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Annual Report Summary

April 2023 to March 2024

This is the first formal Annual Report for the International Learning Collaborative Incorporated (ILC Inc.). The report covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The full report can be accessed [here](#).

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Message from the Chairperson

The ILC is now a truly international force promoting fundamental care as a real solution to the most wicked of challenges we face in health and social care – chiefly, improving patient outcomes, but importantly, retaining a professional, empowered, proficient, and respected nursing and care workforce. I am excited for the year ahead and working with colleagues everywhere in our goal to embed fundamental care in practice, education, policy and research.

Prof Alison Kitson, ILC Chairperson



The 2023/24 year was a significant one for the ILC. Since incorporation in November 2022, the ILC has:

- Established new governance structures and systems:
 - Management Committee elected in June 2023
 - Strategy & Policy Forum established and operational
 - Regional Networks established and functioning
 - Special Interest Groups – Research, Education – established and functioning
- Established financial systems, banking and accounting policies and procedures
- Successfully ran a conference in the United States – Portland, Maine – hosted by Founding Partner Maine Medical Centre
- Successfully presented two Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP) Intensive Workshops – in Portland Maine, and in Adelaide, with the Adelaide workshop sold out.
- Awarded three scholarships to the Portland Maine conference.
- Signed on Uppsala Universitet as the sixth Founding Partner to invest in the ILC Development Fund, with negotiations well advanced to have Health New Zealand join as the seventh and final Founding Partner.
- Published the Maine Statement in the Journal of Advanced Nursing January 2024.
- Updated and launched a new website and membership database November 2023.

Our Vision

The ILCs Vision is to transform care globally by valuing and prioritising person-centred fundamental care.



Our Mission

The ILCs Mission is to embed person-centred fundamental care in practice globally, through education, research, advocacy, and policy.

We will achieve our Mission by valuing, talking, doing, owning and researching fundamental care.

[More on our vision & mission.](#)

Financial Performance

The ILC finances are healthy. As a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus funds are reinvested in activities to benefit all Members. Revenue from memberships and ticket sales exceeded \$AUD400,000. Expenses largely relate to the contractor and other costs for running the conference and Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP). The final surplus achieved was \$AUD138,739.

There has been growth in Organisation Memberships, with eleven organisations signing up in the past 12 months. Proposals have been written for another 15 organisations, with the ambition to have all those formally signed up as Members in the next few months.

Surplus funds will be investment in projects, scholarships, and Fellowships to support Members to implement fundamental care throughout their practices, education, policy and in research.

[The audited financial statements are available here.](#)



2023 ILC International Conference, Portland Maine USA

Dates: 12 – 13 June 2023

Location: Portland, Maine, United States and Virtual

Theme: The Fundamental Care [R]evolution - Galvanizing local efforts to inspire global impact

- Two Days in Portland Maine
- 152 In person attendees
- 57 Virtual attendees
- 13 Countries Represented
- 33 Presentations

“Care is the new cure, care is cool, care is core, care is the future”.



The 2023 ILC Maine Statement

Kitson, A., Carr, D., Feo, R., Conroy, T., & Jeffs, L. (2024). The ILC Maine statement: Time for the fundamental care [r]evolution. Journal of Advanced Nursing, 00, 1–14

The ILC Maine Statement calls for ongoing action – [r]evolution – from healthcare leaders and staff within clinical practice to prioritize fundamental care throughout healthcare systems globally.

- Address non- nursing tasks: reclaim and protect time to provide high-value fundamental care.
- Accentuate the positive: change from deficit- based to affirmative language when describing fundamental care.
- Access evidence and assess impact: demonstrate transformation in fundamental care by generating relevant indicators and impact measures and rigorously synthesizing existing research.
- Advocate for interprofessional collaboration: support high-quality, transdisciplinary fundamental care delivery via strong nursing leadership.

Marketing & Communications

The key marketing objectives during the 2023/2024 financial year were:

- Improve the look and feel of the ILC website
- Improve the functionality of the ILC membership management system
- Improve communication with our membership database
- Successfully promote and hold the ILC Conference in Portland, Maine & Leadership and Mentoring Programs in Maine and in Adelaide, South Australia
- Help to grow the organisational and individual member database



Erik Elgaard Sørensen Foundation Fellowship Program

In memory of fundamentals of care colleague, Professor Erik Sørensen, from Denmark, a Fellowship Program has been designed to develop ILC resources and tools for Members. The first Fellow is Dr Rebecca Feo, nominated by Platinum Founding Partner, Flinders University.



Membership

Individual ILC membership numbers steadily increased over the past financial year. The table below shows the numbers as of April 2023. We saw an uptake in membership before the conference as people access a member-only discount to purchase their conference tickets.

Organisational membership climbed significantly in 2023/24.

Organisation	Country	Amount
Individual		144
Student		10
Maine Medical Centre (FP)	USA	90
Sinai Health (FP)	Canada	50
Aalborg University Hospital (FP)	Denmark	20
UCN - University College Northern Denmark (FP)	Denmark	20
Flinders University (FP)	Australia	250
Uppsala University (FP)	Sweden	20
Malmo	Sweden	20
Midt Denmark	Denmark	37
Gold Coast Hospital	Australia	40
Carl-Thiem Klinikum Cottbus	Germany	20
Hvidovre Hospital	Denmark	20
Regional Hospital North Denmark	Denmark	15
Essex NHS Trust	UK	20
Uppsala University Hospital	Sweden	9
Queens Nursing Institute	UK	20
TOTAL		805

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