
Finance		
Interest paid on overdue taxation	150	19
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	-	2
Net surplus/(deficit)	5,673	(3,740)

Final Accounts 31 March 2024

Final Audit Report

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Annual report



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Chairperson's Remarks



We find ourselves in a cultural moment of uncertainty as domestic and global challenges persist. Whether it is the cost of living crisis, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, or the war and humanitarian crisis in Gaza, leadership is required more than ever and the importance of peace building critical. This year has been dubbed the year of voting, with more than two billion people heading to the polls in 2024. Quite simply, it is the biggest election year in history. And yet, democracy has never felt so fragile; it seems to be on the ballot itself.

Nevertheless, we have welcomed the restoration of the democratic institutions here in Northern Ireland, reminding the world of the imperfect Irish peace process; the hope it offers to peacebuilders around the globe and the potential it has to play a meaningful in peace processes that are yet to come to fruition.

The Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) continues to be involved in vital work across these islands, most notably with the Fellowship Programme.

Now going into its fourth year, the Fellowship Programme has over seventy alumni, including Finance Minister Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland Dorinnia Carville, and Jason Bunting, whose participation in the programme contributed to his enrolment at the prestigious Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. The Fellowship Programme invites twenty-four ambitious leaders on a seven month journey to reimagine and pave a new, prosperous future for Northern Ireland. The programme seeks to support the peace process, foster innovation and capacity building, and encourage collaborative decision-making so that leaders across society are strengthened and equipped to navigate complexity and deliver real change for the benefit of all. A special note of thanks must go to John Healy who stepped down as advisory board chair in March upon his appointment as chair of Invest NI. We are delighted to have CEO and Founder of FinTrU, Darragh McCarthy, assuming the role.

This year's work also included the launch the Good Friday Agreement Online Course, the delivery of various cultural diplomacy symposiums, and our continued partnership with the John Smith Trust. We were also delighted to welcome Ciarán Ó Cuinn to the CDPB board. Ciarán is head of mission at MEDRC, the sole surviving institution of the multilateral Middle East peace process.

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick



Acknowledgments

Our work would not be possible without assistance from many public, private, and community partners. We are truly grateful for all the support we have received this year.

Special thanks to:

Allstate Northern Ireland

Bauer Media NI

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FinTrU

Fujitsu NI

Hinch Distillery

Irish American Partnership

Irish Museum of Modern Art

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

Polish Cultural Institute in London

PSNI

Royal Irish Academy

The John Smith Trust

Ulster Carpets

Ulster Screen Academy

Ulster University

University of Oxford

Victoria and Albert Museum



About

The Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) is a charity based in Northern Ireland. Its purpose is to uphold and share the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability, and reconciliation. CDPB is committed to supporting the peace process; changing attitudes; building a normal society; and sharing our experience with others in conflict.

CDPB's mission is to provide innovative programmes and solutions, based on lessons from the Irish peace process, that enable leaders from across society to respond effectively to social, political, and economic challenges across the globe.

The charitable objectives of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building are



To advance citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability, and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions.



To advance human rights, conflict resolution, and reconciliation by the removal of fear from and the offering of hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community, and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity; and to empower and enable communities to develop bespoke solutions that address and remove the causes of division and violent conflict.



To advance education by providing a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building to facilitate research and discussion in partnership with government and civil society on the development and implementation of policies and programmes that build a shared and united community; to host a fellowship programme to pass on learning from the peace process generation to current and future leaders; and to capture and document the lessons and experiences from Northern Ireland and other places which have experienced violent political conflicts.



Directors and Executive Team

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Fellowship Programme

This year's Fellowship Programme saw a significant increase of applications and consistent high interest on social media, some of the evidence marking the increased profile of the programme. Fellows this year included senior leaders from across NI society including the Comptroller and Auditor General, MLAs from various parties, as well as senior business and charity leaders. Fellows engaged with sessions in Oxford, Derry/Londonderry, Belfast and Dublin, focusing on topics such as systems thinking, complexity, communication, sustainable leadership, diplomacy, and identity.

We are once again truly grateful from the support of our partners who have helped curate sessions and residencies, and facilitated the overall delivery of the programme: Allstate Northern Ireland, Bauer Media NI, Brown O'Connor Communications, Camlin Group, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Republic of Ireland, FinTrU, Fujitsu NI, Irish American Partnership, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Northern Ireland Electricity Networks, PSNI, Royal Irish Academy, Ulster Carpets, Ulster University, and the University of Oxford.

