

The St Anne Trust
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
Year ended 30 September 2023

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 30 September 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The St Anne Trust	
Charity registration number	107495	
Company registration number	NI637845	
Principal office and registered office	Glenlyon Manor Apt 9 116 Church Road Holywood BT18 9BX	
The trustees	Mr J Watson Miss C Donnelly Mr R Jay Mr A Boyd Dr V McKinley	(Died 27 January 2024) (Resigned 14 February 2023)
Independent examiner	Paul Leatham FCA 427 Holywood Road Belfast BT4 2LT	

Structure, governance and management

The St Anne Trust is a charity and a company limited by guarantee. Its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The charity is governed and managed by the Board of Trustees. There are currently no employees.

Trustees are engaged by application to the charity and may be appointed by ordinary resolution. One third of the trustees, or the number nearest to one third, must retire from office at the third Annual General Meeting. A trustee retiring in such manner may offer themselves for re-appointment.

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Objectives and activities

Objects

The Objects for which the Charity is established are the advancement of education and the promotion of the arts, culture and heritage through:

- (a) Promoting good relations with and between young people and their families, particularly those from communities significantly affected by conflict, diversity or deprivation, by providing a forum which promotes tolerance, respect and mutual understanding leading to the development of lasting friendships.
- (b) Providing young people with opportunities to develop their musical and performance skills regardless of their social, cultural or religious background.
- (c) Music tuition and participation to develop young people's education, creativity and self-expression.
- (d) Actively seeking to develop the skills of young artists.
- (e) Promoting the performing arts including public concerts, choirs, recitals, festivals, master classes and workshops.
- (f) Promoting the visual arts by exhibitions and displays of art work including painting, drawing, photography, textiles and craft work and by lectures, tours and seminars.

Activities

1. Corporate and personal donations are being sought to support the activities of The Trust.

a) As things begin slowly to get back to 'normal', Carolfest events have recommenced, and in addition to the two held in December 2022, at St. Anne's Cathedral and at St. Philip and St. James's Parish Church, Holywood, The Trust was pleased to accept an invitation from St. Patrick's Cathedral (Col), Armagh, to hold a similar service there. On that occasion, we were graced with the presence of Archbishops, The Most Rev John McDowell (Col) and The Most Rev Eamon Martin (RC), who jointly gave the Blessing.

b) An informal partnership has been formed with three primary schools in North Belfast, with the aim, over time, of providing a forum where children from diverse religious and social backgrounds can meet and interact, through a series of events to increase their musical attainment and build self-esteem.

2. The Come and Sing Day for special needs children and The Choir of the Year Competition 2023 were held on 16 and 17 May respectively.

3. Child Protection Policy - no incidents reported or recorded.

4. The Charity Commissioners' financial incident report - nothing to record.

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Achievements and performance

1. The Trust's activities can be viewed in the gallery section of The Trust's website www.thestannetrust.org.

2. Object 2 - "To recognise, encourage and nurture excellence in individuals".

The St. Anne Trust's secondary object is "providing young people with opportunities to develop their musical and performance skills regardless of their social, cultural or religious background" and provide a bursary to enable those whose financial circumstance is such that they would otherwise be unable to reach their full potential.

In furtherance of this object, The Trust initiated a 'pilot' scholarship scheme in the academic year 2022-2023, whereby it provided musical tuition to a number of promising pupils from three schools, to develop further their education, creativity and self-expression through singing. Each child received a series of singing lessons funded by The Trust and entered singing examinations appropriate to their ability.

The success of this pilot can be gauged by the results of the ABRSM Grade 1 examination, wherein the six scholars achieved a total of 3 distinctions, 2 merits and 1 pass.

The Trust aspires to build on this success, so in conjunction with Cliftonville Integrated, Holy Cross Boys' and Glenwood Primary Schools it has commenced year 2 of the scheme, which will involve a total of 18 scholars. It is to be hoped that some or all of these children will make a musical contribution to the Trust's Carolfest events in December 2024.

3. Financial support from the local authority, companies and individuals has been forthcoming in support of The Trust's activities, and volunteers are only too anxious to act in support of what they consider to be a worthy project.

The support of Arts Council NI, Black Santa Appeal, Belfast City Council and Gallagher Insurance Brokers in particular is gratefully acknowledged.

Financial review

The charity recorded net expenditure of £4,197 for the year. Income during the period was £6,586 and expenditure was £10,783.

The charity has net assets of £22,825 at 30 September 2023.

The trustees seek to hold reserves equivalent to one year's income. This will enable the charity to continue to pursue its objects while exploring other sources of funds in the event that public and statutory bodies change their policies on the funding of the voluntary sector.

Small company provisions

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

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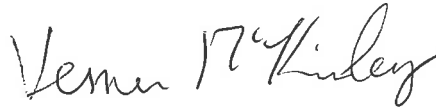
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 14 February 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr A Boyd
Trustee



Dr V McKinley
Trustee