

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**for**

**Altram**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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## **Altram**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Aidhmeanna / Aims**

Altram is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC103690. It operates under a constitution dated 5th March 2012.

Altram is classified under the following descriptions of charitable purpose:

- The advancement of education
- The advancement of arts, culture, heritage or science.

Altram shall be non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian in character. Altram is established to advance the following aims:

The advancement of Irish-medium early years' care and education

The promotion and delivery of quality Irish-medium early years' care and education services to meet community need and demand

The involvement of families, parents and carers in the early learning experiences of their children

The provision of related training and support to the Irish-medium early years' sector

The development of early years' care and educational services as the foundation for Irish-medium education

##### **Principle activities**

Altram exists to promote high quality Irish-medium early years childcare and education which is open to all, and to support family involvement as a keystone in the development of an Irish language community.



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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

**1** The advancement of Irish-medium (IM) early years' care and education in Northern Ireland through ensuring access to the latter, and promoting and representing the early years' sector to relevant agencies and authorities. Beneficiaries are children who attend IM early years settings, which prepares them for successful transition to IM primary schools, benefitting the child, the school and ultimately the wider Irish language community. Staff, professionals and committees gain hands-on training in support of their respective roles. Parents and carers access a range of language resources which support positive play and learning. Relevant authorities and support agencies are better informed of the benefits, needs and challenges of the sector and the value of bilingual education.

**2** To promote and deliver quality IM early years' care and education services to meet community need and demand. Benefits are demonstrated through the year-on-year increase in demand for IM Early Years Education which now includes over 65 settings across the North. Children benefit from a quality early years' experience and the recognised benefits of bilingualism. Government policies and statements (Belfast Agreement, Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration, NI Programme for Government, 2011-2015) have identified the Irish language as a shared expression of our cultural wealth and therefore of public benefit. Increased numbers of speakers make a contribution to our intangible heritage.

**3** To involve families, parents and carers in the early learning experiences. Benefits are demonstrated through the increased uptake of places at IM early years' settings; the number of parents and families opting to receive advice and support and learning opportunities; the enhanced confidence and self-esteem of children and parents; the increasing engagement of participants in government family support initiatives.

**4** To provide related training and support to the IM early years' sector. Benefits are demonstrated through uptake and delivery of services in a given year (2024-2025): over 300 Early Years Specialists' on-site support visits; attendance of over 300 at cluster/in-service training and curriculum and child protection courses; positive outcomes from the Education and Training Inspectorate inspections. Young children and families benefit from appropriately trained staff who, in turn, are more confident and competent as a result of additional training and support. Children benefit from parents who are more engaged and involved in their early education. Committees benefit from training in support of their roles.

**5** The development of Irish-medium early years' care and educational services as the foundation for IM education. Irish-medium education is the most effective way of producing fluent, confident Irish speakers who will contribute to the Irish language community, helping to maintain and preserve an important part of our shared cultural heritage.

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are children who become fluent second language speakers; schools which benefit from the quality foundation experience of children and the early engagement of parents in their children's education. Benefits to the wider community include enhanced awareness of the value of education and increased knowledge of a variety of aspects of our intangible culture such as language, literature, art, folklore etc.

These benefits are demonstrated through the growing numbers of children attending all phases of IM schooling; the increased involvement of parents and carers; the increased numbers of workers in the early years sector who opt for further training in language pedagogy and immersion language methodology. Private benefit may arise from time to time when Altram secures the services of workshop facilitators, speakers or educationalists. These benefits are incidental and are a necessary result or by-product of our purposes. No identifiable public harm arises.



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### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £11,926 (2024: net outgoing resources of £3,070), which reflected the completion of a number of projects during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £10,414, while restricted funds increased by £1,512. The total funds at the end of the year amount to £128,475 (2024: £116,549).

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves, which matches the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity has developed a plan to establish and maintain this agreed level of free reserves. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy on a regular basis and the Committee will review the appropriateness of the policy annually.

#### **Scope**

This policy applies to all employees, volunteers or board members of Altram.

#### **Context**

Altram aims to keep money aside as a reserve to protect the charity against drops in income or to allow it to take advantage of new opportunities. Altram's reserves can be spent on any of its aims.

#### **Monitoring and reviewing the Reserves Policy**

Altram will review the Reserves Policy on an annual basis at the time of the annual accounts being prepared.

#### **Beneficiaries**

Altram is a charity which receives funding from government departments and trusts. This funding allows Altram to deliver services regionally to the Irish-medium early years care and education sector.

#### **Rationale behind the reserves policy**

Altram employs seven staff to deliver its programme of activity. Altram requires a reserves policy to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to three months should a shortfall in income occur and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. This might occur due to:

The risk of an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds, e.g. an unexpected large bill

Covering unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, e.g. employing temporary staff to cover a long term sick absence

A source of income, e.g. a grant, not being renewed. Funds might be needed to give the trustees time to take action if income falls below expectations

Planned commitments, or designations, that cannot be met by future income alone, e.g. plans for a major asset purchase or to a significant project that requires the charity to provide match funding

The need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g. money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.



