

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

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Activities

Purposes: The Company is established to promote urban regeneration for the benefit of the public in the Cliftonville area and its environs in North Belfast in an effort to relieve poverty, unemployment, youth, homelessness and the aged and to promote the preservation and protection of health by associating the community and voluntary organisations, statutory bodies and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for training, recreation, and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: • To establish (either alone or with others) social economy projects designed to benefit the community and in furtherance of the primary objects of the Company; • To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charitable projects in the area.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing, Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Community enterprise, Cross-border/cross-community, Economic development, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Heritage/historical, Relief of poverty, Urban development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,Ex-offenders and prisoners,General public,Homelessness,Interface communities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£675,662	£618,250	£48,624	12

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Danny Lavery		
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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI037612 (Northern Ireland)
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**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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**Report of the Trustees
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Objectives

The Purpose of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is to:

"Work for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the Cliftonville community and to create the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us".

We have three key strategic outcomes which are:

Regeneration:	Our people have decent jobs and wages and a good standard of living
Peace Building and Good Relations:	Our community is peaceful, shared and diverse
Children and Young People:	Our children and young people have the best start in life

Significant Activities and Achievements

If your child was born in the Waterworks ward they are less likely to excel in education and gain good qualifications, less likely to get a good, well paid job and less likely to live well into their eighties.

They are more likely to begin life in a family with no or low qualifications, suffer from poor and over-crowded housing, have no job or a low paid job and have a health problem. You are also more likely to live close to an interface dividing the two main communities here.

The Waterworks ward cover the lower Cliftonville area of North Belfast.

According to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) it is the No.1 most deprived ward in the North.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality, affordable housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people. We have 3 and 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and employment opportunities.

We work with young people who have Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). According to a Queen's University report on mental health in NI (October, 2020): "There was a clear association with deprivation, with young people in the least deprived areas more likely to have experienced no ACEs compared to those in the most deprived (59.9% vs 36.0%)".

This means that children, young people and their families are living in what health professionals have referred to as "Chronically Unsafe Community Environments". These issues take place in a context where armed gangs remain active and organised crime gangs/drug gangs target and exploit disadvantaged communities. Crime and anti-social behaviour is high. Interface conflict, while not constant, is a regular event.

Now that the NI Executive has been re-established there is a need for an anti-poverty strategy that tackles the deep rooted problems that exist in the Cliftonville area. The anti-poverty strategy needs to join up to dots in terms of health, housing and economic investment needed in disadvantaged communities.

Should a child born in this area not have the same life chances as a child born in more affluent areas?

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Significant activities

Regeneration activities

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre

Plans for a Cliftonville Community Enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue have been given the green light.

The project has secured £1.45 million funding from Belfast City Council's Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund.

The Community Enterprise aims to support long term unemployed males, women living in poverty and young people from disadvantaged families into training and employment. The centre will also provide child care places as demand for these facilities are high in this area.

The enterprise centre will work with local people to support them to learn, make and sell. This means providing training, space and equipment to enable people to move into the labour market and increase economic activity within the local community. Critically it also means supporting them to increase their confidence and help them overcome the barriers to employment and enterprise.

Cliftonville Community Enterprise will be located in the Waterworks ward.

The Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived ward in the North of Ireland out of 464 wards. The area has suffered from a sharp rise in poverty in the past 10 years. To tackle this situation economic capital investment is needed and there has been none for more than 20 years.

The Cliftonville Community Enterprise is a first step in the long road to turn around the poverty and disadvantage in this area.

Cliftonville Community Forum is currently involved in training and employability projects. We have supported people from the Cliftonville and surrounding areas through training, with job applications, their interviews and seen them secure employment.

Breaking down the barriers to employment for people living in deprived neighbourhoods does not mean simply providing training. Many of our participants face major issues in terms of their own confidence and anxiety. We address issues affecting their mental health, trauma and also issues of addiction to drugs and alcohol.

The development of Cliftonville Community Enterprise will see this work move to a new level. This centre will be a very modest size. However, it should allow us to begin to turn the curve on poverty and disadvantage in this area.

Stand Up To Racism Campaign

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum organised an anti-racism campaign in the aftermath of the anti-migrant and anti-Muslim riots in Belfast in August 2024.

A public meeting was organised and it was decided to set up a Stand Up To Racism campaign. The meeting was well represented by local people and local residents from a variety of ethnic community backgrounds including the local Muslim community.

The campaign worked on a short term action plan which included a public advertising campaign. Posters have been displayed in local shops and on hardboard posters erected on lampposts on the Cliftonville, Antrim and Oldpark Roads.

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The campaign is a collaboration with the local Northern Ireland Muslim Cultural Association, who support local Muslim residents in the area, Cliftonville Community Centre and ourselves. This has allowed us to support ethnic minority residents in times of need or when facing racist or hate crimes. A racist attack took place on a house in the area recently.

Since my mother started attending the regular English classes, I have realised that she has made a lot of improvements when it comes to understanding and speaking in English.

Participant comment: "The family friendly environment that the classes provide along with the teacher allowed my mother to have a lot of enthusiasm and the courage to learn, especially in a non-judgmental place where my mother felt confident to express herself".

We organised English language classes for Muslim women which lasted for 10 weeks to the end of December 2024 and were attended weekly by 25 women. We are hoping that these classes can be continued into 2025.

Other activities have been planned in 2025 including a 'Meet the Neighbour' event, an 'Identity through Art' youth programme.

The Stand Up To Racism campaign meetings take place every fortnight. It will expand its work in 2025.

Community Organising project

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled, including housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. In the past year we have produce 4 issues and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 community groups in the area:

1. Waterworks Residents Association
2. Manor Street Residents Action Group
3. Brucevale Residents
4. Cliftonpark Avenue Residents

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues.

Neighbourhood Renewal

The Cliftonville area is located in the Waterworks ward in North Belfast. This is one of the top 10% most deprived wards in the North of Ireland.

The area is part of a government programme known as People and Place - the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy which aims to tackle poverty and deprivation within the area.

Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership

As part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 36 neighbourhood renewal partnerships were set up by government in the 10% most deprived communities in the North.

The Cliftonville area is part of the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership.

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This includes Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, Cliftonville Community Centre, Community Restorative Justice, North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum, Action Mental Health, The Vine Centre, Wishing Well Family Centre, Grace Women's Development Limited, Lower Oldpark Community Association, Cancer Lifeline, Ardoyne Association, Ardoyne Youth Enterprise, Marrowbone Community Association and Westland Community Group.

We work closely with these organisations to develop the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Action Plan 2020-2030- with the aim of regenerating the area.

The outcomes of the action plan are:

- Outcome 1. Residents play an active part in economic life
- Outcome 2. We live longer, healthier, active lives
- Outcome 3. We are a shared community that respects diversity
- Outcome 4. We give our children and young people the best start in life
- Outcome 5. We live in a safe community

North Belfast Community Partnership

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum also works with the neighbourhood partnerships across North Belfast and is currently working to develop the North Belfast Community Partnership. North Belfast is the only area of Belfast without an area partnership. The purpose of the new partnership is to provide a voice for North Belfast and to work with local politicians, government departments and statutory agencies to tackle poverty and regenerate North Belfast.

The North Belfast Community Partnership is developing a 5 year plan targeted at regenerating the most deprived communities in North Belfast.

Neighbourhood Renewal Forum

We are also members of the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum made up of the 36 neighbourhood partnerships across the North.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Forum works with the Department for Communities and other government departments to review the current Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. It is looking to develop a new Strategic Framework to tackle poverty and regenerate the top 10% most deprived communities.

Peace Building and Good Relations Activities

Girdwood Youth Space Project

The 2024/25 year was one of dynamic community engagement and meaningful youth work. We continued our efforts through various programmes and youth drop-ins, despite facing challenges.

Occasional instances of anti-social behaviour along the Cliftonpark Avenue Interface affected the regular attendance of some young people, particularly those coming from Lower Oldpark and Shankill areas.

The early closure of the Alloa Street entrance by Belfast City Council, aimed at dispersing crowds, left parents and young people feeling unsafe as they had to navigate through groups of young people engaged in anti-social behaviour activities to access an entrance further up Cliftonpark Avenue.

Feedback from the Summer Programme

"A big thank you to all the staff. My child had a fabulous time and looking forward to September" - Parent (Lower Oldpark)

"Thank you all very much. My son is going to miss it" - Parent (Shankill)

"Thank you all so much, kids loved it all" - Parent (Kinnauld)

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"Thank you so much. My daughter had a great summer" - Parent (Shankill)

Despite these hurdles, 2024/25 was filled with fun and learning for many young people across the interface. We remain committed to making Girdwood Youth Space a safe and welcoming environment by offering a range of activities, projects, cross-community trips, and residential. We also invested in our young leaders, providing various training opportunities to enhance their skills.

Our 2024 Shared Summer Programme for 7-12-year-olds ran for six weeks, featuring both on-site activities at the Girdwood Youth Space and the pitch, as well as weekly off-site trips.

We successfully recruited 46 young people from both sides of the community, focusing on Cliftonville, Lower Oldpark, and Lower Shankill. The programme received excellent feedback from young people and parents alike.

Despite the challenges at the interface, 54% of participants were new registrations. The Summer programme enabled us to maintain contact with young people during the school holidays and continue crucial cross-community work.

Given the ongoing challenges at the interface, we also implemented a senior planned intervention programme over the summer.

The planned intervention programme aimed to keep local young people away from the interface while fostering positive relationships and engaging in good relations work. We recruited 15 young people from Cliftonville, Lower Oldpark, and Lower Shankill and engaged them in a six-week programme of off-site trips.

The programme was well-received, keeping participants away from the interface on Friday evenings and leading to further development work throughout the year.

We strongly believe in investing in our young people and developing an informed and efficient staff team, ideally comprising individuals who have come up through our programmes and have first-hand experience of the area's challenges.

In 2024/25, eight participants over the age of 18 completed their OCN Level 2 in Youth Work. Half of these young people are now working as young leaders for the project, and this new qualification has significantly impacted their knowledge, confidence, and ability to engage with young people.

We tailor all our projects and activities to meet young people's needs, guiding them on an age-appropriate, individualised cross-community journey.

Imagine Peace Barriers Project

The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is celebrating a decade of bridging divides and fostering positive change within our communities.

The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is a partnership between the Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (CCRF) and the Lower Oldpark Community Association (LOCA) and funded by the International Fund for Ireland (IFI). The project has been at the forefront of transforming the relationships between communities affected by the peace walls and physical barriers. Over the past ten years, we have focused on creating a safer, more connected future by engaging local residents and providing a platform for change.

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Our Approach

Building Relationships and Changing Attitudes. At the heart of our work are three key areas:

1. Community Consultations: We listen to residents' concerns and ideas.
2. Relationship Building: We bring people together through shared activities and conversations.
3. Creating Attitudinal Change: We focus on changing mindsets to pave the way for lasting peace.

Over the years, we have launched numerous programmes and initiatives to bring our communities closer. One of our exciting projects is the Imagine Shared Space project. This ambitious plan envisions a cross-community social enterprise with a soft play area, a café, and multi-purpose rooms. We are now working on a business plan and developing concept designs, which will soon be shared with the community for feedback.

Our Work in 2024

In 2024, we continued to strengthen our work within the community, creating opportunities for people to come together, share experiences, and work towards positive change.

Women's and Men's Groups

Our Women's and Men's Groups meet weekly, offering a range of opportunities for members. Participants receive support, take part in personal and community development activities.

Summer Programme

Summer can be an especially challenging time for women, particularly with added childcare commitments during the school holidays. To address these challenges, we delivered a five-week summer programme aimed at providing activities for women and their children. The programme included arts and crafts sessions, trips, and other activities designed to promote community engagement, learning, and fun for all ages.

Cross-Community Family Day

In August, we hosted a Cross-Community Family Day at John Hewitt Park, with the support of LOCA and CCRF. The event was a great success, attracting families from both communities who came together to enjoy a day of activities, and fun.

Women Leading Together

One of our 2024 highlights was the Women Leading Together event. We brought together women from Lower Oldpark, Lower Cliftonville, and surrounding areas to share their experiences, discuss challenges, and explore opportunities to promote peace and reconciliation. We explored key themes like identity, belonging, and living on an interface. The event proved to be a valuable platform for women to connect, learn, and work towards building stronger, more inclusive communities.

Our Peace, Our Future

This programme is another example of our commitment to empowering communities. This community learning programme for adults is designed to equip participants with the skills needed to lead positive change within their communities. The programme includes workshops, facilitated discussions on identity and good relations, history talks, and residential.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour Together

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In response to ongoing concerns about anti-social behaviour (ASB) in both communities, we hosted a cross-community consultation on ASB in October.

Based on the feedback we received, we have now set up a hotline for residents to report ASB incidents. During Halloween - a time when ASB typically spikes - our Women's and Men's Groups organised a stall at the interface, offering free tea, coffee, and treats to residents and young people. This initiative increased footfall in the area and we are pleased to report that there were no ASB incidents this year.

Our Plans for the Future

We are excited to keep building on the work we are already doing and look forward to increasing our activities. We're launching a Peace Barriers Residents Forum - a safe space for people to connect, learn, and tackle the challenges of living near peace barriers. We are also planning monthly 'Meet the Neighbour' events to help residents from both sides of the interface to connect. There are lots of ways to get involved. Keep an eye out for our flyers and follow us on social media for all the latest updates!

Children and Young People Activities

Let Youth Lead

The Let Youth Lead (LYL) programme continues to make a transformative impact on young people and families in the Cliftonville area, fostering a safe, inclusive, and vibrant space for personal and community development.

Over the past year, the programme has achieved significant milestones, thanks to the dedication of young leaders, staff, and our newly established volunteer group of 12 local young people.

Youth-Led Success: Christmas Community Event

In December 2024, our youth committee organised one of the largest Christmas community events to date with more than 200 attending, hosted at the Girdwood Community Hub. The event was entirely youth-led by a youth committee of 15 young people from the area around Girdwood. The event showcased the incredible leadership, creativity, and organisational skills of our young participants.

Activities included Santa's grotto, bilingual arts and crafts, storytelling, and cultural showcases, drawing families from diverse backgrounds. This event not only spread festive joy but also highlighted the potential of young people to take ownership of community initiatives. The event was free to local families and young people.

Planning for the next community event is already underway. We are excited to create an even more inclusive and engaging experience and hope to see even greater participation from the community, coming together to enjoy, support, and celebrate what we can achieve as a united and vibrant Cliftonville.

Strengthening Communities

This year, we delivered two family day trips as part of good relations work in strengthening communities. The trips were to Jungle NI Christmas Wonderland event. The outing provided shared experiences that brought families closer together. More than 100 parents and children attended. Feedback from attendees highlighted the value of creating moments of joy and respite during challenging times.

Growing Community Engagement

The establishment of a new volunteer group has been a game-changer for Let Youth Lead. This group of 12 passionate young people, all local residents, have been instrumental in supporting programme activities, enhancing our reach, and fostering a deeper sense of community ownership. Their involvement has not only enriched the programme but has also served as a bridge to increased engagement with parents, families, and other community members.

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By fostering trust and mutual respect, these young volunteers have become ambassadors for the positive change we aim to achieve.

A Safe and Inclusive Space

Let Youth Lead remains a cornerstone for young people in Cliftonville, offering a safe and welcoming environment where they can express themselves, develop leadership skills, and build meaningful relationships. Through weekly drop-ins, detached youth work, and good relations sessions, we continue to inspire confidence and break down barriers between different communities.

Activities are intentionally designed to be inclusive, encouraging participation from young people of all backgrounds, cultures, and abilities, with a particular emphasis on promoting diversity and mutual understanding.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we aim to build on the momentum of these successes by expanding our programmes, enhancing community involvement, and continuing to empower young people to take the lead in creating a brighter, shared future.

Let Youth Lead would not be possible without the support of our staff, volunteers, and the wider community. Together, we are fostering a sense of belonging, resilience, and hope for the future.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP)

The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is a 2-year personal development and employability programme which ran from March 2023 to December 2024. It is designed to empower young people aged 16-25 in Cliftonville and surrounding areas of North Belfast.

Funded by the International Fund for Ireland, the Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) supports individuals in overcoming multifaceted barriers to education and employment.

By adopting a holistic approach, the Personal Youth Development Programme fosters good relations, provides comprehensive career guidance, and offers opportunities for young people to raise their aspirations, unlock their potential, and achieve their goals.

The Personal Youth Development Programme's supportive environment allows the young people to explore and engage in new experiences, which encourages self-expression and teamwork. Young people learn soft skills such as communication, time management, problem-solving, collaboration and leadership through a variety of programmes. These programmes include personal and social development, good relations, employability and enterprise training and social action projects.

Good relations initiatives foster respect and understanding, building stronger ties with people from diverse backgrounds.

The young people who participated in the Personal Youth Development Programme made significant progress across several key areas, gaining valuable skills, confidence, and direction for their future.

Through the support provided 58% of enrolled participants have progressed into further training, education or employment. 88% of participants experienced growth in their self-confidence, communication, and interpersonal skills.

Through work experience, the Personal Youth Development Programme helped participants build practical skills directly applicable to future employment. For example, completing OCN Level 1 & Level 2 Youth Work allowed for theory to be put into practice in youth work setting.

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This was done through work experience in youth projects as well as paid work experience in New Ground coffee which included customer service training and day-to-day operational skills, preparing them for potential careers in customer service.

Through intensive support, one participant demonstrated significant dedication by completing an OCN Level 2 in Youth Work and gaining valuable work experience.

This person developed hands-on experience across three distinct youth projects, fostering professional development, workplace adaptability, and a deeper understanding of youth work.

The programme's impact was evident, with 60% of participants making significant progress. It also provided vital support to 33% of participants facing significant mental health challenges, domestic abuse, and sexual abuse.

This work is intense and labour intensive. The complex needs which arise from children and young people being raised in poverty requires this type of intervention on a wider scale to provide the support to overcome multifaceted barriers to education and employment.

Pumpkin Patch

The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2024. This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event was attended by 200 people from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville coming together to create memories.

New Ground pop-up Coffee Shop

New Ground coffee was established in December 2023 with the support of NI Water and worked throughout the year providing a pop-up café in Girdwood and providing training and paid work for young people from the local community.

The initiative aimed to provide opportunities for local young people to develop skills, gain qualifications, and access employment in a supportive environment.

More than 30 young people undertook barista training and other industry-related training in order to gain employment. Young people also trained in business planning and marketing and decided to set up New Ground coffee as a pop-up cafe in Girdwood.

20 young people secured employment in cafes and shops. Some lacked direct work experience and the confidence to go straight into employment. This led to the idea of setting up a pop-up cafe in Girdwood.

The name New Ground came from the idea that the Girdwood site was new ground for young people in both communities and it reflected the peace and reconciliation ethos and work of local community groups.

