NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF IRELAND -AMALGAMATED

Limited by Guarantee

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2008

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YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of directorsTherese Murphy

Isobel Butler
Aileen Heverin
Kathleen O'Sullivan
Clare Treacy
Maura Butler

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Kate Morgan

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2008

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year continued to be working together to transform society into a just and equitable community, a community in which all women and men have equal power to shape society and their own lives.

The directors are satisfied with the results for the year. The 2008 accounts show a surplus of $\[\in \]$ 1,381. At the year end the Balance Sheet shows operating reserves of $\[\in \]$ 56,260 and a capital reserve of $\[\in \]$ 200,000 which is designated to be used for the infrastructural needs of the organisation.

FAIR REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF THE ORGANISATIONS BUSINESS

During 2008 the organisation continued its work in line with the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2006-2010. The principal activities carried out in 2008 and which are reflected in the income and expenditure accounts for the year are as follows:

- Lobbying to increase the presence of women in decision-making arenas.
- Participating in the National Women's Strategy Coordinating Committee.
- Continuing to roll out the Social Welfare Reform campaign with a specific focus on the area of pensions and the recognition of women's care work.
- Publication of Research on a "Pension model for Women in Ireland" and launch of same.
- Joint Publication and launch of 'Where are we now? New feminist perspectives on women in contemporary Ireland' with TASC.
- Campaigning for subsidised childcare provision based on the research model published in 2005.
- Continuing the work on the Social Welfare Campaign through the organisation of focus group meetings.
- Participating in Social Partnership talks.
- Supporting the Violence Against Women sector in its engagement with diverse women's groups experiencing disadvantage/discrimination, and with the new COSC Office
- Management of the Irish Observatory on Violence Against Women, and dissemination of the 2nd National Report focusing on Pornography.
- Representing affiliates in the media and other public fora.
- Ongoing development of the website for the organisation.
- Working with the Members through the outreach and support programme.
- Holding monthly Executive Board Meetings and attending quarterly European Women's Lobby meetings.
- Continuing to develop our support and outreach services to NWCI affiliates and other marginalised women's groups.
- Dissemination of the Women's Health Policy and designing a campaign strategy to progress the recommendations included in the Policy.
- Attending European Women's Lobby (EWL) meetings in Brussels.
- Hosting of annual events (Four Members Meetings, AGM, International Women's Day (IWD) Event, Pension Research Launch, Evening Seminars and Pre-Budget Submission Launch).
- Production and dissemination of Publications (EWM, Project Publications, Pension Research Publication, Annual Report, Pre- Budget Submission).
- Continuing to apply for new sources of funding and working on sourcing new premises.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the organisation continues to be the sourcing of new funding and a permanent office base.

The submission of new funding applications and working on the premises issue will continue to be a priority for the organisation throughout 2009, as well as the continued implementation of its Strategic Plan.

RESULTS

The results for the year are set out in the company Income and expenditure account on page 7. The directors have not recommended a dividend.

IMPORTANT EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

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

DIRECTORS

The directors and secretary who served the company during the year were as follows:

Therese Murphy Isobel Butler Aileen Heverin Kathleen O'Sullivan Clare Treacy

Maura Butler

Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop (Appointed 20th June 2008) Temenuzhka Yonkova (Appointed 20th June 2008) (Appointed 20th June 2008) Kate Morgan Marie Hainsworth (Retired 20th June 2008) Stephanie Whyte (Retired 20th June 2008) (Retired 20th June 2008) Berta Armitage Breda Raggett (Retired 20th June 2008) Tara Droog (Retired 20th June 2008)

The secretary was Maureen Kelly.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. 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; 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' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

The directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable themselves to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and comply with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006. The directors 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.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

The directors have employed a suitably qualified person to maintain both companies books and records. They are kept at their registered office at 9 Marlborough Court, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

AUDITOR

The auditor, Grant Thornton, will continue in office in accordance with section 160(2) of the Companies Act 1963.

Signed on behalf of the directors

Maura Butler Chairperson Therese Murphy Deputy Chairperson

Approved by the directors on 31st March 2009.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF IRELAND - AMALGAMATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

We have audited the financial statements of National Women's Council of Ireland Limited and National Womens' Council of Ireland Education and Training Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, cashflow statement and notes of both companies which have been prepared under the accounting policies appropriate to each company and from which the attached amalgamated financial statements have been prepared.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in each financial statements, the companies directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish accounting standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements of both companies in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements of both companies give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by both companies; whether, at the balance sheet date, there exists a financial situation requiring the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of both companies; and whether the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements of both companies. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether both companies balance sheet and its profit and loss account are in agreement with the books of account of both companies.

