

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



PRESS COUNCIL
OF IRELAND



OFFICE OF
THE PRESS
OMBUDSMAN

The Press Council of Ireland and Office of the Press Ombudsman exist to safeguard and promote professional and ethical standards in Irish newspapers, magazines and online news publications.

We are grateful to the Press Photographers Association of Ireland for permission to use award winning and shortlisted photographs featured in this Report from the 2023 Press Photographer of the Year Awards. Our thanks also to the individual photographers who are named.

WAVE RIDER by Frank McGrath

A windsurfer makes the most of the high winds at the South Bull Wall, Dublin.

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Introduction

PRESS COUNCIL OF IRELAND

The Press Council of Ireland is responsible for the oversight of the professional principles embodied in the Code of Practice, and with upholding the freedom of the press. It operates with the support and cooperation of member publications and journalists. It decides on appeals against decisions made by the Press Ombudsman and on complaints referred to it directly by the Press Ombudsman. It is independent of both government and media.

OFFICE OF THE PRESS OMBUDSMAN

The Office of the Press Ombudsman receives complaints from members of the public and seeks to resolve them through the Office's conciliation service to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. Where conciliation is not possible, the Press Ombudsman will make a decision on the complaint based on the Code of Practice. The Press Ombudsman's decision-making is independent of the Press Council.

Report of Chair



Rory Montgomery, Chair

Last year saw considerable personnel changes at the Press Council and in the Office of the Press Ombudsman. I became Chair of the Board of the Press Council in April following Seán Donlon's completion of his maximum six-year term. Later in the year independent Directors Ruth Barrington and Patricia O'Donovan also completed their terms, to be replaced by James Doorley and Alan Dukes. Patricia O'Donovan's

position as vice-chair was taken by Maeve Conrick, an existing independent Director.

All appointments of independent Directors are made following an open public competition conducted by an independent Appointments Committee. In addition to the Chair of the Press Council, its members in 2022 were Bride Rosney, Dermot McCarthy and Frances Ruane. I am most grateful to them for their

commitment and sense of public service. Ken Davis, one of the industry nominees on the Board, representing the local press, was replaced on the end of his term by Siobhán Cronin, editor of the Southern Star. All outgoing Directors made a very substantial contribution to the work of the Press Council. I personally was especially appreciative of the support and advice of Seán Donlon as I prepared to take up my own position.

The Board of the Press Council has maintained an excellent gender balance.

In 2022 the Press Council appointed a new Press Ombudsman, Susan McKay, following the retirement of Peter Feeney after eight years' service. Peter's professionalism, judgement and good humour all contributed to the universal esteem in which he was held. Susan, a most distinguished journalist and author, took up her post on 1 October.

Five appeals against decisions of the Press Ombudsman were

considered by the Press Council. One was upheld, and four were not. The Press Council also considered but did not uphold one complaint directly referred to it. The Press Council made some changes to our internal processes in the presentation of appeal decisions, with a view to ensuring understanding of their rationales.

In its role as a champion of a free and ethical press, the Press Council worked with the Press Ombudsman in our engagement with the Department of Justice on the review and proposed reform of the Defamation Act, 2009, which has the potential to offer some greater protection to the media as they pursue their vital work. We welcomed the excellent report of the Future of Media Commission, on which one of our Directors, Siobhán Holliman, served. We were pleased that the Report noted that "Submissions to the Commission from newspaper and magazine publishers consistently emphasised the importance of the Press

Council's Code of Practice and of adherence to the Code's key Principles".

However, the Report also set out the major

challenges facing the print media in terms of circulation and revenue. Resources are necessary if standards and service to the public are to be

maintained. The Minister for Finance's removal of VAT on newspapers was a positive step. We welcome the Government's commitment to implement

the Commission's recommendations on new funds to support public service journalism, including in the print media.



Chair of the Press Council, Rory Montgomery, with winner of the Press Council of Ireland Student Bursary Award, Laura Klepeisz (middle), and runner-up, Julianne Doyle

Complaints

TOTAL 260

21 **DECIDED BY PRESS OMBUDSMAN**

9 **COMPLAINT RESOLVED BY THE EDITOR TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMPLAINANT**

10 **ONGOING AT END 2021**

6 **UNAUTHORISED THIRD PARTY**

These were complainants who were not personally affected by an article, or who complained about an article written about another person, but without that person's permission to make a complaint.

6 **USER GENERATED CONTENT/ SOCIAL MEDIA**

11 **OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

These were mostly for Coimisiún na Meán or the Advertising Standards Authority of Ireland.

16 **OUT OF TIME**

These were complaints that were received outside the three-month deadline for making a complaint.

