



# King George VI Memorial Youth Council Act (Northern Ireland) 1957 <sup>F1</sup>

## 1957 CHAPTER 23

An Act to provide for the establishment and functioning of the King George VI Northern Ireland Youth Council; to authorise and give effect to an agreement for conveying to that Council certain lands in May Street in the City of Belfast and for the erection thereon by that Council of a building as a memorial to His late Majesty King George the Sixth and for use as a Youth Centre; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid or any of them. [12th December 1957]

**F1** Functions transf., SR 1999/481

### **1 Establishment of the Council.**

- (1) As from the passing of this Act there shall be established a body to be known as King George VI Northern Ireland Youth Council (in this Act referred to as “the Council”).
- (2) The provisions of the First Schedule shall apply to the Council.

### **2 Functions of the Council.**

- (1) The general functions of the Council (to the extent only that such functions are charitable) shall be:—
  - (a) to encourage the development of body, mind and spirit through physical and cultural activities, and to inculcate qualities of leadership and, especially, to promote the well-being of young people through any form of physical or cultural activity;
  - (b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities and services for, or in connection with, any form of physical or cultural activity and for encouraging social intercourse and well-being generally including the provision of facilities for training whole-time and voluntary coaches, leaders and instructors for youth organisations, institutions controlled or assisted by

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local education authorities and other institutions or bodies concerned with the well-being of young people;

- (c) to undertake trust business for the benefit of any such organisation, institution or body as aforesaid or any sports club or athletic or physical training or cultural association, including the holding of land as custodian or trustee; and
  - (d) to do all such other things as the Council may consider conducive to the carrying out of any one or more of its functions under this Act and which shall be consistent with the objects of the national memorial to His late Majesty King George the Sixth.
- (2) Without prejudice to sub-section (1) it shall be a specific function of the Council—
- (a) to enter into and carry into effect an agreement (in this Act referred to as “the vesting agreement”) with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Belfast acting by the Council as the Local Education Authority for the County Borough of Belfast (in this Act referred to as “the Corporation”) in terms of the draft set out in the Second Schedule; and
  - (b) to apply any sums made available to the Council, by the Council of the King George VI Foundation or otherwise, for the purposes of any of the functions of the Council.
- (3) The Council shall have and may exercise all such powers as are reasonably necessary for or incidental to the carrying out of its functions under this Act, including power to enter into and carry out agreements for the provision by any other person of any facility or service which the Council is authorised to provide.

### 3 Execution and operation of vesting agreement.

*Subs. (1)(2) rep. by SLR 1980*

- (3) On the date of execution of the vesting agreement this sub-section shall operate, without further assurance,—
- (a) to vest in the Council an absolute and indefeasible title to the fee simple in possession of the lands described in paragraph 1 of the vesting agreement (which are in that agreement and hereafter in this Act referred to as “the May Street site”) free from encumbrances and freed and discharged from all trusts, powers or conditions whatsoever to which the same are or may be subject under section thirty-one of, or under the agreement set out in the Schedule to, the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1930 <sup>M1</sup>, or under the Indenture of Conveyance mentioned in the preceding sub-section or otherwise howsoever arising; and

*Para. (b) rep. by SLR 1980*

#### Marginal Citations

M1 1930 c. 14

### 4 Exemption of vesting agreement from stamp duty.

- (1) Section twelve of the Finance Act, 1895 <sup>M2</sup>, shall not operate to require the delivery to the Ministry of a copy of this Act or the payment of stamp duty under that section on any copy of this Act.

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- (2) Stamp duty shall not be chargeable on the vesting agreement.
- (3) Section nine of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 <sup>M3</sup>, shall not apply to the vesting agreement.

