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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI108297

International Peace Education Resources (IPER)
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31st March 2025

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	International Peace Education Resources (IPER)
Charity registration number	NI108297
Company registration number	NI667552
Principal office and registered office	91 Clady Road Portglenone BT44 8LB

The trustees

Mr S Fields	(Resigned 7th September 2024)
Mr B Hamber	(Resigned 27th May 2024)
Ms M McLaughlin	(Resigned 10th May 2024)
Mr C Winter	(Resigned 10th May 2024)
Ms S G Gordon	
Prof D Kew	
Ms F A McCartney	
Prof R H Mac Ginty	
Rev T McRoberts	
Ms N Walaza	

Company secretary Prof Marie Breen-Smyth

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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7th February 2020 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 17th September 2021 under charity number NIC108297. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2025

Objectives and activities

Advance the education about methods of peacebuilding.

Advance education about violence and its consequences.

Promote non-violence, conflict resolution, restorative practices and peaceful methods of managing conflict and differences.

Support positive community leadership in communities and organisations affected by violence.

Build, encourage and support positive relationships between legal authorities and communities and organisations affected by violence.

Provide opportunities for international learning, exchange and dialogue for students and community workers from Northern Ireland, United States, Europe, and other locations.

Promote the value of education about peace and the value of dialogue as a method of community development in the area of benefit in Northern Ireland and beyond:

To encourage collaborative international research, knowledge development and collegiality between international and local participants in the area of benefit:

To afford educational opportunities to a wide range of participants in the area of benefit, particularly in the greater Armagh area and elsewhere in Northern Ireland, including those with limited access to such education and training.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

How to achieve objectives

- (I) By providing support at local level for building positive relationships between stakeholders and the authorities;
- (II) By creating opportunities to build new networks of relationships at local and international levels;
- (III) By the provision of training and educational courses and events for local and international participants.
- (IV) By working in partnership and cooperation with educational institutions, community organisations and other relevant bodies to deliver training, courses, and events.
- (V) Bring together in conference representatives of voluntary organisations, Government departments, statutory authorities, and individuals.
- (VI) Co-operate and enter into arrangements with any authorities, national, local, or otherwise.
- (VII) Arrange and provide for, either alone or with others, the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars, or training courses.
- (VIII) Collect and disseminate information on all matters relating to its objects, and to exchange such information with other bodies having similar objects whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.
- (IX) Organise and deliver an annual accredited course in peacebuilding for international students and located in Northern Ireland.

Achievements and performance

Our work in 2024-2025 gained momentum as the year progressed. In the early months we were busy reorienting the organisation towards its new focus on paramilitary transition. This involved saying goodbye to all of our previous board members with the exception of our chairperson Stephen Field who remained in position until our AGM in June 2024, when we elected Mrs Felicity McCartney to replace him. We recruited five other new board members, Sylvia Gordon whose role in Corrymeela is complementary to our work, Professor Darren Kew, who worked with IPER on the summer school project and who has a long standing interest in Northern Ireland peace-building, Professor Roger McGinty, whose work on everyday peace is directly relevant to our work, Rev Tracey McRoberts whose knowledge of working class loyalist communities and interfaith work is key to much of what we do, and Nomfundo Walaza whose work in South Africa and internationally brings clinical psychological expertise to our assistance.

Our annual general meeting in June 2024 was attended by a wide range of stakeholders from government, the voluntary sector, policy makers, church representatives, police, academics, activists and those close to the paramilitary groups. There was an opportunity for informal networking followed by a presentation on the aims and goals of our work.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Our work during the year in working class loyalist communities has focused on creating vertical networks between those in the community close to or affected by paramilitarism on the one hand and the authorities, chiefly the police and housing authorities on the other. The goal is to render any remnants of 'paramilitary policing' redundant through creating channels of communication directly between communities and the authorities at a grass roots level, airing and resolving grievances, building trust and working relationships.

Our work on dissident republicanism has taken a very different form, focusing on individuals who wish to distance themselves from former associations.

We have benefited greatly from close working and support from The Reference Group, Evolve, Quaker Service, Corrymeela, the Committee on the Administration of Justice, the PSNI and the Housing Executive as well as local community organisations and courageous individuals in the areas in which we operate and others who have provided encouragement.

We benefited from a self-financed six-month internship during this year. Katherine Fynes from Washington DC based herself in Belfast and worked on a number of projects in Ballymena and Ballymoney. She also provided valuable minute taking services and her report is contained on her work is in the annual report. We anticipate a further intern placement from July 2025 for six months, but will require IPER to become registered with the Home Office in order to sponsor an intern visa.