21 **PUBLICATION NOT MEMBER OF PRESS COUNCIL**

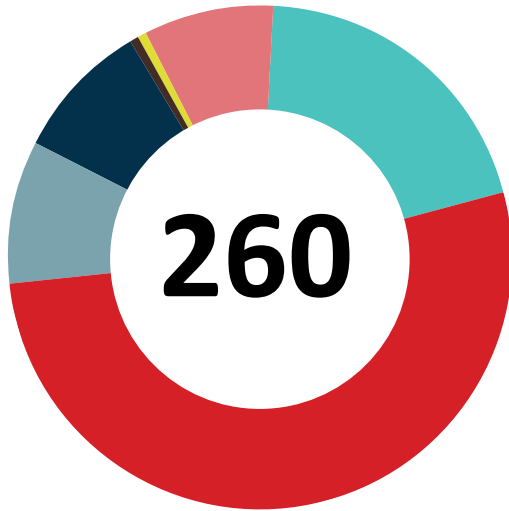
5 **CLOSED/WITHDRAWN**

36 **MISCELLANEOUS**

119 **COMPLAINT NOT PURSUED BEYOND PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY BY COMPLAINANT**

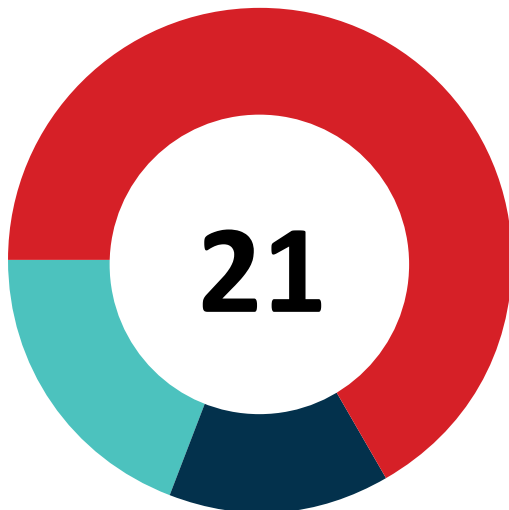
Some of these complaints were multiple complaints about the same article. Others were where the complainant was given the contact details for the publisher, together with advice on the Code of Practice and how to make a complaint, but decided not to pursue the matter further with the Office after the initial contact. Some of these complaints may subsequently have been satisfactorily resolved following the submission of the complaint directly to the editor of the publication concerned.

Publication leading to complaint



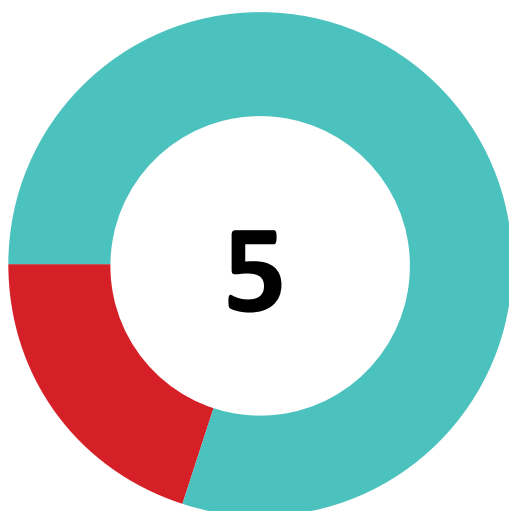
- 137** National newspaper (print and online)
- 24** Online-only news publication
- 23** Local newspaper (print and online)
- 1** Student publication
- 2** Magazine
- 21** Publication not member of Press Council
- 52** Not indicated by complainant

