

# The Robert & Kezia Stanley Chapman Trust

Annual Report & Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2023

## The Robert & Kezia Stanley Chapman Trust

Trustees who served during the reporting period (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

		Retires:
Michael J. S. Andress	South Belfast	Sept 2023
Richard Bloomfield	Cork	Sept 2023
Susan Webb	Churchtown	Sept 2023
E. Ann Loney	Richhill	Mar 2024
W. Paul Sinton	Richhill	Mar 2024
Fiona Brown Johnson	Waterford	Sept 2024
Charles B. Lamb	Roscrea	Sept 2024
Susanne G. Hayes	Monkstown	Jan 2026
Susanna Murdoch	Monkstown	Jan 2026
Nigel R. Hampton	Ulster Friends' Trustees	

### Registered Address

Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

### Charity number

NIC 102404

### Accountants

Crawford Tipping, F.C.A., "Birchwood, Clonganny, Ballygarrett, Gorey, Co. Wexford

### Bankers

Evelyn Partners Investment Services Ltd, 45 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BG

### Investment Advisors

Evelyn Partners Investment Services Ltd, 25 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6AY

## Trustees' Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Introduction

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and in line with the guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

### Purposes of the charity

Mabel Stanley Chapman was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). She was educated at Friends School Lisburn and was a member of Portadown and Moyallon Meetings.

The Trust is the result of a bequest by Mabel Stanley Chapman who died in 1994. By her will Mabel Stanley Chapman (1895-1994) bequeathed one third of the residue of her estate to the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland and asked that the fund created should be called "The Robert and Kezia Stanley Chapman Trust" in memory of her parents, the income to be used for charitable purposes. Under the terms of her will the income is to be used for charitable purposes including relief work at home and abroad – therefore a wide variety of activities and project can be helped. Typically grants from the Trust encourage Irish Friends to undertake new projects and activities while support for existing work of the Society is also considered.

### Our activities during 2023

During the pandemic there was a reduction in the activities of many of the organisations supported by the charity and hence a reduction in the number of applications for grants. Activity has now picked up again. Six grants were paid in 2023 as opposed to three in 2022. The grants approved and paid in 2023 ranged from £1,500 to £20,000.

The trustees met twice during the year to consider applications for financial support. Each application is supported by a completed draft application form with various sections - e.g. the nature of the project and what it is hoped will be achieved, names of Friends involved, whether there is any co-sponsorship, whether the local community will be involved, the timescale, whether there will be any contribution from those the project is aiming to help etc. The merits of each application are discussed in detail and decisions made as to whether to grant any or some or all of the amount requested and whether there will be any conditions attaching to the grant.

During 2023 grants totalling £50,208 were paid out. Grants included sums paid towards a variety of projects including:

Frederick Street Meeting, Belfast – refurbishment of Meeting House

Quaker Council for European Affairs

Crumlin Lower Advancing Youth Project

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### Public Benefit

The trustees of The Robert & Kezia Stanley Chapman Trust are pleased to confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit requirement statutory guidance of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

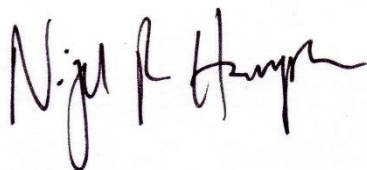
The Trust was established under the will of Mabel Stanley Chapman 'to be used for charitable purposes including relief and mission work at home and abroad' and 'to be administered by the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland'. The committee set up by the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland to administer the funds distributes the income from the assets in accordance with the wishes of Mabel Stanley Chapman. In practise, this means that the funds are used for the following purposes – 1. Relief work overseas, in particular, encouraging education, and the development of a better life for those who are deprived. We would expect that our grants would lead to the recipients being better fitted – through facilities such as running water and education – for a more fulfilling life. 2. Peace work in Ireland and overseas, in particular, encouraging those seeking to prevent or end conflicts. We would expect that our grants would lead to the recipients being enabled to carry out mediation, training in peace work and conflict interventions so that the prospects for peace in their areas are increased. 3. Education, both religious and other, particularly for those whose means are limited. We would expect that our grants would lead to the recipients being better fitted to help themselves and others lead more fulfilling spiritual and practical lives. 4. General charitable purposes in Ireland. particularly the charitable work of the Religious Society of Friends. We would expect that our grants would lead to the recipients being better able to carry out their work for the benefit of the community in which they operate. The committee is influenced in its grant making by – a. Involvement of members of the Religious Society of Friends in the work being proposed. b. Evidence that the work carried out will benefit society in general and will, on balance, not be harmful to society. In all cases, we expect to receive a report of the work carried out and the outcomes of the work. We would not expect that any of the grants we make would cause any harm, or potential harm to any individuals or communities. We do not make any grants for the private benefit of individuals. All grants have a public purpose. The committee reports annually to the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

### Financial Review

At the end of 2023, the Trust held investments with a book value of £1,130,730 (market value £1,277,923) and held cash balances totalling £56,163. There is no debt on the balance sheet. Income earned during the year was £53,287 comprising primarily of dividend income.

### Declaration

This report was approved at the Annual General Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and is signed on behalf of trustees.



Nigel R. Hampton  
Clerk of Trustees