Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

Charity number: 6797

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Directors and other information

Chairperson

Colm Kelly

Treasurer

John McGarry

Directors

Austin Hughes Colm Kelly Derek Moran Martin Lambe

Roderick Ryan

2016)

Rosheen Callender

Anne Corrigan (resigned 26 September 2016)

Miriam Hederman O'Brien (resigned 26 September

Donal De Buitleir Fergal O'Brien

Emer Mulligan John McGarry Josephine Feehily

Registered Office

C/O Irish Taxation Institute

First Floor Offices

South Block, Longboat Quay Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2

Secretary

Anne Corrigan

Auditors

LHM Casey McGrath Limited Chartered Certified Accountants

Statutory Audit Firm 6 Northbrook Road

Dublin 6

Business Address

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First Floor Offices

South Block, Longboat Quay Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2

Bankers

Bank of Ireland Montrose Dublin 4

Solicitors

Arthur Cox

10 Earlsfort Terrace

Dublin 2

Company Registered Number

110800

Charity Number

CHY6797

Registered Charity Number

20013400

Date of Incorporation

18 November 1985

Chairman's Statement

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation was held at PwC, One Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 on 26 September 2016. The following Directors retired by rotation and were re-elected to Council, Mr Fergal O'Brien and Mr Austin Hughes. Ms Anne Corrigan and Dr Miriam Hederman O'Brien retired by rotation and declined to stand for re-election.

The Foundation hosted a seminar in Dublin on 3 May 2017, on the "US Corporate Income Tax Reform: Consequences for Ireland," with Professor Frank Barry, Professor of International Business and Economic Development at the Trinity Business School; Mr Alan Gibbons, Economic Counsellor at the Irish Embassy in the US; Professor Ron Davies, Professor of Economics at University College Dublin and Mr Brian Cotter, Public Affairs Director at the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland.

The presentations given by Professor Ron Davies and Mr Brian Cotter at the seminar can be viewed on our website, www.fiscal.ie.

The fourth Miriam Hederman O'Brien prize will be awarded at a ceremony to be held in Dublin on 2 October 2017. The names of the 2017 prize-winners have yet to be announced. The Miriam Hederman O'Brien prize is awarded by the Foundation to recognise outstanding original work from new contributors in the area of Irish fiscal policy. The aim of the prize is to promote the study and discussion of matters relating to fiscal, economic and social policy, particularly among new contributors to these fields, and to reward those who demonstrate exceptional research promise. The prize forms an important part of the Foundation's overall objective of promoting more widely the study and discussion of matters relating to fiscal, economic and social policy.

The Irish Tax Institute continues to provide administrative support for the Foundation.

On behalf of the Council

Colm Kelly

Chairman & Member of Council

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Date: 4 September 2017

Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Principal Activity

The Foundation for Fiscal Studies CLG is a not-for-profit organisation. The principal activities of the company are the promotion of study and discussion of matters relating to fiscal policy.

Results for the year

The deficit for the year after providing for depreciation and taxation amounted to €14,557 (2015: surplus €4,623).

Review of Activities and Future Developments

The Directors have no plans to significantly change the organisation's activities and/or operations in the foreseeable future.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Directors have responsibility for, and are aware of the risks associated with the operating activities of the company. They are confident that adequate systems of internal control provide reasonable assurance against such risk. The internal control systems aim to ensure compliance with laws and policies, ensure efficient and effective use of the company's resources, safeguard company assets, and maintain the integrity of financial information produced.

Financial information is subject to detailed and regular review at Director level allowing for continuous monitoring of the company's operations and financial status. The Directors continuously monitor and plan for the financial sustainability of the organisation in an ever changing external funding environment.

