



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Leave No Trace Ireland promotes and inspires responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships.



Chairperson Introduction

2016 was an exceptionally important milestone in the journey of Leave No Trace Ireland. This year's annual report gives us time to reflect on how far Leave No Trace Ireland has come in a short time. The organisation has scaled up significantly through the support of a growing number of very dedicated founding organisations, the large number of new projects and grants secured during the year, and additional support from volunteers and staff. Leave No Trace Ireland is recognised as the national environmental outdoor ethics programme that inspires positive behavioural change across Ireland and now offers an unrivalled level of service across its three pillars of support, education, research and partnerships. Our achievements to date have been built on a solid foundation of an exciting vision, committed staff, a range of collaborative partnerships and a very experienced Board of Directors.

We are very proud of the fact that throughout 2016, Leave No Trace Ireland has had a direct impact on educating over 25,000 primary school children nationwide. As towns and cities grow, populations encroach around the surrounding countryside and it is critical that we endeavour to maintain our natural and cultural heritage. We believe our education/educational programmes play a uniquely important role in children's' lifelong learning, their achievements and their connection to their natural surroundings. Leave No Trace Ireland provides children with an introduction to outdoor environmental awareness which nurtures their inner creativity and in turn empowers them to restore and conserve their natural spaces. Importantly, throughout 2016 further collaboration with key agencies and memberships with The Marine Institute Explorers Programme, Imprint, Local Agenda 21 and the LEAF programme has resulted in Leave No Trace Ireland successfully securing sufficient financial resources to secure a second full time employee in 2017.

Leave No Trace Ireland now have a core team of talented trainers, and I am confident Leave No Trace Ireland will put in place the required structures to ensure a continued upward trajectory allowing many more primary school children and teachers, community groups and families to enjoy Leave No Trace Ireland's educational materials and services long into the future.

Strategic Direction, Governance and Sustainability are our challenges as a Board over the next 4 years. The recent adoption of our Strategic Plan in 2016 provides us with opportunities to clearly focus our key objectives and deliver on the agreed outcomes during that time frame. The Board will continue to invest time and resources into ensuring that the highest level of governance is maintained and Leave No Trace Ireland will continue to be an exemplar charity.

Leave No Trace Ireland is well placed to face the challenges and opportunities ahead and we look forward to working with all stakeholders, members, trainers and key audiences to ensure Leave No Trace Ireland's success in the years ahead.

Myles Kelly, Chairperson of Leave No Trace Ireland.



2016 Year in Review

Think Globally, Act Locally Change Individually!

Leave No Trace is now recognised as the national environmental ethics programme that inspires positive behavioural change across the island of Ireland. In its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you.

The Irish countryside has become a hotspot for outdoor recreation. Despite the many positive impacts of outdoor activity, negative impacts on wildlife and the environment are an unfortunate consequence of unconsidered behaviour. Litter, water pollution, disturbance of vegetation, wildlife, livestock and other people are all indicators of the need to develop the national environmental ethic that protects both the countryside. Research gives us certainty that human impacts are currently happening in outdoor recreation in Ireland. Leave No Trace Ireland, as the national outdoor ethics programme want to balance our tourism, social recreation and business with good practice. We believe the environment must not be compromised for financial or personal gain. It is our challenge to shape and develop the Leave No Trace programme to encourage and inspire preservation of Irelands natural environment for future.

2016 has been an outstanding year and I wish to thank all of our volunteers, trainers, Directors and official members who have contributed to Leave No Trace Ireland. We are working very hard to ensure that outdoor environmental education is better recognised by demonstrating the power of nature to change and inspire positive behavioural change. In this year's Annual Report, you can learn about our new programmes and view the organisation's complete audited financial picture. You will be excited to hear that this year, Leave No Trace Ireland is;

- Now working with thousands of primary school children and hundreds of teachers, as well as developing educational resources to ensure that every child knows and practices Leave No Trace.
- Training record numbers of Leave No Trace trainers.
- Engaging in new research that will ultimately build stronger Leave No Trace member and educational programmes.
- Building many new long term memberships across Ireland and Europe.

I want to thank all our volunteers who give their time. I also want to thank staff and Interns who help deliver administration support and to the many students who are assisting the development of our growing research programmes. We now have a pool of excellent professional trainers who deliver our youth and adult education programmes across Ireland and I thank each of them for their dedication and support.

Leave No Trace Ireland relies on the generosity of its members to fund its services. I wish to sincerely thank all members and all who participated in our courses and gave of their time so generously. Finally, I would like to thank the volunteer Board of Directors for their support to me, and for giving so much of their time and commitment to developing and implementing the organisation's goals in 2016.

Maura Lyons

Our Story

Leave No Trace Ireland is a not-for-profit company made up of organisations with a shared interest in encouraging responsible enjoyment of Ireland's natural environment. Our mission is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships throughout the island of Ireland. Leave No Trace Ireland, a company limited by guarantee, was officially established in 2006 and was granted charitable status in 2013.

Leave No Trace Ireland teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics programme used in Ireland. Through education, research and outreach, Leave No Trace Ireland ensures the long-term health of our natural world. In its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you—the world we all enjoy. The education and training programmes up skills people to do this with some simple techniques. The education programme is built around seven key principles. Leave No Trace Ireland training is delivered at various levels including Leave No Trace Awareness Sessions, Trainer Courses and Advanced Trainer Courses.

The Leave No Trace Ireland message has been adopted by many organisations from Government Departments, State Agencies, National Governing Bodies of Sport, education and training organisations and a range of tourism businesses. It is this broad adoption and promotion that gives the message its strength, together with the fact that the principles are all positive in nature and based on sound science. Leave No Trace Ireland's office is located in Westport, Co. Mayo.

