

THE WHEEL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2025, 12.30PM – 1PM RE-LOCATED FROM 48 FLEET ST, DUBLIN 2 TO CARMELITE CENTRE, 56 AUNGIER ST, DUBLIN 2

Attended In-Person	Organisation	Membership
Almi Modjeska	Sex Workers Alliance Ireland	Full Member
Anaëlle Chauchet	Church Of Scientology National Affairs Office Ire	Full Member
Andrew Madden	Carmichael	Full Member
Angela Hayes	The Thomas Hayes Trust CLG	Full Member
Caitriona Freir	Dublin Rape Crisis Centre	Full Member
Claire Casey	Childhood Development Initiative	Full Member
Damien O'Neill	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	Full Member
Damon Matthew Wise	NCPD - The Irish Charity Online Support Project	Full Member
Dany Gatzke	Church Of Scientology National Affairs Office Ire	Full Member
Felix O'Regan	Irish Red Cross	Full Member
Inez Bailey	Centre For Effective Services	Full Member
Janis Morrissey	Irish Heart Foundation	Full Member
Kerry McLaverty	LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice	Full Member
Lorraine O'Connor	Aontas	Full Member
Marie Price Bolger	Village Counselling Service	Full Member
Marion Courtney	L'Arche Ireland	Full Member
Martin Craul	N/A	Individual Member
Maureen O'Donnell	Irish Lung Fibrosis Association	Full Member
Michael Smyth	COPE Galway	Full Member
Naomi Sebastine	TU Dublin SU	Full Member
Paul Mooney	Ovation Community Learning	Full Member
Philip O'Callaghan	N/A	Individual Member
Sam Toland	Irish Wheelchair Association	Full Member
Sean Coogan	92.5 Phoenix FM	Full Member
Sophie Pike	92.5 Phoenix FM	Full Member
Tracey Monson	Daughters Of Charity Child & Family Services	Full Member
Vincent Keenan	North & East Housing Association	Full Member
Apologies	Organisation	Membership
Amina Ndoeye	hands4unity	Full
Carmelle Keane	92.5 Phoenix FM	Full
Conor Thompson	Aontas	Full
Ejiro O'Hare Stratton	hands4unity	Full
Jonathan Buttner	N/A	Individual
Kathleen Dowd	Longford Women's Link	Full
Mary Doyle	N/A	Individual
Michelle Licciardi	Dublin South City Partnership	Full

In attendance : Perrine Cesbron, Maria Couchman, Guillaume Jacquinet, Jon McBride, Fergal Moran, Emily Nelson, Matthew Norman, M O'Connell, Michelle O'Donoghue – RBK (item 2 only), Johnny Sheehan, Tony Ward

Welcome

Vincent began the meeting by welcoming attendees and noted the change of venue from that advertised in the AGM notice. This was due to a health and safety issue in the original location in The Wheel's office. He noted staff were on-site in the original venue to direct any latecomers to this location.

1. To approve the minutes of Annual General Meeting of 13 June 2024

Vincent invited the meeting to approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM.

This was proposed by Kerry McLaverty, LauraLynn and seconded by Damon Matthew Wise, NCDP and unanimously approved.

2. To receive and consider the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st December 2024.

Vincent introduced the item, drawing attention to the addition of member profiles, stories from the We Act campaign, and updates from individual subcommittees in this year's report as a way of amplifying our members voices and demonstrating our governance through the report.

He thanked the full team for their work in 2024, acknowledging changes in the Senior Management Team. He thanked Ivan Cooper, Elizabeth Bolger and Colette Bennett for their services to The Wheel and welcomed Maria Couchman who began in the role of Director of Sector Skills in May 2025.

Vincent invited Tony to highlight relevant aspects of the Trustees Report, drawing attention in particular to the below

- 2024 had been a year of elections, with three separate campaigns launched by The Wheel for local, European and general elections. The mobilisation of the sector through submissions for these manifestos was significant.
- The reach of the We Act campaign, which focuses on the impact of volunteers and staff working with nonprofit organisations in Ireland, was notable, with 3.35m views of our videos. A campaign highlight was in partnership with the Irish Red Cross which focused on the local contributions of refugees from Ukraine since the war began in 2022.
- Although relevant from January 2025 onwards, The uplift in our funding allocation from the National Training Fund represents a significant investment in the nonprofit sector, and we are already well advanced in deploying the uplift in 2025.
- We were pleased to see the renewal of the contract for our Access Europe programme up to 2027. This programme which aims to assist nonprofit organisations secure EU funding has helped secure over €14m funding for 122 organisations.

Fergal then summarised the key aspects of the finances in 2024.

He noted

- The picture overall was largely consistent year on year with a deficit of €4k in 2024 following on from a surplus of €16,000 the year before, representing approximately 0.1% of our turnover. That was in tandem with an increase in income and expenditure of approximately 1.5% from the prior year.
- Our income from charitable activities was €2.46m last year and €2.43m in 2023
- He noted a typographical error in the professional fees in note 5 which would be corrected in the final published version of the accounts.
- Meanwhile, expenditure on charitable activities went from €2.91m in 2023 to €2.98m last year, while our spending on raising funds remained steady at €47,000 in both years.

Michelle O'Donoghue from auditors RBK then joined the meeting remotely, confirming an unqualified audit opinion for 2024 with no material findings. She thanked the management team, FAR subcommittee and board for their support during the 2024 audit.

Questions and comments were then welcomed from attendees. In response to a question on 2023 comparative figures for subcontractors in note 5 and whether they needed to be restated. Michelle responded that as auditors they did not feel this was necessary and were satisfied with the financial statements.

Approval of the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2024 were proposed by Damon Matthew Wise of NDGP, seconded by Janis Morrissey of the Irish Heart Foundation and approved unanimously.

3. To ratify the reappointment of RBK as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

Vincent invited the meeting to approve the re-appointment of the auditors, and authorise the directors to set their remuneration.

This was proposed by Felix O'Regan, Irish Red Cross, seconded by Angela Hayes, Thomas Hayes Trust, and unanimously approved.

4. To announce the appointment of three new directors to the Board and to announce the re-appointment of an existing co-opted director.

Vincent began by thanking Ellen Farrell and Cherif Labreche for their contributions both to the board and the subcommittees they served on during their terms which finished in 2024.

He then announced the appointments and elections of board members which took place in the twelve month since the 2024 AGM.

Elected in 2025

- Dr Tracey Monson
- Maureen O'Donnell

Co-Opted In 2025

- Philip O'Callaghan

Re-appointed in 2025

- Felix O'Regan

5. To announce the appointment of a board chairperson and vice chairperson.

As he reached the end of his term as board chairperson at the end of this meeting, Vincent took the opportunity to thank the trustees he served with during his tenure, the staff team and the wider membership for the support he received since joining the board in 2014. He welcomed Inez to the role as chair, and encouraged members to, when required by our constitution, consider joining the board as a very worthwhile endeavour.

6. To transact any other business which may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting

No other business was declared. Vincent thanked attendees for their time and declared the meeting closed.