

**Mothers' Union in Ireland**

**Unaudited annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2016**

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## **Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2016**

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# Mothers' Union in Ireland

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. 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

#### 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	Rev. Margaret Sykes	Moira Thom
Norma Bell- Vice President (replaced 01/01/17)	Patsy Devoy	Jacqui Armstrong
June Empey	Irene Boyd	Mildred Gilmore
Myrtle Nairn	May Boyd (replaced 01/01/17)	Marion Cole (Dec'd August 2016)
Hazel Sherlock (replaced 01/01/17)	June Butler	Alison Rooke
Valerie Ash	Mary Good	Hazel Speares
Lucy Kavanagh	Karen Nelson	Avril Jennings

#### Others:

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

The following trustees were appointed on the 1 January 2017:

Kay Clarke – Vice President  
Iris Sutor  
Sophia Dillon

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 2016 (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 €9,488 (2015: surplus of €36,938).

#### Reserves policy and results

Mothers' Union Ireland had total reserves at 31 December 2016 of €477,844 (2015: €468,356).

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 2016 (continued)**

### **Trustee' certificate**

We approve the accounts set out on pages 5 to 12 for the year ended 31 December 2016 disclosing a surplus of €9,488. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Phyllis Grothier  
All-Ireland President  
Date:

# Mothers' Union in Ireland

## 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 2016, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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  
 Omagh  
 Co Tyrone  
 BT79 7BJ

Date:

# Mothers' Union in Ireland

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2016 Total €	2015 Total €
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	10,000	267	<b>10,267</b>	590
Activities for generating funds	2	6,564	360	<b>6,924</b>	28,161
Investment income	2	63	8,872	<b>8,935</b>	8,945
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities	2	154,810	208,521	<b>363,331</b>	373,067
Other incoming resources	2	1,553	5,000	<b>6,553</b>	9,319
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>172,990</b>	<b>223,020</b>	<b>396,010</b>	420,082
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Raising funds	3	334	-	<b>334</b>	-
Charitable activities	3	170,930	222,431	<b>393,361</b>	383,144
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>171,264</b>	<b>222,431</b>	<b>393,695</b>	383,144
Net incoming resources		<b>1,726</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>2,315</b>	36,938
Gain on investments	6	15,093	-	<b>15,093</b>	-
Transfer between accounts	8	8,640	(8,640)	-	-
Foreign exchange on opening funds	8	(392)	(7,528)	<b>(7,920)</b>	-
		<b>25,067</b>	<b>(15,579)</b>	<b>9,488</b>	36,938
<b>Net movement of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2016		334,659	133,697	468,356	431,418
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2016</b>		<b>359,726</b>	<b>118,118</b>	<b>477,844</b>	468,356

# Mothers' Union in Ireland

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 €	2015 €
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investments- RCB	6	304,981	285,388
Cash at bank		172,863	183,028
		<b>477,844</b>	468,416
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	-	(60)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>477,844</b>	468,356
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds	8	359,726	334,659
Restricted funds	8	118,118	133,697
		<b>477,844</b>	468,356

The accounts on pages 5 to 12 were approved by the Board of Trustees on behalf by:

and signed on its

**Phyllis Grothier**  
All Ireland President



# Mothers' Union in Ireland

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

### 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 Euro (€).

#### 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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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

### 2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2016 Total €	2015 Total €
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
<b>Voluntary income:</b>				
Gifts	10,000	267	10,267	590
<b>Activities for generating funds:</b>				
Ploughing championships	633	-	633	553
Fundraising events	5,931	360	6,291	27,608
	<b>6,564</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>6,924</b>	28,161
<b>Investment income:</b>				
Bank interest received	63	61	124	175
RCB Dividend income	-	8,811	8,811	8,770
	<b>63</b>	<b>8,872</b>	<b>8,935</b>	8,945
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>				
<b>Charitable activities:</b>				
Overseas Development fund	-	141,747	141,747	118,778
Other funds	8,121	66,774	74,895	89,094
Contributions from Dioceses	146,689	-	146,689	160,587
Other income	-	-	-	4,608
	<b>154,810</b>	<b>208,521</b>	<b>363,331</b>	373,067
<b>Other incoming resources</b>				
Conferences	-	-	-	250
General meeting	-	-	-	6,470
Sundry income	1,553	-	1,553	2,599
RCB grant	-	5,000	5,000	-
	<b>1,553</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>6,553</b>	9,319
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>172,990</b>	<b>223,020</b>	<b>396,010</b>	420,082