Membership and training requests to join Leave No Trace Ireland are at a record high. That's why your support is so essential today. Your continued generosity ensures that more Leave No Trace programmes on the ground in your community now and in the future. Thank you!



Leave No Trace by Numbers

With your involvement, see what Leave No Trace Ireland accomplished throughout 2016

Over
3,000
Volunteer
hours

Over €70,000 in new Grants 7 New
Educational resources

£90,000 of Goodwill



Hesearch publications

New
Schools
Merchandise

Attended 6 national events

160
Memberships

Increase of 70% website visits in 2016



1200 new Facebook

new Facebook followers



1000

new Twitter followers



Launched
5
new
programmes
for schools

Estimate Reach of 1 million throughout the island of Ireland via memberships

Financial Summary 2016

The annual accounts have been audited by Pearse O' Malley & Company and have been lodged as required with the Companies Office. The Company is a not for profit organisation and successfully obtained Charitable Status in October 2013 and consequently no corporation tax is payable on any profits arising. The Charity Reference Number is CHY20657.

Looking back at 2016, Leave No Trace Ireland celebrates a strong financial year. As planned we were able to add to our operating reserves, further strengthening the organisation financially. Leave No Trace Ireland is making steady progress towards our long-term financial goals, to support our mission in permanence. The accompanying summary of financial information is derived from the audited financial statements. The complete audited financial statements are available on request.