The programme would also not be possible without the vital support of our advisory board:

Darragh McCarthy – Chair of the advisory board & CEO and Founder of FinTrU

Nick Coburn – Managing Director and Deputy Chairman of Ulster Carpets

Derek Hynes – Managing Director, NIE Networks

Peter Cunningham – CEO, Camlin Group

Christina Bates – CFO, Allstate NI

Dalreen Buchanan – Business Support Manager, Ulster Carpets

David Clements – Client Director, Fujitsu NI

Gordon Parkes – Executive Director, People & Culture, NIE Networks

Karise Hutchinson – Professor of Leadership at Ulster University, Founder of the Illuminaire Institute

Professor Harvey Maylor – Associate Professor at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

The response of this year's Fellows has been overwhelmingly positive, highlighting both the strength of the programme and its impact on individual Fellows and wider society.

Here are a few examples:

In Oxford one Fellow remarked,

“ *[I] can honestly say this has been one of the most intellectually stimulating, challenging and fun weeks of my career.* ”

Another stated after the Dublin residential,

“ *It's hard to put into words the gratitude and appreciation for CDPB and everything that comes with it. The people, the learning, the connections, and my own development as a leader; returning back from Dublin with a wealth of knowledge and new perspective.* ”





GFA Online Course

To mark the International Day of Peace, CDPB launched a brand-new online, interactive course on the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. Designed for educating a global audience on Northern Ireland's peace process, the course is open to anyone interested in British-Irish history and the Good Friday Agreement.

With support from Dormant Accounts NI and developed by renowned journalist and broadcaster Mark Devenport, photographer Frankie Quinn, and with academic input from Professor Peter Shirlow of the Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool, the interactive course takes participants on a journey through Northern Ireland's peace process, exploring the Agreement's historical context (with particular focus on the Troubles), the negotiation process from which it emerged as well as the successes, failures, and lessons of the Agreement, twenty-five years on from this landmark moment in British-Irish history. It features thirteen interactive online lessons across four modules and immerses its students in one of the world's most renowned peace processes.

The course is offered for free to the Asian University for Women, representing seventeen different nationalities, including a cohort of Afghani women. Students from the UK, mainland Europe, and the Middle East have also undertaken the course so far.

Mark Devenport, broadcaster and political commentator, said



The Belfast/Good Friday Agreement is not just a historical document to be studied, it is a living testament to the power of diplomacy and conflict resolution, and its lessons remain profoundly relevant for today's world. Looking back over the 25 years since the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement was signed, I am reminded of the beacon of peace and reconciliation that it is in British-Irish history. I trust that this online course, curated for the benefit of a diverse range of people from all walks of life, will be accessible and helpful in explaining the complexities of the history of this place and the dynamics of peacebuilding.

Cultural Diplomacy

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V&A Cultural Diplomacy Symposium June 2023

The Centre for Democracy and Peace Building hosted the Cultural Diplomacy Symposium in partnership with the Polish Cultural Institute in London and the V&A. The day centred on hearing insights from former and current diplomats, art professionals, and academics. Together, we examined the role of cultural diplomacy in international relations, learnt how to foster effective diplomatic practices, explored positive stakeholder engagement, and finally, delved into how arts and culture can enrich social cohesion in Britain and beyond. Speakers included: Dan Mulhall (former Irish Ambassador to US, UK and Germany; Parnell Fellow, Magdalene College, Cambridge), Adriana Sandoval (Cultural Attaché, Colombian Embassy), Cian Smyth (Ulster Presents), Roisin Inglesby (William Morris Gallery), Seunghye Sun (Director of the Korean Cultural Centre, London), and CDPB emeritus chairman, Lord Alderdice.

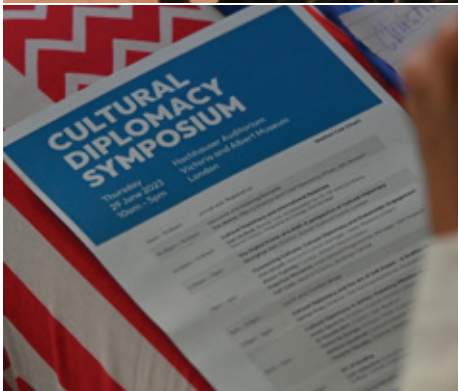
A special thank you to the V&A and the Polish Cultural Institute in London for their vital support in making the event happen.

