



Indian Community Centre (Belfast) Ltd
Company Limited by guarantee

Executive Committees' Report
and
Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity Commission Number NIC 107568



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Company information

Directors/Trustees

Sharda Bhat
Ashok Harish
Vivekananda Venkataraman
Satyavir Singhal
Ashish Italiya (appointed 27 Nov 2023)
Meena Jain (appointed 27 Nov 2023)
Bharat Sharma (appointed 27 Nov 2023)

Company number

NI0555741

Registered Office

86 Clifton Street
Belfast
BT13 1AB

Independent examiner

Heron Accountancy Solutions
Chartered Certified Accountants
301 City East Business Centre
68/72 Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 1GW

Structure, governance and management

The Indian Community Centre (Belfast) Ltd is a limited company by guarantee and has been accepted as a charity by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland Charity Number NIC107568 and as such no provision for taxation has been made. They are also a charity for tax purposes under the Inland Revenue reference XO394/81. the company was incorporated on 27th June 2005. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the company.

The day-to-day decisions making is undertaken by the board of directors/trustees and financial matters are addressed by the treasurer in conjunction with the trustees. The board meets monthly.

The charity trustees are also the directors of the company.



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Report of the Trustees' for Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their Report together with unaudited accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

To promote the culture of India which refers to the way of life of the people of India. India's languages, religions, dance, music, architecture, food, and customs differ from place to place within the country. The Indian culture, often labelled as an amalgamation of several cultures, spans across the Indian subcontinent and has been influenced by a history that is more than 5000 years old. Many elements of India's diverse cultures, such as Indian religions, classical music, arts, Yoga, and Indian cuisine, have had a profound impact across the world.

Mission:

To provide guidance and awareness of Indian culture to the wider public in Northern Ireland also create a platform to express or display the Indian heritage and values.

Aim:

Indian Community Centre is a voluntary organisation which promotes the benefit of the Indian community in Northern Ireland ('the area of benefit') by the provision of facilities for education, culture, religion, recreation or other leisure time occupation for the different traditions among the Indian community in the area of benefit who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

To advance education about the cultures of India for the benefit of the public and promote cultural diversity among the public in Northern Ireland by any charitable means as the directors may determine.

Indian Community Centre (ICC) was set up in 1981. Its community development and outreach programmes promote integration among various communities in the country.

Achievements and performance

Republic Day of India – India marks and celebrates the date on which Constitution of India came into effect. This day is celebrated at the end of January/ February.

Holi – Festival of colours. The vibrancy of colours is something that brings positivity, joy and enthusiasm. Friends and Families attend the event at ICC and play with colours.

Indian new year day – Various part of India celebrate the new year in March /April time. Members of the Indian community meet on this day at the centre and take part on various cultural activities.

Independence Day – Community members take part on various cultural activities and display their rich cultural heritage to all members.



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Diwali event – Festival of light. Diwali, or Deepavali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities.

Christmas Day – Children take part in Christmas celebrations every year. ICC will organise various fun activities for the children. Every child will get at least one gift on this day.

Regular Activities at the centre

ICC committee members conduct cultural talks about India and its religious heritage to the local school children, youth group and also to the Queens and Ulster University students throughout the year. These talks are held at the ICC premise or at hosts premise.

Senior citizens club on every Monday - ICC hosts the Senior citizens club which was setup to provide services to the members of the South Asian community mostly live alone. The club operates on Mondays between 11am – 2 pm.

Balagokulam classes are conducted on every Sunday afternoon for almost all age groups for both boys and girls. It nurtures confidence and their identity, develop social awareness and leadership skills among children.

Summer fun activities for under ten - Chaitanya ISKON group conducts various classes for the children under the age of ten during the summer months.

SERVICES

ICC is a member of the NICRE work group attending regular meetings. NICRE support people who have case against public authority and/or other complaints whether it is basic service provisions, discrimination, racist harassment and racist violence. We refer cases to Equality Commission, Law Centre, Public Interests Litigation Support project, etc. NICRE has expertise and consultancy functions to develop and to deliver anti-racism, equality and diversity training for the statutory, voluntary, community, trade union and private sector, with the aim to take an integrated approach to the issues and to address the policy and practice of organisations.

ICC is also member of North Belfast Heritage Cluster Belfast Charitable Society, and Clifton House, is a member of the North Belfast Heritage Cluster, a group of voluntary organisations that own or care for an historic building (and graveyard!) in the area. The aims of the Cluster is to deliver heritage-led regeneration, using what's special about the area to create a more confident sense of place. ICC and other members open their premises for the public viewings once or twice in a year as part of the national heritage week celebrations.



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During the year the committee has worked hard giving cultural talks to schools and the general public, raising the awareness of the Indian Community as well as religious activities. They have also hired out their hall for culture activities, which includes weddings, shows and science festivals.

Financial Review

The committee is aware that the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024 shows a deficit of £21,715. A substantial amount of building repair work has been done to the building and this continued this year amounting to £6,858. An additional £22,625 has been spent on an HR settlement.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their support this year and hope that it will continue in the years to come.

Trustees

The Trustees who, are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, have acted throughout the period are as stated on Page 1 of these financial statements.



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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the surplus or deficit arising in the period and of the assets and liabilities of the Charity as at the end of the financial period.

The Financial Statements are to be prepared under Section 64(1) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity at any given time. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking all necessary steps for the prevention or detection of fraud and other irregularities.


Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



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Trustee Treasurer.

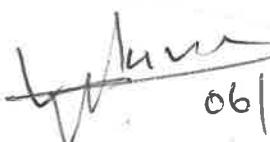
Dated: 7-10-2024

Sharada Bhat
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Trustee

Dated: 6-10-2024


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DR SATYAVIR SINGH


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ASHISH ITALIYA


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Venkataraman
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