



UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



Cover Image

David Murphy (Student Leader North-East India 2017), along with a social work student from Assam Don Bosco University, teaching English to women and children in Assam, June 2017.

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Trustees and Other Info

Year ended 30 September 2017

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Mission Statement

UCDVO's Vision is for UCD students to graduate with an understanding of the challenges facing humanity worldwide and the determination and self-belief to tackle the issues underlying poverty and inequality in the world.

UCDVO's Mission is to provide UCD students, staff and alumni with opportunities to volunteer for the benefit of disadvantaged communities overseas, in response to needs explicitly identified by those communities.

Our Values: 'Value of Volunteering'

As we work to achieve our vision, UCDVO's staff and volunteers practice five core values; in training, on project and upon arrival home:



Where we work...

Delhi, India

UCDVO teams worked in Delhi between 2003 and 2013. Over 250 volunteers from UCD and approximately 50 volunteers from universities in Delhi worked together during this period to implement a number of education, physiotherapy and construction projects primarily based in slum areas around the city. While UCDVO no longer operates a volunteer programme in Delhi, we continue to support our partner organisations where possible. In 2017, two volunteers carried out a research project in partnership with Society for Working Life (SWL) and Women, Work & Health Initiative (WWHI) for one week with the aim of capturing the history of the Community Education & Development Centre (CEDC) and its partnership with UCDVO, its programmes and achievement to date and the people at the heart of the work.

Vijayawada, South India

In 2010, UCDVO began working in Vijayawada, a city in Andhra Pradesh in the south-east of India. UCDVO established a partnership with the international NGO Care and Share which provides a residential service for over one thousand children who have been orphaned or abandoned as a result of HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty. UCDVO teams worked with Care and Share between 2010 and 2016. In March 2017, the UCDVO Board made the decision to pause the project in Care and Share amid financial difficulties within Care and Share organization. UCDVO continues to support Care and Share remotely.

UCDVO currently has a partnership with Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society who works with disabled children from underprivileged backgrounds. The centre holds a strong belief that all children have a right to love and security, healthy food, decent shelter, good education to reach their optimum potential, adequate medical care and be protected from any form of abuse. This year, 7 UCDVO physiotherapy volunteers will assist the centre and local staff in their primary objective of empowering children with varied disabilities ranging from autism, cerebral palsy, hearing & speech impaired, polio, and down syndrome, and help them in the path of rehabilitation and independence, where possible. Our volunteers work within the healthcare centre but also participated in outreach programmes in surrounding communities and facilitate 'Special Olympic' sports days for children with disabilities in the centre & communities.

North East India

In 2014, UCDVO began working in partnership with Assam Don Bosco University in Guwahati and the Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre in Shillong, North East India. This year, 16 volunteers from UCDVO worked in collaboration with volunteers from the Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University Guwahati on community development projects in partnership with the local community. Some of the project activities that took place over the 4 weeks included Anganwadi refurbishment, capacity building workshops and awareness raising of social issues identified through house visits.

A further 5 UCDVO volunteers were based at the Ferrando Speech & Hearing Centre in Shillong. Their work included a residential camp on disability awareness and physiotherapy

programmes for families and children with physical disabilities.

Haiti

UCDVO ran projects in Gros Morne in north-west Haiti between 2005 and 2015. During that time, over 200 volunteers spent one month working two missionary sisters, Sr. Patricia Dillon and Sr. Jackie Picard from the Religious of Jesus and Mary (RJM), to implement community development projects which have included the construction of houses, schools, shelters, latrines, flood prevention walls; and summer camps for almost 2000 children from the local area. While the project was paused in 2016 and 2017, In 2018, 10 volunteers will return to work within this same community on a computer education project.

Nicaragua

Since 2009, UCDVO has been sending volunteers to the town of Somoto in Nicaragua and collaborating with a number of NGOs on educational and construction projects. This year, 24 volunteers worked in partnership with INPRHU, MCN and Escuelita del Mercado. Volunteers implemented two education programmes for disadvantaged children and assisted on the construction of multi-purpose classroom at an agricultural training centre. Volunteers also participated in football socialisation activities with youth in the community of Uniles.

