



# CUIMHNEAMH

**Annual Trustees Report to NI Charity Commission for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Cuimhneamh was established in the South Armagh area as an organisation with the aim of raising awareness of the life and works of Michael J. Murphy – writer, broadcaster, folklorist and chronicler of the lives of ordinary communities in the Slieve Gullion, Rathlin and Tyrone areas.

The areas mentioned above 'areas of deprivation' and yet are steeped in a rich history of culture. Cuimhneamh aims to revive that sense of culture and whilst recording it, educate those who are unaware of it.

We started out with the intention of making local people aware of the existing works of Michael J Murphy but have discovered that these works were unfinished and we have continued to record the stories of those who lived through their descendants. People still have that thirst for knowledge of their ancestors and the lives they led and also take pride in the experiences they endured.

We are intent in bringing this history to the fore and bringing it to the local area, our service has developed according to the needs of the community whilst still meeting the Public Benefit requirements and our aims and purposes.

## **Public Benefit**

Our organisation meets the public benefit requirement by having the following purposes:

- **To advance education and training for the benefit of the public of South Armagh and its environs of the North of Ireland and the border counties.**
- **Advance education through the provision of free training and educational courses and development programmes for the local community**

The direct benefits flowing from providing free training and educational courses and development programmes include:

- a) Enhanced education and understanding to enhance employment capacity
- b) Increased skills and knowledge base
- c) Reduced stress and worry and improved outlook
- d) Improved mental health and emotional well-being
- e) Reduced anxieties and a reduced sense of social isolation and disconnection
- f) Enhanced confidence, self-esteem and improved outlook
- g) Enhanced personal development

Having regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement, Cuimhneamh has developed over the years and their provision of services and activities has developed also. We now hold an annual event, the Michael J Murphy Winter School which is known throughout Ireland and beyond.

It is a free event aimed at a particular theme each year relevant to the local area and the community. We involve the local schools as much as possible instilling in them a love of their local history and culture.

## Accounts

Our Receipts and Payments account showed a surplus this year of £ 281 compared with a deficit last year of £ 551.

We received funding in the 2024 year from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (£ 1,096).

There will be and is no adverse effect on the Charity delivering on its objectives.


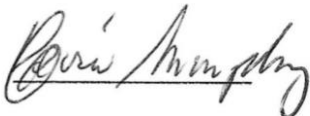
We have no debts or creditors.

Our three trustees have been the same and have served throughout the year. They are:

1. Kevin Murphy (Chair)
2. Anthony Flynn
3. Michael Walsh

This Report was compiled and approved on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



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Kevin Murphy (Chair)

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Anthony Flynn