Complaints decided by the Press Ombudsman



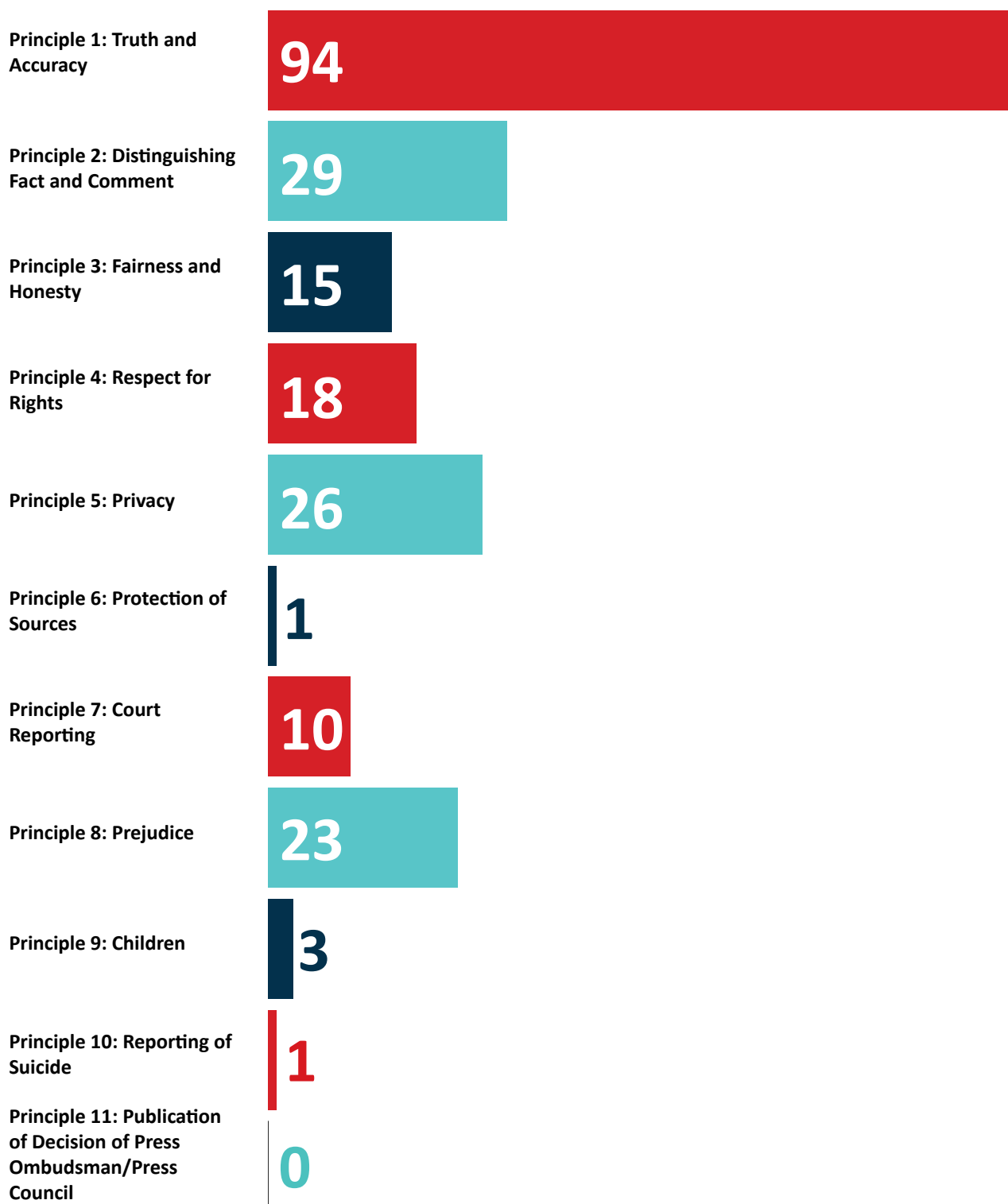
- 14** Not upheld
- 3** Upheld (1 overturned on appeal)
- 4** Sufficient remedial action offered by the publication to resolve the complaint

Appeals considered by the Press Council



- 4** Upheld
- 1** Rejected

Principles of the Code of Practice cited by complainants*



* Complainants often cite a breach of more than one Principle of the Code of Practice in their complaints. The full text of the Code of Practice is published on pages 25 and 26.



DANCING ON THE LAND by Phillip Doyle

Sean-nós dancer Edwina Guckian dances a set on a barrel in Co. Leitrim. Edwina is heavily involved in preserving the history and traditions of the area.

Report of Press Ombudsman



Susan McKay, Press Ombudsman

The Press Ombudsman for the period January to October 2022 was Peter Feeney. The current Press Ombudsperson, Susan McKay, was appointed in the summer of 2022 and took up office in October. Therefore, much of this report relates to the tenure of Mr Feeney.

There were significantly fewer complaints

received by the Press Ombudsman's Office in 2022 than in the previous year. In 2022 the total was 260.

However, it should be noted that in 2021 there was a surge of complaints about the reporting of Covid-19, with multiple complaints received about a small number of articles. These multiple complaints amounted to about half of the total.

It is undoubtedly the case that the press is generally held in high regard in this country and this may be reflected in the relatively low numbers of complaints received. However, it is clear that growing the public's awareness of the work of the office needs to be a priority in the coming period. In 2022, nine complaints were resolved by editors to the satisfaction of complainants through the conciliation process which is delivered by Case Manager Bernie Grogan. Twenty-one complaints went on for decision by the Press Ombudsman. Three complaints were upheld, one of which was overturned by the Press Council on appeal. In 94 cases, the Principle of the Press Council's Code of Practice that was alleged to have been breached was Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy), with 29 complaints about Principle 2 (Distinguishing Fact and Comment).

The Press Ombudsman made a presentation to the Oireachtas Joint

Committee on Public Petitions, appeared as a witness at a European Commission Rule of Law Inquiry, and participated in an online meeting with a British House of Lords Committee on press regulation in the UK. He also gave several presentations to students. Along with the Chair of the Press Council he wrote to the Minister for Justice asking that the recommendations of the Review of the Defamation Act relating to the Press Council be implemented.

The Press Council of Ireland Student Bursary Award was presented to Laura Klepeisz, a Masters in Journalism student at Dublin City University. The Press Ombudsman's office resumed its outreach programme, which had been curtailed due to restrictions during the pandemic.

With Case Manager Bernie Grogan the incoming Press Ombudsman attended the annual meeting of the Alliance of Independent Press Councils of Europe in Cyprus, at which the

issue of whether or not a motion from Ukraine asking for Russia to be expelled from the Alliance, first raised in April 2022, was debated.

The Press Ombudsman and the Chair of the Press Council attended the NewsBrands Ireland

Journalism Awards in November 2022, at which Daniel O’Connell, then with the Irish Examiner, was named journalist of the year.

