L'Arche Ireland

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Crowleys DFK Unlimited Company Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm 16/17 College Green Dublin 2

Company Number: 77821 Charity Number: CHY7979

Charities Regulatory Authority Number: 20018856

L'Arche Ireland

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L'Arche Ireland TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees

Eugene Forde (Appointed 22 July 2023)

John Johnson

Muirne O'Connor (Appointed 22 April 2023)

Grahame Copplestone (Resigned 29 February 2024)

David Griffin
Paul Dennehy
Marion Courtney

Brendan Collins (Resigned 06 April 2024)

Company Secretary

John Johnson

Charity Number

CHY7979

Charities Regulatory Authority Number

20018856

Company Registration Number

77821

Registered Office and Principal Address

An Siol 42 West Street

Callan Co Kilkenny

Auditors

Crowleys DFK Unlimited Company

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

16/17 College Green

Dublin 2

Principal Bankers

Bank of Ireland Sutton Cross Sutton Dublin 13

Bank of Ireland

Ranelagh Village Dublin 6

Bank of Ireland

Wilton Co Cork

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP second edition effective 1 January 2019), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Background to L'Arche International and L'Arche Ireland

L'Arche Ireland is a member of L'Arche International. L'Arche is an international network of residential and non-residential communities. Its guiding philosophy is, as it has always been, for people with and without an intellectual disability to share community life. L'Arche was founded as a single community in Trosly, France, in 1964. It now comprises of 157 communities in 37 countries www.larche.org.

L'Arche in Ireland was founded in 1978 in Kilmoganny, Co Kilkenny. There are now three communities in Ireland located in Cork, Dublin and Kilkenny: www.larche.ie.

As advocates, we commit to highlighting the role and value of people who have ID in society. We work in partnership with the relevant authorities to ensure that our practices combine our ethos of belonging and homeliness with high regulatory standards.

We are registered with the Health Information Quality Authority (HIQA). Periodic HIQA audits during the year again commented positively on our ethos and the sense of belonging and homeliness in our houses. It has been pleasing to see this approach convert into a gradual expansion in activities over recent years which we hope to continue as development plans are initiated or continued in each community.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone in the communities for the outstanding work they put into maintaining the sense of belonging and home that is so important to all of us.

Trustees at 31 December 2023 were:
Marion Courtney - Chair
David Griffin - Treasurer
John Johnson - Company Secretary
Paul Dennehy
Grahame Copplestone
Brendan Collins
Muirne O'Connor
Eugene Forde

Sub committees: Finance Governance and Risk

Human Resources

Audit

L'Arche Ireland CEO/Leader- Eddie Gilmore

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who served throughout the year were as follows:

2023	Feb 11th	April 22 nd	June 17 th	July 22 nd	Oct 14th	Dec 9 th
Marion	٧	٧	٧	٧	٧	٧
Courtney				}		
David Griffin	٧	٧	٧	٧	٧	٧
John Johnson	√	х	٧	٧	٧	٧
Paul Dennehy	√	٧	٧	٧	٧	٧
Grahame	Absent*	Absent*	Absent*	Absent*	Absent*	Absent*
Copplestone						
Brendan	٧	V	Х	Х	٧	Х
Collins						
Muirna O	√	٧	٧	Х	Х	٧
Connor						
Eugene Forde		Attended**	Attended**	٧	٧	V

^{*}Absent for personal reasons.

We are grateful to all trustees, who supported the programme of Board activity during 2023. We wish to give particular thanks to Grahame Copplestone and Brendan Collins, who completed their terms of office in 2023. Part of Grahame's term of office was as Chair. Eugene Forde was elected on July 22nd 2023. All meetings were held online, except the one in December which was in person.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance Brief Review of 2023

L'Arche Ireland developed a new Mandate in early 2023 for L'Arche Ireland that will run from December 2023 - December 2028. A selection process was then undertaken which led to the recruitment of Eddie Gilmore as new CEO. He arrived in November for a period of hand-over with Mairead Boland Brabazon, the outgoing CEO, prior to commencing in January 2024. We are most grateful to Mairead for her transformational leadership over nine years.