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 3 Resources expended

	Notes	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2016 Total €	2015 Total €
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Ploughing championship		334	-	334	-
		<b>334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Overseas Development fund		-	144,107	144,107	115,343
Other funds		2,216	53,620	55,836	74,710
To Mary Summer house		101,650	-	101,650	120,125
Grants		11,782	11,287	23,069	19,422
Other projects		14,377	2,500	16,877	-
A&O Unit		-	-	-	3,264
		<b>130,025</b>	<b>211,514</b>	<b>341,539</b>	<b>332,864</b>
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Wages	5	13,333	-	13,333	14,136
Insurance		5,050	-	5,050	4,969
Telephone		1,058	-	1,058	1,002
Postage and stationery		-	10,569	10,569	6,006
Advertising		-	-	-	6,036
Sundry expenses		3,908	-	3,908	2,456
Rent		2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Website costs		2,761	-	2,761	2,761
Travel		5,676	-	5,676	4,939
Subscriptions		459	-	459	506
Focus printing and distribution		-	-	-	1,615
Bank fees		142	348	490	515
President		1,508	-	1,508	2,500
Council expenses		1,550	-	1,550	-
Accountancy		2,931	-	2,931	642
Foreign exchange		129	-	129	(203)
		<b>40,905</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>51,822</b>	<b>50,280</b>
<b>Total charitable activities</b>		<b>170,930</b>	<b>222,431</b>	<b>393,361</b>	<b>383,144</b>

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 4 Taxation

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

#### 5 Staff costs

	2016	2015
	€	€
Wages and salaries	<b>13,333</b>	14,136

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

#### 6 Current asset Investments

	2016	2015
	€	€
<b>Unlisted investments- RCB</b>		
Opening valuation	<b>285,388</b>	280,388
Additions	<b>4,500</b>	5,000
Movement in fair value	<b>15,093</b>	-
Closing valuation	<b>304,981</b>	285,388

#### 7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	€	€
Other creditors	-	60

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### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 8 Movement in funds

	1 January 2016 €	Foreign exchange €	Incoming resources €	Resources expended €	Transfer €	Gain on investment €	31 December 2016 €
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>							
General fund	334,659	(392)	172,990	(171,264)	8,640	15,093	<b>359,726</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>							
Mums in May	71,427	(4,576)	26,930	(42,288)	-	-	<b>51,493</b>
Jubilee Keane	17,680	-	48	-	(46)	-	<b>17,682</b>
Conference	4,224	-	5,006	(3)	2,907	-	<b>12,134</b>
Chapel	1,289	-	1	-	112	-	<b>1,402</b>
Centenary	8,298	-	9,071	-	(11,613)	-	<b>5,756</b>
Action and Outreach Unit	23,552	(2,356)	181,903	(178,412)	-	-	<b>24,687</b>
Marketing Unit	7,227	(596)	61	(1,728)	-	-	<b>4,964</b>
	133,697	<b>(7,528)</b>	<b>223,020</b>	<b>(222,431)</b>	<b>(8,640)</b>	-	<b>118,118</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	468,356	<b>(7,920)</b>	<b>396,010</b>	<b>(393,695)</b>	-	<b>15,093</b>	<b>477,844</b>

#### Mums in May

Fundraising campaign inaugurated in 2012 to mark 125<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (continued)**

#### **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.