John Boyle Leave No Trace Ireland, Treasurer





Income Increased from 2015



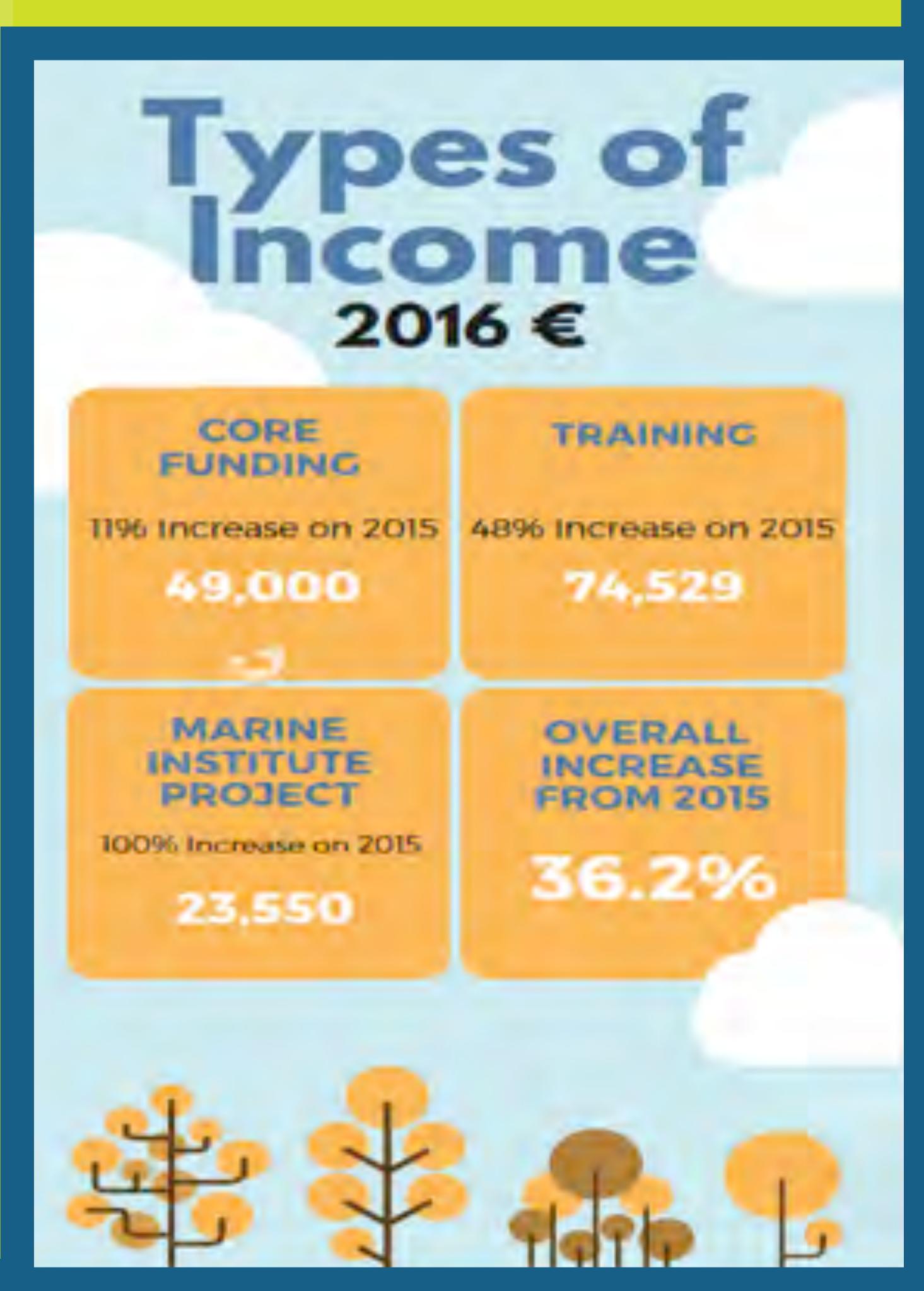


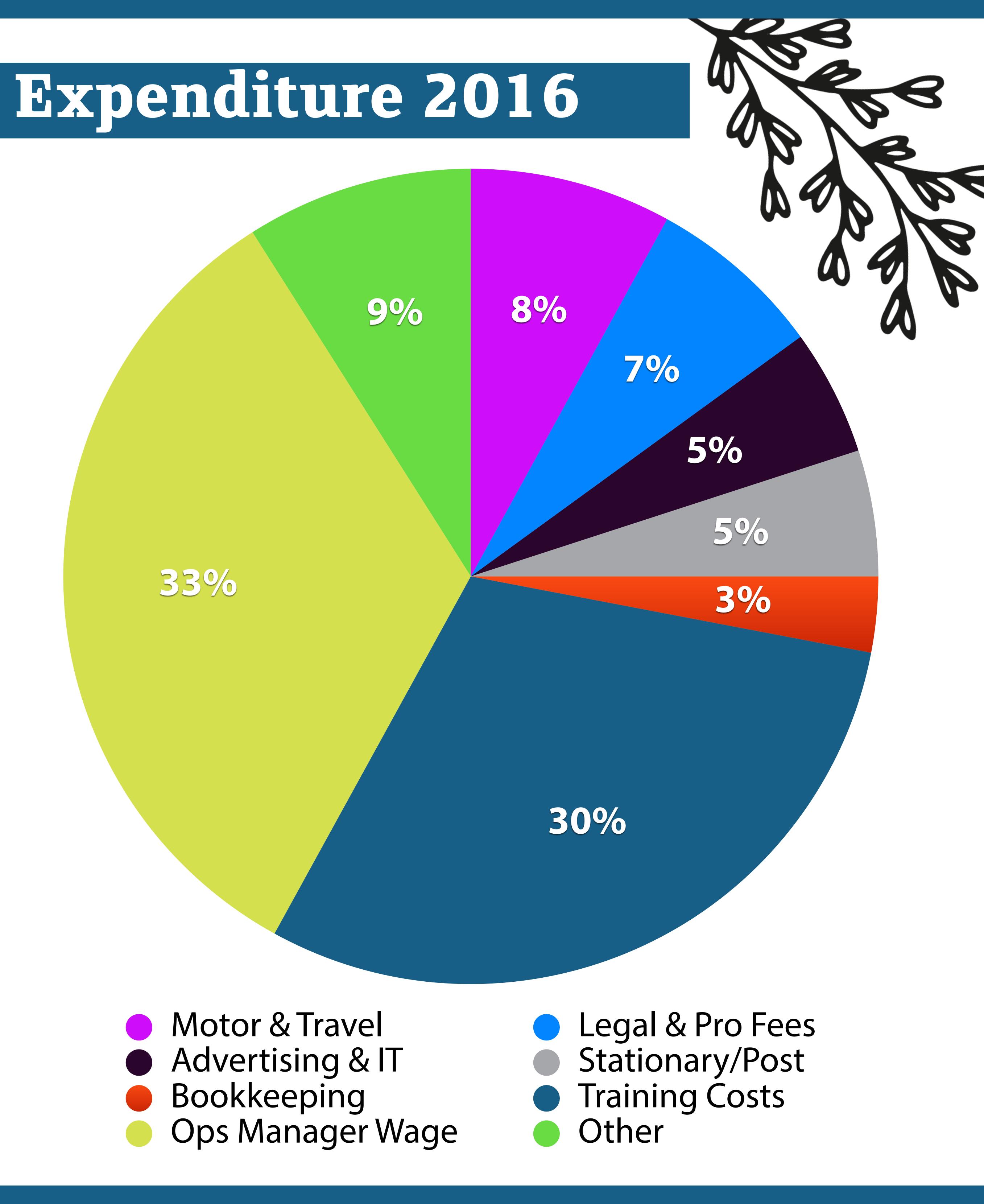
Training Grants and other Memberships experienced a 48% growth in income in the 2016 year with €24k received as a result of delivery of the EU Imprint programme, €23k from LA 21 Funding and over €27k from other membership grants.

Leave No Trace Ireland were successful in 2017 in partnering with The Marine Institute on their Explorers programme to provide the opportunity for primary school children and teachers to learn about the importance of engaging with the sea, strengthening their marine heritage and identity and learning about Leave No Trace Ireland. The programme increased the organisation's income by €24k in 2017.

2016 was an exceptional year for income growth for Leave No Trace. Income increased by 36.25% between 2015 and 2016.

Core Funders from the Rural Development Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Sport Ireland, Coillte Teoranta, Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland continue to provide financial support for our important work.

