

**Sinn Féin**

**Six County Report & Financial Statements**

**Year Ended 31 December 2013**

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## **Party Details**

### **Party Officers**

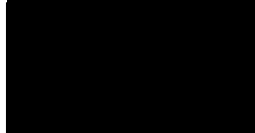
Leader:	Gerry Adams
Treasurer:	Ted Howell
Nominating Officer:	Pat Doherty
Chairperson:	Declan Kearney

### **Party Headquarters:**

51 Falls Rd, Belfast BT12 4PD	&	44 Parnell Square Dublin
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### **Auditors:**

Kinsella Mitchell and Associates  
Registered Auditors



## **Makeup & Membership**

### **Staff**

By the end of 2013 the Party was directly employing 18 full time staff. In addition to this our MPs, MEP and MLAs employ a total of 70 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
- Organisation Development
- 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:	Francie Molloy
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 Ian Milne	<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  
Arthur Carson

Emma Groves  
Stephen Corr  
Caoimhin Mac Giolla Mhin  
Janice Austin  
Ciaran Beattie

**North Belfast**

Tierna Cunningham  
JJ Magee  
Mary Clarke  
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  
Bill Groves  
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

**Armagh City Council**

Cathy Rafferty  
Darren McNally  
Seaneen White  
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  
Bridget Meehan  
Patricia Logue  
Paul Fleming  
Tony Hassan  
Colm Kelly

**Magherafelt District Council**

Peter Bateson  
Seán McPeake  
Catherine Elattar  
Caoimhe Scullion  
Gavin McFalone  
Patricia Smith  
Kathleen McEldowney  
Brian McGuigan  
Darren Totten

**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  
Dee Versani  
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 2013**

Throughout 2013 Sinn Féin continued to lead by example in the Executive in the north and as the main opposition party in the south. We worked to advance the peace process, continued to prioritise investment in job creation and set out real alternatives to the policies of austerity from Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, the Labour Party and the Tories in London.

### **Delivering for the people**

Throughout the year we led opposition to the implementation of Tory Welfare Cuts and promoted job creation, supporting the work of our Ministerial team.

We demanded the transfer of Fiscal powers to the Assembly and campaigned for important infrastructural investments such as the A5, the construction of the Narrow Water Bridge and the Programme for Government commitment for a Peace and Reconciliation Centre at Maze/Long Kesh. We brought forward proposals to the Assembly for recognition of LGBT Rights including Equal Marriage.

In Belfast we launched proposals for an anti-Poverty Task Force and Forum and in the South we launched proposals to repeal the Property Tax.

We launched 'Towards a New Republic' – wide ranging proposals for political reform on the island.

Our sitting MEP Martina Anderson took a lead role in ensuring the passage of a new Tobacco Products Directive, action on Domestic Violence and was the only local MEP to oppose savage cuts in the EU Budget. Throughout the year she hosted a range of delegations in Brussels on Justice, Equality and Rural development issues.

We published our alternative budget "A Fair Budget" which included a range of proposals on an all-Ireland economy. In the Assembly in September we brought forward a motion calling for an inquiry into the abuse and exploitation of children both in care homes and elsewhere.

### **Peace and Reconciliation**

Throughout the year we expressed our concern at the growing disengagement of both the British and Irish governments from the peace process and we continued to push them to deliver on their commitments on outstanding aspects of the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements including Acht na Gaelige, Bill of Rights and Equality issues. We stood alongside communities being attacked under the guise of "Flag Protests" and were vocal in urging the PSNI to do their job in dealing with widespread criminality and illegal blocking of roads. We were active in calling for the release of a number of prisoners being wrongfully held and denied due process. We opposed Jim Allister's Special Advisors Bill which was little more than a legislative process for discrimination.

The party continued to promote reconciliation and invested significant time and resources to the issue. Throughout the year the party newspaper An Phoblacht carried a series of articles from unionist voices. In June we hosted a special conference in Belfast entitled "A City of Equals" which saw contributions from a range of unionist voices and church opinion. In September Martin McGuinness travelled to Warrington at the invitation of Colin Parry to give a keynote address, which received significant media attention.