The Press Ombudsman said she would make publicising the work of her office and of the

Press Council a priority in order to encourage greater public awareness, and discourage complaints based on a misunderstanding of what we do. She would in particular highlight the value of the conciliation work which resolves many complaints. She

would also encourage non-member publications to join the Press Council and participate in its mission to promote the highest professional and ethical standards in Irish journalism. She also declared the intention of expanding the outreach programme.



Press Ombudsman, Susan McKay and Case Manager, Bernie Grogan

Report of Case Manager

Conciliation

Any person, organisation, or representative of an organisation that represents the interests of its members or community, can make a complaint about an article published by a member publication of the Press Council of Ireland (a full list of member publications can be found on pages 19 to 24), or about the behaviour of a journalist, so long as:

- the person making the complaint is personally affected, or in the case of an organisation, members of the organisation are personally affected, by the article or journalistic behaviour;
- the complaint presents evidence of a possible breach of the Press Council's Code of Practice;
- the article was published, or the behaviour took place, within the previous three months, and
- the complainant has made a written complaint under the Press Council's Code of Practice to the editor of

the publication concerned.

The Office works closely with both the complainant and the editor to find a resolution to complaints in a non-legalistic and speedy manner.

Complaints are generally resolved through the conciliation process within a period of about two to three weeks after submission.

Resolution of Complaints

How complaints are resolved depends on the nature and significance of the complaint, and whether or not the article was published in print, online, or both. In 2022 complaints were resolved by:

- the amendment or deletion of online material;
- the publication of a correction, apology, or clarification;
- an undertaking by the editor on future coverage of the subject matter of the complaint;
- a meeting with the editor;



Bernie Grogan, Case Manager

- the publication of a right of reply, and
- an explanation from the editor as to the background to the publication of the material complained about.

The majority of complaints that were resolved to the satisfaction of complainants related to online articles. A complaint about material published online can be resolved speedily, so long as an editor can be presented with some

form of evidence that the original article presented a possible breach of the Press Council's Code of Practice.

Outreach

We are committed to publicising the service that we provide as widely as possible, and we seek out opportunities to engage with the public so as to ensure that the service we provide is familiar to anyone that might need it. We run information seminars and training courses for voluntary organisations and support

groups to assist them in their dealings with the press. These seminars are useful for advocacy teams, information officers and service users. They include an explanation of how a

complaint should be made, what can be complained about, and what the likely outcome will be.

Individuals and organisations should

contact the Office directly if they would like us to run an information seminar or training course for their members.

The Office is also happy

to offer advice and assistance to anyone who, while not wishing to make a formal complaint, may seek guidance on how to proceed with an issue relating to the press.



POLITICAL PULL by Sam Barnes

Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht Jack Chambers TD, centre, takes part in a game of tug of war, alongside Hannele Raji, second from right, aged 13, and her sister Hila Raji, aged 10, both from Drogheda, Co. Louth, and players from Mosney FC in Meath, during the SARI sportsfest at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, celebrating 25 years of working with sport to promote inclusion, diversity and equality.

The Press Council of Ireland

The Board of the Press Council of Ireland has thirteen members.

In 2022 four Directors reached the end of their terms of office on the Press Council: Mr Seán Donlon (Chair), Ms Patricia O'Donovan (Deputy Chair), Dr Ruth Barrington and Mr Ken Davis. Mr Ruadhán Mac Cormaic retired in 2022, upon being appointed editor of The Irish Times.

At 31 December 2022 the Directors of the Press Council were:

Independent Directors:

- Mr Rory Montgomery (Chair)
- Professor Maeve Conrick (Deputy Chair)
- Mr James Doorley
- Mr Alan Dukes
- Ms Edith Geraghty
- Dr Tim Hinchey
- Ms Sunniva McDonagh

Directors drawn from the press industry:

- Ms Siobhán Cronin
- Ms Siobhán Holliman
- Ms Catherine Lee
- Ms Samantha McCaughran
- Mr Conor O'Donnell
- Mr Roddy O'Sullivan

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Press Council held its Annual General Meeting on 7 September 2022. The meeting approved the company accounts.

CODE COMMITTEE

The Code Committee is responsible for keeping the Code of Practice under review and updating it when necessary, in consultation with the Press Council.

At 31 December 2022 the members of the Code Committee were:

- Mr Brendan Keenan (Chairman)
- Mr David Burke (Tuam Herald)
- Mr Cormac Bourke (Mediahuis)
- Ms Susan Daly (TheJournal.ie)
- Mr Chris Dooley (The Irish Times)
- Mr Seamus Dooley (NUJ)
- Ms Nóirín Hegarty (The Sunday Times)
- Mr Neil Leslie (Irish Daily Star)
- Mr Kieran McDaid (Irish Sun)
- Ms Susan McKay (Press Ombudsman) (ex-officio)

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The independent public interest Directors of the Press Council are appointed by an independent Appointments Committee following a process of public advertisement, short-listing and interview. The Committee also receives nominations from the press industry for the six industry seats on the Council.

