

Airfield Estate Annual Review

For the year ending 31 December 2017



airfield
estate

farm

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heritage

food

2017 At A Glance



173,542 visitors participated in our educational and recreational activities, including heritage, farm, gardens and agricultural festivals



Educational courses were provided to **10,639** students



Our social inclusion programmes engaged with a total of **2,100** participants



We harvested **5,821** kgs of fresh produce from our food gardens and planted **550** new plants and shrubs throughout the estate



117,071 visitors enjoyed a sustainable dining experience at Airfield



2,399 signed up for annual membership by the end of 2017

EVENTS



7,296 customers attended family and corporate events



Employment provided to over **85** full-time and part-time staff

Our Mission

We have a simple mission to deliver experiences that re-connect people with the land and educate them about the food it produces. We bring our own mission to life through a wide range of courses and programmes as well as our daily activities which include milking, farm animal feeding, egg collection, heritage tours, garden walks, food growing and harvesting.

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Throughout 2017 we continued to develop our educational, social inclusion and recreational programmes. We launched our innovative “**Food Series**” conferences to provide a forum for dialogue and debate on topical food related issues, with each session led by a panel of industry experts.

We held two “**Food Series**” events during 2017 and participants included educators, second level students, food critics, health professionals, nutrition experts and public sector representatives.

We ran our third **Food Festival** in September 2017 which was another huge success, offering free access to over 11,000 visitors. The Festival focused on engaging the public on the benefits of local, seasonal and sustainably produced food, the importance of reducing food waste and the role they could play in achieving this.

Our membership base expanded steadily throughout the year and our members continue to learn and grow with the changing seasons at Airfield. Overends Kitchen is now farm and garden led and works daily with the seasonal produce from the surrounding fields and local producers.

In 2017 we ran a number of very unique culinary events in collaboration with the well-known Irish chef Robin Gill, who now runs a number of successful restaurants in London. These culinary experiences showcased the very best and the not so well known produce that Ireland has to offer.

We continued to develop and enhance our various social inclusion programmes, which now include working alongside St. Michael’s House, Camphill, HSE Mental Health Services, the Simon Community and St. Augustine’s School. These programmes are an integral part of our educational mission and we look forward to expanding our range of partners over the coming years.



Grainne Kelliher, CEO Airfield Estate

Some of our Activities 2017

FOOD
SERIES



SOCIAL INCLUSION
PARTNERS WORKING
WITH AIRFIELD STAFF



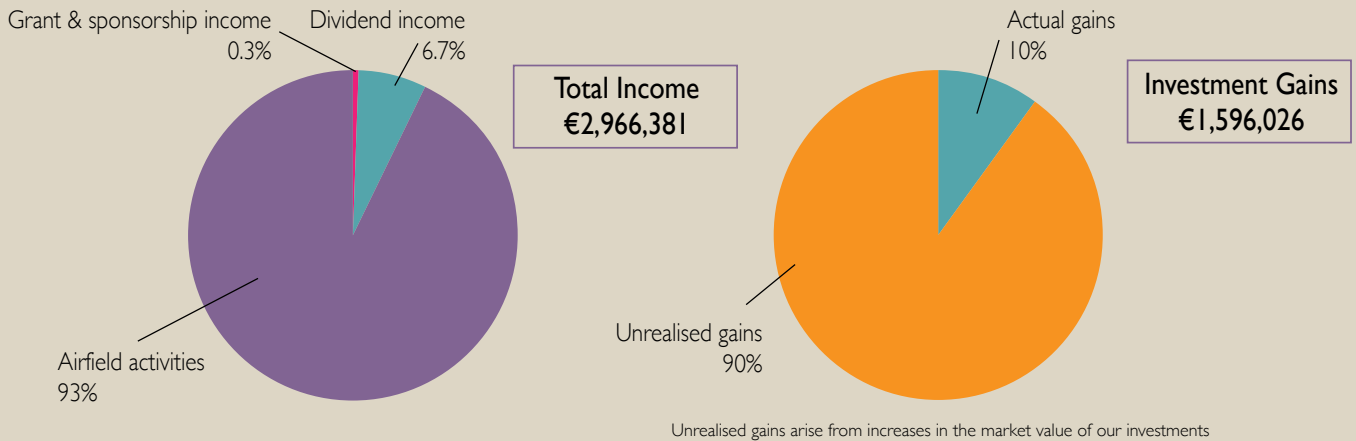
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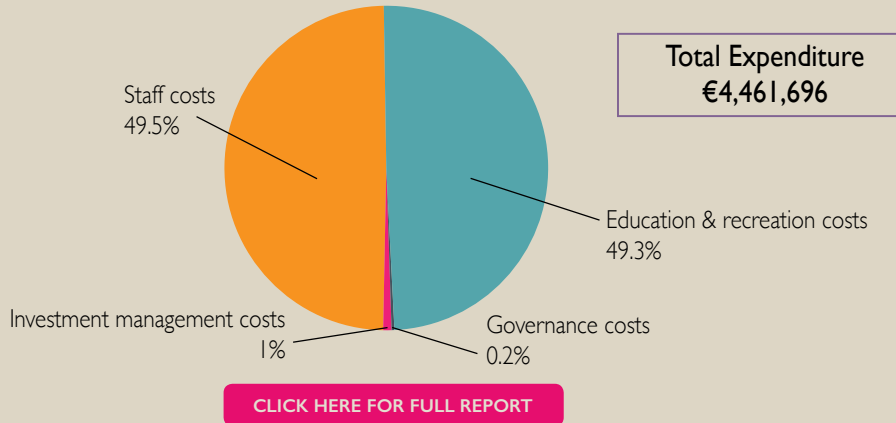
GRASS
TO GLASS
EXPERIENCE



Airfield Estate 2017 Income & Investment Gains



Airfield Estate 2017 Expenditure



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