The young people's key achievements were:

1. Barista training and certification at introduction and intermediate levels
2. Food hygiene certificate
3. Health and safety certificate
4. Manual handling
5. First aid

Employment Opportunities

Three young people secured their first paid trainee/employment roles as part of the pop-up cafe. Although they were trained baristas, they had no previous experience of working in a cafe environment.

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They had no experience of attending to customer's needs, working the till and the other work of a busy cafe. While at first it was a little daunting, the new staff very quickly learned what needed to be done, and how to attend to the needs of customers. With the experience of work their confidence soared.

The success of New Ground coffee highlights the value of targeted initiatives in empowering young people with essential skills and opening pathways to sustainable employment. Continued support for similar projects will further enhance community development and individual growth.

Acknowledgements

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to acknowledge the support of our funders and thank them.

The International Fund for Ireland
The Executive Office
Community Relations Council
Department for Communities
Belfast City Council
Co-operation Ireland
National Lottery Awards for All
BBC Children in Need
Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade - Reconciliation Fund
Housing Executive
NI Education Authority
Community Foundation Ireland
Neighbourly
Northern Ireland Water
Cash for Kids

Public benefit

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum in setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The results for the year as follows:

	2025	2024
Income	£675,662	£586,713
Expenditure	£618,250	£590,344
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£57,412	(£3,631)
Unrestricted reserves	£233,513	£194,916
Restricted reserves	£103,669	£84,854
Total Reserves	£337,182	£279,770

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 19 to 31.

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Financial review

Reserves policy

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum does have a Reserves Policy which outlines the need for financial reserves to allow the charity to make investments or deal with legal liabilities. One such liability is redundancy payments

The Directors have agreed a policy that requires financial reserves be maintained at a level to sustain 6 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Funds in deficit

The Charity has no deficit at the end of this financial year.

Future plans

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum will be focused on the following key priorities in the year ahead:

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre: The development of the enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue is crucial as a first step to moving the lower Cliftonville area out of poverty. The project has now secured funding so we are hoping that work can begin in the next year.

Imagine Peace Barrier Project: The concept of developing a sensory space and soft play social enterprise between lower Cliftonville and Lower Oldpark now looks a real possibility. In the year ahead a business plan and architectural designs will be prepared for local community consultation.

Girdwood Youth Space Management proposal: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is working with community groups around the Girdwood site to manage the Girdwood Youth Space. An outline proposal has been submitted to Belfast City Council and a legal entity, Girdwood Community Trust has been established.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was incorporated on 20 December 1999 and each member undertakes to pay an amount not exceeding £1 towards liabilities in the event of the charity being dissolved.

Organisational structure

The trustees are directly responsible for the day to day management of the charity and they meet on a regular basis to review all aspects of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most of the present trustees have been involved in the charity for a number of years and are familiar with its work. The existing trustees review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees on a regular basis. All new trustees are appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI037612 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

NIC100274

**Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum (Registered number: NI037612)**

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Registered office

185 Cliftonpark Avenue
Belfast
BT14 6DT

Trustees

The trustees who served within the period of this report are:

Mr Paul Little
Mr Daniel Lavery
Ms Kathleen Quinn
Mr Neil Montgomery
Ms Delores Quinn
Ms Michelle Di Lucia
Ms Kerry Haddock
Ms Jennifer Robinson
Mr Nisar Hassan Rana (appointed on 24th February 2025)

Trustee Appointment Information

The following trustees were appointed after the financial year end but before the date of this report:

Suzanne McGrath (appointed on 12th August 2025)

Company Secretary

Mr Manus Maguire

Auditors

M.B.McGrady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Suite 2B
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

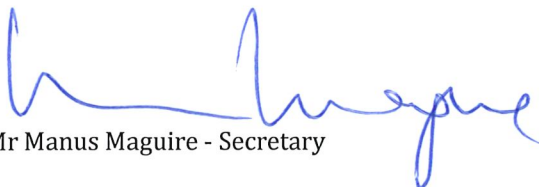
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, M.B.McGrady & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 4 December 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mr Manus Maguire - Secretary



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In assessing and detecting irregularities such as fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following:

- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and any other relevant professionals regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud;
- the nature of the industry and any laws and regulations applicable to the organisation and the industry;
- the organisation's own assessment of the risk of fraud and other irregularities;
- organisation's policies and procedures in relation to:
 - how they identify and comply with all relevant laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any non-compliance
 - how they detect and repond to risks of fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - control environment within the company and how this mitigates risks of fraud and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to asset valuations. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ensuring the engagement team had the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to be able to identify and recognise any instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- ensuring the audit was carried out with a level of professional scepticism;
- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerns of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kim Rainey (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of M.B.McGrady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
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4 December 2025

**Cliftonville Community Regeneration
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/25 Total funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Other income	2	20,373	(1)	20,372	15,254
Charitable activities					
Restricted	3	-	610,290	610,290	571,459
Unrestricted		45,000	-	45,000	-
Total		<u>65,373</u>	<u>610,289</u>	<u>675,662</u>	<u>586,713</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Restricted	4	-	591,474	591,474	575,453
Unrestricted		26,776	-	26,776	14,891
Total		<u>26,776</u>	<u>591,474</u>	<u>618,250</u>	<u>590,344</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		38,597	18,815	57,412	(3,631)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		194,916	84,854	279,770	283,401
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>233,513</u></u>	<u><u>103,669</u></u>	<u><u>337,182</u></u>	<u><u>279,770</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum (Registered number: NI037612)**

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	59,139	59,932
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	53,644	18,781
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>273,023</u>	<u>213,639</u>
		326,667	232,420
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(48,624)	(12,582)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>278,043</u>	<u>219,838</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		337,182	279,770
NET ASSETS		<u><u>337,182</u></u>	<u><u>279,770</u></u>
FUNDS			
	16		
Unrestricted funds		233,512	194,916
Restricted funds		<u>103,670</u>	<u>84,854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>337,182</u></u>	<u><u>279,770</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul Little - Trustee



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**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Notes	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations 1	<u>60,252</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>60,252</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments in year	<u>(868)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	<u>(868)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>59,384</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>213,639</u>	<u>228,852</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u><u>273,023</u></u>	<u><u>213,639</u></u>

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	57,412	(3,631)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	793	1,057
Increase in debtors	(34,863)	(7,756)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	36,910	(4,883)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>60,252</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>213,639</u>	<u>59,384</u>	<u>273,023</u>
	<u>213,639</u>	<u>59,384</u>	<u>273,023</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	<u>(867)</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>(867)</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>212,772</u>	<u>60,252</u>	<u>273,024</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds are made to cover the remaining costs incurred for specific projects which have not been met from other restricted monies.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

2. OTHER INCOME

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Donations	1,016	941
Other income	19,356	14,313
	<u>20,372</u>	<u>15,254</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31/3/25	31/3/24
		£	£
Grants	Restricted	610,290	571,459
Grants	Unrestricted	45,000	-
		<u>655,290</u>	<u>571,459</u>

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited are the lead partner on a grant received from Department for Communities. A proportion of the total grant award relates to Manor Street Community Group and North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum. CCRF pays the allocated funding over to these groups on receipt of same. These payments are shown within project costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund awarded €9,946 (2024: €9,932) to CCRF during the year. This has been converted into sterling within the financial statements.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Belfast City Council	61,386	65,434
Children in Need	18,000	21,999
Community Relations Council	107,153	88,602
International Fund for Ireland	207,055	135,979
Irish Youth Foundation	5,000	3,000
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,171	8,790
Education Authority	11,506	5,670
Department for Communities	237,019	241,985
	<u>655,290</u>	<u>571,459</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Restricted	588,377	3,097	591,474
Unrestricted	-	26,776	26,776
	<u>588,377</u>	<u>29,873</u>	<u>618,250</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Restricted	3,097	-	3,097
Unrestricted	21,376	5,400	26,776
	<u>24,473</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>29,873</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Auditors' remuneration	2,600	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	793	1,057
Staff pension contributions	18,045	12,105
	<u>21,438</u>	<u>16,162</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	285,625	256,773
Social security costs	20,497	18,180
Other pension costs	18,045	12,105
	<u>324,167</u>	<u>287,058</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
Administrative staff	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Other income	15,254	-	15,254
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	571,459	571,459
Total	<u>15,254</u>	<u>571,459</u>	<u>586,713</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	575,453	575,453
Unrestricted	14,891	-	14,891
Total	<u>14,891</u>	<u>575,453</u>	<u>590,344</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	363	(3,994)	(3,631)
Transfers between funds	(1,559)	1,559	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>(2,435)</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	196,112	87,289	283,401
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>194,916</u>	<u>84,854</u>	<u>279,770</u>

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10. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total consideration paid to key management personnel, including employers national insurance contributions, for services provided to the charity was £54,745 (2024: £60,6450).

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long Leasehold Property £	Long leasehold land £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	33,677	23,086	36,055	33,672	126,490
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	-	-	34,510	32,048	66,558
Charge for year	-	-	387	406	793
At 31 March 2025	-	-	34,897	32,454	67,351
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	<u>33,677</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>59,139</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>33,677</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>1,545</u>	<u>1,624</u>	<u>59,932</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25 £	31/3/24 £
Trade debtors	50,753	16,732
Prepayments	2,891	2,049
	<u>53,644</u>	<u>18,781</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	(1)	867
Social security and other taxes	5,545	-
Other creditors	22,070	5,272
Accruals and deferred income	21,010	6,443
	<u>48,624</u>	<u>12,582</u>

14. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of bank loans and overdrafts is given below:

	31/3/25	31/3/24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
IFI account	(1)	867
	<u>(1)</u>	<u>867</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/25 Total funds	31/3/24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	(17,335)	76,474	59,139	59,932
Current assets	276,678	49,989	326,667	232,420
Current liabilities	(25,831)	(22,793)	(48,624)	(12,582)
	<u>233,512</u>	<u>103,670</u>	<u>337,182</u>	<u>279,770</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	194,916	38,596	233,512
Restricted funds			
Belfast City Council	10,409	(10,409)	-
International Fund for Ireland	14,183	45,932	60,115
Children In Need	3,186	(3,186)	-
Community Relations Council	49,051	(18,866)	30,185
Irish Youth Foundation	-	3,960	3,960
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,025	466	8,491
Education Authority	-	919	919
	<u>84,854</u>	<u>18,816</u>	<u>103,670</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>279,770</u>	<u>57,412</u>	<u>337,182</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,372	(26,776)	38,596
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	237,019	(237,019)	-
Belfast City Council	61,387	(71,796)	(10,409)
International Fund for Ireland	207,055	(161,123)	45,932
Children In Need	18,000	(21,186)	(3,186)
Community Relations Council	62,152	(81,018)	(18,866)
Irish Youth Foundation	5,000	(1,040)	3,960
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,171	(7,705)	466
Education Authority	11,506	(10,587)	919
	<u>610,290</u>	<u>(591,474)</u>	<u>18,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>675,662</u>	<u>(618,250)</u>	<u>57,412</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	196,112	363	(1,559)	194,916
Restricted funds				
Department for Communities	-	(5,661)	5,661	-
Belfast City Council	11,015	(606)	-	10,409
International Fund for Ireland	-	14,183	-	14,183
Children In Need	15,989	(12,803)	-	3,186
Community Relations Council	39,035	10,016	-	49,051
Irish Youth Foundation	-	(50)	50	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	7,438	587	-	8,025
Awards for All	9,660	(9,660)	-	-
Community Foundation	4,152	-	(4,152)	-
	<u>87,289</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>	<u>1,559</u>	<u>84,854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,401</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,770</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,254	(14,891)	363
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	241,985	(247,646)	(5,661)
Belfast City Council	66,465	(67,071)	(606)
International Fund for Ireland	136,303	(122,120)	14,183
Children In Need	21,999	(34,802)	(12,803)
Community Relations Council	87,247	(77,231)	10,016
Irish Youth Foundation	3,000	(3,050)	(50)
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,790	(8,203)	587
Education Authority - T-BUC	5,670	(5,670)	-
Awards for All	-	(9,660)	(9,660)
	<u>571,459</u>	<u>(575,453)</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>586,713</u>	<u>(590,344)</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100274

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI037612 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC100274

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Objectives

The Purpose of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is to:

"Work for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the Cliftonville community and to create the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us".

We have three key strategic outcomes which are:

Regeneration:	Our people have decent jobs and wages and a good standard of living
Peace Building and Good Relations:	Our community is peaceful, shared and diverse
Children and Young People:	Our children and young people have the best start in life

Significant Activities and Achievements

The Cliftonville community is located in the Waterworks ward which is according to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) is the No.1 most deprived ward in the North. This data is based on NISRA data from 2017, however, since then poverty levels have got worse.

Since this data was released we have been hit by Covid-19 and then the Cost of Living Crisis. In terms of the claimant count - a proxy for the number of people out of work - the figures for the Waterworks ward have risen by 44%.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people who have little chance of securing accommodation. We have 3 and even 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and HMOs (Housing in Multiple Occupation). There is a high number of low quality private landlord accommodation. There are notable exceptions. Some private landlords are proactive in improving their properties. However, not all low quality accommodation is in the private sector. An increasing number of low quality housing is owned by social landlords. Local residents who complain about poor quality social housing are increasingly being told: "What do you expect, its social housing".

Poor quality and over crowded housing is a major contributor to low education attainment, stress, poor mental health and securing decent employment opportunities. Millions of pounds is spend every year in housing benefit in the Cliftonville area. Very little of that finds it way back to support either the redevelopment of the properties or regeneration of the local area.

Economically, there are no large employers in the area and there has been no investment in any form of economic development in the area for decades. The current economic model does not work for communities such as the Cliftonville.

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An alternative economic model which has emerged is called Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building aims to make the economy work for the people not make people work for the economy. Community Wealth Building stops wealth leaving deprived areas, supports the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people. The development of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise (below) will contribute to the building of community wealth.

The last 12 month period has been a particularly challenging one for developing good relations in North Belfast. The immediate period from April 2023 was very difficult as no budget had been agreed at Stormont and none of our youth programmes were able to operate. Detached and sessional youth work staff were placed on hold while we waited for the outcome of the budget decisions.

This is in the context of the Cost of Living crisis and some very experienced youth workers decided that they could no longer continue with the uncertainty of sessional paid youth work and took more stable jobs elsewhere. The national minimum wage also rose and this meant we needed to increase the hourly rate for our detached and sessional youth workers against a back drop of a budget cuts.

Despite a number of low level incidents the summer months of 2023 passed by without any major incidents. In September 2023 an incident at a fun fayre close to Lidl's shopping centre at Hillview Road led to several nights of tension, fighting and rioting. Although the incidents were resolved locally the young people were displaced to nearby Cliftonpark Avenue interface and Girdwood where the conflict continued. PSNI used 'Op Squallery', a special PSNI operation in the area. Incidents continued through to the end of October. December 2023 was quiet; however, low level tension and conflict re-appeared again after the Christmas break.

Individuals, homes and cars were attacked. Tensions continued into February 2024 when groups of young people travelled on foot into nearby loyalist areas, posted photos of themselves on social media and afterwards cars and homes on Agnes Street and Cliftonpark Avenue were attacked.

In late February 2024 it was claimed that up to 80-100 young people were at the interface some attacking homes. From September 2023-March 2024 there have been 76 nights of tension, arranged fights and conflict at Girdwood/Cliftonpark Avenue. This has involved 103 incidents involving assaults, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. While not all these incidents have been motivated by sectarian hate crime some of these incidents are.

One incident included an attack on the home of a local community worker. Later the same worker was physically attacked and injured after being hit with a concrete block.

According to one PSNI officer: "As a result of these incidents (at Cliftonpark Avenue), police officers have spent considerable periods of time at the interface. This has often taken the form of static police patrols waiting at the interface to prevent youths attending or returning to the location for further violence.

"Several youths have been arrested and a larger number have received a recorded criminal justice disposal as a result of criminal behaviour. This interface has easily been the most active and troublesome in north Belfast in this period. The next most active, Carlisle Circus / Clifton Street, is directly linked to this interface as the youths' movement is often tracked between the two - one interface goes quiet as both groups of youths move to the other".

The PSNI have identified 44 young people who are involved in anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and physical assaults at this and other interfaces in North Belfast. They are currently working with social services, Youth Justice Agency, the Housing Executive, housing associations, local schools and youth and community organisations to address these issues.

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Despite these events there continues to be a high level of engagement of young people at Girdwood, Cliftonpark Avenue and across the area. Some of the young people involved in tension and conflict at the interface are from the local and surrounding areas (Cliftonville, New Lodge, Shankill, Ardoyne). However, many young people are travelling from Glengormley, parts of West Belfast and even North Down.

The problem is that a transient group of disengaged youth seem to be main cause of issues. A way needs to be found to engage these young people. It is likely that many of these young people face underlying issues. Our good relations work does not take place in a vacuum. It takes place on tough terrain where it is difficult to sustain. It takes place in the context of physical dereliction and acute poverty and disadvantage. Physically the area around Girdwood and Cliftonpark Avenue is characterised by a lack of development with derelict and vacant land on each side the interface. In the evenings this becomes a playground for recreational activity which creates tension, anti-social behaviour and sometimes rioting.

The area is also characterised by high levels of poverty, deprivation, mental health, lack of education attainment, and lack of positive role models for our young people. The hopelessness amongst young people has increased. We need long term regeneration work which can address these issues and provide a more fertile ground for our good relations work.

We are working with young people who have Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). According to a Queen's University report on mental health in NI (October, 2020): "There was a clear association with deprivation, with young people in the least deprived areas more likely to have experienced no ACEs compared to those in the most deprived (59.9% vs 36.0%)".

This means that children, young people and their families are living in what health professionals have referred to as "Chronically Unsafe Community Environments". These issues take place in a context where armed gangs remain active and organised crime gangs/drug gangs target and exploit disadvantaged communities.

Regeneration activities

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre

In January 2024 we received word that we had secured funding £1.45 million to build the Cliftonville Community Enterprise to act as a catalyst for the regeneration of this area.

The funding from Belfast City Council's Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund will see the building of a 8,000 square feet social enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue with a 2-story childcare facility and 8 workspace units.

This Centre aims to provide employment and training opportunities for local people and to support them into employment and business. This will help to create a pathway for residents into employment through child care jobs and through a process of learning, making, and selling. Cliftonville Community Forum has worked to deliver this project for a number of years.

Along with our community development work, peace building work and youth work we always knew that this area needed more support to help people into training and employment. We have always provided training to increase people's skills and have helped many people secure employment.

This new centre will give us a purpose-built facility where we can do this on a larger scale. When the new centre is up and running it will create 30 jobs on the site as well as other jobs through training. We will engage with three groups of people in the local community: i) long term unemployed males, ii) women living in poverty and iii) young people from disadvantaged families.

We opened a Pop-up café in Girdwood in December 2023. Called New Ground Coffee - the name came from the young people trained as baristas. It was a play on cross community work and coffee.

