

# North Belfast Youth Choir

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108587

## Details

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| Status     | Received   |
| Registered | 2022-02-16   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The charity's objects ('the objects') are to advance the musical education of young people from all communities in North Belfast. Through music, the charity seeks to increase cultural understanding and mutual respect in the divided community of North Belfast.

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

**How the charity works:** Arts,Cultural,Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),Interface communities,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £19,460 | £19,168     | £0     | 0         |

## Trustees

| Name                   | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------|------|-----------|
| Dr Alan Logan          |      |           |
| Mr Marcus Mccullough   |      |           |
| Mr Martin Moreland     |      |           |
| Mr Neil Martin         |      |           |
| Mrs Celine Keenan      |      |           |
| Mrs Felicity Hilton    |      |           |
| Mrs Mary Montgomery    |      |           |
| Mrs Miranda Livingston |      |           |
| Mrs Pascale Bailie     |      |           |

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# Accounts

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ORGANISATION NAME:  
 REPORTING PERIOD:  
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North Belfast Youth Choir  
 1ST JANUARY 2024 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Year to<br>Dec-24<br>TOTAL<br>£ | Period to<br>Dec-23<br>TOTAL<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>                         |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| ARN Foundation                           | 10,000                     | -                        | 10,000                          | 10,000                            |
| NI Assembly (Speakers Event)             | 1000                       | -                        | 1,000                           | -                                 |
| Morrow Communication (translink)         | 1000                       | -                        | 1,000                           | -                                 |
| Emitchell Grant                          | 5000                       | -                        | 5,000                           | -                                 |
| Refunds                                  | 200                        | -                        | 200                             | 576                               |
| Donations                                | 2,027                      | -                        | 2,027                           | 3,151                             |
| Members Contribution                     | 234                        | -                        | 234                             | -                                 |
| The Honourable the Irish Society         | -                          | -                        | -                               | 2,500                             |
| Parlement European                       | -                          | -                        | -                               | 1,695                             |
| Befast Charitable Society                | -                          | -                        | -                               | 3,000                             |
| Flax Trust                               | -                          | -                        | -                               | 10,000                            |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                    | <b>19,460</b>              | <b>0</b>                 | <b>19,460</b>                   | <b>30,922</b>                     |
| <b>Payments:</b>                         |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Bank Fee                                 | 66                         | -                        | 66                              | 66                                |
| Trips (Londonderry)                      | 1,578                      | 236                      | 1,814                           | 19,338                            |
| Young at Art                             | -                          | -                        | -                               | 670                               |
| Insurance, Subscriptions,<br>Memberships | 1,030                      | -                        | 1,030                           | 1,020                             |
| Programme expenses                       | 1,065                      | 787                      | 1,852                           | 1,035                             |
| Wages & Salaries                         | 12,300                     | -                        | 12,300                          | 18,300                            |
| Mileage & transport                      | 2,575                      | -                        | 2,575                           | 2,208                             |
| Other fees                               | 554                        | -                        | 554                             | 339                               |
| <b>Asset and investment purchase</b>     |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Purchase of Equipment                    | -                          | -                        | -                               | -                                 |
| <b>Total Payments:</b>                   | <b>19,168</b>              | <b>1,023</b>             | <b>20,191</b>                   | <b>42,976</b>                     |
| <b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>           | <b>292</b>                 | <b>(1,023)</b>           | <b>(731)</b>                    | <b>(12,054)</b>                   |
| <b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>         | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                          |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>    | <b>292</b>                 | <b>(1,023)</b>           | <b>(731)</b>                    | <b>(12,054)</b>                   |
| <b>Reconciliation 18/04/2025</b>         |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.2024        | 22,257                     | -                        | -                               | 34,311                            |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end      | (731)                      | -                        | -                               | (12,054)                          |
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2024        | 21,526                     | -                        | -                               | 22,257                            |

