

The Edge

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100853

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	The Edge Po Box 18 Windmill Street 38 Windmill Street BT24 8hb BT24 8HB
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Activities

Purposes: The Edge exists to advance Christianity, advance Education and promote the benefit of young people (primarily in the age band 13-25 years) in the area of Ballynahinch, to educate and assist such young people through their leisure time activities so to develop their mental, emotional, spiritual and physical capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, Playgroup/after schools, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, Interface communities, Parents, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£97,802	£97,374	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cath Truesdale		
Fiona		
Helen Clarke		
Joshua Martin		
Mr Dave Brown		
Mrs Anna Williams		
Mrs Julie Graham		
Terry Hilland		

Accounts

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References and administrative details

Registered charity name:	The Edge
Charity registration number:	100853
Principal office:	PO Box 18, Windmill Street, Ballynahinch, Co Down, BT24 8YT.

Officers

Mrs Erin Nixon (Chairperson)
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Mr Joshua Martin

Structure, governance and management

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The officers' annual report was approved on 2nd December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Mrs Erin Nixon (Chairperson)

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Independent examiner's report to the officers of The Edge

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprises the attached Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Position and all supporting Notes to the Financial Statements.

Respective responsibilities of charity officers and examiner

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
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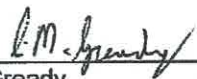
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Signed 
Colin McGready

Date 18.12.25

C R McGready & Co Limited
Accountants
1-3 Comber Road
Ballygowan
Newtownards
BT23 5TN

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations, Gift Aid reclaims, grants and funding awards	3	87,413	8,750	96,163	89,684
Charitable activities	4	1,450	-	1,450	250
Investment income		189	-	189	155
		89,052	8,750	97,802	90,089
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5 & 6	(88,624)	(8,750)	(97,374)	(82,302)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		428	-	428	7,787

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure has been derived from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets	8	159,468	160,231
Current assets	9	58,719	54,297
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,949)	(3,718)
Net current assets		51,770	50,579
Total net assets		211,238	210,810
Reserves			
Total reserves brought forward		210,810	53,023
Premises valuation		-	150,000
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		428	7,787
Total reserves carried forward		211,238	210,810

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Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Tenant improvements/Premises	No depreciation required in current year
Equipment	20% straight line

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3 Donations etc

	2025	2024
	£	£
Individuals	54,883	49,664
Churches (Unrestricted funds)	13,072	15,825
Churches (Restricted funds)	2,000	2,500
Gift Aid reclaims	10,458	9,758
Grants and funding awards (Unrestricted funds)	9,000	880
Grants and funding awards (Restricted funds)	6,750	11,057
	96,163	89,684

4 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental income	1,450	-
Sale of goods (Confectionery etc)	-	250
	1,450	250

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rent and rates	5,238	4,583
Bank charges	104	109
Heat and light	2,570	1,994
Telephone and internet	614	582
Insurances	4,418	3,848
Staff costs	58,464	47,169
General administration expenses	365	712
Professional fees	3,817	-
Repairs, maintenance, cleaning and sundry equipment, Activity Week, Mission Week, T:BUC, other events and programme costs	21,021	22,541
Depreciation	763	764
	97,374	82,302

6 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries (Unrestricted funds)	58,464	47,169
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The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2024 - 2)

No employee received employee benefits during the year (2024 - Nil)

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

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Year ended 31st March 2025

8 Fixed assets

	Tenant Improvements /Premises	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 st April 2024	189,384	19,060	208,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	189,384	19,060	208,444
Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2024	29,916	18,297	48,213
Charge for the year	-	763	763
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2025	29,916	19,060	48,976
Net book value			
At 31 st March 2025	159,468	-	159,468
At 31 st March 2024	159,468	763	160,231

9 Current assets

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank	38,896	35,052
Debtors and prepayments	19,823	19,245
	58,719	54,297

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Year ended 31st March 2025

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	4,227	3,625
PAYE tax and NIC	2,722	93
	6,949	3,718

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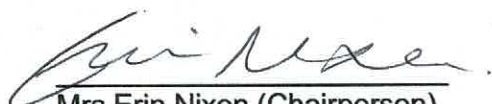
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Signed 
Stephen Huddleston (FCA)

Date 

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Chartered Accountant
1 Bramble Hill Lane
Hillsborough
BT26 6FQ

