

# National Parents Council Primary Annual Report 2009



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# Overview of the National Parents Council Primary

## Our Mission

National Parents Council Primary is established to contribute to the advancement of the early education and primary education of all children, in order to improve and enrich the education of each child and to support the involvement of parents in all stages of education.



## Our Vision

- We believe in the empowerment of parents, so that they can take responsibility and make choices about their role as educator.
- We believe that all parents have the capacity to help their children to learn well. All parents have the right to the support they need in order to do this.
- We believe that all children are capable of learning and have the right to access the best possible education service.
- We believe in the value of partnership with other educators in the way we work.
- We believe in the importance of childhood and children's experiences.
- We see children as being partners in education.
- We believe in the right of parents to lifelong learning opportunities.

# Chairperson's Report

**2009** was a challenging year for everyone involved in education, and as uncertainty became the norm throughout the world, NPC renewed its focus on what is really important; supporting children's education.

Although like all voluntary sector organisations we are aware of the need to tighten our belts and reflect on what we can do and afford to do; throughout 2009 NPC maintained all of its services and instigated or further developed new projects in key areas.

We continued to represent parents as partners in our children's education. In 2009 the NPC Assembly developed clear and coherent policy in the area of Effective School Systems. The work of the Assembly in developing policy means that whether campaigning or negotiating, parents' views are reflected in NPC policy and this strengthens our position both in discussion with our education partners and when communicating through the media.

As an election year, 2009 provided parents with the opportunity to speak to politicians of all parties as they canvassed for the local and European elections about the issues that matter most to parents and their children. Through the NPC postcard campaign, 'Primary Education Counts' over 80,000 post cards were printed and requested by parents to send to their local politicians, showing that parents are a section of the electorate with clear priorities, and the energy and commitment to make their voices heard on the issues that matter to them. We also joined our education partners in campaigning on the issues of underfunding of primary education and special education needs.

The information provided by NPC for parents continued to improve throughout 2009. NPC published 5 new information leaflets for parents:

- Homework
- What is a Parent Association?
- National Parents Council Primary (NPC)
- Parent Associations and Money
- I have a complaint what should I do?

These information leaflets help parents to be as informed as possible about their children's education and their role in it. Our website is informative and kept up to the minute and in 2009 finally became multi lingual, enabling parents to access information in five different languages, again showing our ongoing commitment to becoming a fully inclusive organisation.

Throughout 2009, NPC continued to work together with our partners in the Irish National Teachers Organisation, (INTO), the Irish Primary Principals' Network, (IPPN), the National Council for Special Education, the Primary Education Alliance and parents' representatives throughout Europe through our ongoing involvement with the European Parents Association (EPA), in order to further strengthen the voice of parents in education.

Our organisation continues to grow; at the end of 2009 we had 1294 member schools. We established a structure for parent associations in counties without county branches which met twice in 2009, and parent associations in five

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counties started to work towards establishing or reviving county branches. NPC also organised focus group meetings for Traveller parents and foreign national parents to develop ways in which they could be more strongly represented in the work that NPC does.

The new structures of NPC that were developed in 2008 have worked well, with the Assembly meeting to discuss and develop policy while the Board of Directors assumed responsibility for the organisation and governance of NPC. The clearly defined and accountable roles and responsibilities within NPC mean that as an organisation we can show our members, partners and in the current climate more importantly our funders, that we are an effective organisation representing parents as an educational partner in a cost effective and efficient manner. The work of both the Board and Assembly is dependent on the work undertaken by Áine and the staff, who continue to be both thoroughly professional and personally committed to NPC. On behalf of all NPC members I would like to thank them all for their work.

As our society faces the challenges of the next few years, the role of parents as partners in education will become more important and NPC will continue to represent parents through information, support, training and collective effort to ensure that all our children experience the best possible education in their primary years.