The pop-up cafe aimed at empowering our local youth by providing them with valuable skills and a pathway into the world of work. The young faces behind the counter have undergone a comprehensive training program covering enterprise, barista skills, first aid, food hygiene, manual handling, health and safety, and customer care.

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The concept driving New Ground coffee is simple but profound - to prepare local youth for the challenges of the workforce by providing them with real-world experience in a customer-focused environment.

The goal is to equip them not only with the skills required to make the perfect cup of coffee but also with transferable skills that will serve them well in any professional endeavour they choose to pursue.

The pop-up café was officially launched on 29th February by Belfast Lord Mayor, Ryan Murphy, with other government departments and funders in attendance - The Executive Office, Department for Communities, NI Water, Belfast City Council, International Fund for Ireland and PSNI.

Community Organising Project

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled including: housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. Since October 2020 we have produced 10 editions and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 different established community groups in the area:

1. Waterworks Residents Association
2. Manor Street Residents Action Group
3. Brucevale Residents
4. Cliftonville Avenue Residents

The following training has been completed by the project:

- Naloxone Training
- Introduction to ADHD
- ADHD Training OCN L2
- Autism Awareness Training
- Child Exploitation Training
- ILM Award Training Leadership and Management
- Debt Management Training

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues. Since April 2023 to March 2024 there has been:

- 18 multi agency meetings with agencies such as Community Restorative Justice, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Housing Executive, Housing Associations and politicians.
- 3 meetings have taken place with the Save Our Post Office Campaign
- 21 meetings have taken place with local councillors Tomás O'Neill, Ryan Murphy, Paul McCusker and Mal O'Hara as well as meeting with local residents groups to tackle day to day issues in the area including lack of services and investment

Due to the cost of living crisis and various other social factors, the challenges the area is facing grows daily. Since the beginning of 2023 we have a significant rise in anti-social behaviour and housing issues.

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Neighbourhood Renewal

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is active in delivering the government's neighbourhood renewal strategy. This involves working at a number of levels:

1. Community level in delivering community-based regeneration projects in the Cliftonville area.
2. Working as a member of the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership. 9 Meetings and Working Groups of the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership in 2023/24.
3. Working as a member of the North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships. This is now emerging as the new North Belfast Community Partnership. 6 Meetings of the North Belfast Community Partnership and 2 Community conference events have been held in 2023-24. 2 Political breakfasts for North Belfast political representatives have also been organised by the North Belfast Community partnership with all the political parties in North Belfast.
4. Working as a member of the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum - made up of 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships across the North of Ireland. 9 Meetings of the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal partnerships
5. Working as a member of the Department of Communities Strategic Planning Group reviewing the People and Place/Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. 5 Planning meetings of the People & Place Review organised by the Department for Communities

Peace Building and Good Relation Activities

Girdwood Youth Space Project

We began our Peace Building/Good Relations work in April 2023 in the context no functioning NI Executive and with civil servants not having agreed to a budget to enable community and youth organisations to deliver good relations programmes on the ground.

The Cost of Living Crisis meant that costs for transport, refreshments, equipment, staff was increasing by 30-40% while we had no budget. The delay was no just one month but from April to July 2023. In this context the Trustees of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum took the decision to 'work at risk' - provide the essential youth work good relations programmes in the hope that government would eventually release a budget. When the budget was eventually released it was cut by 10%!

Despite many difficulties the good relations programme for 2023/24 was delivered by our dedicated staff. 2023/24 saw us deliver a range of youth activities, projects, cross-community trips/residentials and team building events to ensure that the Girdwood Youth Space is a safe, shared space for all local young people.

More than 3,000 local people have participated in good relations activities organised during the year through youth and community events.

- 98% of participants said that their knowledge of different traditions and backgrounds increased
- 86% of participants said their attitude towards people from a different religious background improved
- 89% of participants said they are likely to attend an event in an area associated with another community

Our Girdwood Youth Space project works across the Cliftonville, Lower Shankill and Lower Oldpark areas and delivers youth programmes in the Girdwood Community Hub and the Girdwood Youth Space. We have made contact with 615 young people in detached (street) outreach work. 3,012 young people have participated in shared youth drop-ins.

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Imagine Peace Barriers Project

The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is a cross community partnership with Lower Oldpark Community Association. In January 2024 we began a consultation process with the local community on both sides of the interface to find out their views on concept plans to build a Shared Space Project which will remove part of the interface on Cliftonpark Avenue.

The consultation exercise aimed at finding out what local residents, political representatives and government agencies working in the area think about the concept plans. The concept designs include a soft play area for children and a cafe area. It will have multi-purpose rooms, a climbing zone and retail units. There will also be special Changing Places toilets for children with special requirements.

There are two basic concepts and the plan would effectively replace a section of the interface wall which runs from Cliftonpark Avenue up towards Manor Street. Members of the project team went door to door explaining the project, we also held a number of afternoon and evening meetings to allow local residents to express their views.

A meeting was also held with political representatives from across North Belfast including the MP, MLAs and local councillors.

Reflecting the ongoing conflict at Girdwood and the interface local residents expressed fears of the anti-social behaviour and fighting at the interface. In response the project went back out door-to-door providing local residents with fridge magnets with the contacts to report incidents to the PSNI and the local community. The cross community project is also working with a cross community women's group and a men's group around interface issues.

Children and Young People Activities

Let Youth Lead project

The delay in receiving The Executive Office funding had a direct result in a delay in our services being delivered. The sessions were on hold for the month of April and so we were unable to begin delivering our programmes until June 2023.

This delay causes a disruption in the consistency of working with young people on a regular basis. The inability to continue a relationship with young people causes issues as young people disengage from the project or move on to alternative services. Some of the young people who disengaged during this period have still not returned to our provision

-
10 months later.

This also had an impact on the lack of sessional workers throughout the month of April/May 2023 also. The inability to offer paid work has resulted in experienced staff having to find alternative employment in the hospitality industry where work is guaranteed.

The loss of staff results in a loss of specialised knowledge of our communities, the young people within it, links to their families as well as the barriers they face.

Losing experienced staff that have been with the project since being participants has had a great impact. These staff have a unique understanding of what it is like to be a participant, the barriers young people face and an understanding of the communities we work in. We continue to bring in youth leaders and provide them with mentoring, training and hands on experience, but we find staff who have grown within the projects methodology to be irreplaceable to an extent. As a sector, we need to do more to ensure these staff have job security and show that the skills and experience they bring are valued.

Our youth development worker (funded elsewhere), who coordinates this programme, was off on maternity leave and has only returned 6 months into the programme. Recruitment was an issue as it was a maternity post and the lack of job security resulted in a small intake of applicants, many of which lacked the qualifications stated in the job description. This had a deep impact on the project during the first quarter without a key person to seek alternative funding to keep the project running again has also attributed to the delivery of the programme.

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Children and Young People Activities continued

Once sessions were reintroduced, our detached workers were back on the streets. Throughout the Summer the area was quiet in regards to tensions at the interfaces and organised fights. Summer came and went through the contentious dates which we usually anticipate when issues may arise.

However, over the month of September, tensions around the Girdwood interface began to rise. We noted a rise in young people traveling to the area, many not from the local community, to cause anti-social behaviour and attend arranged fights. Police presence increased at the interface as a result. Also the gates to Girdwood Community Hub were locked in the evenings at 8pm causing a physical barrier between young people. Many young people we engage in our programmes felt they were being shut out and unwelcome, which is the opposite of what we are trying to achieve by engaging young people on our programmes.

As a result, youth workers began to walk groups through the interface, however young people families were unhappy that the gate between Girdwood Community Hub and Lower Oldpark entrance was not accessible.

They felt unsafe walking through what they referred to as 'the Catholic entrance'. A reoccurring feeling we have been trying to dispel is young people feeling like they are treated differently due to which side of the community they live on. These conversations often lead to other topics which they feel a similar way for, for example, housing and education which young people have expressed a difference depending on what religious community you come from or area you live.

Our model of engagement continues to shape our approach to engage in young people. Detached and Outreach work is the initial grassroots stages of engaging with young people on the streets and in an environment where they are comfortable. This is where our street-based youth work staff would come into contact with most young people in particular those who are hanging around interfaces or parks or streets.

Detached youth work is an asset to both our youth project and the local community. The advantage of engaging young people in the local area, identifying barriers to engagement, needs of the young people as well as building relationships with local residents and other youth providers.

However, when there are issues at interfaces, youth workers are often used as a means to 'police' young people especially when anti-social behaviour or rioting is taking place. This has an impact on how young people see youth workers and can have a negative effect on our ability to engage.

The ability to form a relationship with young people is based on trust, and from this a positive relationship can form which can often lead to engaging them in further opportunities to support their development or helping them realise the negative impact their behaviours can have on the community.

Through detached the main issues identified are:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Sectarian behaviour
- Organised fights and riots
- Sexualised behaviour
- Drug/alcohol consumption

We found that young females are more likely to engage in centre-based work than young males and have an increased likelihood to engage in risk-taking behaviours. We understand that not all young people have an interest in engaging in structured programmes, however, we do feel it is important that our youth workers are able to consult with them and encourage them to come up with ideas that they would like to see available to them so create a sense of ownership.

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Children and Young People Activities continued

Our shared drop-ins is a safe space where young people feel they belong. They can look forward to each weekly session and this can have a deep impact on how they see themselves and how they look towards their future. They have access to role models in the form of youth workers, volunteers and their peers which they may not have had at home. We have found that 28% of young people who attend our programmes have a disability, with a majority of young people having or waiting for an assessment for Autism. This has an impact on the levels of young people that can engage due to the needs of the young people that are regular attendees. This can mean staff have additional behaviours to manage as well as ensuring their individual needs are met. As a result of this we had training from Autism NI in order to help make our project more accessible and needs-friendly for the young people in our service and in the wider community.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP)

The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 who are living in poverty, impacted by drug addictions, left school early or with low education attainment, been in or close to the criminal justice system, suffer from poor mental health or are homeless. The programme aims to foster personal and social development, promote good relations, offer career guidance, and provide opportunities to raise their aspirations.

The programme has worked with more than 30 young people in a bespoke programme including good relations training, personal development and employability training. The programme offers a flexible approach, tailored interventions to individual needs including sign posting to other agencies and ongoing support on a 1:1 mentoring basis. 8 young people have secured employed and 14 have gone on to further training. One example of the work of the project is the case study below:

Case Study

My name is Erin and I am a single mother to a little boy and girl. With only 11 months between my kids, my sole focus over the last few years has been being a Mum.

Up until I joined the Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) my kids were my only focus but since joining the group I have learned that I also need to remember my own needs. My babies are my world, but to get the opportunity to join PYDP has enlightened me and also shown me that my needs can also be a priority.

I am so grateful for this experience, not only to help boost my confidence but it has given me the desire to get back into education and set new goals for our future. I'm now focused on learning to drive, aiming to try and gain more qualifications and maybe try to start a career in politics.

Joining PYDP has been an amazing experience so far, meeting beautiful, wonderful and inspiring women, covering a range of topics and activities that have helped us come out of our shells and progress to our full potential.

I didn't know programmes like this existed, I am so thankful for it and to everyone who has been involved in the programme! Making friends along the way has made the experience even more enjoyable than I had initially hoped for. I would highly recommend this opportunity to any young person. There is nothing stopping you from reaching your goals and inspiring others along the way!

Pumpkin Patch: The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2023. This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event was attended by 250 people from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville to come together and create memories.

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- The Executive Office
- Community Relations Council
- The Department for Communities
- Co-operation Ireland
- National Lottery Awards for All
- BBC Children in Need
- Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade - Reconciliation Fund
- Belfast City Council
- Housing Executive
- NI Education Authority
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Neighbourly
- Northern Ireland Water
- Cash for Kids

Public benefit

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum in setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial position

The results for the year are as follows:

	2024	2023
Income	£586,713	£628,393
Expenditure	£590,344	£577,689
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(£3,631)	£50,704
Unrestricted reserves	£194,916	£196,112
Restricted reserves	£84,854	£87,289
Total Reserves	£279,770	£283,401

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 16 to 28.

Reserves policy

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum does have a Reserves Policy which outlines the need for financial reserves to allow the charity to make investments or deal with legal liabilities. One such liability is redundancy payments

The Directors have agreed a policy that requires financial reserves be maintained at a level to sustain 6 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Funds in deficit

The Charity has no deficit at the end of this financial year.

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Plans for the future

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum will be focused on the following key priorities in the year ahead:

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre: The development of the enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue is crucial as a first step to moving the lower Cliftonville area out of poverty. The centre will provide training for local people and support them into the world of work and enterprise. Given that the Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived area in the North this is a priority.

Imagine Shared Space Project: The concept of developing a shared space and removing a part of the peace wall between lower Cliftonville and Lower Oldpark now looks a real possibility. In the year ahead a business plan and architectural designs will be prepared for local community consultation. A project team will also be established to drive the project forward.

Girdwood Youth Space Management proposal: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is working with community groups around the Girdwood site to manage the Girdwood Youth Space. An outline proposal has already been submitted to Belfast City Council. We have established the Girdwood Community Trust as the legal entity and members include ourselves, Lower Shankill Community Association, Lower Oldpark Community Association and New Lodge CEP/TDK Community Group.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was incorporated on 20 December 1999 and each member undertakes to pay an amount not exceeding £1 towards liabilities in the event of the charity being dissolved.

Organisational structure

The trustees are directly responsible for the day to day management of the charity and they meet on a regular basis to review all aspects of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most of the present trustees have been involved in the charity for a number of years and are familiar with its work. The existing trustees review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees on a regular basis. All new trustees are appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI037612 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

NIC100274

Registered office

185 Cliftonpark Avenue
Belfast
BT14 6DT

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
FORUM (FORMERLY CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY
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**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr Paul Little
Mr Daniel Lavery
Ms Kathleen Quinn
Mr Neil Montgomery
Ms Delores Quinn
Ms Michelle Di Lucia
Ms Kerry Haddock
Ms Jennifer Robinson
Ms Elizabeth Sheppard

Trustee Appointment Information

The following trustees were appointed during the current year:

Ms Kerry Haddock, appointed 4th December 2023
Ms Jennifer Roninson, appointed 4th December 2023
Ms Elizabeth Sheppard, appointed on 5th December 2023
Ms Michelle Di Lucia, appointed 15th January 2024

The following resigned during the current year:

Ms Elizabeth Sheppard resigned on 15th January 2024

Company Secretary

Mr Manus Maguire

Auditors

M.B.McGrady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Suite 2B
Cadogan House
322 Lisburn Road
Belfast
Co. Antrim
BT9 6GH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (formerly Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

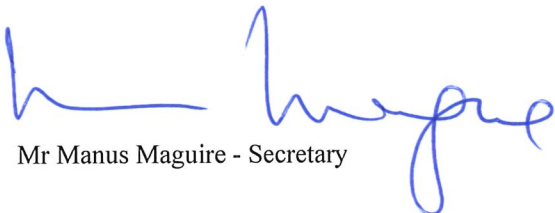
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, M.B.McGrady & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 14 January 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Mr Manus Maguire - Secretary

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum (formerly Cliftonville Community
Regeneration Forum Limited)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (formerly Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In assessing and detecting irregularities such as fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following:

- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and any other relevant professionals regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud;
- the nature of the industry and any laws and regulations applicable to the organisation and the industry;
- the organisation's own assessment of the risk of fraud and other irregularities;
- organisation's policies and procedures in relation to:
 - how they identify and comply with all relevant laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any non-compliance
 - how they detect and respond to risks of fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - control environment within the company and how this mitigates risks of fraud and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to asset valuations. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ensuring the engagement team had the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to be able to identify and recognise any instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- ensuring the audit was carried out with a level of professional scepticism;
- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerns of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Seamus McLernon (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of M.B.McGrady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
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14 January 2025

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/24 Total funds £	31/3/23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Other income	2	15,254	-	15,254	12,871
Charitable activities	3				
Restricted		-	571,459	571,459	615,522
Total		<u>15,254</u>	<u>571,459</u>	<u>586,713</u>	<u>628,393</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Restricted		-	575,453	575,453	567,930
Unrestricted		14,891	-	14,891	9,759
Total		<u>14,891</u>	<u>575,453</u>	<u>590,344</u>	<u>577,689</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	363 (1,559)	(3,994) 1,559	(3,631) -	50,704 -
Net movement in funds		(1,196)	(2,435)	(3,631)	50,704
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		196,112	87,289	283,401	232,697
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>194,916</u></u>	<u><u>84,854</u></u>	<u><u>279,770</u></u>	<u><u>283,401</u></u>

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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**Balance Sheet
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	59,932	60,989
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	18,781	11,025
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>213,639</u>	<u>228,852</u>
		232,420	239,877
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,582)	(17,465)
		<u>219,838</u>	<u>222,412</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		279,770	283,401
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>279,770</u>	<u>283,401</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>279,770</u>	<u>283,401</u>
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		194,916	196,112
Restricted funds		<u>84,854</u>	<u>87,289</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>279,770</u>	<u>283,401</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul Little - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(15,213)</u>	<u>81,650</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(15,213)</u>	<u>81,650</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		<u>-</u>	<u>(13,131)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(13,131)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>228,852</u>	<u>160,333</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>213,639</u>	<u>228,852</u>

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM
OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(3,631)	50,704
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,057	1,410
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(7,756)	89,732
Decrease in creditors	<u>(4,883)</u>	<u>(60,196)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(15,213)</u>	<u>81,650</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>228,852</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>	<u>213,639</u>
	<u>228,852</u>	<u>(15,213)</u>	<u>213,639</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	<u>(3,183)</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>(867)</u>
	<u>(3,183)</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>(867)</u>
Total	<u>225,669</u>	<u>(12,897)</u>	<u>212,772</u>

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds are made to cover the remaining costs incurred for specific projects which have not been met from other restricted monies.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. OTHER INCOME		31/3/24	31/3/23
		£	£
Donations		941	-
Other income		<u>14,313</u>	<u>12,871</u>
		<u>15,254</u>	<u>12,871</u>
 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		 31/3/24	 31/3/23
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Restricted	<u>571,459</u>	<u>615,522</u>

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited are the lead partner on a grant received from Department for Communities. A proportion of the total grant award relates to Manor Street Community Group and North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum. CCRF pays the allocated funding over to these groups on receipt of same. These payments are shown within project costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund awarded €9,932 (2023: €8,089) to CCRF during the year. This has been converted into sterling within the financial statements.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Belfast City Council	65,434	79,355
Children in Need	21,999	40,750
Community Relations Council	88,602	109,650
International Fund for Ireland	105,755	101,020
Irish Youth Foundation	3,000	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,790	8,089
Awards for All	-	9,660
Education Authority	5,670	5,143
Department for Communities	241,985	259,340
Cash for Kids	-	<u>2,515</u>
	<u>571,459</u>	<u>615,522</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Restricted	556,228	19,225	575,453
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>	<u>14,891</u>	<u>14,891</u>
	<u>556,228</u>	<u>34,116</u>	<u>590,344</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Restricted	19,225	-	19,225
Unrestricted	<u>8,591</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>14,891</u>
	<u>27,816</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>34,116</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
Auditors' remuneration	3,000	2,300
Depreciation - owned assets	1,057	1,410
Staff pension contributions	<u>12,105</u>	<u>12,906</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	256,773	260,235
Social security costs	18,180	19,845
Other pension costs	<u>12,105</u>	<u>12,906</u>
	<u>287,058</u>	<u>292,986</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/24	31/3/23
Administrative staff	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Other income	12,871	-	12,871
Charitable activities			
Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>615,522</u>	<u>615,522</u>
Total	<u>12,871</u>	<u>615,522</u>	<u>628,393</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	567,930	567,930
Unrestricted	<u>9,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,759</u>
Total	<u>9,759</u>	<u>567,930</u>	<u>577,689</u>
NET INCOME	3,112	47,592	50,704
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>193,000</u>	<u>39,697</u>	<u>232,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>196,112</u>	<u>87,289</u>	<u>283,401</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total consideration paid to key management personnel, including employers national insurance contributions, for services provided to the charity was £60,645 (2023: £58,880).