Throughout the second half of 2013 the party played a full and constructive role in the Haass Talks. In November we published detailed proposals on the three areas under consideration – Dealing with the Past, Parades and Flags and Emblems. We participated in the talks throughout December and welcomed the Haass proposals published on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Irish unity and All-Ireland politics**

The party was represented by our TDs, MLAs and MPs throughout the year at the Constitutional Convention in Dublin and in September the Convention overwhelmingly voted in favour of extending Presidential voting rights to Irish Citizens outside the 26 Counties. Our MPs played a full role in the Good Friday Agreement Committee in the Oireachtas.

We continued to build support for a Border Poll, starting with a party conference in Dublin in January. This was followed by “United Ireland – You Decide” referendums in South Armagh/North Louth in May and in West Tyrone/East Donegal in November. Significant debates on the theme of “Uniting Ireland” were also held in Dublin, Crossmaglen, Armagh, London and Brussels.

### **Setting the agenda**

In February we launched our Mid-Ulster Election campaign with Francie Molloy winning the by-election the following month and being replaced in the Assembly by Ian Milne. This was followed by a by-election in Meath East in March where Darren O’Rourke represented the party. In September we launched “Yes” campaigns for both the Seanad and Appeal Court Referenda in the south. We also held four selection conventions to choose our EU candidates in every Irish constituency and began selecting our candidates for the 2014 Local Government elections. We agreed national targets to stand a minimum of 30% female candidates in the Local and European elections.

We continued to grow our membership, increasing it by 25% in 2013, with a particular focus on female membership.

In March Belfast hosted our National Youth Congress and the Slógadh, our annual Irish Language event.

In April one of our biggest Ard Fheis ever was held in Castlebar, County Mayo.

In June our annual Summer School took place in Baile Mhuirne in West Cork and included a ranged of speakers including Eamon Dunphy, Basil McCrea, Roy Greenslade and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín. It was also addressed by disability campaigner Joanne O’Riordan, who spoke about cherishing all of the children of the nation equally. In June, Sinn Féin MEP Martina Anderson hosted a conference in Cavan on the issues of youth unemployment in Ireland and the EU’s ‘Youth Guarantee’ proposals.

The National Hunger Strike Commemoration event took place in Monaghan in August 2013. In September we were once again represented at the National Ploughing Championships in County Laois, where we launched our “Stand Up for Rural Ireland” policy platform. In September and October we held our Oireachtas and Assembly “Away-Days”.

In October a delegation of senior Trade Union leaders from the United States visited Ireland under the banner of “In Common Cause” and participated in events in Dublin, Belfast and Waterford. They also spoke at a rally in the Mansion House in Dublin, alongside Trade Union leaders from Ireland and Sinn Féin representatives.

2013 also marked the centenary of a number of significant historic events and the party marked the formation of the Irish Volunteers with an event in Dublin in November and a series of events throughout the year to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1913 Lockout. These included a conference entitled "A Century of Workers Struggle" in March and the James Connolly Summer School in Dublin in May.

In December party President Gerry Adams represented Sinn Féin at the funeral of former South African President Nelson Mandela.

## **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 2013 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 financial statements in accordance with the 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 and 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

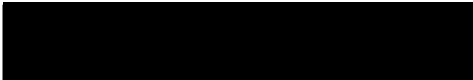
### **Basis of audit opinion**

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.

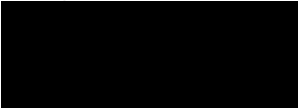
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity 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 December 2013 and of its surplus for the year ended 31 December 2013 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

