

Charity Registration No. 100473

NEWTOWNABBEY ARTS & CULTURAL NETWORK

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Miss R.. Twells
Mrs L.. McGurk
Miss K.. Crooks
Mrs K. Sawyer
Mr R.. Ewens
Miss B.. Thompson
Miss Z.. Longridge
Mr R.. Sawyer

Charity number

100473

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Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 17 October 2014.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Miss R.. Twells
Mrs L.. McGurk
Miss K.. Crooks
Mrs K. Sawyer
Mr R.. Ewens
Miss B.. Thompson
Miss Z.. Longridge
Mr R.. Sawyer

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Newtownabbey Arts & Cultural Network was established to improve the lives of the residents of Newtownabbey by providing a range of social, educational and environmental activities.

BENEFITS

The direct benefits which flow from these purposes include: • The empowerment of residents to improve their living conditions and environment • Improved health & wellbeing of all residents • Increased education and skills for participants • Access to further training and employment opportunities • Providing opportunities for residents to explore their culture and identity

EVIDENCE OF BENEFIT

We will evidence the increased benefits through evaluation of programmes delivered and feedback from participants and funding organisations.

POSSIBILITY OF HARM

As the delivery of our activities is led by the needs of the participants we cannot at this time identify any harm that would be caused to residents by improving their living conditions and assisting them in their own personal development.

BENEFICIARIES

The charities beneficiaries are the residents of Newtownabbey area.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

The only private benefit to trustees will be skills enhancement and experience gained through participation in activities. The group operates a programme of training which covers all aspects of good governance and this is necessary to ensure the group complies with relevant legislation and requirements from funding organisations.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

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NACN organises training in many different subjects since conception we have placed members of the community on the following training , Leadership & Management , Human Rights , Conflict Resolution ,Conflict Management Child Protection, Volunteer Now , HND in Community Development , ICT and Growing Tolerance also helps establish Groups when required by the community ie Autism Group. NACN provide the conduit to meet with statutory organisations regarding health and well being or any other issues brought to our attention. We also organise for youth to get involved in sport through taking part in local training and tournaments. Promoting cultural activities by using music and the teaching of music, along with drama as a way to engage intergenerational work.

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Achievements & Performance

Performing Arts Academy has 70 members made up of seniors, juniors and tots. Attendances totalled as follows;

Seniors = 1004

Juniors = 989

Tots = 326

In July the Performing Arts Academy performed two shows of Grease at Theatre At The Mill, Newtownabbey. Along with 25 cast members, the young people were involved with stage management and prop design. Through this NACN have established a support network of parents who are helping to create costumes, props and scenery for the upcoming show and this is a valuable skill sharing exercise for the young members who have expressed an interest in the backstage roles.

Into the Woods rehearsals for the senior performers are well underway alongside the juniors rehearsals for Matilda. Prop design and stage building for the imminent sell out shows Ballyearl Courtyard Theatre, Newtownabbey are well progressed.

NACN in partnership with The Nerve Centre helped 12 young people obtain an OCN Event Management Level 3 qualification. After the 12 week long course the participants organised an event using their skills. The showcase was held at The Standard Social Club, Newtownabbey. These young people also organised a Rathcoole Community Festival for Halloween which attracted 2000+ people. Participants took part in various roles such as stewardship, photography and providing entertainment.

The fabrication group consisted of 8 secondary school aged children who attended each week to learn skills in 3d printing, laser cutting and fabrication skills. This group designed and manufactured and 20 Social Enterprise awards for that year.

Six young members prepared to perform at The Stendhall Music Festival. This included practice and rehearsals at our studio with vocal coach Glen Tweedy.

DJ Academy commenced with attendances of 120. A successful outcome was that one member performed at a well known nightclub in Belfast.

Podcast sessions were held in the new podcast suite with young people interviewing local politicians on topics which effected local residents.

NACN attended local care homes and performed a selection of songs for the residents.

The vocal academy performed at the Northern Ireland Social Enterprise Awards at The Europa Hotel in Belfast.

Facility Works

Work has been ongoing on both 24a and 30a The Diamond which consists of state-of-the-art recording studio, podcast suite, The Vault game development suite and DJ pod.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Mr R.. Sawyer

Trustee

Dated: 12 April 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEWTOWNABBEY ARTS & CULTURAL NETWORK

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission Northern Ireland; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Falconer Stewart

Chartered Accountant
248 Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3EU

Dated: 12 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	93,932	103,932
Investment income		24,706	17,883
		<u>118,638</u>	<u>121,815</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		61,154	68,875
Total incoming resources		<u>179,792</u>	<u>190,690</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>	3		
Charitable activities			
Staff Costs		101,446	81,538
Training and Activities		12,957	9,663
Running and Other Costs		61,445	20,789
Total resources expended		<u>175,848</u>	<u>111,990</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		3,944	78,700
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>230,024</u>	<u>151,324</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u>233,968</u>	<u>230,024</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		103,637		92,618
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		131,273		138,326	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(942)		(920)	
Net current assets			130,331		137,406
Total assets less current liabilities			233,968		230,024
Income funds					
Restricted funds			228,888		206,783
Unrestricted funds			5,080		23,241
			233,968		230,024

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 April 2024

Mr R.. Sawyer
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

2 Donations and legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
National Lottery Funding	93,932	103,932
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	24,973	7,775
Clanmil Housing	3,182	6,000
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	4,999	4,900
Department of Communities	-	17,700
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	28,000	32,500
Arts Council NI	-	4,966
Other/Donations/Sponsorships	18,706	12,917
B&Q Foundation	5,000	-
Community Foundation NI	1,000	-
	<u>179,792</u>	<u>190,690</u>

3 Total resources expended

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable activities		
<u>Staff Costs</u>		
Activities undertaken directly	101,446	81,538
<u>Training and Activities</u>		
Support costs	12,957	9,663
Running and Other Costs		
Support costs	61,445	20,789
	<u>175,848</u>	<u>111,990</u>

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4 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

5 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
5	3

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	92,618
Additions	11,019
At 31 March 2023	103,637
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022 and at 31 March 2023	-
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	103,637
At 31 March 2022	92,618

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	942	920