

ILS Annual Report 2023



'Building communities, changing lives'



ILS Howth Summer Picnic 2023



Who We Are and What We do

Our mission: ILS seeks to promote social inclusion for newer community members through community-based Language and (inter)cultural training, and to foster social cohesion in the communities and areas of Dublin City where New-Irish reside through intercultural encounters, activities and events.

Our vision: We see diversity as a golden opportunity for personal and inter-community development, not a challenge. We see integration as a two-way conversation between equals.



ILS members' voices from survey November 2023*



1. Members' response to lived social experiences (*30% Members surveyed)



2. Members' response to ILS experiences



3. Members' response about their future hopes

Work and education

30% of ILS members registered in 2023 found work or moved into further education. Though language may be a barrier to employment, even some with lower levels of English found jobs in a near-full employment economy. All members surveyed expressed desires to be more active citizens and economic actors. Migrants have filled 50% of the 100,000 vacancies filled in 2023 (Irish Times, 7/12/23).

“Thank you so much and is because of your work I'm in doing mine now”

– Ana, ex-member



Video - We Are Here – Migrants at Work in Ireland

Social connection

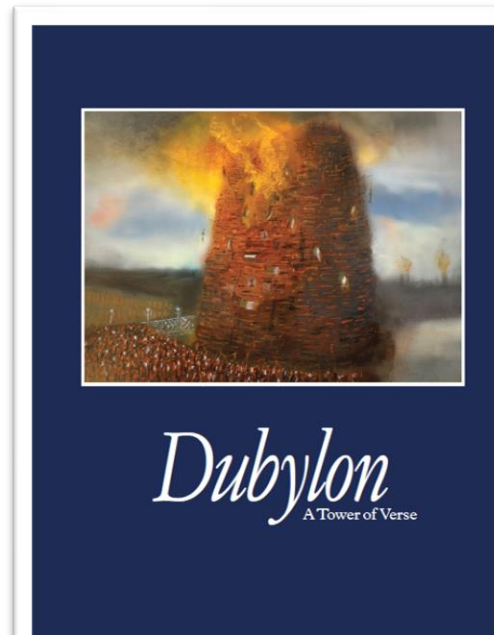
Many of our members talked about the difficulty in creating social contacts and networks outside our centre which is why we create many opportunities for connection with their new home through outings and intercommunity events. For many new arrivals ILS is their first social network where they build confidence in a safe space and grow their right to be heard. Their comments refer often to connection, communication and interculturalism.



Belonging

This year we did a series of collaborative poetry writing workshops facilitated by published poets which explored our members relations and feeling about their adopted city, and which culminated in the Dubylon book. This project had the desired effect of increasing a sense belonging and fuller understanding of how we are all Dubylonians together in this city. We will continue this UNESCO City of Literature project and produce a second volume in 2024.

<https://www.ilsschool.org/dubylon.html>



Numbers

As a drop-in Centre, the population at ILS fluctuates greatly due to people moving on after arrival, finding work, changing lodgings, etc. Of the 175 members registered in 2023, daily attendance averaged at 40. Morning lessons means a positive gender balance for mothers (and fathers) of school-going children. The majority are from the north inner city and recent arrivals. Increasingly, we have focused of serving lower- level learners as these are most in need of language and connections.

Nationality

Afghanistan	10
Albania	2
Algeria	18
Bangladesh	3
Belarus	1
Botswana	3
Brazil	7
Chile	1
China	3
Egypt	1
Gvatemala	1
India	
Iran	1
Iraq	1
Ireland-Libya	1
Italy	2
Lesotho	1
Libya	1
Lithuania	1
Mexico	1
Moldova	1
Morocco	1
Nigeria	1
Palestina	1
Peru	1
Romania	1
Siria	1
Somalia	33
South Africa	1
Spain	5
Sweden	1
Syria	5
Ukraine	60
Venezuela	3

Grand Total 175

Gender

Female	92
Male	79

Residence

Co.Dublin	62
Co.Kildare	2
Co.Meath	2
Co.Wiclow	1
D1	52
D11	4
D13	2
D14	1
D15	3
D16	1
D18	1
D2	3
D24	4
D3	20
D6	2
D7	4
D8	3
D9	6
Naas	1

Language Level*

A0	24
A1	26
A2	53
A2/B1	1
B1	48
B1+	5
B2	1

*<https://www.ilsschool.org/european-language-levels.html>

Arrived in Ireland

2004	1
2014	1
2015	1
2019	2
2021	18
2022	87
2023	65

Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee

Abridged Unaudited Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 30 November 2022

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**Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Peter Corcoran
Jason King
David Singleton
Vadym Olefirenko

Company Secretary

Jason King

Charities Regulatory Authority Number

20162931

Company Number

606151

Registered Office and Principal Address

37 Wellington Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
D04YX27
Ireland

**Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee
TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

for the financial year ended 30 November 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard, 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 company as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the company 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;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, 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 company 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 company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the company 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Jason King
Trustee



Peter Corcoran
Trustee



Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee
ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 November 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		24,875	7,784
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(8,906)</u>	<u>(3,731)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>15,969</u>	<u>4,053</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>15,969</u>	<u>4,053</u>
Funds			
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>15,969</u>	<u>4,053</u>
Total funds		<u>15,969</u>	<u>4,053</u>

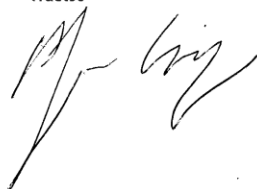
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

We, as Trustees of Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee, state that -

- (a) the company is availing itself of the exemption provided for by Chapter 15 of Part 6 of the Companies Act 2014,
- (b) the company is availing itself of the exemption on the grounds that the conditions specified in section 358 are satisfied,
- (c) the members of the company have not served a notice on the company under section 334(1) in accordance with section 334(2),
- (d) we acknowledge the company's obligations under the Companies Act 2014, to keep adequate accounting records and prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company at the end of its financial year and of its surplus or deficit for such a financial year and to otherwise comply with the provisions of Companies Act 2014 relating to financial statements so far as they are applicable to the company,
- (e) the company has relied on the specified exemption contained in section 352 Companies Act 2014. The company has done so on the grounds that it is entitled to the benefit of that exemption as a small company and confirm that the abridged financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with section 353 Companies Act 2014 and the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Jason King
Trustee



Peter Corcoran
Trustee



Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee
NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 30 November 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Intercultural Language Service Company Limited By Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is 37 Wellington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04YX27, Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

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.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Income

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. 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.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants and support costs. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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 and deferred taxation

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

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable income and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

3. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The validity of this assumption is dependent on achieving sufficient operating cash flows for the future years. The trustees are of the opinion that the company will continue to receive financial support from their principal funders for the foreseeable future.

4. INCOME

4.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €
Grants	25,125	-	25,125	27,927

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4.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
		€	€	€	€	
	Income from charitable activities	3,400	-	3,400	-	
4.3	OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021	
		€	€	€	€	
	Other income	1,272	-	1,272	-	
5.	EXPENDITURE					
5.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2022	2021
		€	€	€	€	€
	Expenditure on charitable activities	-	17,881	-	17,881	28,907
6.	RESERVES					
				2022	2021	
				€	€	
	At 1 December 2021			4,053	5,033	
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year			11,916	(980)	
	At 30 November 2022			15,969	4,053	
7.	FUNDS					
7.1	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND			Current assets	Current liabilities	Total
				€	€	€
	Unrestricted general funds			24,875	(8,906)	15,969
				24,875	(8,906)	15,969

8. STATUS

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

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.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee has received a salary during the year.

No trustee or any other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

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10. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 17 July 2023.