**Philip Mudge**

Chairperson

# Chief Executive Officer's Report

The past year has been a productive one for National Parents Council Primary (NPC) despite the increasing demands and the economic climate it continues to operate under. NPC believes in the empowerment of parents, so that they can take responsibility and make choices about their role as educators. NPC continued to support this vision in 2009 by answering 2015 calls to its helpline and by providing training to 6280 participants. NPC volunteers also continued to support this vision by co-ordinating and running the NPC County Branches, through engaging in the Assembly debates and policy formation and through the strong governance of NPC by the Board of Directors.

2009 saw some significant developments in primary and early year's education. Probably one of the most significant pieces of good news in 2009 was the introduction of the free pre-school year. NPC believes that this development shows a commitment and understanding to the importance of giving young children a solid foundation to their journey in lifelong learning. Paying attention to and resourcing the formative years of a child's educational life will benefit society in general and will seek to address educational issues associated with socio-economic disadvantage.

2009 was yet another year when financial resources and educational budgets weighed heavily on parents minds. Parents continued to financially support the day to day running costs in many primary schools in Ireland through direct financial contributions or through running or

supporting fundraising initiatives. In 2009 National Parents Council Primary ran the 'Primary Education Counts' campaign. During this campaign schools and parents requested over 80,000 pre-printed postcards from NPC to sign and send to their local and national public representatives. The huge demand for the postcards across the country illustrated the level of concern that existed amongst parents.

In October 2009 the renewed programme for government was published. This was welcomed by NPC and recognised as an attempt by Government to address some of the recent cuts and efficiencies that had been made in education within the current economic climate. In particular NPC welcomed the re-instatement of the school book grant, the commitment to the full implementation of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act, an increase in the number of psychologists in the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) amongst a number of other initiatives. Whilst welcoming the renewed programme for government, NPC continues its campaign for adequate support and funding for primary education.

Finally in 2009 NPC produced two new training programmes for parents in primary schools. The training programmes have the specific purpose of supporting parents to be partners in education at school level. The first programme was developed in conjunction with the Inspectorate and aimed to support parents to be actively and effectively involved in the Whole School Evaluation (WSE) process

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when it is conducted in their school. The second programme was developed in conjunction with the National Education Welfare Board and aimed to support parents to be actively and effectively involved in their schools development of a code of behaviour.

National Parents Council Primary believes that programmes like these are essential to give parents the information and skills to be active partners in their school. When parents are able to show the richness and value that they bring to these and other areas of school life, the partnership role will no longer be defined through fundraising but will be seen as essential for the best possible outcomes for all children in the school.

In closing, I would like to thank the Chairman and the Board for their continued work and support in leading the organisation, and I would like to thank the staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work during 2009.



**Áine Lynch**

Chief Executive

## Helpline

During 2009 the NPC Information/Helpline Officers answered over 2000 calls and emails. More than half of all calls were in relation to parent associations. General information and the rules and role of parent associations made up the majority of these calls, while fundraising and voluntary contributions were a source of concern to parents. Other issues related to communication with the Principal/Board of Management. Some other concerns highlighted by parents included Health and Safety, Supervision, Complaint's Procedure and Homework etc (see table page 7).

The Information/Helpline service continued to identify and disseminate information and articles of interest to parents through the NPC website. The Helpline produced the following leaflets:

- National Parents Council Primary (NPC)
- What is a Parent Association?
- Parent Associations and Money
- I Have a Complaint, what should I do?
- Homework

**Third country Migrant Parent Project:** This project continued throughout 2009 and concluded in December. In total NPC Information/Helpline Officers held thirty one drop-in information sessions in schools which offered support to two hundred and nineteen parents and forty five teachers. The project supported migrant parents whose first languages are Russian, Arabic, Chinese, French and Urdu.

