

**Belfast Library and Society for Promoting  
Knowledge (The Linen Hall Library)  
Annual report  
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

# The Linen Hall Library

## Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020

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## Reference and administrative details

### Governors

<b>President:</b>	Dr E Hughes, BA, MA, PHD (from May 2020)	(8/8)
<b>Acting President:</b>	Dr E Hughes, BA, MA, PHD (to May 2020)	(8/8)
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Ms L Maltman, BSc, MSc (from May 2020)	(7/8)
<b>Honorary Secretary:</b>	Ms K Blair, LLB, LLM, LARTPI (from May 2020)	(8/8)
	Mr C Radcliffe, BA Hons (to May 2020)	(2/2)
<b>Honorary Treasurer:</b>	Mr C McCleane	(7/8)
	Mr M Adair	(6/8)
	Mrs A Chapman, OBE, BSSc Hons, MSW (to May 2020)	(1/2)
	Ms K Hoey	(7/8)
	Ms S McCartan, BA Hons, ACIfA, FSA (London) (from May 2020)	(6/6)
	Mr J McCartney, MSc (from Feb 2020)	(8/8)
	Dr P McGarry, DL, FRCPsych (from May 2020)	(4/6)
	Mr S McKee, BA (from May 2020)	(6/6)
	Mr G Lucy, BA Hons, PGCE	(7/8)
	Prof M Ó Mainnín, BA, MA, PhD (from May 2020)	(4/6)
	Dr O Purdue, BA, MA, PHD	(4/8)
	Mr J Roberts	(4/8)
	Ms S Stevenson, ACR	(8/8)
	Mr J Stewart, MSc, MA, BSc (to May 2020)	(0/2)

*[figure in brackets indicates attendance at Governors' meetings]*

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# The Linen Hall Library

## Governors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Library, which operates under the name of the Linen Hall Library, is legally known as the Belfast Library and Society for Promoting Knowledge.

The Board of Governors, who are also the trustees of the Library, submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Governors have prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2015).

### Reference and administration information

Details of the registered office, governors, independent advisers and other relevant information are given on page 1.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Governors

The Governors are responsible for setting the Library's forward strategy and oversight of its business.

#### Governing document

The Library was founded in 1788 and is governed by its Constitution enacted in 1891 under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885 and as subsequently amended.

In 2016, the Library was formally registered as a charity by the new Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The Constitution is available on the Library website at [www.linenhall.com](http://www.linenhall.com).

#### Appointment of Governors

There is a maximum of fifteen Governors of the Linen Hall Library who are elected by triennial rotation at the Annual General Meeting and by the subscribing members of the Library. A Governor shall not be eligible for re-election after having served two successive terms of three years, until the lapse of a period of two years. The officers of the Society are also elected annually at the Governors' meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

#### Recruitment of Governors

The Governors annually review the skills required by the Board and available to them and, when appropriate, use their powers of co-option to fill gaps.

#### Governor induction and training

New Governors undertake an induction visit to the Library and are supplied with all key Library documentation. The Library has arrangements in place to provide training for all its Governors on an annual basis.

#### Risk management

The Library has established a risk register which is reviewed by the Governors on a quarterly basis.

Risks arising from the relative weakness of the Library's financial position are being addressed in the context of the ongoing business planning process.

The Governors will continue to review the financial risks that the Library faces and believe that increasing the free reserves to £238,422 will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions (see Reserves policy on page 4).

The Governors take the responsibility of monitoring financial risk management. The organisation is not significantly exposed to price or credit risk. The organisation has a bank overdraft and the Governors continually review this debt to ensure interest charges are minimised as far as possible.

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## Governors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

### Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Library lies with the Director and the Management Team. The Director is responsible for ensuring that planned services are delivered, that key performance indicators are met, and that agreed procedures are operative.

#### Related parties

The Library is Lead Partner in The National Collection of Northern Ireland Publications (NIPR). The one part-time employee of NIPR based at the Linen Hall was employed and paid for by NIPR.

#### Objectives and activities

#### Constitution and mission

The Library's Constitution at paragraph 11, and as amended in 2006, describes the 'Trusts of the Endowment' as follows:

The Endowments and all other property of or belonging to the Governors, or available for the purposes of this Scheme, shall be held by them upon trust for the promotion of knowledge in Northern Ireland and for the benefit of international scholarship, by the maintenance of a Library, and by such other means as the Society may from time to time deem it advisable to adopt.

The Library's mission statement is as follows:

The Linen Hall Library will advance knowledge and understanding, both locally and internationally, by developing, preserving and interpreting its collections, with unique strengths in Irish and Local Studies, and widening access to an historic library and cultural centre.

#### Objectives in 2020

The Library aimed to:

- Develop the Linen Hall Library's standing on an international stage
- Protect and develop new and existing Collections
- Improve interpretation of the Collections
- Widen access to an historic library and cultural centre
- Contribute to cultural development in the UK and Ireland
- Improve the financial sustainability of the Library

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## Governors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

### Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### Achievements and performance

The Library faced the additional challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, having to be closed to the public and members for prolonged periods of time and being unable to continue with some of its fundraising trading activities. However, the Governors and staff still strove to enhance the Library's contribution to society and to limit the impact of the pandemic on the financial security of the charity.

