

Ardaluin Regeneration Trust

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Ardaluin Regeneration Trust present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2024.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Organisation and Principal Activity

Ardaluin Trust was originally formed by a Declaration of Trust dated 8 October 1970 and governed by a Cy-pres Scheme approved in the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland (Chancery Division) on 9 June 1997. In exercise of the powers given to the Trust as clause 6n of the Scheme the Trustees resolved to change the name of the Scheme to Ardaluin Regeneration Trust at a Board meeting held on 4 April 2011.

Ardaluin Regeneration Trust was first registered as a Charity for tax purposes by HM Revenue and Customs on 21 November 2011, Charity Registration No. XT31161. Ardaluin Regeneration Trust was registered as a Charity with the Northern Ireland Charity Commissioner on 28 October 2014, Registration Number NIC100698.

Objects and Powers

Ardaluin Regeneration Trust provides residential and camping accommodation primarily for community-based groups and organisations, registered charities, social enterprises and not-for-profit organisations and schools. The Trust aims to engage people from all backgrounds through programmes of activity that provide personal and social development opportunities primarily for young people to help them to explore and reach their full potential.

The Trust provides access and accommodation to their residential property Ardaluin House, an on-site camping site and grounds to support the promotion and delivery of personal and social development programmes.

The Trust facilitates a holistic approach to the needs and aspirations of the individual, ensuring safe, inclusive, but challenging opportunities that are "Changing lives and building futures" across Northern Ireland.

Belfast Activity Centre, as the approved operating partner for Ardaluin Regeneration Trust provided the following Centre Accreditations and Professional Memberships

BAC successfully retained the Gold Standard and Adventure Mark accreditation from the Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC)

Institute of Outdoor Learning (IOL) Membership

Institute of Outdoor Learning (IOL) Approved Continuing Personal Development (CPD) Provider

Open College Network (OCN) Qualifying and Programme Centre

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOC) Quality Badge

Duke of Edinburgh Award (DOE) Licensed Centre

Duke of Edinburgh Award (DOE) Approved activity provider for Award Expedition Section

National indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS) Approved Centre for delivery to Level 1 and Level 2.

ASDAN Education Awarding Centre

John Muir Award Group Member

British Heart Foundation Affiliated Heart Start Training Provider

HSE Approved Rescue Emergency Care (REC) First Aid Training Provider

ART supported Revenue (Short and Longer term residential and camping programmes)

Demand for short-term outdoor adventure activities and longer-term learning outside the classroom programmes increased with high demand from the formal school's sector.

Work with the youth and community also recognised a return to pre-Covid levels from both the voluntary and statutory sectors contracting a range of programmes that addressed issues of rebuilding confidence, peer to peer and social

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communications, problem solving, motivation and prolonged physical inactivity under over-arching themes of health and well-being particularly amongst primary more than post primary aged groups of children.

Dept. of Justice grant funded BAC Adventure Investigator programmes to 3 Primary Schools delivered by our operating and programme delivery partner, Belfast Activity Centre (BAC).

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Financial Review

Ardaluin Regeneration Trust seeks to comply with Best Practice in managing the finances of the Centre and as outlined in the Reserves policy should hold adequate reserves to cover 3 months' full running costs of the centre. The results for the financial year are set out on page and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £743,109 (2023 - £722,535) and liabilities of £11,480 (2023 - £6,573). The net assets of the charity have increased by £15,667.

Reserves Position and Policy

The Board of Trustees of Ardaluin Regeneration Trust will endeavour to accumulate reserves which amount to up to six months' full operating costs of the centre. The Board believes this to be an acceptable reserve and contingency. If the Charity was fortunate enough to reach this amount of reserve, the Board would table a discussion as to how funds could be expended or invested, in-line with the work of the charity.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Risk Policy

Risk Management is a high priority in the work of the centre. Physical Risk is monitored daily due to the nature of outdoor activities. All staff are provided with training in risk management and the Centre has a Health and Safety Advisory Committee of independent advisors who meet quarterly.

The BAC Board are tasked with the Governance of the Centre. The Board carries out regular management analysis on all aspects of the Centre's work.

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Thomas Scott
Chairperson

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.


In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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