

Cleamairí Feirste - Belfast Wren Boys

Annual Report 2023

Charity no. 108217

Date registered. 17/09/2021

Public benefits

The direct benefits flowing from purpose A include; higher standards of the arts and increased awareness and understanding of Irish culture, language and indigenous arts.

The direct benefits flowing from purpose B include; enhanced appreciation and understanding of indigenous arts for people of all ages and backgrounds and a feeling of happiness.

What our organisation does

Provide workshops and performances in indigenous arts especially music, poetry, dance, song, drama, mumming and the Wren Boy tradition.

The charity's classifications

The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

Who the charity helps

Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse)

Asylum seekers/refugees

Children (5-13 year olds)

Ethnic minorities

Ex-offenders and prisoners General public

Hiv/aids

Interface communities Language community Learning disabilities

Men

Mental health

Older people Overseas/developing countries Parents

Physical disabilities

Preschool (0-5 year olds) Sensory disabilities

Specific areas of deprivation Travellers

Unemployed/low income

Victim support

Voluntary and community sector Volunteers

Women

Youth (14-25 year olds)

How the charity works

Arts events

Community development Community enterprise Cross-border/cross-community Cultural events

Working with people with Disabilities

Education/training

General charitable purposes Heritage/historical Playgroup/after schools

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Charitable purposes

2.1 The charitable purposes of Cleamairí Feirste – The Belfast Wren Boys are:
(a) to enhance the traditional arts with emphasis on the promotion of the Irish language through indigenous arts especially music, poetry, dance, song, drama, mumming and the Wren Boy tradition; (b) to enhance the educational and social experiences of people of all ages with an emphasis on social inclusion, community development and peace and reconciliation through the provision of indigenous arts; (c) to develop and provide a programme of events in the area of benefit; (d) to develop and provide arts, cultural, educational and community development events throughout the year in the area of benefit; (e) to provide skills training and personal development capacity and opportunities for all citizens in the area of benefit;

(f) to offer people in the area of benefit the opportunity to participate in activities based on arts and crafts, music, song, drama, storytelling, poetry and dance; (g) To enhance community links between the area of benefit i.e. the Irish language speaking community, traditional and indigenous arts communities, schools, care homes, etc.

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People

4 Trustees

N/A Employees

N/A Volunteers

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Trustees

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Gerry Crossan

John (Jackie) Mc Mullan

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Trustees Report

Financial Year ended 05/04/2023

This was a formative year for Cleamairi Feirste. We are now registered with the charities commission and have opened our business bank account with Ulster Bank in November 2022. Many thanks to Cormac O'Briain for kindly letting us channel bank transactions temporarily until the new account was finalised.

Our main goal for this year was to develop the organisation and commence working together under our new organisational structure as a charity.

Organisationally we have established our board of Trustees and have assigned board members their roles and responsibilities.

No data breaches were reported.

Artistically we have been working on new plays and material for our performances. Most notably we have worked on the structure and artistic content for four separate types of show; the nursery school show, the primary school show, the Ceili Drama for adults and a special needs show.

Activities we have undertaken this financial year are as follows:

Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtan

Preparation and video recording performances celebrating Celtic festivals

Belfast Tradfest July20/22

Performance at Titanic Ceilidh

(NI) Opera 7/09/22

Performance at Belfast Opera House outreach programme

Feile an Phobail Oct 2022

Performances at Halloween Festival

Artsekta 22/11/22

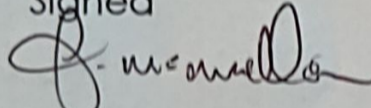
Performance at Day of the Dead festival

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership – 16/12/2022 – We performed for the community Christmas festival which also celebrated the opening of a new park in the area.u

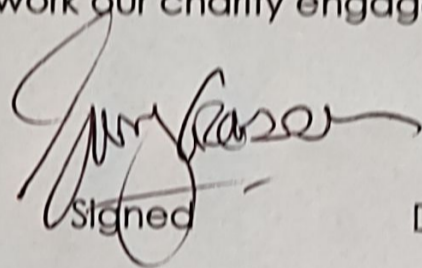
Spring Equinox Performance – 03/03/2023 – Spring Equinox performance for social inclusion of ethnic minorities in association with Arts Ekta at the Belfast Waterfront.

Gaelscoil na Spelríní – 07/03/2023 – Play performance at the Irish Language primary school in Draperstown, Co. Tyrone.

Our goals for the coming year are to develop our shows, costumes and artistic material. We also intend to promote our organisation in order to increase our profile and the amount of work our charity engages in this coming year.

Signed

J McMullan.
Chairman

Date

 18.1.24
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Hon Treasurer