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long Leasehold Property £	Long leasehold land £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>33,677</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>36,055</u>	<u>33,672</u>	<u>126,490</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	-	-	33,994	31,507	65,501
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>1,057</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,510</u>	<u>32,048</u>	<u>66,558</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	<u>33,677</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>1,545</u>	<u>1,624</u>	<u>59,932</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>33,677</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>2,061</u>	<u>2,165</u>	<u>60,989</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
Trade debtors	16,732	9,248
Prepayments	<u>2,049</u>	<u>1,777</u>
	<u>18,781</u>	<u>11,025</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	867	3,183
Other creditors	5,272	1
Accruals and deferred income	<u>6,443</u>	<u>14,281</u>
	<u><u>12,582</u></u>	<u><u>17,465</u></u>

14. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of bank loans and overdrafts is given below:

	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
IFI account	<u>867</u>	<u>3,183</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/24 Total funds	31/3/23 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	12,485	47,447	59,932	60,989
Current assets	182,431	49,989	232,420	239,877
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,582)</u>	<u>(12,582)</u>	<u>(17,465)</u>
	<u><u>194,916</u></u>	<u><u>84,854</u></u>	<u><u>279,770</u></u>	<u><u>283,401</u></u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	196,112	363	(1,559)	194,916
Restricted funds				
Department for Communities	-	(5,661)	5,661	-
Belfast City Council	11,015	(606)	-	10,409
International Fund for Ireland	-	14,183	-	14,183
Children In Need	15,989	(12,803)	-	3,186
Community Relations Council	39,035	10,016	-	49,051
Irish Youth Foundation	-	(50)	50	-
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	7,438	587	-	8,025
Awards for All	9,660	(9,660)	-	-
Community Foundation	4,152	-	(4,152)	-
	<u>87,289</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>	<u>1,559</u>	<u>84,854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,401</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,770</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,254	(14,891)	363
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	241,985	(247,646)	(5,661)
Belfast City Council	66,465	(67,071)	(606)
International Fund for Ireland	136,303	(122,120)	14,183
Children In Need	21,999	(34,802)	(12,803)
Community Relations Council	87,247	(77,231)	10,016
Irish Youth Foundation	3,000	(3,050)	(50)
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,790	(8,203)	587
Education Authority - T-BUC	5,670	(5,670)	-
Awards for All	-	(9,660)	(9,660)
	<u>571,459</u>	<u>(575,453)</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>586,713</u>	<u>(590,344)</u>	<u>(3,631)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	193,000	3,112	196,112
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	2,974	(2,974)	-
Belfast City Council	-	11,015	11,015
International Fund for Ireland	13,643	(13,643)	-
Children In Need	8,705	7,284	15,989
Community Relations Council	4,323	34,712	39,035
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	5,900	1,538	7,438
Awards for All	-	9,660	9,660
Community Foundation	4,152	-	4,152
	<u>39,697</u>	<u>47,592</u>	<u>87,289</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,697</u>	<u>50,704</u>	<u>283,401</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,871	(9,759)	3,112
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	259,340	(262,314)	(2,974)
Belfast City Council	79,355	(68,340)	11,015
International Fund for Ireland	101,020	(114,663)	(13,643)
Children In Need	40,750	(33,466)	7,284
Community Relations Council	109,650	(74,938)	34,712
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,089	(6,551)	1,538
Awards for All	9,660	-	9,660
Education Authority	5,143	(5,143)	-
Cash for Kids	2,515	(2,515)	-
	<u>615,522</u>	<u>(567,930)</u>	<u>47,592</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>628,393</u>	<u>(577,689)</u>	<u>50,704</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds are made to cover management and facilitation fees incurred by Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited while delivering projects. These costs have been approved by the funder and are included in the grant budget.

On occasion management use unrestricted reserves to finance projects for which funding has not yet been received. Once this funding comes in, the amounts are transferred back into unrestricted reserves from the restricted fund. If a deficit arises on a restricted fund, management will transfer assets from unrestricted funds to cover this.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

18. CHANGE OF NAME

The trustees passed a special resolution on 20 July 2023 to alter the name of the charity and remove 'Limited' from its name.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other income		
Donations	941	-
Other income	<u>14,313</u>	<u>12,871</u>
	15,254	12,871
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>571,459</u>	<u>615,522</u>
Total incoming resources	586,713	628,393
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	256,773	260,235
Social security	18,180	19,845
Pensions	12,105	12,906
Programme and project costs	266,968	251,594
Service Charges, Room Hire & Misc	525	225
Postage , Stationery & Advertising	8	-
Travel	<u>1,669</u>	<u>1,770</u>
	556,228	546,575
Support costs		
Management		
Rates and water	809	647
Insurance	4,078	3,624
Light and heat	3,924	4,598
Telephone	4,432	2,984
Postage and stationery	1,969	1,175
Sundries	2,250	1,195
Repairs & renewals	7,036	3,960
Bank fees	1,093	921
Professional fees	650	3,600
Staff training	518	1,960
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	<u>1,057</u>	<u>1,410</u>
	27,816	26,074
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	3,000	2,300
Carried forward	3,000	2,300

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	31/3/24	31/3/23
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	3,000	2,300
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>3,300</u>	<u>2,740</u>
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>5,040</u>
 Total resources expended	 <u>590,344</u>	 <u>577,689</u>
 Net (expenditure)/income	 <u><u>(3,631)</u></u>	 <u><u>50,704</u></u>

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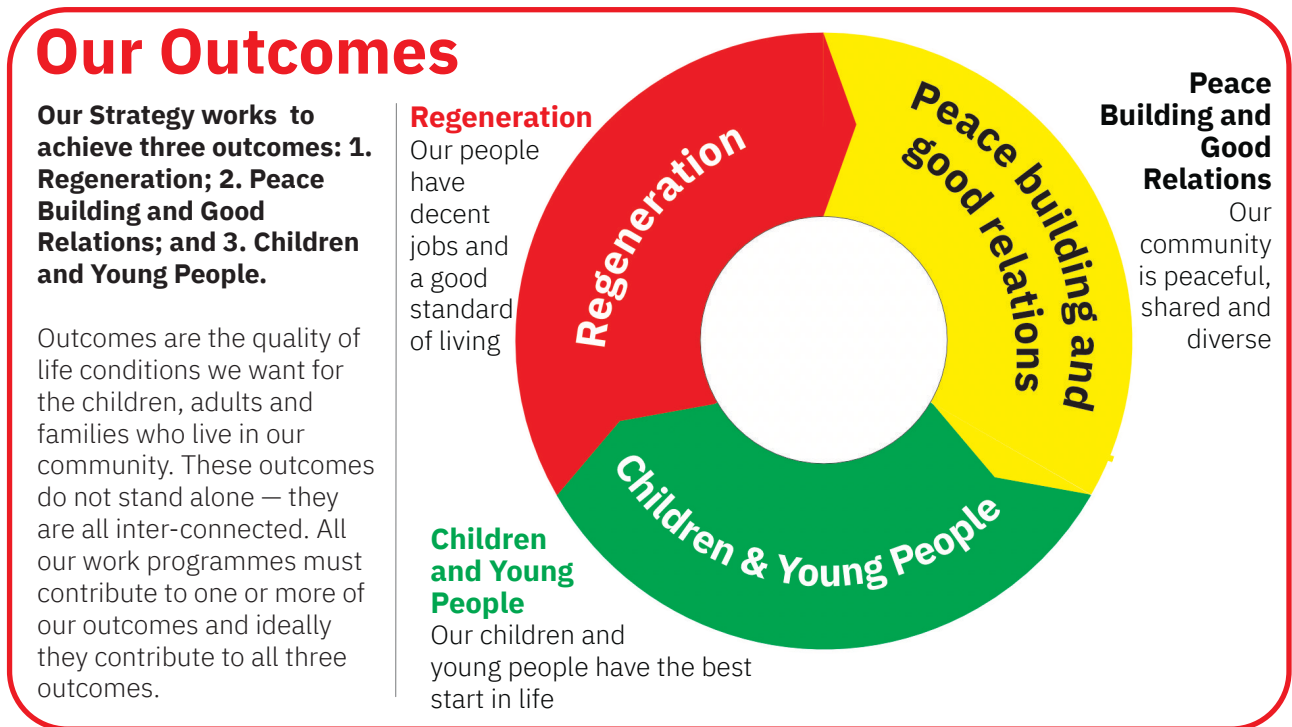
**Trustees Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

1. The Purpose of the Charity

The Purpose of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is to:

“Work for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the Cliftonville community and to create the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us”.

We have three key strategic outcomes which are:



Strategic Theme	Outcome
Regeneration	Our people have decent jobs and wages and a good standard of living
Peace Building and Good Relations	Our community is peaceful, shared and diverse
Children and Young People	Our children and young people have the best start in life

2. The Financial year the report relates to

This Trustees Report relates to the financial year commencing on 1st April 2023 and ending on 31st March 2024.

3. Principle Address of the Charity

185 Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast BT14 6DT

4. Information on governance

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is a company limited by guarantee with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which was adopted on 13th November 2002.

5. Trustee Details

The Trustees of the Charity who have served within the period of this report are:

Mr Paul Little
Mr Daniel Lavery
Ms Kathleen Quinn
Mr Neil Montgomery
Ms Delores Quinn
Ms Michelle Di Lucia
Ms Kerry Haddock
Ms Jennifer Robinson
Ms Elizabeth Sheppard

6. Trustee Appointment Information

The following trustees were appointed during the current year:

Ms Kerry Haddock, appointed 4th December 2023
Ms Jennifer Robinson, appointed 4th December 2023
Elizabeth Sheppard, appointed on 5th December 2023
Ms Michelle Di Lucia, appointed 15th January 2024

The following resigned during the current year:

Elizabeth Sheppard resigned on 15th January 2024

7. Public Benefit Compliance

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum in setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

8. Activities and Achievements

8.1 Context

The Cliftonville community is located in the Waterworks ward which is according to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) is the No.1 most deprived ward in the North. This data is based on NISRA data from 2017, however, since then poverty levels have got worse.

Since this data was released we have been hit by Covid-19 and then the Cost of Living Crisis. In terms of the claimant count – a proxy for the number of people out of work – the figures for the Waterworks ward have risen by 44%.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people who have little chance of securing accommodation. We have 3 and even 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and HMOs (Housing in Multiple Occupation). There is a high number of low quality private landlord accommodation. There are notable exceptions. Some private landlords are proactive in improving their properties. However, not all low quality accommodation is in the private sector. An increasing number of low quality housing is owned by social landlords. Local residents who complain about poor quality social housing are increasingly being told: "What do you expect, its social housing".

Poor quality and over crowded housing is a major contributor to low education attainment, stress, poor mental health and securing decent employment opportunities. Millions of pounds is spend every year in housing benefit in the Cliftonville area. Very little of that finds it way back to support either the redevelopment of the properties or regeneration of the local area.

Economically, there are no large employers in the area and there has been no investment in any form of economic development in the area for decades. The current economic model does not work for communities such as the Cliftonville.

An alternative economic model which has emerged is called Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building aims to make the economy work for the people not make people work for the economy. Community Wealth Building stops wealth leaving deprived areas, supports the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people. The development of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise (below) will contribute to the building of community wealth.

The last 12 month period has been a particularly challenging one for developing good relations in North Belfast. The immediate period from April 2023 was very difficult as no budget had been agreed at Stormont and none of our youth programmes were able to operate. Detached and sessional youth work staff were placed on hold while we waited for the outcome of the budget decisions.

This is in the context of the Cost of Living crisis and some very experienced youth workers decided that they could no longer continue with the uncertainty of sessional paid youth work and took more stable jobs elsewhere. The national minimum wage also rose and this meant we needed to increase the hourly rate for our detached and sessional youth workers against a back drop of a budget cuts.

Despite a number of low level incidents the summer months of 2023 passed by without any major incidents. In September 2023 an incident at a fun fayre close to Lidl's shopping centre at Hillview Road led to several nights of tension, fighting and rioting. Although the incidents were resolved locally the young people were displaced to nearby Cliftonpark Avenue interface and Girdwood where the conflict continued.

PSNI used 'Op Squallery', a special PSNI operation in the area. Incidents continued through to the end of October. December 2023 was quiet; however, low level tension and conflict re-appeared again after the Christmas break.

Individuals, homes and cars were attacked. Tensions continued into February 2024 when groups of young people travelled on foot into nearby loyalist areas, posted photos of themselves on social media and afterwards cars and homes on Agnes Street and Cliftonpark Avenue were attacked.

In late February 2024 it was claimed that up to 80-100 young people were at the interface some attacking homes. From September 2023-March 2024 there have been 76 nights of tension, arranged fights and conflict at Girdwood/Cliftonpark Avenue. This has involved 103 incidents involving assaults, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. While not all these incidents have been motivated by sectarian hate crime some of these incidents are.

One incident included an attack on the home of a local community worker. Later the same worker was physically attacked and injured after being hit with a concrete block.

According to one PSNI officer: "As a result of these incidents (at Cliftonpark Avenue), police officers have spent considerable periods of time at the interface. This has often taken the form of static police patrols waiting at the interface to prevent youths attending or returning to the location for further violence.

"Several youths have been arrested and a larger number have received a recorded criminal justice disposal as a result of criminal behaviour. This interface has easily been the most active and troublesome in north Belfast in this period. The next most active, Carlisle Circus / Clifton Street, is directly linked to this interface as the youths' movement is often tracked between the two – one interface goes quiet as both groups of youths move to the other".

The PSNI have identified 44 young people who are involved in anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and physical assaults at this and other interfaces in North Belfast. They are currently working with social services, Youth Justice Agency, the Housing Executive, housing associations, local schools and youth and community organisations to address these issues.

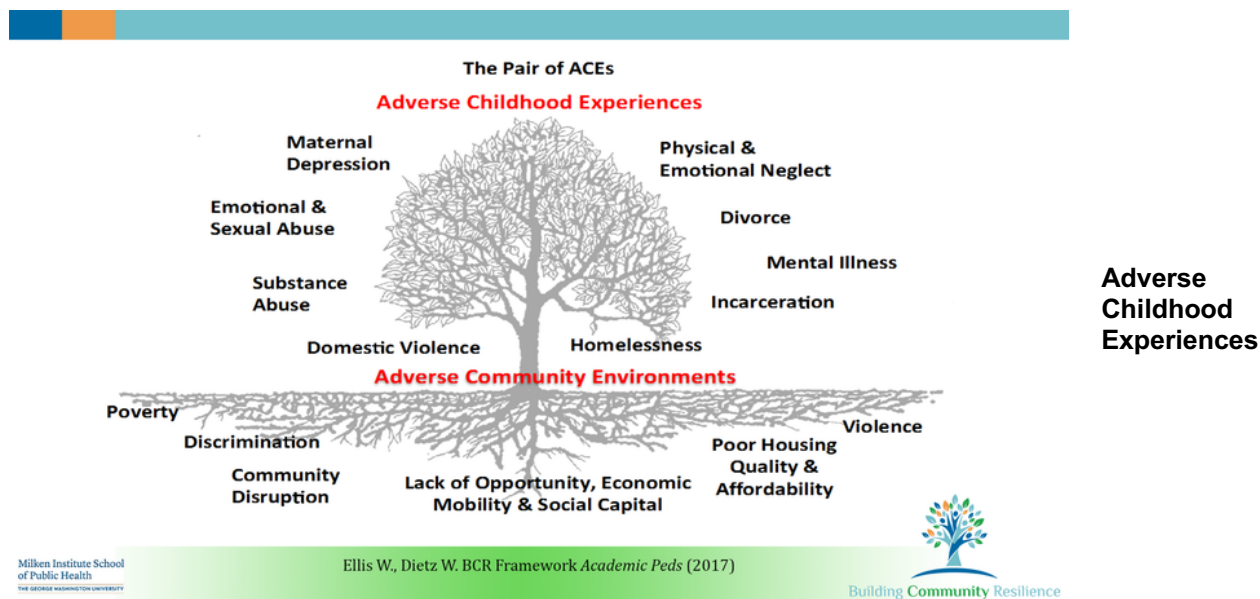
Despite these events there continues to be a high level of engagement of young people at Girdwood, Cliftonpark Avenue and across the area. Some of the young people involved in tension and conflict at the interface are from the local and surrounding areas (Cliftonville, New Lodge, Shankill, Ardoyne). However, many young people are travelling from Glengormley, parts of West Belfast and even North Down.

The problem is that a transient group of disengaged youth seem to be main cause of issues. A way needs to be found to engage these young people. It is likely that many of these young people face underlying issues.

Our good relations work does not take place in a vacuum. It takes place on tough terrain where it is difficult to sustain. It takes place in the context of physical dereliction and acute poverty and disadvantage. Physically the area around Girdwood and Cliftonpark Avenue is characterised by a lack of development with derelict and vacant land on each side the interface. In the evenings this becomes a playground for recreational activity which creates tension, anti-social behaviour and sometimes rioting.

The area is also characterised by high levels of poverty, deprivation, mental health, lack of education attainment, and lack of positive roles models for our young people. The

hopelessness amongst young people has increased. We need long term regeneration work which can address these issues and provide a more fertile ground for our good relations work.



We are working with young people who have Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). According to a Queen’s University report on mental health in NI (October, 2020): “There was a clear association with deprivation, with young people in the least deprived areas more likely to have experienced no ACEs compared to those in the most deprived (59.9% vs 36.0%)”.

This means that children, young people and their families are living in what health professionals have referred to as “Chronically Unsafe Community Environments”. These issues take place in a context where armed gangs remain active and organised crime gangs/drug gangs target and exploit disadvantaged communities.

