

**Sinn Féin**

**Six County Report & Financial Statements**

**Year Ended 31 December 2012**

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## **Party Details**

### **Party Officers**

Leader:	Gerry Adams
Treasurer:	Ted Howell
Nominating Officer:	Pat Doherty
Chairperson:	Declan Kearney

### **Party Headquarters:**

51 Falls Rd,	44 Parnell Square
Belfast	& Dublin
BT12 4PD	

### **Auditors:**

Kinsella Mitchell and Associates  
Registered Auditors  
Finance House  
46 Prussia St  
Dublin 7

## **Makeup & Membership**

### **Staff**

By the end of 2012 the Party was directly employing 14 full time staff. In addition to this our MPs, MEP and MLAs employ a total of 63 full time staff on constituency work.

### **Departments**

The following departments operate within the Party to oversee and manage the organisation's business and further details on these departments can be found on the Sinn Féin website: [www.sinnfein.ie](http://www.sinnfein.ie)

- Administration
- International Affairs
- Campaigns
- Ogra Shinn Féin
- Gender Equality
- Cultural Department
- Finance & Personnel Department
- Publicity Department
- Uniting Ireland Department
- Training & Education Department

### **Elected Representatives**

- **Westminster MPs (5)**

West Belfast:	Paul Maskey
Mid Ulster:	Martin Mc Guinness
Fermanagh/S. Tyrone:	Michelle Gildernew
West Tyrone:	Pat Doherty
Newry and Armagh:	Conor Murphy

<b>MEP:</b>	Martina Anderson
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- **6 County Assembly Members (29)**

<b>West Belfast:</b> Pat Sheehan Sue Ramsey Roseleen McCorley Fra McCann Jennifer McCann	<b>Mid Ulster:</b> Michelle O'Neill Martin McGuinness Francie Molloy	<b>Fermanagh S. Tyrone</b> Bronwyn McGahon Sean Lynch Phil Flanagan
<b>Newry &amp; Armagh:</b> Cathal Boylan Megan Fearon Mickey Brady	<b>North Belfast:</b> Gerry Kelly Caral Ni Chuilin	<b>North Antrim:</b> Daithi McKay
	<b>South Belfast</b> Alex Maskey	<b>East Antrim</b> Oliver McMullan

**West Tyrone:**

Pat Doherty  
Barry McElduff  
Michaela Boyle

**Foyle:**

Maeve McLaughlin  
Raymond McCartney

**South Down:**

Catriona Ruane  
Chris Hazzard

**Upper Bann:**

John O'Dowd

**East Derry:**

Cathal Ó hÓisín

**South Antrim:**

Mitchel McLaughlin

- **6 County Councillors (135)**

**Belfast City Council****West Belfast**

Jim McVeigh  
Matt Garrett  
Gerard O'Neill

Emma Groves  
Stephen Corr  
Caoimhin Mac Giolla Mhin  
Janice Austin  
Tom Hartley

**North Belfast**

Tierna Cunningham  
Conor Maskey  
Danny Lavery  
Gerard McCabe

Mary Ellen Campbell

**South Belfast**

Mairtin O Muilleoir  
Deirdre Hargey

**East Belfast**

Niall O'Donngaile

**Coleraine Borough Council**

Ciaran Archibald

**Limavady Borough Council**

Sean McGlinchey

Tony McCaul

Brenda Chivers

Anne Brolly

Dermott Nicholl

Cathal McLaughlin

**Craigavon District Council**

Thomas O'Connor

Mark O'Dowd

Jonathan McGibbon

Noel McGeown

Gemma McKenna

Mairead O'Dowd

Paul Duffy

Liam Mackle

**Lisburn Borough Council**

Stephen McMagennis  
Arthur Carson  
Charlene O'Hara  
David Bell

**Antrim Borough Council**

Anthony Brady  
Annemarie Logue  
Henry Cushnihan  
Noel Maguire

**Ballymena Borough Council**

Monica Digney  
Paul Maguire

**Moyle District Council**

Cara McShane  
Colum Thompson  
Noreen McAllister  
Margaret McKillop

**Armagh City Council**

Cathy Rafferty  
Darren McNally  
Noel Sheridan  
Gerard White

Roy McCartney

Mary Doyle

**Newry & Mourne District Council**

Colman Burns

Terry Hearty

Jimmy McCreesh

Pat McGinn

Mick Murphy

Brendan Curran

Michael Ruane

Charlie Casey

Sean Doran

Turlough Murphy

Packie McDonald

Anthony Flynn

Peter Kearney

Valerie Harte

**Derry City Council**

Eric McGinley  
Bernard O'Hagan  
Kevin Campbell  
Michael Cooper  
Elisha McLaughlin  
Lynn Fleming  
Patricia Logue  
Paul Fleming  
Tony Hassan  
Colm Kelly

