

Irish Second-Level Students' Union Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2015

**(A company limited by guarantee and
not having a share capital)**

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors

Clive Byrne
Leanne Caulfield
Diarmuid De Paor
Niall Dennehy
James Doorley
Bernie Judge
Ferdia Kelly
Don Myers

Secretary

Niall Dennehy

Company number

511901

Registered Office

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Dublin 1

Auditors

Mazars
Chartered Accountants &
Statutory Audit Firm
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Bankers

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I.F.S.C. Branch
I.F.S.C.
Dublin 1

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2015.

1. COMPANIES ACT 2014

The Companies Act 2014 became effective on the 1 June 2015. As noted in the transitional provisions of the Companies Act 2014, the law of the designated activity company ("DAC") applies to Irish Second-Level Students' Union Ltd without the requirement to change the company name. The directors will make a formal decision on the company structure within the transitional period as allowed by the Companies Act 2014.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

ISSU is the national umbrella body for school Student Councils, aiming to represent and connect Irish second-level students the length and breadth of the country, ensuring that the voice of the Irish second-level student is heard and striving for innovation and democracy within the education system. The ISSU is a not-for-profit, voluntary student rights' organisation here to represent, the second-level students of Ireland.

The company is satisfied with this period of trading.

3. RESULTS AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The total income for the year ended 31 December 2015 was €36,831 (2014: €50,746).

The deficit for the year amounted to €3,617 (2014: Surplus €7,766). The net deficit as at 31 December 2015 amounted to €30 (2014: Surplus €3,587).

4. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In common with many not-for-profit organisations, the organisation must maintain and develop its income sources to facilitate the ongoing support of its member services. In order to mitigate this risk, the directors review the sources of income on an ongoing basis. The directors are at all times conscious that maintaining the reputation of the organisation is critical.

5. EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

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

6. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors will continue to develop the activities of the company in the future.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

7. DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Clive Byrne
Leanne Caulfield
Diarmuid De Paor
Niall Dennehy
James Doorley
Bernie Judge
Ferdia Kelly
Don Myers

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The directors and secretary who served during the year did not have a beneficial interest in the company.

8. INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. Therefore, the directors and secretary who served during the year did not have any beneficial interest in the company.

9. ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The measures that the directors have taken to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 – 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at Liberty Hall, Dublin 1.

10. AUDITORS

Mazars, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, continue in office in accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act, 2014.

On behalf of the Board

Niall Dennehy
Director
19/10/2016

Leanne Caulfield
Director
19/10/2016

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. Under the law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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

DRAFT INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Irish Second-Level Students' Union Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company'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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish 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.

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 company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2015 and of its result for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

DRAFT INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

TO THE MEMBERS OF

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

Emphasis of matter – Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, the validity of which depends on the continued support of the Department of Education and Skills as outlined in note 9 to the financial statements. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of our obligation under the Companies Act 2014 to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made.

Bernard Barron

**For and on behalf of
Mazars
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Audit Firm
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Dublin 2**

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

		Year ended 31 December 2015 €	Year ended 31 December 2014 €
	Notes		
Income		36,831	50,746
Operating expenses		<u>(40,448)</u>	<u>(42,980)</u>
Operating (deficit)/surplus	4	(3,617)	7,766
Taxation		—	—
(Deficit)/surplus after taxation		(3,617)	7,766
Retained earnings at 1 January		<u>3,587</u>	<u>(4,179)</u>
Retained earnings at 31 December		<u>(30)</u>	<u>3,587</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	31 December 2015 €	31 December 2014 €
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	1,842	5,605
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>7,556</u>	<u>4,248</u>
		9,398	9,853
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(9,428)</u>	<u>(6,266)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(30)</u>	<u>3,587</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(30)</u>	<u>3,587</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Retained earnings		<u>(30)</u>	<u>3,587</u>

On behalf of the Board

Niall Dennehy
Director
19/10/2016

Leanne Caulfield
Director
19/10/2016

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended 31 December 2015 €	Year ended 31 December 2014 €
Notes		
Cash flow from operating activities		
(Deficit)/surplus after taxation	(3,617)	7,766
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	3,763	(4,856)
Increase in creditors	<u>3,162</u>	<u>859</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>3,308</u>	<u>3,769</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>3,308</u>	<u>3,769</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year	<u>4,248</u>	<u>479</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	<u>7,556</u>	<u>4,248</u>

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Irish Second-Level Students' Union Limited is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2014, without share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases being a member, for payment of the debt and liabilities of the company contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributions among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding €1 per member.

The Company transitioned from previously extant Irish GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 January 2014. The adoption of FRS 102 did not result in any changes to the Company's accounting policies and has no material effect on the amounts reported in prior years.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Companies Act 2014. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements of the Company are presented in Euro ("€") which is also the functional currency of the Company.

b) Income and Expenditure

Income represents annual donations and grants, reimbursements of expenses and commission on the sale of student cards. Income and expenditure are taken into account as they become receivable or due, with the exception of bank deposit interest which is treated on a cash receipts basis where applicable.

c) Employee Benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

d) Taxation

The company is exempt from corporation tax on its ordinary activities in accordance with the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

f) Financial Instruments

The Company has chosen to adopt Section 11 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or (c) control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

Financial Liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and deferred income are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle to liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The Company makes judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources in the application of the Company's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from the estimates.

Management is of the opinion that there are no critical judgements or estimates that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

	2015	2014
	€	€
Operating (deficit)/surplus is stated after charging:		
Directors emoluments in respect of qualifying activities	-	-

5. TAXATION

The company is considered to be mutually trading and therefore has no tax charge in the current year.

6. DEBTORS

	2015	2014
	€	€
Accrued income and other receivables	<u>1,842</u>	<u>5,605</u>

7. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2015	2014
	€	€
Creditors	1,845	1,845
Accruals and other payables	7,098	3,852
Other taxes and social security	<u>485</u>	<u>569</u>
	<u>9,428</u>	<u>6,266</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

8. EMPLOYEES

	2015	2014
Average number of employees during the year	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	2015	2014
	€	€
Wages and salaries	24,000	26,410
Social welfare costs	<u>2,580</u>	<u>2,782</u>
	<u>26,580</u>	<u>29,192</u>

9. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The company has secured grants of €40,000 for 2016 and 2017 from the Department of Education and Skills. In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern basis, the directors have taken account of all relevant information covering a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

10. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the year end.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Directors and key management personnel were not in receipt of any remuneration during the period.

12. TRANSITION TO FRS 102

There are no transition adjustments on transition to FRS 102.

13. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 19/10/2016

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts

IRISH SECOND-LEVEL STUDENTS' UNION LIMITED

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

<u>INCOME</u>	2015	2014
	€	€
Donations	5,000	18,335
Student card receipts	11,002	10,194
Grant	20,000	20,000
Other income	<u>829</u>	<u>2,216</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>36,831</u>	<u>50,746</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Wages and salaries	26,580	29,192
Subscriptions	873	795
Telephone	402	148
Bank charges	375	74
Stationery and graphic design	1,471	1,318
Travel, subsistence and office expenses	7,086	7,755
Professional services fees	<u>3,661</u>	<u>3,698</u>
	<u>40,448</u>	<u>42,980</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	<u>(3,617)</u>	<u>7,766</u>