Tanzania

UCDVO has been working in partnership with a Tanzanian NGO called TanzEd since 2009. The project in Tanzania is based on computer training for teachers in primary schools in the Morogoro and Mikumi regions. In 2017, 23 volunteers travelled to Morogoro and 23 to Ruaha to work with schools in each region. In addition to computer training for teachers, volunteers provided English language support for students and teachers, summer camps for children and library development projects in schools.

Uganda

In 2013, UCDVO developed a partnership with the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science and Kisiizi Hospital in Southwest Uganda. This is now a volunteering elective placement for students from the school of Medicine, Nursing and Physiotherapy. In 2017, 17 volunteers worked in Kisiizi Hospital Uganda. Students ran health education workshops, a rehabilitation camp including community based rehabilitation visits, and nutritional research projects to assist the local staff to develop and expand their services.

Also in Uganda, a team of 17 volunteers (from healthcare backgrounds) worked in partnership with Nurture Africa on a healthcare project in Nansana. Volunteers worked on health promotion workshops, physiotherapy camps, disability awareness workshops, and departmental audits. In addition UCDVO and Nurture Africa signed a 3-year partnership agreement which saw the construction of a new rehabilitation unit at the health centre and a comprehensive disability service for the community of Nansana. This was completed in 2017 and painted by UCDVO volunteers.

2017 Project highlights

This year 134 volunteers were part of the UCDVO Volunteering and Development Education Programme and they collectively raised €356,242. We worked with 13 Project Partners in 9 locations in 4 countries around the world. Here are some (but not all!) of the project achievements in the areas of infrastructure, education, healthcare, education and research for 2016/17. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

Community Development

- Partnerships with local student volunteers
- Creation of grassroots comics and booklets dealing with social issues
- Facilitation of workshops, community meetings and street-theatre performances to generate discussion and raise awareness on topics such as women's rights, alcoholism, child labour

Education

- Approximately 940 children participated in English classes across all projects
- Approximately 226 teachers participated in basic & refresher computer literacy courses
- provision of 46 boxes of second-hand books for libraries in Tanzania
- Volunteers assisted teachers in classes on English language enhancement, arts and crafts, music, dance, performance, sports, sex education

Healthcare

- 242 children treated by physiotherapy volunteers
- 354 children assessed for undernourishment/ malnutrition
- Provision of equipment such as: seating, wheelchairs, braces, splints, walking aids
- Workshops carried out across all healthcare projects on topics such as: disability, sexual health, family planning, nutrition, mental health and first aid
- Audits on topics such as: Out-Patient Department (OPD) waiting times, the knowledge of patients attending a diabetes clinic and local staff knowledge of pressure care and education of same.

Infrastructure

- Construction of a multi-purpose classroom at an agricultural training centre
- Renovation of 4 Anganwadis
- Renovation of 5 classrooms into high standard computer labs
- Funding of water pumps & tanks, ceiling tiles and access ramp

2017 Volunteer Quotes

"I think VO is about creating an alternative and much more real image of the developing world. However, even more so I believe VO is a challenge, a challenge in asking you what will you do with this. How will this experience shape what you do, at home in Ireland and in the world? Will those wonderful people you met and the challenges of that place you loved remain in your mind?"

- Róisín O'Donnell, Morogoro, Tanzania 2017

"Personal development is a term that's meaning can be elusive. It's not quantifiable, it's not even definable. It's easy to talk about but it's hard to live out. We all have moments of enlightenment that come and go, that ebb and flow, but it's hard to consolidate these moments into something lasting and positive. Hard, but not impossible. Personal development, I now recognise, is nothing more than a collection of experiences bound together as a change, large or small, in the way one views life and indeed the way one lives life. Experience manifest."

- Kevin Byrne, Ruaha, Tanzania 2017

"It made me realise the amazing benefits that UCDVO programmes are having on the health and lives of the children in Northeast India, and that with each year of project, more and more children are receiving treatment and ultimately, improving their health."