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**STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES**

| <b>Funds Reconciliation</b>                  | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2024</b><br>£ | Total 2023<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.2024            | 21,226                  | 1,031                 | 22,257                 | 34,311          |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end          | 292                     | (1,023)               | (731)                  | (12,054)        |
| <b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.12.2024</b> | <b>21,518</b>           | <b>(1,023)</b>        | <b>21,526</b>          | 22,257          |

| <b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b> | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2024</b><br>£ | Total 2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Bank Deposit Accounts           | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
| Bank Current Accounts           | 22,549                  | (1,023)               | 21,526                 | 22,257          |
| Cash in Hand                    | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|                                 | <b>22,549</b>           | <b>(1,023)</b>        | <b>21,526</b>          | 22,257          |

| <b>Other Assets</b>          | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2024</b><br>£ | Total 2023<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Computer equipment. Inc Ipad | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|                              | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |

| <b>Liabilities</b> | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2024</b><br>£ | Total 2023<br>£ |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Outstanding Rent   | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
| Owed to Funder     | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|                    | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30.04.2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: 

30.04.2025  
 Date:

Dr Alan Logan

**Note to accounts**

| <b>1 Funds</b>                   | Balance at<br>01 Jan 24 | Movement in<br>Incoming<br>£ | Resources<br>Outgoing<br>£ | Transfer of<br>Funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 24 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>   |                         |                              |                            |                           |                         |
| Parlement European               | 1,025                   |                              | (1,023)                    |                           | 2                       |
| <b>Total restricted funds</b>    | <b>1,025</b>            | <b>0</b>                     | <b>(1,023)</b>             | <b>0</b>                  | <b>2</b>                |
| <b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b> |                         |                              |                            |                           |                         |
| General                          | 21,232                  | 19,460                       | (19,168)                   | 0                         | 21,524                  |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b>  | <b>21,232</b>           | <b>19,460</b>                | <b>(19,168)</b>            | <b>0</b>                  | <b>21,524</b>           |
| <b>Total net funds</b>           | <b>22,257</b>           | <b>19,460</b>                | <b>(20,191)</b>            | <b>-</b>                  | <b>21,526</b>           |

**2 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The Charity does not have any Independent examiner's remuneration

**3 Post year end events**

Nothing material to report.

**4 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**5 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration £0.00 (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind £0.00 (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses £128(2023 - £60).

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Year to<br>Dec-23<br>TOTAL<br>£ | Period to<br>Dec-22<br>TOTAL<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>                         |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| ARN Foundation                           | 10,000                     | -                        | 10,000                          | 10,000                            |
| The Honourable the Irish Society         | -                          | 2,500                    | 2,500                           | 2,000                             |
| Parlement European                       | -                          | 1,695                    | 1,695                           | -                                 |
| Befast Charitable Society                | 3,000                      | -                        | 3,000                           | 5,000                             |
| Flax Trust                               | 10,000                     | -                        | 10,000                          | -                                 |
| Refunds                                  | 576                        | -                        | 576                             | -                                 |
| Donations                                | 3,151                      | -                        | 3,151                           | -                                 |
| The D'oily Carte Charitable Trust        |                            |                          |                                 | 3,000                             |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                    | <b>26,727</b>              | <b>4,195</b>             | <b>30,922</b>                   | <b>20,000</b>                     |
| <b>Payments:</b>                         |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Bank Fee                                 | 66                         | -                        | 66                              | 62                                |
| Trips (London/Derry)                     | 16,838                     | 2,500                    | 19,338                          | 1,994                             |
| Young at Art                             | -                          | 670                      | 670                             | -                                 |
| Insurance, Subscriptions,<br>Memberships | 1,020                      | -                        | 1,020                           | 742                               |
| Programme expenses                       | 1,035                      | -                        | 1,035                           | 512                               |
| Wages & Salaries                         | 18,300                     | -                        | 18,300                          | 5,500                             |
| Tutor Travel Expenses                    | 2,208                      | -                        | 2,208                           | 360                               |
| Other fees                               | 339                        | -                        | 339                             | -                                 |
| <b>Asset and investment purchase</b>     |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Purchase of Equipment                    | -                          | -                        | -                               | -                                 |
| <b>Total Payments:</b>                   | <b>39,806</b>              | <b>3,170</b>             | <b>42,976</b>                   | <b>9,170</b>                      |
| <b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>           | <b>-13,079</b>             | <b>1,025</b>             | <b>-12,054</b>                  | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>         | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                          |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>    | <b>-13,079</b>             | <b>1,025</b>             | <b>-12,054</b>                  | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.2022</u></b>  |                            |                          |                                 |                                   |
| Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.23          | 34,311                     |                          |                                 | 23,481                            |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end      | -12,054                    |                          |                                 | 10,830                            |
| Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23          | <b>22,257</b>              |                          |                                 | <b>34,311</b>                     |

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**North Belfast Youth Choir**  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES**

| <b>Funds Reconciliation</b>                | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2023</b><br>£ | Total 2022<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash at bank & in hand 01.01.23            | 34,305                  | 6                     | 34,311                 | 23,481          |
| Surplus/(deficit) for this year end        | (13,079)                | 1,025                 | <b>(12,054)</b>        | 10,830          |
| <b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.12.23</b> | <b>21,226</b>           | <b>1,031</b>          | <b>22,257</b>          | 34,311          |
| <b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>            | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2023</b><br>£ | Total 2022<br>£ |
| Bank Deposit Accounts                      | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
| Bank Current Accounts                      | -                       | -                     | <b>22,257</b>          | 34,311          |
| Cash in Hand                               | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|  | -                       | -                     | <b>22,257</b>          | 34,311          |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                        | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2023</b><br>£ | Total 2022<br>£ |
| Computer equipment. Inc Ipads              | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|  | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                         | Unrestricted Funds<br>£ | Restricted Funds<br>£ | <b>Total 2023</b><br>£ | Total 2022<br>£ |
| Outstanding Rent                           | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
| Owed to Funder                             | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |
|  | -                       | -                     | -                      | -               |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17.04.24 and were signed on their behalf by:

Alan Logan (Chair)  
 Trustee:

17.04.2024  
 Date:



ORGANISATION NAME:

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REPORTING PERIOD:

1ST JANUARY 2023 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY REFERENCE NUMBER:

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## Note to accounts

### 1 Funds

|                                  | Balance at<br>01 Jan 23 | Movement in<br>Incoming<br>£ | Resources<br>Outgoing<br>£ | Transfer of<br>Funds<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 Dec 23 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>   |                         |                              |                            |                           |                         |
| The Honourable the Irish Society |                         | 2,500                        | 2,500                      | 0                         | 0                       |
| Parlement European               |                         | 1,695                        | 670                        |                           | 1,025                   |
| <b>Total restricted funds</b>    | <b>0</b>                | <b>4,195</b>                 | <b>3,170</b>               | <b>0</b>                  | <b>1,025</b>            |
| <b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b> |                         |                              |                            |                           |                         |
| General                          | 0                       | 26,727                       | 39,806                     | 0                         | (13,079)                |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b>  |                         | <b>26,727</b>                | <b>39,806</b>              | <b>0</b>                  | <b>(13,079)</b>         |
| <b>Total net funds</b>           |                         | <b>30,922</b>                | <b>42,976</b>              | <b>- -</b>                | <b>12,054</b>           |

### 2 Independent examiner's remuneration

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### 3 Post year end events

Nothing material to report.

### 4 Related Parties

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### 5 Trustees remuneration & expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration £0.00 (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind £0.00 (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenses £0.00(2022 - £0.00).

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# Annual report

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# North Belfast Youth Choir

## Trustees Annual Report

2023



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The year began with a cancelled rehearsal on Wednesday 11th January, due to heavy snow fall, but it was a busy and productive year thereafter, with some exceptional performances.

The main events are outlined below:

February 26

Look North Festival, Ulster University

March 3

Opening of European Conference as part of the Young at Art Festival in the Oh Yeah Music Centre, Belfast.

April 7

NBYC appearance on RTÉ's Late, Late Show with Cairde and Brian Kennedy

May 4th

Guests at Hazelwood Integrated College Spring Concert

August 29/30

NBYC London preparation with current members + alumni + members of Codetta Youth Choir

October 22

City of Derry International Choir Festival

October 23-26

NBYC in London, with performances in Mansion House and the Irish Embassy.

December 18

Carol Service in Belfast Boys' Model School.