- Emergency funding was successfully applied for from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Department for Communities, the Department of Finance Localised Restrictions Support Scheme and the Ulster Scots Agency. This funding helped to mitigate the impact of income lost during the pandemic, as well as providing for projects to build up resilience and prepare the Library for enhanced performance in future.
- Arts and cultural programming activity was moved online when the Library building had to close, and continued successfully throughout the year, maintaining the Library's role as a wider arts and cultural centre. Funding to support this programme was obtained from the Arts Council NI Organisations Emergency Programme.
- Some staff were placed on furlough during periods of Library closure, with most of their employment costs being met through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.
- The delivery phase of the extraORDINARYwomen digitisation project began in April 2021, as planned. This project considers women's social, economic and political development in Northern Ireland from 1965 to the present day.
- Other funded projects in 2020 included "Making the Future", led by the Nerve Centre and aiming to uncover women's stories from the archives, and two projects funded by the Department for Communities: "Museum Collections" (enhanced collection care and conservation) and "Irish Children's Collection" (to establish an Irish children's library).
- The Linen Hall Library Endowment Fund continued to attract donations and all income generated is being used to enhance the Library and its Collections, helping to ensure their future sustainability.
- Foras na Gaeilge provided a grant of £20,000 for conservation of the Library's Irish Language collections.
- Ulster Scots Agency funding allowed work to be continued at the Linen Hall Library to conserve and make accessible the Gibson Collection of Ulster Scots material.

#### Financial review

##### Results

In common with many other charities, the Library faces challenging economic times, and continuing efforts are being made to increase revenue and to control costs. The Library has worked successfully with funders and bankers to deal with the deficit going forward. The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 10.

The Library made a surplus of £22,751 in the year (2019: £97,877 deficit), before the impact of the actuarial loss on the defined benefit pension scheme and gains on revaluation of fixed assets and investments. The Library had net current assets of £58,237 at the year-end (2019: £171,373 net current liabilities).

##### Principal funding sources

The Library's key funders in 2020 were the Department for Communities which provided grants of £354,672 (2019: £283,500) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund £260,599 (2019: £38,750).

##### Reserves policy

The long-term objective of the Governors over a three to five-year period is to achieve a level of unrestricted funds not invested in tangible or fixed assets (the free reserves) equivalent to three months' expenditure on the core activities of the Library. At the end of 2020 this equates to £238,422 (2019: £239,622).

##### Taxation

The Library is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the Library's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

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## Governors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

### Financial review (continued)

#### Borrowings

The Library relies on an overdraft facility with Danske Bank. This facility was reviewed in 2020 and sufficient facilities to meet projected cash flow requirements were approved. At the year end the Library had net assets of £54,207 at Danske Bank (2019: £67,958 net liabilities); this was inclusive of £60,385 (2019: £60,385) of funds (including gift aid and interest) held for the Michael McLaverty Trust (see page 5) and a bank overdraft of £6,439 (2019: £128,585).

#### Endowment funds

The Library administers the Michael McLaverty award and holds £60,385 in respect of this trust. This is an endowment, the income from which is available to the Library only for the specific purpose of running the biennial Michael McLaverty Short Story Award.

In 2013, the Library launched its Catalyst Endowment Fund, under which every £1 raised by the Library was matched by a £1 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Catalyst endowment programme, over a four-year period. Funds raised under this programme are invested for a period of 25 years, and the income used to further the Library's mission. The balance held in this fund at the year-end was £231,013 (2019: £220,707).

The New Linen Hall Library Endowment Fund was set up in 2018 to provide an income for the preservation and conservation of the collections held within the Linen Hall Library. The balance held in this fund at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £39,929 (2019: £32,016).

#### Pension scheme

The Library operates a defined benefit scheme through NILGOSC. Prior to 2006 the Library's share of this scheme could not be identified by NILGOSC and, in keeping with other such multi-employer schemes, the Library treated its pension cost as if it were a defined contribution (rather than a defined benefit) scheme in accordance with accounting standards.

In late 2006 NILGOSC separated each of the employer scheme details and, as a result, the Library complies with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and incorporates the year end deficit on the scheme in its balance sheet and the movement on the scheme within the Statement of Financial Activities. At 31 December 2020 the scheme showed a deficit of £804,422, increased from £357,422 in the previous year, the change arising from changes in assumptions used by the scheme actuary.

#### Plans for the future

A Business Plan for 2021 was approved by the Governors in January 2021. The Library has continued to face the additional challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021, having remained closed to the public and members during the early months of the year and being hampered in some of its fundraising trading activities. However, further emergency funding has been successfully applied for and projects to enhance performance and build up resilience have continued, in preparation for re-opening. Whilst not yet being able to predict the full severity of the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on future financial performance, the Governors and staff remain committed to enhancing the Library's contribution to society and to limiting the impact of the pandemic on its charitable mission.

The Library aims to:

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# The Linen Hall Library

## Governors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

### Statement of Governors' responsibilities

The Governors are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, effective 1 January 2015).

The law applicable to charities requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in FRS 102;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 and under the Charities (NI) Order 1987 and in accordance with the Educational Endowments Act 1885. 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.

### Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each of the Governors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Library's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Governors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Library's auditors are aware of that information.

### Independent auditors

A motion to reappoint the auditors will be proposed at the AGM.

By order of the Board

**Mr C. McCleane**  
Honorary Treasurer

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021



# The Linen Hall Library

## Independent auditor's report to the Governors of The Linen Hall Library for the year ended 31 December 2020

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Linen Hall Library (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described 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 the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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.