- Anna Scott, Northeast India 2017



Passing of Gladys Cáceres

Director of INPHRU (Institute of Human Promotion), Nicaragua

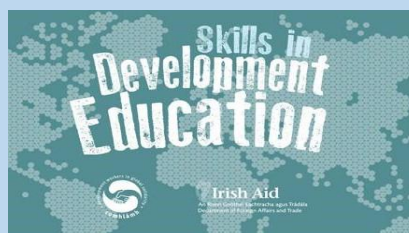


We were deeply saddened here at UCDVO to hear news of the passing of Mrs. Gladys Cáceres, Director of INPRHU Somoto in July 2017. Gladys provided UCDVO with great support over the last number of years, and played an integral role in the organisation of our projects in Nicaragua since the establishment of our partnership with INPRHU in 2009. Our thoughts are with Gladys, her family & friends, and all staff at INPRHU. May she rest in peace.

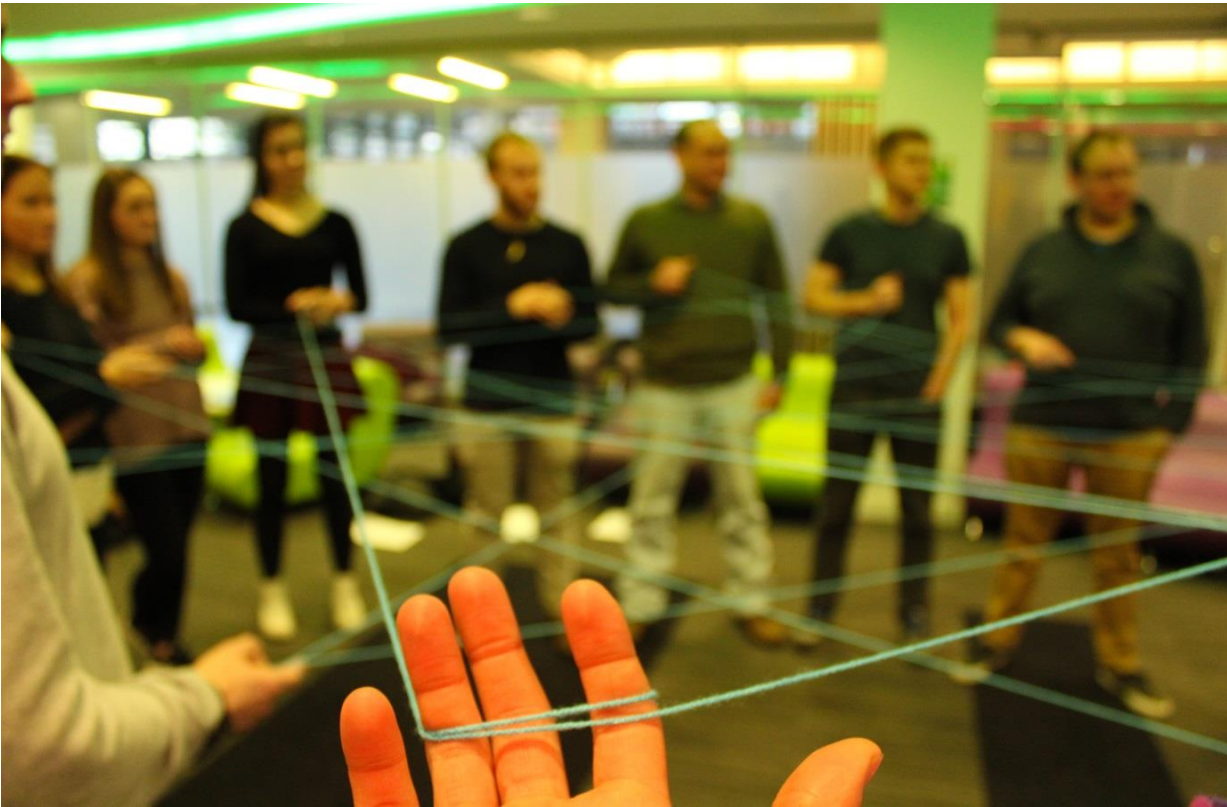
Courses 2016/17



Be the Change is a six week introductory skills based course, aimed at those interested in activism and awareness raising in Ireland – the course is designed for those with an interest in developing a deeper interest in global justice issues and the causes of inequality. Over the course of the six weeks, participants divided into groups to develop practical and creative ways to tackle specific global justice issues. Themes which arose in the 2015 course included gender inequality, homelessness, climate change, refugee rights, fair trade and healthcare. Both courses are brought to you in partnership with Comhlámh and is funded by Irish Aid.



Skills in Development Education is a course comprising eight evening modules and a one-day practical workshop. The course is aimed at returned volunteers from any organisation. It aims to equip participants with excellent facilitation skills in the areas of global development and social justice issues in a friendly, informal environment. At the end of the course, participants are prepared to facilitate at training days and development education workshops. The course is brought to you in partnership with Comhlámh and is funded by Irish Aid.



"It gave me hope that there is a new wave of activists and volunteers from all fields of work and life willing to challenge the issues we explored through the course."

- James Fahey, Skills in Development Education Course 2017



UCDVO Conference 2016: *International Volunteering: Where Can It Take You?*

UCDVO's Annual Conference took place on Saturday 26th November in the UCD Global Lounge, Belfield. The title of the conference was *International Volunteering: Where Can It Take You?* and it focused on the impact of international volunteering on personal and professional lives, as well as highlighting tangible opportunities for students, graduates and returned volunteers to pursue further studies and career paths in international development and humanitarian work. The event included an opening speech from Prof. Patrick Paul Walsh (Chair of International Development Studies in UCD); a story-telling session facilitated by Elaine Doyle with returned volunteers Darren Gill, Stuart Garrett and Mary McGrane; afternoon workshops on different themes and sectors of development work; and an "opportunity marketplace" which enabled participants to speak directly with organisations and academics.

This event was supported by Concern Worldwide, UCD International and Comhlámh.



Our Goals are Global Goals - UCDVO Photographic Exhibition

The photographic exhibition *'Our Goals are Global Goals'* was part of the UCDVO Annual Conference in November. It highlighted the role of volunteering in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals; a call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

A total of 14 photographs were displayed on the day. We would like to congratulate Matthew Rose – Nel (Tanzania, 2016) who was the winner of the photographic exhibition. The winning photograph depicts Siamoni, a young boy perfecting his little bird to stick on the tree painted on the wall behind him in Kilakala Primary School, in Tanzania.



UCDVO Development Film Series



The fifth UCDVO Film Series took place in January and February 2017. The 2017 Series featured 5 high quality feature documentary films on subjects relating to development and global justice issues; Atlantic, Sonita, The Peacemaker, After Spring and Before The Flood.

The sixth UCDVO Development Film Series will begin in January 2018. The series is located in the UCD Student Centre Cinema for five consecutive Mondays beginning the 29th January – 26th February 2018 at 6pm. Each screening is followed by a Q&A session with a guest speaker and refreshments. This event is free of charge and all are welcome. The Film Series is supported with funding from Trócaire and Concern Worldwide.



UCDVO Annual Charity Ball 2017

The UCDVO Charity Ball 2017 took place on the 18th February in the Royal Marine Hotel on Dun Laoghaire. The evening is an opportunity for new volunteers to get to know one another and past volunteers to come together and reconnect. Each year brings great food, music, guest-speakers and updates on some of the recent developments within UCDVO.

The 2018 Annual Ball is scheduled for Friday 23rd February in the Royal Marie Hotel in Dun Laoghaire.



Strictly UCD 2017

“Strictly UCD” took place on Saturday March 4th in O’Reilly Hall. The event was the first of its kind in UCD, with UCD staff and students taking a break from work and studies and putting on their dancing shoes for an evening.

UCDVO would like to extend to our thanks to all the organisers and participants. The event was organised by the UCD Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Culture & Engagement – UCD HR and UCD in the Community. Dancers trained for six weeks leading up to the big event, and performed in couples and groups on stage to an audience of more the four hundred. The night was a huge success, raising a total of €23,968 for UCD Volunteers Overseas and Gorta/ Self-Help Africa. A great night of fun and entertainment was had by all!



IT Skills and Story Exchange



UCDVO in partnership with the Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) facilitated a number of IT Skills Exchange workshops for returned missionaries in March 2017. On this course, approximately 18 UCDVO Volunteers who were preparing to travel to Tanzania to work on a computer education project, tutored 18 returned missionaries on IT Skills. The opportunity for mutual learning and exchange of skills and stories of living and working overseas was a really valuable and interesting one.

Rás UCD 2017

The 8th annual Rás UCD took place again in April 2017 in partnership with Bord na Gaeilge. We would like to thank our sponsors Bord na Gaeilge, Bank of Ireland, UCD SU and Centra.

