

North West Carnival Initiative

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108829

Details

Status Received

Company number [646743](#)

Registered 2022-06-20

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

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Activities

Purposes: Promote for the public benefit community participation in arts and cultural activities in the Derry and Strabane and surrounding areas (the 'area of benefit') by: i) providing support and services for the education and training of people of all ages in carnival arts; ii) stimulating artistic creativity through the provision of activities and support for artistic expression; iii) providing access to a range of art forms and performance opportunities; and iv) initiating and facilitating projects to improve engagement in the arts, specifically carnival arts, for those from disadvantaged communities.

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

How the charity works: Arts,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Education/training,Rural development,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,General public,Interface communities,Learning disabilities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sexual orientation,Specific areas of deprivation,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£164,647	£190,965	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonah Atos		
Mel Bradley		
Mr John Kerr		
Mr Oliver Green		
Mrs Doreen Murugi		
Ms Alison Wallace		
Ms Cath Mc Bride		

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for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Information

Directors and Trustees	Ursula Doherty (Resigned on 3rd June 2024) Ollie Green James Kee (Resign on 3rd June 2024) John Kerr Cath McBride Colleen O'Neill (Resign on 3rd June 2024) Frank Rafferty (Resign on 3rd June 2024) Kyle James Thompson (Resign on 3rd June 2024) Alison Wallace Jonah Atos (Appointed on 3rd June 2024) Mel Bradley (Appointed on 3rd June 2024) Doreen Murugi (Appointed on 3rd June 2024)
Company No:	NI646743
Charity No:	NIC108829
Registered office	Unit 3 Rathmor Business Park Bligh's Lane Derry BT48 0LZ
Accountants	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd Accountants & Tax Consultants 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
Bankers	Bank of Ireland Culmore road Derry BT48 8JB

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Directors Report

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the company during the year under review was creating carnival parades and outdoor performances.

Company Number NI646743

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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Ollie Green	
James Kee	(Resign on 3 June 2024)
John Kerr	
Cath McBride	
Colleen O'Neill	(Resign on 3 June 2024)
Frank Rafferty	(Resign on 3 June 2024)
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Governing Document

The organisation is a company with charitable status. The company was established under Memorandum & Articles of Association which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation.

Risk Management

The directors have a risk management strategy which consists of establishing a system of identifying risks and mitigating such risks.

Reserves Policy

North West Carnival Initiative have a policy that unrestricted reserves to be maintained at a level to cover six months salary, operational costs and redundancy.

Results & Performance

The results and performance for the year of North West Carnival Initiative are summarised in the enclosed accounts.

Financial review

The financial performance is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

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Directors Report

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Directors Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements

The directors of North West Carnival Initiative for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 7 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by

North West Carnival Initiative
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Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of
North West Carnival Initiative

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5-12.

Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

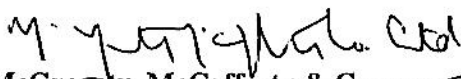
We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the Charities 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd
Accountants & Tax Consultants
2 Carlisle Terrace
BT48 6JX
Date: 7 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and Expenditure				
Incoming Resources				
Grants & Sundry Income	2.	3,970	160,677	164,647
Total Incoming Resources		<u>3,970</u>	<u>160,677</u>	<u>164,647</u>
Resources Expended				
Management & Administration		28,513	162,452	190,965
Total Resources Expended	2.	<u>28,513</u>	<u>162,452</u>	<u>190,965</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources		(24,543)	(1,775)	(26,318)
Transfer between funds		(1,775)	1,775	-
Balances brought forward 1 April 2024		90,018	-	90,018
Balances carried forward 31 March 2025		<u>63,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,018</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the company.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		1,985		3,740
Current assets					
Debtors	6	24,754		23,883	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,237		91,582	
		<u>72,991</u>		<u>115,465</u>	
Current liabilities					
Other creditors		6,574		25,385	
Accruals		4,702		3,802	
	7	<u>11,276</u>		<u>29,187</u>	
Net current assets			<u>61,715</u>		<u>86,278</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>63,700</u>		<u>90,018</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted	8		<u>63,700</u>		<u>90,018</u>
			<u>63,700</u>		<u>90,018</u>