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations, Gift Aid reclaims, grants and funding awards	3	76,127	13,557	89,684	87,926
Charitable activities	4	250	-	250	300
Investment income		155	-	155	89
		76,532	13,557	90,089	88,315
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5 & 6	(68,745)	(13,557)	(82,302)	(79,350)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		7,787	-	7,787	8,965
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		53,023	-	53,023	44,058
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		7,787	-	7,787	8,965
Total funds carried forward		60,810	-	68,010	53,023

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	8	160,231	10,995
Current assets	9	54,297	46,274
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,718)	(4,246)
Net current assets		50,579	42,028
Total net assets		210,810	53,023
Reserves			
Total reserves brought forward		53,023	44,058
Premises valuation		150,000	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		7,787	8,965
Total reserves carried forward		210,810	53,023

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Equipment	20% straight line

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Year ended 31st March 2024

3 Donations etc

	2024	2023
	£	£
Individuals	49,664	47,922
Churches (Unrestricted funds)	15,825	12,700
Churches (Restricted funds)	2,500	1,550
Gift Aid reclaims	9,758	9,487
Grants and funding awards (Unrestricted funds)	880	1,877
Grants and funding awards (Restricted funds)	11,057	14,390
	89,684	87,926

4 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sale of goods (Confectionery etc)	250	300
	250	300

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Year ended 31st March 2024

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent	4,583	4,667
Bank charges	109	121
Heat and light	1,994	2,265
Telephone and internet	582	630
Insurances	3,848	3,621
Staff costs	47,169	43,709
General administration expenses	712	509
Professional fees (provision written-off)	-	(600)
Repairs, maintenance, cleaning and sundry equipment, Activity Week, Mission Week, T:BUC, other events and programme costs	22,541	23,664
Depreciation	764	764
	82,302	79,350

6 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries (Unrestricted funds)	47,169	43,709
	47,169	43,709

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2023 - 2)

No employee received employee benefits during the year (2023 - Nil)

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year (or the previous year).

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Year ended 31st March 2024

8 Fixed assets

	Tenant Improvements /Premises	Equipment	Total
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Cost			
At 1 st April 2023	39,384	19,060	58,444
Additions (valuation)	150,000	-	150,000
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2024	189,384	19,060	208,444
Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2023	29,916	17,533	47,449
Charge for the year	-	764	764
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2024	29,916	18,297	48,213
Net book value			
At 31 st March 2024	159,468	763	160,231
At 31 st March 2023	9,468	1,527	10,995

9 Current assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank	35,052	36,787
Debtors and prepayments	19,245	9,487
	54,297	46,274

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Year ended 31st March 2024

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	3,625	2,754
PAYE tax and NIC	93	1,492
	3,718	4,246

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Annual report

The following is the Trustees' Report for The Edge for the financial year April 2023 – March 2024. The Edge is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, number NIC100853. Address is PO Box 18, Windmill Street, Ballynahinch, Co Down BT24 8YT. It is a voluntary organisation governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees.

The vision of The Edge is to:

“...Empower young people and the wider community to achieve their full potential spiritually, mentally, socially and physically”.

Over the year we have continued to go into the local primary schools to deliver provision { Listening Space } with the P6 – P7 classes. The project continues to be a support to the teachers and Principals as we strive to help kids through challenging moments in their lives. We have also started going back into the 2 local high schools during their lunch breaks. This stopped over Covid and then staffing prevented us from restarting the support. During the lunch breaks we walk around the schools delivering detached youth work and building relationships with the students.

The centre-based youth work continues to be important as we run 2 drop-in sessions for juniors aged 10-13, then another 1 drop-in session for seniors aged 14-18. Alongside that we deliver sessions for girls and guys groups looking at topics that are relevant to their needs at the time, such as, anxiety, stress due to exams or relationships and not feeling that they can cope. During the summer months delivered detached outreach, walking around the town and chatting with groups of young people. We received positive feedback from the community as they continued to see us about. This is something we plan to run again with the clocks change.

During the summer months we delivered activity weeks for both our juniors and seniors and a mission week that was made up of a team of 44 volunteers that ran a week to engage with over 140 kids and young people. This continues to be an important part of the youth provision delivered by The Edge.

The women's group continued to grow this year, and we have been able to recruit 2 ladies from the group to step into a leadership role, and they are thriving. The issues remain to be the same for the ladies as they face loneliness and isolation, and they find The Edge a safe space to meet others for support and company. This project continues to be a positive aspect of The Edges community work in Ballynahinch.

