

Cleamairí Feirste - Belfast Wren Boys

Annual Report 2024

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

Daithí Mac Uait

Jo Fitzsimmons

Gerry Crossan

John (Jackie) Mc Mullan

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Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Trustees Report 10 Bealtaine 2024

Chairman's opening statement

1. Jackie MacMullen presented a report of the significant events of the previous year. He stated that the main goal for this year, to develop the organisation was successful. The organisation's goal to begin applying for grants in order to continue our work was a success as we managed to obtain a grant from the Ultach trust and have progressed an application for funding through Foras na Gaeilge. The organisation is continuing to develop artistic material for performances and we have managed to recruit and train new performers.

No data breaches were reported

2. Events highlighted throughout the year included performances at:

- **An Carn**
- **Gaelscoil na Speiríní**
- **The Belfast Mela**
- **Belfast Trad Children's workshop**
- **Titanic Ceilli**
- **Folk Museum Cultra**
- **Rathlin Island Primary School**
- **Armagh Special Needs Group**
- **Skainos Centre**
- **St Patrick's PS**
- **Cumann Cúlúrátha Mhic Reachtain**
- **Belfast Building Trust**
- **RSPB**
- **Radio Failte**
- **An Chultúrlann Beal Feirste**
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Election of committee; Office Holders,

Jackie Mc Mullan – Chair

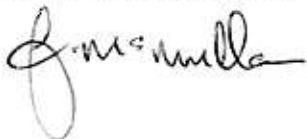
Jo Fitzsimmons Secretary

Gerry Crossan – Hon Treasurer

Daithí Mac Uait- Trustee

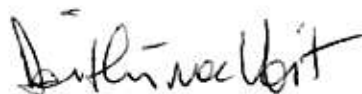
3. Discussions ongoing with Rathlin Festival re performance.
4. All child protection training is now up to date but should be renewed annually.
5. Cormac and Adam to represent Cleamairí Feirste at the GNÓ awards.
6. Cormac to meet with ACNI to discuss possible funding streams
7. Practice ongoing for new Lú play for Mhic Reachtain
8. *Titanic Céilí performance again this year*
9. Further gigs in Ulster Folk museum to be investigated. Adam to organise a meeting
10. 'If You know you know' festival performance to be organised by Cormac
11. Public Liability Insurance to be renewed
12. AOB – there was no other business

Signed



Chair

Signed



Trustee