

The Meta O'Donnell Charitable Trust Fund

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108978

Details

Status Received

Registered 2022-08-18

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

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Activities

Purposes: 3.1. The Trustees shall hold the capital and income of the Fund upon Trust to apply the income, and all such part or parts of the capital, at such time or times and in such manner to, or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes in Northern Ireland and elsewhere as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit, and in particular, but not exclusively for: 3.1.1. the education, recreation and extra-curricular activities of pupils and students attending St Joseph's; and 3.1.2. the advancement of citizenship or community development, notwithstanding that this may lead to a total exhaustion of the Fund. 3.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 3.1 the Trustees may accumulate any part of the income of the Fund.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£22,962	£1,165	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Christine L'estrage		
Mr Gerard Wilson		
Mrs Michele Nolan		

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Accounts

**THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND
(CHARITY NO.108978)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Bradley Accounting and Taxation
Chartered Certified Accountants
Suite B, Formation Works Maryland
Maryland Industrial Estate
Ballygowan Road
Belfast, BT23 6BL**

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

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TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Mrs Michele Nolan

Mr Jim Woods(Retired 31/8/2024)

Mr Gerard Wilson

Miss Christine L'estrange

Mrs Pauline Leeson(Retired 30/6/2024)

Mrs Judy Cunningham(Appointed Y/E 31/3/2025)

Mrs Julie Maguire(Appointed Y/E 31/3/2025)

The report was approved by the Trustees on 12th November 2025

Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Governance

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The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Miss C L'Estrange
Mrs M Nolan
Mr G Wilson
Mrs J Maguire (Appointed YE 31/03/2025)
Mrs J Cunningham (Appointed YE 31/03/2025)
Mrs P Neeson (Retired 30/06/2024)
Mr J Woods (Retired 31/08/2024)

The management of the Trust Fund is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity. Three meetings were held by the Trustees during financial year 2024/25 to discuss the needs of the pupils in St Joseph's College and to prioritise those needs and plan the appropriate use of the charitable funds. Decisions were made by a resolution of a meeting of Trustees passed by a majority of those present.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining accounting records and are satisfied that the financial systems in place generate high quality information for the Trustees.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The purpose of the Trust Fund is for the education, recreation and extra-curricular activities of pupils and students attending St Joseph's College and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission NI statutory public benefit guidance. The direct benefits which flow from The Trust Fund include the improved outcomes for pupils in St Joseph's College and the increased opportunities to access a better educational journey. During 2024/25 the Trust Fund supported pupils through school based awarded bursary schemes for Music, PE and exceptional awards

Music: The bursary scheme continues to play a pivotal role in supporting students' musical development. For many, the financial cost of instrumental or vocal tuition would otherwise present a significant barrier, making it impossible to achieve the

standard required for GCSE practical examinations. Through bursary sponsorship, these students are able to access individual lessons that are essential for their progression.

Beyond academic achievement, the scheme also fosters a deeper engagement with the musical life of the College. Recipients are encouraged to contribute actively to school events, both within the school and in the wider community, enriching the cultural fabric of the school.

PE: This year, several pupils were nominated for the prestigious Sports Personality of the Year award in recognition of their outstanding achievements in sporting disciplines in school and beyond in the community. The award celebrates commitment, excellence, and the ability to inspire others through performance and character. The winner received a commemorative cup and vouchers as a token of appreciation for their success and dedication. All nominees received sweatshirts and shields in recognition of their accomplishments. This highlights the College's commitment to fostering talent both within and outside the school environment.

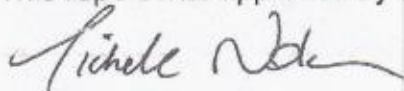
Meta O'Donnell Cup: A special award was presented to a pupil who demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination in completing his education despite facing significant adversity. During his studies, he overcame the challenges of a brain tumour diagnosis and treatment, continuing to pursue academic excellence with unwavering commitment. His achievement stands as an inspiring example of courage and perseverance. We are proud to note that he is now in his second year at Ulster University, studying Engineering—a testament to his strength and ambition.