Queen Jadwiga Fellowship Bodleian Library, University of Oxford

CDPB is delighted to partner with the Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford and the Polish Cultural Institute in London to announce Queen Jadwiga Fellowship in Polish Studies.

The Queen Jadwiga Fellowship in Polish Studies supports a research visit of one University of Oxford term (or for a shorter stay of at least one month), for research in Polish studies. Applicants are invited to submit research topics related to any aspect of Polish culture and history which can be supported with reference to the collections of the Bodleian Libraries, including the Taylorian Library. The Libraries would particularly welcome applications which draw upon resources not readily available elsewhere.

Relevant collections connected with the history and culture of Poland include, for example, but not exclusively, medieval manuscripts, early modern documents, maps and letters, modern archives and the 'Libri Polonici' special collection of printed books, mostly of the 16th century. Polish studies at the University of Oxford are represented in the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and in the Faculty of Modern History.





Part of Imagine! Belfast – Festival of Ideas and Politics.

Cultural Diplomacy and the Art of Soft Power, Imagine! Belfast: March 2024

During this seminar we examined the role of cultural diplomacy, learnt how we can foster an effective cultural dialogue, and examined the role of art and artists in shaping the island of Ireland's image (North and South) in the international context.

The seminar featured a keynote address from Evgeniya Ravtsova, International Programmes Manager at the Victoria and Albert Museum, on the Art of Soft Power, followed by a panel discussion with Sheena Barrett, Head of Research and Learning, Irish Museum of Modern Art; Dr Kim-Marie Spence, Lecturer, Arts Management and Cultural Policy Queen's University Belfast; and Richard Williams, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Screen. Part of Imagine! Belfast – Festival of Ideas and Politics.

CDPB Alumni Series

DFA Reception November 2023

CDPB were delighted to be hosted by Joint Irish Secretary Laurence Simms at his residence in November for the annual reception and networking event. We are truly grateful for the continued support of the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade. It was wonderful to gather with current and past participants of our programmes, advisory board members, and associates of CDPB, as well as having HE Ambassador Roy Barreras and his delegation with us. It was a fantastic evening with our friends and supporters marked by hope and inspiration!

Mastering Difficult Conversations with Dorcas Crawford January 2024

CDPB facilitated a Mastering Difficult Conversations workshop with conflict management consultant Dorcas Crawford and the CDPB alumni network. The workshop was hosted by Fellowship Programme partner, Allstate Northern Ireland. The workshop focused on how to approach and master difficult conversations within both the professional and personal spheres. We are grateful to Fellowship Programme advisory board member Christina Bates (CFO, Allstate NI) and Allstate Northern Ireland for hosting the workshop.





TEDxStormont January 2024

TEDxStormont returned in January 2024 for another day full of hope and optimism. The event explored the theme of Restore. Attendees were taken on a journey of discovering innovative ideas, inspiring stories, and thought-provoking discussions on how to rejuvenate our world, revive our communities, and rekindle hope for a sustainable and harmonious future. The daylong event, supported by Biopax Ltd, Camlin Group, and Coca-Cola and compered by presenter and broadcaster Sarah Travers, saw nearly two hundred guests fill the Great Hall at Parliament Buildings. The Ulster Screen Academy also partnered with TEDxStormont for the first time as the production partner. The event itself brought individuals from an array of backgrounds such as academia, journalism, music, business, and sport.

TEDxStormont speakers included:

Alex Kane – Political Columnist and Commentator

Celtic Psalms – Music Group

Ed Lindsay – Custodian and Owner of Finnebrogue Woods

Jamie Duffy – Musician and Songwriter

Jane Shaw – Therapist, Writer, and Educator

John Martin – Head of Policy and Advocacy at RSPB NI

Justin Lowry – Antique Dealer and Reuse Revolution Enthusiast

Kiran Young Wimberly – Presbyterian Minister and Co-Founder of Celtic Pilgrims

Matthew Taylor – Mental Health Campaigner

Michael Boyd – Sport and Business Specialist

Michael O'Sullivan – Economist and Author

Paula Kennedy Garcia – Customer Experience Thought leader, Innovator, and Strategist

Romav Ali – A-Level student

Sinead Sharkey-Steenson – Leadership Career Coach

Susan Lagdon – Lecturer in Psychology (Mental Health)

Declan Keeney – Professor of Screen Technologies & Innovation

Heidi McIlvenny – Marine Specialist



International

CRIC September 2023

CDPB were honoured to help facilitate the tenth addition of the Conference on the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) led by CDPB emeritus chairman, Lord Alderdice. The conference held at Harris Manchester College brought together a diverse group of over forty academics and practitioners from across the world to discuss the changing character of war and peacebuilding.

