

Fèis Phàislig
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For the year ended 31 August 2023

Charity Number SC045342
Unincorporated Association

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and the charity's financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2023.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, Its Trustees and Advisors

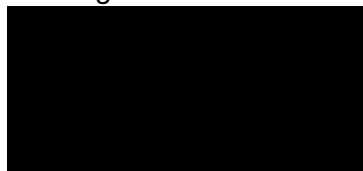
The registered name of the charity is "Fèis Phàislig".

Fèis Phàislig (the Association) is constituted as an unincorporated association and has been recognised by HMRC as having Charitable Status and, as such, is exempt from Income and Corporation Tax in relation to its charitable activities.

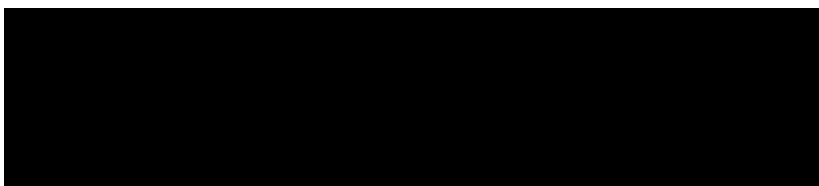
The OSCR charity number is SC045342.

Registered Office

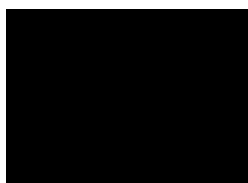
The registered address of the Association is:



Current Trustees



Along with the above, the following non-executive committee members form the operational committee of the Association:



Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

The governing document of the Association is the constitution, adopted on 2 November 2014.

Board Meetings are held regularly, especially in the period prior to the Fèis week, and have full, strategic decision-making responsibility. All Trustees are entitled to attend these meetings.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in November. Newly appointed Trustees are subject to a formal induction process as part of their appointment. This process involves briefings from the Chair and operational overviews.

Day-to-day operational management of the Association is carried out by the committee, with the assistance of volunteers.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and are not remunerated for their roles. Valid out of pocket expenses are reimbursed to [REDACTED] only, as day-to-day organiser, with the prior approval of the committee. [REDACTED] is also paid for his role as tutor at both the annual Feis and the program of Weekly Lessons. These rates are commensurate with those paid to other tutors.

Additional Governance Issues

All committee members and any volunteers are required by **Fèisean nan Gàidheal** to undergo checks under the *Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme* (PVG Scheme), which is administered by Disclosure Scotland. [REDACTED] is the nominated Child Protection Officer within the committee.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is the umbrella body for all Fèisean, of which the Association is a member.

Objectives and Activities

The main objectives of the Association are:

- a) to promote interest, education and participation in the traditional music, language and culture of the Gàidhealtachd, and particularly those of Paisley and Renfrewshire;
- b) to plan, programme and arrange activities on its own initiative, or with other local musical, arts and educational societies and organisations; and
- c) to plan, programme and present an annual tuition Festival structured to highlight the musical, cultural and educational objectives of the Fèis

In order to achieve these aims, the Association runs a year-round programme of events for young people aged 5-25 in the Renfrewshire area. This includes an annual 'Fèis Week', a series of weekly instrumental classes and a summer 'Cèilidh Trail' tour for early-career musicians. Further information on the Fèis can be obtained from the website (feisphaislig.com).

Strategic Report

Achievements, Performance and Plans for Future Periods

Fèis Phàislig was established in November 2014 to provide traditional music opportunities for young people in Renfrewshire. The board has worked diligently throughout the year to enhance our existing programme of activities and expand opportunities for young people across Renfrewshire. Through our diverse range of events and initiatives, we reached over 15,000 young people across the region in 2023.

We are grateful for the continued support of our funders, including Fèisean nan Gàidheal and Renfrewshire Council, whose contributions have enabled us to deliver impactful opportunities for young people throughout the year. Their support has been instrumental in our ability to provide enriching experiences and foster a love for traditional arts among our participants.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the tutors who have dedicated their time and expertise to work with us over the past year. Their commitment to nurturing young talent ensures that every participant receives a high-quality experience, and we value their ongoing contributions to our various projects and initiatives.