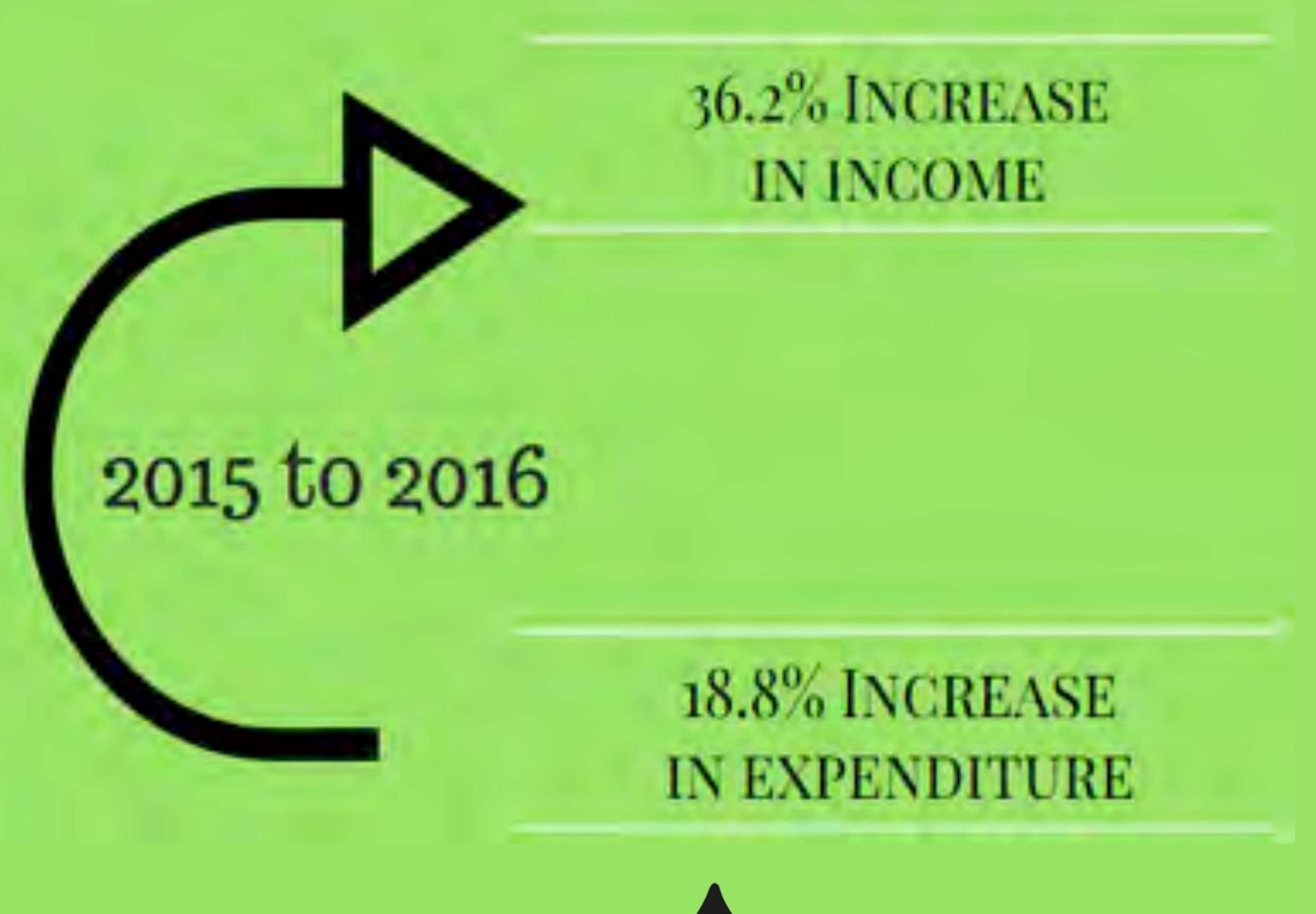


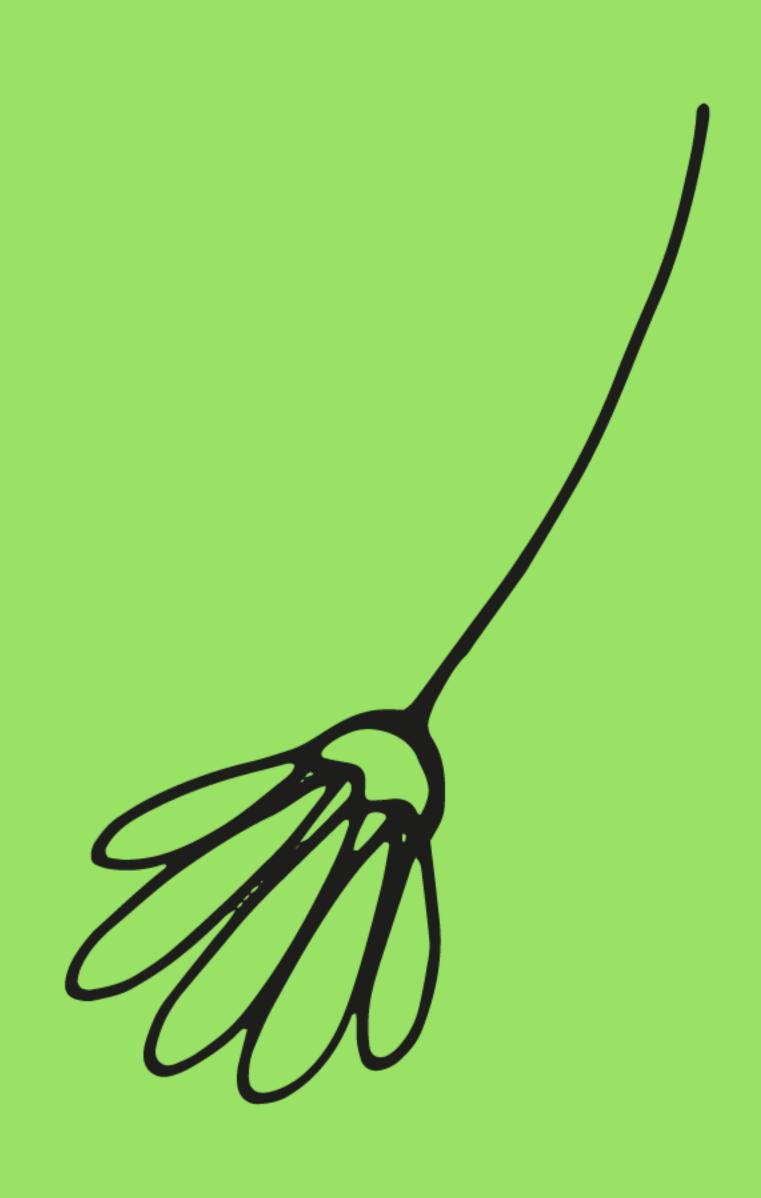


Leave No Trace expenditure was in line with budgeted projections for the year. The 18.8% increase in expenditure experienced between 2015 and 2016 is representative of the growth in activity of the organisation and an indication of the increasing workloads to service the demands of stakeholders and to achieve the challenging outcomes required as a result of successful project applications.

The most material increase in costs in 2016 was in relation to training which experienced a 61% increase from 2016 to €41,210. This was a result of much work on LA 21 and Marine Institute programmes and is a clear indication of the emphasis that Leave No Trace places on the role of education in promoting responsible use of the outdoors.

