

Mencap Strule Buzz Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100027

Details

Known as Strule Buzz Group

Status Received

Registered 2014-04-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Club are: (a) the relief of people with a learning disability in particular by the provision of help and support for them and for their families, dependants and carers, and to prevent learning disability for the public benefit; and (b) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation or other leisure time occupation for people who have need thereof by reason of learning disability with the object of improving their condition of life. "learning disability" means any developmental disability of the mind and any associated condition howsoever caused and whether mild, moderate or severe.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Counselling/support, Disability, General charitable purposes, Human rights/equality, Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Carers, General public, Learning disabilities, Parents

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-04-04	£1,000	£1,226	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gareth Turbitt		
Miss Joanne Mcdonald		
Mr Darren Mcconnell		
Mr John Paul Mccusker		
Mr Keith Black		
Mr Pdraig Quinn		
Mr Patrick Mckinney		
Orla Mccartan		

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Accounts

Receipts and Payments for year ending April 5th 2025 – April 4th 2026

RECEIPTS	£
FUNDING	1000
DONATIONS	0
MEMBERSHIPS	0
BANK INTEREST	0
OTHER RECEIPTS	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1000

PAYMENTS	£
BANK FEES	31.33
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	0
ACTIVITIES	683
INSURANCE	164.44
AFFILIATION FEE	60
OTHER PAYMENTS	288
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1226.77

Bank and cash at start of period	£4474.13
Bank and cash at end of period	£4247.36

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for the year ended 5th April 2024 - 4th April 2025

Receipts	£
Grants	2400
Donations	0
Memberships	0
Bank Interest	0
Other receipts	0
Total receipts	£2400

Payments	
Bank Fees	19.08
Volunteer expenses	0
Equipment/expenses	0
Activities	0
Insurance	0
Affiliation Fee	60
Other payments	0
Total Payments	£79.08

Bank and Cash at start of the period **£2153.21**

Bank and Cash at end of period **£4474.13**

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Loanne Mc Donald Date 13/6/25
Treasurer

Receipts & Payments
for the year ended 5th April 2022 - 4th April 2023

Receipts	£
Grants	0
Donations	287
Memberships	0
Bank Interest	0
Other receipts	0
Total receipts	287

Payments	
Bank Fees	36.79
Volunteer expenses	120
Equipment/expenses	282.28
Activities	0
Insurance	348.35
Affiliation Fee	60
Other payments	0
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- The group planned and ran a Table Quiz Event in Omagh to celebrate their 21st Anniversary.

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Mencap Strule Buzz Group.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the Year ending April 2025

Basis of independent examiner's report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Dr. Maeve O'Lynn

Relevant professional qualification or body: Degrees from University of Glasgow, Ulster University

Address: 15 Brooklands Grange, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 0SA

Date: 22 / 4/ 2025

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