Below are highlights of our key activities and accomplishments during the 2023 financial year:

Fèis Week (Seachdain na Fèise):

Our seventh annual Fèis Week provided four days of music-making and arts workshops, attracting 166 participants across various age groups and skill levels. The event, held at Johnstone High School, featured a diverse range of workshops led by professional tutors, offering participants the opportunity to develop their skills and showcase their talents.

Weekly Lessons (Clasaichean gach Seachdain):

Our weekly instrumental lessons continued to thrive, with 72 participants attending classes in accordion, fiddle, and guitar. Additionally, our Fèis Bheag sessions provided introductory sessions for younger participants, fostering their interest in traditional music from an early age.

YMI: Introduction to Scottish Music:

Through our partnership with Renfrewshire Council and the Youth Music Initiative scheme, we delivered traditional music sessions to schools across the region, reaching a total of 914 pupils. These sessions provided students with a broad introduction to traditional music and Gaelic, with a focus on tin whistle or Gaelic song.

Ceilidh Trail (Cèilidh air Chuairt):

Our Ceilidh Trail initiative offered young musicians aged 16 to 25 the opportunity to participate in a professional summer tour, delivering 23 performances to over 900 audience members. The tour provided valuable experience and skill development for participants, contributing to their growth as musicians.

Gaelic Choir (Còisir Ghàidhlig):

Our year-round Gaelic Choir programme saw the successful reinstatement of weekly sessions, with approximately 10 young people attending regularly. The choir's highlight was placing 2nd in their section at the Royal National Mòd, showcasing their talent and dedication.

Other Initiatives (Puingean a Bharrachd):

We initiated a successful ASN Traditional Music project, delivering traditional music sessions for pupils with additional support needs in two schools. Additionally, we contributed to the success of the Royal National Mòd in Paisley by hosting various activities and events, including the unveiling of 'The Renfrewshire Collection,' a curated resource highlighting the region's traditional music scene.

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We would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, parent supporters, and coordinators who have played a vital role in the success of our programs and events throughout the year.

As we look ahead to 2024, we remain committed to building on the achievements of 2023 and continuing to provide enriching opportunities for young people to engage with traditional music and Gaelic culture in Renfrewshire and beyond.


Fèis Director
January 2024

Financial Review

Financial Summary

The net incoming (2022: outgoing) resources of the Association for the period amounted to £56,957 (2022: £25,321). Funding of £121,460 (2022: £49,299) was received from a number of public bodies and charitable organisations with related objectives, with further income of £40,203 (2022: £23,663) being generated from the Association's charitable activities and activities for generating funds.

Expenditure during the year has supported the key objectives of the Association by enabling the activities described under Achievements and Performance above.

Some of the funding received in the year is conditional on the Association incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable. Funds of £97,635 are held at the year end.

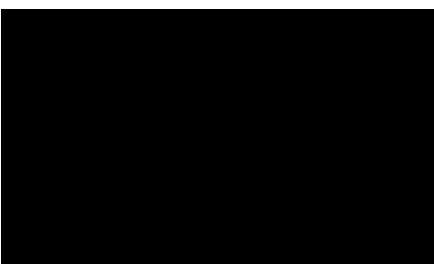
The statement of receipts and payments is set out on page 7.

The level of business and the year end position of the Association were both entirely satisfactory and the level of retained funds are sufficient to allow the Association to operate for the foreseeable future.

Equal Opportunities in Employment and Disabled Employees

The Association is committed to ensuring that the ethos and principles of equality of opportunity and valuing diversity are embedded in all aspects of service delivery and are a guiding principle for all its activities. The Association strives to embrace a positive attitude towards the promotion of equality and diversity and to create a working environment which is inclusive of everyone regardless of ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, carer responsibility, race, nationality, social or economic status, trade union membership or activity.

By Order of the Board of Trustees



Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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. 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 report

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 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 Regulationshave 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.



