

Northland Heritage Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 109069

Details

Status Received

Company number [688509](#)

Registered 2022-12-21

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's purposes are specifically restricted to promoting the cultural and heritage interests for the public benefit of the secular and ecclesiastical institutions to be found in the west of Londonderry, namely Christ Church Londonderry, St. Eugene's RC Cathedral, University of Ulster Magee Campus and such other institutions as the Trustees may from time to time determine in so far as is charitable and further such other charitable purpose under the law of Northern Ireland as the trustees may from time to time approve.

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

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

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Interface communities, Men, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£7,090	£7,859	£0	0
2024-12-31	£3,235	£6,196	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Archdeacon Robert Miller		
Damien Mcateer		
Fr Paul Farren		
Helen Quigley		
Irwin Thompson		
Jim Kelley		
Professor Malachy Ó Néill		
Rosemary Finan		
Sean Mcginty		

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Accounts

St Eugene's Cathedral Choral Scholars Scheme

Financial report (Charities Commission) 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

Income	£		Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	6,412.43			
Private donations	2,765.00		Scholar Payments	7,294.00
Gift Aid HMRC	1,585.16		Bank Fees	65.48
Grants	2,000.00		Bursary	500.00
Bursaries	500.00			
Fundraiser	240.00			
Total	7,090.16		Total	7,859.48
Closing Balance	5,643.11			

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Financial report (Charities Commission)

01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024

Opening Balance 01.01.24

£9,373.02

Income	£		Expenditure	£
Inner City Trust	200.00		Scholar payments	5,880.00
Private donations	3,035.00		Bank Fees	65.59
			Bursary	250.00
TOTAL	3,235.00		TOTAL	6,195.59
CLOSING BANK BALANCE 31.12.24				£6,412.43
PENDING (approx)				
Income	£		Expenditure	£
Inner City Trust	2,000.00		Scholars' folders	125.00
Gift Aid	1,552.50		Scholars' robes	800.00
			Scholar payments Dec	784.00
TOTAL PENDING	£3,552.50			1,709.00

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Northland Heritage Group - Accounts 01-01-2023 to 31-12-23

	£	
<u>Opening Balances</u>	4,379.50	
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>
Inner City Trust	2,000.00	Payments to Choral Scholars
Arts Council NI	180.00	Bank Fees
Concert Revenue	1,000.00	
St Eugene's Cathedral donation	5,000.00	
Private donations	2,270.00	
St Eugene's Choir donation	500.00	
Total	15,329.50	Total
<u>Balance Forward</u>	9,380.17	
<u>Pending (Approximately)</u>		
	£	

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Annual report

The Northlands' Heritage Group's Annual Report to Charity Commission NI

Summary of Activities: From inauguration in late 2022 to 31st. December 2023

1. The Derry Inner City Trust, Magee Campus of Ulster University, St. Eugene's RC Cathedral and Christ Church Londonderry initially planned to establish a Company Limited by Guarantee as a registered Charity with a Board of Trustees, suitable bank accounts and as first ventures, a Choral Scholars' Scheme in St. Eugene's RC Cathedral and an Open-Door policy at Christ Church Londonderry.
2. Having formally established the charity, we introduced the Choral Scholars scheme to the Cathedral Choir and received general support. Control of the scholars' scheme was vested in an elected body of officers from the Choir with its own bank account. Following carefully arranged auditions sensitive to protection policies and fairness, around a dozen scholars were selected for the first cohort which proved highly successful for six of them but resulted in early resignations by others for a variety of reasons. This learning experience for us was carried forward to August 2023 with a much clearer commitment required to provide eight scholars for season 2023 - 2024.
3. A major achievement has been the funding of this scheme, including an Arts Council NI Grant, an annual pledge from the Derry Inner-City Trust, a number of regular donations with Gift Aid from existing choristers, a donation from the choir itself as well as the Bishop's Office and a substantial event and fund-raising achievement together with the Altnagelvin Hospital Choir. Such funding secures the scheme for at least two coming seasons.
4. The scholars have integrated positively into the Choir, been used on several occasions as soloists and as a chamber group, and have elevated the performance and morale of the choir leading to the purchase of new choir robes and folders and an increased awareness of performance discipline.
5. The Christ Church Open Door project has led to the Church being open daily to the public for the first time in several generations with a number of display guides to the Church located around the building and a Volunteers of the Year award by the National Churches Trust in November 2023 for this achievement. A significant part of this aspect of our work has been a "First Wednesday Lunchtime Recital" scheme to encourage young local musicians to perform on the first Wednesday of each month and a "Celebration Concert Series" of four Sunday concerts per year given by significant recitalists. As before, the response to these initiatives has been excellent both in audience attendance and donations from interested individuals and public bodies.
6. The Open Door policy has also led to increased use of Christ Church by renowned groups and individuals as a concert venue; international stars Malachy Frame and Ruth McGinley; the Codetta, Sestina, and Altnagelvin Hospital Choirs; and the Ulster Orchestra.

Public Benefit

The Northland Heritage Group gives public benefit by providing recreation and spiritual comfort to community members in the use of both Christ Church and St. Eugene's Cathedral for both religious services and visitor facilities. It also encourages the educational development of young people through its Scholars' Scheme and concert programme while also providing a cultural improvement to the area. This has been achieved by the selection and encouragement of choral scholars and equally, by the significant improvement to Christ Church as a community resource. The cultural life of the community has also been encouraged by the performances of young soloists in the Service and concert programmes.

Financial Review

The Northland Heritage Group holds two current accounts in Danske Bank, the general account and the St. Eugene's Choral Scholars' accounts, which together maintain a balance of £9,380.17 at 31st. December 2023. Thus the financial position is secure with funding to cover its activities for at least the next two years. The Group has no reserved accounts nor capital assets.


Trustees

Chairman: James Kelley
Secretary: Helen Quigley
Treasurer: Rosemary Finan

Other Trustees: Rev. Paul Farren, Damian McAteer, Sean McGinty Archdeacon Robert Miller, Professor Malachy O'Neill

Administration

The Northland Heritage Group is administered by its Board of Trustees, appointed annually at the AGM and known as "the Committee" with a sub-committee responsible for the St. Eugene's Cathedral Choral Scholars' Scheme consisting of adult Cathedral choristers. The Charity is governed by its Constitution, approved by General Meeting on 26th. August 2022.



Chairman, Northland Heritage Group
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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Northland Heritage Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st. December 2023, which are set out below. 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.

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:

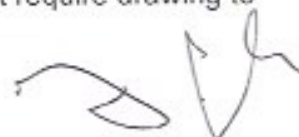
1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper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

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.

Anthony Jackson FCA
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Signature

* 25th January 2024



25 January 2024