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In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:


For the year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 7 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Director


Director

Company Number: NI646743

North West Carnival Initiative
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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

1.2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of appeal.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment - 25% Straight Line

2. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2025 £	Restricted Income 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
 <u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Restricted Income	-	160,677	160,677	135,992
Unrestricted income	3,970	-	3,970	30,429
	3,970	160,677	164,647	166,421

(i) Restricted Funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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2.1. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Wages & salaries	9,038	25,000	34,038	29,359
Freelance costs	-	20,125	20,125	19,590
Staff pension costs	6,573	-	6,573	2,302
Events expenses	5,325	87,618	92,943	66,247
Cleaning	-	85	85	47
Travelling expenses	-	85	85	-
Rent & water charges	-	17,377	17,377	18,352
DSDC- Sla	5,822	-	5,822	-
Volunteer costs	-	216	216	289
Insurance	-	3,735	3,735	2,812
Light & heat	-	3,424	3,424	2,992
Printing & stationery	-	240	240	430
Repairs & maintenance	-	2,553	2,553	1,093
Telephone	-	739	739	657
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	489
Accountancy	-	1,090	1,090	1,033
Bank charges	-	165	165	160
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings	1,755	-	1,755	1,755
	<u>28,513</u>	<u>162,452</u>	<u>190,965</u>	<u>147,607</u>
Net Incoming Resources			2025	2024
			£	£
Net incoming resources has been arrived at after charging.				
Depreciation			<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,755</u>

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3. Staff note

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 1 (2024 - 1).

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year were:

	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,038	29,359
Pension contributions	6,573	2,302
	<u>40,611</u>	<u>31,661</u>

4. Taxation

There is no charge to taxation as the company has charitable status.

5. Tangible assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	11,700	11,700
At 31 March 2025	<u>11,700</u>	<u>11,700</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	7,960	7,960
Charge for the year	1,755	1,755
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,715</u>	<u>9,715</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,985</u>	<u>1,985</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,740</u>	<u>3,740</u>

6. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants due	23,234	22,400
Prepayments and accrued income	1,520	1,483
	<u>24,754</u>	<u>23,883</u>

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7. Current liabilities	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxes and social security costs	508	508
Other creditors	128	577
Deferred income	5,938	24,300
Accruals	4,702	3,802
	<u>11,276</u>	<u>29,187</u>

8. Movements in Funds	At	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer	At
	1 April	resources	resources		31 March
	2024	resources	resources		2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Total restricted funds	-	160,677	(162,452)	1,775	-
Unrestricted funds:					
Total unrestricted funds	90,018	3,970	(28,513)	(1,775)	63,700
	<u>90,018</u>	<u>164,647</u>	<u>190,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,700</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

9. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

10. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

11. Controlling interest

Ultimate control of the charitable company lies with the directors.

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The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by

North West Carnival Initiative
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- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts 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. The 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

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Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd
Accountants & Tax Consultants
2 Carlisle Terrace

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Date: 18 July 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Income and Expenditure		Funds	Funds	£	£
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants & Sundry Income	2.	-	144,921	144,921	180,254
Total Incoming Resources		-	144,921	144,921	180,254
Resources Expended					
Management & Administration		-	147,607	147,607	179,647
Total Resources Expended	2.1.	-	147,607	147,607	179,647
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	8.	-	(2,686)	(2,686)	607
Transfer between funds		(2,079)	2,079	-	-
Balances brought forward 1 April 2023		70,597	607	71,204	70,597
Balances carried forward 31 March 2024		68,518	-	68,518	71,204

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		3,740		5,495
Current assets					
Debtors	6	23,883		47,330	
Cash at bank and in hand		91,582		52,521	
		115,465		99,851	
Current liabilities					
Other creditors		25,385		9,003	
Accruals		25,302		25,139	
	7	50,687		34,142	
Net current assets			64,778		65,709
Total assets less current liabilities			68,518		71,204
Funds					
Unrestricted	8		68,518		70,597
Restricted	8		-		607
			68,518		71,204