During 2023, as we began to look at the recommendations of the Time to Reflect process (a strategic review and plan), which concluded in December 2022, two new time-limited posts were created and successfully recruited for: a Finance, Governance, Risk role and a HR Admin role. Work on other recommendations from the Time to Reflect process is ongoing.

L'Arche Ireland faces important challenges including:

The redesign and enhancement of our day supports to meet rising standards, changing needs and attract new members. This fits well with New Directions, a HSE initiative intended to maximise the life opportunities of people with ID through day supports.

The changing requirements of aging core members who have made L'Arche their home for many years. The Cork Community face challenges to repurpose its house and community space to satisfy changing requirements. This will entail significant capital expenditure. As ever, funding this programme will be a challenge.

Compliance with all Housing Agency requirements.

L'Arche Communities

L'Arche Cork

Following on from the feasibility study on the houses in L'Arche Cork in 2022, we are actively engaging with Cork City Council for the provision of CAS funding for the replacement of one house. We are grateful to the HSE for providing funding for essential fire safety work on two of the other houses, and we will continue to be in dialogue with the HSE regarding the need for essential fire safety work in the remaining three houses.

There was substantial development of the garden project, and the arrival of a 'Coffee Dock' on site and this will be formally launched in June 2024. A further positive move for the day services was the arrival of a new cohort of core members.

A large group of people from the community had a very successful pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

^{**}L'Arche has an established practice of inviting potential trustees to attend up to three meetings prior to their appointment.

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L'Arche Dublin

A new Nurse was recruited who was subsequently recruited to the role of PIC. This person has substantial skill and experience. Peter Shiels returned as community leader. A new residential core member was welcomed. And the community had some great parties: principally on Valentines Day, at Halloween, and a Christmas meal and dance at the nearby Marine Hotel.

L'Arche Kilkenny

Additional HSE funding was agreed in 2023 and has made it possible to have paid staff in all three houses around the clock, in addition to the volunteer assistants.

The day services have continued to develop. The Culinary Life Skills project provides meaningful work for 13 core members, and the addition of the woodwork shed has also been successful. This is part of an ambitious project to re-design the day service more closely in line with the needs and plans of core members and in line with New Directions. Ongoing training and development are in place. As a result, we have been able to welcome two additional day core members. Further development of the day service will take place in 2024. We are grateful to Chris Hayes, who completed his final year of service as an effective and popular Community Leader.

The community was very saddened by the death of Gina Roche, a much-loved core member of many years standing.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity had gross assets of €7,347,781 (2022 - €7,340,969) and gross liabilities of €407,020 (2022 - €256,384). The net assets of the charity have decreased by €(143,824).

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Each Community, the Leadership Team and the Trustees periodically assess the principal risks and take and review measures to manage them using a well embedded risk register. Key risks include the following:

Recruitment and retention

The recruitment and retention of experienced staff and volunteers to support our core members, a growing number of whom have complex needs.

Recruitment of Board members (all volunteers) with appropriate skills and the time available to undertake their responsibilities is also an ongoing challenge and one which is common across the sector.

Funding

Following on from the Time to Reflect process, together with the internal audit process which highlighted the need for additional staff support in L'Arche houses, the HSE did provide some additional funding towards residential staffing in Kilkenny in 2023. We are engaged in ongoing discussion with the HSE regarding community and central support funding.

Confidence and Support of Funders

L'Arche relies on the HSE and other funders to support its day-to-day activities. L'Arche continues to meet the compliance and other standards required for such support.

Meeting required housing standards

As mentioned above, upgrade work is required on the Cork housing stock to ensure that houses are both safe and are meeting the long-term needs of the core members.

Safeguarding

A robust safeguarding structure is in place in line with regulatory guidance. The comprehensive work on safeguarding carried out by L'Arche international in recent years provides an additional layer.

Clinical Governance

We recognise the need to carry out a robust clinical review of admissions procedures and evolving needs of service users in order to deliver appropriate services.

