

ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE

COMMITTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The committees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Committee members' responsibilities statement

The committee members are responsible for preparing the Committees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and regulations.

The committee members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The committee members are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Committee as at the financial year end date, of the income and expenditure for that financial year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Committee's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 Committee will continue in business.

The committee members confirm they have complied with the above requirements when preparing the financial statements.

The committee members are responsible for ensuring that the Committee keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Committee, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the Committee to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement on relevant audit information

Each of the persons who are committee members at the time when this Committees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the committee members are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Committee's auditors are unaware, and
- the committee members have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a committee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Committee's auditors are aware of that information.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

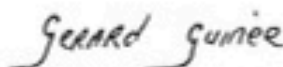
Auditors

The auditors, Ardagh Horan Connolly Accountants Limited, continue in office and this report was approved by the Committee Members and signed on its behalf by:



Barbara Clinton
Chairperson

Date: 27 November 2024



Gerard Guinee
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Advocates for Victims of Homicide (the 'Committee') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Funds and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- ☑ give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Committee as at 31 December 2023 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- ☑ have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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 in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Committee in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 10 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 directors' 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 organisation's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE (CONTINUED)

Other information

The committee members' are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Opinion on other matters

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

- in our opinion, the information given in the Committee Members' Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Committee Members' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Committee were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Committee and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Committee Members' Report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ADVOCATES FOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE (CONTINUED)

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

Responsibilities of committee members for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Committees' Responsibilities Statement on page 2, the committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committees 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 committees are responsible for assessing the organisation'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 the management intends to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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.

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

Our report is made solely to the members. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 any responsibility to anyone other than the entity and the members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by: 
John Connolly

for and on behalf of

Ardagh Horan Connolly Accountants Limited
Certified Public Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
16 Bridgecourt Office Park
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Date: 27 November 2024

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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 of the effectiveness of the organisation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee members' 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 organisation'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 organisation 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.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 €	2022 €
Income	4	147,495	97,731
Expenditure		(133,999)	(77,174)
Operating surplus		14,096	16,557
Surplus for the financial year		14,096	16,557

STATEMENT OF COPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 €	2022 €
Surplus for the financial year	14,096	16,557
Other comprehensive income	--	--
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	14,096	16,557

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 €	2022 €
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5	--	320
Cash at bank and in hand	6	129,156	99,497
		<u>129,156</u>	<u>99,817</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one Year	7	(38,936)	(48,693)
		<u>90,220</u>	<u>51,124</u>
Net current assets		<u>90,220</u>	<u>51,124</u>
Net assets		<u>90,220</u>	<u>51,124</u>
Reserves			
Reserve fund		25,000	
Income and expenditure account		65,220	51,124
		<u>90,220</u>	<u>51,124</u>
Accumulated funds		<u>90,220</u>	<u>51,124</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the committee:

Barbara Clinton

Barbara Clinton
Chairperson

Gerard Guinee

Gerard Guinee
Treasurer

Date: 27 November 2024

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Income and expenditure account	Total funds
	€	€
At 1 January 2023		
	51,124	51,124
Comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	14,096	14,096
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Total comprehensive income for the year	65,220	65,220
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At 31 December 2023	65,220	65,220
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Income and expenditure account	Total funds
	€	€
At 1 January 2022		
	35,467	35,467
Comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	16,557	16,557
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Total comprehensive income for the year	16,557	16,557
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At 31 December 2022	51,124	51,124
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. General information

Advocates for Victims of Homicide advocates for and supports families and friends of victims of homicides. The organisation's address is 113 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 AV80.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the organisation's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Functional and presentation currency

The organisation's functional and presentational currency is Euros.

2.3 Fundraising and donations

Fundraising and donations are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year of receipt.

2.4 Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the organisation. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the organisation is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

2.5 Expenditure

All monies paid out are vouched and approved by two committee members and can only be expended on activities that are comparable with the objectives of the organisation.

2.6 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2.7 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgments, 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. The organisation makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Going concern

The Committee members have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the entity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern.

On this basis, the Committee members 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 classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the entity was unable to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

4. Income

An analysis of income by class is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Commission for Support of Victims of Crime	108,862	70,000
Tusla	13,052	6,552
Fundraising and donations	12,301	12,406
The Community Foundation for Ireland	13,280	4,773
	<u>147,495</u>	<u>93,731</u>

Name of grantor: Department of Justice

Name of grant: Victims of Crime and Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

Purpose of the grant: Provision of services supporting victims of crime in the Criminal Justice System.

Grant Awarded: €109,500, Grant Received: €109,500, Grant Accrued: Nil, Grant Deferred: €638, Grant Income: €108,862

Accounting for grants: The Grantee is required to submit a final Report containing financial and operational information prepared in accordance with the requirements set by the Department.

Capital grants: No such grants received in the period.

Employees: There are no employees whose total employee benefits (excluding ER pension) that fall within each band of €10,000 from €60,000 upwards.

Restrictions: The grant is restricted as per terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

Name of grantor: TUSLA

Name of grant: National Community Counselling Service

Purpose of the grant: Provide a free counselling to adults and children affected by homicide.
Grant awarded: €6,552, Grant Received: €6,552, Grant Accrued: €6,500, Grant Deferred: Nil, Grant Income: €13,052.

Accounting for grants: The grantee is required to submit a valid Insurance Policy, Audited Accounts and Annual Financial Compliance Statement.

Capital grants: No such grants received in the period.

Employees: There are no employees whose total employee benefits (excluding ER pension) that fall within each band of €10,000 from €60,000 upwards.

Restrictions: The grant is restricted as per terms and conditions of the funding agreement. Grantees are provided funding subject to a full verifiable audit trail being in place for all vouched expenditure.

Tax clearance: The organisation is not registered for tax.

	2023 €	2022 €
5. Debtors		
Other debtors	–	320
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6. Cash and cash equivalents		
	2023 €	2022 €
Cash at bank and in hand	129,156	99,497
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7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	2023 €	2022 €
Funding unspent / received in advance	35,585	46,727
Accruals	3,351	1,966
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	38,936	48,693
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8. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities		

The organisation had no known contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2023 nor were any capital commitments envisaged for 2024.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

9. Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the organisation since the year end.

10. Provisions available for small entities

In common with many other organisations of its size and nature, the organisation uses its auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

11. Approval of financial statements

The board of committees approved these financial statements for issue on 27 November 2024.

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 €	2022 €
Income		
Commission for Support of Victims of Crime	108,862	70,000
Tusla	13,052	6,552
Fundraising and donations	12,301	12,406
The Community Foundation for Ireland	13,280	4,773
	147,495	93,731
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	2023 €	2022 €
Expenditure		
Rent payable	7,200	6,900
Insurance	758	758
Web update	1,204	1,204
Conferences	372	397
Administration and office expenses	25,517	13,195
Public Information Events	8,689	-
Computer and IT costs	752	2,699
Telephone	1,035	694
Memorial	8,984	-
Service director	46,200	-
Volunteer expenses	6,009	2,016
Trauma impact video	-	4,774
Group counselling	-	9,562
Counselling co-ordinator	-	12,300
Counselling fees	23,570	20,068
Accountancy	2,460	1,476
Bank charges	199	86
Subscriptions	450	325
	133,399	77,174
	133,399	77,174
Surplus	14,096	16,557
	14,096	16,557