**Marginal Citations**

**M2** 1895 c. 16

**M3** 1936 c. 33

**5 Power to appoint new members of Council in certain events.**

In case at any time there shall be fewer members of the Council than the minimum number contemplated by the provisions of the First Schedule it shall be lawful for the Ministry by notice to call upon the remaining members of the Council (or such of them as shall be resident in Northern Ireland) to fill the vacancies; and in case of their being unwilling or unable to do so it shall be lawful for the Ministry, after the expiration of two months from the date of such notice, to appoint new members of the Council in addition to the existing or acting members of the Council to the intent that there may be the full minimum number of members of the Council contemplated.

**6 Provision for alteration of First Schedule.**

The provisions of the First Schedule may be altered or amended by the Council in such form and to such extent as may be approved by the Ministry in writing.

**7 Reports and returns by the Council.**

The Council shall make such reports and returns, and give to the Ministry such information as to the funds, property and income under the control of the Council as the Ministry may from time to time require.

**8 Short title.**

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## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Sections 1, 5 and 6.

#### INCORPORATION

- 1 (1) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with capacity to acquire and hold land ...<sup>F2</sup>, so however, that the Council shall not acquire any land (other than the May Street site) without the consent of the Ministry.
- (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Ministry;—
- (a) sell, lease, surrender, mortgage, charge, or otherwise deal with any land for the time being vested in the Council; and
  - (b) exchange any land for the time being vested in the Council;
- and on any such exchange the Council may give or receive any money for equality of exchange.
- (3) The Council may borrow, by way of temporary loan or overdraft from a bank or otherwise, any sum which it may temporarily require:—
- (a) for the purpose of defraying expenses pending the receipt of revenues receivable by it;
  - (b) for the purpose of defraying, pending the raising of a loan on mortgage, expenses intended to be defrayed by means of the loan.
- (4) The Council may accept donations and bequests and receive aid from public funds and apply the same for the purposes of the Council.
- (5) The Council may erect buildings or reconstruct existing buildings and carry out such other works as the Council shall think fit.

<b>F2</b> 1960 c.20 (NI)
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- 2 The Council may sue and be sued in its own name.

#### MEMBERSHIP

- 3 (1) The Council shall consist of not more than forty nor less than twenty-five members.
- (2) The Lord Mayor of Belfast, the Mayor of Londonderry, the Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast and the Chairman of the Youth Committee for Northern Ireland for the time being shall be ex-officio members of the Council.
- (3) Each of the following bodies shall be entitled from time to time to appoint the number of members of the Council set opposite the name of each body as representative or

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representatives of the body making the appointment, and to remove any person so appointed and to appoint another person in his place:—

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The Ulster Association of County Councils:	One Person.
The Association of Municipal Authorities of Northern Ireland:	One Person.
The Association of Rural District Councils (Northern Ireland)	One Person.
The Association of Northern Ireland Education Committees:	One Person.
The Standing Conference of Youth Organisations in Northern Ireland:	Six Persons.
The Central Council of Physical Recreation, Northern Ireland Section:	Four Persons.
The Federal Council of Teachers in Northern Ireland:	One Person.
The Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts (Northern Ireland):	One Person.
The Northern Ireland Council of Social Service (Incorporated)	One Person.

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In the event of any one or more of the said bodies ceasing to exist or failing to appoint a representative within three months of a vacancy occurring, the Council may appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

- (4) The Council when first established shall consist of the persons holding office or appointed under the provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph together with the following persons:—

*Residue specifies 14 persons*

- 4 The Council may from time to time appoint a Patron of the Council. The Council may also from time to time appoint a President and Vice-Presidents of the Council.
- 5 The Council may add to its members but so that the total number of members shall not at any time exceed forty and may, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 3, appoint any members in place of persons who have died or otherwise ceased to be members.
- 6 A member of the Council who has—
- (a) communicated in writing to the Council his wish to resign;
  - (b) not attended four consecutive meetings of the Council;
  - (c) ceased to be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland;
  - (d) been convicted of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
  - (e) been adjudicated bankrupt; or
  - (f) become incapable of acting;
- shall cease to be a member.