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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Director

Director

Company Number: NI646743

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment - 25% Straight Line

2. Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2024 £	Restricted Income 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Class of business				
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
Other Income restricted	-	144,921	144,921	180,254
	-	144,921	144,921	180,254
	-	144,921	144,921	180,254

(i) Restricted Funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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2.1. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Wages & salaries	-	29,359	29,359	41,045
Freelance costs	-	19,590	19,590	-
Staff pension costs	-	2,302	2,302	-
Events expenses	-	66,247	66,247	107,728
Cleaning	-	47	47	129
Rent payable	-	16,500	16,500	16,500
Rates	-	1,852	1,852	683
Volunteer costs	-	289	289	551
Insurance	-	2,812	2,812	3,102
Light & heat	-	2,992	2,992	4,891
Printing & stationery	-	430	430	358
Repairs & maintenance	-	1,093	1,093	1,035
Telephone	-	657	657	633
Sundry expenses	-	489	489	36
Accountancy	-	1,033	1,033	1,175
Bank charges	-	160	160	25
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings	-	1,755	1,755	1,756
	<u>-</u>	<u>147,607</u>	<u>147,607</u>	<u>179,647</u>
Net Incoming Resources			2024	2023
			£	£
Net incoming resources has been arrived at after charging.				
Depreciation			<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,756</u>

3. Staff note

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 1 (2023 - 1).

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year were:

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	29,359	41,045
Pension contributions	2,302	-
	<u>31,661</u>	<u>41,045</u>

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4. Taxation

There is no charge to taxation as the company has charitable status.

5. Tangible assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	11,700	11,700
At 31 March 2024	<u>11,700</u>	<u>11,700</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	6,205	6,205
Charge for the year	1,755	1,755
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,960</u>	<u>7,960</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,740</u>	<u>3,740</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>5,495</u>	<u>5,495</u>

6. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants due	22,400	46,001
Prepayments and accrued income	1,483	1,329
	<u>23,883</u>	<u>47,330</u>

7. Current liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxes and social security costs	508	541
Other creditors	577	577
Deferred income	24,300	7,885
Accruals	25,302	25,139
	<u>50,687</u>	<u>34,142</u>

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8. Movements in Funds	At				At
	1 April	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer	31 March
	2023	resources	resources		2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Total restricted funds	607	144,921	147,607	2,079	-
	<u>607</u>	<u>144,921</u>	<u>147,607</u>	<u>2,079</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
Total unrestricted funds	70,597	-	-	2,079	68,518
	<u>70,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,079</u>	<u>68,518</u>
	<u>71,204</u>	<u>144,921</u>	<u>147,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,518</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

9. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

10. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

11. Controlling interest

Ultimate control of the charitable company lies with the directors.

North West Carnival Initiative

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Annual report

North West Carnival Annual General Meeting Chairperson's Report 2024

First of all, I'd like to thoroughly commend the hard work that Jim for the amazing work he does year in and year out, keeping this whole show on the road. I know his difficult job is only possible through the graft put in also by part-time staff like Leeann, Margaret and Helen to name but a few and also all the artists that have worked with Jim over the years providing the wide range of community activities, parades and creative artistic experiences, which have greatly enhanced the experiences of all those individuals and community groups down all the years as makers of and participants in that whole sweep of engagements from Halloween through Spring Parades to community workshops.

And big thanks to, for the input, guidance and direction of board members and officers over the years that the NW Carnival Initiative has been doing what it does, so well, so often and with so little.

I think over the past year out of all the magnificent work that this organisation has achieved with Jim at the helm, I'd particularly like to commend the delivery: every August through to the end of October of the 'Walled City of Bones' Halloween programming. The programming involved the rolling out of a range of workshops that included, costume creation, small prop production, face painting, samba drumming and dance and movement workshops. In addition several of participating community groups were engaged in lantern making workshops. Approximately 650 people took part in the parade attracting audiences in excess of 40,000. Our Halloween carnival programming overall delivered 134 different activities with participation numbers reaching 1,446 engaging a total of 29 carnival artists/facilitators and 14 volunteers. I also want to make special mention of the 'Planting a Seed' willow sunflower production masterclass hosted by Strabane Healthy Living Project and targeted at Strabane and Rural participants. The masterclass over 5 days attracted 15 participants each producing their own kinetic willow sunflower sculpture. And Donegal Willow artist Brendan Farren without whom this project may not have achieved all that it did