The conference featured a packed schedule full of fascinating presentations, from artificial intelligence monitoring of conflict regions to the book launch of Padraig O'Malley's *The perils and prospects of a United Ireland*.

Resilience and the road to peace in Syria challenges and opportunities: October 2023

In October CDPB hosted a webinar focusing on the current situation in Syria. Ex-BBC correspondent Mark Devenport hosted a conversation with Dina Melhem, Programme Management Officer - Leading the National Agenda for the Future of Syria, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

The insightful discussion highlighted the challenges Syrians currently face as well as the opportunities the situation provides.



Visit of the Women Weavers of Mampuján and Colombian delegation November 2023

CDPB had the pleasure of working closely with the Colombian Embassy to the United Kingdom in November. The week of engagements began with co-organising a discussion in the House of Lords with CDPB emeritus chairman and host, Lord Alderdice, in conversation HE Ambassador Roy Barreras and the Women Weavers of Mampuján, exploring lessons of the Irish and Colombian peace processes, reconciliation, and the art of healing. The women are part of a group of displaced women from the community of Mampuján in the Montes de Maria region of Colombia which was destroyed from the conflict. Drawing on Afro-Caribbean storytelling and local textile art traditions, the group depict the atrocities they had suffered as a community and document their displacement, a central component to their process of healing and re-building.

Later in the week CDPB had the honour of hosting the Ambassador and his delegation in Belfast for a day full of engagements and fruitful conversations concerning the shared learnings from the Colombian and NI peace processes, including being welcomed by the Speaker of the Assembly, Alex Maskey, at Stormont before engaging with a delegation of political leaders from Northern Ireland. The Women Weavers of Mampuján engaged with various individuals from across Northern Ireland in a workshop at Ulster University, *Stitching our Stories: Displacement, Healing, New Possibilities*, in partnership with Conflict Textiles. The Ambassador was welcomed to Ulster University later in the day by Vice Chancellor Paul Bartholomew to open the new Conflict Textiles exhibit and gave a lecture on the vital role of empathy in the process of reconciliation.

A special thanks to the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council for their vital support in making the workshop possible, Conflict Textiles, and Ulster University and Ulster Presents, especially Professor Duncan Morrow, Professor Brandon Hamber, and Cian Smyth.



John Smith Trust Belarus Diaspora Fellowship Programme Dec 2023 – March 2024

CDPB was delighted to partner with John Smith Trust and help to co-design and deliver their Belarus Diaspora Fellowship Programme, which supported six Belarusian professionals living in exile.

The programme included bespoke individual action plans and a collective action plan for the group, residential programmes in Warsaw, London, and Oxford, five online learning sessions, and individual mentoring and coaching.



Polka 21, Warsaw March 2024

CDPB's CEO Eva Grosman was delighted to attend the annual Polka 21 conference in Warsaw, joining 400 women (and men) marking the International Women's Day. Eva spoke on the panel representing Polish diaspora and joined the discussion on shared heritage, identity, UK-Poland relations, and the future of global Poland.



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Annual return

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company 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 directors 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.

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 in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



Kieran Magill BSc (Econ) FCA FCPA AFTA

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Accounts

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Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

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DIRECTORS' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors	Baroness Margaret Ritchie Mr. Chris Maccabe Sir Jeffrey Mark Donaldson Mr. Allen Niall Johnston (Resigned 28 September 2023)
Company Secretary	Mrs. Eva Grosman
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Company Number	NI623554
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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Centre for Democracy and Peace Building present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building's purpose is to provide:

1. advancement of citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions;
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3. advancement of education by providing a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building to facilitate research and discussion in partnership with government and civil society on the development and implementation of policies and programmes that build a shared and united community; to host a fellowship programme to pass on learning from the peace process generation to future leaders; and to capture and document the lessons and experiences from Northern Ireland and other places which have experienced violent political conflicts.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31 March 2023, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building produced a deficit of £3,740 (2022 - £1,434).

At the year end, Centre for Democracy and Peace Building had total funds of £6,330 (2022: £10,070).

The directors/trustees do not foresee any financial issues in the foreseeable future.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £16,712 (2022 - £23,431) and liabilities of £10,382 (2022 - £13,361). The net assets of the company have decreased by £3,740.