**Magherafelt District Council**

Peter Bateson  
Seán McPeake  
Catherine Elattar  
Caoimhe Scullion  
Deborah Ní Shiadhail  
Ian Milne  
Kathleen McEldowney  
Brian McGuigan  
Sean Kerr

**Strabane District Council**

Dan Kelly  
Kieran Maguire  
Maoliosa McHugh  
Brian G McMahon  
Ruairi McHugh  
Michelle McMahon  
Jay McCauley  
Karina Carlin

**Dungannon & S. Tyrone Council**

Phelim Gildernew  
Larry McLernon  
Michael Gillespie  
Joe O'Neill  
Desmond Donnelly  
Dominic Molloy  
Padraig Quinn  
Sean McGuigan

**Cookstown District Council**

Sean Clarke  
Michael McIvor  
John McNamee  
Pearse McAleer  
Ciaran McElhone  
Cathal Mallaghan

**Banbridge District Council**

Brendan Curran  
Paul Gribben

**Larne Borough Council**

James McKeown

**Down District Council**

William Clarke  
Eamon McConvey

Liam Johnston

Stephen Burns

**Newtownabbey Borough Council**

Marie Mackessy  
Gerard O'Reilly

**Ballymoney Borough Council**

Philip McGuigan  
Cathal McLaughlin

**Fermanagh District Council**

Stephen Huggett  
Ruth Lynch  
Seamus Greene  
Brian McCaffery  
Thomas O'Reilly  
Barry Doherty  
Thomas Maguire  
Frankie Rice  
Debbie Coyle

**Omagh District Council**

Peter Kelly  
Seán Begley  
Martin McColgan  
Frankie Donnelly  
Annemarie Fitzgerald  
Seán B Clarke  
Glen Campbell  
Sean Donnelly  
Ann Quinn  
Sorcha McAnespie

### **Accounting Units**

The Party presently has 16 accounting units registered with the Electoral Commission. There were no additions / deletions during the reporting period.

Cuige Na Se Chondae

West Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

South & East Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

North Belfast Comhairle Ceantair

Derry City Comhairle Ceantair

East Derry Comhairle Ceantair

South Derry Comhairle Ceantair

South Down Comhairle Ceantair

North & East Antrim Comhairle Ceantair

South Antrim Comhairle Ceantair

Newry & Armagh Comhairle Ceantair

Fermanagh Comhairle Ceantair

West Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

East Tyrone Comhairle Ceantair

South Tyrone Comhairle Centair

Upper Bann Comhairle Ceantair

## Political Report 2012

During 2012 Sinn Féin continued to lead in the Executive in the North and as the main opposition to the austerity policies of the Fine Gael/Labour coalition in the South.

We launched the demand for a Border Poll, initiatives on National Reconciliation and campaigned for greater fiscal powers for the Assembly and Executive. We lobbied for capital projects such as the A5 and the Narrow Water Bridge.

In March we launched a significant policy document “Love Rural Ireland” and met with communities across the country.

The party moved to fulfil our public commitment to end the practice of the dual mandate. Martin McGuinness resigned as MP for Mid-Ulster while Conor Murphy, Michelle Gildernew, Pat Doherty and Paul Maskey resigned from the Assembly and were replaced as MLAs by Megan Fearon, Bronwyn McGahon, Declan McAleer and Rosie McCorley. Willie Clarke opted to continue as a councillor in local government and was therefore replaced as MLA by Chris Hazzard.

Bairbre de Brún resigned as the party’s MEP in the Six Counties but continues to work as a senior party activist. Martina Anderson took up the position of MEP and was replaced as Junior Minister in OFMDFM and on the Executive by West Belfast MLA Jennifer McCann.