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Excluded from the Reserves Policy is:

#### **Restricted Funds**

Therefore, in order to demonstrate transparency, accountability and sound financial management Altram has set out below the levels of reserve required.

Level of reserve required by Altram: salary costs x three months, and core running costs x 3 months

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Altram faces a challenging year ahead but we plan to meet these challenges and continue to provide our advice, support and guidance to the Irish-medium early years care and education sector using a variety of platforms and support the sector through this continued financially pressured period. Altram is confident that present funders will continue to support the organisation.

In the financial year 2025-2026, we will provide and extend the full range of support, training, resource, advocacy and representation services including:

Deliver a comprehensive early years' support service to Irish-medium early years settings

Deliver recommendations from the State of the Sector report and conduct a refresh of this to reflect current sectoral needs

Support the response to recommendations arising from IM Preschool research (2016)

Deliver a regional event to raise awareness about relevant issues within the sector

Develop resources to support practitioners, children and parents in the Irish-medium early years sector

Develop a partnership to deliver a scoping exercise on the needs of immersion education in Ireland and Scotland

Develop accredited training to support practitioners delivering an early years Irish-medium immersion education programme

Deliver a practitioner training programme aimed at developing expertise within the sector

Deliver management support aimed at building the capacity of committees within the Irish-medium early years sector

Represent the Irish-medium sector on relevant bodies

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.



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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Risk management**

The principles of good governance are embedded within all aspects of Altram's operations with management and staff being keenly aware of the Board's responsibility of ensuring that the organisation protects itself from financial exposure and reputational damage. A close working relationship is maintained between the Board and management to ensure that operationally staff are aware of the standards required of them by the Board and the Board are always in a position to provide guidance and support to management in the discharge of their duties. This two way relationship is the key feature of Altram's governance arrangements and is a key strength in the company.

A conscientious approach to ensuring that contractual project requirements are achieved has been maintained at all times both in the accounting period being reported on and since Altram was established. Very tight financial controls on expenditure and all financial commitments are maintained at all times and project staff have been trained and have become experienced in budgetary controls. In both these areas ie project delivery and financial controls management all staff have established close working relationships with funding organisations to ensure all mandatory standards are consistently achieved. Board representatives also actively engage with funding bodies.

The Board, management and staff are fully aware that the nature of the work in which Altram is involved can bring with it a high level of scrutiny to ensure that all activities are fully compliant with funding requirements and, therefore, beyond reproach. The Board of Altram is, therefore, greatly reassured of the company's compliance with the highest of standards of governance on the basis that all monitoring and evaluation of project delivery demonstrates achievement of all funders objectives and that funders' audits and vouching of financial expenditure and the independent examiners report confirm compliance with both probity and regularity in the use of monies received.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.



**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Aine Andrews (Chairperson) - Trustee



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

### **Altram**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages nine to twenty one.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

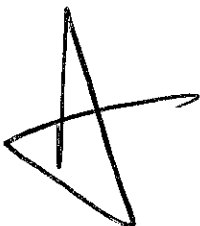
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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20 August 2025



**Altram****Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	11,098	-	11,098	4,081
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	-	356,933	356,933	304,643
<b>Total</b>		<u>11,098</u>	<u>356,933</u>	<u>368,031</u>	<u>308,724</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Expenditure		684	344,688	345,372	308,563
Governance		-	10,733	10,733	3,231
<b>Total</b>		<u>684</u>	<u>355,421</u>	<u>356,105</u>	<u>311,794</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		10,414	1,512	11,926	(3,070)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		56,777	59,772	116,549	119,619
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>67,191</u>	<u>61,284</u>	<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



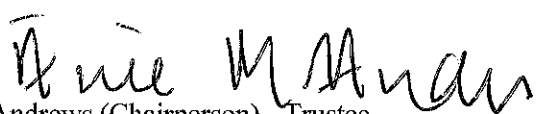
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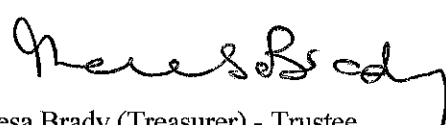
**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	21,536	21,536
Cash at bank		110,171	99,894
		<u>131,707</u>	<u>121,430</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,232)	(4,881)
		<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		67,191	56,777
Restricted funds		61,284	59,772
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Aine Andrews (Chairperson) - Trustee

  
Theresa Brady (Treasurer) - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in 2019 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity..

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**(c) Income recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.



**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

**(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categories under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes;  
Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and  
Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**



**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings - 25% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.



**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes. The charity is a registered charity and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

**(J) Judgements estimates**



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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

##### (i) depreciation method and asset useful lives

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

##### **Taxation**

Altram is a registered charity and such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **Fund accounting**

The company has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. A definition of the various types of funds is as follows:

##### (i) Restricted funds

Funds received which are earmarked by the donor for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the company.

