

Fèis Arainn

Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year ended April 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the financial year ended April 2025

Reference and Administrative Information Charity Name

Fèis Arainn

Charity Number

SC021446



Governance and Management Constitution

The charity began as a community group in 1998 and then a Committee was formed and a Constitution adopted. The first Fèis ran for four days in July 1999.

Charitable Purposes and Objectives.

Fèis Arainn is a festival of traditional music, culture and language carried out in an easy, non-competitive way with fun and games included. We offer traditional music tuition and a Gaelic arts experience to young people from the age of eight. Participants have the opportunity to try out or improve their skills in a number of musical instruments, song and drama and shinty as well as giving them experience of the Gaelic language which was of course the first language of Arran residents in earlier times. In this way they are reminded of the heritage of the island and, we hope, encouraged to keep the language and the spirit of Gaelic alive.

Fèis Arainn is an event open to young people from the age of eight which takes place during the last week of July. Over the 4 days participants will have the opportunity to try out or improve their skills in a number of musical instruments, song, drama, art and shinty as well as improving their Gaelic language skills. Beginners are very welcome at all our events, and those who already play an instrument or sing will also find the experience very rewarding. We aim to cater for all abilities, right up to accomplished musicians and singers. You don't need to be able to read music and you don't need to have any previous knowledge of traditional music to enjoy a Fèis. Workshops are taught by ear with participants learning tunes and songs one phrase at a time.

Participants will select 3 choices + one reserve choice when registering.

Each 'first choice' class will prepare a piece for our end of the week concert and will be attended twice a day. Every effort will be made to ensure participation in chosen subjects however some participants may be offered their reserve choice to deliver age and ability appropriate tuition.

All our tutors are experienced, professional musicians, skilled in working with young people. Our committee and volunteers help our events run smoothly. Children are supervised at all times, and we work in accordance with Child Protection and Health & Safety Guidelines.

The organisation's purposes are to advance the musical education of young people living on the Isle of Arran; to promote our national heritage and culture; and to increase public exposure to, appreciation of, and involvement in music and the performing arts.

This will be done by:

- Encouraging participation, nurturing talent, and providing musical tuition and activities which support or enhance existing provision by the North Ayrshire Council Music Service.
- Providing opportunities for young people on Arran to come together to participate in, experience, learn from and enjoy musical performance opportunities of the highest standards.
- Providing young people with the opportunity to engage with, learn and perform traditional Scottish music and associated instruments.
- Providing opportunities for young people to engage with professional musicians and performance through attending concerts, shows and the like (on Arran and beyond) and participating in workshops.
- Working with the wider community to engage new audiences by encouraging their attendance at and participation in music rehearsal, concerts and community music making.

Activities

Weekly structured lessons in:

Fiddle

Group work

Achievements

The Fèis week was another great success with 90 young people participating in the daily classes and the events including a family ceilidh night and participants concert at the end of the week were very well attended.

The Trad Band has been developing through weekly group work sessions. They performed at numerous concerts and community events throughout the year and attended a residential weekend in Aviemore where they collaborated with two other Youth Groups from Strathspey and Oban.

Our participant numbers continue to grow:

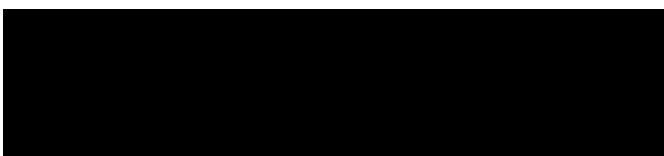
High School Trad Bands – 28

High School Fiddle – 25

Primary School Fiddle – 20

A number of young people presented for exams.

All of our participants took part in various other local events including musical events, fundraising activities, and educational activities to better the participants of the charity.



FEIS ARAINN SCO21446

ACCOUNTS: Feis No2 a/c

APRIL 2024 to APRIL 2025

Income:

Bias Festival Grant
Feisean Nan Gaidheal Grant
Pupil Fees
Feis Arainn

Total

Checksum Expenditure:

£0.00 Tutor Fees
£0.00 Fiddle Club Expenditure
£6,294.00 Transfer to Fiddle Club
£2,533.00

Total

Checksum

£9,933.00
£0.00
£0.00

Sub Total £8,827.00 £8,827.00

Sub Total £9,933.00 £9,933.00

Carried Forward

£2,310.54

Total £9,933.00

Total £11,137.54
Balance £1,204.54

This is a true and accurate
view of the accounts
01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025



Accounts examined and found to be in
agreement with all information provided



29 May 2025

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name FEIS ARAINN						
Registered charity number	SC 021446						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	1	APRIL	2024		31	MARCH	2025
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)						

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper view to be reached.

Signed:**Name:**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:**Date:**

29 MAY 2025

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

FEIS ARAINN SC021446

ACCOUNTS: Main Feis Nol a/c

APRIL 2024 to APRIL 2025

INCOME:

First part of Fng Grant
North Ayrshire Gaelic Development
Fng annualised hours payments
Second part of Fng Grant
Bord Na Gaidhlig
NAC Annual Grant
Year Long Fiddle Classes
General Donations

Checksum

EXPENDITURE:

Pre Feis Workshops
Tutor Fees
Tutor Travel
Tutor Accommodation
Tutor Subsistence

Checksum

£3,404.00
£3,000.00
£420.00
£0.00
£0.00
£0.00
£3,827.00
£4,075.00
Subtotal: £14,726.00

£0.00
£10,856.25
£1,265.20
£3,112.96
£880.00
Subtotal: £16,114.41

Feis Income:

Registration Fees
Sale of T-shirts
Ceilidh Door
Concert Door
Raffle
Tuck shop
Juice Bar
Clarsach hire
Unassigned Income

Feis costs:

Transport of Children
Cost of T-shirts
Transport of Instruments
Workshop costs
Hire of Meeting rooms
Hire of Halls / PA
Hire of School
Cost of tuck
Miscellaneous

£7,754.45
£240.00
£795.00
£970.06
£575.90
£344.08
£36.50
£0.00
£511.04

£2,012.00
£371.82
£0.00
£0.00
£28.00
£120.00
£1,740.00
£187.29
£1,185.75
£5,644.86
Subtotal: £5,644.86

Subtotal: £11,227.03 £11,227.03 Feisean Nan Gaidheal Subscriptions

£150.00

Misc

Subtotal £320.98
£320.98

Publicity
Web page costs
Feis Arainn
Misc

£87.60
£822.99
£2,533.00
£1,030.05
£4,623.64
Subtotal: £4,623.64

Trad Band Income

Subtotal £1,365.90
£1,365.90

Group Work
Trad Band Teaching
Trad Band Expenses

£423.50
£4,273.50
£2,876.90
£7,573.90
Subtotal £7,573.90

Carried Forward:

£39,365.25

Annualised hours

£420.00
Subtotal: £420.00

TOTAL: £67,005.16
BALANCE: £32,628.35

TOTAL: £34,376.81

Grand Total £32,628.35

This is a true and accurate view of the accounts 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

TREASURER (HONS)

Accounts examined and found to be in agreement with all information provided

29 May 2025