And also much praise to the further development and delivery of our Service Level Agreement programming relating to the Strabane St Patrick's day parade. Aimed at supporting community participation in the Strabane parade, our delivered programming targeted several community and performance based groups who have traditionally taken part in the parade. Our costume makers in collaboration with Encore, Class Act and Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh produced Costumes & head dresses. A series of carnival based workshops were delivered with Muchado Stage School and Strabane Special Olympics. In total over 250 participants took part in 25 organised activities organised in the weeks leading up to the parade and thanks to John Kerr and Jacqueline Whoriskey at DCSDC for their assistance in this development

I think it is so important that as board members we recognise how our work here rolls out not just across the city but also throughout the rural areas and Strabane.

I also want to acknowledge the huge contribution of the wide range of community and performance based groups that were recruited across the City and District, including many first time groups. I'm sure Jim will/has named them all in his report.

' As you all know There has been ongoing activity with NWCi Board in particular regarding the reviewing and development of NWCi policies and governance. Subgroup meetings continue to provide opportunities for wider stakeholders to engage in further developing the NW Carnival Initiative and enabling the organisation

to grow from strength to strength into the future. As some of you will know this is my last AGM as Chair , so I'd Finally like to again thank the board our carnival artists, facilitators, and volunteers without which we wouldn't be able to deliver on our aims and objectives.

Good luck. I'm sure The whole initiative will progress and thrive in the years ahead.

Annual General Meeting Managers' Report 2024

Artist skills development has been a key area of programming delivery since our last Annual General Meeting. Over this period saw the delivery of a 5 day masterclass in Carnival Parade Mobile Base Production. The masterclass supported by DCSDC was a response to requests from our lead artists who identified mobile base production as an area requiring skills development. Held at the North West Carnival Workshop the masterclass attracted 15 artists in total. Participants learned how to spot weld and in addition the design and production of illuminated inflatable props. Over the 5 days participants acquired sufficient skills and knowledge that enabled them to produce 2 steel framed wheeled bases. Several of the participants later completed the bases with the additional inflatable props over the summer months with the new work showcased at our Halloween carnival parade.

August through to the end of October the main focus of activity was the delivery of the 'Walled City of Bones' Halloween programming. The programming involved the rolling out of a range of workshops that included, costume creation, small prop production, face painting, samba drumming and dance and movement workshops. In addition several of participating community groups were engaged in lantern making workshops. Approximately 650 people took part in the parade attracting audiences in excess of 40,000. Our Halloween carnival programming overall delivered 134 different activities with participation numbers reaching 1,446 engaging a total of 29 carnival artists/facilitators and 14 volunteers. A wide range of community and performance based groups were recruited across the City and District, groups included Kabalikats North West, Macmillan Move On, Destined, Currynierin/Tullyally Community Associations, Extern, Trojans, Bishop Street Community Centre, Youthfirst, Long Tower Youth Club, Match Box Project, In Your Space Circus School, St Mary's Youth Club and Drop Inn. Dance and Performance groups included Urban Shock Dance, Moving Bodies Dance Studio 2, City Dance, Create Dance, Rainbow School of Dance, Ellen Hasson Dance and Cara Wilson Dance. Musical groups participating included Bready and Colmcille Pipe Bands, Small But Massive Samba and are very own North West Carnival Samba Band and complimenting this were a number of NWCI recruited performers and performers from In Your Space.

As part of the wider Halloween Festival we delivered our 'Solas Cholm Cille' light based sculpture trail within the grounds of St Columb's Cathedral. The trail showcased the creativity of artists from across the North West, attracting great audience numbers and received very positive feedback from the general public. Members from St Columbs Cathedral were particularly pleased at our efforts to ensure the event was both sensitive and respectful given the trails location. The Halloween festival also provided opportunities to create revenue through prop and costume hire, approximately £3,000 was generated. North West Carnival provided support over the Halloween festival to New Gate Arts, Bluebell Arts, Destined, St Joseph's Secondary School and Gael Aras. Other activity included a range of media interviews including Radio Foyle, Cool FM, QRadio and broadcasting company UTV. This activity helped to promote NWCI among the general public helping to raise our profile.

