



Baltic Together

Report and Financial Statements

Year ending 31 March 2025

Charity Commission Number: NIC109522

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Baltic Together" mission is to create lasting positive change in our community by supporting Lithuanians living in Mid Ulster Area through workshops, events, projects and guidance. We work in partnership with local organisations, volunteers and supporters to ensure everyone has the opportunity, resources and encouragement they need to thrive.

Management Committee Report

The third year of Baltic Together has continued with the activities of year one again with no income during the period.

Since our set up in 2022 we have continued to promote our organisation throughout the events, partnership and social media.

The trustees continue to work with Mid Ulster Council, schools, Migrant and Ethnic Minority Peace Builders, Lithuanian school "Lietuvytis" and many families which based in the Mid Ulster Area in NI. This organisation has grown considerably over this past year and as a result has made connections with other nationals originally from the Baltic Region in Ireland.

We would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support over the past year and we hope that we and to many others who give their time to help support the organisation.

The Baltic Together Management Committee

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Report of the trustees for the Period ending 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual committee report together with the financial statements of the Organisation for the year ending 31 March 2025

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2008 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Charity Number CCNI: NIC 109522

Our purposes and activities

Baltic Together is established to enhance promote the benefit of the inhabitants currently residing in the MID Ulster Area and originally from the area defined as the Baltic State -Lithuania (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") of the Mid Ulster Area (herein called the area of benefit) to advance education, and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational or other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants and in particular to Invite people to join joint projects, activities, join the community building process and organize various initiatives with the aim of gathering and growing community. Provide or secure the provision of welfare rights advice and information and refer those in need of professional assistance to the relevant agencies.

Our Lithuanian Library is open 3 days per week set times and we also have regular meetings which is announced on our social media beforehand. We are an equal opportunity group where elderly, parents and their children, women and man are welcome. As a Charity we are running regular sessions and meetings for woman; parents and kids stay and play sessions (trial stage at the moment); Lithuanian book library where everyone welcome to come and pick a book, have a chat, meet new people; we also organize Mid-summer festival for all community, Christmas family event and coffee mornings. Many more activities planned but haven't taken place yet.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. The Organisation relies on grant income and donations to cover its operating costs.

There is no private benefit to any individual - the only private benefit flowing from this purpose that it is incidental and is necessary for staff to receive on-going training in safeguarding children. These benefits are necessary to ensure the highest quality of service benefits the beneficiaries.

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Aims

- i) To advance of community settlement and development in Northern Ireland
- ii) To advance the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill -health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage.
- iii) provide or secure the provision of welfare rights advice and information and refer those in need of professional assistance to the relevant agencies.
- iv) To support the development of a cohesive, shared and integrated community.
- v) Preservation of Historical and Cultural traditions from Baltic States including dance, music and language.
- vi) To encourage civic responsibility/good citizen
- vii) To assist with the creation and enjoyment and achievement of Volunteering
- viii) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy and going concern

Without the support of our funders and continued fundraising efforts by staff and volunteers, it is doubtful that the organisation could continue operating. The trustees are endeavouring to ensure the success with a combination of measures including fundraisers and applications to funding bodies in an effort to secure staff posts and long-term sustainability of the charity.

A major financial concern for the Organisation as with any charity will be ongoing financial sustainability from funding in the years to come. The trustees are aware of the need to maintain free reserves, especially in the current economic climate. Continual fundraising will provide a challenging environment in the years to come.

We would like to acknowledge the continued support of our donor Zega Support Organisation and Mid Ulster Council.

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Reference and administrative details

Operating address: 39 Thomas Street, Dungannon BT70 1HN

Our advisers

Accountant: E A Grimley & Co, 16 Clonoe Village Business Park, 98 Washingbay Road, Dungannon, BT71 4PU

Bankers: Ulster Bank 39 Market Square, Dungannon BT70 1JJ

Trustees

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

Founder: Andrius Zubernis

Chair: Jolanta Bartuseviciene

Vice chair: Rima Velaityte

Secretary:

Treasurer: Jurate Airose

Development officer: Evelina Bakseviciute

Safeguarding officer & Volunteer coordinator: Kristina Jukneliene

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

"Baltic Together" is organisation governed by a Constitution.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Trust Deed, the maximum Board members 7.

When considering co-opting trustees, the Board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed.

The Trustees shall be entitled to invite members of the public to attend as observers at any Annual General Meeting or any other meetings of the Trustees.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo an orientation session to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Trust Deed, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

Any person wishing to become a board member must apply in writing for approval by the Trustees. It is a requirement that the board members attend an induction process covering good governance. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

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The board of trustees, which require a minimum of 3 Trustees, administers the charity. The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, which meets at least 6 times per year.

This report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by

Signed: Jolanta Bartuseviciene

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Bartuseviciene', written over the printed name.

Dated: 9/04/2025

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Independent examiner's report to the Charity Trustees on the unaudited financial statements of the Baltic Together.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Baltic Together for the Period ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 9 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 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; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

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.

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 includes 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 2006
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.



Ethna Grimley
Independent examiner

Relevant Professional Qualification: FCA
E A Grimley & Co, Chartered Accountant
16 Clonoe Village Business Park
98 Washingbay Road, Coalisland
Co Tyrone, BT71 4PU

Dated: 9 October 2025

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Receipts and payments for year ending 31 March 2025

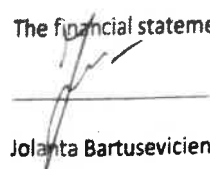
	31.03.25		31.03.24	
Income	£	£	£	£
MID ULSTER COUNCIL, MUDC CREDITORS		750		2,100
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION				1,118
Fundraising				4,239
Donation		603		5,000
Embassy Income		115		150
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		1,468		12,607
Expenses				
Repairs and Maintenance	1,277			
Computer Costs	-		125	
Telephone	513		476	
Event Costs	2,249		8,686	
Insurance	894		488	
Rates - return	(4,535)		5,242	
Electricity/Heating	746			
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Income Less Expenditure		<u>324</u>		<u>(2,409)</u>

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
As at 31 March 2025

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	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank	<u>4,067</u>	<u>3,743</u>
Funds of charity		
Income 1 April	3,743	6,152
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>324</u>	<u>(2,409)</u>
Balance at 31 March	<u><u>4,067</u></u>	<u><u>3,743</u></u>

The financial statements were approved on 9th April 2025 and signed on the trustee's behalf by;


Jolanta Bartuseviciene
Trustee