

**JUST LEARNING ATENEO LABOUR HISTORY, CO-OPERATION AND
HERITAGE LTD**

Trustees Report and Unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Charity Registration Number: 109836

Company Registration Number: NI701494

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1) Name of Charity:

Just Learning Ateneo: Labour History, Cooperation and Heritage Ltd.

Also known as: Just Learning Ateneo and the (A) Centre.

2) Registered address:

6 Wellington Court,
Belfast,
BT1 6HW

3) Charity and Company Number:

109836
NI701494

4) Purpose:

Just Learning Ateneo, Labour history, Co-operation and Heritage Ltd is an educational and social justice organisation that provides a library and reading room in Belfast. Recently established, we were registered with Companies House 8th September 2023 and with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland on 30th April 2024, by a group of rank-and-file union activists and people with a community education background. The main focus of our work is the development, maintenance and provision of a library and reading room, the promotion of learner lead education particularly in the area of community and labour history education through workshops, seminars, events, exhibitions and courses. Our purposes are specifically restricted to the following: (1) Promotion of adult education, particularly in the fields of labour and community education, through the direct provision of courses, training, supplementary education and other activities for the benefit of the Northern Ireland community. (2) Relief of poverty and provide for the needs of working-class people and of those who are socially, economically or educationally disadvantaged and to develop the capacity and skills of the members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and enable improvement in their levels of social, economic and cultural engagement and general health and well-being. (3) Providing educational programmes for appropriate organisations concerned with the collective educational needs in the community and in the workplace. (4) Generally furthering the advancement of education to the end that all people may have full access to the education needed for their complete individual and social development. (5) Providing an accessible library with content specific but not limited to the labour movement in Northern Ireland, Ireland, Britain and globally.

5) Charity Trustees, current and in place during this financial year:

David Brannigan
Garth McClure
John Blair
Simon Richards
Dr Máirtín Ó Cáthaín

6) Financial year of relevance to this report:

1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

7) Structure Governance and Management:

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 8 September 2023. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association and is governed under its Articles of Association. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to pay £1 in the event of it winding up.

8) Risks and Reserves Policy:

As a small charity reliant on donations and with no core funding our functioning is at significant risk due to unforeseen expenditure and/or shortfall in projected income. As such the trustees have identified the need to raise and maintain reserves from unrestricted funds to the value of £5,000. This amount should ensure we can meet possible future liabilities, including legal and contracted obligations in the event that the charity is forced to close or due to unanticipated shortfall in its income.

Use of reserve funds can be approved at any duly convened meeting of the trustees. The reserve policy will be regularly reviewed on the basis of regular reports to the trustees by the treasurer.

9) Summary of main activities:

Library, archive and reading room: Over the course of the year our volunteer ran library and reading room have been open for use by researchers and the general public four days a week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We currently hold over 1,000 pamphlets, over 4,000 books and hundreds of items in our archive related to the local and global labour movement and associated social movements. Access has also been available by pre-arrangement.

Website: Our website which was launched earlier in 2024 has been further developed in and maintained in this financial year and the Belfast Anarchist Collective (BAC) archive added which contains posters and leaflets from the 1970s and 1980s including from The Murray's Defence Committee, Hunger Strikes, unemployed organising in the 1980s, the (A) Centre and posters and ephemera collected by members of the BAC when they attended the historic first post-Franco Congress of the CNT-AIT in 1979. At Belfast strike chronology is still in development while the contents of our library still need to be catalogued and made available on the website a great deal of progress has been made.

Cineforum: Our *Cineforum*, set up to show educational, labour movement and associated social movement focused films and documentaries started on 27th of October and has been a semi-regular event which was due to conclude for the year with the showing of *Union*, a documentary about union organising at an Amazon warehouse in the USA. Notably on the 1st of May 2025 we held a successful event in partnership with the Radical Film Network, *Worker's Rights*, which showcased a selection of short films on worker's rights and struggles as part of an international day of events. On 4th July we screened *To Kill a War Machine* to an audience of over 30 on the evening prior to Palestine Action's proscription.

