

FEIS DHOIRE CHOLMCILLE

Trustees Annual Report

For the financial year 1st of October 2022 to 30th September 2023

1. The charity is an organisation governed by a constitution dated 26th September 2019 setting out the objectives of the charity. It is managed by a committee of six Trustees and other committee members elected each year at the AGM
2. The purpose of the charity is to advance education and promote arts and culture among children aged 4yrs to 18yrs within the Derry and Strabane district council and the wider Donegal area. It also is there to promote the knowledge and a love of the various disciplines of Irish language, classical and Irish music, drama, classical and traditional instruments and Irish dancing. The annual Feis on Easter week is also supported by the choral competitions run every year on the Tuesday of Holy week.
3. The charity Trustees at the date of the approval of this report were:
Aisling Bonner, Pat Mac Cafferty, Ursula Clifford, Christine Mc Ivor, Elizabeth Gallagher and Siobhan Watts
4. The charity's activities this year were as follows
 - (a) The Annual General Meeting took place in November 1st 2022 where venues timetables and syllabus items were discussed as well as other issues pertaining to the running of the Feis in Easter 2023.
 - (b) The syllabus was prepared by the charity's trustees in conjunction with adjudicators in October and November 2022 which consisted of a detailed outline of competitions available including set pieces for the disciplines of Drama, Music, Instrumental and Irish language. This was reviewed and agreed at a meeting in December 2022 by all Trustees before going to print and being uploaded to the Feis website.
 - (c) The entries for the Feis were taken by hand and via the website online. Entries were taken during January completing on one day at the Playhouse Theatre in Derry 4th of February 2022.
 - (d) The timetable for the annual Feis and the choral competitions was prepared by the Trustees in February and March 2023 and finalised at a

meeting in April before going to print and being uploaded to the website the week beginning the 27th March

- (e) The annual Feis Clar and programme detailing competitions and competitors names was prepared by the Feis Trustees and proof read in preparation for printing the week of 3rd of April 2023
 - (f) The annual timetable for volunteers including stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers was prepared by the Trustees early April
 - (g) The annual Choral competitions took place in St Mary's College on Tuesday 4th April. Primary and Post primary Schools took part in nine different competitions. All winning schools were awarded a cup and bursary. There was a special overall cup also awarded to one Primary and one Post Primary School
 - (h) The annual Feis took place on 11th of April to 14th of April 2023. It involved running some 226 competition sessions in five venues within the Millennium Forum Theatre and The Playhouse Theatre. Over 2000 competitors between the ages of 4yrs to 21yrs took part in competitions in their respective disciplines. The Feis employed 11 adjudicators and three accompanists for the various disciplines. Many of the children went on to receive a medal, cup or certificate to celebrate their achievements. All of the competitions were run by volunteers who included stewards, adjudicator assistants and cashiers and overseen by the Trustees.
 - (i) A Meeting took place on May 2023 to review finances and agree bills payable. Bursaries were detailed and agreement was made to pay these out to recipients during June and July 2023.
5. Financial position: The accounts confirm that the charity is in funds in the sum of £52678 The Feis received £3150 from sponsors and £2580 in book sales the rest of it's income was derived from competitors entry fees and entry to competitions by the public. The Feis issued £2775 in bursaries which are used by pupils and schools for the tuition or promotion of music, drama, instrumental, Irish language and Irish dancing
6. The Charity holds no funds that are in deficit
7. In compiling this report the trustees of the charity have regard to the Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance
8. The principal address of the charity is: **16 The Meadow Derry City BT488RJ**

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Christine Mc Ivor

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