Financial Performance

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position at the end of the financial year. Further detail is set out in the Statement of Financial Position.

Declaration

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M Nolan
Trustee

Dated: 12th November 2025

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

Independent Examiner's Report of the Trustees of The Meta O'Donnell Charitable Trust Fund

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's committee consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 65(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 65 of the Act).

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 65(9)(b) of the Act)

To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. . (under section 65(9)(b) of the Act)

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as committee members concerning any such matters

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view

The report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination no matter has come to our attention:

1. that gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 65 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Bradley Accounting & Taxation
Chartered Certified Accountants

Date: 12th November 2025

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Income				
Bank interest	18,349	-	18,349	1,353
	-	-	-	-
Donations and Legacies	-	4,613	4,613	1,054
	18,349	4,613	22,962	2,407
Expenditure				
Bursaries and Awards	-	4,613	4,613	1,054
Administrative Expenses				
Accountancy	600	-	600	500
Legal Fees	504	-	504	49
Bank Charges	61	-	61	60
Total Overheads	1,165	-	1,165	511
Transfer to Deferred Income	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	17,184	-	17,184	842

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Danske Bank Treasury Fixed Term Deposit	57,500	
Danske Bank Current Account	1,650	63,981
Danske Bank Treasury Fixed Term Deposit	418,350	400,000
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	1,448	500
Net Assets		
	476,052	463,481
Sources of Capital		
Accumulated Fund		
Opening Balance – Unrestricted Funds	0	0
Restricted Funds	463,481	463,692
Bursaries Transferred from Restricted Income	- 4,613	-1053
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	17,184	842
	476,052	463,481

These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees of The Meta O'Donnell Charitable Trust Fund and authorised for issue on 12th November 2025.



CHAIRPERSON:



TREASURER:

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Note 1

Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board.

Turnover

Income of The Charity represents monies received from Sales Proceeds generated from a property bequeathed from the Estate of the Late Teresa Margaret Mary O'Donnell

Incoming Resources

From the Sales Proceeds of the bequeathment, monies are distributed to Students primarily for Music Bursaries.. Bank interest received is accounted for on accruals basis.

Resources Expended

All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have all been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Restricted Funds

These are the Balance of Funds remaining after distribution of the Music Bursaries

The Meta O'Donnell Charitable Trust Fund

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108978

Accounts

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The Trustees will continue to promote the objectives of the Trust Fund in the years ahead and plan to continue with the Music Bursaries and rolling out bursaries in other areas: PE; Art; Drama as well as Post 16 opportunities.

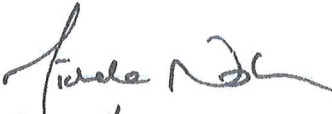
Financial Performance

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position at the end of the financial year.

Declaration

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Nolan
Trustee



05/12/2024

Dated:

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

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Date: 5th December 2024

THE META O'DONNELL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024


	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<u>Income</u>				
Bank interest	1,353	-	1,353	-
	-	-	-	-
Donations and Legacies	-	1,054	1,054	463,747
	-	-	-	-
	1,353	1,054	2,407	463,747
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Music Bursaries	-	1,054	1,054	0
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>				
Accountancy	500	-	500	-
Legal Fees Refunded	-49	0	49	-
Bank Charges	60	-	60	55
Total Overheads	511	-	511	55
Transfer to Deferred Income	-	-	-	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	842	-	842	463,692

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

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Danske Bank Current Account	63,981	463,692
Danske Bank Treasury Fixed Term Deposit	400,000	0
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accruals	500	0
Net Assets	463,481	463,692
<u>Sources of Capital</u>		
Accumulated Fund		
Opening Balance – Unrestricted Funds	0	0
- Restricted Funds	463,692	-
Bursaries Transferred from Restricted Income	- 1,053	
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	842	463,692
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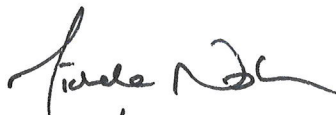
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Annual return

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