Book Launches: In the course of the year, we have held two book launches. One on the 11th of January 2025 for *To Rob a Bank is an Honor*, by the late Lucio Urtubia which had recently been translated into English along with a documentary of his life. On 22nd of March 2025 we held the Belfast book launch of *Fragments of Victory: The Contemporary Irish Left* with the book's editors Oisín Gilmore and David Landy.

Solidarity: On 22nd of February we took part in an international solidarity event in support of the *Educational Bookshop* in Jerusalem in partnership with the Just Books Collective. This event raised

awareness of the arrest of a bookshop worker and attack on the bookshop by the IDF and provided Palestinian literature and produce for attendees.

Exhibitions: We hosted exhibitions. From Thursday 6th March until the 30th of March 2025 we held an exhibition of local anarchist posters that are held in our archive. From the 3rd of June until the 2nd of May 2025, we hosted the *Gaza Remains the Story* exhibition in collaboration with the Palestine Museum to raise awareness of the history of Palestine and its people. This exhibition was attended by over 300 people. Then on the 19th of July 2025, on the 89th anniversary of the Spanish revolution we launched an exhibition of posters, newspapers and artifacts from the Spanish Revolution and Civil War which began with the uprising of ordinary workers and peasants against Franco's fascist coup. This ran to the end of the current financial year.

Social and Recreational Events: We organised a number of social and recreational events over the course of the year including table quizzes (with an educational labour history focus), and games nights.

Supporting Local Artists: Since February 2025 we have been supporting local artists and musicians and have regularly provided our space for small events showcasing their work. We have an arrangement with a local alternative promoter that all the proceeds of events organised in partnership with them will see all monies raised go to the artists themselves as all too often they are expected to perform for unpaid or for very little remuneration.

Open Day: On May 3rd, following the May Day trade union parade in Belfast we held a successful open day, building engagement with a broad range of trade union and community activists.

Main Achievements: The main achievements during the year have been the ongoing successful engagement with a range of people primarily but not exclusively connected to the broader labour movement including young and old workers. We have continued to successfully establish our charity despite a lack of outside funding and remaining reliant on donations. This has however meant we have been operating without an adequate reserve fund and remain at risk in terms of meeting our ongoing financial obligations we remain committed to building up adequate reserves for our charity. We have maintained our library and reading room and delivered a wide range of events with no paid workers and remain entirely volunteer run. We will continue to build on this and endeavour to more effectively meet our purposes and benefit the public as set out in our governing document. We also aim to ensure our board of trustees will become more diverse and inclusive over the coming year.

10) Public benefit requirement:

Our trustees having due regard to the public benefit requirement have ensured that all our activities flow from our aims and purposes.

The public benefit which flow from our purposes are the provision of free education, poverty relief, and community cohesion to benefit the general public, focusing specifically on unemployed and socially disadvantaged individuals. Key Benefits in the current financial year include delivery of free, workshops, exhibitions, and open access to a library and reading room. The relief of poverty by building skills, knowledge, and confidence to help disadvantaged groups meet their needs, this has been the case in encouraging education and discussion and in the promotion of local musicians. We promote community cohesion through the promotion of social justice, reduction of cultural tensions, and the fostering a safer, shared, and more stable society through the respectful and meaningful engagement and discussion and in the provision of a shared and respectful space seeking to expands intellectual pursuit and builds civic engagement through shared reading, culture, and information. The organisation produces zero public harm and delivers zero private financial benefits to any of its trustees.

- 11) Trustee signatures:
David Brannigan

Trustee 1

Date: 30/04/2026

M Ó'Catháin

Trustee 2

Date: 30/04/2026

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees:	John Colin Blair David Jason Brannigan Garth Alwyn McClure Mairtin O' Cathain Simon William Richards
Charity Number:	109836
Company Number:	NI701494
Registered Office:	6 Wellington Court, Belfast, BT1 6HW
Independent Examiner:	Ronan McNally c/o JUST LEARNING ATENEO LABOUR HISTORY, CO-OPERATION AND HERITAGE LTD, 6 Wellington Court, Belfast, BT1 6HW
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of JUST LEARNING ATENEO LABOUR HISTORY, CO-OPERATION AND HERITAGE LTD