## NPC MIGRANT PARENT DROP-IN SERVICE STATISTICS 2009

These statistics are included in the main table of statistics for 2009 see page 7

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Information on a Parent Association | 176 |
| Special Educational Needs           | 2   |
| Homework                            | 6   |
| Enrolment                           | 1   |
| Curriculum                          | 2   |
| Bullying involving a child          | 1   |
| Bullying involving a Principal      | 1   |
| Voluntary Contribution              | 2   |
| Training                            | 12  |
| Complaints Procedure                | 1   |
| Code of Behaviour                   | 1   |
| Time in School                      | 4   |
| Other                               | 4   |
| Total                               | 213 |

The Information/Helpline Officers answered queries from migrant parent on topics, which were very similar to those of Irish parents. These included queries relating to parent associations, homework, discipline, complaints procedure, bullying etc. Having a better understanding of the Irish education system was clearly a benefit to parents but many also reported that coming into school and having an opportunity to meet teachers and other parents in an informal setting was very beneficial.

# Helpline

| INFORMATION/HELPLINE SUBJECT OF CALLS/EMAILS | TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS/EMAILS for 2009 |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>BULLYING</b>                              |                                       |
| Bullying involving a child                   | 81                                    |
| Bullying involving a teacher                 | 48                                    |
| Bullying involving a principal               | 24                                    |
| Problems with principal                      | 13                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>166</b>                            |
| <b>ISSUE</b>                                 |                                       |
| Supervision                                  | 51                                    |
| Complaints Procedure                         | 56                                    |
| Homework                                     | 29                                    |
| Code of Behaviour                            | 43                                    |
| Split Classes                                | 32                                    |
| Uniforms                                     | 14                                    |
| Class size                                   | 7                                     |
| Enrolment                                    | 46                                    |
| Curriculum                                   | 38                                    |
| Time in school                               | 18                                    |
| Standardised tests                           | 12                                    |
| WSE  | 14                                    |
| Health and Safety                            | 61                                    |
| Separated parents                            | 2                                     |
| Retention in school                          | 4                                     |
| Book rental schemes                          | 6                                     |
| First Holy Communion                         | 1                                     |
| School Transport                             | 6                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>440</b>                            |
| <b>OTHER ISSUES</b>                          |                                       |
| Child Abuse                                  | 6                                     |
| Journalist                                   | 3                                     |
| Other  | 21                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>30</b>                             |

| INFORMATION/HELPLINE SUBJECT OF CALLS/EMAILS | TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS/EMAILS for 2009 |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</b>                   |                                       |
| General                                      | 32                                    |
| Complaints                                   | 137                                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>169</b>                            |
| <b>PARENT ASSOCIATION</b>                    |                                       |
| Set up                                       | 66                                    |
| Disputes                                     | 117                                   |
| Fundraising & Voluntary Contributions        | 132                                   |
| NPC Membership                               | 51                                    |
| Rules/Roles                                  | 178                                   |
| Information                                  | 330                                   |
| Difficulty with Principal                    | 15                                    |
| Training                                     | 106                                   |
| Insurance                                    | 32                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1027</b>                           |
| <b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>                         |                                       |
| Special Needs General                        | 30                                    |
| Assessment                                   | 11                                    |
| Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)              | 7                                     |
| Access to school                             | 1                                     |
| Individual child                             | 96                                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>145</b>                            |
| <b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>                        |                                       |
| Department of Education and Science          | 4                                     |
| Post Primary                                 | 28                                    |
| NEWB   | 5                                     |
| NCSE   | 1                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>38</b>                             |
| <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ISSUES</b>                | <b>2015</b>                           |

# Training and Development

The NPC Training and Development Programme continued to deliver training and support to parents throughout 2009. The Training and Development Programme is a national programme that enables parents to have positive parental involvement in their child's education. In 2009 two new training programmes were introduced, these were Whole School Evaluation and Code of Behaviour training for parents. The past year has also seen an increase in training sessions delivered and in attendance figures.

## Aims and Objectives

The Training and Development Programme enables parents to work in positive partnership between the home and the school and it empowers parents in their role as the primary educators of their children and encourages a positive role for parents as part of the school community.