We report to the members if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not given and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the Directors' Report of both companies and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements of both companies. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the both financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to both companies circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements of both companies are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements of both companies.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF IRELAND - AMALGAMATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008 (continued)

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of both companies affairs as at 31st December 2008 and of the combined surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by both companies. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report on pages 2 to 4 is consistent with the financial statements.

24 - 26 City Quay Dublin 2

31st March 2009

GRANT THORNTON Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

		Restricted U	nrestricted	Total	Total
	Note		Funds	2008	2007
INCOMING RESOURCES		€	€	ϵ	€
Voluntary income					
Grants	2	,		829,757	, ,
Membership subscriptions	2	-	,	23,776	
Other	2	-	531	531	766
Investment income					
Bank interest		7,744	879	8,623	1,249
Total incoming resources		254,701	607,986	862,687	1,031,978
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
COST OF GENERATING INC					
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	15	199,863	607,428	807,291	950,181
GOVERNANCE COSTS	16	5,986	39,096	45,082	41,122
Total resources expended		214,062		861,306	
Net income resources		40,639	(39,258)	1,381	31,963
Transfers between funds Total funds at beginning of year	17	214,490	40,389	- 254,879	222,916
Total funds at end of year	17	255,129	1,131	256,260	254,879
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All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

These financial statements were ap by:	proved by the directors on the and are signed on their behalf
Maura Butler	Therese Murphy
Chairwoman	Deputy Chairwoman

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

31st DECEMBER 2008

		2008		2007	
	Note	€	€	€	€
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		10,038		17,370
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	26,941		25,239	
Cash at bank and in hand		307,901		302,484	
		334,842		327,723	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due		ŕ		,	
within one year	9	88,620		90,214	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			246,222		237,509
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		S	256,260		254,879
					
RESERVES	17		• • • • • • •		• • • • • • • •
Restricted fund - building development	13		200,000		200,000
Restricted fund – other Unrestricted fund			55,129 1,131		14,490 40,389
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MEMBERS' FUNDS			256,260		254,879
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These financial statements were approved signed on their behalf by:	d by the di	rectors and aut	horised for issu	e on	, and a
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

	2008 €	€	2007 €	€
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		16,650		(7,998)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest received	7,743		1,249	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		7,743		1,249
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sale of fixed assets	(2,364)		(14,448) 632	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		(2,364)		(13,816)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH		22,029		(20,565)
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS)/PFINFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING AC		Γ CASH		
		2008 €		2007 €
Operating (loss)/profit Depreciation Increase in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(6,362) 9,695 (1,702) 15,019		30,713 15,297 (18,407) (35,601)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		16,650		(7,998)
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO M	MOVEMENT I	N NET FUNI	OS	
		2008 €		2007 €
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the period		22,029		(20,565)
Movement in net funds in the period		22,029		(20,565)
Net funds at 1 January 2008		285,872		306,438
Net funds at 31 December 2008		307,901		285,872

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2008 €	Cash flows €	At 31 Dec 2008 €
Net cash:			
Cash in hand and at bank	302,484	5,417	307,901
Overdrafts	(16,612)	16,612	_
Net funds	285,872	22,029	307,901

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board, as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, and Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historic cost convention and comply with the financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board, as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. The financial statements have also been prepared to comply with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (Charities SORP) the revised statement of recommended practice issued by the Accounting Standards Board in 2000 and the Accounting Standards Board "Statement on Update Bulletin 1 of the Charities SORP" issued in December 2002, updated in 2005.

Cash flow statement

The directors have availed of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the amalgamated financial statements.