In addition to the application of internal procedures the organisation is subject to a statutory external audit. The company has developed procedures and practices throughout the organisation to ensure the company has adequate internal controls. The company will continue to review these systems to ensure it maintains the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

Going Concern

The Directors have formed the judgement that there is reasonable expectation that the company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

Austin Hughes Colm Kelly Derek Moran Donal De Buitleir Fergal O'Brien

Emer Mulligan John McGarry Josephine Feehily Martin Lambe Rosheen Callender Roderick Ryan

Anne Corrigan (resigned 26 September 2016)

Miriam Hederman O'Brien (resigned 26 September 2016)

Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2016

Secretary

Anne Corrigan

The following Directors retired by rotation:

- Colm Kelly
- Emer Mulligan
- Rosheen Callendar
- Roderick Ryan

Colm Kelly, Emer Mulligan and Rosheen Callendar stand for re-election. Roderick Ryan is not seeking re-election.

Limited by Guarantee

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the same being wound up while they are members or within one year after they cease to be members, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of contributors among themselves, such amount may be required not exceeding €1.27.

Political Contributions

The company made no political donations during the year, as defined by the Electoral Act 1997.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements in accordance with Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Irish company law requires the Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the 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 confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2016

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 charitable company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Director's Report 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 dectection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accounting Records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, with regard to the keeping of adequate accounting records and the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at First Floor Offices, South Block, Longboat Quay, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

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

Auditors

The auditors, LHM Casey McGrath Limited have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 4 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Martin Lambe

Director

Colm Kelly

Director

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Foundation for Fiscal Studies CLG

We have audited the financial statements of Foundation for Fiscal Studies CLG for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

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 that we are required to state to them in the auditors' 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 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 our 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 Financial Reporting Council'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 Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 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 state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Foundation for Fiscal Studies CLG continued

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

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

- In our opinion adequate accounting records have been kept by the company.
- 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 the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

Damien Kealy
Statutory auditor

for and on behalf of

LHM Casey McGrath Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Audit Firm 6 Northbrook Road Dublin 6

Date: 4 September 2017

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2016	Restricted funds 2016	Total funds 2016	Total funds 2015
Income Income from charitable activities					
Operations generating funds		-	-	-	12,900
Investment income	3	13	-	13	2
Total income		13		13	12,902
Expenditure Expenditure on charitable activities					
Cost of operations	4	(14,570)	-	(14,570)	(8,279)
Total expenditure		(14,570)		(14,570)	(8,279)
Net income before other gains and loss	ses	(14,557)	-	(14,557)	4,623
Transfers between funds		••	-	<u>.</u>	
Net movement in funds		(14,557)	-	(14,557)	4,623
Reconciliation of funds Total funds at 1 January 2016	12	48,650	-	48,650	44,027
Total funds at 31 December 2016	12	34,093	-	34,093	48,650

There are no gains or losses other than those shown above and all amounts relate to continuing operations.

The accompanying notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Council on 4 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Martin Lambe

Director

 $\frac{\text{Coun } \text{WM}}{\text{Colm Kelly}}$

Director

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2016

		2016	2015
	Notes	€	€
Current Assets			201
Debtors	9	162	294
Cash at bank and in hand	10	36,295	53,327
		36,457	53,621
Creditors: amounts falling		(2.264)	(4.071)
due within one year	11	(2,364)	(4,971)
Net Current Assets		34,093	48,650
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		34,093	48,650
The funds of the Charity:			10.650
Unrestricted funds	12	34,093	48,650
Total funds		34,093	48,650

The accompanying notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Council on 4 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Martin Lambe

Director

Colm Kelly

Director

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31st December 2016

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	Notes	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(14,557)	4,623
Investment credit recognised in Statement of Financial Activities		(13)	(2)
		(14,570)	4,621
Movement in working capital			
Movement in trade and other receivables		132	-
Movement in trade and other payables		(2,607)	(12,087)
Cash flows from operating activities		(17,045)	(7,466)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		13	2
Cash flow from investing activities		13	2
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		(17,032)	(7,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		53,327	60,791
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		36,295	53,327

The accompanying notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by Council on 4 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Martin Lambe

Director

Colm Kelly

Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1. Accounting Polices

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Companies Act 2014.

Foundation for Fiscal Studies Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The company reported a deficit in the current year and the Directors anticipate that the company will return to surplus in the next 12 months. Therefore the Directors have deemed it is appropriate to prepare the statutory financial statements on a going concern basis.