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## Independent auditor's report to the Governors of The Linen Hall Library for the year ended 31 December 2020

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are 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 trustees 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 the trustees 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 (UK) 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the 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.

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## Independent auditor's report to the Governors of The Linen Hall Library for the year ended 31 December 2020

- 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.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

CONOR DOLAN FCA  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FINEGAN GIBSON LTD  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors  
Causeway Tower  
9 James Street South  
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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

# The Linen Hall Library

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2019 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<b>Income and endowments from</b>									
Donations and legacies	2	7,760	668,401	403,080	<b>1,079,241</b>	21,905	549,222	200,796	<b>771,923</b>
Rental income		-	134,567	-	<b>134,567</b>	-	145,683	-	<b>145,683</b>
Income from investments	3	-	7,319	-	<b>7,319</b>	-	7,644	-	<b>7,644</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>									
Other trading activities	4	-	36,241	-	<b>36,241</b>	-	103,804	-	<b>103,804</b>
<b>Other income</b>									
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>7,760</b>	<b>846,528</b>	<b>403,080</b>	<b>1,257,368</b>	<b>21,905</b>	<b>806,353</b>	<b>200,796</b>	<b>1,029,054</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>									
Rental expenses		-	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	-	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>
Expenditure on raising funds	5	-	35,605	-	<b>35,605</b>	-	60,889	-	<b>60,889</b>
		-	37,605	-	<b>37,605</b>	-	62,889	-	<b>62,889</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>									
Projects and events	6	-	-	280,931	<b>280,931</b>	-	-	168,442	<b>168,442</b>
Library operating costs	7	-	916,081	-	<b>916,081</b>	-	895,600	-	<b>895,600</b>
		-	916,081	280,931	<b>1,197,012</b>	-	895,600	168,442	<b>1,064,042</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>953,686</b>	<b>280,931</b>	<b>1,234,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>958,489</b>	<b>168,442</b>	<b>1,126,931</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	10	<b>7,760</b>	<b>(107,158)</b>	<b>122,149</b>	<b>22,751</b>	<b>21,905</b>	<b>(152,136)</b>	<b>32,354</b>	<b>(97,877)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	11	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,719)</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before recognised gains and losses</b>		<b>7,760</b>	<b>(108,393)</b>	<b>123,384</b>	<b>22,751</b>	<b>21,905</b>	<b>(157,855)</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>(97,877)</b>
Net gains on investments	12	10,459	-	-	<b>10,459</b>	28,860	-	-	<b>28,860</b>
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	14	-	25,850	-	<b>25,850</b>	-	870,000	-	<b>870,000</b>
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension scheme	31	-	(295,000)	-	<b>(295,000)</b>	-	(108,000)	-	<b>(108,000)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,219</b>	<b>(377,543)</b>	<b>123,384</b>	<b>(235,940)</b>	<b>50,765</b>	<b>604,145</b>	<b>38,073</b>	<b>692,983</b>
<b>Fund balance brought forward</b>		<b>313,208</b>	<b>6,468,392</b>	<b>138,482</b>	<b>6,920,082</b>	<b>262,443</b>	<b>5,864,247</b>	<b>100,409</b>	<b>6,227,099</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>331,427</b>	<b>6,090,849</b>	<b>261,866</b>	<b>6,684,142</b>	<b>313,208</b>	<b>6,468,392</b>	<b>138,482</b>	<b>6,920,082</b>

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

# The Linen Hall Library

## Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	4,421,708	4,482,975
Heritage assets	14	2,759,850	2,734,000
Investments	15	263,832	251,613
		<b>7,445,390</b>	<b>7,468,588</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	16	9,458	7,286
Debtors	17	137,782	84,283
Cash at bank and in hand		62,274	61,448
		<b>209,514</b>	<b>153,017</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	<b>(151,277)</b>	<b>(324,390)</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>58,237</b>	<b>(171,373)</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	20	<b>(15,063)</b>	<b>(19,711)</b>
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>		<b>7,488,564</b>	<b>7,277,504</b>
<b>Pension liability</b>	31	<b>(804,422)</b>	<b>(357,422)</b>
<b>Net assets including pension liability</b>		<b>6,684,142</b>	<b>6,920,082</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>			
- General fund	22	(945,163)	(541,770)
- Revaluation fund	22	7,036,012	7,010,162
		<b>6,090,849</b>	<b>6,468,392</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	23	<b>261,866</b>	<b>138,482</b>
<b>Endowment funds</b>	24	<b>331,427</b>	<b>313,208</b>
Total funds	25	<b>6,684,142</b>	<b>6,920,082</b>

The financial statements on pages 10 to 32 were approved by the Board on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr C McCleane  
Honorary Treasurer

Dr E Hughes  
President

# The Linen Hall Library

## Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	29	<b>201,272</b>	81,749
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest income		249	244
Dividend income		7,070	7,400
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(70,790)	(70,904)
Purchase of investments		(1,760)	(20,647)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(65,231)</b>	(83,907)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest and fees paid		(13,069)	(14,664)
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(13,069)</b>	(14,664)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>122,972</b>	(16,822)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	30	<b>(67,137)</b>	(50,315)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	30	<b>55,835</b>	(67,137)

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Library is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### Voluntary income

##### Legacies

Legacies are recognised when received or when their amount is capable of measurement.

##### Donations

Donations are included in full when received.

##### Grants

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Grants for the purpose of capital expenditure are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable and transferred to unrestricted funds on purchase of asset.

#### Activities for generating funds

##### Voluntary income

Annual subscriptions are included as voluntary income and are accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### Other income

Other income is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

##### Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when received.

##### Fundraising income

Fundraising income is accounted for when received.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

##### Library operating costs

Library operating costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Library and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirement

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Irrecoverable VAT

Any irrecoverable VAT is charged to the statement of financial activities or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, where appropriate.

#### Pensions

The Library operates a defined benefit scheme through the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) for specific employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Library.

The Library has adopted FRS 102 in these financial statements. Pension scheme assets are measured using market value. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using the projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high-quality corporate bond of equivalent term to the liability. The increase in the present value of the liabilities of the Library's defined benefit pension scheme arising from employee service in the period is charged to operating profit. The expected return on the scheme's assets and the increase during the period in the present value of the scheme's liabilities arising from the passage of time are included in other finance costs. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### Tangible assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or valuation, of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

		%
Buildings	-	2
Leasehold improvements	-	10
Fixtures & fittings	-	15
Computer equipment	-	33

When circumstances dictate, an impairment review is carried out. Land and buildings are revalued on a regular basis by a suitably qualified individual. The Library ensures that a full valuation is undertaken every five years. The resulting revaluation gains or losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities and result in a movement on revaluation reserves to the extent that they result in gains or offset previous gains. If the revaluation results in a loss greater than previously recognised revaluation gains, the excess loss will be charged to the statement of financial activities.

#### Heritage assets

The heritage assets are held by the Library in support of the primary objective of the charity to promote knowledge in Northern Ireland and for the benefit of international scholarship. Heritage assets are recognised and measured (including the treatment of revaluation gains and losses) in accordance with the Library's policy on other fixed assets. The heritage assets held by the charity consist of various collections of books and periodicals covering a wide range of topics relating largely to Irish history including some documents over three hundred years old. The collections are carried at a current valuation. The collections are deemed to have indeterminate lives and a high residual value and therefore depreciation has not been charged. The carrying amounts of the assets are reviewed when there is evidence of impairment and any impairment is recognised in accordance with the Library's general policy on impairment.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.



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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Fund accounting

The Library has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. A definition of the various types of funds is as follows:

##### Unrestricted funds

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Library, in furtherance of the purpose of the Library. In addition to expenditure on activities, such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

##### Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

##### Endowment funds

Permanent endowment funds are restricted funds where a donor has specified that only income arising from the donation can be used by the Library. This income is restricted for the particular purpose specified by the donor.

#### Going Concern

The Governors believe it is appropriate that the financial statements for the Library are produced on a going concern basis due to the following:

- The Governors are confident that the Museums and Libraries Branch, within the Department for Communities, and Belfast City Council will continue their respective grant assistance to the Library for the foreseeable future.
- The Governors believe that Library membership will continue at current levels.
- The Library is committed to monitoring and controlling expenditure to ensure the long-term viability of the charity.

#### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

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

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

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

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Endowment £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and legacies	7,760	82,936	-	<b>90,696</b>	150,954
Members' subscriptions (see below)	-	127,301	-	<b>127,301</b>	137,973
Grants (see below)	-	458,164	403,080	<b>861,244</b>	482,996
	7,760	668,401	403,080	<b>1,079,241</b>	771,923

  

<b>Members' subscriptions</b>	2020 £	2019 £
Members' subscriptions	<b>114,690</b>	123,722
Income tax reclaimable on subscriptions	<b>12,611</b>	14,251
	<b>127,301</b>	137,973

  

<b>Grants</b>	Endowment £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	2019 £
Arts Council of NI	-	-	23,537	<b>23,537</b>	4,000
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	121,588	139,011	<b>260,599</b>	38,750
Belfast City Council	-	22,500	2,333	<b>24,833</b>	35,000
Department for Communities	-	246,000	108,672	<b>354,672</b>	283,500
SEUPB	-	-	40,418	<b>40,418</b>	60,672
DoFA – Reconciliation Fund	-	-	-	-	33,341
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	53,276	-	<b>53,276</b>	-
Ulster Scots Agency	-	-	37,900	<b>37,900</b>	19,000
Department of Finance Localised Restrictions	-	12,800	-	<b>12,800</b>	-
Foyle Foundation	-	-	30,000	<b>30,000</b>	-
Foras Na Gaeilge	-	-	20,000	<b>20,000</b>	4,644
Community Relations Council	-	-	-	-	2,205
National Museums NI	-	-	-	-	684
NI Museums Council	-	-	1,209	<b>1,209</b>	-
NIPR	-	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	1,200
	-	458,164	403,080	<b>861,244</b>	482,996

In accordance with recommended practice, income received in advance is not deferred, but recognised in the period in which it is received.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 3 Income from investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Dividends receivable	7,070	7,400
Interest receivable	249	244
	<b>7,319</b>	<b>7,644</b>

### 4 Other trading activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Sale of books</b>		
Library books and publications	21,830	47,193
<b>Sales of services</b>		
Coffee shop	2,129	7,200
Photocopying and fax	152	621
Telephone & Internet	0	0
Postage	0	2
Cultural programming	1,071	4,597
Royalties	40	1,104
Facility fees	2,013	15,855
Fundraising events	0	2,307
	<b>5,405</b>	<b>31,686</b>
<b>Sale of products</b>		
Books, prints and pamphlets	165	5,450
Other products	7,179	2,766
Gift shop items	1,662	16,709
	<b>9,006</b>	<b>24,925</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,241</b>	<b>103,804</b>

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

<b>5 Expenditure on raising funds</b>	<b>2020</b>	2019
	£	£
Merchandising costs (see below)	1,222	10,480
Book fund (see below)	6,808	14,424
Charity shop	27,575	28,313
Fundraising costs	-	7,672
	<b>35,605</b>	<b>60,889</b>
	<b>2020</b>	2019
	£	£
<b>Merchandising costs</b>		
Prints, books and pamphlets	240	178
Coffee shop purchases	152	1,523
Gift shop expenditure	830	8,779
	<b>1,222</b>	<b>10,480</b>
	<b>2020</b>	2019
	£	£
<b>Book fund</b>		
Irish	2,369	4,791
Reference	-	-
General	4,439	9,633
	<b>6,808</b>	<b>14,424</b>
	<b>2020</b>	2019
	£	£
<b>6 Projects and events</b>		
Cultural Programming (includes salary costs of £Nil (2019: £Nil))	1,224	4,685
extraORDINARYwomen (includes salary costs of £106,037 (2019: £26,103))	135,052	32,103
Making the Future (includes salary costs of £26,975 (2019: £27,266))	37,708	49,431
National Lottery Heritage Fund - Covid-19 (£99k)	14,811	-
DfC Charities Fund - Covid-19	10,936	-
Arts Council NI - Covid-19 (includes salary costs of £13,932 (2019: £Nil))	15,874	-
DfC - Museum Collections (includes salary costs of £8,000 (2019: £Nil))	16,110	-
DfC - Irish Children's Collection (includes salary costs of £8,000 (2019: £Nil))	12,942	-
Linenopolis (includes salary costs of £Nil (2019: £23,637))	-	31,000
Foras na Gaeilge (includes salary costs of £Nil (2019: £1,280))	-	4,272
Health, Safety and Governance	3,698	3,698
Repairs and Renewals	13,422	12,192
Staging Sexuality (includes salary costs of £Nil (2019: £500))	-	4,051
Arts Council NI small grants	500	-
Belfast City Council small grants	4,063	-
Burns in Ulster (includes salary costs of £10,800 (2019: £18,000))	13,130	19,903
NI Museums Council	1,220	-
Defibrillator and training	241	241
Community Relations Council	-	2,055
National Museums NI	-	544
British Council NI	-	366
Theatre archive	-	51
McLaverty Short Story Award	-	3,850
	<b>280,931</b>	<b>168,442</b>

Project and events costs include £173,744 (2019: £96,786) of staff costs

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 7 Library operating costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Charitable operations</b>		
Information technology	37,472	34,712
Training	2,295	8,241
Advertising & PR	2,326	4,856
Support costs (Note 8)	166,199	222,348
Travelling expenses	228	691
Conservation	921	4,478
	<b>209,441</b>	<b>275,326</b>
<b>Establishment</b>		
Rent and rates	17,803	20,305
Insurance	16,964	20,143
Light and heat	13,658	21,366
Repairs and maintenance	24,204	42,419
	<b>72,629</b>	<b>104,233</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Building	87,600	78,000
Fixtures and fittings	617	990
Computer equipment	18,577	4,533
	<b>106,794</b>	<b>83,523</b>
<b>Staff costs (note 9)</b>	<b>527,217</b>	<b>432,518</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>916,081</b>	<b>895,600</b>

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 8 Support costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Administration</b>		
Stationery	1,475	1,698
Printing	911	9,213
Photocopying	891	1,447
Postage	1,968	1,421
Telephone, fax and internet	6,361	7,730
Information technology	12,490	11,571
Miscellaneous	1,704	1,559
	<b>25,800</b>	<b>34,639</b>
<b>Governance</b>		
Audit and related fees	7,450	6,534
Legal & professional fees	29,662	22,338
	<b>37,112</b>	<b>28,872</b>
<b>Financial expenses</b>		
Bank charges	510	1,007
Bank interest	2,114	5,299
Visa paypoint fees	397	667
Other Interest	4,048	1,691
Other finance costs (see below)	6,000	6,000
	<b>13,069</b>	<b>14,664</b>
<b>Staff costs (note 9)</b>	<b>90,218</b>	<b>144,173</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,199</b>	<b>222,348</b>
<b>Other finance costs</b>		
	2020	2019
	£	£
Expected return on pension scheme	109,000	137,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(115,000)	(143,000)
<b>Net return</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 9 Staff costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Salaries	386,459	136,104	<b>522,563</b>	493,492
Social security costs	29,892	12,385	<b>42,277</b>	41,078
Pension costs	223,405	25,255	<b>248,660</b>	162,411
	639,756	173,744	<b>813,500</b>	696,981

#### Analysis of staff costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Projects	<b>173,744</b>	<b>96,786</b>
Library:		
- Charitable operations	<b>527,217</b>	<b>432,518</b>
- Charity bookshop	<b>22,321</b>	<b>23,504</b>
- Support	<b>90,218</b>	<b>144,173</b>
	<b>813,500</b>	<b>696,981</b>

The average number of employees, calculated on a full-time equivalent basis, analysed by function was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Projects	<b>5</b>	3
Charitable operations	<b>11</b>	11
Charity bookshop	<b>1</b>	1
Support	<b>2</b>	3
	<b>19</b>	18

No employee had employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) in excess of £70,000 (2019: £60,000).

Governors are not remunerated for services to the Library (2019: £Nil), and there were no Governors' expenses incurred (2019: £Nil).

The key management personnel of the Library comprise the Governors, the Director, the Librarian and the Finance Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Library were £191,823 (2019: £188,309).

Indemnity insurance for Governors' liability has been purchased by the Library at a cost of £2,190 (2019: £1,106).

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 10 Net income/(expenditure)

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:</b>		
Depreciation on owned assets	132,057	99,654
Auditors' remuneration:		
- audit services	5,800	5,400
- non-audit services	-	-
Other operating lease rentals	-	-

### 11 Transfers between funds

	Endowment Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Projects	-	-	1,235
General Fund	-	(1,235)	-
	-	(1,235)	1,235

The transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds represents net overspending on funded projects.

### 12 Net gains on investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Catalyst Endowment Fund	10,306	26,821
New Linen Hall Library Endowment Fund Endowment funds	153	2,039
	10,459	28,860



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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & building £	Leasehold Improvements £	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 January 2020	4,380,000	14,840	259,381	266,642	4,920,863
Additions	-	-	50,824	19,966	70,790
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>4,380,000</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>310,205</b>	<b>286,608</b>	<b>4,991,653</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2020	-	14,840	193,007	230,041	437,888
Charge for the year	87,600	-	23,172	21,285	132,057
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>87,600</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>216,179</b>	<b>251,326</b>	<b>569,945</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>4,292,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,026</b>	<b>35,282</b>	<b>4,421,708</b>
At 31 December 2019	4,380,000	-	66,374	36,601	4,482,975

The Library's freehold and long leasehold properties were revalued at 31 December 2019 on the basis of open market value and open market rental value for existing use, by McConnell Chartered Surveyors and the revaluation adjustments of £480,000 to cost and £390,000 to accumulated depreciation together resulted in a gain on revaluation of £870,000. The valuations were undertaken in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors in the United Kingdom. The net book value of freehold and long leasehold properties at 31 December 2020 based on historical cost, had there been no revaluations, would have been £2,568,000 (2019: £2,653,600).

Fixed assets totalling £51,658 were purchased through capital grant funding in the year.

	Land & building £	Leasehold improvement £	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation at 31 December 2020 is represented by</b>					
Cost	-	14,840	310,205	286,608	611,653
Valuation	4,380,000	-	-	-	4,380,000
	<b>4,380,000</b>	<b>14,840</b>	<b>310,205</b>	<b>286,608</b>	<b>4,991,653</b>

No deferred tax has been provided for since the Library is a charity and therefore not subject to corporation tax.

### 14 Heritage assets

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Books and Periodicals at 31 December</b>	<b>2,759,850</b>	2,734,000

The books and periodicals were valued as at 31 December 2020 by de Burca Rare Books, Antiquarian Booksellers.

# The Linen Hall Library

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 15 Investments

Cost or valuation	Cash or cash equivalents £	Listed investments £	Total £
At 1 January 2020	427	251,186	<b>251,613</b>
Capital introduced	1,760	-	<b>1,760</b>
Purchase of investments	(1,568)	2,163	<b>595</b>
Charges net of equalisation	(595)	-	<b>(595)</b>
Fair value movements	-	10,459	<b>10,459</b>
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>263,808</b>	<b>263,832</b>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

### 16 Stocks

	2020 £	2019 £
Goods for resale	<b>9,458</b>	7,286

### 17 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	<b>7,352</b>	13,164
Other debtors	<b>8,599</b>	7,621
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>121,831</b>	63,498
	<b>137,782</b>	84,283

Included in Prepayments and accrued income is an amount of £81,445 (2019: £26,174) relating to accrued grants receivable.

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

	2020 £	2019 £
Bank overdraft	<b>6,439</b>	128,585
Trade creditors	<b>11,801</b>	94,200
Other creditors and accruals	<b>64,601</b>	31,379
Deferred income (Note 19)	<b>51,415</b>	56,697
Taxation and social security	<b>17,021</b>	13,529
	<b>151,277</b>	324,390

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 19 Deferred income

	£
At 1 January 2020	56,697
Amount released to income	(56,697)
Amount deferred in year	51,415
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>51,415</b>

Deferred income comprises rental income and membership subscriptions received in advance.

### 20 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Obligations under finance leases	<b>15,063</b>	19,711

### 21 Contingencies

A contingent liability exists to repay grants and funds received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity. In the opinion of the Governors, the terms of the letters of offer have been, or will be, complied with and no liability is expected.

