

Ballymacarrett Youth and Community Project

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100897

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: 2. The project is established (a) (i) To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of youth and children in Ballymacarrett, East Belfast (ii) To provide facilities in the interests of youth, children and the community for recreation, education and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the said Ballymacarrett, East Belfast (b) In furtherance of the purposes hereinbefore defined, but not further or otherwise, the project may – (i) Establish or secure the establishment of children, youth and community facilities (ii) Obtain and collect and receive money and funds by the way of contributions, donations, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to trusts or not) (iii) Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise, any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents (iv) Arrange and provide for, or join in, arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures or classes (v) Promote, encourage or undertake organised research and experimental work in the field of youth work

What the charity does: Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Playgroup/after schools

Who the charity helps: Preschool (0-5 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,882	£35,390	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gary Workman		
Mr Samuel Mccready Med		
Mr William Craig		
Mrs Deborah Doherty		
Mrs Roseann Clements		
Ms Lana Mccandless		

Accounts

Ballymacarrett Youth & Community Project

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25	
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Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds Restricted funds Endowment funds Total funds Last year

A1 Receipts

Deans Sit Out	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,500
James Brown & Sons, Undertakers	-	-	-	-	1,120
Harland & Wolff Welders	250	-	-	250	250
Amazon	-	-	-	-	18
Blackthorn Trust	-	840	-	840	-
Sundry donations	150	-	-	150	-
Energy Store	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Grants- Early Years (Pathway Fund)	-	22,000	-	22,000	20,000
Grants - B.H.S.C.T.	-	4,142	-	4,142	3,864
Bank Interest	58	-	-	58	109
Attendance Fees	3,880	-	-	3,880	4,040
Milk Grant - B.S.O.	562	-	-	562	521
	#				
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	7,900	26,982	-	34,882	31,422

A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).

	-	#	-	-	-
	-	#	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts **7,900** **26,982** **-** **34,882** **31,422**

A3 Payments

Postage, stationery & printing	36	-	-	36	101
Insurance	596	-	-	596	520
Direct Charitable Activity	1,842	-	-	1,842	2,220
Dance classes	-	960	-	960	-
Membership fees	96	-	-	96	91
Other costs	253	-	-	253	440
Salaries	-	31,607	-	31,607	33,604
A3 Sub total	2,823	32,567	-	35,390	36,976

A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments **2,823** **32,567** **-** **35,390** **36,976**

Net of receipts/(payments)

	5,077	-	5,585	-	508	-	5,554
A5 Transfers between funds	-	5,585	5,585	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,830	-	-	14,830	20,384	20,384	20,384
Cash funds this year end	14,322	-	-	14,322	14,830	14,830	14,830

As at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
B1 Cash funds					
Current Account	14309			14309	12575
Playgroup Account	0			0	2250
Cash on hand	13			13	5
	14322			14322	14830

B2 Unrestricted Funds

General reserves of £14,322 are the part of the charity's funds that are not restricted or designated to any particular purpose.
Designated funds are funds that have been allocated for a specific purpose by the Trustees.

B3 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds received of £26,982 represent funds that have been given for a particular purpose
The trustees have no discretion to reallocate them for other use.
Restricted funds are used to pay salary and dance class costs for the group.

B4 Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy enables management of unrestricted reserves to ensure we hold an appropriate level of accessible funds to mitigate against identified financial risks while ensuring we are making timely and strategic use of our funds. The policy focuses purely on the unrestricted reserves, as outlined above, as these are the funds at the discretion of the trustees.

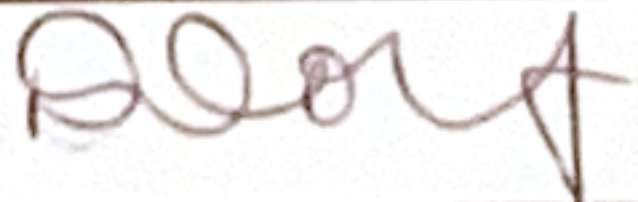
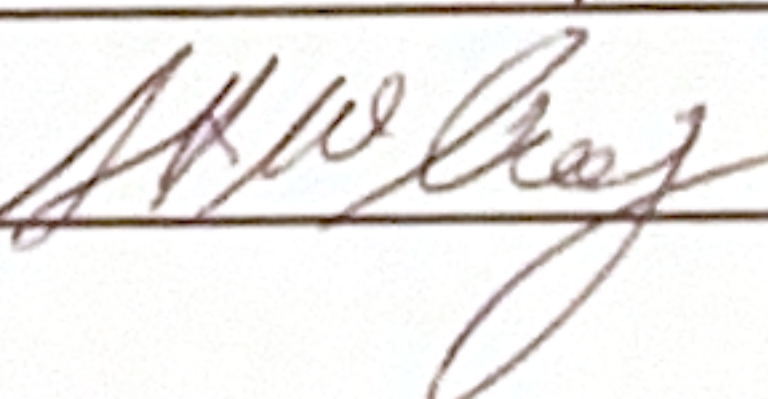
The trustees aim to keep approximately 3 months running costs in unrestricted reserves.