Directors

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Mr. Chris Maccabe
Sir Jeffrey Mark Donaldson
Mr. Allen Niall Johnston (Resigned 28 September 2023)

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Mrs. Eva Grosman

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Centre for Democracy and Peace Building subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Directors on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Margaret Ritchie (Dec 19, 2023 16:25 GMT)

Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director



Mr. Chris Maccabe (Dec 20, 2023 09:58 GMT)

Mr. Chris Maccabe
Director

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

General responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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

Directors' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes:

The directors approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have made available to K Magill and Company, Chartered Accountants, all the company's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

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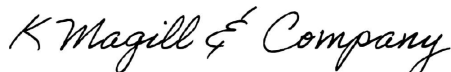
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- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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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Northern Ireland

Date: 19 December 2023

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	88,517	-	88,517	30,500	-	30,500
Activities for generating funds	3.2	31,670	20,191	51,861	12,393	91,784	104,177
Other income	3.3	95,044	-	95,044	23,660	-	23,660
Total incoming resources		215,231	20,191	235,422	66,553	91,784	158,337
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	139,866	13,688	153,554	2,941	86,157	89,098
Other expenditure	4.2	79,105	6,503	85,608	65,046	5,627	70,673
Total Resources Expended		218,971	20,191	239,162	67,987	91,784	159,771
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(3,740)	-	(3,740)	(1,434)	-	(1,434)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(3,740)	-	(3,740)	(1,434)	-	(1,434)
Reconciliation of funds							
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2022		10,070	-	10,070	11,504	-	11,504
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		6,330	-	6,330	10,070	-	10,070

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

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Company Number: NI623554

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	529	706
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	10,000	21,932
Cash at bank and in hand		6,183	793
		16,183	22,725
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,382)	(13,361)
Net Current Assets		5,801	9,364
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		6,330	10,070
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		6,330	10,070
Total funds		6,330	10,070

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476.

The directors confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 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 profit and loss 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Margaret Ritchie (Dec 19, 2023 16:25 GMT)

Baroness Margaret Ritchie
Director



Mr. Chris Maccabe
Director

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is C/O K Magill and Company, 2 Church Street, Ballygawley, Co Tyrone, BT70 2HB, Northern Ireland. The company's principal activity is carried out at 46 Hill Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT1 2LB, Northern Ireland. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the company.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the company.

Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the company. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the company is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the company is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the company is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the company recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the company is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% Straight line
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Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

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3. INCOME					
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Donations		<u>88,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,517</u>	<u>30,500</u>
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
General fundraising		<u>2,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,690</u>	<u>-</u>
Grants		<u>28,980</u>	<u>20,191</u>	<u>49,171</u>	<u>104,177</u>
		<u>31,670</u>	<u>20,191</u>	<u>51,861</u>	<u>104,177</u>
3.3 OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Other income		<u>95,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,044</u>	<u>23,660</u>
4. EXPENDITURE					
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>153,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,554</u>	<u>89,098</u>
4.2 OTHER EXPENDITURE	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Admin expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>85,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,608</u>	<u>70,673</u>
5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2023	2022
				£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>177</u>	<u>177</u>
6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME				2023	2022
				£	£
Bank interest				<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administrative	5	5
The staff costs comprise:	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	19,737	27,251
Pension costs	380	568
	20,117	27,819

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 31 March 2023	1,696	1,696
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	990	990
Charge for the financial year	177	177
At 31 March 2023	1,167	1,167
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	529	529
At 31 March 2022	706	706

9. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	10,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	21,932
	10,000	21,932

10. CREDITORS
Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,052	4,226
Taxation and social security costs	468	4,813
Other creditors	79	899
Accruals and deferred income	2,783	3,423
	10,382	13,361

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11. RESERVES

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 April 2022	10,070	11,504
Deficit for the financial year	(3,740)	(1,434)
At 31 March 2023	6,330	10,070

12. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.
Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number 108448).