At 31 December 2022 the members of the Appointments Committee were:

- Mr Dermot McCarthy
- Ms Bride Rosney
- Professor Frances Ruane
- Mr Rory Montgomery (Chair of the Press Council)

APPEALS

Either party may appeal a substantive decision of the Press Ombudsman to the Press Council of Ireland on one or both of the following grounds:

1. That the procedures followed in making the decision were not in accordance with the published procedures for considering complaints.
2. That there was an error in the Press Ombudsman's application of the Principles of the Code of Practice.

In 2022 the Press Council considered five appeals, one of which was upheld. The Press Council also considered a complaint that was referred to it by the Press Ombudsman, which was not upheld.

All decisions of the Press Council can be found at www.presscouncil.ie



ABANDONED HOTEL *by Laura Hutton*

Foliage explodes from a bed in an abandoned hotel on the West Coast of Ireland. The hotel closed six years ago and is now only visited by urban explorers.

Press Council Board of Directors



1 Mr Rory Montgomery, Chair 2 Professor Maeve Conrick, Deputy Chair

3 Ms Siobhán Cronin 4 Mr James Doorley 5 Mr Alan Dukes

6 Ms Edith Geraghty 7 Dr Tim Hinchey 8 Ms Siobhán Holliman

9 Ms Catherine Lee 10 Ms Samantha McCaughren

11 Ms Sunniva McDonagh 12 Mr Conor O'Donnell 13 Mr Roddy O'Sullivan



Finance Report

The finances of the Press Council of Ireland are provided for, under the terms of its Constitution, by the Administrative Committee of the Press Council.

The Press Council and the Office of the Press Ombudsman are fully funded by member publications and each member title of the Council is levied in accordance with formulae determined by the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee is charged with making full provision for the administrative needs of the Press Council and of the Office of the Press Ombudsman including funding, premises and staffing.

The Administrative Committee includes representatives of NewsBrands Ireland, Local Ireland, online-only news publications and the National Union of Journalists. It determines its own membership, with the exception of the Chair, who is appointed by the Press Council.

At 31 December 2022 the members of the Administrative Committee were:

- Professor Maeve McConrick (Chair)
- Mr Adrian Acosta
- Mr Seamus Dooley
- Mr Paul Henderson
- Mr Bob Hughes
- Mr Colin Kerr
- Ms Ann Marie Lenihan
- Mr David McDonagh
- Mr Colm O'Reilly
- Mr Cliff Taylor

The costs of the Press Council of Ireland and the Office of the Press Ombudsman for 2022, together with comparative figures for the previous year, were as follows:

	2022	2021
Directors' fees	€55,000	€55,000
Staff salaries	€175,216	€168,835
Employer PRSI contributions for staff	€15,703	€3,108
Retirement benefits- defined contribution scheme	€3,813	€3,538
Hotels, travel and subsistence	€4,795	€150
Printing and stationery	€1,100	€2,001
Telephone	€2,304	€2,255
Computer costs	€8,222	€8,879
Memberships	€801	€760
Legal and professional	€300	€250
Auditors' remuneration	€3,020	€3,120
Bank charges	€408	€357
Sundry expenses	€3,124	€1,264
Rent, rates and services	€33,752	€30,464
Cleaning	€449	€388
Insurances	€4,662	€4,439
Repairs and maintenance	€300	-
Management services	€16,000	€16,000
Annual Report and launch	€1,354	€1,038
Meeting room facilities	€4,538	-
Depreciation	€2,187	€2,133
Advertising	-	€300
Bursary	€2,867	-
AIPCE/EU	-	-€2,469*
Total expenditure	€339,915	€301,810

*The Press Council received €2,469 from a European Commission-funded programme called "Media Councils in the Digital Age" for work carried out by the Council on the development of a European-wide website, presscouncils.eu



A collage from the 2022 NewsBrands Journalism Awards featuring Daniel McConnell, winner of the Journalist of the Year Award.



FLYING FINISH by *Billy Stickland*

Munster's Damian de Allende scores a try despite Henry Slade of Exeter Chiefs during a Heineken Champions Cup game.

Member Publications

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS

Irish Daily Mail	DMG Media (Ireland), Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4.	01 256 0800	www.mailonline.ie
Irish Daily Mirror	Independent House, 27 – 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 868 8600	www.irishmirror.ie
Irish Daily Star	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 868 8600	www.thestar.ie
Irish Examiner	Linn Dubh, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 427 2722	www.irishexaminer.com
Irish Farmers Journal	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 419 9599	www.farmersjournal.ie
Irish Independent	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
Irish Mail on Sunday	DMG Media (Ireland), Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4.	01 256 0800	www.mailonline.ie
Irish Sunday Mirror	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 868 8600	www.irishmirror.ie
Sunday Independent	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
Sunday World	5th Floor, Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 884 8973	www.sundayworld.com
The Business Post	Post Publications Ltd, 2nd Floor, Block B, The Merrion Centre, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	01 602 6000	www.businesspost.ie
The Herald	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
The Irish Sun	Macken House, 39-40 Mayor Street Upper, Dublin 1.	01 479 2400	www.thesun.ie
The Irish Sun on Sunday	Macken House, 39-40 Mayor Street Upper, Dublin 1.	01 479 2400	www.thesun.ie
The Irish Times	The Irish Times Building, PO Box 74, 24- 28 Tara Street, Dublin 2.	01 675 8000	www.irishtimes.com
The Sunday Times	Macken House, 39-40 Mayor Street Upper, Dublin 1.	01 479 2400	www.sundaytimes.ie