### 22 Unrestricted funds

	General Fund £	Revaluation Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2020	(541,770)	7,010,162	6,468,392
Net outgoing resources for the year	(107,158)	-	(107,158)
Transfer to restricted funds	(1,235)	-	(1,235)
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	-	25,850	25,850
Actuarial losses on defined benefit scheme	(295,000)	-	(295,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>(945,163)</b>	<b>7,036,012</b>	<b>6,090,849</b>

Unrestricted general funds include a liability of £804,422 (2019: £357,422) in respect of pension scheme liabilities of the pension fund.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 23 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Project Expenditure £	Transfers (Note 11) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Cultural Programming	-	-	(1,224)	1,224	-
McLavery Trust	14,020	-	-	-	14,020
Theatre Archive	3,087	-	-	-	3,087
extraORDINARYwomen	32,964	150,904	(135,052)	-	48,816
Making the Future	12,624	40,418	(37,708)	-	15,334
National Lottery Heritage Fund -					
Covid-19	-	18,107	(14,811)	-	3,296
DfC Charities Fund - Covid-19	-	20,197	(10,936)	-	9,261
Arts Council NI - Covid-19	-	20,837	(15,874)	-	4,963
DfC - Museum Collections	-	65,675	(16,110)	-	49,565
DfC - Irish Children's Collection	-	22,800	(12,942)	-	9,858
Linenopolis	14	-	-	-	14
Foras na Gaeilge	372	20,000	-	-	20,372
Health, Safety and Governance	9,864	-	(3,698)	-	6,166
Repairs and Renewals	63,254	-	(13,422)	-	49,832
Arts Council NI small grants	-	2,700	(500)	-	2,200
Belfast City Council small grants	-	2,333	(4,063)	-	(1,730)
Ulster Scots Agency - Burns in Ulster	723	20,000	(13,130)	-	7,593
Ulster Scots Agency - Writing					
Competition	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Ulster Scots Agency - Conservation					
and Storage	-	4,900	-	-	4,900
Ulster Scots Agency - Covid-19					
Small Grant	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
NI Museums Council	-	1,209	(1,220)	11	-
Defibrillator and Training	1,036	-	(241)	-	795
Partition Poetry	150	-	-	-	150
British Council NI	234	-	-	-	234
National Museums NI – Live Well	140	-	-	-	140
	138,482	403,080	(280,931)	1,235	261,866

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### 23 Restricted funds (continued)

**Cultural Programming** - Using the Library's historical position as a cultural leader in Northern Ireland to showcase and nurture the artistic and cultural life of all in the community

**McLavery Trust** - Biennial award to foster and encourage the art of the short story in Ireland

**Theatre Archive** - Digitising the Theatre and Performing Arts Archive

**extraORDINARYwomen** – Digitisation, collection enhancement, outreach and oral history project, exploring the evolution of women's lives in Northern Ireland since 1965

**Making the Future** – Led by the Nerve Centre and in collaboration with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, aiming to uncover women's stories from the archives

**National Lottery Heritage Fund - Covid-19 Heritage Emergency Fund** - equipment for working from home

**Department for Communities – Covid-19 Charities Fund** – to contribute to re-opening costs

**Arts Council NI – Organisations Emergency Programme** – to support the Library's cultural programming

**Department for Communities - Museum Collections** - Enhanced collection care and conservation

**Department for Communities - Irish Children's Collection** – to establish an Irish children's library

**Linenopolis** – Engaging with community groups to celebrate Belfast's linen industry connections, producing a walking tour, trained tour guides and a travelling exhibition

**Foras na Gaeilge** – Language grant

**Health & Safety and Governance** – Capital items for purposes of health & safety and governance

**Repairs and Renewals** – Capital items for the upkeep of the Library's historic building and internal

**Arts Council NI small grants** – Jimmy Ellis project

**Belfast City Council small grants** – Emergency evacuation chairs and business recovery items, balance of income receivable in 2021

**Ulster Scots Agency - Burns in Ulster** – Conservation of the Library's Gibson Collection

**Ulster Scots Agency** – Ulster Scots Writing Competition

**Ulster Scots Agency** - Conservation and Storage of Ulster Scots collection

**Ulster Scots Agency** - Covid-19 Small Grant

**NI Museums Council** – Acquisition of museum piece

**Defibrillator and Training** – Provision of defibrillator in the Library city and training of staff in its use

**Partition Poetry** – A six-week course looking at the Partition of Ireland in the 1920s and India in the 1940's

**British Council NI** – Enabling research into hosting Literary Festivals

**National Museums NI** - Participation in delivering a series of "Live Well" seminars

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### 24 Endowment funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	(Losses)/gains on investments £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
McLavery Trust	60,385	-	-	<b>60,385</b>
Catalyst Endowment Fund	220,707	-	10,306	<b>231,013</b>
New Linen Hall Library Endowment Fund	32,016	7,760	153	<b>39,929</b>
Linen Hall Library Fund	100	-	-	<b>100</b>
	<b>313,208</b>	<b>7,760</b>	<b>10,459</b>	<b>331,427</b>

### 25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Endowment Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,329,386	92,322	<b>4,421,708</b>
Heritage assets	-	2,759,850	-	<b>2,759,850</b>
Investments	263,832	-	-	<b>263,832</b>
Net current assets/(liabilities)	67,595	(178,902)	169,544	<b>58,237</b>
Long term liabilities	-	(15,063)	-	<b>(15,063)</b>
Pension Liability	-	(804,422)	-	<b>(804,422)</b>
<b>Total net assets at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>331,427</b>	<b>6,090,849</b>	<b>261,866</b>	<b>6,684,142</b>

### 26 Financial commitments

At 31 December the Library had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases expiring as follows:

	Office equipment	
	2020 £	2019 £
In less than one year	<b>4,832</b>	4,832
In more than one year, but not more than 5 years	<b>8,996</b>	13,829
	<b>13,828</b>	18,661

### 27 Related parties

The Library is Lead Partner in The National Collection of Northern Ireland Publications (NIPR). The one part-time employee of NIPR based at the Linen Hall was employed and paid for by NIPR. The Library received £2,000 (2019: £1,200) from NIPR as its contribution to the cost of running the integrated library system, offsite storage and material processing.