8.2 Regeneration Activities

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre

In January 2024 we received word that we had secured funding £1.45 million to build the Cliftonville Community Enterprise to act as a catalyst for the regeneration of this area.

The funding from Belfast City Council’s Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund will see the building of a 8,000 square feet social enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue with a 2-story childcare facility and 8 workspace units.

This Centre aims to provide employment and training opportunities for local people and to support them into employment and business. This will help to create a pathway for residents into employment through child care jobs and through a process of learning, making, and selling. Cliftonville Community Forum has worked to deliver this project for a number of years.



Architect's design of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise

Along with our community development work, peace building work and youth work we always knew that this area needed more support to help people into training and employment. We have always provided training to increase people's skills and have helped many people secure employment.

This new centre will give us a purpose-built facility where we can do this on a larger scale. When the new centre is up and running it will create 30 jobs on the site as well as other jobs through training. We will engage with three groups of people in the local community: i) long term unemployed males, ii) women living in poverty and iii) young people from disadvantaged families.

We opened a Pop-up café in Girdwood in December 2023. Called New Ground Coffee – the name came from the young people trained as baristas. It was a play on cross community work and coffee.

The pop-up cafe aimed at empowering our local youth by providing them with valuable skills and a pathway into the world of work. The young faces behind the counter have undergone a comprehensive training program covering enterprise, barista skills, first aid, food hygiene, manual handling, health and safety, and customer care.

The concept driving New Ground coffee is simple but profound — to prepare local youth for the challenges of the workforce by providing them with real-world experience in a customer-focused environment.

The goal is to equip them not only with the skills required to make the perfect cup of coffee but also with transferable skills that will serve them well in any professional endeavour they choose to pursue.

The pop-up café was officially launched on 29th February by Belfast Lord Mayor, Ryan Murphy, with other government departments and funders in attendance – The Executive Office, Department for Communities, NI Water, Belfast City Council, International Fund for Ireland and PSNI.

Community Organising project

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled including: housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. Since October 2020 we have produced 10 editions and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 community groups in the area:

- Waterworks Residents Association
- Manor Street Residents Action Group
- Brucevale Residents
- Cliftonpark Avenue Residents

The following training has been completed by the project:

- Naloxone Training
- Introduction to ADHD
- ADHD Training OCN L2
- Autism Awareness Training
- Child Exploitation Training
- ILM Award Training Leadership and Management
- Debt Management Training

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues. Since April 2023 to March 2024 there has been:

- 18 multi agency meetings with agencies such as Community Restorative Justice, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Housing Executive, Housing Associations and politicians.
- 3 meeting have taken place with the Save Our Post Office Campaign
- 21 meetings have taken place with local councillors Tomás O'Neill, Ryan Murphy, Paul McCusker and Mal O'Hara as well as meeting with local residents groups to tackle day to day issues in the area including lack of services and investment

Due to the cost of living crisis and various other social factors, the challenges the area is facing grows daily. Since the beginning of 2023 we have a significant rise in anti-social behaviour and housing issues.

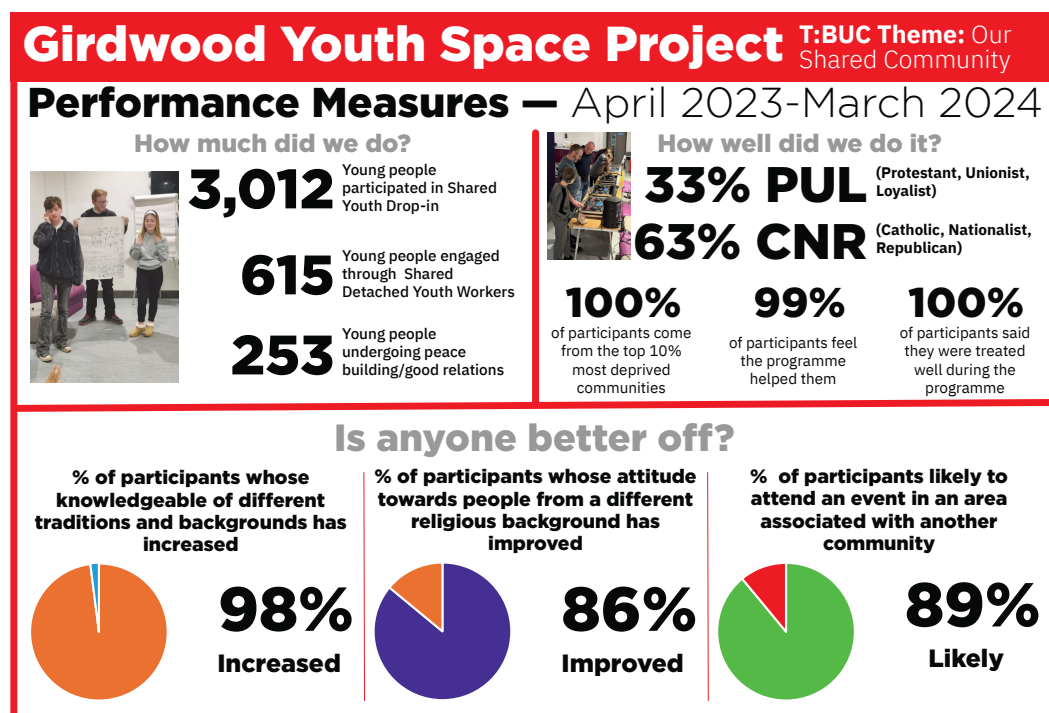
Neighbourhood Renewal

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is active in delivering the government's neighbourhood renewal strategy. This involves working at a number of levels:

- Community level in delivering community-based regeneration projects in the Cliftonville area.
- Working as a member of the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership. **9** Meetings and Working Groups of the Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership in 2023/24.
- Working as a member of the North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships. This is now emerging as the new North Belfast Community Partnership. **6** Meetings of the North Belfast Community Partnership and **2** Community conference events have been held in 2023-24. **2** Political breakfasts for North Belfast political representatives have also been organised by the North Belfast Community partnership with all the political parties in North Belfast.
- Working as a member of the Neighbourhood Renewal Forum – made up of 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships across the North of Ireland. **9** Meetings of the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal partnerships
- Working as a member of the Department of Communities Strategic Planning Group reviewing the People and Place/Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. **5** Planning meetings of the People & Place Review organised by the Department for Communities

8.3 Peace Building and Good Relations Activities

Girdwood Youth Space Project



Girdwood Youth Space Scorecard 2023/24

We began our Peace Building/Good Relations work in April 2023 in the context no functioning NI Executive and with civil servants not having agreed to a budget to enable community and youth organisations to deliver good relations programmes on the ground.

The Cost of Living Crisis meant that costs for transport, refreshments, equipment, staff was increasing by 30-40% while we had no budget. The delay was no just one month but from April to July 2023. In this context the Trustees of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum took the decision to ‘work at risk’ – provide the essential youth work good relations

programmes in the hope that government would eventually release a budget. When the budget was eventually released it was cut by 10%!

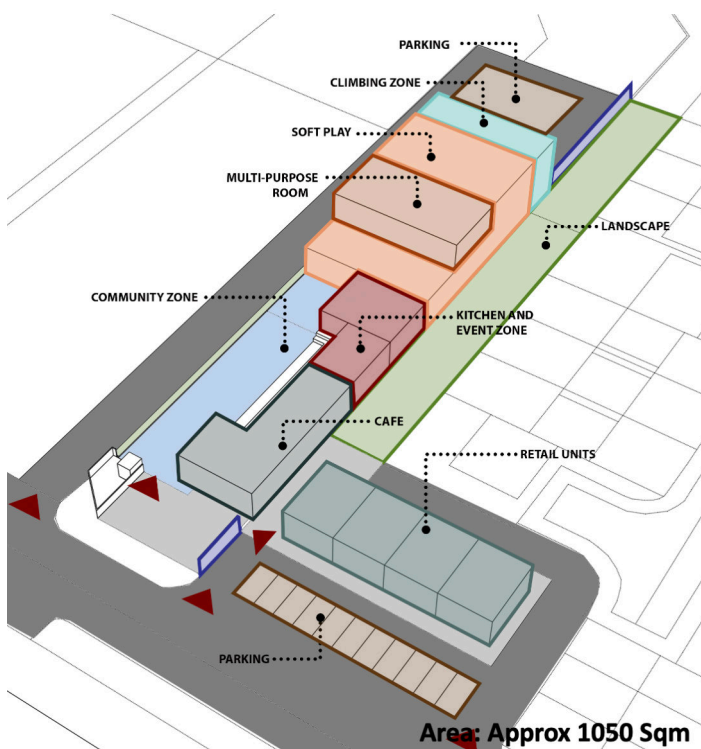
Despite many difficulties the good relations programme for 2023/24 was delivered by our dedicated staff. 2023/24 saw us deliver a range of youth activities, projects, cross-community trips/residentials and team building events to ensure that the Girdwood Youth Space is a safe, shared space for all local young people.

More than 3,000 local people have participated in good relations activities organised during the year through youth and community events.

- 98% of participants said that their knowledge of different traditions and backgrounds increased
- 86% of participants said their attitude towards people from a different religious background improved
- 89% of participants said they are likely to attend an event in an area associated with another community

Our Girdwood Youth Space project works across the Cliftonville, Lower Shankill and Lower Oldpark areas and delivers youth programmes in the Girdwood Community Hub and the Girdwood Youth Space. We have made contact with 615 young people in detached (street) outreach work. 3,012 young people have participated in shared youth drop-ins.

Imagine Peace Barriers Project



Concept plan for a soft play area to replace a section of the peace wall at Cliftonpark Avenue

The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is a cross community partnership with Lower Oldpark Community Association. In January 2024 we began a consultation process with the local community on both sides of the interface to find out their views on concept plans to build a Shared Space Project which will remove part of the interface on Cliftonpark Avenue.

The consultation exercise aimed at finding out what local residents, political representatives and government agencies working in the area think about the concept plans. The concept designs include a soft play area for children and a cafe area. It will have multi-purpose rooms, a climbing zone and retail units. There will also be special Changing Places toilets for children with special requirements.

There are two basic concepts and the plan would effectively replace a section of the interface wall which runs from Cliftonpark Avenue up towards Manor Street. Members of the project team went door to door explaining the project, we also held a number of afternoon and evening meetings to allow local residents to express their views.

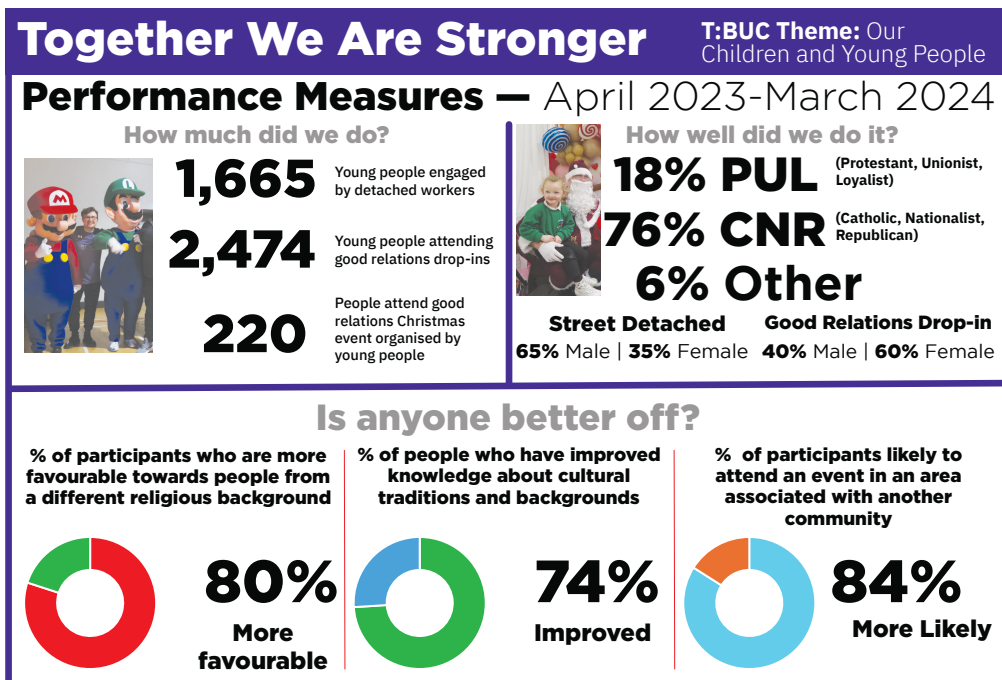
A meeting was also held with political representatives from across North Belfast including the MP, MLAs and local councillors.

Reflecting the ongoing conflict at Girdwood and the interface local residents expressed fears of the anti-social behaviour and fighting at the interface. In response the project went back out door-to-door providing local residents with fridge magnets with the contacts to report incidents to the PSNI and the local community. The cross community project is also working with a cross community women’s group and a men’s group around interface issues.

8.3 Children and Young People Activities

Let Youth Lead project

The delay in receiving The Executive Office funding had a direct result in a delay in our services being delivered. The sessions were on hold for the month of April and so we were unable to begin delivering our programmes until June 2023.



Let Youth Lead Scorecard 2023/24

This delay causes a disruption in the consistency of working with young people on a regular basis. The inability to continue a relationship with young people causes issues as

young people disengage from the project or move on to alternative services. Some of the young people who disengaged during this period have still not returned to our provision – 10 months later.

This also had an impact on the lack of sessional workers throughout the month of April/May 2023 also. The inability to offer paid work has resulted in experienced staff having to find alternative employment in the hospitality industry where work is guaranteed.

The loss of staff results in a loss of specialised knowledge of our communities, the young people within it, links to their families as well as the barriers they face.

Loosing experienced staff that have been with the project since being participants has had a great impact. These staff have a unique understanding of what it is like to be a participant, the barriers young people face and an understanding of the communities we work in. We continue to bring in youth leaders and provide them with mentoring, training and hands on experience, but we find staff who have grown within the projects methodology to be irreplaceable to an extent. As a sector, we need to do more to ensure these staff have job security and show that the skills and experience they bring are valued.

Our youth development worker (funded elsewhere), who coordinates this programme, was off on maternity leave and has only returned 6 months into the programme. Recruitment was an issue as it was a maternity post and the lack of job security resulted in a small intake of applicants, many of which lacked the qualifications stated in the job description. This had a deep impact on the project during the first quarter without a key person to seek alternative funding to keep the project running again has also attributed to the delivery of the programme.

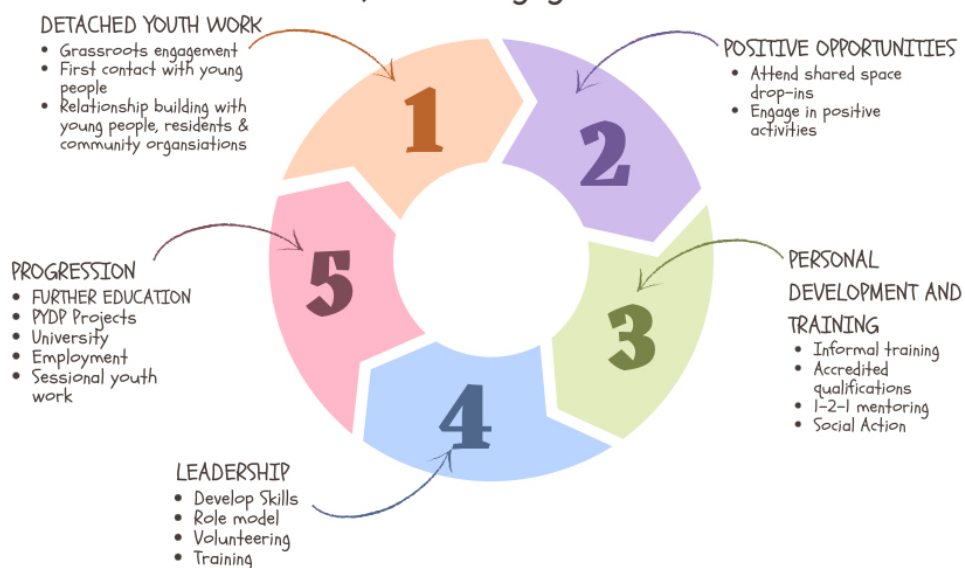
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Once sessions were reintroduced, our detached workers were back on the streets. Throughout the Summer the area was quiet in regards to tensions at the interfaces and organised fights. Summer came and went through the contentious dates which we usually anticipate when issues may arise.

However, over the month of September, tensions around the Girdwood interface begun to rise. We noted a rise in young people traveling to the area, many not from the local community, to cause anti-social behaviour and attend arranged fights. Police presence increased at the interface as a result. Also the gates to Girdwood Community Hub were locked in the evenings at 8pm causing a physical barrier between young people. Many young people we engage in our programmes felt they were being shut out and unwelcome, which is the opposite of what we are trying to achieve by engaging young people on our programmes.

LET YOUTH LEAD

Cycle of Engagement



The Let Youth Lead Cycle of Engagement model

As a result, youth workers began to walk groups through the interface, however young people families were unhappy that the gate between Girdwood Community Hub and Lower Oldpark entrance was not accessible.

They felt unsafe walking through what they referred to as 'the Catholic entrance'. A reoccurring feeling we have been trying to dispel is young people feeling like they are treated differently due to which side of the community they live on. These conversations often lead to other topics which they feel a similar way for, for example, housing and education which young people have expressed a difference depending on what religious community you come from or area you live.

Our model of engagement continues to shape our approach to engage in young people. Detached and Outreach work is the initial grassroots stages of engaging with young people on the streets and in an environment where they are comfortable. This is where our street-based youth work staff would come into contact with most young people in particular those who are hanging around interfaces or parks or streets.

Detached youth work is an asset to both our youth project and the local community. The advantage of engaging young people in the local area, identifying barriers to engagement, needs of the young people as well as building relationships with local residents and other youth providers.

However, when there are issues at interfaces, youth workers are often used as a means to 'police' young people especially when anti-social behaviour or rioting is taking place. This has an impact on how young people see youth workers and can have a negative effect on our ability to engage.

The ability to form a relationship with young people is based on trust, and from this a positive relationship can form which can often lead to engaging them in further opportunities to support their development or helping them realise the negative impact their behaviours can have on the community.

Through detached the main issues identified are:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Sectarian behaviour
- Organised fights and riots
- Sexualised behaviour
- Drug/alcohol consumption

We found that young females are more likely to engage in centre-based work than young males and have an increased likelihood to engage in risk-taking behaviours. We understand that not all young people have an interest in engaging in structured programmes, however, we do feel it is important that our youth workers are able to consult with them and encourage them to come up with ideas that they would like to see available to them so create a sense of ownership.