Future Developments

There have been no significant changes in the activities following the year end and the trustees have no other plans to change the activities and operations of the charity for the foreseeable future.

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Trustees and Secretary

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Eugene Forde (Appointed 22 July 2023)
John Johnson
Muirne O'Connor (Appointed 22 April 2023)
Grahame Copplestone (Resigned 29 February 2024)
David Griffin
Paul Dennehy
Marion Courtney
Brendan Collins (Resigned 06 April 2024)

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for election.

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was John Johnson.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. L'Arche Ireland subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities Governance Code
- The Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no circumstances or events subsequent to the year end, which require adjustment to, or disclosure in the financial statements.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no omissions of the names of any Trustees, executive officers or senior staff members for any extenuating personal circumstances.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of Others

L'Arche Ireland do not act as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

Going Concern

A very substantial portion of L'Arche's income comes from the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) agreed with the HSE.

In line with 2023, budgets for 2024 have being prepared on a business-as-usual basis. Accordingly, the board of L'Arche is comfortable regarding the going concern status of all the communities.

Research and Development

The charity did not engage in any research and development activity during the year.

Reserves

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and other income which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the donors binding the trustees. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

The Auditors

The auditors, Crowleys DFK Unlimited Company, (Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

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Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at An Siol, 42 West Street, Callan, Co, Kilkenny.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on _

30 May 2024

and signed on its behalf by:

Marion Courtney

Trustee

Trustee

L'Arche Ireland TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of L'Arche Ireland for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and applicable regulations.

Irish company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Marion Courtney

David Griffin

Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of L'Arche Ireland

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of L'Arche Ireland ('the Charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity as at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 4 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of L'Arche Ireland

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014; and
- the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of trustees' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the charity. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is provided in the appendix to this report, located at page 12, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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CROWLEYS DFK UNLIMITED COMPANY

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

16/17 College Green

Dublin 2

30 May 2024

L'Arche Ireland APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

L'Arche Ireland STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

Incoming Resources	Notes	Jnrestricted Funds 2023 €	Restricted Funds 2023 €	Total Funds 2023 €	Unrestricted Funds 2022 €	Restricted Funds 2022 €	Total Funds 2022 €
Voluntary Income	5.1	54,753		54,753	73,307	-	73,307
Charitable activities - Grants from governments	5.2	-	6,119,945	6,119,945	58,859	5,471,925	5,530,784
and other co-funders Activities for generating funds	5.3	15,165		15,165	18,337	-	18,337
Other income	5.4	12,148		12,148	23,691	3,284	26,975
Total incoming resources		82,066	6,119,945	6,202,011	174,194	5,475,209	5,649,403
Resources Expended							
Raising funds Charitable activities	6.1 6.2	441 56,780	57,492 6,231,122	57,933 6,287,902	174,663	55,080 5,376,701	55,080 5,551,364
Total Resources Expended		57,221	6,288,614	6,345,835	174,663	5,431,781	5,606,444
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		24,845	(168,669)	(143,824)	(469)	43,428	42,959
Gross transfers between funds		•			-		-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		24,845	(168,669)	(143,824)	(469)	43,428	42,959
Reconciliation of funds: Total funds beginning of the year	19	1,708,389	5,376,196	7,084,585	1,708,858	5,332,768	7,041,626
Total funds at the end of the year		1,733,234	5,207,527	6,940,761	1,708,389	5,376,196	7,084,585

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

L'Arche Ireland BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	€	€
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	11	4,807,767	4,873,284
Investments	12	1,000	1,000
		4,808,767	4,874,284
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	137,129	233,374
Cash at bank and in hand	14	2,401,885	2,233,311
		2,539,014	2,466,685
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(407,020)	(256,384)
Net Current Assets		2,131,994	2,210,301
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		6,940,761	7,084,585
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		5,207,527	5,376,196
General fund (unrestricted)		1,733,234	1,708,389
Total funds	19	6,940,761	7,084,585

Approved by the Board of Trustees on _	30 May 2024	_ aprd signed on its behalf by:
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Marion Courtney