Taxation

The company does not carry out any activities with a view to profit and therefore no liability to taxation arises.

Income

Income represents the receipts from conference tickets and subscriptions acknowledged as having being received by a member of the company during the year.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds of the charity are that which the Directors have decided at their discretion to set aside to be applied for a specific purpose.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated against the appropriate fund.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

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Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Trade debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that has a probable result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Currency

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the company's functional and presentation currency and is denoted by the symbol "€".

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of Financial Activities within "finance (expense)/income". All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of Financial Activities within "Other operating (losses)/gains".

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 continued **Financial Instruments** The company only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Government and other research grants

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable.

A grant that imposes specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions are met.

Grants received before the revenue recognition criteria are satisfied are recognised as a liability.

2. Net incoming resources

	Auditors' remuneration	2016 € 1,048	2015 € 1,230
3.	Interest receivable and similar income	2016 €	2015 €
	Bank interest	13	2

Expenditure on charitable activities 4.

Expenditure comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by third parties in the Republic of Ireland:

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2016	Total 2015
	€	€	€	€
Subscriptions and member services	_	13,947	13,947	6,945
Other activities	-	623	623	1,334
Total expenditure on charitable activities	•	14,570	14,570	8,279

Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to €14,570 (2015 - €8,279), of which €14,570 related to unrestricted funds (2014: €8,279).

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2016
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5. Analysis of resources expended by expenditure type

	Cost of generating				
	Staff costs Depreciation		funds	Total	Total
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€	€
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	14,570	14,570	8,279
Total expenditure on charitable activities			14,570	14,570	8,279

6. Directors remuneration

There was no directors emoluments paid during the year.

7. Key management compensation

Key management includes the Trustees and senior management of the company. There was no compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services during the year.

8. Taxation

Under the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, the company is exempt from Corporation Tax due to its status as a registered charity, number CHY6797.

9. Debtors

	2016	2015
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u> 162</u>	294

Unrestricted funds as at 31 December 2016

	s to the Financial Statements we year ended 31 December 2016			
	continued			
10.	Cash and Cash Equivalents			
	For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents at the end of Cash Flows can be reconciled to the related items in the Balance	of the reporting period as	hand and in be s shown in the	anks, net of e Statement
			2016 €	2015 €
	Cash and cash equivalents		36,295	53,327
			36,295	53,327
11.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2016 €		2015 €
	Trade creditors	1,094		3,701
	Accruals and deferred income			1,270
		2,364		4,971
	Some trade creditors had reserved title to goods supplied to the creditors are effectively secured depends on a number of factors a determinable, it is not possible to indicate how much of the above a	and conditions, some of	which are not	readily
12.	Reconciliation of movements in unrestricted funds	2016		2015
		2010 €		€
	Unrestricted funds as at 1 January 2016	48,650		44,027
	(Deficit) / surplus for the year	(14,557)		4,623

The unrestricted reserves policy is reviewed by the Directors on an ongoing basis and any transfers required between restricted and unrestricted reserves are reflected in the financial statements.

34,093

48,650

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2016	Total 2015
	€	€	€	€
Current assets	-	36,457	36,457	53,621
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,364)	(2,364)	(4,971)
Total funds	-	34,093	34,093	48,650

14. Related party transactions:

No Director has received payment in respect of services to the company during the year, other than by way of reimbursement of payment of expenses incurred in the provision of these services. No expenses were incurred in the current year.

15. Post Balance Sheet events

There were no significant events affecting the organisation which have taken place since the end of the financial year.

16. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 4 September 2017

Appendix 1

The following Operating Statement and Schedule of Expenses do not form part of the audited financial statements.

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 €	2015 €
Income	-	12,900
Administrative expenses	14,570	8,279
Operating surplus / (deficit)	(14,570)	4,621
Other income and expenses		
Bank deposit interest	13	2
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	(14,557)	4,623

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2015
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8,279

