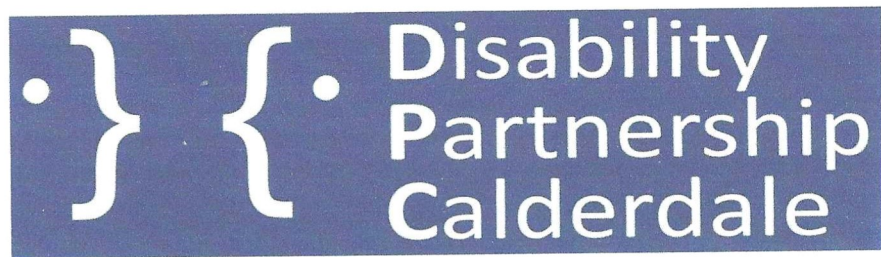


Disability Partnership Calderdale

Charity number 1155007

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024



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Disability Partnership Calderdale

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Marion Spruce	Chair	
Malcolm Kielty MBE	Secretary	
Geraldine Rushton	Treasurer	
Rosie Orford		Resigned 13 October 2023
David Ashton		
Shabir Hussain		Resigned 4 March 2024
Donna Turner		
Brian Sutcliffe		
Alison Schofield		Appointed 28 November 2023
Georgina King		Appointed 10 October 2024

Charity number 1155007 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Resource Centre	The Co-operative Bank PLC
Hall Street	1 Balloon Street
Halifax	Manchester
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Independent examiner

Rhys North ACA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 13 December 2013 and is governed by a constitution. This was amended on 26 July 2022.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The charity's objects are to relieve the needs of disabled people, for the public benefit, in Calderdale to enable them to live as independently as possible by:-

- a) Working in partnership with commissioners and service providers to raise awareness of issues of concern to disabled people, so that commissioners and service providers can make improvements to maximise access to mainstream and specialist services for people with physical and sensory impairments;
- b) Raising the profile of disabled people in Calderdale;
- c) Developing the CIO as an independent user led organisation (ULO) of adults who are interested in working together to support change for disabled people who live and/or work in Calderdale and have physical and/or sensory impairments;
- d) Delivering services and organising and facilitating events involving disabled people, to make the long term future of the CIO more secure;
- e) Holding regular meetings which look at issues in detail, where the membership works together in partnership with numerous commissioners and service providers to identify barriers faced by disabled people and improve service design and delivery so that disabled people have better access, experiences, improved wellbeing and quality of life;
- f) Ensuring that disabled people are fully informed about policy changes that may affect their lives;
- g) Empowering disabled people to take control of their lives and have greater confidence, choice, control and a louder voice over the way their needs are met so they can influence service improvement;
- h) Ensuring that disabled people have greater access to housing, health, education, employment, leisure, and transport opportunities and can participate in family and community life.

The charity's main activities

We are an organisation of disabled people, led by disabled people. Our members are disabled people, mostly with physical and/or sensory impairments. Nine of our ten Trustees are disabled people. Our Trustees meet monthly and they are very involved, committed and fully informed.

We operate at the heart of a partnership of Disabled Peoples' organisations in Calderdale. We are at the 'hub' of a Disability Partnership, and act as a key conduit between service providers and commissioners, and the people living with disabilities who use those services. We provide information, signposting, engagement and consultation as a two-way process between both the statutory, voluntary and private sectors and disabled people, and know that we are best placed to deliver our work. By involving disabled people in this way, we aim to achieve the removal of barriers to access, and improvements to services for the benefit of disabled people.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to enable disabled people in Calderdale to live as independently as possible by working in partnership with service providers and commissioners to raise awareness of issues of concern to disabled people and to maximise access to mainstream and specialist services.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance

Throughout the 2023/2024 reporting period Disability Partnership Calderdale has continued to work tirelessly to increase our visibility, profile and influence across Calderdale and Kirklees's VCS, Public and Private Sectors on behalf of the disabled community. Work has focussed on ensuring the disabled community is aware of available services, informed about such services and how services are adapted to meet the needs of the community.

Here are some of the work we have done to support this purpose:

Through the continued excellent work of trustees and workers we have increased the reach of our electronic weekly newsletter (through Mailchimp sign-up) by 23%

April 1 2023: 547 contacts an increase of 119

April 1 2024: 776 contacts an increase of 129 (+ 23% year-on year)

We continue to work hard to ensure that our membership is represented by people from all Calderdale and Kirklees Localities and all 9 x 'Protected Characteristics' Groups. We have seen a 10% increase in the Under 30's and South Asian members in the reporting period 2023 to 2024. One of our Development workers regularly attends meetings and events and has been invited to sit on the WAC committee.

