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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC 102975

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Unaudited Financial Statements
29 February 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 29 February 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast Orangefest
Charity registration number	NIC 102975
Company registration number	NI063330
Principal office and registered office	7 Brookmount Street Belfast BT13 3AP
The trustees	Mr Mervyn Bishop Mr Spencer Beattie Mr Wilson Finlay Rev Mervyn Gibson Dr James Laird Mr William Hughes Mr Raymond Spiers
Company secretary	Dr James Laird
Independent examiner	Johnston Graham Limited 216/218 Holywood Road Belfast BT4 1PD

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 1st February 2007 and awarded charitable status on that same date. This has since been reaffirmed by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 25th June 2015 (Charity Registration Number NIC 102975). The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed under its Constitution.

Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Under the requirements of the Constitution the members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve for a period of one year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. The traditional skills of management and company related practical skills are well represented on the Board of Directors.

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Risk Management

The Board of Directors has conducted a review of any perceived major risks to which the charity may be exposed. Systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity may face as appropriate. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety of staff, volunteers and visitors to the office any events that the company may organise. These procedures are reviewed periodically to ensure they continue to meet the company needs.

Organisational Structure

Belfast Orangefest has a Board of Directors of 7 members and an Advisory / Management Committee of 14 members who meet on a monthly basis and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the company. There is also a Director of Development who is in attendance but does not qualify for voting rights at these meetings.

A procedure of delegation is employed by the Management and Advisory Committee to the Director of Development who is charged with the day-to-day responsibilities of the company and has the operational management responsibility for the adherence to good governance and working practices.

Objectives and activities

The company's objectives and principal activities are to:

- Promote the Belfast 12th Celebrations in a manner that is increasingly acceptable and welcoming to all
- Promote all Orange events in Belfast in a manner that allows all to attend and this is being achieved through our theme "Education through Celebration"

The main objectives and activities for the year continue to focus on the theme "Education through Celebration" in a wide variety of events such as:

- Launch of the Belfast 12th: Band performances, Highland Dancers, Lambeg Drumming, Poetry
- The 12th Celebrations: bands, parades, historical re-enactments, children's entertainment
- Art, Poetry, Photographic and short story competitions for Primary, Secondary and young adults
- Partnership with Belfast City Centre Management and its wider network to show that Belfast City Centre is open and welcoming on 12th July for everyone
- Promote the 12th July as a fully Family Friendly through separate projects event striving to negate any possible anti-social behaviour from any quarter
- Promote the 12th July as a Tourist attraction and increase footfall in Belfast City Centre
- Actively continue in the process to attempt to get Ethnic Minorities to participate in our information programme

Achievements and performance

The achievements and performance to date for this reporting year continue to be encouraging and in the coming years the company are striving to progress both within and without its own community and active work is still ongoing to encourage individuals and groups from other communities and traditions with a renewed focus on tourism to come and join with us, and this is beginning to show some success.

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Financial review

Against the backdrop of ever decreasing limited resources and continuing insecurity over funding for everyone it remains difficult to plan or develop our services, nevertheless the company continues to employ a Director of Development who is vital to the overall success of the project, however, sadly this appointment ends on 31st of March 2024 as the DFC has terminated the Funding for 2024 and probably beyond.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SCHEMES

Aside from the Department for Communities (Belfast Regeneration Office) who funds the Director of Development post and project but not generally programmed work. The company remains hopeful for more successful funding grant applications in the coming years albeit we are skeptical for 2023/2024 given the lack of an Assembly and therefore no Budgetary powers available.

Plans for future periods

The company plans to continue and expand upon the activities outlined above in the coming years but understands that this is always dependent upon successful funding and any internal finances available.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management committee are responsible for preparing the report of the Management Committee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the Management Committee have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity/company and the surplus or deficit of the charity/company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Management Committee are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity/company will continue in operation

The Management Committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity/company and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Management Committee are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity/company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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CONCLUSION

The Board of Directors are confident that Belfast Orangefest Limited is fulfilling its commitment to the Department and are pleased to report yet another successful Funding Period to which Orangefest are on target to complete all its outputs in their entirety and has decided to place the company in hibernation whilst we continue to seek funding.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 August 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Mervyn Bishop
Trustee



Rev Mervyn Gibson
Trustee