

Mothers' Union in Ireland

**Unaudited annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2015**

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Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2015

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2015

The Trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015. The Trustees have adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in December 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative information

Republic of Ireland:

Mothers' Union in Ireland is recognised as a Charity by the Revenue commissioners, 5161.
Registered charity number- 20007331 (Charities Regulatory Authority).

Northern Ireland:

Not registered with The Charity Commission NI as a single entity. Instead individual diocese have been registered separately.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are:

Phyllis Grothier- All Ireland President
Norma Bell- Vice President
June Empey
Myrtle Nairn
Moirá Thom
Jaxqui Armstrong
Hazel Sherlock
Mildred Gilmore
Valerie Ash
Alison Rooke
Patsy Devoy

Others:

Jane Grindle- Administrative officer
Andrea Thompson- Charity Co-ordinator

The principal and registered office of the charity is St. Michans Church, Church Street, Dublin 7.

The professional advisers and bankers are:

Accountants – HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine
Bankers – AIB

Structure, governance and management

Governing document and structure

The charity is controlled by its governing documents, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management

The committee actively review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that any risks identified are addressed by themselves on a timely basis. Such reviews include ensuring appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

Objectives and principal activities

The charity's purpose is the relief of poverty or economic hardship, advancement of religion, advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, or disability, the advancement of community development, including rural or urban regeneration, promotion of civic responsibility or voluntary work, promotion of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering and the advancement of conflict resolution or reconciliation, promotion of religious or racial harmony and harmonious community relations.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out this aim, its objectives are:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

'Away from It All' holidays provided to enable families to spend time together either through a short break or even daily outings. Passionate about Parenting facilitated support for parents of young families. Support for action against gender based violence, in particular raising awareness during the 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence. Support for Indoor members through visiting, writing and a teleconferencing project. Emergency bags for those being admitted to hospital unexpectedly, knitting for premature babies, fiddle blankets and prayer shawls. Support for families at prison visitor centres.

Public benefit statement

The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Regulatory Authority/Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 4 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a surplus of €36,938.

Reserves policy and results

Mothers' Union Ireland had total reserves at 31 December 2015 of €468,356.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 4.

Trustee' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 4 to 11 for the year ended 31 December 2015 disclosing a surplus of €36,938. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Phyllis Grothier
All-Ireland President
Date:

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Chartered Accountants' report on the unaudited financial information of the charity of Mothers' Union in Ireland

In accordance with the engagement letter, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise state the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records-and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Company's Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2015 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the books of account or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

**HMCI Limited T/A
Hamill McIlwaine
Chartered Accountants**

Date:

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2015 Total €
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	-	590	590
Activities for generating funds	2	553	27,608	28,161
Investment income	2	76	8,869	8,945
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Charitable activities	2	162,896	210,171	373,067
Other incoming resources	2	3,881	5,438	9,319
Total incoming resources		167,406	252,676	420,082
Resources expended				
Charitable activities:				
Charitable activities	3	166,062	216,440	382,502
Governance costs:	3	642	-	642
Total resources expended		166,704	216,440	383,144
Net incoming resources		702	36,236	36,938
Net movement of funds				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2015		333,957	97,461	431,418
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2015		334,659	133,697	468,356

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The Trust has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 €
Current assets		
Investments- RCB	6	285,388
Cash at bank		183,028
		468,416
Current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(60)
Net current assets		468,356
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	8	334,659
Restricted funds	8	133,697
		468,356

The accounts on pages 4 to 11 were approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Phyllis Grothier
All Ireland President

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

1 Principal accounting policies

Accounting convention

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards including the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in December 2005. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are received by way of donations and gifts and are included in full in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. The three main activity categories are:

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to supply them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include expenditure on administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, and an appropriate apportionment of indirect costs.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives

Restricted funds

Unrestricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted fund €	2015 Total €
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income:			
Gifts	-	590	590
Activities for generating funds:			
Ploughing championships	553	-	553
Fundraising events	-	27,608	27,608
	553	27,608	28,161
Investment income:			
Bank interest received	76	99	175
RCB Dividend income	-	8,770	8,770
	76	8,869	8,945
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Charitable activities:			
Overseas Development fund	-	118,778	118,778
Other funds	2,137	86,957	89,094
Contributions from Dioceses	156,151	4,436	160,587
Other income	4,608	-	4,608
	162,896	210,171	373,067
Other incoming resources			
Conferences	250	-	250
General meeting	1,042	5,428	6,470
Sundry income	2,589	10	2,599
	3,881	5,438	9,319
Total incoming resources	167,406	252,676	420,082

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3 Resources expended

		Unrestricted fund €	Restricted fund €	2015 Total €
Charitable activities				
Overseas Development fund		-	115,343	115,343
Other funds		511	74,199	74,710
To Mary Summer house		120,125	-	120,125
Grants		12,172	7,250	19,422
A&O Unit		3,264	-	3,264
		136,072	196,792	332,864
Support costs:				
Wages	5	14,136	-	14,136
Insurance		4,969	-	4,969
Telephone		1,002	-	1,002
Postage and stationery		1,766	4,240	6,006
Advertising		6,036	-	6,036
Sundry expenses		2,049	407	2,456
Rent		2,400	-	2,400
Website costs		2,761	-	2,761
Travel		4,654	285	4,939
Subscriptions		506	-	506
Focus printing and distribution		-	1,615	1,615
Bank fees		194	321	515
President		2,500	-	2,500
Foreign exchange		(203)	-	(203)
Transfers between accounts		(12,780)	12,780	-
		29,990	19,648	49,638
Total charitable activities		166,062	216,440	382,502
Governance costs				
Accountancy		642	-	642

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

4 Taxation

Mothers' Union in Ireland is registered as a charity for tax purposes – registered number is 5161 (ROI).

5 Staff costs

	2015
	€
Wages and salaries	14,136

No employees received emoluments in excess of €60,000.

6 Current asset Investments

	2015
	€
Unlisted investments- RCB	285,388

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2015
	€
Other creditors	60

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 (continued)

8 Movement in funds

	1 January 2015 €	Incoming resources €	Resources expended €	31 December 2015 €
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	333,957	167,406	(166,704)	334,659
Restricted funds				
Mums in May	20,789	61,843	(11,205)	71,427
Jubilee Keane	17,832	53	(205)	17,680
Conference	884	2	3,338	4,224
Chapel	1,078	101	110	1,289
Centenary	11,173	13,149	(16,024)	8,298
Action and Outreach Unit	41,131	172,090	(189,669)	23,552
Marketing Unit	4,574	5,438	(2,785)	7,227
	97,461	252,676	(216,440)	133,697
Total funds	431,418	420,082	(383,144)	468,356

Mums in May

Fundraising campaign inaugurated in 2012 to mark 125th anniversary of Mothers' Union in Ireland and continued triennially. Funds are raised for the work of Mothers' Union Worldwide; support of projects and the development of Mothers' Union in All-Ireland. It is administered by a sub-committee appointed by All-Ireland Trustees.

Jubilee Keane

These funds are specifically for the provision of office equipment and, should it be necessary, to fulfil any administrative obligations on the winding up of the organisation.

Conference

Funds set aside from members' subscriptions each year in order to provide a triennial residential training conference for diocesan officers.

Chapel

Funds provided by Dioceses towards expenses relating to the Mothers' Union Chapel at Christ Church Cathedral, otherwise known as the Laurence O'Toole Chapel.

Centenary

Funds raised by members and invested following the centenary celebrations of Mothers' Union in Ireland in 1987, invested through RCB and income generated used to support ordinands training for ministry in the Church of Ireland. The fund is administered by a sub-committee appointed by All-Ireland Trustees and grants are awarded annually.

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Action and Outreach/Overseas unit

Funds raised specifically for the work of Mothers' Union Overseas, sent directly to central Mothers' Union at Mary Sumner House who administer the funds and oversee the work carried out.

Marketing Unit

Funds used for the promotion of Mothers' Union to members and the wider community.

9 Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

10 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions.