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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER FOUNDATION

- For the year ended 31 July 2011

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2011

1. Introduction

The Directors, who are also the trustees of the Charity, present their Directors' Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2011.

The Directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

2. Reference and Administrative Details of the University of Ulster Foundation

The University of Ulster Foundation (the Foundation) is a private company limited by guarantee (registered number: 031544) and a registered charity (charity reference number: XR11277).

Directors and Other Information

Directors

Dr Gerard O'Hare (Chairman)
Professor Alastair Adair
Professor Paul Arthur (appointed 01.06.11)
Professor James Allen (retired 20.04.11)
Dr Wendy Austin
Professor Richard Barnett
Dr Hugh Francis Cushnahan
Mr Michael Gibson (retired 20.04.11)
Mr Tom Kelly
Mr Gary McCausland
Professor Jackie McCoy (appointed 01.06.11)
Mr Brendan McGinn
Dr John McGinnis
Dr Sydney Millar
Professor Ian Montgomery

Company Secretary

Ms Kate Bond

Solicitors

Carson McDowell
Murray House
Murray Street
Belfast
BT1 6DN

Independent Statutory Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Waterfront Plaza
8 Laganbank Road
Belfast
BT1 3LR

Bankers

First Trust Bank
31 High Street
Belfast
BT1 2AL

Registered office / Principal office

University House
Cromore Road
Coleraine
Co. Londonderry
BT52 1SA

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The Northern Ireland Educational Foundation was incorporated as a limited company by Memorandum and Articles of Association under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 on 5 November 1996. By special resolution it changed its name and was incorporated as a limited company under the name of University of Ulster Foundation on 9 July 2001 by Certificate of Incorporation on Change of Name.

According to the Foundation's Memorandum of Association, its objects are: "to advance education in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and in any other part of the world as it may determine provided that the objects and powers of the Foundation are always pursued and exercised so as to advance education within the University of Ulster including and without prejudice to the aforesaid charitable purposes the promotion and facilitation of teaching and research." That is, the principal activity of the charity is to support the University of Ulster's mission, vision and strategic aims and to assist the University in expanding its resources, teaching, learning and research activities and contributing to the prosperity of Northern Ireland.

The Foundation does not have a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.00.

The University of Ulster is entitled at any time by notice in writing to the Foundation to appoint and to remove Foundation Directors. Any other Director is nominated in writing and elected at a general meeting. Appointments and removals of Directors are confirmed in writing and the requisite documents are signed by the Director and lodged with Companies House. The number of Directors must not be fewer than three nor exceed fifteen.

The Directors elect a Chairman and determine the period of the Chairman's tenure. The term of the Directors is not formally prescribed.

The Directors meet as often as they see fit. The Foundation Directors hold an Annual General Meeting each calendar year and no longer than fifteen months elapses between each AGM. The time and place of the AGM is arranged as the Directors see fit. A minimum of 21 days' notice is given in writing for an AGM or a meeting called for passing of a special resolution. At least 14 days' notice is given in writing for any other meetings.

Questions arising at meetings are decided by a majority of votes. Each Director has one vote. Where there is an equality of votes the Chairman has the casting vote. A Director cannot vote in respect of any contract in which he has an interest.

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at meetings can be fixed by the directors and unless fixed is three.

The Directors are entitled to delegate powers to Committees consisting of member(s) of the Foundation as they determine themselves.

The Secretary is appointed by the Directors and for a term and conditions as the Directors see fit. The Secretary may also be removed by the Directors. The Secretary keeps minutes of meetings.

The Foundation annual report and financial statements are audited annually and lodged at Companies House.

At the time of appointment, Directors meet with Senior Officers of the University and are briefed on the Foundation's activities, and the terms of their Directorship. A formal policy and procedures for the induction of Directors are in the process of being reviewed and adopted by the Foundation.

As an organisation holding bank accounts, the Foundation has been identified as being at some potential risk of attempts of fraud. This risk has been sought to be minimised by making the Foundation subject to the University of Ulster's own rigorous procedures in relation to fraud and investigating attempts of fraud. Any cheques written by the Foundation must be signed by two signatories and the Foundation's banker verifies with the Foundation that any payment requests from the Foundation's accounts are genuine before any payment is released. The Foundation remains subject to regular risk assessment as conducted by the University on a regular basis and any risks identified are listed and addressed on the appropriate University risk register.

4. Objectives and Activities including Achievements and Performance

The Foundation's principal object is "to advance education in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and in any other part of the world as it may determine provided that the objects and powers of the Foundation are always pursued and exercised so as to advance education within the University of Ulster including and without prejudice to the aforesaid charitable purposes the promotion and facilitation of teaching and research". This reflects the Foundation's and the Directors' intentions to serve the public benefit. The Foundation has been fundraising for the year in line with its principal objective, pursuing the following priorities:

- Art and Design – The University of Ulster's School of Art and Design is a centre of excellence in the provision of art and design education and is also committed to bringing art and design within the reach of the wider community. To this end, the University seeks donations to support the establishment of a number of studentships and scholarships for students studying art and design at the University. Richard K. Degenhardt Belleek Collectors' Scholarships were presented to Ceramic artist Andrew Cook and Celtic scholars Connal McShane and Patrick Tierney in May 2011 to enable them to undertake specialist research into their respective areas of expertise.
- Biomedical Sciences – The School of Biomedical Sciences educates undergraduates and postgraduates in the critical application of science; facilitates training for healthcare, scientific and technical professions; supports continuing professional development; contributes to knowledge through excellence in research on human health and disease and related areas and contributes to social and economic development through technology and knowledge transfer. The School of Biomedical Sciences has a national and international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. The Biomedical Sciences campaign was begun in 2009/2010 and considerable progress has been made in securing funds to support PhD Studentships, Scholarships, a Fellowship, a new Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences, and a Biomedical Sciences prize.
- Built Environment – During 2010/11 the school of the Built Environment secured funds to support a Lectureship in Transportation.
- Widening Access to Education – The Foundation has supported the University of Ulster over a number of years in its range of activities designed to widen access to higher education, including receipt of donations to the Step-Up programme and to the *Creative Change* project which aims to raise self-esteem and educational aspirations of primary school children in disadvantaged areas of the Triangle area on the north coast.

The Foundation is supported in its fundraising work by the University's Development and Alumni Relations Office which undertakes a range of fundraising activities including *inter alia*: major gift fundraising, corporate sponsorship, legacy fundraising, individual giving and securing funds from trusts and foundations.

5. Financial Review

The results of the charity show a net outgoing resource of £6,310 (2010: net outgoing resource £46,839) at the year-end and total donations received of £628,550 (2010: £684,525). The Foundation donated £629,335 (2010: £723,952) to the University of Ulster during the year. The charity has net assets of £42,234 (2010: £48,544).

It is the charity's policy to maintain a positive reserves balance. The restricted reserves will always be £nil as all donations received are donated directly to the University of Ulster.

The Foundation has free reserves of around £42,234 (2010: £48,544) which represents unrestricted funds accrued over several years. The Directors believe that it is prudent to work towards holding funding equivalent to operating costs which would be incurred over a period of approximately five years. The main reason for holding reserves is to ensure that the charity has enough resources to fund its operating costs. Since the Foundation is 100% dependent on voluntary donations and grants from trusts and foundations, the University of Ulster Foundation's grant commitments are agreed as the donations are received. The Directors believe that our Reserves Policy is both responsible and prudent.

Funds received by the Foundation are used by the University of Ulster in pursuance of the Foundation's object. In cases where the source of donations to the Foundation state (a) specific purpose(s) for which the donation should be used, the funds are considered restricted and used as is the intention of the donor(s).

6. Plans for Future Periods

The Foundation's strategic plan is currently being reviewed and will be updated in 2011/2012. A research and feasibility phase will be undertaken with regards to future campaigns. At this stage it is likely, however, that the main priority areas for the Foundation will relate to the University of Ulster's key development plans and to the existing campaign areas: Art and Design; Biomedical Sciences; Real Estate Initiative; Sport; and Widening Access to Education.

It is noted that the Foundation and its fundraising activities will operate in what has become a changed and more difficult financial climate.

During 2011/2012, the Foundation will consider investing some of the Foundation's reserves for the purposes of furthering the Foundation's fundraising activities in line with its principal object. Any such expenditure will not conflict with the Foundation's Reserves Policy.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

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

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Small Companies Exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Bond', written in a cursive style.

Ms Kate Bond
Company Secretary
23 November 2011

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Independent auditors' report to the members of the University of Ulster Foundation

We have audited the financial statements of the University of Ulster Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2011 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account), the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 9, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2011 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure and cash flows, for the year then ended;

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- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 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; or
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- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Annual Report.



Martin Pitt (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Belfast
23 November 2011

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Statement Of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 July 2011 (including the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2010-11	Total Funds 2009-10
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	6,670	621,880	628,550	684,525
Investment income	3	<u>96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>90</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>6,766</u>	<u>621,880</u>	<u>628,646</u>	<u>684,615</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	6	7,455	621,880	629,335	723,952
Governance costs	7	<u>5,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,621</u>	<u>7,502</u>
Total resources expended		<u>13,076</u>	<u>621,880</u>	<u>634,956</u>	<u>731,454</u>
Net outgoing resources for year		<u>(6,310)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,310)</u>	<u>(46,839)</u>
Net movement in funds		(6,310)	-	(6,310)	(46,839)
Total funds brought forward		<u>48,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,544</u>	<u>95,383</u>
Total funds carry forward		<u>42,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,234</u>	<u>48,544</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities and consequently no statement of total recognised gains or losses has been presented.

All items dealt with in arriving at the results for the year relate to continuing operations.

There is no difference between the net outgoing resources for year as reported under a historical cost basis for the current and prior year. Accordingly, no note of historical cost profit and loss has been prepared.

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2011

	Note	2010-11	2009-10
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>58,561</u>	<u>100,042</u>
Total assets		58,561	100,042
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(16,327)</u>	<u>(51,498)</u>
Net current assets		<u>42,234</u>	<u>48,544</u>
Total net assets		<u>42,234</u>	<u>48,544</u>
<u>The funds of the charity:</u>			
Unrestricted funds	9	42,234	48,544
Restricted funds	9	-	-
Total funds		<u>42,234</u>	<u>48,544</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 18 were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 November 2011 and signed on its behalf by:-

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of the financial statements.

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Dr Gerard O'Hare
Chairman

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", published in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

(i) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

(ii) *Cash flow statements*

The charitable company is a wholly owned subsidiary company of University of Ulster, and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company which are publically available. Consequently the company has taken advantage of the exemption within FRS 1 (revised 1996) 'Cash flow statements,' from preparing a cash flow statement.

(iii) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at period end rates. The resulting exchange differences are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(iv) *Taxation status*

The company is an exempt charity within the meaning of Section 506(1) of the Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes. The company receives no similar exemption in respect of Value Added Tax.

(v) *Incoming Resources*

Donations represent all receipts during the year from private donations.

Due to the nature of donated income, such income is not capable of control by the company before receipt by the company. However, financial controls are in place to ensure accurate recording and safeguarding of all income received by the company.

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(vi) 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. Where costs cannot be directly attributable to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Charitable Activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for services and beneficiaries. Support costs are allocated to their relevant activity based on the income received.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include those incurred in the Governance of its assets which are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(vii) Fund Accounting

The company has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. Definitions of the various types are as follows:-

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific 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.

Unrestricted Funds

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2010-11	Total Funds 2009-10
	£	£	£	£
2. Voluntary income				
Donations	<u>6,670</u>	<u>621,880</u>	<u>628,550</u>	<u>684,525</u>
3. Investment income				
Interest receivable and similar income	<u>96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>90</u>

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4. Remuneration of directors

No Directors received emoluments during the period (2010: none). No Directors are accruing benefits under a money purchase scheme (2010: none). No Directors reclaimed expenses during the period (2010: none). The University of Ulster indemnifies the Directors of the Foundation against legal liability for damages in respect of claims made against them for any wrongful act committed by them in their capacity as directors.

5. Staff numbers and costs

There were no employee or staff costs during the current or prior year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2010-11	Total Funds 2009-10
	£	£	£	£

6. Resources expended

Donations to University of Ulster	<u>7,455</u>	<u>621,880</u>	<u>629,335</u>	<u>723,952</u>
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7. Governance Costs

Fees payable to the Company's auditors for audit of the accounts	2,700	-	2,700	2,644
Other expenses	<u>2,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,921</u>	<u>4,858</u>
	<u>5,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,621</u>	<u>7,502</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £	2010 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,444	5,444
Amounts owed to group Companies	10,883	46,054
	<u>16,327</u>	<u>51,498</u>

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9. Funds

Principal sources of funding to the Foundation are donations from individuals and grants from trusts and foundations. The Foundation does not have explicit permission from all its donors to publish the donors' details and the values of the donations. All donations are passed to the University of Ulster.

Unrestricted Funds	Balance at 1 Aug 2010	Net Incoming Resources	Net Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31 July 2011
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>48,544</u>	<u>6,766</u>	<u>(13,076)</u>	<u>42,234</u>
	Balance at 1 Aug 2010	Net Incoming Resources	Net Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31 July 2011
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>621,880</u>	<u>(621,880)</u>	<u>-</u>

Unrestricted funds are amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the aims of the charitable company.

10. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Cash at bank	47,678	10,883	58,561
Creditors	<u>(5,444)</u>	<u>(10,883)</u>	<u>(16,327)</u>
Net current assets	<u>42,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,234</u>

11. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments contracted for at the year end (2010: nil).

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12. Related party transactions

As the company is a 100% subsidiary of the University of Ulster, it has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose transactions with other members of the Group headed by the University of Ulster.

13. Ultimate parent company

The charitable company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are prepared, is the University of Ulster. Copies of these group financial statements are available to the public from:

http://www.ulster.ac.uk/finance/finance_statements_main.html

14. Liability of Members

University of Ulster Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital, the liability of each member being limited to an amount not exceeding £1. At 31 July 2011, the number of members was 13 (2010: 13).