

**Mothers' Union in Ireland
(Northern Ireland Diocese)**

**Unaudited annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

Mothers' Union in Ireland (Northern Ireland Diocese)

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2017

The Trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Trustees have adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative information

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	Rev. Margaret Sykes	Moira Thom
Kay Clarke- Vice President	Patsy Devoy	Jacqui Armstrong
June Empey	Irene Boyd	Mildred Gilmore
Myrtle Nairn	Sophia Dillon	Alison Rooke
Iris Suitor	June Butler	Hazel Speares
Valerie Ash	Mary Good	Avril Jennings
Lucy Kavanagh	Karen Nelson	Sylvia Wheatley

Others:

Jane Grindle- Administrative officer
 Andrea Thompson- Charity Co-ordinator
 Peter Clampett- Honorary treasurer

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 2017 (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 5 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a £24,531.

Reserves policy and results

Mothers' Union Ireland had total reserves at 31 December 2017 of £179,925.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 5.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

Trustee' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 5 to 10 for the year ended 31 December 2017 disclosing a surplus of £24,531. 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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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Mothers' Union in Ireland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA
 HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine
 28-30 Old Mountfield Road
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Date:

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	7,919	-	7,919
Activities for generating funds	2	-	7,844	7,844
Investment income	2	769	-	769
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Charitable activities	2	157,116	97,810	254,926
Other incoming resources	2	3,145	-	3,145
Total incoming resources		168,949	105,654	274,603
Resources expended				
Charitable activities:				
Raising funds	3	4,941	1,608	6,549
Charitable activities	3	141,124	102,399	243,523
Total resources expended		146,065	104,007	250,072
Net incoming resources		22,884	1,647	24,531
Net movement of funds				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2016		108,791	46,603	155,394
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2017		131,675	48,250	179,925

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £
Current assets		
Investments- RCB		-
Cash at bank		179,925
		179,925
Current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-
		179,925
Net current assets		
		179,925
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	5	131,675
Restricted funds	5	48,250
		179,925

The accounts on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the Board of Trustees on behalf by:

and signed on its

Phyllis Grothier
All Ireland President

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

1 Principal accounting policies

Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the valuation of investments, and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Functional currency

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the pound sterling (£).

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

Restricted 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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2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total £
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income:			
Gifts	7,919	-	7,919
Activities for generating funds:			
Fundraising events	-	7,844	7,844
	-	7,844	7,844
Investment income:			
Bank interest received	769	-	769
	769	-	769
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Charitable activities:			
Overseas Development fund	-	38,876	38,876
Other funds	29,302	57,433	86,735
Contributions from Dioceses	97,905	-	97,905
Other income	28,212	1,501	29,713
MU enterprises	1,697	-	1,697
	157,116	97,810	254,926
Other incoming resources			
Sundry income	3,145	-	3,145
	3,145	-	3,145
Total incoming resources	168,949	105,654	274,603

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3 Resources expended

Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total £
Raising funds			
MU enterprises	4,941	-	4,941
Others events	-	1,608	1,608
	4,941	1,608	6,549
Charitable activities			
Overseas Development fund	6,922	42,646	49,568
Other funds	810	29,237	30,047
To Mary Summer house	90,350	-	90,350
Grants	-	9,133	9,133
Other projects	7,766	3,342	11,108
Donations/ appeals	-	16,159	16,159
	105,848	100,517	206,365
Support costs:			
Insurance	2,090	-	2,090
Postage and stationery	3,402	-	3,402
Sundry expenses	22,545	60	22,605
Travel	3,267	-	3,267
Subscriptions	130	-	130
Focus printing and distribution	640	1,595	2,235
Bank fees	442	227	669
Council expenses	1,938	-	1,938
Accountancy	1,760	-	1,760
DP expenses	1,522	-	1,522
Outings	2,206	-	2,206
Transfers between accounts	(4,666)	-	(4,666)
	35,276	1,882	37,158
Total charitable activities	141,124	102,399	243,523

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017
	£
Other creditors	-

5 Movement in funds

	1 January 2017 £	Foreign exchange £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer £	31 December 2017 £
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	5,525	-	93,325	(95,439)	-	3,411
Diocese	103,266	-	75,624	(50,626)	-	128,264
	108,791	-	168,949	(146,065)	-	131,675
Restricted funds						
Mums in May	23,328	-	7,824	(13,733)	-	17,419
Action and Outreach	20,215	-	97,830	(88,607)	-	29,438
Marketing Unit	3,060	-	-	(1,667)	-	1,393
	46,603	-	105,654	(104,007)	-	48,250
Total funds	155,394	-	274,603	(250,072)	-	179,925

Diocese

This is an aggregate of the income and expenditure in each of the 5 Northern Ireland Diocese.

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.

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.