Weekly meetings are attended by up to 30 South Asian women.

Under 30s "membership" engagement also continues to grow. We work alongside partner organisations (e.g. Unique Ways) whose target groups are under 18s, as young people leave Unique Ways they are signposted to Disability Partnership Calderdale.

We continue to develop close links with Halifax Panthers Wheelchair Rugby League team, the vast majority of their 36 members are under the age of 30.

We have established direct links to Calderdale Wheelchair Basketball Club, which has an emerging membership of mixed ages and genders. Parents and carers who have impairments. Numbers at the moment 10 individuals with potential to grow significantly in the next 12 months

Overall we have gained 76 new members in this hard to reach sector in the last 12 months.

Disability Partnership Calderdale continue to act as an information and advisory hub working with a wide range of partners and service users to make sure the widest possible engagement for our disabled communities. To this end we circulate information on consultations and how to engage with them, we do not always know the extent to which individuals respond. We do however "consult" with our members at every event we hold i.e. every open meeting averages 30 individuals. Other events attract large attendances including:

2nd May 2023 Coronation garden party (74)

2nd June 2023 – DPC Scooter Rally in Shibden Park (27)

19th December 2023 Open meeting Christmas Party (118)

We also distribute consultation information on behalf of partners with 36 consultations posted on the website in the reporting period.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

These are tracked by looking at the category "consultation" which is attached to any news item that involves a consultation. Issues covered include these (consultation article titles):

Consultation: Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust, Consultation: Shaping The Future of Disabled Care, Calderdale Housing Survey, Huddersfield Rail Station Consultation, Bradford Interchange Consultation, Participants needed for floods research project , Calderdale Climate Action Plan Consultation, Learning Disability and Autism Survey, Parasol Disability & Health Event, Help shape the future of pharmacy in England, Work at Halifax Station Set To Make Platform Access Step-Only, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Consultation, Report: How disabled people's voices can be prioritised in health and care services, West Yorkshire Bus Service Consultation, Request for "insights" from Calderdale wheelchair users, First 2021 Calderdale Census Data Out, National Disability Strategy Consultation, Hip Replacement Consultation, CQC's Hearing Impaired Care Survey, Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan Petition, Research Project: Improving flood recovery for disabled women, Petition: Make deaf awareness compulsory, Active Calderdale Survey, North Bridge and A58 flyover consultation, The RNIB Wants to Hear From You!, Active Calderdale Survey, Unique Ways Annual Survey, Consultation: Government SEND Green Paper

We continue to host our popular Open Meetings on a minimum of a bi monthly basis. The meetings are well attended and much appreciated by our members. We invite guest speakers from organisations who can provide practical information, and often solutions to individual issues, to each meeting. We try and vary the themes of presentations and invite members to request organisations from particular sectors that are topical. All our open meetings are recorded with copies available to members and wider stakeholders.

Our 2023/24 meeting schedule was:

25 April 2023: Open meeting (32)
2 May 2023: Kings Coronation Garden Party (74)
2 June 2023: Shibden Scooter Social: (27)
27 June 2023: Citizens Advice Calderdale: (40)
22 August 2023: Calderdale Sign Language Services. (43)
24 October 2023: Mobile Policeman Museum (37)
28 November 2023: AGM: (35)
19 December 2023: Christmas party: (124)
27 February 2024: Open Meeting Overgate Hospice (31)

We ensure the Disability Partnership Calderdale website is continually refreshed and provides up to date information, including a 'Directory of Services' for Disabled People in Calderdale and Kirklees.

We aim to Publish 10 news items every week, with 571 new items published in the reporting period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

Our weekly newsletter, which are sent via post and email, continues to be the 'Go-To' source of information for Calderdale's Disabled Community. We have seen a continued growth in subscribers from 547 as of 1 April 2023 to 776 at 1 April 2024: increase of 129 (+ 23% year-on year).

Disability Partnership Calderdale has an eye on the future and we are keen to Create an 'Income generation and self- sustaining strategy', that will address ways for us to become more financially independent and less dependent on grant funding (e.g. charging for services, creation of advertorial magazine, partnership bids for individual projects).