Preparation for all these events comprised regular rehearsals in each of the participating North Belfast post primary schools – Belfast Boys’ Model School, Hazelwood Integrated College and Mercy College – as well as individual practice by the singers using on-line audio files.

This year’s most significant outcome was the successful return to regular, well attended rehearsals by so many young singers from the three participating schools. The Covid pandemic had been a very difficult time for all choirs and it has been a very gradual and carefully negotiated period of recovery ever since. However, we can now reflect on the considerable achievements of the past year and state with some confidence that NBYC is, once again, flourishing.

This could not have been achieved without the support of the senior management within the schools, the extraordinary dedication of the volunteer music teachers and the enthusiastic commitment of the young people themselves.

There were many outstanding performances during the year – including the Late, Late Show with Brian Kennedy, the European conference in the Oh Yeah Music Centre and the City of Derry International Choir Festival. However, the undoubted highlight for all involved with NBYC was the trip to London in October, which was an outstanding success in every way.

A group of 32 singers, accompanied by five members of staff, spent an extremely busy, exceptionally productive and hugely enjoyable four days in London. The visit included workshops in the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, an educational visit to The Plaisterer's Hall, an attendance at a performance of Hamilton and two exceptionally fine performances in London's Mansion House and the Irish Embassy.

These performances, which featured the world premiere of a new composition by Neil Martin, with words taken from a poem by Frank Ormsby, were received rapturously by packed audiences in both venues. In addition to the very high quality of the singing, worthy of special mention is the impressive manner in which all of the young singers in the choir conducted themselves in the social situations in both of these prestigious venues. This was an eloquent manifestation of the important added value benefits of being a member of NBYC, to be considered in a much wider context than a purely musical focus.

The young people were true ambassadors for themselves, their schools, and the wider community in which they live.





The challenge now facing NBYC is to continue to provide the valuable and much needed opportunities for social interaction, the development of strong, enduring relationships across all the divides of North Belfast and the growth of confidence and aspiration in our members, whilst developing the musical skills of all the young people involved through the medium of singing.

The experience of the exceptional standards achieved when some alumni joined with current members of NBYC and representatives from Codetta Youth Choir has provided a glimpse of what might be possible with further collaborative projects.

It is encouraging to note the enthusiastic response of past members of NBYC to return to the choir if circumstances allow. We should actively seek to provide such opportunities in the future, as it represents a goal to which current members can aspire, as well as a reward for past pupils for their previous years of dedication to the choir.

In moving forward, the trustees and volunteers will also seek ways to encourage young people from beyond the participating schools to avail of the benefits and enjoyment that membership of NBYC brings.

Some discussions and planning have already taken place within NBYC to explore the possibility of future collaborations with Codetta Youth Choir in Derry and the Irish Institute of Music and Song in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. This will be an important next step in the ambition of NBYC to provide exceptional opportunities for all the young people involved at local, national and international level, as the choir continues to act as proud ambassadors for the whole community of North Belfast.

The Trustees wish to record their sincere thanks to Dónal Doherty for his inspirational leadership of the choir, to the extraordinarily dedicated team of music teachers who believe so passionately in this project and of course, to the amazing group of young singers who give so much of themselves to ensure that the vision of NBYC continues to manifest itself through their personal journeys.

The Trustees also extend their thanks and appreciation to the Principals of all the schools involved for their generosity in providing rehearsal and meeting spaces. Also to Mrs Pascale Bailie, Bursar at Belfast Boys' Model School, for her support over many years in managing the choir's finances. We wish her well in her retirement and extend our appreciation to her successor, Mrs Suzanne Seaton who has generously undertaken to continue this support. We thank also, Mr Richie Livingston for his support in sourcing professional accountancy oversight for NBYC.

The choir's journey could not continue without the generosity of our funders. The trustees wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the following funding bodies for their much valued support during 2023:

The ARN Foundation

The Flax Trust

Belfast Charitable Society

The Honourable The Irish Society

Hamilton Pharmacy

European Parliament Office

Mansion House



Alan Logan, Chair of Trustees

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of North Belfast Youth Choir**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of NBYC Annual Accounts 2023

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: David McAlister [DAVID MCALISTER]

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

Address: 11 CUNLEE DRIVE, BELFAST

Date: 29/08/2024