

French Cultural and Educational Association NI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108763

Details

Known as	Association Culturelle et Éducative Française NI ACEF ACEF NI
Status	Received
Registered	2022-08-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The overall mission of ACEF is to promote French language and culture, primarily, but not exclusively, among French-speaking families, in Northern Ireland.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Cultural, Education/training, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, General public, Language community, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£3,221	£2,546	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Allison Neill-Rabaux		
Miss Elodie Bocquet		
Mr Clément Lesbarrères		
Ms Marie Berthier		
Yousra Smaali Treanor		

Accounts



Address: French Cultural and Educational Association NI 92 Lakelands Craigavon County

ACEF-NI, Belfast, United Kingdom
Income statement for the financial year 2024-2025
(from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025)

(£)

	Income (GBP)	Expenditure (GBP)
Insurance		- 429,96
Subscriptions		- 188,28
Access NI		- 90,00
Memberships		- 45,00
Rent and charges		- 385,00
Classroom supplies		- 45,62
Teaching materials		- 11,06
Equipment		- 65,86
Training		- 46,50
Food		- 95,07
Sessional tutor fees		- 916,25
Saturday school enrolments	2,849,50	
Events	246,50	
Donations	125,00	
Bank fees		- 68,74
Postage fees		- 5,05
Communication		
Transports		- 153,50
Total	3,221,00	- 2,545,89

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Treasurer's report

These are the accounts of ACEF NI covering the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Total income was £3,221.00 and total expenditure was £2,545.89.

Expenditure

The biggest expenses were sessional tutor fees (£916.25), room hire (£385.00) and insurance (£429.96).

Revenue

This year we did not receive any grant funding, so we were financed by enrolments for French lessons as well as events and some donations.

Conclusion

This year, ACEF NI had a surplus of £675.11, mainly due to a considerable reduction in room hire costs compared with the previous year. There was also no expenditure on communication this year. There was also an increase in school enrolments and in donations compared with the previous year.

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(£)	Revenue (GBP)	Expenditure (GBP)
Insurance		- 402.12
Subscriptions		- 140.31
Access NI		- 18.00
Memberships		- 35.00
Rent and charges		- 642.00
Classroom supplies		- 27.57
Teaching materials		-
Equipment		-
Training		- 84.38
Food		- 814.51
Sessional tutor fees		
Saturday school enrolments	2,513.00	-
Events	355.85	-
Donations	33.00	-
Reimbursement		- 60.40
Bank fees		-
Outings		- 134.63
Communication		- 130.70
Transport		
Total	2,901.85	- 2,489.62

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Total income was £2,901.85 and total expenditure was £2,489.62.

Expenditure

The biggest expenses were sessional tutor fees (£814.51), room hire (£642.00) and insurance (£402.12). We used the last instalment of the FLAM grant allocated to communication.

Revenue

This year we did not receive any grant funding, so we were financed by enrolments for French lessons as well as events and some donations.

Conclusion

This year, ACEF NI had a surplus of £412.23, mainly due to a reduction in room hire compared with the previous year. There was also a reduction in expenditure on teaching materials. The cinema afternoon and quiz were a success and also contributed to the surplus.

Annual report



ACEF NI

Trustees Annual Report

Financial Year 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024

Name and address of the registered charity: French Cultural and Educational Association NI, also known as Association Culturelle et Educative Française NI (ACEF-NI)

92 Lakelands, Craigavon, BT64 1AW

For the purposes of this report, French Cultural and Educational Association NI will be referred to as ACEF.

Charity Registration details: Charity no. 108763 Date registered. 16/08/2022

ACEF has been active since 2019 (operating online during the pandemic) and became officially registered as a Charity in 2022.

Trustees as of 30/06/2024:

Mrs Yuna Commault: Chairperson

Ms Allison Neill-Rabaux: treasurer

Mrs Yousra Smaali Treanor: secretary

Miss Elodie Bocquet: educational coordinator

Mrs Eléonore Maudet: grant coordinator

All trustees were unanimously elected during one of our termly meetings.

Activities undertaken in 2023-24

This financial year was our first year as an officially registered Charity. We were involved in different face-to-face and online projects and events which have been directly related to our aims and objectives as well as the public benefit of the Charity.

Our board members had several meetings in full panel to discuss and plan the events and projects mentioned below:

- Saturday 1st of July 2023: day at Cranfield beach (12 participants)
- August 2023: appointment of a new sessional tutor, Miss Audrey Delorme, who will teach children aged 7 to 10 online as well as face to face
- Sunday 27th August 2023: French picnic in Castlewellan Forest park (20 participants)

- From September 2023 to June 2024: monthly running of our Saturday school with around 30 pupils aged 3 to 10 years (nursery to P7) in Belfast; one virtual lesson per month also offered to the P5 to P7 group
- Saturday 27th of January 2024: First Aid training with the ABC council of chairperson Yuna Commault and sessional tutor Valérie McGrail
- Saturday 4th February 2024: French Quiz afternoon in Ballynafeigh Community Centre (50 participants)
- Saturday 24th February 2024: French movie afternoon in Ballynafeigh Community Centre (40 participants)
- Saturday 9th March 2024: visit of the Ulster Folk Museum (20 participants)
- Sunday 4th April 2024: Easter egg hunt held at Oxford Island, Lurgan (30 participants)
- April 2024: appointment of Ms Yousra Smaali as secretary
- Saturday 15th of June 2024: Afternoon tea in Belfast for French-speaking ladies (25 participants)
- Saturday 22nd June: Sports Day event in Cherryvale playfield, Belfast (30 participants)

Partnerships and cooperations:

- French government through the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE)
- Parapluie FLAM (a UK charity supporting French supplementary schools)
- The Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council which provided First Aid training to our chairperson and one of our sessional tutors
- The Polish Educational and Cultural Association: our chairperson attended several of their events, including their 15-year anniversary, and the Newry Saturday school kindly showed us their policies and regulations in place
- Victoria College and Cooke Presbyterian Church, Belfast, both hosted our Saturday school
- Ballynafeigh Community centre hosted our quiz and movie events
- First Avenue Café, Belfast, hosted our yearly women's afternoon tea for the second year

All activities provided ACEF's members with the opportunity to connect and socialise as well as showcasing the best of the rich French culture.

Public Benefits:

Statement:

We confirm that the trustees of ACEF have complied with their duty in having regard to the Commission Public Benefit Reporting Guidance.

Purpose of ACEF:

The overall mission of ACEF is to promote French language and culture, primarily, but not exclusively, among French-speaking families, in Northern Ireland. By running a monthly Saturday school, we aim for better educational outcomes for bilingual children through the

development of their verbal and written communication skills in French. We also organise cultural and social events for French-speaking families to meet on a regular basis.

Beneficiaries:

The members of ACEF, the French-speaking community of NI, pre-school and primary school aged children (including those with SEN), French (speakers and/or national) females of NI, Ballynafeigh Community Centre, Victoria College and Cooke Presbyterian Church.

Harm:

No harm was realised during the reporting period.

Private Benefits:

No private benefit was realised during the reporting period with the exception of the venues we have hired for our events (namely: Victoria College and Cooke Presbyterian Church, both in Belfast). We believe this private benefit was necessary to provide a safe and secure indoor space to welcome our families.

Financial review:

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Declaration:

The Charity is governed by a constitution dated 31 January 2020.

All trustees declare that they have read and approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of all trustees,

Yuna Commault - Chairperson



Date: 2 March 2025

Allison Neill-Rabaux - Treasurer



Date: 2 March 2025

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 108763

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of the 'French Cultural and Educational Association NI'

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Date: *20/03/25*