One of the challenges over the year for the centre-based programmes has been retaining volunteers, and this has meant at times, some sessions being cancelled due to safeguarding ratios.

A key highlight of the year was the successful recruitment and onboarding of a new Youth Worker to support the Centre Manager in delivering youth programmes, particularly to girls. Across the voluntary sector and all sectors, recruitment is difficult and took us a long time, however the position was filled in September this year. We have been able to re-ignite the girls work in particular, keep our women's group operating successfully and have more valuable support for our centre manager in the daily operations of The Edge.

Both income and expenditure in the year ended 31st March 2024 were very similar to the comparative figures in the year ended 31st March 2023 and despite the reduction in grant income from previous years each of those two years ended in a small surplus. That was in part due to the faithful generosity of local people and churches and also because we only had one full time youth worker for six months of each year, with the consequent savings in salary costs. However, we are mindful of the need to obtain increased income moving forward to now cover the salaries of two full time youth workers.

A final and significant point of note is that we were gifted a property during the year which has been included in our Accounts at a professional valuation of £150,000 and we are excited about the potential that building provides. The building was previously owned by the Christian Workers' Union in Ballynahinch and its members wanted The Edge of have the building following their decision to conclude their activities in the town. We are very grateful for this gift, and are investigating potential uses and future plans.

Charity trustees in March 2024 were as follows:

Trustees:

- Mrs Erin Nixon
- Mrs Wanda Rodgers
- Mr Terry Hilland
- Mrs Helen Clarke
- Mr Joshua Martin
- Mr Dave Brown
- Mr Peter Crory
- Mr Ken Foster
- Mr Philip Roy



Erin Nixon, Chairperson

17 March 2024

Agreed by trustees on

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Annual return

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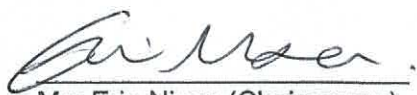
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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in respect of the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed 
Stephen Huddleston (FCA)

Date 28/11/23

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Chartered Accountant
1 Bramble Hill Lane
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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations, Gift Aid reclaims, grants and funding awards	3	71,986	15,940	87,926	103,577
Charitable activities	4	300	-	300	-
Investment income		89	-	89	78
		72,375	15,940	88,315	103,655
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5 & 6	(63,410)	(15,940)	(79,350)	(106,021)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		8,965	-	8,965	(2,366)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		44,058	-	44,058	46,424
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		8,965	-	8,965	(2,366)
Total funds carried forward		53,023	-	53,023	44,058

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure has been derived from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	8	10,995	11,759
Current assets	9	46,274	36,477
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,246)	(4,178)
Net current assets		42,028	32,299
Total net assets		53,023	44,058
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		44,058	46,424
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		8,965	(2,366)
Total funds carried forward		53,023	44,058

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28th November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Mrs Erin Nixon (Chairperson)


Mrs Hollie Dowling (Treasurer)

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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	8,965	(2,366)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	764	764
Interest receivable and similar income	(89)	(78)
Interest payable and similar charges	121	112
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	(1,505)	5,298
Trade and other creditors	68	1,206
Cash generated from operations	8,324	4,936
Interest paid	(121)	(112)
Interest received	89	78
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	8,292	4,902
 Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	 8,292	 4,902
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	28,495	23,593
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	36,787	28,495

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31st March 2023

1 Statement of compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, Charities SORP (FRS 102), the 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) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in sterling which is the principal functional currency of the charity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the officers for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Tenant improvements	No depreciation required in current year
Equipment	20% straight line

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Year ended 31st March 2023

3 Donations etc

	2023	2022
	£	£
Individuals	47,922	33,625
Churches (Unrestricted funds)	12,700	14,020
Churches (Restricted funds)	1,550	1,700
Gift Aid reclaims	9,487	7,382
Grants and funding awards (Unrestricted funds)	1,877	11,300
Grants and funding awards (Restricted funds)	14,390	35,550
	87,926	103,577

4 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sale of goods (Confectionery etc)	300	-
	300	-

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Year ended 31st March 2023

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent	4,667	4,200
Bank charges	121	112
Heat and light	2,265	1,719
Telephone and internet	630	507
Insurances	3,621	3,269
Staff costs	43,709	56,885
Repairs, maintenance, cleaning and sundry equipment	282	477
General administration expenses	509	526
Professional fees (provision written-off)	(600)	-
Summer Mission and Activity weeks/Easter and Christmas events/T:BUC/Other programme costs	23,382	37,562
Depreciation	764	764
	79,350	106,021

6 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries (Unrestricted funds)	43,709	54,485
Wages and salaries (Restricted funds)	-	2,400
	43,709	56,885

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2022 - 2)

No employee received employee benefits during the year (2022 - Nil)

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year (or the previous year).