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### 28 Post-balance sheet events

There have been no events occurring after 31 December 2020 which require disclosure.

### 29 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net movement in funds	(235,940)	692,983
Add back depreciation charge	132,057	99,654
Less gain on revaluation of fixed assets	(25,850)	(870,000)
Less (gain)/loss on investments	(10,459)	(28,860)
Deduct investment income shown in investing activities	(7,319)	(7,644)
Add back interest paid shown in financing activities	13,069	14,664
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(2,172)	(397)
Increase in debtors	(53,499)	(13,210)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors falling due within one year	(50,967)	5,848
(Decrease)/increase in creditors falling due after one year	(4,648)	19,711
Increase in pension liability	447,000	169,000
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>201,272</b>	<b>81,749</b>

### 30 Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December

	2020 £	2019 £
Term deposit at Danske Bank	60,626	60,626
Petty cash	35	201
Divided Society current account at Danske Bank	20	1
Cash account at Cunningham Coates	1,593	620
Bank overdraft at Danske Bank	(6,439)	(128,585)
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>55,835</b>	<b>(67,137)</b>

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### 31 Pension commitments

The Library operates a defined benefit scheme with assets held in separate trustee administered funds.

An actuarial valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme using the projected unit basis was carried out at 31 December 2020 by Aon Solutions UK Limited.

#### Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	2019
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Defined benefit obligation	<b>(7,107)</b>	(5,900)
Fair value of plan assets	<b>6,302</b>	5,542
Net defined benefit liability	<b>(805)</b>	(358)
<b>Net amount recognised at year end</b>	<b>(805)</b>	(358)

#### The amounts recognised in comprehensive income are:

The current and past service costs, settlements and curtailments, together with the net interest expenses for the year are included in profit or loss. Re-measurements of the net defined benefit liability are included in other comprehensive income.

	<b>2020</b>	2019
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
<b>Service cost:</b>		
Current service cost (net of employee contributions)	<b>248</b>	160
Administration expenses	<b>2</b>	2
Net interest expense	<b>6</b>	6
<b>Charge recognised in profit or loss</b>	<b>256</b>	168

#### Re-measurements of the net liability:

Return on scheme assets (excluding amount included in net interest expense)	<b>(652)</b>	(497)
Actuarial losses	<b>947</b>	605
<b>Charge recorded in other comprehensive income</b>	<b>295</b>	108

<b>Total defined benefit cost</b>	<b>551</b>	276
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### 31 Pension commitments (continued)

The principal actuarial assumptions used were:

	2020	2019
Liability discount rate	1.40%	1.97%
Inflation assumption – RPI	2.80%	2.95%
Inflation assumption – CPI	2.20%	1.85%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.70%	3.35%
Revaluation of deferred pensions: CPI	2.20%	1.85%
Increases in pensions for payment	2.20%	1.85%
Proportion of employees commuting pension for cash	75.00%	75.00%

The mortality assumptions used were:

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Average expected future life at age 65 for		
Male currently aged 65	21.8	23.4
Female currently aged 65	25.0	26.0
Male currently aged 45	23.2	25.7
Female currently aged 45	26.4	28.3

### Reconciliation of scheme assets and liabilities

	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Total £'000
At start of period	5,542	(5,900)	(358)
Benefits paid	(137)	137	-
Administration expenses	-	(2)	(2)
Current service cost	-	(248)	(248)
Contributions from the employer	104	-	104
Contributions from employees	32	(32)	-
Interest income/(expense)	109	(115)	(6)
Return on assets (excluding amount included in net interest expense)	652	-	652
Actuarial losses	-	(947)	(947)
	<b>6,302</b>	<b>(7,107)</b>	<b>(805)</b>

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 31 Pension commitments (continued)

The return on plan assets was:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Interest income	109	137
Return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net interest expense)	652	497
<b>Total return on plan assets</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>634</b>

The major categories of scheme assets are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Equities and Alternatives	2,918	4,068
Property	561	720
Gilts	1,487	682
Cash	334	72
Fixed Interest Bonds	763	-
Other	239	-
	<b>6,302</b>	<b>5,542</b>

### 32 Non-adjusting events after the financial period

In 2020, the global economy was significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Restrictions put in place by world leaders and Governments as a result of this virus have significantly impacted many organisations and their ability to carry out their operations. The impact of the virus is being felt worldwide, by both social and financial economies.

The impact of Covid-19 and the measures taken by the UK government are likely to have significant ongoing financial consequences, however, as there continues to be significant uncertainty regarding the pandemic and the best way to manage it, these consequences cannot be reliably predicted.

The duration of the restrictions imposed is currently unknown, as is the Government's exit plan regarding these restrictions. Therefore, there are significant uncertainties in considering the impact of the restrictions on the charity's operations. This situation is being closely monitored by the trustees.

In preparing these financial statements, the going concern basis has been used. The trustees consider this to be an appropriate basis, despite the uncertainties resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, based on the information available to them at the signing date.

The charity is not in a position at this stage to predict the full severity of the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on its future financial performance. However, they are of the opinion there is no material impact on the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2020.