

Annual Report 2022 - 2023

Chairperson's Report

The purpose of the Down Right Brilliant ("DRB") is:

- To establish and run a non-profit organisation in the Newry & Mourne area to encourage people with Down Syndrome to achieve their full potential
- To promote the integration of people with Down Syndrome within the local community
- To provide support and assistance to all parents of children with Down Syndrome
- To provide appropriate support and information to new parents of babies with Down Syndrome

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit, to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Income for the year of £33,838 (2022: £13,799) was significantly higher than the previous year. DRB was able to increase fundraising activities, following the pandemic-related restrictions of the previous two financial years.

At the year-end DRB had cash of £50,549 and is well-placed to continue with its charitable activities.

New parents and their families continue to join DRB and there are currently 60 members.

DRB continued with weekly speech and drama classes for its members. DRB also operated its weekly youth club for Junior and Senior members and their siblings, with activities including arts and crafts, exercise, dance and film nights. Furthermore, DRB held its children's Summer Scheme which included a visit to an outdoor activity centre and a well-being workshop.

Regular meetings were held for parents with a variety of speakers relevant to Down Syndrome. Furthermore, DRB organised well-being events for parents.

During the year DRB held three large events; a gala ball, a Christmas dinner and a fashion show.

Financial Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2023

Income	33,838
Outings	8,430
Drama	2,599
Speech Therapy	570
Other Activities	7,975
Room Hire	7,080
Wages	18,680
Equipment	356
Sundry Expenses	2,246
Bank charges	247
Exchange	(23)
Expenditure	48,160
Net Income / (Expenditure)	(14,322)
Cash at bank and in hand	50,549

Committee Members

Yvonne Curran (Chairperson)
Karen Martin (Treasurer)
Caroline Digney (Co- Chairperson)
Douglas Martin
Joan McGuinness
Marissa McShane (appointed 20 October 2022)
Mary McAleenan (secretary, resigned 20 October 2022)

Yvonne Curran, Chairperson
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