Our financial situation remains a concern. In spite of multiple grant applications to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, the Fore and others we were unsuccessful in attracting any substantial funding. We are very grateful for the grant of £1,400 from the Honorable the Irish Society Clothmakers fund, which provided a laptop and other equipment and an open grant of £6,500 from the Social Change Initiative have eased our financial worries. We continue our fundraising efforts in the hope that we can move onto a firmer financial footing and obtain some paid help with administration and become able to pay for the work undertaken on our behalf. Currently all our fieldwork is conducted on a voluntary basis. We are sustained by our commitment to this work, and our desire not to let down those in working class communities, including those in paramilitary groups, who have argued and worked courageously and against the grain for an end to paramilitarism.

We were greatly heartened by the April 2024 British Irish Intergovernmental Council's recommendation that the two governments appoint an interlocutor to scope the feasibility of a process of paramilitary transition. This was followed by an announcement in early 2025 by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon Hilary Benn that the appointment would proceed. We look forward to meeting the appointee and to working to support him or her in whatever capacity is feasible and useful.

Financial review

The results for the year are contained in the financial statements attached.

Plans for future periods

The new focus of IPER's work was decided to be the work associated with supporting moves away from violence by individuals and groups at community level and the building of relationships of trust and mutual benefit between the authorities and those affected by, or previously involved in, violence. Fund-raising to support this work will be an immediate focus of the work in the next 12 months, as well as assessing the potential for support amongst communities, voluntary organisations, government departments and other authorities.

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 23rd April 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Ms F A McCartney
Trustee

Prof R H Mac Ginty
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of International Peace Education Resources (IPER)

Year ended 31st March 2025

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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;
- to 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
- to 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 the 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.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of International Peace Education Resources (IPER) *(continued)*

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Independent examiner's statement

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.

Donaldson & Thompson
Chartered Accountants
Independent Examiner

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23rd April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31st March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Charitable activities	5	6,500	1,400	7,900	—
Total income		<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>7,900</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	5,447	1,298	6,745	1,045
Total expenditure		<u>5,447</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>6,745</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>1,053</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
Transfers between funds		102	(102)	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>1,155</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,905	—	4,905	5,950
Total funds carried forward		<u>6,060</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,060</u>	<u>4,905</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		7,110	5,661
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	1,050	756
Net current assets		6,060	4,905
Total assets less current liabilities		6,060	4,905
Net assets		6,060	4,905
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		6,060	4,905
Total charity funds	13	6,060	4,905

For the year ending 31st March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd April 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Ms F A McCartney
Trustee

Prof R H Mac Ginty
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 91 Clady Road, Portglenone, BT44 8LB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', 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)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

International Peace Education Resources (IPER) is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Other income from charitable activities - HISC	–	1,400	1,400
Other income from charitable activities - Social Change	6,500	–	6,500
	<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>7,900</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income from charitable activities - HISC	–	–	–
Other income from charitable activities - Social Change	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Peace education	3,961	1,298	5,259
Support costs	1,486	–	1,486
	<u>5,447</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>6,745</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Peace education	576	–	576
Support costs	469	–	469
	<u>1,045</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,045</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Peace education	5,259	–	5,259	576
Governance costs	–	1,486	1,486	469
	<u>5,259</u>	<u>1,486</u>	<u>6,745</u>	<u>1,045</u>

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8. Analysis of support costs

	Peace education £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance costs	<u>1,356</u>	<u>1,356</u>	<u>456</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	250	180
Other financial services	<u>1,106</u>	<u>276</u>
	<u>1,356</u>	<u>456</u>

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,050</u>	<u>756</u>

13. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
General funds	<u>4,905</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>(5,447)</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>6,060</u>

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	<u>5,950</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,905</u>

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13. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
Restricted Fund	—	1,400	(1,298)	(102)	—

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Restricted Fund	—	—	—	—	—

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	7,110	7,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,050)	(1,050)
Net assets	6,060	6,060

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	5,661	5,661
Creditors less than 1 year	(756)	(756)
Net assets	4,905	4,905

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Management Information

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Charitable activities		
Other income from charitable activities - HISC	1,400	—
Other income from charitable activities - Social Change	6,500	—
	<u>7,900</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total income	<u>7,900</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	96	—
Other motor/travel costs	2,155	576
Legal and professional fees	1,390	469
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	5	—
Participant accommodation & catering costs	530	—
Admin & co-ordinator fees	2,569	—
	<u>6,745</u>	<u>1,045</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	<u>6,745</u>	<u>1,045</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>1,155</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