Trustee

David Griffin

L'Arche Ireland STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds Adjustments for:		(143,824)	42,959
Depreciation		247,970	249,276
Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets		181	(3,284)
		104,327	288,951
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		96,245	(78,812)
Movement in creditors		150,636	(138,848)
Cash generated from operations		351,208	71,291
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(182,453)	(352,104)
Receipts from disposal of tangible assets		(181)	12,800
Net cash used in investment activities		(182,634)	(339,304)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Advances to subsidiaries/group companies		•	4,000
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		168,574	(264,013)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,233,311	2,497,324
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	14	2,401,885	2,233,311

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

L'Arche Ireland is a company limited by guarantee (registered under Part 18 of the Companies Act 2014) incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland (CRO Number: 77821). The registered office of the company is An Síol, 42 West Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

L'Arche Ireland is made up of three communities and one central office which addresses are as follows:

- L'Arche Ireland Central Office: An Síol, 42 West Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny
- L'Arche Dublin 8 Warrenhouse Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13
- L'Arche Kilkenny Cluain Aoibhinn, Fairgreen Lane, Callan, Co. Kilkenny
- L'Arche Cork Le Chéile, Togher Road, Co. Cork

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company. The principal activity of the charity consists of provision of services of care and support for our community members who have intellectual disabilities. We are committed to ensuring the greatest quality of life that enables each one to achieve their full potential. We work in partnership with the relevant authorities to ensure that our practices are in compliance with the highest international and national standards.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition effective 1 January 2019)", Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the charity has varied the standard formats in that Act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in the Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Fund accounting

The following are the categorises of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and other income which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the donors binding the trustees. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds represents amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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L'Arche Ireland NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

True and fair override

The Trustees have availed of the provisions of Section 291(5) of the Companies Act 2014 to use a format for the financial statements that better describes the activities of a company not trading for profit. The main change being the replacement of the title "profit and loss" with the title "Statement of Financial Activities" and consequential changes in descriptions of certain items to be consistent with the descriptions appropriate to the not for profit sector.

Government Grants

Grants towards the day to day running of the community are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities account as they are received and receivable. Grants towards capital expenditure are also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities account as they are received and receivable.

Financial Instruments

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in the case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the charity would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Retirement Benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Annual contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold Plant and machinery Fixtures, fittings and equipment Motor vehicles Computer equipment 2% Straight line20% Straight line

12.5% - 33% Straight line20% Straight line

- 20% Straight line

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value. Income from other financial fixed asset investments together with any related withholding tax is recognised in the income and expenditure account in the year in which it is receivable.

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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Creditors

Creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

The company is a registered charity and no provision is deemed necessary for taxation.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Annual contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting for depreciation:

The charity provides for depreciation on its tangible fixed assets. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives. The Trustees review on an on-going basis the charge to depreciation to ensure it is consistent with the expected residual value applicable to the different categories of tangibles. The total amount of assets subject to depreciation is €4,807,767 (2022: €4,873,284).

Going Concern:

The trustees have considered budgets for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and the classification of the assets and liabilities that may arise if the charity was unable to continue as a going concern.

Useful Lives of Tangible Fixed Assets:

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of property, fixtures and fittings, and office equipment represent a significant portion of the total assets. The annual depreciation and amortisation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The trustees regularly review these useful lives by considering technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation and amortisation charge for the financial year.

Reserves Policy:

Reserves are held to cover operational contingencies, anticipated capital expenditure and Housing Agency maintenance obligations. These are spread across each community and a central fund.

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4. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and to prepare and submit returns to the Companies Registration Office.