Further programming delivery included the 'Planting a Seed' willow sunflower production masterclass hosted by Strabane Healthy Living Project and targeted at

Strabane and Rural participants. The masterclass over 5 days attracted 15 participants each producing their own kinetic willow sunflower sculpture. This programme was funded by the ACNI through their Rural Engagement Arts Programme totalling £3.685. We are currently working on a short film 'Planting a Seed' to celebrate the participants creative achievements.

I have worked closely with Council officers John Kerr and Jacqueline Whoriskey regarding the development and delivery of our Service Level Agreement programming relating to the Strabane St Patrick's day parade. Aimed at supporting community participation in the Strabane parade, our delivered programming targeted several community and performance based groups who have traditionally taken part in the parade. Our costume makers in collaboration with Encore, Class Act and Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh produced 90 Costumes including head dresses. A series of carnival based workshops were delivered with Muchado Stage School and Strabane Special Olympics. In total over 250 participants took part in 25 organised activities organised in the weeks leading up to the parade. Additional support was provided to parade participant groups with the production of small handheld props that included shamrocks and flags, this along with costume production will serve to increase the stock and parade product for future Strabane events.

While on Strabane and Rural related activity NWCI supported the Castlederg Apple Fair by providing dressing for the event, and last month we supported Knockavoe School Strabane in their annual showcase with the provision of costumes.

January through to March saw the delivery of our Spring/St Patricks day carnival parade programming, organised under the theme of 'Out of the Darkness and Into the Light'. After making our usual 'Open Call' for parade participants, we rolled out a series of community based programmes that included workshops in dance and performance and small prop production. Our lead artists in both costume and large scale prop produced new work of a high standard, this included the creation of 2 parade themed inflatables and the design and production of new costumes helping to increase our creative offering. Groups participating in programming and the showcase represented a variety of performance based groups that included North West Carnival Samba and Columbcille Pipe bands, In your Space Circus School, Class Act and Studio 2 Drama. Dance groups from right across the City and District, this included Rainbow School of Dance, City Dance, Long Tower Dance, Create Dance, Urban Shock, Ellen Hasson Dance, Studio 2 Dancers and Fireworks. Sporting organisations represented were Ardmor GAC, City of Derry Rugby Club, Trojans, Na Magha, Doire Trasna and first time parade participants Tristar and Oxford Bulls. Parade newcomers African and Caribbean Community Network, alongside parade regulars Foyle Pride, Destined, Glen Development Initiative and several groups representing the Youth Sector. Our 'Out of the Darkness and Into the Light' programming overall delivered 104 different activities with participation numbers reaching in excess of 1000 participants, engaging a total of 14 carnival artists/facilitators and 13 volunteers. The stand out figure for our St Patrick's day/Spring carnival parade however is participant numbers of 904!

Our Carnival Workshop continues to provide a space for our artists, volunteers and the wider community to work, play and develop their creative skills base. As already outlined the workshop has played host to a number of skills development programmes including masterclasses aimed at artists both experienced and new and emerging. We have continued to provide support through the sharing of carnival

assets to a wide range of organisations within the arts, community, charitable and educational sectors. This has included providing costume, prop, lighting and P.A. systems for several of our member groups or those groups who have taken part in civic celebrations like Halloween or St Patrick's Day. There has been an increase in local schools seeking advice or support, over this period they have included St John's P.S. Holy Childs P.S. Holy Family P.S. and St Joseph's Secondary School, St Cecilia's and St Ethnas. Other organisations and events supported include Foyle Pride, Inishowen Pride, Omagh Pride, International Women's Day, Irish Special Olympics, Hurt, Foyle Hospice, Macmillan Move On Project and Farland Way Residents.