Signed on behalf of
all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval

	Deborah Doherty	11/6/2025
	SAM MCCREADY	11/6/2025

Accounts

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	11,578	-	-	11,578	11,500
	Prepaid Account	5,994	-	-	5,994	8,400
	Cash on hand	3	-	-	3	3
	Total cash funds	17,575	-	-	17,575	19,903
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
B2 Other monetary assets	Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-
	Prepaid	-	-	-	-	-
	Property	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Deborah Doherty
Sam McCloskey

Print Name

Deborah Doherty
Sam McCloskey

Date of approval

19/6/24
22/6/24

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts					
Deans Sit Out	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,000
James Brown & Sons, Undertakers	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
Harland & Wolff Welders	250	-	-	250	-
Amazon	18	-	-	18	8
Dorothy Dunlop	-	-	-	-	10,606
Energy Store Limited	-	-	-	-	3,000
Grants- Early Years (Pathway Fund)	-	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Grants- Early Years (C.R.S.F.)	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - B.H.S.C.T.	-	3,864	-	3,864	3,733
Bank Interest	109	-	-	109	24
Attendance Fees	4,540	-	-	4,540	3,960
Milk Grant - B.S.O.	521	-	-	521	468
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	7,558	23,864	-	31,422	42,187
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,558	23,864	-	31,422	42,187
A3 Payments					
Postage, stationery & printing	101	-	-	101	136
Insurance	620	-	-	620	472
Direct Charitable Activity	2,220	-	-	2,220	1,748
Membership fees	51	-	-	51	59
Other costs	440	-	-	440	585
Salaries	-	33,604	-	33,604	30,974
A3 Sub total	3,372	33,604	-	36,976	39,003
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,372	33,604	-	36,976	39,003
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,186	9,740	-	5,554	3,184
A5 Transfers between funds	-	9,740	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,384	-	-	20,384	17,200
Cash funds this year end	14,830	-	-	14,830	20,384

Independent Examiner's
Report to the Trustees of

Ballymacarrett Youth & Community Project
Charity Number NI 100897

I report on the accounts of Ballymacarrett Youth & Community Project
for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective Responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to -
: examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
: to follow the procedures laid out in the general Directions given by the
Charity Commission under section 65(3) 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(3)(b) of the Charities Act.

My 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 trustees concerning
any such matters.

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

1. That 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
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 connection with following the Directions
of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that
require drawing to your attention.

Signed

Kenneth A. McAnoy 19/6/2024
Dated

Kenneth A. McAnoy

Independent Examiner

25 Moonstone Street
Belfast BT9, 7HL

Ballymacarrett Youth and Community Project

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Annual report

Dee Street Playgroup
Annual Report 2023 – 2024
(1974 – 2024)

Well, we made it! 50 years of Dee Street Playgroup. How many times over the last 50 years did we think we would be closing our doors for the last time, due to lack of accommodation, lack of funding, world pandemics, and yet here we are, still going strong. What an incredible achievement. When I sat down to write this year's report and truly reflected on this momentous milestone, I was very proud and rightly so, of our dedicated management team, staff team and committee members. What Dee Street Playgroup has accomplished over the last 50 years is amazing, to think back to 1974 and the humble beginnings when a few local mothers realised the need for child provision, and to meet that need and carry that forward, through the Troubles and beyond, and for the playgroup to be still thriving today 5 decades later, what a triumph, what a victory for local people to make such a difference to the lives of families in their community. I would just like to take a minute to thank Sam McCready, off all the people in this room today, Sam has been at the helm of this project from the very beginning. His dedication, commitment, knowledge, leadership and the service he has given voluntarily to this project and community for the last 50 years have been outstanding, and I think we have been very very fortunate indeed to have him. He has worn two hats serving as both secretary and treasurer for many years and has guided us through the good times and the bad and multiple funding applications, without which we couldn't possibly have survived. So, a very big heartfelt thank you to Sam.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary with a family fun day right here in Dee Street Community centre the home of the playgroup. We had a fabulous day with entertainment from Party Dee Jay NI and a face painter for the children, followed by a wonderful buffet lunch. The highlight of our day was a visit from the Lord Lieutenant, Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle, who brought the greetings of King Charles to Dee Street.