I report on the accounts of JUST LEARNING ATENEO LABOUR HISTORY, CO-OPERATION AND HERITAGE LTD (Northern Ireland Charity Number: 109836) for the year ended 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees 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 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 Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. 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 trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Signed: Ronan McNally

c/o JUST LEARNING ATENEO LABOUR HISTORY, CO-OPERATION AND HERITAGE LTD,
6 Wellington Court,
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Date: 25/07/2026

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

<u>Financial Heading</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds 2024/25 (£)</u>
<u>INCOME FROM:</u>	
<u>Charitable Activities (donations & legacies)</u>	<u>11,442</u>
<u>Grant Income (General unrestricted)</u>	<u>1,780</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>13,222</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE ON:</u>	
<u>Raising Funds: Fundraising Costs</u>	<u>788</u>
<u>Charitable Activities:</u>	
<u>Subcontractor/Volunteer Costs</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Rent & Premises Costs</u>	<u>9,300</u>
<u>IT, Hosting & Telecommunications</u>	<u>1,053</u>
<u>Office & Administrative Costs</u>	<u>756</u>
<u>Travel, Motor & Meals</u>	<u>284</u>
<u>Governance & Professional Fees</u>	<u>593</u>
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>13,274</u>
<u>Net Movement in Funds (Deficit)</u>	<u>(52)</u>
<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>(4,608)</u>
<u>Total Funds carried forward</u>	<u>(4,660)</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure arise from continuing activities.

Prior year comparative figures for individual income/expense lines could not be provided but the opening balance was (£4,608)

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Balance sheet

	<u>2025 (£)</u>	<u>13 months to 30 Sep 24 (£)</u>
<u>Current assets</u>	<u>341.44</u>	<u>393.33</u>
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>	<u>(5,001.43)</u>	<u>(5,001.54)</u>
<u>Net current assets / (liabilities)</u>	<u>(4,659.99)</u>	<u>(4,608.21)</u>
<u>Total assets less current liabilities</u>	<u>(4,659.99)</u>	<u>(4,608.21)</u>
<u>Net Liabilities</u>	<u>(4,659.99)</u>	<u>(4,608.21)</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity (unrestricted funds)</u>	<u>(4,659.99)</u>	<u>(4,608.21)</u>

Statutory Declarations:

- For the period ending 30 September 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members 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 Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.
- The company has taken advantage of section 444(1) of the Companies Act 2006 and opted not to deliver to the registrar a copy of the company's Income and Expenditure Account.

This report was approved by the trustees on the 30 April 2026 and is signed on their behalf by:

Mr David Jason Brannigan

Trustee/Director

30 April 2026

Charity registration 109836

Company registration NI701494

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1. General Information

Just Learning Ateneo: Labour History, Co-operation and Heritage Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, registered number NI701494 and a charity registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, charity registration number 109836. The registered office is 6 Wellington Court, Belfast, BT1 6HW.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charities governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 January 2019).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A Small Entities "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

2.2. Ongoing Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3. Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objects. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

2.4. Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation. Income tax is recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant recognised at the time of the donation.

3. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

4. Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities as all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

5. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the period was: NIL (2024: Nil)

6. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

Bank loans and overdrafts: £1 Other creditors: £5,000 Total: £5,001 (2024: £5,001)

Other creditors include £5,000 (2024: £5,000) in respect of a concessionary loan provided by a director. Further details, including the terms of repayment, are set out in Note 7 (Related Party Transactions).

7. Related Party Transactions

At the balance sheet date, the charity owed an outstanding balance of £5,000 (2024: £5,000) to David Brannigan, a director/trustee of the charity, in respect of a concessionary loan provided in a prior accounting period.

No additional advances were made, and no repayments took place during the year (2024: £Nil).

Interest charged: £Nil

Terms: The loan is unsecured, interest-free, and repayable on demand. However, the director has confirmed that repayment will not be requested until the charity has sufficient financial resources to do so without affecting its operational commitments or solvency.

8. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

9. SoFA for Prior Year

Prior year comparative figures for individual income/expense lines could not be provided but the opening balance for 2024/25 was (£4,608).