5.	INCOME					
5.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
			€	€	€	€
	Donations & Legacies		54,753 ———	-	54,753	73,307
5.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	Grants from governments and other	co-fundare:	€	€	€	€
	Government Grants	co-landers.	_	5,808,811	5,808,811	4,884,254
	Contribution from Core Members Other Grants		:	258,487 52,648	258,487 52,648	240,135 406,395
			-	6,119,945	6,119,945	5,530,784
5.3	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
			Fullas	Fullus	€	€
	Day projects income		15,165	•	15,165	18,337
5.4	OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
			Funds €	Funds €	€	€
	Other income		12,148	-	12,148	26,975
	The total of the income derived by the cl	harity relates	from its activiti	es in the Repu	blic of Ireland.	
6.	EXPENDITURE					
6.1	RAISING FUNDS	Direct Costs		Support Costs	2023	2022
		€	€	€	€	€
	Day projects expenses	56,883		_	56,883	50,714
	Fundraising expenses	1,050	-	-	1,050	4,366
		57,933	-		57,933	55,080
6.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs		Support Costs	2023	2022
		€	€	€	€	€
	Cost of charitable activities Governance Costs (Note 6.3)	:	6,161,890 -	86,264 39,748	6,248,154 39,748	5,511,491 39,873
			6,161,890	126,012	6,287,902	5,551,364

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6.3	GOVERNANCE COSTS	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2023	2022
		€	€	€	€	€
	Accountancy and audit			39,748	39,748	39,873
				39,748	39,748	39,873
7.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS					
		Basis of Apportionment			2023 €	2022 €
	Legal and professional Accountancy and audit	Governance			86,264 39,748	2,128 39,873
					126,012	42,001
8.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2023 €	2022 €
	Net Incoming Resources are stated Depreciation of tangible assets Deficit/(surplus) on disposal of tangib Accountancy and audit cost		rediting):		247,970 181 39,748	249,276 (3,284) 39,873

9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of employees is calculated as a monthly average. The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year, see below.

Board members received no remuneration for their role on the Board.

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total employees	120	117
The staff costs comprise:	2023 €	2022 €
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	3,870,022 349,156 261,664	3,290,284 320,649 248,437
	4,480,842	3,859,370

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10. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period fell within the bands below were:

2023	2022
Number of	Number of
Employees	Employees
5	5

€60,000 - €70,000

The CEO's salary for the year 2023 was €67,528.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	At 1 January 2023	Additions	Disposals	
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At 31 December 2023

Depreciation At 1 January 2023 Charge for the financial year On disposals

At 31 December 2023

Net book value At 31 December 2023

At 31 December 2022

Computer Total equipment €	108,689 8,477,678 3,898 182,453 - (15,950)	112,587 8,644,181	80,229 3,604,394 9,826 247,970 - (15,950)	90,055 3,836,414	22,532 4,807,767 28,460 4,873,284
Motor vehicles €	613,431 19,341 (15,950)	616,822	372,242 56,429 (15,950)	412,721	241,189
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	605,107 96,711	701,818	464,577 43,375	507,952	193,866 140,530
Plant and machinery €	54,753	54,753	52,842 647	53,489	1,264
Land and buildings freehold	7,095,698 62,503	7,158,201	2,634,504 137,693	2,772,197	4,386,004 4,461,194

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12. INVESTMENTS

Investments
Cost
At 31 December 2023
Net book value
At 31 December 2023
At 31 December 2022
DEBTORS
Trade debtors
Other debtors
Prepayments
Accrued Income

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

14.	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2023 €	2022 €
	Cash and bank balances	2,401,885 ———	2,233,311
15.	CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	2023 €	2022 €
	Trade creditors Taxation and social security costs Other creditors Accruals Deferred Income	92,908 80,645 6,867 46,025 180,575	136,092 77,363 9,493 33,436
		407,020	256,384

16. PENSION COSTS - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Pension costs amounted to €261,664 (2022 - €248,437).

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17. STATE FUNDING

In accordance with Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 13/2014, the following details the core funding grants of the organisation applicable to 2023.

Government DepartmentHealth Service ExecutiveGrant ProgrammeCore Funding - Cork/Kerry Community HealthcarePurpose of the GrantTo further the charity's objectives.TermJanuary 2023 - December 2023

Total Fund €2,548,907

Fund deferred or due at financial year end

No amount deferred or due at the year-end.