As a growing organisation Leave No Trace also invested in 2016 in its corporate governance structures to ensure that it continued to be compliant with relevant legislation. Legal expertise was employed to update the organisation's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association to reflect the new mission statement, membership structure and changes in company law in 2014 and charity law in 2009. The Board feel that the investment of €10k in 2016 in such a process has left the organisation on a sound basis to grow to the next level.







Highlights 2016

In 2016 Leave No Trace Ireland launched its current 5-year strategy; entitled The Outdoors is yours protect it! It identifies the following five strategic themes for the organisation:

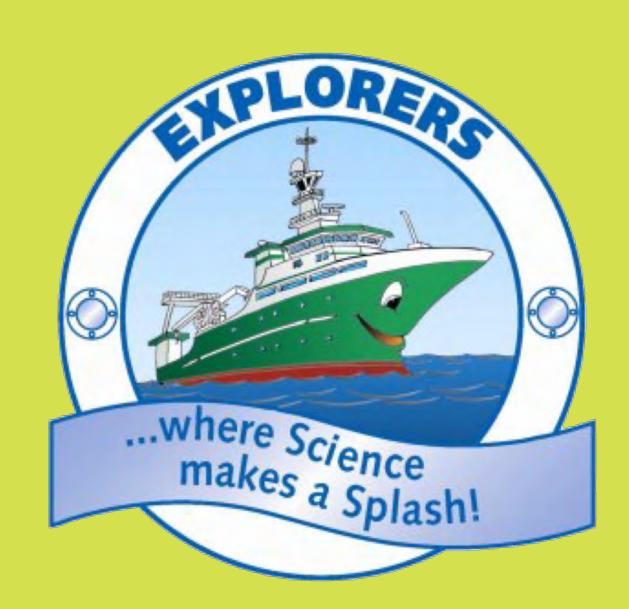
- 1. Education
- 2. Research
- 3. Advisory
- 4. Governance and Administration
- 5. Partnerships.

The strategic objectives across these five themes will enable us to achieve our mission. You can learn more about these strategic objectives by obtaining a copy from our website. Year one of the Strategic Plan is completed and we would like to thank all members for your support throughout the process.

Leave No Trace Training programmes

Tens of thousands of people go through Leave No Trace training and education programmes each year in Ireland. In 2016, Over 90 new trainers were qualified as Leave No Trace Trainers. Leave No Trace Ireland significantly developed the schools programme that has provided education for members to reach thousands of Irish children in primary schools through initiatives like Coillte Compass, LEAF Ireland, The Marine Institute Explorers, The Local Agenda 21 and many teacher training courses. Furthermore, many new educational resources and schools merchandise were developed to support various initiatives.

Exploreers Programme

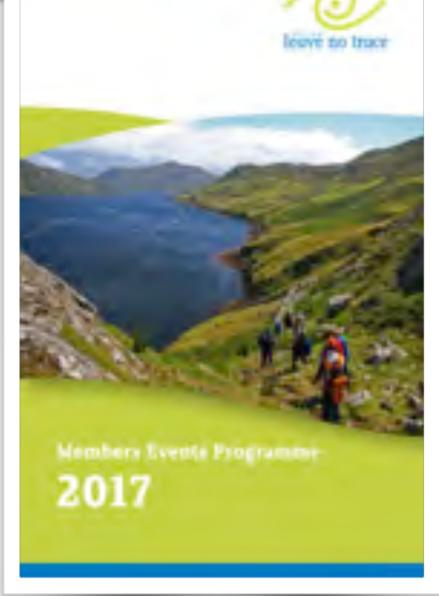


Leave No Trace Ireland joined forces with The Marine Institute's Explorers Programme in 2016. The programme now reaches over five hundred teachers and 15,000 primary school children in Ireland. The marine based programme provides the opportunity for primary school children and teachers to learn about the importance of engaging with the sea, strengthening their marine heritage and identity and learning about Leave No Trace. The trainers introduce marine biodiversity and marine environmental awareness and care into the class room through a range of exciting STEM marine based modules including aquariums in the class, seashore safaris, as well as marine projects and workshops. More information about the Explorers Education Programme™ is available at www.explorers.ie. The Explorers Education Programme is supported by the Marine Institute, and funded under the Marine Research Programme by the Irish Government.

IMPRINT +

IMPRINT+ is an international project that aims to highlight the amount of natural resources we use in our daily lives. Through education, action and entrepreneurship it empowers young people and communities to restore and conserve their local natural resources. The project and its activities are co-financed by the Erasmus+ European Funding Programme and are implemented in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Austria. Participation with IMPRINT+ is free. It can be done as an individual or a group. A full suite of training resources are now available online to deliver a five day certified course to enable teachers and educators to learn about lowering and offsetting environmental footprint as well as how to restore and conserve local natural resources. The course utilises both classroom and outdoor environments with the aid of the IMPRINT+ App which has been tailored specifically for each of the IMPRINT+ partners.







Research

The Research Group co-ordinates a continuous stream of research, to provide relevant and up-to-date social and environmental knowledge to underpin the Leave No Trace message in Ireland. In 2016, Tralee IT in partnership with Leave No Trace Ireland carried out research from a Bursary awarded in 2015. Additionally, Leave No Trace Ireland published four research resources.