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Donations	88,517	30,500
Sponsorship	48,000	13,595
Other - Fellowship	37,794	10,065
Two Wings Institute grant	8,863	-
Conference and event income	2,690	-
DFA grant	20,611	16,752
Community Relations Council grant	-	1,500
Polish Cultural Institute grant	12,140	5,000
Irish American Partnership grant	7,975	7,393
Belfast City Council grant	-	4,600
The Executive Office grant	(420)	18,932
Dormant Accounts NI grant	-	50,000
Consultancy income	9,250	-
	235,420	158,337
Cost of generating funds		
Programme implementation costs	153,554	89,098
	153,554	89,098
Gross surplus	81,866	69,239
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	19,737	27,251
Staff defined contribution pension costs	380	568
Rent payable	570	786
Advertising	4,872	817
Telephone and computer costs	3,497	3,647
Legal and professional	3,760	5,469
Consultancy fees	48,525	29,775
Accountancy	3,575	1,709
Bank charges	174	123
General expenses	322	351
Depreciation	177	177
	85,589	70,673
Finance		
Interest paid on overdue taxation	19	-
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	2	-
Net deficit	(3,740)	(1,434)

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Front cover: **Reconciliation** (originally named Reunion) is a sculpture by Josefin de Vasconcellos. Bronze casts of this sculpture can be found in Coventry, Hiroshima, Berlin and Stormont. *Photo by Neil Harrison.*



Chair's Remarks

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement in N Ireland/Ireland, which was been celebrated by the visitations and addresses by current and former Presidents of the United States of America, current and former Prime Ministers of the UK, current and former Taoisigh of the Republic of Ireland and the President of the European Commission. Notwithstanding the important events that have taken place earlier this year, it is important to remember that democracy, reconciliation and peacebuilding is an ongoing daily process and not an one off event. In that respect I hope that peace efforts here in N Ireland will continue to bear fruit which will reflect unity in diversity in all aspects of our lives, and in our institutions of government, which I hope can be restored shortly.

As we mark this important anniversary on the island of Ireland, there has never been a greater need across the world for people to work for democracy and reconciliation and to continuously participate in peacebuilding. We have witnessed ongoing terror and violence in Ukraine and a war waged against innocent people and democratic political institutions. Only lately, we have seen the horrors of terrorism and violence in Sudan and Yemen. All the violence perpetrated against communities and people is underlining the compelling imperative and importance of the ongoing process of democracy and peacebuilding.

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building continues to be involved in important work in supporting current and future leaders. Our work encompasses the important Fellowship programme, which is aimed at political, business and civic leaders in Northern Ireland who were and will continue to be involved in paving a new, prosperous future for our region. This flagship programme is supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin, Allstate NI, Devenish, FinTrU, Fujitsu NI, Ulster Carpets, the Irish American Partnership and our new partner Northern Ireland Electricity Networks.

Other important work includes the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement Course, Leadership in Arts and Culture, Re-thinking Leadership series, collaborative work with the UME Oleander Initiative programmes in Japan and the partnership with the John Smith Trust.

Chair's Remarks continued

All this work is carried out under the strategic direction of our Board – of which I am proud to be Chair along with my director colleagues, and the dynamic work of Eva Grosman who is our Chief Executive. Eva is a powerhouse and has provided dynamic leadership in these islands in terms of peacebuilding and democracy.

We and the wider community owe Eva an enormous debt of gratitude and heartfelt thanks. I hope to continue to work with Eva, her team and our directors to ensure that the objectives of the organisation can continue to be fulfilled – particularly as we move on from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to many business leaders and academics who have supported our mission and peacebuilding work over several years. Such combined efforts are vitally important in working towards fulfilling our commitments to democracy and peacebuilding locally and internationally.

Baroness Margaret Ritchie of Downpatrick

Acknowledgments

Our work would not be possible without assistance from many public, private and community partners. We are truly grateful for all the support.

Special thanks to:

Allstate Northern Ireland

Bank of Ireland

Bauer Media NI

Boston College Ireland

Brown O'Connor Communications

Community Relationship Council

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Republic of Ireland

Devenish

Dormant Accounts Fund NI

FinTrU

Fujitsu NI

Herbert Smith and Freehills

Irish American Partnership

John Smith Trust

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

Polish Cultural Institute in London

PSNI

Royal Irish Academy

Smarts

Ulster Carpets

Ulster University

About CDPB

The Centre for Democracy and Peace Building (CDPB) is a charity based in Northern Ireland. Its purpose is to uphold and share the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation.

The Centre is committed to supporting the peace process; changing attitudes; building a normal society and sharing our experience with others in conflict.

The Centre's mission is to provide innovative programmes and solutions, based on lessons from the Irish peace process, that enable civic leaders to respond effectively to social, political, and economic challenges across the globe.