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Athlone Advertiser	Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co Mayo.	094 903 5010	www.advertiser.ie/athlone
Bray People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Carlow Nationalist	Hanover House, Hanover, Carlow.	059 917 0100	www.carlow-nationalist.ie
Clare Champion	Barrack Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.	065 682 8105	www.clarechampion.ie
Clonmel Nationalist	Queen Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.	052 617 2500	www.tipperarylive.ie
Connacht Tribune	15 Market Street, Galway.	091 536 222	www.connachttribune.ie
Connaught Telegraph	No. 1 Main Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	094 902 1711	www.con-telegraph.ie
County Derry Post	19 Carlisle Road, Derry BT48 6JJ.	00 44 28 7774 3970	www.derrynow.com
Derry News	19 Carlisle Road, Derry BT48 6JJ.	00 44 28 7129 6600	www.derrynow.com
Donegal Democrat	Railway House, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	074 912 8000	www.donegallive.ie
Donegal News	St. Anne's Court, High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	074 912 1014	www.donegalnews.com
Donegal People's Press	Larkin House, Oldtown Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	074 974 0160	www.donegallive.ie
Donegal Post	Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal.	074 974 0160	www.donegaldaily.com
Drogheda Independent	9 Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.	041 983 8658	www.independent.ie
Dublin Gazette	Suite 15, The Cube, Sandyford, Dublin 18.	01 601 0240	www.dublingazette.com
Dublin Inquirer	65 Crumlin Road, Dublin 12.	087 392 4796	www.dublininquirer.com
Dundalk Democrat	7 Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth	042 933 4058	www.dundalkdemocrat.ie
Dundalk Leader	63 Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	042 932 0888	www.dundalkleader.com
Enniscorthy Guardian	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Galway Advertiser	41 Eyre Square, Galway.	091 530 900	www.advertiser.ie/galway
Gorey Guardian	Market Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford.	053 942 1091	www.independent.ie
Inish Times	33 Upper Main Street, Ardaraen, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.	074 934 1055	www.donegallive.ie
Kerrys Eye	22 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 714 9200	www.kerryseye.com
Kildare Nationalist	Hanover House, Hanover, Carlow.	045 432 147	www.kildare-nationalist.ie
Kildare Post	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.	045 408200	www.KildareNow.com
Kilkenny People	34 High Street, Kilkenny.	056 772 1015	www.kilkennypeople.ie
Laois Nationalist	Coliseum Lane, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 867 0216	www.laois-nationalist.ie
Leinster Express	107 Main Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 862 1666	www.leinsterexpress.ie
Leinster Leader	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.	045 897 302	www.leinsterleader.ie
Leitrim Observer	3 Hartley Business Park, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.	071 962 0025	www.leitrimobserver.ie
Limerick Leader	29 Glentworth Street, Limerick.	061 214 500	www.limerickleader.ie
Limerick Post	97 Henry Street, Limerick V94 V4Y2	061 413322	www.limerickpost.ie

Longford Leader	Leader House, Dublin Road, Longford.	043 334 5241	www.longfordleader.ie
Mayo Advertiser	Chapel Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	094 903 5010	
Mayo News	The Fairgreen, Westport, Co. Mayo.	098 253 11	www.mayonews.ie
Meath Chronicle	Market Square, Navan, Co. Meath.	046 907 9600	www.meathchronicle.ie
Midland Tribune	Main Street, Birr, Co. Offaly.	057 912 0003	www.offalylive.ie
Munster Express	37 The Quay, Waterford.	051 872 141	www.munster-express.ie
Nenagh Guardian	13 Summerhill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.	067 312 14	www.nenaghguardian.ie
New Ross Standard	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Northern Standard	The Diamond, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.	047 821 88	www.northernstandard.ie
Roscommon Herald	St. Patricks Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.	071 966 2004	www.roscommonherald.ie
Sligo Champion	Connacht House, Markievicz Road, Sligo.	071 916 9222	www.sligochampion.ie
The Anglo Celt	Kilmore Business Park, Dublin Road, Cavan.	049 433 1100	www.anglocelt.ie
The Argus	Partnership Court, Park Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	042 933 4632	www.independent.ie
The Avondhu	Avondhu Press, 18 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.	025 24451	www.avondhupress.ie
The Clare Echo	36c Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare	065 671 9021	www.clareecho.ie
The Corkman	The Spa, Mallow, Co. Cork.	022 423 94	www.independent.ie
The Echo	Linn Dubh, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 427 2722	www.echolive.ie
The Kerryman	Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 714 5560	www.independent.ie
The Leader	29 Glentworth Street, Limerick.	061 214500	www.limerickleader.ie
The Premier South Tipperary News	153 Dudley's Mill, Coileville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.	086 2402753	www.thepremiernewspaper.com
The Southern Star	Ilen Street, Skibbereen, Cork.	028 212 00	www.southernstar.ie
Tipperary Star	Friar Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	0504 291 00	www.tipperarylive.ie
Tuam Herald	Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.	093 241 83	www.tuamherald.ie
Tullamore Tribune	William Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.	057 932 1152	www.offalylive.ie
Waterford News & Star	Gladstone House, Gladstone Street, Waterford.	051 874 951	www.waterford-news.com
Western People	Tone Street, Ballina, Co. Mayo.	096 60 999	www.westernpeople.ie
Westmeath Examiner	Blackhall Place, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.	044 934 6700	www.westmeathexaminer.ie
Westmeath Independent	11 Sean Costello Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	090 643 4300	www.westmeathindependent.ie
Wexford People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Wicklow People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie

MAGAZINES

Accountancy Ireland	Chartered Accountants House, 47-49 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.	01 637 7392	www.accountancyireland.ie
Business Plus	Top Floor, Two Haddington Building, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4.	01 256 0800	info@businessplus-ie.go-vip.net
Hot Press	100 Capel Street, Dublin 1.	01 241 1500	www.hotpress.com
Ireland's Own	Channing House, Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0140	www.irelandsown.ie
Irish Country Magazine	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 419 9500	www.irishcountrymagazine.ie
Irish Medical Times	Merchants' Hall, 25 Merchants' Quay, Dublin 8.	01 817 6347	www.imt.ie
Irish Tatler Magazine	Post Publications Ltd, 2nd Floor, Block B, The Merrion Centre, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	01 602 6000	www.irishtatler.com
Law Society Gazette	Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.	01 672 4828	www.lawsocietygazette.ie
RTÉ Guide	RTÉ Publishing, RTE, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.	01 208 2920	www.rteguide.ie
RSVP	Independent House, 27-32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 829 9685	www.rsvplive.ie
Síocháin	Garda Síochána Retired Members Association, 5 Harrington Street, Dublin 8.	01 478 1525	www.gardaretired.com
Stubbs Gazette	The Priory, Stillorgan Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.	01 672 5939	www.stubbsgazette.ie
The Gloss	Gloss Publications Ltd., The Courtyard, 40 Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.	01 275 5130	www.thegloss.ie
The Irish Field	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 405 1100	www.irishfield.ie
The Irish Journalist	NUJ, 2nd Floor, Spencer House, Spencer Row, Off Store Street, Dublin 1.	01 817 0340	www.nuj.org.uk
Village	Ormond Quay Publishing, 6 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7.	01 873 5824	www.villagemagazine.ie

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CarlowLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.carlowlive.ie
ClareLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01-678 0000	www.clarelive.ie
CorkBeo.ie	Morrison House, Morrison Quay, Cork.	021 494 970	www.corkbeo.ie
DerryNow.com	19 Carlisle Road, Derry BT48 6JJ.	00 44 28 7129 6600	www.derrynow.com
DonegalLive.ie	Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal.	074 912 8000	www.donegallive.ie
DublinLive.ie	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1	01 868 8600	www.dublinlive.ie
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EVOKE.ie	DMG Media (Ireland), Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4	01 256 0800	www.evoke.ie
Extra.ie	DMG Media (Ireland), Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4	01 256 0800	www.extra.ie
GalwayBeo.ie	Independent House, 27- 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 868 8600	www.galwaybeo.ie
Gript.ie	Gript Media, 6 Gardiner Place, Dublin 1.	news@gript.ie	www.gript.ie
InishLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.inishlive.ie
IrelandLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.irelandlive.ie
KildareLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.kildarelive.ie
KildareNow.com	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.	045 408200	www.kildarenow.com
KilkennyLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.2.	01 678 0000	www.kilkennylive.ie
LaoisLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.laoislive.ie
LeitrimLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.leitrimlive.ie
LetterkennyLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.letterkennylive. ie
LimerickLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.2.	01 678 0000	www.limericklive.ie
LongfordLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.longfordlive.ie

LouthLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.louthlive.ie
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NenaghLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.nenaghlive.ie
OffalyExpress.ie	107 Lower Main Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 862 1666	www.offalyexpress.ie
OffalyLive.ie	Main Street, Birr, Co. Offaly.	057 912 0003	www.offalylive.ie
TheDitch.com	Ditch Media Ltd, 71 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.	info@ontheditch.com	www.ontheditch.com
Rollercoaster.ie	DMG Media (Ireland), Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4.	01 256 0800	www.rollercoaster.ie
TheJournal.ie	Journal Media Ltd, 3rd Floor, Latin Hall, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.	hello@thejournal.ie	www.thejournal.ie
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TipperaryLive.ie	Tipperary Star, Friar Street, Thurles,	Co. Tipperary.	0504 291 00
WaterfordLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.waterfordlive.ie

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Miscellany	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Motley	UCC Students' Union, 54 College Road, Cork.	021 490 3218	www.motley.ie
Pirhana!	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
SIN	C/o Students' Union, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUI Galway.	091 493 262	www.sin.ie
University Observer	UCD Students' Union, UCD Sports & Student Centre, Belfield, Dublin 4.	01 716 3835	www.universityobserver.ie
The University Times	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.universitytimes.ie
TN2	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Trinity Film Review	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Trinity News	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitynews.ie
UCC Express	UCC Students' Union, 54 College Road, Cork.	021 490 3218	www.uccexpress.ie

Code of Practice

Preamble

The freedom to publish is vital to the right of the people to be informed. This freedom includes the right of the press to publish what it considers to be news, without fear or favour, and the right to comment upon it.