Turnover

Income is recognised when the right to the income is established.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings - 20% / 33.33% straight line

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

	YEAR ENDED 31st DECI	EMBER 2008			
2.	VOLUNTARY INCOME	Restricted Uni 2008 €	restricted 2008 €	Total 2008 €	Total 2007 €
	CDANIES DECENADI E				
	GRANTS RECEIVABLE	2,000		2,000	12.055
	Altantic Philanthropies Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform	2,000	575,000	2,000 575,000	12,955 563,000
	Miscellaneous Income	43,726	373,000	43,726	10,733
	Equality for Women Measure	640	_	640	195,645
	Zonta (Zest Project)	4,293	_	4,293	33,816
	Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	1,275		1,273	33,010
	Social Partnership	55,000	_	55,000	55,000
	Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	22,000	_	22,000	22,000
	C&V Network Support	64,620		64,620	86,557
	J Rowntree Trust	49,478	7,800	57,278	46,762
	Equal Rights Alliance	27,200	-	27,200	-
		246,957	582,800	829,757	1,004,478
	MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS		23,776	23,776	25,485
					====
	OTHER		531	531	766 ———
3.	OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT				
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	Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:				
		2008			2007
		€			€
	Description of a soul Continuous	0.605			15 207
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets Auditor's fees	9,695			15,297
	Auditor's rees	7,290			11,737
4.	PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES				
	The average number of staff employed by the company du	uring the financial	year amoui	nted to:	
		2008			2007
		No			No
	Number of administrative staff	<u>10</u>			<u>12</u>
	The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:				
		2008			2007
		€			€
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	Wages and salaries	479,757			30,169
	Redundancy costs	- 			14,968
	Social welfare costs Pension costs	50,694 24,377			57,597 31,025
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		554,828		6	33,759
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

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	2008	2007	
	$oldsymbol{\epsilon}$	€	
Bank interest receivable	8,622	1,249	

6. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

National Women's Council of Ireland Limited and National Women's Council of Ireland Education and Training Limited had no trading or investment income in the year and therefore no provision for tax is required.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Brought forward 1 Jan 08 €	Additions ϵ	Disposals €	Carried forward 31 Dec 08 €
COST Fixtures & Fittings	81,151	2,364	(23,337)	60,178
	Brought forward 1 Jan 08 €	Charges €	Disposals €	Carried forward 31 Dec 08
DEPRECIATION Fixtures & Fittings	63,782	9,695	(23,337)	50,140
			Brought forward 1 Jan 08 €	Carried forward 31 Dec 08 €
NET BOOK VALUE Fixtures & Fittings			<u>17,370</u>	10,038
DEBTORS				
		2008 €		2007 €
Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		19,750 7,191		18,392 6,847
		<u>26,941</u>		<u>25,239</u>

All amounts are due within one year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2008 €	2007 €
Overdrafts	_	16,612
Trade creditors	_	6,610
Accruals and deferred income	88,620	66,992
	88,620	90,214

10. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31st December 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Assets other than Land and buildings	
	2008	2007
	ϵ	€
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 2 to 5 years	10,615	8,670

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard 8.

CONTROLLING PARTIES

The controlling parties are the board of directors.

No director receive benefits from the company.

12. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The National Women's Council of Ireland Limited and the National Women's Council of Ireland Education and Training Limited are both limited by guarantee and the liability of each member is limited to €1.27 each.

13. BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUND

	2008	2007	
	€	€	
Building Development Fund	200,000	200,000	

An amount of €200,000 was received from a donor, Atlantic Philantropies for infrastructural needs..

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

14.	COST OF GENERATING INCOME				
		Restricted 2008	Unrestricted 2008	Total 2008	Total 2007
		€	2008	€	€
	Wages and salaries	<u>8,213</u>		8,933	8,712
15	CHADIDIES A CONVIDES				
15.	CHARITIES ACTIVITIES				
		Restricted 2008	Unrestricted 2008	Total 2008	Total 2007
		€	€	€	€
	Direct project costs	59,308	56,199	115,507	163,408
	Support costs				
	Staff costs Office running costs	137,814 2,640	438,658 50,437	576,472 53,077	668,099 57,770
	Rent and cleaning	2,040	51,907	51,907	52,365
	Communications & information	101	10,227	10,328	8,539
		199,863	607,428	807,291	950,181
16.	GOVERNANCE COSTS				
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2008 €	2008 €	2008 €	2007 €
	Audit and accountance	426			11 727
	Audit and accountancy Consultants, professional & legal fees	420	12,945 1,284	13,371 1,284	11,737 2,000
	Executive & statutory costs	-	24,234	24,234	22,950
	Members management costs	5,560	633	6,193	4,435
		5,986	39,096	45,082	41,122
	17. RESERVES				
		Opening	Income	Expenditure	Closing
		balance €	€	€	balance €
	Restricted fund – building	200,000	-	-	200,000
	Restricted fund - other Unrestricted fund	14,490 40,389	254,701 607,986	(214,062) (647,244)	55,129 1,131
	Funds	254,879	862,687	(861,306)	256,260