Events

Leave No Trace Ireland at the Ploughing Championships 2016



(Photo: Partners from The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs (L-R) Catherine Burns, John Carney, Harry Everard, Minister Heather Humphreys, Jack Reade and Maura Lyons, Leave No Trace Ireland)

Leave No Trace Ireland at the Outsider Awards 2016



Leave No Trace Ireland now attends national and international events in collaboration with its members. The 2016 event schedule was very busy and included:



- Ploughing Championships 2016
- Leave No Trace AGM and Network meeting 2016
 - Sustainability Summit 2016
 - Pure Magic Battle of the Bay, Dublin 2016
 - The Responsible Tourism Conference 2016
 - The Festival Of Outdoor Learning 2016
- The Outsider 'Leave No Trace Most Sustainable Escape Award' 2016
- Roll out of the official Member Training and Events Programme 2016
 - The first EU Imprint meeting in Westport 2016





Members



Thank you to our members who drive Leave No Trace Ireland programmes and initiatives. Please enjoy this list of Leave No Trace's top individual members and foundations from 2016.

Core Members











Other Finacial Members

- Angling Council of Ireland
- Extreme Ireland
- Mourne Heritage Trust
- Catholic Guides of Ireland
- Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust
- Cycling Ireland
- Dublin Mountains Partnership
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- RTÉ
- Irish Girl Guides
- Irish Orienteering Association
- Blackstairs Eco Trails
- Mountain Meitheal
- Outdoor Recreation NI
- Scouting Ireland
- Sport Northern Ireland
- Wicklow Uplands Council
- Laois County Council

- Hotel Doolin
- Kilfenora Hostel
- Kilshanney House
- Lahinch Seaworld & Leisure Centre
- Linnalla Irish Ice cream
- Linnanes Bar
- North Clare Sea Kayaking Tours
- Roadside Tavern
- Rocky View Farmhouse
- Sheedys Hotel and Restaurant
- Stonecutters Kitchen
- The Russell Gallery
- The Seaview House
- Wild Honey Inn
- Wild Kitchen
- St. Tola Irish Goat Cheese
- Gregans Castle Hotel
- Aillwee Cave & Birds of Prey Centre
- Coillte

- Burren Yoga and Meditation Centre
- Clareville House Kitchen Garden
- Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
- Corofin Camping & Hostel
- Deelin More Lodge & Cottages
- Doolin Cave
- Doolin Hostel
- Fáilte Ireland
- Doreen Drennan Art Studio
- Ewhizz& Ted Tours
- Fr. Teds Parochial House
- Greenlawn B&B
- Hazel Mountain Chocolate Limited
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- INVAS
- Wexford Walking Trails
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- Sperrins Gateway Landscape Partnership
- Earths Edge
- Mountain Trails
- The Kerry Ultra Way
- Mayo County Council
- Basecamp Retail Ltd
- Tollymore National Outdoor Centre TNOC
- SECAD South And East Cork Area Development
- IMMA Irish Museum Of Modern Art
- SeaTrails
- Sugarloaf Adventures
- Castlecomer Discovery Park
- South West Walks
- Wilderness Ireland
- The Burren Outdoor Education Centre
- Backwest adventures
- Adventure Burren
- Lahinch Adventures

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- Eco Tourism Ireland
- The Burren Geo Park
- Rock Farm Slane
- Boyne Valley Activities
- Burren Escape
- Burren Experience Guided Walks
- Burren Fine Wine & Foods
- Burren Free Range Pork
- Burren Journey

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- Adventure Burren
- Lahinch Adventures
- Boghill Centre
- Burren Angling Guide
- Ballyinsheen House
- Burren Coaches
- Darren Coaches
- Heart of Burren walks
- Coisceim Anama
- The Doolin Ferry Company
- Doolin2Aran Ferries
- Gus O'connors pub

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- Pathfinders Camper Conversions
- Elimental
- Greenlife Tours
- Inishbofin Farm
- Inishbofin Community Centre
- Inishbofin Equestrian Centre
- Global Action
- Park Run Ireland
- Sport Ireland

Future Plans for Leave No Trace Ireland

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Board of Directors

Our Board guide our mission to deliver social impact through the roll out of our current Strategic Plan, "The Outdoors is Yours, Protect it! "as well as supporting the Leave No Trace Ireland team. We are honoured to have amazing people on our Board who help guide us in our development to inspire positive behavioural change across Ireland.

List of Directors

- Dr. Richard Thorn
- Dr. Ciaran Fallon
- John Boyle
- Lorraine Fitzgerald
- Aodhnait Carroll
- Marie Moynihan
- Steven Drew
- Lawrence McBride
- Myles Kelly
- Conor McKeon





(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)
Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2016

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Directors and other information

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Charity number 20657

Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Directors' report for the year ended 31st December 2016

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2016.

Change in Financial Reporting Framework

This is the first set of financial statements prepared by Leave No Trace (Ireland) in a accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). The company transitioned from previously extant Irish and UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1st January 2015. An explanation of how the transition to FRS 102 has affected the reported financial position and financial performane is given in Note 2 to the Financial Statements.

Principal activities and review of the business

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company does not have a share capital and consequently the liability of the members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association and managed by a Board of Directors/Trustees. The charity has been granted charitable tax status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Concolidation Act 1997, Charity No. CHY 20657 and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority under reference 20082178.

Leave No Trace (Ireland) is a not for profit body made up of a network of organisations and individuals that have an interest in promoting responsible and sustainable use of the Irish countryside, mountains, lakes, forests and seas, through the Leave No Trace awareness and education programme. Our mission is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnership throughout the island of Ireland.

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The Leave No Trace Education Programme strives to inspire those who enjoy outdoor recreation about their personal responsibility to minimise their impact on the environment. The programme up-skills people to do this, through awareness and by practising some simple techniques. Leave No Trace Ireland training is delivered at various levels including Awareness Sessions, Trainer Courses and Advanced Trainer Courses.

Results

The charity, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of its staff generated a very positive outcome for the year. The Surplus/(Deficit) for the year amounted to $\in 8,776$ (2015: $\in (8,488)$). At the end of the year the company has assets of $\in 65,519$ (2015: $\in 42,972$) and liabilities of $\in 31,298$ (2015: $\in 17,527$). The net assets of the company have increased by $\in 8,776$ (2016: $\in 25,445$) and the directors are satisfied with the level of funds at the year end.