## Training Programmes

**Parent Association Effectiveness Training** was updated in 2009 to ensure parent associations remain inclusive structures in a changing Ireland. The programme emphasises the important partnership role a parent association plays in the school and helps parents understand the role of the parent association as defined by the Education Act. The training facilitated groups in developing a positive and beneficial partnership between the parent association and the school as a community.

**Board of Management Training** for parent representatives and the whole board was delivered with the partners in education. NPC also delivered training sessions for parent

representatives in Education Centres and in individual schools. The sessions in individual schools were tailor made to suit the needs of the group.

**Internet Safety Training** gave parents the skills to engage with their children's online lives. The training gave a practical demonstration of the technologies and the websites young people use. Parents were introduced to strategies to help their children be responsible, effective and safer Internet users.

**Relationships and Sexuality Education** programme offered parents the opportunity to attend an information session which informs parents about the Social Personal Health Education Programme (SPHE) element of the curriculum and gave an overview of the full RSE training on offer. The RSE training programme concentrated on how parents communicate with their children and looked at the barriers to effective communication around relationships and sexuality.

**Transition from Primary to Post Primary Training** was provided for parents whose children were about to make, or had made, the transition from primary to secondary education. It supported parents in their child's transition and gave them useful information on subject choices and an insight into the post primary education system.

**Early Learning Starting School Training** was provided for parents whose children were starting primary school or had just started school. The programme looked at how children learn and why parents are the primary educators of their children.

# Training and Development

**Whole School Evaluation Training** was developed in partnership with the Inspectorate. The programme provided information and support on the Whole School Evaluation (WSE) process. WSE is a process of external evaluation of the work of a school, carried out by the Inspectorate of the Department of Education and Science. The NPC WSE training programme enabled parents and partners to understand what a Whole School Evaluation is, their role in their schools WSE, how the WSE is carried out and how it is managed.

**Code of Behaviour Training** was developed in partnership with the National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB). The programme supports parental involvement in the development of schools code of behaviour. Every school is required by law to have a code of behaviour. Under section 23 of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, the Board of Management of each school must prepare and make available a code of behaviour for its students. The training programme looked at what a code of behaviour is, why it is important to have a code of behaviour, who should be involved in drawing up the code and how to write, review and audit the code of behaviour policy.

**Third country Migrant Parent Project:** as part of this project NPC's guidelines for parent associations 'Working Effectively as a Parent Association' were amended to support parent associations to be inclusive structures which promote integration and equality amongst the parent body in the primary school. The parent association training was also adapted to ensure these principles become a key

feature in the development of parent associations nationwide. As part of the Migrant Parent Project a number of parent associations in schools in Dublin 15, 1, 2, 8 and 7 received this training.