The charitable objectives of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building are:



the advancement of citizenship and community development by upholding and sharing the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation; and to support leadership within civil society and political parties to address grievances and to build confidence in political institutions;



the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation by the removal of fear from and to offer hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity; and to empower and enable communities to develop bespoke solutions that address and remove the causes of division and violent conflict;



the advancement of education by providing a knowledge exchange platform in democracy and peace building to facilitate research and discussion in partnership with government and civil society on the development and implementation of policies and programmes that build a shared and united community; to host a fellowship programme to pass on learning from the peace process generation to future leaders; and to capture and document the lessons and experiences from Northern Ireland and other places which have experienced violent political conflicts.

Directors and Executive Team

Chairman Emeritus

The Lord Alderdice

Chair

Baroness Margaret Ritchie

Directors

Sir Jeffrey Donaldson

Chris Maccabe CB

Niall Johnston

Senior Advisors

Stacy King

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John Healy (Chair)

Karise Hutchinson, Professor of Leadership, Ulster University (Vice Chair)

Darragh McCarthy, CEO, FinTrU

David Clements, Managing Director, Fujitsu NI

Nick Coburn, Managing Director, Ulster Carpets

Owen Brennan, Chairman, Devenish



Fellowship Programme for political, business and civic leaders in Northern Ireland

This year's Fellowship Programme brought together leaders from business, civic, and political backgrounds to reimagine and pave a new, prosperous future for Northern Ireland. The programme was incredibly successful, ensuring leaders across society were strengthened and equipped to navigate the next twenty-five years for the benefit of all.

Working with key stakeholders, policy makers, and facilitators from leading academic institutions including the University of Oxford, the programme included residential in Oxford and Dublin, media training with Bauer Media NI, conflict management with the PSNI and curated sessions led by the advisory board.

Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, Steve Baker MP, said:

"I wish to extend my congratulations to the Fellows who have graduated from this inspiring Fellowship. As Northern Ireland marks 25 years of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, a programme like this is testament to the determination and innovative spirit of the people of Northern Ireland. A programme that brings together a diverse range of people to work through opposing views, propose shared solutions, and imagine the kind of leadership required to move forward, is incredibly heartening. I would like to thank both the Fellows and the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building for their hard work, and I wish them all the best of luck for their future endeavours."

Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin TD said:

"I would like to extend my congratulations to the Fellows who have graduated today. I am glad that my government, through the Reconciliation Fund, has been able to support this important work. As we mark the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement in a number of weeks, it is important to recognise the work that programmes such as the Fellowship have achieved in helping to train and educate the next generation of civic leaders. I wish the class of 2023 all the best over the coming months and years as they work to help foster change and transform their local communities."

The programme was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Allstate NI, Devenish, FinTrU, Fujitsu NI, Ulster Carpets and the Irish American Partnership.

For more information please visit fellowship.democracyandpeace.org



Fellowship Programme

for political and civic leaders
in Northern Ireland





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... the spirit of possibility...

Is vital for all parts of Northern Ireland's system to work together as a whole.

*There is little recognition of this and few opportunities for the key players
In the disparate parts of our system
To interact in any meaningful ways.*

This programme provides that.

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... my passion and drive for transformative leadership has been enhanced and reinvigorated.

The programme has broadened my understanding of what leading with integrity and dignity entails.

I have learned that effective leadership can produce endless possibilities.



Leadership in Arts and Culture

CDPB in partnership with the Polish Cultural Institute in London delivered a series of programmes and residential sessions in London and Oxford to explore how international cultural cooperation and diplomacy work in practice and to strengthen Polish-British cultural relations.

Twenty-four directors and curators from the leading cultural and arts organisations in Poland had an opportunity to engage with the world's leading institutions including: the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Gallery, Dulwich Picture Gallery, the William Morris Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery, Tate Modern, Houses of Parliament, the Ashmolean Museum, Bodleian Libraries and engaged with colleagues from the British Council.





TEDxStormont

TEDxStormont returned to Parliament Buildings on Saturday 25th March 2023 for its 10th anniversary event. Speaking on the theme of “YES”, a superb line up of speakers including Northern-Irish-Ghanian music artist Winnie Ama, Sky News Ireland Correspondent David Blevins, Senator Emer Currie, and journalist and author Leona O'Neill, took to the stage to share their ideas on hope, peace, stability, and possibility for Northern Ireland and beyond.

The daylong event, supported by Herbert Smith Freehills, Allstate NI, and Smarts, and compered by former political editor for BBCNI and BBC UN correspondent Mark Devenport, saw 200 guests fill the Great Hall at Parliament Buildings. As TEDxStormont celebrated its 10th anniversary and Northern Ireland celebrated 25 years of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, speakers stood on the iconic red dot to share their ideas on a multitude of topics ranging from homelessness and leadership to life after death, and the power of music.