In May we led the ‘No’ campaign in the referendum on the EU Austerity Treaty and in November we joined with other parties in campaigning for a successful ‘Yes’ vote in the Children Rights Referendum. We launched a campaign against the Household Charge in the south.

In June deputy First Minister undertook a significant political outreach initiative when he met with Queen Elizabeth at an event in Belfast.

Throughout the year we continued to work with the Executive colleagues in the north to fight the proposed Tory Welfare Cuts in the North. This work continues. We successfully exposed the PSNI policy of ‘Retire & Rehire’ and were active in seeking a resolution to an ongoing prison protest in Maghaberry including lobbying for the release of prisoners who have been wrongfully imprisoned and denied due process.

We continued to play a central role in the Good Friday Agreement Committee in the Dáil and worked with others to secure the first meeting of the newly formed North/South Inter-Parliamentary Forum.

We have highlighted outstanding commitments from the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements, including the need for a Bill of Rights, an all-Ireland Charter of Rights, the reconvening of the Civic Forum, the establishment of an all-Ireland Consultative Forum and an Irish Language Act. We continue to press the Irish and British governments to develop a strategy to ensure full delivery of all aspects of these agreements.

We sought a modification, on the basis of equality or neutrality, of Belfast City Council’s policy on flags and emblems. We continue to campaign for the adoption of policies which reflect the equality, parity of esteem and mutual respect ethos of the Good Friday Agreement.

Niall Ó Donnghaile completed his term as the youngest ever Mayor in Belfast while in Dublin Cathal King became the first Sinn Féin Mayor in the capital since the War of Independence and Kevin Campbell was elected mayor in Derry City.



We held a number of conferences throughout the year including a United Ireland Conference in Drogheda in February, in March our National Youth Conference in Dublin and a six county conference in Gulladuff.

Our Ard Fheis was held in Killarney in May and our Summer School in Cork in September. MEP Martina Anderson hosted a conference on Child Poverty in Belfast.

In October we published a major Job Creation strategy and the party once again published its full-costed Budget proposals setting out a clear alternative to the failed policies of austerity. As the year ended the party was making preparations for a major conference in Dublin to call for a date for a Border Poll.

## **Sinn Féin**

### **Statement of Treasurer's responsibilities**

The treasurer of the Party is required by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Party and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the treasurer is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it's inappropriate to presume that the party will continue in business.

Section 41 of the Act requires that the Treasurer is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the party at that time and to enable her to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act. She is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Report of the Independent Auditors**

### **To the Treasurer of Sinn Fein**

We have audited the financial statements of Sinn Fein for the year ended 31 December 2012 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out.

#### ***Respective responsibilities of the Treasurer and auditors***

The responsibilities of the Treasurer for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Treasurer's Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Overview is not consistent with the financial statements, if the party has not kept proper accounting records if we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

We read the Overview and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information contained in the annual report.

#### ***Basis of audit opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Auditing Standard 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. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Treasurer in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the party's 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 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.

#### ***Opinion***

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Party's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and of its deficit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

*Kinsella Mitchell and Associates*

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**Registered Auditors**

**Finance House**

**46 Prussia Street**

**Dublin 7**

**3rd July 2013**

**Kinsella Mitchell & Associates**  
*Certified Public Accountants and Registered Auditors*  
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**Sinn Fein 6 Counties**

**Income & Expenditure for Y/E 31 December 2012**

		<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
	<b><u>Note</u></b>		
Donations		419574	635265
Grants	3	282240	274636
Admin & Secretarial Support		229888	356178
Sundry Income		159090	0
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		1090792	1266079
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<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Wages & Related Costs	4	408261	291694
Establishment Expenses		49861	48277
Admin Expenses		63975	218242
Website & Internet Expenses		4697	18485
Travel Expenses		28267	29350
Conferences & Seminars		28529	59853
Political Development		27527	12087
International Dept.		56473	44682
Press Office		20807	19400
Security Costs		48875	53869
Depreciation		17518	15005
Grants to Accounting Units		8222	85523
Election Expenses		0	48013
Contribution to Candidates		0	74649
Cultural Dept.		3131	3866
Organisation Development		69423	28095
Legal & Professional Fees		161680	7630
Training & Education Dept.		19565	28524
Contribution to Party Newspaper		0	12297
Loss on Disposal of Vehicles		6176	5254
Legal Settlement		80000	0
Research Costs		34608	34301
Uniting Ireland Dept.		11320	14581
Publications		2250	3820
Ogra Shinn Fein		2308	4433
Catering		1187	1176
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		1154660	1163106
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<b><u>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</u></b>		( 63868)	102973
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**Sinn Féin 6 Counties**