We welcomed past and present pupils, staff, funders and many friends of Dee Street, and had a fantastic time reminiscing about our wonderful playgroup. Many thanks to all of the committee and council staff (and Sam's wife Anne) who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, setting up, serving and cleaning up, it truly was a day to remember.

The 2023- 2024 year saw 16 local children avail of our playgroup services. Of these 16 we had 2 direct referrals from social services, 3 with development delays of varying nature. 4 with extremely poor speech and 5 who were not toilet trained until well into the

school year. These figures alone just go to show how very real the need for our services are in this community. The playgroup staff worked tirelessly to identify the many needs of the children and to develop a teaching strategy to support the individual needs of the children, whilst also supporting and signposting their parents to the appropriate agencies. Throughout the year we worked alongside social services, health visitors and speech therapists, implementing early intervention strategies. I am pleased to report through a consistent approach with lots of encouragement we managed to have all the children toilet trained by Easter and have witnessed small gradual improvements to the concentration levels and social behaviours and speech of the other children. We continue to provide monthly monitoring reports to BHSCT for the children referred to our services.

We had a very full, fun and busy playgroup year, including weekly Kimberdance sessions, cookery, craft, breakfast with Santa, Easter egg hunts ,Baby Raves, Mini Movers, stay and play days, parental workshops, dental team visits, all packed into the last ten months.

We send out parental questionnaires every year to gain feedback from parents about our services and are delighted to report all our parents provided very positive feedback praising the staff team and our services.

Fundraising

We received donations this year from

Energy Store

Deans sit out St Annes Cathedral

James Brown Community fund

Welders social club

We are very grateful for the support of our funders.

We received two beautiful bookcases this year in memory of Sandra Workman, they take pride of place in our story corner , and we are forever grateful to the Workman family for this special gift.

Staff Training and Development

Staff continue to seek out relevant training for personal development and the promotion of high standards within the playgroup. This year's training included:

Making good funding applications

Effectively managing complaints

Working in partnership with parents

Safeguarding

BHSCT Inspection

Our annual Trust inspection took place in November 2023 having been postponed from May. We are delighted to report the inspecting social worker Mrs Nuala Lavery , had high praise for the playgroup and congratulated us on our 50th anniversary. There were no outstanding requirements to be met, just a recommendation to look at relief staff cover for staff absences.

Pathway Grant

We were notified in March this year that we would be receiving the Pathway grant for the financial year 2024 – 2025. All deliverables have so far been met and all monitoring for this grant is currently up to date.

BHSCT Grant

We have had our annual pre assurance meeting with Belfast Health and Social care trust and have received word they will be continuing with their 2 referred/funded places this year.

Early Years

Early years is embarking on a research project to take place over the next six months. The research will be carried out through surveys, focus groups and interviews with early years settings and stakeholders overseen by an advisory group. The purpose of the research is to understand the current situation, uncover the strengths and weakness and identify support that can underpin the critical work of community and voluntary settings. As a playgroup we have already completed the survey and will be attending a focus group on the 26th of June.

Staff and Committee, Council workers

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff , Mrs Lindsay Fulton, we were reduced to a team of 2 this year and you took on the challenge energetically and enthusiastically with your endless patience and kindness your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. Mrs Lana McCandless you thought you were retiring! Thankyou for your continued support helping with our staff absentee cover, we really truly couldn't manage without you, it's great to know the playgroup is in such safe hands when a member of staff needs time off. To all the committee members Sam, Deborah, Roseann, William , Gary, Lana, thank you for your time, for your unwavering support and contribution to the

running of the playgroup, without you there would be no playgroup. To the council staff Liam , Jackie and Iggy thank you for continuing to make this centre such a welcoming space for all our playgroup families, for your help every day setting up and cleaning up , for your support on our 50th anniversary celebrations we couldn't have managed without you. Anthony and Matthew thank you for sharing your resources with playgroup, for funding our Breakfast with Santa, the baby raves, mini mover sessions , face painters and the bus for our outing we appreciate your generosity from what we know to be a very tight budget.

