

Omagh Community Youth Choir
(Company limited by guarantee)

Registered number:

NI049255

Trustees' Annual Report (incorporating the director's report)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

The director, who is the trustees for the purpose of charity law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 follow on page 6, and they are preceded by the Report of the Independent Examiner.

Structure, governance and management

Omagh Community Youth Choir is a Northern Ireland based charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 January 2004. The Company registration number is NI049255. The organisation is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The registration number is 101955. The charitable company is also registered with HM Revenue & Customs. The HMRC Charities reference is NI00743. The principal office is the registered office, 68 Hospital Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0DA.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The company has one trustee/director, Mr Daryl Jon Simpson. The company secretary is Ms Deirdre McNamee.

Fr Patrick Kevin Mullan, former trustee and director, passed away on 6 May 2023.

Objectives and activities - Charitable purposes

The Company's objects are to provide a vehicle for young people from differing religious, cultural and social backgrounds to join in song and performance.

How the charity works

Omagh Community Youth choir comprises male and female members who are 16-21 years and are from all sections of the local community, and are representative of all the local post primary schools. The choir uses choral music to promote peace and reconciliation through music. The choir performs at local, national and international events, spreading this message of peace and reconciliation. They are also available to aid and support through their performances, fundraising events for other community groups and individuals with likeminded values. The choir performs at events throughout the year and also have under take tours on an international level. Trips to date have included England, Switzerland, and the USA on several occasions.

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Public Benefit statement

The purpose of Omagh Community Youth Choir is to provide a vehicle for young people from differing religious, cultural and social backgrounds to join in song and performance.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include bringing people together in a social, community or arts project or performance. The Choir may also volunteer services for performances which will generate funds to benefit such a charity, church or individual. All performances and events are chosen with the purpose of promoting peace and reconciliation and generating community and social interaction for the benefit of all participants and concert attendees. Benefits also include providing a safe and friendly platform which will give members an opportunity to develop their skills as singers and musicians. The emphasis is on improving and working as a group but there is also time to support and develop as individuals. The Choir encourages and develops citizenship within the members of the choir so that they may develop leadership skills and mutual understanding.

These benefits can be demonstrated by the comprehensive list of performance dates since the choir's inception. International tours and trips which help bond the members and help promote a positive message of Northern Ireland in the local, national and international communities. Not only do choir members benefit, but member families also benefit through the close co-operation in helping to achieve the aims of the choir. The effect that performances have on the general public have given much positivity and inspiration to others, as well as entertainment through the music.

The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

The charity's beneficiaries are members of the public who come along to public performances, choir members and families who take a full role in the participating and development of the choir objectives, church groups, schools and other small community based organisations who ask us to perform at functions.

There are no private benefits flowing from the purpose.

Taxation status

The organisation is a registered charity, and we have therefore claimed exemption from tax.

Achievements and performance

We are progressing on our objectives and targets and believe that our work is providing a great benefit to the local community, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current economic crisis in the country.

Financial review

The organisation seen a significant rise in income and expenditure in the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees believe that the charity is in a strong financial position and are confident the reserves of the company are of a sufficient level to be able to continue the activities of the charity and to serve their beneficiaries for many years to come.

The unrestricted reserves are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Finance reserves are set aside to protect the charity against drops in income. The balance in the charity's bank account at the balance sheet date is £36,737.

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Independent Examiner

At the annual general meeting it was proposed that Tyrone Accountancy Services Ltd would be re-elected as accountants/independent examiner for the incoming year.

Small company provisions

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Trustees

The trustees of the organisation during the financial period and the period up to the date of the approval of these financial statements were:

Fr Patrick Kevin Mullan (Died 6 May 2023)
Mr Daryl Jon Simpson

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

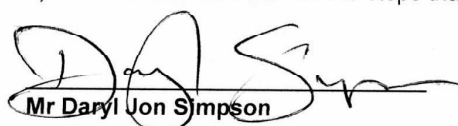
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy

Statement of Trustees' Confirmations

In the case of each of the persons who are trustees at the time when the report is approved, the following applies:

- a) so far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's independent
- b) each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make


Mr Daryl Jon Simpson

5 March 2024