Our shared drop-ins is a safe space where young people feel they belong. They can look forward to each weekly session and this can have a deep impact on how they see themselves and how they look towards their future. They have access to role models in the form of youth workers, volunteers and their peers which they may not have had at home. We have found that 28% of young people who attend our programmes have a disability, with a majority of young people having or waiting for an assessment for Autism. This has an impact on the levels of young people that can engage due to the needs of the young people that are regular attendees. This can mean staff have additional behaviours to manage as well as ensuring their individual needs are met. As a result of this we had training from Autism NI in order to help make our project more accessible and needs-friendly for the young people in our service and in the wider community.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP)

The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 who are living in poverty, impacted by drug addictions, left school early or with low education attainment, been in or close to the criminal justice system, suffer from poor mental health or are homeless. The programme aims to foster personal and social development, promote good relations, offer career guidance, and provide opportunities to raise their aspirations.

The programme has worked with more than 30 young people in a bespoke programme including good relations training, personal development and employability training. The programme offers a flexible approach, tailored interventions to individual needs including sign posting to other agencies and ongoing support on a 1:1 mentoring basis. 8 young people have secured employed and 14 have gone on to further training. One example of the work of the project is the case study below:

Case Study

My name is Erin and I am a single mother to a little boy and girl. With only 11 months between my kids, my sole focus over the last few years has been being a Mum. Up until I joined the Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) my kids were my only focus but since joining the group I have learned that I also need to remember my own needs. My babies are my world, but to get the opportunity to join PYDP has enlightened me and also shown me that my needs can also be a priority.

I am so grateful for this experience, not only to help boost my confidence but it has given me the desire to get back into education and set new goals for our future. I'm now focused on learning to drive, aiming to try and gain more qualifications and maybe try to start a career in politics.

Joining PYDP has been an amazing experience so far, meeting beautiful, wonderful and inspiring women, covering a range of topics and activities that have helped us come out of our shells and progress to our full potential.

I didn't know programmes like this existed, I am so thankful for it and to everyone who has been involved in the programme! Making friends along the way has made the experience even more enjoyable than I had initially hoped for. I would highly recommend this opportunity to any young person. There is nothing stopping you from reaching your goals and inspiring others along the way!

Pumpkin Patch: The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2023. This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event was attended by 250 people from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville coming together to create memories.

9. Acknowledgements

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to acknowledge the support of our funders and thank them.

- The International Fund for Ireland
- The Executive Office
- Community Relations Council
- Department for Communities
- Co-operation Ireland
- National Lottery Awards for All
- BBC Children in Need
- Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade – Reconciliation Fund
- Belfast City Council
- Housing Executive
- NI Education Authority
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Neighbourly
- Northern Ireland Water
- Cash for Kids

11. Plans for the future

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum will be focused on the following key priorities in the year ahead:

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre: The development of the enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue is crucial as a first step to moving the lower Cliftonville area out of poverty. The

centre will provide training for local people and support them into the world of work and enterprise. Given that the Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived area in the North this is a priority.

Imagine Shared Space Project: The concept of developing a shared space and removing a part of the peace wall between lower Cliftonville and Lower Oldpark now looks a real possibility. In the year ahead a business plan and architectural designs will be prepared for local community consultation. A project team will also be established to drive the project forward.

Girdwood Youth Space Management proposal: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is working with community groups around the Girdwood site to manage the Girdwood Youth Space. An outline proposal has already been submitted to Belfast City Council. We have established the Girdwood Community Trust as the legal entity and members include ourselves, Lower Shankill Community Association, Lower Oldpark Community Association and New Lodge CEP/TDK Community Group.

12. Financial Review

1st April 2023-31st March 2024

	2024	2023
Income	£586,713	£628,393
Expenditure	£590,344	£577,689
Surplus/Deficit	-(£3,631)	£50,704
Debts	£0.00	£0.00
Unrestricted Reserves	£194,916	£196,112
Restricted Reserves	£84,854	£87,289
Reserves (Restricted & Unrestricted)	£279,770	£283,401

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum does have a Reserves Policy which outlines the need for financial reserves to allow the charity to make investments or deal with legal liabilities. One such liability is redundancy payments

The Directors have agreed a policy that requires financial reserves be maintained at a level to sustain 6 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

13. Deficit Funds

The Charity has no deficit at the end of this financial year.

14. Sign off

This Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum on Monday 18th November 2024 and is signed by:



Paul Little, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100274

Annual return

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Cliftonville Community Regeneration
Forum (formerly Cliftonville Community
Regeneration Forum Limited)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (formerly Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In assessing and detecting irregularities such as fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following:

- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and any other relevant professionals regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud;
- the nature of the industry and any laws and regulations applicable to the organisation and the industry;
- the organisation's own assessment of the risk of fraud and other irregularities;
- organisation's policies and procedures in relation to:
 - how they identify and comply with all relevant laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any non-compliance
 - how they detect and respond to risks of fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - control environment within the company and how this mitigates risks of fraud and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to asset valuations. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ensuring the engagement team had the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to be able to identify and recognise any instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- ensuring the audit was carried out with a level of professional scepticism;
- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerns of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100274

Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

for

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
FORUM**

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**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
FORUM (REGISTERED NUMBER: NI037612)**

**Report of the Trustees
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Objectives

The Purpose of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is to:

"Work for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the Cliftonville community and to create the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us".

We have three key strategic outcomes which are:

Regeneration:	our people have decent jobs and wages and a good standard of living
Peace Building and Good Relations:	our community is peaceful, shared and diverse
Children and Young People:	our children and young people have the best start in life

Significant Activities and Achievements

The Cliftonville area is located in the Waterworks ward. According to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) the Waterworks is the No. 1 most deprived ward in Northern Ireland. But what is life like in the most deprived community?

Living in poverty is stressful, you can never make ends meet. People often make sacrifices for their children. People move into a house or a flat knowing that they can't pay all the rent and they go into arrears. The alternative is to remain homeless. They will then use loan sharks to pay off their arrears and fall deeper and deeper into debt.

For many life is truly shocking. People try to cope. Coping mechanisms can be good and bad. Under the constant pressure of trying to survive in poverty people develop mental health problems. Under pressure people are drawn into drink or drugs just to get away from the stress and their problems for a while.

Everyone suffers from stress at some point in their life but in deprived neighbourhoods this can drive more people into addiction. People who live outside deprived neighbourhoods have little or no idea of life in these areas and how poor people live or exist just to get by on a daily basis.

The Waterworks ward has also been affected by 30 years of conflict and physical barriers continue to blight the area and divide neighbourhoods. The Waterworks ward is one of the wards in the top 10 most affected by the conflict in terms of the number of local residents killed.

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**Report of the Trustees
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Cliftonville community is one of the most deprived in Belfast and across the North of Ireland. The quality of life for local residents has declined sharply in the past year. While local people were still on the ropes from Covid-19 they were then punched in the face by the Cost of Living Crisis.

This crisis is not helped by the lack of government at Stormont or by a government in London which is totally deaf to the needs of people living in poverty. The absence of a NI Executive led to more government cuts in 2022-23 for key services that are needed by the most vulnerable and impoverished people in our community.

Cuts to public sector and community services make it more difficult for community groups on the ground to respond to local need and to support people in our communities.

The Cliftonville community is located in the Waterworks ward which, according to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), is the No. 1 most deprived ward in Northern Ireland. The Waterworks ward has the highest percentage of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in Belfast (10.8%) and the 2nd highest rate of JSA claimants in NI. The NI average is 3.8%.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people have little chance of securing accommodation. We have 3 and even 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden. This situation has a major impact on low education attainment and stress.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and HMOs (Housing in Multiple Occupation). There is a high number of low quality private landlord accommodation. There are notable exceptions. Some private landlords are proactive in improving their properties. However, not all low quality accommodation is in the private sector. An increasing number of low quality housing is owned by social landlords. Local residents who complain about poor quality social housing are increasingly being told: "What do you expect, its social housing".

Millions of pounds is spent every year in housing benefit in the Cliftonville area. Very little of that finds its way back to support either the redevelopment of the properties or regeneration of the local area.

Economically, there are no large employers in the area and there has been no investment in any form of economic development in the area for decades. The current economic model does not work for communities such as the Cliftonville.

An alternative economic model which has emerged is called Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building aims to make the economy work for the people, not make people work for the economy. Community Wealth Building stops wealth leaving deprived areas, supports the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people. The development of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise (below) will contribute to the building of community wealth.

Regeneration activities

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum plans to build a Cliftonville Community Enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue. The project is aimed at supporting long term unemployed males, women living in poverty and young people from disadvantaged families into training, employment and enterprise. The centre will also provide child care places as demand for these facilities are high in this area.

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The enterprise centre will work with local people to support them to learn, make and sell. This means providing training, space and equipment to enable people to move into the labour market and increase economic activity within the local community. Critically it also means supporting them to increase their confidence and help them overcome the barriers to employment and enterprise.

Cliftonville Community Enterprise will be located in the Waterworks ward which has had no capital investment for more than 20 years. Cliftonville Community Forum is currently involved in training and employability projects. We have supported people from the Cliftonville and surrounding areas through training, with job applications, interview preparation and seen them secure employment.

The development of Cliftonville Community Enterprise will see this work move to a new level. This centre will be a very modest size. However, it should allow us to begin to turn the curve on poverty and disadvantage in this area.

Development stage of the project

1. We own the site having purchased it from the Housing Executive.
2. We have produced a fully costed business plan which shows how the centre will operate.
3. We have secured planning approval for the centre
4. A full Outline Business Case has been completed which justifies the investment
5. Funding applications have been submitted to Belfast City Council and the Department for Communities for the capital costs of the project

Community Organising Project

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled including: housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. Since October 2020 we have produced 10 editions and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 different established community groups in the area:

1. Waterworks Residents Association
2. Manor Street Residents Action Group
3. Brucevale Residents
4. Kinnaird Residents

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues. Since April 2022 to March 2023 there has been:

1. 22 multi agency meetings with agencies such as Community Restorative Justice, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Housing Executive, Housing Associations and politicians.
2. 7 meeting have taken place with the Save Our Post Office Campaign
3. 43 meetings have taken place with local councillors Tomás O'Neill, Ryan Murphy, Paul McCusker and Mal O'Hara as well as meeting with local residents groups to tackle day to day issues in the area including lack of services and investment

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The project facilitated 'How to run a successful campaign' training. The course was delivered over 6 weeks with 7 local residents who are all active in the community completing it. After the completion of the training, the residents campaign started to lobby then Department for Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon to help change the route the buses were taking. Residents collected more than 500 signatures going door to door in the area organising the community behind the campaign.

Due to the cost of living crisis and various other social factors, the challenges the area is facing grows daily. Since the beginning of 2023 we have a significant rise in anti-social behaviour and housing issues.

Now more than ever, statutory agencies need to take responsibility for their role in improving the area, tackling the issues such as a lack of investment, poor infrastructure, poor social and private housing and the challenges people who live in the most deprived ward in the North are facing.

Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

More than 15,000 people live in the Crumlin/Ardoyne area. The area is made up of the Ardoyne and Waterworks wards. The Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived out of 462 wards, which means the area is in the top 1% most deprived across Northern Ireland.

Our Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is made up of 12 members: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, Cliftonville Community Centre, North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum, Action Mental Health, The Vine Centre, Wishing Well Family Centre, Grace Women's Development Limited, Lower Oldpark Community Association, Cancer Lifeline, Ardoyne Association, Ardoyne Youth Enterprise and Marrowbone Community Association. Together we agreed on five key outcomes. These are:

Outcome 1. Residents play an active part in economic life

Outcome 2. We live longer, healthier, active lives

Outcome 3. We are a shared community that respects diversity

Outcome 4. We give our children and young people the best start in life

Outcome 5. We live in a safe community

Outcomes are the key to our action plan. Outcomes tell us what differences we want for our communities. All our work is then targeted at achieving our outcomes.

The Crumlin Ardoyne area has some of the highest levels of anti-social behaviour and crime in NI. In a door-to-door survey on community safety 56% of people feel "Very Unsafe" or "Unsafe" in the area they live in. It is believed that official figures for crime and anti-social behaviour are significantly underestimated as more than 62% said they do not report anti-social behaviour to the PSNI. The survey was completed across the Crumlin/Ardoyne area in March 2023 and 325 surveys were completed.

We are involved in the Department of Communities Review of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy also known as People and Place. As part of this we work with 4 Neighbourhood Partnerships across North Belfast - Crumlin/Ardoyne, Inner North, Ballysillian/Upper Ardoyne and Ligoniel. The aim is to develop a collective voice for North Belfast's communities in the absence of an area partnership board.

Across the North the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have come together as a Forum. This Forum has met 7 times in the past year.

Peace Building and Good Relation Activities

Girdwood Youth Space Project

CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM (REGISTERED NUMBER: NI037612)

Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The 2022/23 year saw us fully return to all pre-Covid face-to face delivery levels and we operated in the knowledge that this would increase demand for our services as the needs of local young people and their families increased. Against this backdrop we were aware that the lack of a functioning government at Stormont would bring about funding cuts decreasing our organisation's ability to meet this ever-increasing need.

Despite many challenges 2022/23 was a fun-packed, jam-packed year of cross-community activities and projects with many new friendships developed across the Manor Street interface and a new batch of local youth leaders emerging. 2022/23 saw us deliver a range of youth activities, projects, cross-community trips/residentials and team building events to ensure that the Girdwood Youth Space is a safe, shared space for all local young people.

More than 3,500 local people have participated in good relations activities organised during the year through youth and community events. Figure 1 (above) is a Scorecard from the Girdwood Youth Space project which outlines How much did we do? How well did we do it and Is anyone better off?

Our Girdwood Youth Space project works across the Cliftonville, Lower Shankill and Lower Oldpark areas and delivers youth programmes in the Girdwood Community Hub and the Girdwood Youth Space. We have made contact with 803 young people in detached (street) outreach work. 3,693 young people have participated in shared youth drop-ins.

When we began working with these young people 40% said they felt 'comfortable' socialising in a shared space (Girdwood Community Hub) or space they would not traditionally visit. At the end of the programme this had gone up to 84% of young people feeling 'comfortable' socialising in a shared space.

Imagine Peace Barriers Project

The Imagine Peace Barrier Project has been a success having begun in 2014 working on 17 sites and now working on the last 6 of these sites. This is a joint project with Lower Oldpark Community Association. We are now working on the Imagine Shared Space Project which could see the building of cross community facility that aims to remove part of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue.

We are aware that the interface barriers provide a level of security and comfort to some residents and that the current political uncertainty are a reminder that we have a long way to go. The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is:

1. A resident led project to improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the appearance of the area.
2. Increasing the confidence and capacity of residents to engage in conversations around peace barriers that lead to improved quality of life for both communities.
3. Ensuring that any changes, however slight, to the structures will only take place when community and resident safety is not compromised. Changes will only take place when the residents most impacted have given their consent.
4. Developing of a comprehensive good relations programme of activities between local residents, young people, senior citizens and others.

We have developed a feasibility study and a business plan for the Imagine Shared Space Project. This aims to remove a section of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue. We are working with architects to provide designs that will be available for local community consultation.

Over the past year we have engaged with over 500 people in cross community work. This has led to an increase in relationships across the peace wall and to improved understanding. These events include good relations training sessions, the Pumpkin Patch event, cross border initiatives, trips to Newcastle, Jungle NI, Derry, a visit to Boulder World and much more.

Interface conflict

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Interface violence still raises its head and sporadic attacks still do take place. We have been working with a family whose home was attacked on Rosapenna Street in April 2022 to ensure they receive compensation to repair the damage to their property.

We were able to advise the family to submit a 'Notice of Intention to claim' to Compensation Services NI. However, the agency sought evidence of damage from the PSNI. They had no evidence as they pursued the attackers. We worked with various agencies and the family to ensure evidence was presented. The family received compensation and the damage was repaired.

Children and Young People Activities

Let Youth Lead project

"Let Youth Lead have taught me that the community and friendships are the most important thing. They have taught me to be kind, loyal and welcoming to new people and how to express myself in a welcoming and safe environment. I can't thank them enough" - young participant.

Let Youth Lead is a youth project of Cliftonville Community Forum and works mainly with young people from the Cliftonville area. The Let Youth Lead project carries out detached youth work, provides youth drop-in and provides support and training for young people living in an around the Cliftonville area. We operate 2 detached teams per week and provide 3 youth drop-ins in the Girdwood Youth Space.

We have found that young people in this area have a lack of confidence in their future. Often, when asked to identify goals, they find it challenging to think about long term goals. Their attitude becomes dismissive around any sense of achievement.

This is a result of high levels of poverty in this area. Two-thirds of children and young people live in poverty. We found this leads to a carefree attitude when it comes to their well-being, safety and their future. Often increasing their likelihood to engage in risk-taking behaviours.

We create a safe place in the shared youth drop-ins. Here young people feel they belong and they look forward to each week. The drop-in has a deep impact on how they see themselves and how they look towards their future.

We create programmes that challenges the young people to think in a different way. This helps them to re-frame issues and begins to change mindsets. It also helps them to make friends from outside their own community.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP)

The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 who are living in poverty, impacted by drug addictions, left school early or with low education attainment, been in or close to the criminal justice system, suffer from poor mental health or are homeless. The programme aims to foster personal and social development, promote good relations, offer career guidance, and provide opportunities to raise their aspirations.

Several challenges have arisen throughout the programme, including engagement difficulties, resistance to change, and the need for ongoing support. To address these, the programme offers flexible approach, tailored interventions to individual needs including sign posting to other agencies, whilst this phase of PYDP ended in March 2023 the participants still receive ongoing support on a 1:1 mentoring basis.

PYDP has empowered participants to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential. Continuous evaluation and adaptation have been essential to ensure the programme's success and positive impact over time.

The PYDP has had several positive outcomes:

Personal Growth: Participants experienced improved self-confidence, better emotional well-being, and enhanced problem-solving skills.

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Social Integration: The programme has fostered a sense of belonging and social cohesion, reducing feelings of isolation among participants.

Career Pathways: Career guidance and exposure to various industries has led to increased employability and the pursuit of meaningful careers.

Aspirational Shift: Through mentorship and goal-setting, participants' aspirations may rise, motivating them to strive for higher education and life achievements.

Community Contribution: As participants develop positive behaviours and skills, they can become contributing members of their communities, as part of the programme they were involved in two projects.

Case Study 1: A single mother of two children who struggled with anxiety and depression joined the Personal Youth Development Programme. She had poor employment experience and lacked carer aspirations. She managed to overcome these challenges and many more, ultimately achieving a Social Work degree and gaining Employment in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. This journey highlights her determination and resilience in pursuing her education and career goals despite the obstacles faced over the 6 year journey.

Case Study 2: A young homeless person joined the Personal Youth Development Programme. She battled with a drug addiction and embraced risks throughout her time on the programme. She decided she needed to make a change through attending a workshop and inspirational talk - with the support of the PYDP.