Principal Risks & Uncertainties

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Directors' report for the year ended 31st December 2016

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The principal risk and uncertainty facing the company is the general fall in support for charities due to the difficult economic conditions. The directors are making every effort to obtain increased funding from government agencies and to promote training.

Events since the balance sheet date

No events have occurred between 31st December 2016 and the date of signing the financial statements which could materially affect the financial statements.

Future developments

There have been no significant change in its activities during the year ended 31st December 2016.

Directors of the company

The present membership of the board is listed on the 'Directors and other information' page.

Accounting records

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities under Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to keep adequate accounting records for the company. In order to comply with the requirements of the act, a part-time book-keeper is employed. The accounting records of the company are maintained at their offices at Westport Civic Offices, C/O Mayo County Council, Altamount Street, Westport, Co. Mayo.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014:

- so far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by he auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

In accordance with Sections 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the auditors, O'Malley & Company, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

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Richard The	orn		John Boyle
Director			Director

This report was approved by the Board on 9th May 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Statement of directors responsibilities for the members' financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Acountants Ireland, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland). 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 company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit 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 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 reasons 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.

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, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' 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 detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board:	
Richard Thorn	John Boyle
Director	Director

Independent auditor's report to the members of Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

We have audited the financial statements of Leave No Trace (Ireland) for the year ended 31st December 2016 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants 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 set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view and otherwise comply with 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 (APB's) Ethical standards for Auditors, including "APB Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Small Entities (Revised)", in the circumstances set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

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 31st December 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and in particular, with requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

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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.

Patrick P. O'Malley,
for and on behalf of

Co. Mayo.

O'Malley & Company,

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm Date:

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2016

		Continuing of	Continuing operations	
		2016	2015	
	Notes	€	€	
Income	1	147,079	107,952	
Expenditure		(138,303)	(116,440)	
Surplus/(deficit) on or activities before taxati	<u>.</u>	8,776	(8,488)	
Tax on surplus/(deficit)	on ordinary activities			
Surplus/(deficit) on or activities after taxation	-	8,776	(8,488)	

The income and excess of expenditure of income relate to continuing operations as no businesses were acquired or disposed of in 2016 or 2015.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2016

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	Notes	€	€	€	€
Current assets					
Debtors	9	700		3,849	
Cash at bank and in hand		64,819		39,123	
		65,519		42,972	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(21,298)		(7,527)	
Net current assets			44,221		35,445
Total assets less current liabilities Accruals and deferred income	11		44,221 (10,000)		35,445 (10,000)
Net assets			34,221		25,445
Represented by: Accumulated surplus	13		34,221		25,445
Charity funds			34,221		25,445

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 9th May 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Richard Thorn John Boyle
Director Director

Statement of Changes in Funds for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Income and expenditure account €	Total funds
Balance at at 1st January 2015	33,933	33,933
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(8,488)	(8,488)
Balance at 31st December 2015	25,445	25,445
Balance at 1st January 2016	25,445	25,445
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8,776	8,776
Balance at 31st December 2016	34,221	34,221

Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31st December 2016

	2016	2015
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating profit/(loss)	8,776	(8,488)
Decrease in debtors	3,149	2,351
Increase in creditors and deferred income	13,771	4,655
Movement in Deferred Income	-	(19,500)
Cash generated from operating activities	25,696	(20,982)
Cash flows from operating activities	25,696	(20,982)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	_
Cash flows from investing activities		
Net cash flows from investing activities	-	
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents	25,696	(20,982)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January 2016	39,123	60,105
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December 2016	64,819	39,123

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2016

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

This is the first set of financial statements prepared by Leave No Trace (Ireland) in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). The company transitioned from previously extant Irish extant Irish and UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1st January 2015. An explanation of how transition to FRS 102 has affected the reported financial position and financial performance is given in Note 2. Leave No Trace (Ireland) is a Company Limited by guarantee and is a public benefit entity incorporated in Ireland with a registered office at C/O Mayo County Council, Altamount Street, Westport, and Co. Mayo.

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

1.1. Basis of Preparation

The audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and the Companies Act 2014. Accounting Standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

True and fair view override

In order for the financial statements to show a true and fair view the directors have determined the profit and loss format be re-named to an income and expenditure aount detailing the income and expenditure by nature. Given that the company is a company limited by guarantee the capital and reserves section of the balance sheet has been adapted accordingly to reflect this fact. The directors consider that the layout adapted more correctly reflects the nature of the entity given that the entity is a not-for-profit organisation which is limied by guarantee. To use the formats set out in Schedule 3 of the Companies Act 2014 and Section 4 and 5 of FRS 102 would not result in the financial statements showing information that would allow the entity to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in Euro which is the functional currency of the company.

1.2. Income Resources

Incoming monetary resources are included in the Income & Expenditure account only when realised or when the ultimate cash realisation of same can be assessed with reasonable certainty.

Income represents Core Funding, Training Income and various Revenue Grants.

1.3. Grants in aid towards operating costs

Grant in aid income from the Department of Environment and other governmental agencies is recognised in the Income & Expenditure Account to match the grant funded costs. Grants received in advance of incurring the grant supported expenditure are transferred to deferred income and are released against the matching expenditure when incurred.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1.5. Taxation

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Concolidation Act 1997, Charity No CHY 20657.

1.6. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and funds held in the company bank accounts.

1.7. Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price (inluding transaction costs). A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rtae. All movements in the level of provision required are recognised in the profit and loss account.

1.8. Employee Benefits

The company provides a range of benefits to employees, including paid holiday arrangements.