Rás UCD is a unique bilingual event through Irish and English. The event is open to everyone, regardless of age or ability. Registration fees are donated to UCD Volunteers Overseas.



Financial Statement

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Statement of trustees responsibilities

It is the trustees' responsibility to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Maura McGinn



Niall McLernon



Date: 19 December 2017

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

To the trustees of UCD Volunteers Overseas

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 9 for the year ended 30 September 2017. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditors

As described in the statement of trustees' responsibilities on page 4, the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards.

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

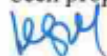
Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity'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 affairs of the charity at 30 September 2017 and of the income and expenditure of the charity for the year then ended and have been properly prepared.



HSM
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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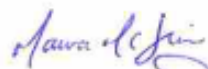
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UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
	€	€
Income	572,083	531,715
Expenditure	(582,687)	(520,833)
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>(10,604)</u>	<u>10,882</u>
Retained surplus brought forward	124,288	113,406
Accumulated surplus	<u>113,684</u>	<u>124,288</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Maura McGinn



Niall McLernon



Date: 19 December 2017

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

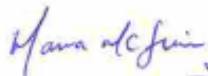
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
		€	€
Current assets			
Cash at bank	3	121,742	127,214
Debtors	4	1,020	-
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		122,762	127,214
Current liabilities			
Creditors	5	(9,078)	(2,926)
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Net current assets		113,684	124,288
Financed by:			
Surplus on income and expenditure		113,684	124,288
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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Maura McGinn



Niall McLernon



Date: 19 December 2017

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Income recognition

Income is recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is included when incurred.

1.4 Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the period end.

2 Trustees' remuneration

Trustees are not remunerated.

3 Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes dedicated funds of €7,362 and €15,262 (see notes 6 & 7).

4 Debtors

	2017	2016
Other debtors	1,020	-

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	2016
Accruals and prepaid income	9,078	2,926

6 Educational fund

Cash at bank includes the amount of €7,362 (2016: €0) which are dedicated funds at year end for use exclusively on the Charity's Educational Fund.

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

7 Irish Aid Development Education Project (dedicated funds)

The Irish Aid funding period is from 1st September to 31st August each year and a grant of €18,000 was received for 2016/17 and €20,000 for 2017/18. The unspent balance of IADEP funding as at 30th September 2017 was €15,262. A full narrative and financial report will be provided to Irish Aid.

8 UCD and Administrative expenses

UCD employ three full-time staff members for UCDVO activities. UCD provided funding of €111,997 towards staff costs.

9 Approval of financial statements

The trustees approved the financial statements on 19 December 2017.

UCD VOLUNTEERS OVERSEAS

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
Income			
Donations		19,006	11,793
Volunteer payments and fundraising		357,328	360,829
Fundraising income		47,363	30,273
Trocaire Grant – Film Series Concern		-	2,000
Other grants		15,000	15,107
Education fund		916	820
Revenue Commissioners refunds		473	1,486
UCD	8	111,997	91,407
Irish Aid Development Education Project	7	20,000	18,000
		<u>572,083</u>	<u>531,715</u>
Expenditure			
Projects in Delhi		1,259	7,711
Projects in North-East India		62,211	32,936
Projects in Haiti		5,357	13,819
Projects in South India		29,500	69,707
Projects in Nicaragua		70,404	58,332
Projects in Tanzania		125,604	104,438
Projects in Uganda		93,535	62,216
Promotional materials		3,196	2,699
Fundraising expenses		26,312	15,616
Insurance		3,382	11,432
Education fund expenditure		1,299	1,320
Concern grant aided expenditure		19,963	10,334
Other grant aided expenditure		-	2,906
Irish Aid Development Education Project	7	19,816	27,303
Training courses		3,459	1,465
Administrative expenses	8	111,997	91,407
Audit fees		2,829	2,706
Bank charges		54	53
Film Series		1,122	1,000
Miscellaneous		1,388	3,433
		<u>582,687</u>	<u>520,833</u>
		<u>(10,604)</u>	<u>10,882</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year			

Thank you to everyone who supported UCDVO in 2016/17



The photos featured in this report were taken by volunteers and partners during UCDVO activities in 2016/17.