Received in the financial year €2,548,907

Government Department Health Service Executive

Grant Programme Core Funding - Community Health Care Organisations

Dublin North City & County

Purpose of the Grant To further the charity's objectives.

Term January 2023 - December 2023

Total Fund €1,263,011

Fund deferred or due at year end

No amount deferred or due at the year-end.

Received in the year €1,263,011

Government Department Health Service Executive

Grant Programme Capital Grant

Purpose of the Grant Capital funding – Fire Safety Works

Term January 2023 - December 2023

Total Fund €35,425

Fund deferred or due at year end €180,575

Received in the year €216,000

Government Department Health Service Executive

Grant Programme Core Funding - Carlow/Kilkenny Area

Purpose of the Grant To further the charity's objectives.

Term January 2023 - December 2023

Total Fund €1,763,730

Fund deferred or due at year end

No amount deferred or due at the year-end.

Received in the year €1,763,730

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Movement during the financial year

At 31 December 2023

Government Department	Health Service Executive			
Grant Programme	Core Funding - Carlow/Kilkenny Area			
Purpose of the Grant	Superannuation Grant			
Term	January 2023 - December 2023			
Total Fund	€56,535			
Fund deferred or due at year end	No amount deferred or due at	the year-end.		
Received in the year	€56,535			
Government Department	Health Services Executive			
Grant programme	Home Care Support - Dublin			
Purpose of the Grant	Home Care			
Term	January 2023 – December 2023			
Total Fund	€128,412			
Fund deferred or due at year end	No amount deferred or due at the year-end.			
Received in the year	€128,412			
RESERVES				
		2023 €	2022 €	
At the beginning of the year (Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year		7,084,585 (143,824)	7,041,626 42,959	
At the end of the year		6,940,761	7,084,585	
FUNDS RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total Funds €	
At 1 January 2022 Movement during the financial year	1,708,858 (469)	5,332,768 43,428	7,041,626 42,959	
At 31 December 2022	1,708,389	5,376,196	7,084,585	

24,845

1,733,234

(168,669)

5,207,527

(143,824)

6,940,761

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19.2	ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS	ON FUNDS Balance 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance 31 December 2023
		€	€	€	€	€
	Restricted funds					
	Restricted Funds Unrestricted funds	5,376,196	6,119,945	6,288,614	-	5,207,527
	Unrestricted Funds	1,708,389	82,066	57,221		1,733,234
	Total funds	7,084,585	6,202,011	6,345,835	-	6,940,761
19.3	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS E	BY FUND				
		Fixed assets - charity use	Financial fixed assets	Current assets	Current liabilities	Total
		€	€	€	€	€
	Restricted trust funds	4,807,767		806,601	(406,841)	5,207,527
	Unrestricted general funds	<u> </u>	1,000	1,732,413	(179)	1,733,234

4,807,767

20. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited. As a company limited by guarantee, there are no ultimate controlling parties of this company.

1,000

2,539,014

(407,020)

6.940,761

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding € 1.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.

22. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no circumstances or events subsequent to the year end, which require adjustment to, or disclosure in the financial statements.

23. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 30.May.2024......

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

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Operating Statement for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 €	2022 €
Income	6,202,011	5,646,119
Cost of generating funds		
Fundraising costs	1,050	4,366
	1,050	4,366
Gross surplus	6,200,961	5,641,753
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	3,870,022	3,290,284
Employer's NI/PRSI contributions	349,156	320,649
Staff defined contribution pension costs	261,664	248,437
Training and formation expenditure	71,158	112,372
Living expenses	531,627	487,032
Day project expenses	56,883	50,714
Property expenditure	380,182	311,666
Administration expenditure	350,002	398,868
Computer costs	12,182	
Transport expenditure	83,095	88,763
Legal and professional	90,938	2,128
Accountancy	35,074	39,873
Bank charges	4,551	2,016
Surpluses/deficits on disposal of tangibles Depreciation	181 247,970	(3,284) 249,276
	6,344,785	5,598,794
Net (deficit)/surplus	(143,824)	42,959