



A Community Service Organisation working through arts and education:

**Fostering Vision, Nurturing Creativity, Celebrating Excellence,
Offering Challenge for all**

Mission

The Centre's object and principal activity is the promotion of the language arts, celebration of commonality and diversity, development of knowledge, understanding and excellence in creation, performance and critical practice across the verbal arts forms, together with research, publication and provision of information.

Background information

The Verbal Arts Centre (NI) Ltd. (VAC) is a charitable organisation established by its current Director in 1992, to stimulate interest and to promote wide access and participation as well as greater knowledge and awareness of the historical and contemporary verbal arts of storytelling, poetry, literature, playwriting, debate and sung word across all communities in Northern Ireland.

The Centre develops its work within a lifelong education philosophy and has regard to all language traditions (English, Irish, Ulster Scots and minority languages).

The Centre works with a wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations to provide access and opportunities for people of all ages, background and cultural diversity to learn about the verbal arts heritage and its practice and to assist in the development of artistic skills. In delivering this role the Centre designs, delivers and facilitates short-term projects to schools, libraries and community groups who request the Centre's services. In addition to these services, the organisation supports individual artists at various levels of experience and aims to assist them in their attempts to have their work recognised by a wide audience.

The Centre's revenue funding is received from: the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure; Arts Council of Northern Ireland; Western Education and Library Board and Derry City Council.

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