

GARVAGH COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31ST AUGUST 2023

Registered Name: Garvagh Community Pre-School Playgroup

Northern Ireland Charity No: 100488

Principle Address: 1 Coleraine Road
Garvagh
Coleraine
BT51 5HP

Summary of Purpose

Garvagh Community Preschool Playgroup provides a high quality, specialised, play-based, preschool education for children aged 3 to 5 years, 5 days a week. It follows the Pre-School Curriculum laid down by Department of Education Northern Ireland. The service is offered to children across the community and is inclusive of children with Special Educational Needs and those who have English as a Second Language.

Constitution of Charity and Appointment of Trustees:

The playgroup is administered and managed in accordance with the constitution by the management committee. All of the trustees are office bearers of the management committee and are appointed by parents at the annual general meeting held in October each year. In this period our AGM was held and new committee members selected. The chairperson role is undertaken by Julia Mullan, the Secretary role by Sinead Faulker and the Treasurer role by Erin Deasy. Previous members remained on the committee to offer guidance to those taking on new roles and some of the parents of children attending the playgroup joined the committee.

All trustees can confirm that they have had due regard to guidance produced by the Commission.

Trustees 2022/ 2023

Clare Mullan
Orla McLaughlin
Ursula McKillop
Sandra Scott
Julia Mullan

Sinead Faulkner
Erin Deasy
Carol Mullan
Leona Ferris
Roisin McGilligan
Donna McKay
Noleen Deighan

Trustees 2021/2022

Clare Mullan
Orla McLaughlin
Ursula McKillop
Sandra Scott

Activities and Achievements

Throughout the year, the Playgroup continued to rent rooms within Garvagh Primary School. The Playgroup ran a morning session with 17 preschool children 5 days a week.

This year we have held the Christmas Hamper fundraiser which raised £727 alongside this were donations from local people/businesses totalling £410. Our sponsored walk raised a total of £311, the smarties tubes raised £150, dress up day raised £12 and sale of some of the unused toys, books and equipment raised £85. This totals £1384 altogether.

The playgroup entered the Tesco Community Grants scheme and was offered one of the places for the public to vote on in Ballymoney, Coleraine and Portstewart stores. Following the vote, the playgroup was awarded second place and was chosen by Tesco customers to receive a £1000 grant award.

The trustees have read and taken regard of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on Public benefit and on public benefit reporting.

Financial Review

The playgroup received funding from the Education Authority of £34,666 and an employment grant of £5633. £2,610 was received in registration and snack fees. The playgroup shows a deficit of £13,075 at the end of the year.

A rent bill of £5,550 was outstanding at the end of the year and wages increased by £7,003. The cost of living crisis has also impacted the playgroup.

The Playgroup held unrestricted funds of £53,010. These reserves will ensure that we can continue to operate although increasing our fundraising and sourcing appropriate grant funding remain a high priority for the Committee.

Report Approved by the Current Trustees:

Julia Mullan

Sinead Faulkner

Erin Deasy

Sandra Scott

Carol Mullan

Leona Ferris

Roisin McGilligan

Donna McKay

Erin Dempsey

Brenda McAuley

Signed on their behalf:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Mullan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Miss Julia Mullan

Committee Chairperson 29/04/24