On the funding front June 2023 saw North West Carnival Initiative secure funding of £38,200

through ACNI/Lottery Project Funding programme, this award represented standstill funding. Over the later part of the year I also compiled and submitted an application to the 2024/2025 Annual Funding Programme totalling £100,00 unfortunately the 'application was declined as NWCI are currently operating well within Lottery Funding Programme and have had much success within that portfolio'. A successful application was made under the ACNI/Rural Arts Engagement Programme totalling £3,685. I am currently awaiting an outcome from a new ACNI/Lottery Project Funding programme totalling £62,000 and according to my Arts Council Case Officer 'I have made a strong case for a project funding uplift rather than further standstill funding'

As Project Manager I have had ongoing meetings and engagement with DCSDC's Festivals and Events team, Art and Culture Co-Design Group, Business and Culture Committee, Thrive and the Festivals and Events Organisers Forum. Other meetings have included continued involvement with the Co-Delivery Group, NW Community Network's Roisin McLaughlin initiated by John Kerr. And I've had discussions with Steve Barrett of the IFI, John Kerr and Kevin O'Neill from the Inishowen Carnival Group exploring potential future partnerships. There has been ongoing activity with NWCI Board in particular relating to the reviewing and development of NWCI policies and governance. Ongoing member groups and artistic subgroup meetings continue to provide opportunities for wider stakeholders to engage in developing the Initiative. Finally can I take this opportunity to thank the board for their continued support and guidance, our carnival artists, facilitators and fantastic volunteers without which we wouldn't be able to deliver on our aims and objectives.

Project Photo Gallery



Carnival Parade Base Production Masterclass

Walled City of Bones Carnival Parade Preparation









Press Launch with the Mayor





Lantern Making Workshops



Solas Cholmcille Light Sculpture Trail

Walled City of Bones Carnival Parade Showcase













Strabane and Rural Skills Development Programming









St Patrick's Day/Spring Carnival Programming





























Strabane and Rural Skills Development Programming









'Planting a Seed' Rural Engagement Arts Programme

North West Carnival Initiative 'Plant a Seed' film facebook Link

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthWestCarnivalInitiative/videos/508344111684107/>



NWCI in collaboration with ACNI jointly posted our 'Planting a Seed' film and the below press release on our respective social media platforms in August this year acknowledging project participants creative achievements and National Lottery Rural Engagement Arts Programme funding.

PRESS RELEASE

Planting a Seed is the culmination of a series of willow sunflower making workshops targeted at rural communities and organised by North West Carnival Initiative (NWCI). Jim Collins NWCI manager wished to thank everyone who helped make the project a huge success, this included the Arts Council for Northern Ireland and the National Lottery who funded the activity, Strabane Health Improvement Project who hosted the event and willow maker and artist Brendan Farren who facilitated the workshops. Jim continued that "It's the participants themselves who deserve most credit for their creative endeavours and that the film is a celebration and acknowledgement of their artistic achievement". Jim concluded by saying " He looked forward to delivering further carnival skills development programmes in partnership with Strabane and Rural communities"

Noirin McKinney, Director of Arts Development at the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, commented, "The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is delighted to make National Lottery Rural Engagement Arts Programme funding available to North West Carnival for their project, 'Planting a Seed'. We know that taking part in arts activities can raise self-esteem, boost confidence and motivation, as well as alleviate isolation and loneliness. Thanks to The National Lottery players, the National Lottery Rural Engagement Arts Programme has supported 135 arts projects in rural areas across NI with total National Lottery funding of £898,780 since its establishment in 2022. The programme has been making positive impacts in rural communities by increasing opportunities for people to engage and participate in meaningful arts activities, enriching their lives for the better. The Arts Council believes that arts, and coming together as communities, can all make a vital contribution to building wellbeing, confidence, and healthy, integrated communities."









North West Carnival Initiative

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108829

Annual return

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Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of
North West Carnival Initiative

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5-13.

Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts 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. The 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the Charities 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with the following directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd
Accountants & Tax Consultants
2 Carlisle Terrace

BT48 6JX

Date: 18 July 2024

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Directors Report

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Directors Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements

The directors of North West Carnival Initiative for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 18 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by