TEDxStormont 2023 speakers included:

Darragh McCarthy – CEO, FinTrU

David Blevins – Sky News' Senior Ireland Correspondent

Emer Currie – Senator and Spokesperson for NI, Special Education and Inclusion

Janina Ramirez – historian, documentary maker and author

Jim Dennison – Chief Executive of the Simon Community NI

Joan Mulloy – Irish solo sailor

Karise Hutchinson – professor of leadership

Leona O'Neill – academic, former journalist, author

Lisa Strutt – leadership coach, co-founder, trustee

Matthew McElhinney – a theatre director, a football fan and a child of the peace process

Patrick Dexter – globally-renowned cellist

Peter Corry – musician, performer, producer

Tom Fletcher – Principal of Hertford College, Oxford University, diplomat and author

Winne Ama – Northern-Irish-Ghanian artist



TED^xStormont



Re-thinking Leadership

Building up on the success of Re-thinking Solidarity series, CDPB partnered with the Two Wings Institute to deliver 6 seminars in Harris Manchester College Oxford, focussing on models of leadership that address the most pressing challenges of our time, including war in Ukraine.

The six seminars included:

Spiritual Leadership in the Time of War.

Beyond 'Balance of Power' – Diplomacy for Freedom of Religion and Belief.

The War of Memories: Leadership and European Politics of Memory.

Therapy at War: How can we heal the heart of conflict?

The Burden of Memory: How can we build solidarity when our memories clash?

Cultural Diplomacy: Revealing the Soul of Nations.

The series were organised by the Two Wings Institute in partnership with the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building, Oxford Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, Oxford

Polish Association, the Polish Cultural Institute in London and supported by the Polish National Foundation.





Colombia

CDPB continues to engage with colleagues in Colombia and share lessons of the Irish peace process with politicians and members of the wider civic society.

CDPP was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Training Group (IDDRTG) in Bogota and Cali on the invitation of Mr Andres Stapper, Director of the Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization of Colombia (ARN), who visited Northern Ireland last year. The meeting provided opportunity to engaged with peace-builders across the globe and to learn about the implementation of the Colombian peace agreement during the site visits. In addition, CDPB helped to facilitate visit of the delegation from the Colombian Senate to Northern Ireland and remains in regular contact with the Colombian diplomats in London.





Japan

In February 2023 delegates from Northern Ireland, Oxford and New York gathered in Hiroshima, Japan, to embark on a six day exploration of the city that suffered the horrors and destruction of the atomic bomb on 6 August 1945. At the heart of CDPB's collaboration with the UME Oleander Initiative programme was the intersection of public space, art and historical memory, with the guiding question for the five days: what lessons from Hiroshima can be applied to your own context?

The delegation toured the city and world-renowned Peace Park and museum as well as attending meetings with city officials, the museum curator, and a survivor of the atomic bomb. The group, led by the Oleander team, were also able to engage with some of the local Hiroshima peace building community, learning and sharing experiences from each other's contexts. An impactful and exciting programme that underpinned Northern Ireland's unique connection with Hiroshima, CDPB hopes it will be the first of many collaborative opportunities between CDPB and the UME Oleander Initiative.



John Smith Trust Partnership

CDPB was delighted to partner with the John Smith Trust to deliver Ideas Exchange programme in Oxford.

John Smith Fellows from across Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia gather to rethink governance and leadership in the context of ongoing global crises.

Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine is likely to define the strategic and economic contours of the coming decades and will have a fundamental impact on global security, governance and development.

Twenty-eight Fellows from 11 countries joined an Ideas Exchange in Oxford (UK) at the end of March to share insights, expertise and experience on these themes. Over the course of four days of workshops, presentations and roundtable discussions, they discussed what leadership and better governance means in their countries and region during this time of insecurity and conflict and looking forwards. At the heart of the Ideas Exchange was an emphasis on listening to each other's perspectives and learning from each other, and Fellows shared their ideas and experience generously.

Learn more about John Smith Trust at: johnsmithtrust.org





CONTACT DETAILS

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 108448

Annual return

Centre for Democracy and Peace Building

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Directors 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The company's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The company's directors consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

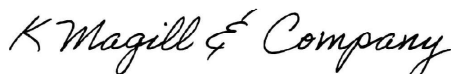
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company 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 directors 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.

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 in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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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