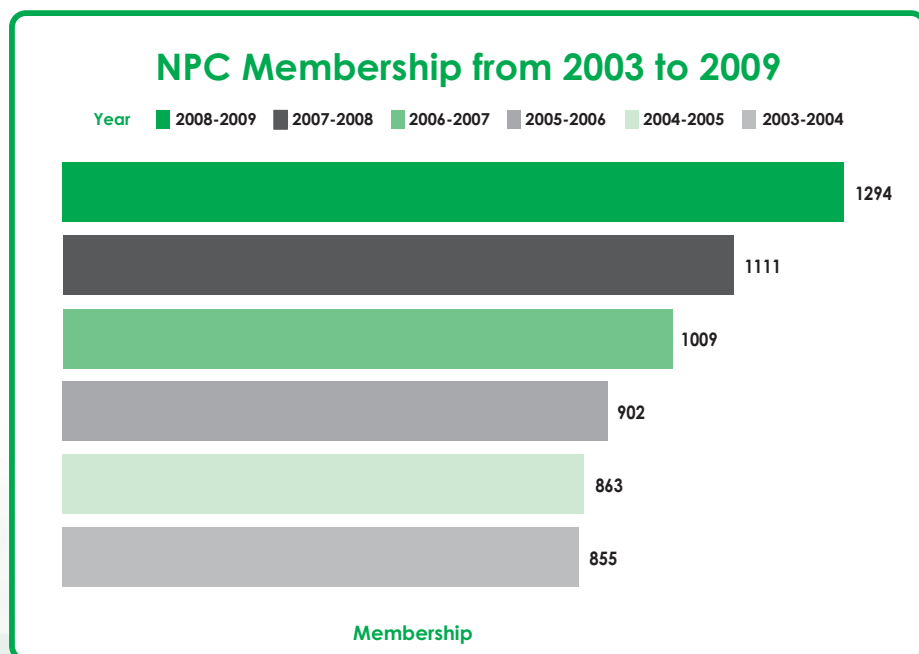
## Programme statistics for 2009

| Type of Training                        | Sessions Delivered | Number of Participants |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| New Parent Association Training         | 142                | 1478                   |
| Board of Management Information         | 41                 | 2712                   |
| Internet Safety                         | 63                 | 882                    |
| Relationships and Sexuality             | 75                 | 901                    |
| Transition from Primary to Post Primary | 12                 | 220                    |
| Early Learning                          | 4                  | 87                     |
| Total                                   | 337                | 6280                   |

The Training Programmes delivered by National Parents Council Primary are funded by the Department of Education and Science, the National Council for Technology in Education, Crisis Pregnancy Agency and Pobal.

# Membership

Membership of National Parents Council Primary consists of all the affiliated parent associations and individual Associate Members. In line with the Strategic Plan 2007, NPC membership continues to grow year after year; the graph below indicates the growing trend in membership from 2003 to 2009.



| NPC Membership 2008-2009 |              |                   |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| County                   | Affiliations | County            | Affiliations |
| Carlow                   | 17           | Limerick          | 62           |
| Cavan                    | 45           | Longford          | 21           |
| Clare                    | 34           | Louth             | 42           |
| Cork East                | 65           | Mayo              | 39           |
| Cork West                | 120          | Meath             | 66           |
| Donegal                  | 29           | Monaghan          | 29           |
| Dublin North             | 61           | Offaly            | 18           |
| Dublin NW                | 33           | Roscommon         | 25           |
| Dublin South             | 61           | Sligo             | 24           |
| Dublin SW                | 35           | Tipperary         | 87           |
| Galway                   | 66           | Waterford         | 20           |
| Kerry                    | 52           | Westmeath         | 25           |
| Kildare                  | 41           | Wexford           | 58           |
| Kilkenny                 | 37           | Wicklow           | 29           |
| Laois                    | 32           | Associate Members | 7            |
| Leitrim                  | 14           | <b>Total</b>      | <b>1294</b>  |

## County Branch

NPC has a network of county branches throughout the country, where members come together to meet and discuss issues which are relevant to their children in primary school. In 2009 NPC had county branches in Cavan, Clare, Cork West, Dublin North, Dublin NW, Dublin South, Laois, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Sligo and Tipperary.

2009 saw the beginning of a new support initiative for County Branch committee members. Two support meetings were held during the year for County Branch committee members, which aimed to support the committee members in their roles and also to support the cohesive development of the County Branches.

Issues of significance to parents highlighted and discussed at county branch meetings/seminars included:

- Resources available for children with special education needs at the lower and higher end of the spectrum
- Bullying in primary school
- Introduction to understanding and diagnosing eating disorders
- You, your child and self-esteem
- Internet safety
- Swine Flu (H1N1): information for parents
- NPC: working for you and your child
- Transition from Primary to Post Primary
- RSE/Stay Safe Programme

- Lack of dental services for primary school children
- Entitlement of parent associations to hold meetings in the school.

The CEO visited a number of county branches during 2009 to meet with members at local level and to discuss issues of relevance to parents of primary school children and the role of NPC.

County Branch members continued to reach out to parent associations within their counties. In some instances this involved a visit to a member association by members of the county branches to support the role of parent associations within schools. A workshop was held for parent association members, which included training and support by the NPC Training and Development Officer.

In addition to working with parents a number of counties including Cavan, Dublin NW, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare, and Cork West organised quizzes for primary school children; a provincial final was held in Munster.

## Assembly

Established in 2007, the NPC Assembly has already become a vibrant and exciting part of NPC and a real bridge between members and the organisational structures. The NPC Assembly is the policy developing body within NPC and is comprised of a maximum of two representatives from each county branch and one representative from each of the NPC Special Interest Groups. There is also a representative of parent associations where there are no county branches; a new group entitled the Combined County Parents' Association Group.

The Assembly meets throughout the year and allows parents to fully engage in educational issues that are important to them and their children. This means that when NPC speaks on behalf of parents it can do so knowing that the issues have been considered and debated by its members.

During 2009 the Assembly met twice, on the 25th of April and the 6th June 2009. At both meetings the topic under discussion was Effective School Systems, looking at issues such as how to improve children's education; class size; professional development of teachers; adequate finances and funding for our schools; the school environment etc. Assistant Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Science, Mr. Eamon Murtagh and the outgoing General Secretary of the INTO, Mr. John Carr addressed the April meeting.

## Special Interest Groups

**The Special Educational Needs Group** represents parents of children with special educational needs. The group met 5 times during 2009 and discussed policy areas of relevance to special needs such as Special Needs Assistants, Psychological Assessments and Individual Education Plans. The group had support from the National Council for Special Education, representatives of which attended two meetings.

**The Minority Religion Group** which represents the interests of parents of children belonging to a religious minority met four times in 2009. The group remains small in number and has worked on trying to increase the number on the committee to be truly representative.

In 2009 the Minority Religion Group mainly concentrated their discussions on school patronage and looked at the different models in operation in Ireland.

**Irish Medium Schools Group** represents parents of children in Irish medium and Gaeltacht schools. The group met four times in 2009. Issues discussed and worked on were:

- improving NPC membership among Gaelscoileanna and Gaeltacht schools
- the standard of accommodation of Gaeltacht schools and Gaelscoileanna around the country
- translating part of the NPC website into Irish.

# Financial Report

## Report of the Chairperson of the Finance Committee 2009

I was delighted to continue in the role of Chairperson of NPC's Finance Committee during 2009. I would like to thank the other members of the committee, Sharon McGinty, Seán O'Riordan, Tara Sherlock, Philip Mudge and Mary King for their work in 2009.

I am happy to report that NPC finances remained healthy in 2009 and the following pages set out a summary of the figures. Full detailed accounts for the year ended December 31st 2009 have been issued to all NPC members and are also available on request.

### Anita McCann

Chairperson of the Finance Committee

## NATIONAL PARENTS COUNCIL - PRIMARY (Company Limited by Guarantee- Without a Share Capital)

### DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2009.

#### RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The directors confirm that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the company.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW

The principal activities of the Council continue to be the Nationwide Organisation representing parents of children attending early and primary education.

National Parents Council Primary is established to contribute to the advancement of the early education and primary education of all children, in order to improve and enrich the education of each child and to support the involvement of parents in all stages of education.

#### SURPLUS AND RESERVES

The deficit for the year has been transferred to reserves.

# Financial Report

## DIRECTORS

The Directors who held office during the period under review were:

Philip Mudge

Anita McCann

Maureen Brennan

Martin McLernon

Zoe Ewing- Evans

Mary King

Sharon McGinty

Paul Stevenson

Sean O' Riordan

Áine Uí Ghiollagáin

Donal Cooper

Gráinne McDonnell

**COMPANY SECRETARY:** Carmel Grahame

## BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that proper books and accounting records are kept by the Company as required under Section 202 Companies Act, 1990.

The Directors believe that they have complied with this requirement by providing adequate resources to maintain proper accounting records including the appointment of personnel with appropriate experience and expertise. The

books and records of the company are maintained at 12 Marlborough Court, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

## POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

No events have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date which requires disclosure in the Financial Statements.

## AUDITORS

The Auditors, Martin Judge & Co., has indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 160(2) Companies Act 1963.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2009

Company legislation requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the excess of income over expenditure of the company for that year.

In preparing those 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.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

# Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts 1963 to 2009. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

|  | €              | 2008<br>(14 months)<br>€ |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME   | 612,470        | 850,178                  |
| EXPENDITURE                                    | <u>637,486</u> | <u>784,215</u>           |
| NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | (25,016)       | 65,963                   |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008     | <u>203,035</u> | <u>137,072</u>           |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009     | <u>178,019</u> | <u>203,035</u>           |

The turnover and surplus relate to continuing operations as no businesses were acquired or disposed of in 2008 or 2009. There are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2009

|                                     | €              | 2008<br>(14 months)<br>€ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS                        |                |                          |
| Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment    | 1,802          | 2,102                    |
| CURRENT ASSETS                      |                |                          |
| Bank Current Accounts               | 287,482        | 301,748                  |
| Bank Deposit Accounts               | 380            | 378                      |
| Cash on Hands                       | 18             | 3,145                    |
| Debtors & Prepayments               | <u>6,137</u>   | <u>12,587</u>            |
|                                     | <u>294,017</u> | <u>317,858</u>           |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                 |                |                          |
| Creditors falling due with one year | 26,545         | 42,098                   |
| Deferred Income                     | <u>91,255</u>  | <u>74,827</u>            |
|                                     | <u>117,800</u> | <u>116,925</u>           |
| Working Capital                     | <u>176,217</u> | <u>200,933</u>           |
| NET ASSETS                          | <u>178,019</u> | <u>203,035</u>           |
| REPRESENTED BY:                     |                |                          |
| Accumulated Surplus                 | <u>178,019</u> | <u>203,035</u>           |
|                                     | <u>178,019</u> | <u>203,035</u>           |

## ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

DIRECTOR: PHILIP MUDGE

DIRECTOR: ANITA MCCANN

## Board Members 2009

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Philip Mudge</b>        | Chairperson         |
| <b>Paul Stevenson</b>      | Vice<br>Chairperson |
| <b>Martin McLernon</b>     |                     |
| <b>Sean O'Riordan</b>      |                     |
| <b>Mary King</b>           |                     |
| <b>Zoe Ewing-Evans</b>     |                     |
| <b>Maureen Brennan</b>     |                     |
| <b>Donal Cooper</b>        |                     |
| <b>Anita McCann</b>        |                     |
| <b>Sharon McGinty</b>      |                     |
| <b>Gráinne McDonnell</b>   |                     |
| <b>Áine Uí Ghiollagáin</b> |                     |

## Assembly Members 2009

|                           |              |                            |   |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Bridget Brassy</b>     | Cavan        | <b>Anita McCann</b>        | Louth   |
| <b>Susan Fitzpatrick</b>  | Cavan        | <b>Sharon McGinty</b>      | Mayo  |
| <b>Eileen Burke Smyth</b> | Cavan        | <b>Gráinne McDonnell</b>   | Meath   |
| <b>Martin McLernon</b>    | Clare        | <b>Bryan Leonard</b>       | Meath   |
| <b>Robert Bennett</b>     | Clare        | <b>Paul Stevenson</b>      | Sligo   |
| <b>Sean O'Riordan</b>     | Cork West    | <b>Breid Greene</b>        | Tipperary   |
| <b>Goretti Walls</b>      | Cork West    | <b>Mary Quinlan</b>        | Tipperary   |
| <b>Siobhan Daly</b>       | Dublin North | <b>Adebowale Adebisi</b>   | Minority<br>Religion                              |
| <b>Mary King</b>          | Dublin North | <b>Michael Clarke</b>      | Special<br>Education                              |
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| <b>Donal Cooper</b>       | Limerick     |                            |   |
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