Freedom of the press carries responsibilities. Members of the press have a duty to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards.

This Code sets the benchmark for those standards. It is the duty of the Press Ombudsman and Press Council of Ireland to ensure that it is honoured in the spirit as well as in the letter, and it is the duty of Press Council print and online media members (the press) to assist them in that task.

In dealing with complaints, the Ombudsman and Press Council will give consideration to what they perceive to be the public interest. It is for them to define the public interest in each case, but the general principle is that the public interest is invoked in relation to a matter capable of affecting the people at large so that they may legitimately be interested in receiving and the print and online news media legitimately interested in providing information about it.

Principle 1 – Truth and Accuracy

- 1.1 In reporting news and information, the press shall strive at all times for truth and accuracy.
- 1.2 When a significant inaccuracy, misleading statement or distorted report or picture has been published, it shall be corrected promptly and with due prominence.
- 1.3 When appropriate, a retraction, apology, clarification, explanation or response shall be published promptly and with due prominence.

Principle 2 – Distinguishing Fact and Comment

- 2.1 The press is entitled to advocate strongly its own views on topics.
- 2.2 Comment, conjecture, rumour and unconfirmed reports shall not be reported as if they are fact.
- 2.3 Readers are entitled to expect that the content of the press reflects the best judgment of editors and writers and has not been inappropriately influenced by undisclosed interests. Wherever relevant, any significant financial interest of an organization should be disclosed. Writers should disclose significant potential conflicts of interest to their editors.

Principle 3 – Fair Procedures and Honesty

- 3.1 The press shall strive at all times for fair procedures and honesty in the procuring and publishing of news and information.
- 3.2 The press shall not obtain information, photographs or other material through misrepresentation or subterfuge, unless justified by the public interest.
- 3.3 Journalists and photographers must not obtain, or seek to obtain, information and photographs through harassment, unless their actions are justified in the public interest.

Principle 4 – Respect for Rights

Everyone has constitutional protection for his or her good name. The press shall not knowingly publish matter based on malicious misrepresentation or unfounded accusations, and must take reasonable care in checking facts before publication.

Principle 5 – Privacy

5.1 Privacy is a human right, protected as a personal right in the Irish Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights, which is incorporated into Irish law. The private and family life, home and correspondence of everyone must be respected.

5.2 Readers are entitled to have news and comment presented with respect for the privacy and sensibilities of individuals. However, the right to privacy should not prevent publication of matters of public record or in the public interest.

5.3 Sympathy and discretion must be shown at all times in seeking information in situations of personal grief or shock. In publishing such information, the feelings of grieving families should be taken into account. This should not be interpreted as restricting the right to report judicial proceedings.

5.4 Public persons are entitled to privacy. However, where people hold public office, deal with public affairs, follow a public career, or have sought or obtained publicity for their activities, publication of relevant details of their private life and circumstances may be justifiable where the information revealed relates to the validity of their conduct, the credibility of their public statements, the value of their publicly expressed views or is otherwise in the public interest.

5.5 Taking photographs of individuals in private places without their consent is not acceptable, unless justified by the public interest.

Principle 6 – Protection of Sources

Journalists shall protect confidential sources of information.

Principle 7 – Court Reporting

The press shall strive to ensure that court reports (including the use of images) are fair and accurate, are not prejudicial to the right to a fair trial and that the presumption of innocence is respected.

Principle 8 – Prejudice

The press shall not publish material intended or likely to cause grave offence or stir up hatred against an individual or group on the basis of their race, religion, nationality, colour, ethnic origin, membership of the travelling community, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, illness or age.

Principle 9 – Children

9.1 The press shall take particular care in seeking and presenting information or comment about a child under the age of 18.

9.2 Journalists and editors should have regard for the vulnerability of children, and in all dealings with children should bear in mind the age of the child, whether parental or other adult consent has been obtained for such dealings, the sensitivity of the subject matter, and what circumstances if any make the story one of public interest. Young people should be free to complete their time at school without unnecessary intrusion. The fame, notoriety or position of a parent or guardian must not be used as sole justification for publishing details of a child's private life.

Principle 10 – Reporting of Suicide

In the reporting of suicide, excessive detail of the means of suicide should be avoided.

Principle 11 - Publication of the Decision of the Press Ombudsman / Press Council

11.1 When requested or required by the Press Ombudsman and/or the Press Council to do so, the press shall publish the decision in relation to a complaint with due prominence.

11.2 The content of this Code will be reviewed at regular intervals.



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