This individual decided to make a positive change and succeeded in securing employment in her chosen field. Her role involves assisting young people by providing them with accurate housing information, educating them about their rights and advocating for their cases. This transformation showcases her commitment to personal growth and her dedication to making a meaningful impact on the lives of others facing similar challenges.

Pumpkin Patch: The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2022. This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event catered for 99 children from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville to come together and create memories.

Pop-up café/New Ground: Personal Youth Development Project participants developed a business plan for a Pop-up cafe in Girdwood. 20 young people completed various training courses including barista training, food hygiene, health & safety, first aid. New Ground coffee - the brand name they selected - is in the process of being established on pop-up basis.

Acknowledgements

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to acknowledge the support of our funders and thank them.

- The International Fund for Ireland
- The Executive Office
- Community Relations Council
- The Department for Communities
- Co-operation Ireland
- National Lottery Awards for All
- BBC Children in Need
- Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade - Reconciliation Fund
- Belfast City Council
- Housing Executive
- NI Education Authority
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Neighbourly
- Northern Ireland Water

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Cash for Kids

Public benefit

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum in setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial position

The results for the year as follows:

	2023	2022
Income	£628,394	£649,496
Expenditure	£577,690	£677,065
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£50,704	£(27,369)
Unrestricted reserves	£196,112	£193,000
Restricted reserves	£87,289	£39,697
Total Reserves	£283,401	£232,697

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 16 to 19.

Reserves policy

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum does have a Reserves Policy which outlines the need for financial reserves to allow the charity to make investments or deal with legal liabilities. One such liability is redundancy payments

The Directors have agreed a policy that requires financial reserves be maintained at a level to sustain 6 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Funds in deficit

The Charity has no deficit at the end of this financial year.

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Future plans

Plans for the future

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum will be focused on the following key priorities in the year ahead:

Community enterprise centre: The development of the enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue is crucial as a first step to moving the lower Cliftonville area out of poverty. The centre will provide training for local people and support them into the world of work and enterprise. Given that the Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived area in the North this is a priority.

Imagine Shared Space Project: The idea of developing a shared space and removing a part of the peace wall between lower Cliftonville and Lower Oldpark now looks a real possibility. In the year ahead a business plan and architectural designs will be prepared for local community consultation. A project team will also be established to drive the project forward.

The development of this project is a major step forward for peace and reconciliation in this divided community. Both communities have been working together building relationships, understanding and respect for more than 10 years.

The Imagine Shared Peace Project has grown out of the Imagine Peace Walls/Peace Barriers Project which is a partnership between Lower Oldpark Community Association and Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum.

Girdwood Youth Space Management proposal: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is working with community groups around the Girdwood site to manage the Girdwood Youth Space. An outline proposal has already been submitted to Belfast City Council. We have established the Girdwood Community Trust as the legal entity and members include ourselves, Lower Shankill Community Association, Lower Oldpark Community Association and New Lodge CEP/TDK Community Group.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was incorporated on 20 December 1999 and each member undertakes to pay an amount not exceeding £1 towards liabilities in the event of the charity being dissolved.

Organisational structure

The trustees are directly responsible for the day to day management of the charity and they meet on a regular basis to review all aspects of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most of the present trustees have been involved in the charity for a number of years and are familiar with its work. The existing trustees review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees on a regular basis. All new trustees are appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI037612 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

NIC100274

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**Report of the Trustees
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Registered office

185 Cliftonpark Avenue
Belfast
BT14 6DT

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr Paul Little
Ms Kathleen Quinn
Ms Delores Quinn
Mr Danny Lavery
Mr Neil Montgomery

Company Secretary

Mr Manus Maguire

Auditors

M.B.McGrady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Suite 2B
Cadogan House
322 Lisburn Road
Belfast
Co. Antrim
BT9 6GH

CHANGE OF NAME

The charitable company passed a special resolution on 20 July 2023 changing its name from Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited to Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, M.B.McGrady & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 16 November 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:


Mr Manus Maguire - Secretary

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In assessing and detecting irregularities such as fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following:

- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and any other relevant professionals regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud;
- the nature of the industry and any laws and regulations applicable to the organisation and the industry;
- the organisation's own assessment of the risk of fraud and other irregularities;
- organisation's policies and procedures in relation to:
 - how they identify and comply with all relevant laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any non-compliance
 - how they detect and repond to risks of fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - control environment within the company and how this mitigates risks of fraud and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to asset valuations. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ensuring the engagement team had the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to be able to identify and recognise any instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- ensuring the audit was carried out with a level of professional scepticism;
- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerns of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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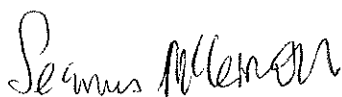
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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16 November 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/23 Total funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Other income	2	12,872	-	12,872	15,200
Charitable activities					
Restricted	3	-	615,522	615,522	634,496
Total		<u>12,872</u>	<u>615,522</u>	<u>628,394</u>	<u>649,696</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Restricted	4	-	567,930	567,930	653,434
Unrestricted		9,760	-	9,760	23,631
Total		<u>9,760</u>	<u>567,930</u>	<u>577,690</u>	<u>677,065</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,112	47,592	50,704	(27,369)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		193,000	39,697	232,697	260,066
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>196,112</u></u>	<u><u>87,289</u></u>	<u><u>283,401</u></u>	<u><u>232,697</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	60,989	62,399
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	11,025	100,757
Cash at bank and in hand		228,852	160,333
		<u>239,877</u>	<u>261,090</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(17,465)	(90,792)
		<u>222,412</u>	<u>170,298</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		196,112	193,000
Restricted funds		87,289	39,697
		<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Paul Little - Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	81,650	(46,268)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>81,650</u>	<u>(46,268)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(4,991)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(4,991)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		-	8,123
Loan repayments in year		(13,131)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		<u>(13,131)</u>	<u>8,123</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>160,333</u>	<u>203,469</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>228,852</u></u>	<u><u>160,333</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY REGENERATION
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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	50,704	(27,369)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,410	1,879
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	89,732	(64,255)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(60,196)	43,477
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>81,650</u>	<u>(46,268)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	160,333	68,519	228,852
	<u>160,333</u>	<u>68,519</u>	<u>228,852</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(16,314)	13,131	(3,183)
	<u>(16,314)</u>	<u>13,131</u>	<u>(3,183)</u>
Total	<u>144,019</u>	<u>81,650</u>	<u>225,669</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Transfers from unrestricted to restricted funds are made to cover the remaining costs incurred for specific projects which have not been met from other restricted monies.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER INCOME		31/3/23	31/3/22
		£	£
Other income		<u>12,872</u>	<u>15,200</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		31/3/23	31/3/22
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Restricted	<u>615,522</u>	<u>634,496</u>

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum Limited are the lead partner on a grant received from Department for Communities. A proportion of the total grant award relates to Manor Street Community Group and North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum. CCRF pays the allocated funding over to these groups on receipt of same. These payments are shown within project costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund awarded €8,089 (2022: €8,233) to CCRF during the year. This has been converted into sterling within the financial statements.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Belfast City Council	79,355	59,815
Children in Need	40,750	39,888
Community Relations Council	109,650	108,669
International Fund for Ireland	101,020	116,757
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,089	8,233
Education Authority	-	14,546
Awards for All	9,660	-
Education Authority	5,143	-
Department for Communities	259,340	281,736
Community Foundation	-	4,152
Cash for Kids	2,515	700
	<u>615,522</u>	<u>634,496</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Restricted	567,930	-	567,930
Unrestricted	<u>(21,342)</u>	<u>31,102</u>	<u>9,760</u>
	<u>546,588</u>	<u>31,102</u>	<u>577,690</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Unrestricted	<u>26,062</u>	<u>5,040</u>	<u>31,102</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Auditors' remuneration	2,300	2,300
Depreciation - owned assets	1,410	1,879
Staff pension contributions	<u>12,906</u>	<u>10,907</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Wages and salaries	213,363	271,090
Social security costs	66,717	18,849
Other pension costs	<u>12,906</u>	<u>10,907</u>
	<u>292,986</u>	<u>300,846</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/23	31/3/22
Administrative staff	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

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8. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Other income	15,200	-	15,200
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	634,496	634,496
Total	<u>15,200</u>	<u>634,496</u>	<u>649,696</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	653,434	653,434
Unrestricted	23,631	-	23,631
Total	<u>23,631</u>	<u>653,434</u>	<u>677,065</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	(8,431)	(18,938)	(27,369)
	<u>(1,207)</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(9,638)	(17,731)	(27,369)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	202,638	57,428	260,066
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>193,000</u>	<u>39,697</u>	<u>232,697</u>

10. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total consideration paid to key management personnel, including employers national insurance contributions, for services provided to the charity was £58,880 (2022: £58,325).

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long Leasehold Property £	Long leasehold land £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	33,677	23,086	36,055	33,672	126,490
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2022	-	-	33,306	30,785	64,091
Charge for year	-	-	688	722	1,410
At 31 March 2023	-	-	33,994	31,507	65,501
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2023	33,677	23,086	2,061	2,165	60,989
At 31 March 2022	33,677	23,086	2,749	2,887	62,399

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Trade debtors	9,248	99,357
Prepayments	1,777	1,400
	<u>11,025</u>	<u>100,757</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	3,183	16,314
Social security and other taxes	-	5,878
Other creditors	1	23,454
Accruals and deferred income	14,281	45,146
	<u>17,465</u>	<u>90,792</u>

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14. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of bank loans and overdrafts is given below:

	31/3/23 £	31/3/22 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
IFI account	3,183	2,777
OFMDFM	-	13,346
Housing & Dev Account	-	191
	<u>3,183</u>	<u>16,314</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/23 Total funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £
Fixed assets	12,356	48,633	60,989	62,399
Current assets	143,782	96,095	239,877	261,090
Current liabilities	39,974	(57,439)	(17,465)	(90,792)
	<u>196,112</u>	<u>87,289</u>	<u>283,401</u>	<u>232,697</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	193,000	3,112	196,112
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	2,974	(2,974)	-
Belfast City Council	-	11,015	11,015
International Fund for Ireland	13,643	(13,643)	-
Children In Need	8,705	7,284	15,989
Community Relations Council	4,323	34,712	39,035
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	5,900	1,538	7,438
Awards for All	-	9,660	9,660
Community Foundation	4,152	-	4,152
	<u>39,697</u>	<u>47,592</u>	<u>87,289</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,697</u>	<u>50,704</u>	<u>283,401</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,872	(9,760)	3,112
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	259,340	(262,314)	(2,974)
Belfast City Council	79,355	(68,340)	11,015
International Fund for Ireland	101,020	(114,663)	(13,643)
Children In Need	40,750	(33,466)	7,284
Community Relations Council	109,650	(74,938)	34,712
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,089	(6,551)	1,538
Awards for All	9,660	-	9,660
Education Authority	5,143	(5,143)	-
Cash for Kids	2,515	(2,515)	-
	<u>615,522</u>	<u>(567,930)</u>	<u>47,592</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>628,394</u>	<u>(577,690)</u>	<u>50,704</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	202,638	(8,431)	(1,207)	193,000
Restricted funds				
Department for Communities	-	2,974	-	2,974
Belfast City Council	13,812	(18,017)	4,205	-
International Fund for Ireland	9,066	4,577	-	13,643
Children In Need	10,200	(1,495)	-	8,705
Community Relations Council	10,714	(3,393)	(2,998)	4,323
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	6,213	(313)	-	5,900
Awards for All	7,423	(7,423)	-	-
Community Foundation	-	4,152	-	4,152
	<u>57,428</u>	<u>(18,938)</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>39,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,066</u>	<u>(27,369)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,697</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,200	(23,631)	(8,431)
Restricted funds			
Department for Communities	281,263	(278,289)	2,974
Belfast City Council	59,816	(77,833)	(18,017)
International Fund for Ireland	116,758	(112,181)	4,577
Children In Need	39,888	(41,383)	(1,495)
Community Relations Council	109,140	(112,533)	(3,393)
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,233	(8,546)	(313)
Education Authority - T-BUC	14,546	(14,546)	-
Awards for All	-	(7,423)	(7,423)
Cash for Kids	700	(700)	-
Community Foundation	4,152	-	4,152
	<u>634,496</u>	<u>(653,434)</u>	<u>(18,938)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>649,696</u>	<u>(677,065)</u>	<u>(27,369)</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

18. CHANGE OF NAME

The trustees passed a special resolution on 20 July 2023 to alter the name of the charity and remove 'Limited' from its name.

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100274

Annual report



Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

**Trustees Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

1. The Purpose of the Charity

The Purpose of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is to:

“Work for the social, economic and physical regeneration of the Cliftonville community and to create the conditions for the removal of the physical and mental barriers that divide us”.

We have three key strategic outcomes which are:

Strategic Theme	Outcome
Regeneration	Our people have decent jobs and wages and a good standard of living
Peace Building and Good Relations	Our community is peaceful, shared and diverse
Children and Young People	Our children and young people have the best start in life

2. The Financial year the report relates to

This Trustees Report relates to the financial year commencing on 1st April 2022 and ending on 31st March 2023.

3. Principle Address of the Charity

185 Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast BT14 6DT

4. Information on governance

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is a company limited by guarantee with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which was adopted on 13th November 2002.

5. Trustee Details

The Trustees of the Charity who have served within the period of this report are:

Mr Daniel Lavery
Mr Paul Little
Ms Dolores Quinn
Ms Kathleen Quinn
Mr Neil Montgomery

6. Trustee Appointment Information

No change

7. Public Benefit Compliance

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum in setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

8. Activities and Achievements

The Cliftonville community is one of the most deprived in Belfast and across the North of Ireland. The quality of life for local residents has declined sharply in the past year. While local people were still on the ropes from Covid-19 they were then punched in the face by the Cost of Living Crisis.

This crisis is not helped by the lack of government at Stormont or by a government in London which is totally deaf to the needs of people living in poverty. The absence of a NI Executive led to more government cuts in 2022-23 for key services that are needed by the most vulnerable and impoverished people in our community.

Cuts to public sector and community services makes it more difficult for community groups on the ground to respond to local need and to support people in our communities.

The Cliftonville community is located in the Waterworks ward which, according to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), is the No. 1 most deprived ward in Northern Ireland. The Waterworks ward has the highest percentage of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in Belfast (10.8%) and the 2nd highest rate of JSA claimants in NI. The NI average is 3.8%.

Homelessness is a major problem in this area. There is also a lack of good quality housing. Homelessness affects families but also individuals and young people have little chance of securing accommodation. We have 3 and even 4 generations of one family living in the same house. It is a world apart from the leafy semis with a large garden. This situation has a major impact on low education attainment and stress.

The area is also home to an increasing number of flats, apartments and low quality accommodation. The area has a high number of old 3 story properties. These are easily turned into flats and HMOs (Housing in Multiple Occupation). There is a high number of low quality private landlord accommodation. There are notable exceptions. Some private landlords are proactive in improving their properties. However, not all low quality accommodation is in the private sector. An increasing number of low quality housing is owned by social landlords. Local residents who complain about poor quality social housing are increasingly being told: "What do you expect, its social housing".

Millions of pounds is spend every year in housing benefit in the Cliftonville area. Very little of that finds it way back to support either the redevelopment of the properties or regeneration of the local area.

Economically, there are no large employers in the area and there has been no investment in any form of economic development in the area for decades. The current economic model does not work for communities such as the Cliftonville.

An alternative economic model which has emerged is called Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building aims to make the economy work for the people not make

people work for the economy. Community Wealth Building stops wealth leaving deprived areas, supports the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people. The development of the Cliftonville Community Enterprise (below) will contribute to the building of community wealth.

8.1 Regeneration Activities

Cliftonville Enterprise Centre

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum plans to build a Cliftonville Community Enterprise on Cliftonpark Avenue. The project is aimed at supporting long term unemployed males, women living in poverty and young people from disadvantaged families into training, employment and enterprise. The centre will also provide child care places as demand for these facilities are high in this area.

The enterprise centre will work with local people to support them to learn, make and sell. This means providing training, space and equipment to enable people to move into the labour market and increase economic activity within the local community. Critically it also means supporting them to increase their confidence and help them overcome the barriers to employment and enterprise.

Cliftonville Community Enterprise will be located in the Waterworks ward and there has been no capital investment in this area for more than 20 years. Cliftonville Community Forum is currently involved in training and employability projects. We have supported people from the Cliftonville and surrounding areas through training, with job applications, interview preparation and seen them secure employment.

The development of Cliftonville Community Enterprise will see this work move to a new level. This centre will be a very modest size. However, it should allow us to begin to turn the curve on poverty and disadvantage in this area.

Development stage of the project

- We own the site having purchased it from the Housing Executive.
- We have produced a fully costed business plan which shows how the centre will operate.
- We have secured planning approval for the centre
- A full Outline Business Case has been completed which justifies the investment
- Funding applications have been submitted to Belfast City Council and the Department for Communities for the capital costs of the project

Community Organising project

The Community Organising project works with residents to address the issues they identify and organise them into community groups to ensure that issues get addressed. A wide range of issues are tackled including: housing, anti-social behaviour, illegal dumping, rat infestation, landlord issues, the #BusFreeBrookvale campaign and the Save Our Post Office campaign.

The project produces and distributes a community newsletter. Since October 2020 we have produced 10 editions and distributed 1,500 free copies of each edition to local homes.

The Community Organising project works with 4 different established community groups in the area:

- Waterworks Residents Association
- Manor Street Residents Action Group
- Brucevale Residents
- Kinnaird Residents

Multi-agency work is a crucial part of the role and attending fortnightly meetings with external agencies is a great way to raise issues in the area and work collaboratively with these agencies to try and tackle the issues. Since April 2022 to March 2023 there has been:

- 22 multi agency meetings with agencies such as Community Restorative Justice, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Housing Executive, Housing Associations and politicians.
- 7 meetings have taken place with the Save Our Post Office Campaign
- 43 meetings have taken place with local councillors Tomás O'Neill, Ryan Murphy, Paul McCusker and Mal O'Hara as well as meeting with local residents groups to tackle day to day issues in the area including lack of services and investment

The project facilitated 'How to run a successful campaign' training. The course was delivered over 6 weeks with 7 local residents who are all active in the community completing it. After the completion of the training, the residents campaign started to lobby then Department for Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon to help change the route the buses were taking. Residents collected more than 500 signatures going door to door in the area organising the community behind the campaign.

Due to the cost of living crisis and various other social factors, the challenges the area is facing grows daily. Since the beginning of 2023 we have a significant rise in anti-social behaviour and housing issues.

Now more than ever, statutory agencies need to take responsibility for their role in improving the area, tackling the issues such as a lack of investment, poor infrastructure, poor social and private housing and the challenges people who live in the most deprived ward in the North are facing.

Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

More than 15,000 people live in the Crumlin/Ardoyne area. The area is made up of the Ardoyne and Waterworks wards. The Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived out of 462 wards, which means the area is in the top 1% most deprived across Northern Ireland.

