

The International Centre for Local and Regional Development

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 July 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Charitable activities	5	2,590	115,242	117,832	114,632
Other income	6	–	–	–	2,163
Total income		<u>2,590</u>	<u>115,242</u>	<u>117,832</u>	<u>116,795</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	(8,909)	(105,463)	(114,372)	(140,264)
Total expenditure		<u>(8,909)</u>	<u>(105,463)</u>	<u>(114,372)</u>	<u>(140,264)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(6,319)</u>	<u>9,779</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>(23,469)</u>
Transfers between funds		42,040	(42,040)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>35,721</u>	<u>(32,261)</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>(23,469)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>32,012</u>	<u>93,104</u>	<u>125,116</u>	<u>148,585</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>67,733</u>	<u>60,843</u>	<u>128,576</u>	<u>125,116</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 29 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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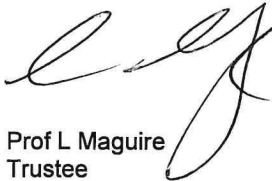
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Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	14	466	286
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>152,482</u>	<u>216,202</u>
		152,948	216,488
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>24,372</u>	<u>91,372</u>
Net current assets		<u>128,576</u>	<u>125,116</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>128,576</u>	<u>125,116</u>
Net assets		<u>128,576</u>	<u>125,116</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		60,843	93,104
Unrestricted funds		<u>67,733</u>	<u>32,012</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>128,576</u>	<u>125,116</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 10 April 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Prof L Maguire
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 July 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Belfast School of Architecture & Built Environment, Ulster University, York Street, BT15 1ED, Belfast.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

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

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount 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 received 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 designated hedging relationship.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

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 was 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.

4. Limited by guarantee

The International Centre for Local and Regional Development is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Derry City and Strabane Council	–	45,643	45,643
University of Ulster	–	12,872	12,872
Commuting Study	–	34,931	34,931
Monaghan County Council	–	21,796	21,796
Citizen Rural - UCD	2,590	–	2,590
	<u>2,590</u>	<u>115,242</u>	<u>117,832</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Derry City and Strabane Council	–	31,104	31,104
University of Ulster	–	13,284	13,284
Commuting Study	–	70,244	70,244
Monaghan County Council	–	–	–
Citizen Rural - UCD	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>114,632</u>	<u>114,632</u>

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank Revaluation Gain	—	—	2,163	2,163

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activity	8,699	100,242	108,941
Support costs	210	5,221	5,431
	<u>8,909</u>	<u>105,463</u>	<u>114,372</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activity	16,256	118,289	134,545
Support costs	—	5,719	5,719
	<u>16,256</u>	<u>124,008</u>	<u>140,264</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable activity	108,941	—	108,941	134,545
Governance costs	—	5,431	5,431	5,719
	<u>108,941</u>	<u>5,431</u>	<u>114,372</u>	<u>140,264</u>

9. Analysis of support costs

	Charitable activity £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Governance costs	5,221	5,221	5,719

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Foreign exchange differences	428	2,128

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11. Auditors remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>4,400</u>	<u>4,190</u>

12. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The organisations trustees did not receive remuneration in the year however they were reimbursed travel expenses and research project related expenses in year totalling £177.59 (2023: £96.60)

14. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>466</u>	<u>286</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	20,857	78,213
Social security and other taxes	3,333	5,854
Other creditors	182	7,305
	<u>24,372</u>	<u>91,372</u>

16. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 August 2023	46,384	–
Amount released to income	(46,384)	–
Amount deferred in year	–	46,384
At 31 July 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>46,384</u>

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17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>32,012</u>	<u>2,590</u>	<u>(8,909)</u>	<u>42,040</u>	<u>67,733</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>26,692</u>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>(16,256)</u>	<u>19,413</u>	<u>32,012</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
NW Project	27,737	45,643	(33,369)	(40,011)	–
Ulster University	–	12,872	(12,872)	–	–
Commuting Study	65,367	34,931	(39,455)	–	60,843
Monaghan Council	–	21,796	(19,767)	(2,029)	–
	<u>93,104</u>	<u>115,242</u>	<u>(105,463)</u>	<u>(42,040)</u>	<u>60,843</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
NW Project	29,401	31,104	(26,127)	(6,641)	27,737
Ulster University	12,772	13,284	(13,284)	(12,772)	–
Commuting Study	79,720	70,244	(84,597)	–	65,367
Monaghan Council	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>121,893</u>	<u>114,632</u>	<u>(124,008)</u>	<u>(19,413)</u>	<u>93,104</u>

Transfers have taken place in the year to reclassify income which was received to cover core costs previously accounted for in unrestricted funding.

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	60,843	92,105	152,948
Creditors less than 1 year	–	(24,372)	(24,372)
Net assets	<u>60,843</u>	<u>67,733</u>	<u>128,576</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	47,162	169,326	216,488
Creditors less than 1 year	–	(91,372)	(91,372)
Net assets	<u>47,162</u>	<u>77,954</u>	<u>125,116</u>

19. Ethical standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

20. Taxation

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

21. Contingencies

A contingent liability exists to repay grants and Trust monies received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity. In the opinion of the Trustees, the terms of the Letters of Offers have been, or will be, complied with and no liability is expected.