**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Note of Historical Cost Income and  
Expenditure for Year ended 31 December 2012**

Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(63868)
Net unrealised surplus / (deficit) on revaluation of Properties	-
Unrealised gains / (losses) on fixed asset investments	-
Actuarial gains / (losses) on defined benefit Pension scheme assets and liabilities	-
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Total recognised gains and losses for the period	<u>(63868)</u>
Reported surplus / (deficit) before taxation	(63868)
Realisation of property revaluation gains of previous years	-
Realisation of investment revaluation gains of previous years	-
Difference between actual and historical cost depreciation charge	-
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Historical cost surplus / (deficit) from party Activities before taxation	<u>(63868)</u>
Historical cost surplus / (deficit) after taxation	<u>(63868)</u>

**Sinn Fein 6 Counties**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012**

	<b><u>Note</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>			
Tangible Assets	6	47867	40796
<b><u>Current assets</u></b>			
Debtors	7	231041	345954
Grants Due	9	44400	45806
Cash at Bank		329594	54563
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		605035	446323
<b><u>Creditors: amounts falling due 8 within 1 year</u></b>			
Accruals		272898	35276
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<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		332137	411047
<b><u>Creditors: amounts falling due in more than 1 year</u></b>		( 6643)	( 14614)
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<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>373361</b>	<b>437229</b>
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<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
Balance at 1 January		437229	334256
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		(63868)	102973
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		<b>373361</b>	<b>437229</b>
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Signed:  Treasurer

Dated:

**Sinn Féin 6 Counties**

**Cash Flow Statement for Year ended 31 December 2012**

<b>Operating surplus before taxation</b>	<b>( 63868)</b>
Depreciation	17518
Decrease in Debtors	116320
Increase in Creditors	229651
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	229621
Interest payable	0
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<b>Net operating surplus before taxation &amp; interest</b>	<b>229621</b>
Interest paid	0
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	229621
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	
Net value of Disposals	10176
Additions	( 34766)
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<b><u>Increase in Cash</u></b>	<b>275031</b>

## **Sinn Féin 6 Counties**

### **Notes forming part of the Financial statements for Year ended 31 December 2012**

#### **1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the statement of Accounts Guidance Notes issued by the Electoral Commission.

#### **2. Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less estimated residual values of all fixed assets evenly over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:-

Fixtures & Fittings	20 % p.a.
Equipment	33⅓% p.a.
Vehicles	25 % p.a.

#### **3. Grants Received**

Assembly Party Allowance	131532
Westminster Representative Allowance	104638
Assembly Whips Allowance	46070
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	282240

#### **4. Employees**

Staff costs consist of:-

Wages & Salaries	371689
Social Security Costs	36572
Other Pension Costs	-
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	408261



## 5. Surplus for year

This has been arrived at after charging:

Auditor's remuneration – Audit services	1500
Depreciation	17518

## 6. Tangible Assets

	<u>Fixtures Fittings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Cost or Valuation</u>				
At 1 Jan 2012	10510	53813	85565	149888
Additions	-	5766	29000	34766
Disposals	-	-	( 31000 )	( 31000 )
	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 31 Dec 2012	10510	59579	83565	153654
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 Jan 2012	9028	44669	55395	109092
Deprec on Disposals	-	-	( 20824 )	( 20824 )
Deprec. Charge	296	4970	12252	17518
	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 31 Dec 2012	9324	49639	46823	105786
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 Dec 2012	1186	9940	36742	47868
	_____	_____	_____	_____

**7. Debtors**

Sundry Debtors	231041
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**8. Creditors:**

Amounts falling due within 1 year:

Accruals	272898
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Amounts falling due in more than 1 year:

Car Loan	6642
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**9. Grants Due**

Assembly Whips Allowance	12003
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Assembly Party Allowance	32397
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44400