##### (ii) Unrestricted funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors which have been designated for specific purposes in furtherance of the objects of the charity

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations and generated income	7,743	2,664
Conway Mill Trust	3,355	1,417
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	11,098	4,081
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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.25	31.3.24
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Grants Receivable	356,933	304,643

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Foras Na Gaeilge	3,500	-
CnaG - Department of Education	185,000	158,000
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland	5,000	-
Department of Health - Belfast & South Eastern Trust	40,822	40,676
Department of Health - Programme Support Specialist	45,321	45,467
Department of Health - Projects	-	2,500
Department of Education - IME	58,000	58,000
Halifax Foundation	4,200	-
Department of Education - SLOC	15,090	-
	<u>356,933</u>	<u>304,643</u>

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	247,691	230,156
Social security costs	19,296	16,797
Other pension costs	4,183	3,757
	<u>271,170</u>	<u>250,710</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management & Administration	8	8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.



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**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	57,266
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	57,266
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	-
At 31 March 2024	-

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Belfast & South Eastern Childcare Partnerships	10,268	10,143
Health and Social Care Board	11,268	11,393
	<u>21,536</u>	<u>21,536</u>

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other creditors	3,232	4,881
	<u>3,232</u>	<u>4,881</u>

**9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	67,191	64,516	131,707	121,430
Current liabilities	-	(3,232)	(3,232)	(4,881)
	<u>67,191</u>	<u>61,284</u>	<u>128,475</u>	<u>116,549</u>



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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025****10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,777	10,414	67,191
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foras Na Gaelige	3,000	3,500	6,500
Ultach Trust	4,427	-	4,427
CnaG - Department of Education	6,471	2,179	8,650
Bord na Gàidhlig	3,104	-	3,104
Department of Health - Belfast & South Eastern Trust	20,721	(3,754)	16,967
Department of Health - Programme Support Specialist	21,903	(10,147)	11,756
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland	-	3,402	3,402
Department of Health - Projects	146	2,001	2,147
Department of Education - IME	-	129	129
Halifax Foundation	-	4,200	4,200
Department of Education - SLOC	-	2	2
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	59,772	1,512	61,284
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	116,549	11,926	128,475



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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,098	(684)	10,414
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foras Na Gaelige	3,500	-	3,500
CnaG - Department of Education	185,000	(182,821)	2,179
Department of Health - Belfast & South Eastern Trust	40,822	(44,576)	(3,754)
Department of Health - Programme Support Specialist	45,321	(55,468)	(10,147)
Community Foundation for Northern Ireland	5,000	(1,598)	3,402
Department of Health - Projects	-	2,001	2,001
Department of Education - IME	58,000	(57,871)	129
Halifax Foundation	4,200	-	4,200
Department of Education - SLOC	15,090	(15,088)	2
	<u>356,933</u>	<u>(355,421)</u>	<u>1,512</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>368,031</u>	<u>(356,105)</u>	<u>11,926</u>



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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025****10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	52,696	4,081	56,777
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foras Na Gaelige	3,000	-	3,000
Ultach Trust	13,459	(9,032)	4,427
Western Childcare Partnership (Capital)	665	(665)	-
CnaG - Department of Education	1,628	4,843	6,471
SECP - Two Windows	1,514	(1,514)	-
Bord na Gàidhlig	3,104	-	3,104
Department of Health - Belfast & South Eastern Trust	21,402	(681)	20,721
Department of Health - Programme Support Specialist	22,005	(102)	21,903
Department of Health - Projects	146	-	146
	<u>66,923</u>	<u>(7,151)</u>	<u>59,772</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>119,619</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>	<u>116,549</u>



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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	4,081	-	4,081
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Ultach Trust	-	(9,032)	(9,032)
Western Childcare Partnership (Capital)	-	(665)	(665)
CnaG - Department of Education	158,000	(153,157)	4,843
SECP - Two Windows	-	(1,514)	(1,514)
Department of Health - Belfast & South Eastern Trust	40,676	(41,357)	(681)
Department of Health - Programme Support Specialist	45,467	(45,569)	(102)
Department of Health - Projects	2,500	(2,500)	-
Department of Education - IME	58,000	(58,000)	-
	<u>304,643</u>	<u>(311,794)</u>	<u>(7,151)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>308,724</u>	<u>(311,794)</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>

#### 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

#### 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### 13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.



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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and generated income	7,743	2,664
Conway Mill Trust	3,355	1,417
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	11,098	4,081
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	356,933	304,643
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	368,031	308,724
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries	247,691	230,156
Social security	19,296	16,797
Pensions	4,183	3,757
Insurance	1,740	1,764
Light and heat	1,378	1,526
Telephone & IT	6,964	4,874
Office Consumables	361	344
Sundries	1,916	1,452
Direct Project Costs	27,617	18,876
Travel and Transport	9,385	7,232
Resources and Materials	6,566	2,138
Staff Training	348	1,307
Rent	19,883	16,372
Training and Workshops	200	970
Resource Development	5,162	53
Depreciation	-	945
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	352,690	308,563
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fees	3,120	2,988
Bank charges	295	243
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	3,415	3,231
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	356,105	311,794
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<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	11,926	(3,070)
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