Our Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is made up of 12 members: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, Cliftonville Community Centre, North Belfast Senior Citizens Forum, Action Mental Health, The Vine Centre, Wishing Well Family Centre, Grace Women's Development Limited, Lower Oldpark Community Association, Cancer Lifeline, Ardoyne Association, Ardoyne Youth Enterprise and Marrowbone

Community Association. Together we agreed on five key outcomes. These are:

- Outcome 1.** Residents play an active part in economic life
- Outcome 2.** We live longer, healthier, active lives
- Outcome 3.** We are a shared community that respects diversity
- Outcome 4.** We give our children and young people the best start in life
- Outcome 5.** We live in a safe community

Outcomes are the key to our action plan. Outcomes tell us what differences we want for our communities. All our work is then targeted at achieving our outcomes.

The Crumlin Ardoyne area has some of the highest levels of anti-social behaviour and crime in NI. In a door-to-door survey on community safety 56% of people feel “Very Unsafe” or “Unsafe” in the area they live in. It is believed that official figures for crime and anti-social behaviour are significantly underestimated as more than 62% said they do not report anti-social behaviour to the PSNI. The survey was completed across the Crumlin/Ardoyne area in March 2023 and 325 surveys were completed.

We are involved in the Department of Communities Review of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy also known as People and Place. As part of this we work with 4 Neighbourhood Partnerships across North Belfast — Crumlin/Ardoyne, Inner North, Ballysillian/Upper Ardoyne and Ligoniel. The aim is to develop a collective voice for North Belfast’s communities in the absence of an area partnership board.

Across the North the 36 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have come together as a Forum. This Forum has met 7 times in the past year.

8.2 Peace Building and Good Relations Activities

Girdwood Youth Space Project

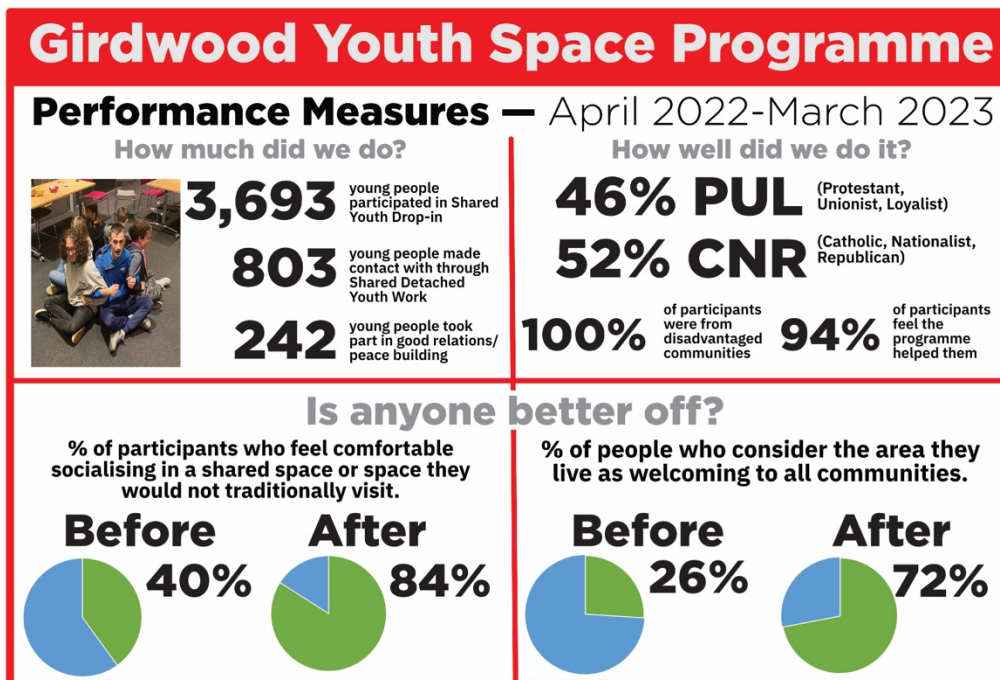


Figure 1: Project Scorecard from the Girdwood Youth Space project

The 2022/23 year saw us fully return to all pre-Covid face-to face delivery levels and we operated in the knowledge that this would increase demand for our services as the needs of local young people and their families increased. Against this backdrop we were aware that the lack of a functioning government at Stormont would bring about funding cuts decreasing our organisation's ability to meet this ever-increasing need.

Despite many challenges 2022/23 was a fun-packed, jam-packed year of cross-community activities and projects with many new friendships developed across the Manor Street interface and a new batch of local youth leaders emerging. 2022/23 saw us deliver a range of youth activities, projects, cross-community trips/residentials and team building events to ensure that the Girdwood Youth Space is a safe, shared space for all local young people.

More than 3,500 local people have participated in good relations activities organised during the year through youth and community events. Figure 1 (above) is a Scorecard from the Girdwood Youth Space project which outlines How much did we do? How well did we do it and Is anyone better off?

Our Girdwood Youth Space project works across the Cliftonville, Lower Shankill and Lower Oldpark areas and delivers youth programmes in the Girdwood Community Hub and the Girdwood Youth Space. We have made contact with 803 young people in detached (street) outreach work. 3,693 young people have participated in shared youth drop-ins.

When we began working with these young people 40% said they felt 'comfortable' socialising in a shared space (Girdwood Community Hub) or space they would not traditionally visit. At the end of the programme this had gone up to 84% of young people feeling 'comfortable' socialising in a shared space.

Imagine Peace Barriers Project

The Imagine Peace Barrier Project has been a success having begun in 2014 working on 17 sites and now working on the last 6 of these sites. This is a joint project with Lower Oldpark Community Association. We are now working on the Imagine Shared Space Project which could see the building of cross community facility that aims to remove part of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue.

We are aware that the interface barriers provide a level of security and comfort to some residents and that the current political uncertainty are a reminder that we have a long way to go. The Imagine Peace Barriers Project is:

- A resident led project to improve the quality of life for residents and enhance the appearance of the area.
- Increasing the confidence and capacity of residents to engage in conversations around peace barriers that lead to improved quality of life for both communities.
- Ensuring that any changes, however slight, to the structures will only take place when community and resident safety is not compromised. Changes will only take place when the residents most impacted have given their consent.
- Developing of a comprehensive good relations programme of activities between local residents, young people, senior citizens and others.

We have developed a feasibility study and a business plan for the Imagine Shared Space Project. This aims to remove a section of the peace wall on Cliftonpark Avenue. We are

working with architects to provide designs that will be available for local community consultation.

Over the past year we have engaged with over 500 people in cross community work. This has led to an increase in relationships across the peace wall and to improved understanding. These events include good relations training sessions, the Pumpkin Patch event, cross border initiatives, trips to Newcastle, Jungle NI, Derry, a visit to Boulder World and much more.

Interface conflict

Interface violence still raises its head and sporadic attacks still do take place. We have been working with a family whose home was attacked on Rosapenna Street in April 2022 to ensure they receive compensation to repair the damage to their property. We were able to advise the family to submit a ‘Notice of Intention to claim’ to Compensation Services NI. However, the agency sought evidence of damage from the PSNI. They had no evidence as they pursued the attackers. We worked with various agencies and the family to ensure evidence was presented. The family received compensation and the damage was repaired.

8.3 Children and Young People Activities

Let Youth Lead project

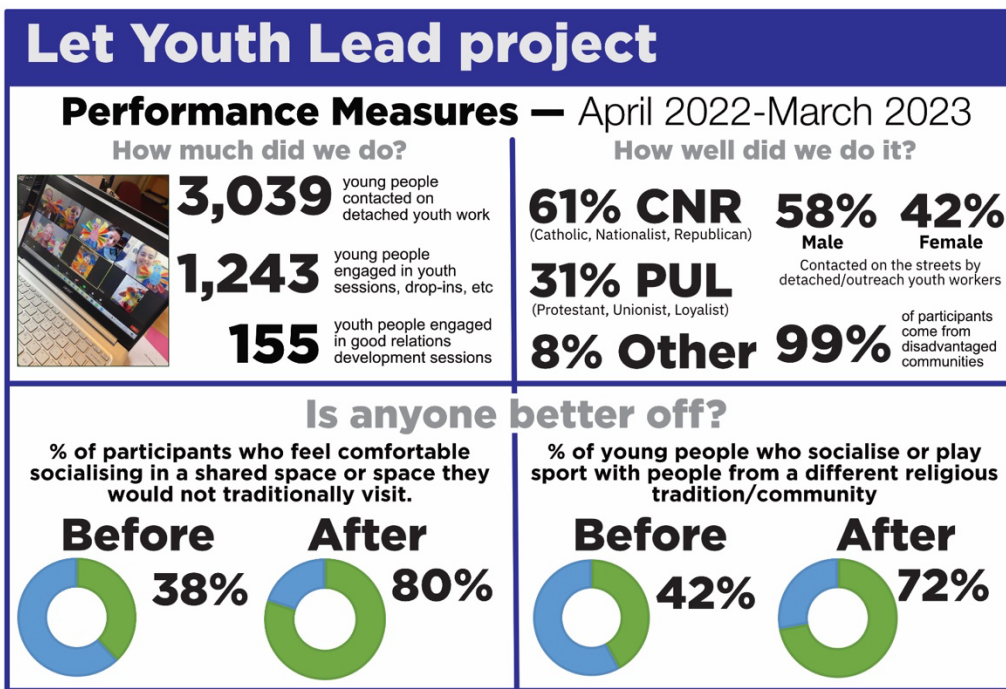


Figure 2: Scorecard from the Let Youth Lead project

“Let Youth Lead have taught me that the community and friendships are the most important thing. They have taught me to be kind, loyal and welcoming to new people and how to express myself in a welcoming and safe environment. I can’t thank them enough” – young participant.

Let Youth Lead is a youth project of Cliftonville Community Forum and works mainly with young people from the Cliftonville area. The Let Youth Lead project carries out detached

youth work, provides youth drop-in and provides support and training for young people living in an around the Cliftonville area. We operate 2 detached teams per week and provide 3 youth drop-ins in the Girdwood Youth Space.

We have found that young people in this area have a lack of confidence in their future. Often, when asked to identify goals, they find it challenging to think about long term goals. Their attitude becomes dismissive around any sense of achievement.

This is a result of high levels of poverty in this area. Two-thirds of children and young people live in poverty. We found this leads to a carefree attitude when it comes to their well-being, safety and their future. Often increasing their likelihood to engage in risk-taking behaviours.

We create a safe place in the shared youth drop-ins. Here young people feel they belong and they look forward to each week. The drop-in has a deep impact on how they see themselves and how they look towards their future.

We create programmes that challenges the young people to think in a different way. This helps them to re-frame issues and begins to change mindsets. It also helps them to make friends from outside their own community.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP)

The Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP) is designed to address the multifaceted challenges faced by disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 who are living in poverty, impacted by drug addictions, left school early or with low education attainment, been in or close to the criminal justice system, suffer from poor mental health or are homeless. The programme aims to foster personal and social development, promote good relations, offer career guidance, and provide opportunities to raise their aspirations.

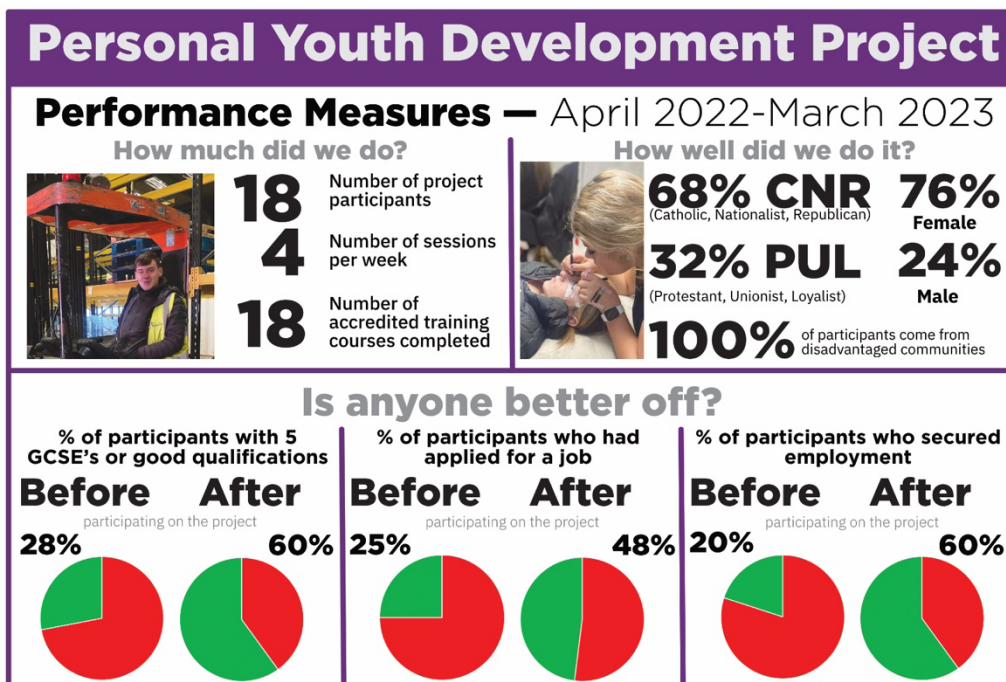


Figure 3: Personal Youth Development Programme scorecard 2022/23

Several challenges have arisen throughout the programme, including engagement difficulties, resistance to change, and the need for ongoing support. To address these, the programme offers a flexible approach, tailored interventions to individual needs including signposting to other agencies, whilst this phase of PYDP ended in March 2023 the participants still receive ongoing support on a 1:1 mentoring basis.

PYDP has empowered participants to overcome adversity and achieve their full potential. Continuous evaluation and adaptation have been essential to ensure the programme's success and positive impact over time.

The PYDP has had several positive outcomes:

- **Personal Growth:** Participants experienced improved self-confidence, better emotional well-being, and enhanced problem-solving skills.
- **Social Integration:** The programme has fostered a sense of belonging and social cohesion, reducing feelings of isolation among participants.
- **Career Pathways:** Career guidance and exposure to various industries has led to increased employability and the pursuit of meaningful careers.
- **Aspirational Shift:** Through mentorship and goal-setting, participants' aspirations may rise, motivating them to strive for higher education and life achievements.
- **Community Contribution:** As participants develop positive behaviours and skills, they can become contributing members of their communities, as part of the programme they were involved in two projects.

Case Study 1: A single mother of two children who struggled with anxiety and depression joined the Personal Youth Development Programme. She had poor employment experience and lacked career aspirations. She managed to overcome these challenges and many more, ultimately achieving a Social Work degree and gaining Employment in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. This journey highlights her determination and resilience in pursuing her education and career goals despite the obstacles faced over the 6 year journey.

Case Study 2: A young homeless person joined the Personal Youth Development Programme. She battled with a drug addiction and embraced risks throughout her time on the programme. She decided she needed to make a change through attending a workshop and inspirational talk – with the support of the PYDP.

This individual decided to make a positive change and succeeded in securing employment in her chosen field. Her role involves assisting young people by providing them with accurate housing information, educating them about their rights and advocating for their cases. This transformation showcases her commitment to personal growth and her dedication to making a meaningful impact on the lives of others facing similar challenges.

Pumpkin Patch: The young people designed and developed a Cross Community Pumpkin Patch in October 2022. This allowed them to develop and foster many skills including event planning, project management, communication, problem solving, creativity and much more. This event catered for 99 children from both communities in Lower Oldpark and lower Cliftonville to come together and create memories.

Pop-up café/New Ground: Personal Youth Development Project participants developed a business plan for a Pop-up cafe in Girdwood. 20 young people completed various

training courses including barista training, food hygiene, health & safety, first aid. New Ground coffee — the brand name they selected —is in the process of being established on pop-up basis.

9. Acknowledgements

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum would like to acknowledge the support of our funders and thank them.

- The International Fund for Ireland
- The Executive Office
- Community Relations Council
- The Department for Communities
- Co-operation Ireland
- National Lottery Awards for All
- BBC Children in Need
- Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade – Reconciliation Fund
- Belfast City Council
- Housing Executive
- NI Education Authority
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Neighbourly
- Northern Ireland Water
- Cash for Kids

11. Plans for the future

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum will be focused on the following key priorities in the year ahead:

Community enterprise centre: The development of the enterprise centre at Cliftonpark Avenue is crucial as a first step to moving the lower Cliftonville area out of poverty. The centre will provide training for local people and support them into the world of work and enterprise. Given that the Waterworks ward is the No.1 most deprived area in the North this is a priority.

Imagine Shared Space Project: The idea of developing a shared space and removing a part of the peace wall between lower Cliftonville and Lower Oldpark now looks a real possibility. In the year ahead a business plan and architectural designs will be prepared for local community consultation. A project team will also be established to drive the project forward.

The development of this project is a major step forward for peace and reconciliation in this divided community. Both communities have been working together building relationships, understanding and respect for more than 10 years.

The Imagine Shared Peace Project has grown out of the Imagine Peace Walls/Peace Barriers Project which is a partnership between Lower Oldpark Community Association and Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum.

Girdwood Youth Space Management proposal: Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum is working with community groups around the Girdwood site to manage the Girdwood Youth Space. An outline proposal has already been submitted to Belfast City Council. We have established the Girdwood Community Trust as the legal entity and members include ourselves, Lower Shankill Community Association, Lower Oldpark Community Association and New Lodge CEP/TDK Community Group.

12. Financial Review

1st April 2022-31st March 2023

Income	£628,394
Expenditure	£577,690
End of Year Balance	£50,704
Debts	£0,000
Reserves (Restricted & Unrestricted)	£283,401

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum does have a Reserves Policy which outlines the need for financial reserves to allow the charity to make investments or deal with legal liabilities. One such liability is redundancy payments

The Directors have agreed a policy that requires financial reserves be maintained at a level to sustain 6 months' core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

13. Deficit Funds

The Charity has no deficit at the end of this financial year.

14. Sign off

This Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum on Monday 7th November 2023 and is signed by:



Paul Little, Chairperson, Board of Trustees



Kathleen Quinn, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100274

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In assessing and detecting irregularities such as fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations we considered the following:

- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and any other relevant professionals regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud;
- the nature of the industry and any laws and regulations applicable to the organisation and the industry;
- the organisation's own assessment of the risk of fraud and other irregularities;
- organisation's policies and procedures in relation to:
 - how they identify and comply with all relevant laws and regulations and whether they are aware of any non-compliance
 - how they detect and repond to risks of fraud and their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - control environment within the company and how this mitigates risks of fraud and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to asset valuations. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ensuring the engagement team had the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to be able to identify and recognise any instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- ensuring the audit was carried out with a level of professional scepticism;
- agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerns of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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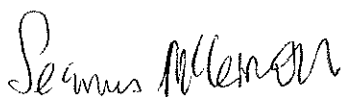
There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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