  
**Kinsella Mitchell and Associates**  
**Registered Auditors**

**Kinsella Mitchell & Associates**  
**Certified Public Accountants and**  
**Statutory Auditors**

  
**1 July 2014**

**Sinn Fein 6 Counties**

**Income & Expenditure for Y/E 31 December 2013**

		<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
	<b><u>Note</u></b>		
Donations		651545	419574
Grants	3	259444	282240
Admin & Secretarial Support		0	229888
Sundry Income		250174	159090
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		1161163	1090792
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<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Wages & Related Costs	4	531681	408261
Establishment Expenses		44559	49861
Admin Expenses		61208	63975
Website & Internet Expenses		4330	4697
Travel Expenses		48838	28267
Conferences & Seminars		63790	28529
Political Development		30181	27527
International Dept.		64190	56473
Press Office		19977	20807
Security Costs		41311	48875
Depreciation		22825	17518
Grants to Accounting Units		18447	8222
Contribution to Candidates		10382	0
Cultural Dept.		2979	3131
Organisation Development		50678	69423
Legal & Professional Fees		56696	161680
Training & Education Dept.		13502	19565
Loss on Disposal of Vehicles		0	6176
Legal Settlement		0	80000
Research Costs		11480	34608
Uniting Ireland Dept.		16276	11320
Publications		0	2250
Ogra Shinn Fein		1728	2308
Catering		2695	1187
Charitable Donations		5000	0
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		1122753	1154640
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<b><u>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</u></b>		38410	( 63868)
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**Sinn Féin 6 Counties**

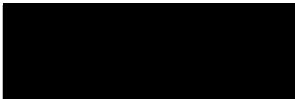
**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Note of Historical Cost Income and  
Expenditure for Year ended 31 December 2013**

Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	38410
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	38410
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Reported surplus / (deficit) before taxation	38410
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	38410
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Historical cost surplus / (deficit) after taxation	38410
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**Sinn Fein 6 Counties**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013**

	<b><u>Note</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>			
Tangible Assets	6	60052	47867
<b><u>Current assets</u></b>			
Debtors	7	293317	231041
Grants Due		0	44400
Cash at Bank		90418	329594
		-----	-----
		383735	605035
<b><u>Creditors: amounts falling due 8 within 1 year</u></b>			
Accruals		32016	272898
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<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>		351719	332137
<b><u>Creditors: amounts falling due in more than 1 year</u></b>		0	( 6643)
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<b>Net Assets</b>		411771	373361
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<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
Balance at 1 January		373361	437229
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		38410	(63868)
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		411771	373361
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Signed:  Treasurer

Dated: 3 July 2014

**Sinn Féin 6 Counties**

**Cash Flow Statement for Year ended 31 December 2013**

<b>Operating surplus before taxation</b>	38410
Depreciation	22825
Increase in Debtors	( 17877)
Decrease in Creditors	(247525)
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	(204167)
Interest payable	0
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<b>Net operating deficit before taxation &amp; interest</b>	<b>(204167)</b>
Interest paid	0
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	(204167)
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	
Net value of Disposals	0
Additions	( 35009)
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<b><u>Decrease in Cash</u></b>	<b>(239176)</b>



## Sinn Féin 6 Counties

### Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for Year ended 31 December 2013

#### 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	109701
Westminster Representative Allowance	108313
Assembly Whips Allowance	41430
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	259444

#### 4. Employees

Staff costs consist of:-

Wages & Salaries	484053
Social Security Costs	47628
Other Pension Costs	-
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	531681

## 5. Surplus for year

This has been arrived at after charging:

Auditor's remuneration – Audit services	1500
Depreciation	22825

## 6. Tangible Assets

	<u>Fixtures Fittings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>Cost or Valuation</u></b>				
At 1 Jan 2013	10510	59579	83565	153654
Additions	-	16059	18950	35009
Disposals	-	-	-	-
	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 31 Dec 2013	10510	75638	102515	188663
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b><u>Depreciation</u></b>				
At 1 Jan 2013	9324	49639	46823	105786
Deprec on Disposals	-	-	-	-
Deprec. Charge	237	8666	13922	22825
	_____	_____	_____	_____
At 31 Dec 2013	9561	58305	60745	128611
	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b><u>Net Book Value</u></b>				
At 31 Dec 2013	949	17333	41770	60052
	_____	_____	_____	_____

**7. Debtors**

Sundry Debtors	293317
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**8. Creditors:**

Amounts falling due within 1 year:

Accruals	32016
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Amounts falling due in more than 1 year:

0