29th May 2024

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 August 2023

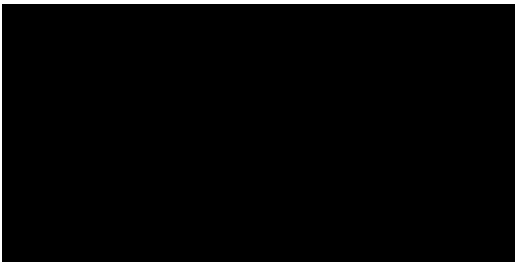
		General Reserve	General Reserve
	Note	(Year ended 31 August 2023) £	(Year ended 31 August 2022) £
Incoming resources			
Generated Funds			
Grant/Voluntary Income	2	121,460	49,299
Activities for Generating Funds:	2		
Fèis week income		4,244	224
Ceilidh		-	380
External events		3,605	1,040
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:			
Fèis subscriptions		12,862	11,055
Weekly lesson subscriptions		14,214	8,003
Ceilidh trail		2,552	1,396
Instrument hire		2,280	1,520
Sundry		446	45
Total incoming resources		161,663	72,962
Resources expended			
Charitable activities:			
Income Generation	3	104,671	98,283
Asset purchase		35	-
Total resources expended		104,706	98,283
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		56,957	(25,321)

The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	31 August 2023 £	31 August 2022 £
Funds reconciliation			
Cash at bank and in hand (opening)		40,678	65,999
Surplus / (deficit) in the year		56,957	(25,321)
Cash at bank and in hand (closing)		97,635	40,678
Other assets			
Music equipment (at cost)	4	5,690	5,655
Cash at bank and in hand			
Bank deposit account		46,310	11,055
Paypal account		51,325	29,623
Total cash at bank and in hand		97,635	40,678

The financial statements on pages 7 and 8 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 28th May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



The notes to these financial statements form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of income received and expenditure outlaid during the year.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Association's financial statements except as noted below.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which provides that the Association will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

(a) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Assets bought using funds generated by the operations of the Association are treated as owned by the Association.

(b) General Reserve

This is an unrestricted reserve. Surpluses and deficits from operational activities are accounted for through the Receipts and Payments Account.

(c) Income and Expenditure Recognition Policy

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the period in which it is received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure on operational programmes is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

As no system exists to directly attribute costs between charitable expenditure and income generating expenditure an estimate is made each year based on activity.

There is no apportionment of indirect costs as these are considered to be immaterial.

(d) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies that are consistent with the treatment of the Association as a going concern. The Association's available unrestricted reserves ('free' reserves) are in surplus at the year end and the Trustees are confident that sufficient funds will be available to support the Association throughout the period of the coming twelve months.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

2 Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

	Year ended 31 August 2023	Year ended 31 August 2022
	£	£
Funding from Fèisean nan Gàidheal	60,320	23,756
Funding from Renfrewshire Council	57,190	23,943
Funding from Bord Na Gaidhlig	-	1,600
Other grant funding	3,950	-
	121,460	49,299

Activities for Generating Funds

	Year ended 31 August 2023	Year ended 31 August 2022
	£	£
Feis week income	4,244	224
External events	3,605	1,040
Ceilidh	-	380
	7,849	1,644

Funding received

During the period, funding of £121,460 (2021 - £49,299) was received from a number of bodies in respect of operational costs, as detailed above. The funding is conditional on the Association incurring the expenditure outlined in the various funding applications submitted. The trustees are confident that these conditions have been met, such that none of the funds received should become repayable.

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3 Resources Expended

Charitable Activities

	Year ended 31 August 2023	Year ended 31 August 2022
	£	£
Tutor costs	59,796	38,555
Ceilidh trail expenditure	15,345	25,157
Annualised hours payment	11,128	8,376
External events	6,490	2,759
Materials	3,821	1,509
Venue hire	3,657	2,573
Sundry expenditure	2,111	-
Supplies	707	2,390
Website	334	471
Ceilidh	300	-
Refunds	281	386
Gifts	277	116
Memberships	170	240
Fèis week entertainment	116	330
Marketing and advertising	76	118
Repairs and maintenance	62	330
Treoir	-	11,576
School promotional visits	-	3,047
Photography	-	350
	104,671	98,283

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4 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Music Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 September 2021	5,665
Additions	-
At 31 August 2022	5,655
Additions	35
At 31 August 2023	5,690