(i) Short term 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.

1.9. Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current libilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

1.10. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised in finance costs in profit or loss in the period it arises.

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1.11 Contingencies

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

In the cash flow projections, the growth rate has been assumed to increase for (give length of the growth period where it exceeds five years). This growth rate period has been assumed because (give details of why a growth rate period longer than five years has been assumed).

2. Transition to FRS 102

Prior to 1st January 2015 the company prepared its financial statements under previously extant Irish GAAP. From 1st January 2015, the company has elected to present its annual financial satements in accordance with FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2014.

There were no transition adjustments.

In preparing this financial information, the company has applied certain exceptions and exemptions from full retrospective application of FRS 102 as noted below.

Exceptions

Accounting Estimates

In accordance with FRS 102, as a first time adopter, the company did not revise estimates on transition to reflect new information subsequent to the original estimates.

3. FRS 102 Principle Adjustments

The reconciliation of the income and expenditure prepared in accordance with FRS 102 for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the reconciliation of the amount of total funds at 31 December 2015, before and after the application of FRS 102, is as follows:

	Deficit for the year ended 31/12/2015 €	Total funds as at 01/01/2015 €	Total funds as at 31/12/2015 €
As reported under Irish GAAP	(8,488)	33,933	25,445
No transition adjustments noted	_	-	=
As reported under FRS 102	(8,488)	33,933	25,445

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4. Critical Accounting Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are conintually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

5. Going concern

As described in the directors' report on page 2 - 3, the company promotes responsible and sustainable use of the Irish countryside, mountains, lakes, forests and seas through the Leave No Trace awareness and education programme. These activities are largely financed by the receipt of funding from government agencies. The company has received confirmation from their core funders that funding will be continued for the foreseeable future. The company's future is therefore very dependent on the support of government agencies. The directors are confident the company will be able to continue trading and on that basis it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

6. Income

		2016	2015
		€	€
	Class of business		
	Core Funding		
	Department of Environment	10,000	10,000
	Irish Sports Council	10,000	10,000
	Coillte Teoranta	10,000	10,000
	Failte Ireland	10,000	10,000
	Waterways Ireland	4,000	4,000
	OPW	5,000	-
	Training Income/Membership/Various Grants		
	Grants & Other Support re Funding/Training	74,529	50,452
	Marine Institute Project	23,550	-
	Department of Environment Grant		13,500
		147,079	107,952
7.	Operating profit/(loss)		
		2016	2015
		€	€
	Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:		
	Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	3,075	

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8. Employees

Number of employees The average monthly numbers of employees (including the directors) during the year were:	2016	2015
Programme Manager	1	1
Employment costs	2016 €	2015 €
Wages and salaries	46,004	43,018
	46,004	43,018

All amounts stated above were treated as an expense of the company in the financial year.

Key management compensation

Key management comprises of the directors of the company. There was no compensation paid to the directors of the company in the year ended 31st December 2016.

9.	Debtors	2016	2015
		€	€
	Trade debtors	700	3,849

All debtors are due within 1 year.

The fair values of Debtors approximate to their carrying amounts. There was no impairment to debtors in the year ended 31st December 2016.

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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

within one year	2016 €	2015 €
Other creditors		
Accruals	19,757	4,157
Taxation creditors		
PAYE/USC	885	1,288
PRSI	656	2,082
	21,298	7,527

The terms of accruals are based on the underlying contracts.

Tax and social insurance are subject to the terms of the relevant legislation and are paid as they fall due. No interest was due at the financial year end date.

11. Deferred income

	2016	2015
	ϵ	€
Deferred Income		
At 1st January 2016	10,000	29,500
Increase in year	10,000	10,000
	20,000	39,500
Released in year	(10,000)	(29,500)
At 31st December 2016	10,000	10,000

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12. Financial Instruments

The analysis of the carrying amounts of the financial instruments of the company required under section 11 of FRS 102 is as follows:

	2016 €	2015 €
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Trade Debtors	700	3,849
Cash at bank and in hand	64,819	39,123
	65,519	42,972

13. Accumulated Surplus

	Income and Expenditure Account	Total	
	€	€	
At 1st January 2016 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	25,445 8,776	25,445 8,776	
At 31st December 2016	34,221	34,221	

14. Capital commitments

The company had no capital committments at 31st December 2016.

15. Contingent liabilities

The directors are not aware of the existence of any other contingent liabilities as at 31st December 2016.

16. Related party transactions

A number of the directors are employees of the organisations that provide funding to Leave No Trace (Ireland). There are no transactions between the directors and Leave No Trace (Ireland).

17. Company limited by guarantee

The company is one limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.

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18. APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the Revenue Commissioners and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

19. Comparative amounts

Comparative amounts have been re-grouped where necessary on the same basis as those for the current year.

20. Accounting periods

The current accounts are for a full year. The comparative accounts are for a full year.

21. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 9th May 2017.

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Detailed income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2016

	20:	16	20	15
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Core Funding	49,000		44,000	
Training Income/Membership/Various Grants	74,529		50,452	
Marine Institute Project	23,550			
Department of Environment Grant	=		13,500	
		147,079		107,952
Expenditure				
Operations Manager Wages	46,004		43,018	
Training/Course Costs	41,210		25,602	
Rent	-		200	
Insurance	2,179		2,079	
Stationery & Postage	7,302		8,262	
Advertising & IT Costs	7,369		11,573	
Telephone	1,501		1,223	
Motor & Travel Expenses	10,958		10,476	
Bookkeeping	4,200		4,100	
Legal & Professional Fees	9,687		-	
Audit	3,075		2,460	
Bank Interest & Charges	226		102	
Sundry Expenses	3,692		7,345	
Bad Debts	900		-	
		138,303	-	116,440
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		8,776		(8,488)