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Year ended 31st March 2023

8 Fixed assets

	Tenant Improvements	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 st April 2022	39,384	19,060	58,444
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2023	39,384	19,060	58,444
Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2022	29,916	16,769	46,685
Charge for the year	-	764	764
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 st March 2023	29,916	17,533	47,449
Net book value			
At 31 st March 2023	9,468	1,527	10,995
At 31 st March 2022	9,468	2,291	11,759

9 Current assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank	36,787	28,495
Debtors and prepayments	9,487	7,982
	46,274	36,477

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Year ended 31st March 2023

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	2,754	2,884
PAYE tax and NIC	1,492	1,294
	4,246	4,178

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100853

Annual report

The following is the Trustees' Report for The Edge for the financial year April 2022 – March 2023. The Edge is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, number NIC100853. Address is PO Box 18, Windmill Street, Ballynahinch, Co Down BT24 8YT. It is a voluntary organisation governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees.

The vision of The Edge is to:

“...Empower young people and the wider community to achieve their full potential spiritually, mentally, socially and physically”.

This year, we have been able to carry out part of this vision by going into the 3 local primary schools to deliver support to the P6 – P7 classes. This project is called ‘Listening Space’. We are given a room in the school and the kids can sign up to a 10-minute slot to chat about issues they may be facing. This has been successful, and we are able to discuss topics such as stress, family loss, anxiety and more. The school Principals have been very positive and say that they can notice changes in the kids over time. This is something we plan to keep going over the next year.

Another programme we run for the community is the Women’s Group, for women aged between 25 – 80. Around 25-30 women meet in The Edge every fortnight, to support each other and help with loneliness and isolation. Some have lost partners over the past couple of years, mainly to cancer, so this time together to make friends has been vital. They have also been running sessions on cancer awareness and how to best support each other.

Our main challenge this year has been recruitment and we have had an ongoing open post for a Youth Worker to support the Centre Manager in delivering youth programmes, particularly to girls. Across the voluntary sector and all sectors, recruitment is difficult and taking a long time. We continue to advertise this position and aim to fill the position before the new term in September 2023.

The recruitment challenge has influenced the number of sessions being delivered over the week, and we needed to rely heavily on volunteers. We saw an increase in volunteers which is positive, however this can also bring inconsistency week to week as we are dependent on them to deliver youth work.

We have seen the number of young people wanting to connect or reconnect with The Edge increase. The challenge for the year was simply being down a fulltime member of staff which meant restricting the membership. This is something we know will improve when recruitment is successful.

Fundraising has again been restricted this year by a reduction in the number of local community events and less accessibility to bag packs in local supermarkets and on-street activity. Our ability to start new programmes with only one full time youth worker has meant that new grant applications for funding have been reduced and we continue to rely heavily on the generosity of individual donors and churches.

Even with these challenges to our work, The Edge was able to engage and support large numbers of children and young people this year in relational, fun and issue-based programme work face to face, now that we have emerged from the COVID impact of remote meetings.

The Edge has been able to balance its books this year despite the reduction in grant income, as we have only had one full time youth worker, so we have saved on a salary throughout this time. In addition, through the generous provision by several funders of the means to run various youth projects. We are also grateful for the generosity of local people and churches, which has enabled us to end the year in a surplus.

Charity trustees in March 2023 were as follows:

Trustees:

- Mrs Erin Nixon
- Rev Dario Leal
- Mr Terry Hilland
- Mrs Hollie Dowling
- Mr Dave Brown
- Mr Peter Crory
- Mr Ken Foster
- Mr Philip Roy



Erin Nixon, Chairperson

17 March 2023

Agreed by trustees on

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Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the officers of The Edge

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprises the attached Statement of Financial Activities, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and all supporting Notes to the Financial Statements.

Respective responsibilities of charity officers and examiner

As the charity's officers you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility as Independent Examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity officers concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records

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Independent examiner's report to the officers of The Edge

Continued:

3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in respect of the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed 
Stephen Huddleston (FCA)

Date 28/11/23

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