This process has begun with a number of internal stakeholder discussions as well as external partner/ stakeholder meetings.

We have received a small amount of funding to help produce a "hard copy" bi monthly Magazine which we will publish and use to attract advertising, editorial and advertorial income.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

We are also developing a Podcast which again will fulfil our objectives of communication with our communities and stakeholders and attract potential commercial support.

Partnership work with other like minded charities to maximise our outcomes and commercial/ grant funding income.

We continue to position ourselves to be able to charge for advisory services e.g. accessibility audits for public and private organisations.

We are looking to other Local authority areas within the West Yorkshire region to see if there is scope to extend our network which again helps attract more commercial / local grant income.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £3,378, including net payments of £1,557 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £4,935 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £10,629.

The Board of trustees have agreed that unrestricted funds should not fall below £1,000.

The Board is reviewing their reserves policy in 2024/2025 with a view to then taking action, as appropriate, to manage their reserves towards the target reserves level.

Approved by the board of trustees on 26th November 2024

Signed: David Ashton (Trustee)

Name: DAVID ASHTON

Disability Partnership Calderdale

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Disability Partnership Calderdale

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Rhys North ACA

27/11/2024

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Disability Partnership Calderdale
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	1,729	71,850	73,579	75,482
Fee income		450	-	450	6,161
Total receipts		<u>2,179</u>	<u>71,850</u>	<u>74,029</u>	<u>81,643</u>
Payments					
Venue hire		-	858	858	3,185
BSL interpreting service		-	1,998	1,998	2,291
Administration		1,758	2,935	4,693	9,760
Transport		31	478	509	1,706
Catering		-	3,322	3,322	550
Independent examination		1,056	-	1,056	420
Website		141	5,443	5,584	4,620
Insurance		-	393	393	393
Development workers		-	32,911	32,911	29,266
Administration workers		181	18,086	18,267	20,645
Worker expenses		-	82	82	-
Equipment		-	230	230	395
Donations		550	-	550	-
Productions costs		-	-	-	3,205
Bookkeeping		-	-	-	2,400
Training		-	-	-	645
Phone costs		19	179	198	184
Total payments		<u>3,736</u>	<u>66,915</u>	<u>70,651</u>	<u>79,665</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(1,557)</u>	<u>4,935</u>	<u>3,378</u>	<u>1,978</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>12,186</u>	<u>4,928</u>	<u>17,114</u>	<u>15,136</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>10,629</u>	<u>9,863</u>	<u>20,492</u>	<u>17,114</u>

Disability Partnership Calderdale
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	10,515	9,863	20,378	16,836
Cash in hand	114	-	114	278
Total cash funds	<u>10,629</u>	<u>9,863</u>	<u>20,492</u>	<u>17,114</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Cupboard
Four printers
Two digital voice recorders
One roller case
Four laptops
Diary and two penfriend pens and labels
One conversor pro and two headsets
Two tablets

Liabilities

	2024
	£
Accruals	1,056
	<u>1,056</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 26th November 2024

Signed: David Ashton (Trustee)

Name: DAVID ASHTON

Disability Partnership Calderdale

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Disability Partnership Calderdale
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2 Grants and donations

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	70,000	70,000	70,000
Sir George Martin Trust	-	1,850	1,850	-
Donations	1,729	-	1,729	5,482
	<u>1,729</u>	<u>71,850</u>	<u>73,579</u>	<u>75,482</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
NLCF	3,072	70,000	63,319	-	9,753
Calderdale Met. Council	146	-	146	-	-
Freemasons	172	-	172	-	-
Comm. Foundation Calderdale	1,099	-	1,099	-	-
West Yorkshire Police	439	-	439	-	-
Sir George Martin Trust	-	1,850	1,740	-	110
	<u>4,928</u>	<u>71,850</u>	<u>66,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,863</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

NLCF	To increase visibility, profile and influence of DPC across Calderdale and Kirklees's VCS, Public and Private Sectors on behalf of the disabled community.
Calderdale Met. Council	For outreach work in the Park Ward area.
Freemasons	To purchase assistive equipment.
Comm. Foundation Calderdale	Digital inclusion project for disabled people.
West Yorkshire Police	Hate incident/crime awareness videos with BSL, English and minority language subtitles
Sir George Martin Trust	To help produce a bi-monthly hardcopy bulleting titled 'Enabled'.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

During the year one trustee was paid a total of £44 in respect of travel (previous year: no trustee expenses).

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.