Debbie Weir

Playgroup Manager. 19th June 2024

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts					
Miscellaneous Donations	14,005	-	-	14,005	900
Grants- Early Years (Pathway Fund)	-	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Grants- Early Years (C.R.S.F.)	-	-	-	-	4,458
Grants - B.H.S.C.T.	-	3,733	-	3,733	3,581
Bank Interest	24	-	-	24	18
Attendance Fees	3,960	-	-	3,960	3,340
Milk	465	-	-	465	317
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	18,454	23,733	-	42,187	32,614
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,454	23,733	-	42,187	32,614
A3 Payments					
Postage, stationery & printing	135	-	-	135	122
Insurance	472	-	-	472	392
Direct Charitable Activity	1,748	-	-	1,748	397
Membership fees	89	-	-	89	-
Other costs	585	-	-	585	467
Salaries	-	35,974	-	35,974	33,774
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	3,029	35,974	-	39,003	35,152
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,029	35,974	-	39,003	35,152
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,425	12,241	-	3,184	2,538
A5 Transfers between funds	-	12,241	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,200	-	-	17,200	19,738
Cash funds this year end	20,384	-	-	20,384	17,200

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	11,945	-	-	11,945	11,531
	Playgroup Account	8,437	-	-	8,437	5,657
	Cash on hand	2	-	-	2	12
	Total cash funds	20,384	-	-	20,384	17,200
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
B2 Other monetary assets	Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-
	Prepaid	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

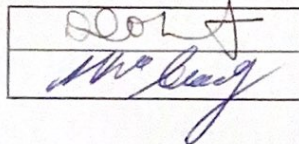
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-

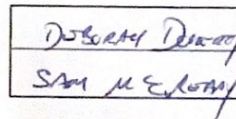
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

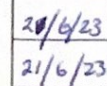
Signature



Print Name



Date of approval



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Annual report

Dee Street Playgroup

Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Dee Street Playgroup against all the odds continues to thrive in this community. The committed staff team each year identify the many and varied needs of the local children and their families and tailor our services to best meet these needs. The playgroup staff team work tirelessly to develop and deliver a high quality- learning environment and support services.

This year we provided a playgroup for 16 local children and early in September it became apparent that 4 of these children had additional needs, in the form of developmental delays, behavioural issues and Autistic traits. Once again, we were the first to recognise these issues and working in partnership with their parents began to implement our early intervention strategies. Contacting Health visitors, advising parents on strategies to help with the children at home. Liaising with outside agencies, preparing reports on the children for speech and language referrals etc.

I would like to mention the work of Mrs Lindsay Fulton who patiently day after day, worked tirelessly to support one of these children with quite severe autism. In September this child cried endlessly every single morning when coming into playgroup, this is to be expected of course as the child could not cope with transitions, we soon realised this child was a very visual learner and proceeded to make her visuals for her daily routine, but it was through Lindsays calm and consistent approach over many months that slowly the child began to come in without crying. This child could not cope with snack time and would not eat or drink anything for months, once again through daily slow exposure to the routine, six months on she began to eat with the others, toilet training was the same slow process day after day slow exposure to the toileting routine. This child still has severe autistic traits ,she has no social communication whatsoever, but the difference in this child's coping strategies is amazing, she is now toilet trained, she participates in all our activities, all be it in her own way , she is more engaged in the world around her, the difference in this child from September to June is night and day, and it was all down to Lindsays calm, consistent and methodical approach. This just

reinforces the importance of the early intervention we provide here at Dee Street.

We provided 2 places for children directly referred from social services, these children are on the at risk register, living in very dysfunctional homes. I provided reports for the family social workers, monthly monitoring and attended case conferences for these vulnerable children, but most importantly, and this is what we do so well at Dee Street Playgroup, the staff team provided continuity of care in a safe, loving environment where these children could just play and be seen and heard and praised and encouraged. That kind of attention and nurturing is so important for these very young children, and if our playgroup wasn't here where would those children get that support? That support which is so important to help provide positive outcomes for children who are at risk of not reaching their full educational potential.

We have had a very full, fun, and busy playgroup year, including arts and craft, cookery, dance programmes, outings, visits from Santa, Easter egg Hunts, Kings Coronation parties, dental team visits, stay and play days, parental workshops all packed into the last 10 months.

We send out parental questionnaires every year to gain feedback from parents about our services and are delighted to report our parents all provided positive feedback praising the staff team and our services.

Fundraising

We received 1,000 pounds donation this year from the Deans sit out and the Welders social club donated 250 pounds just last week, for which we are very grateful.

Staff Training and Development

Staff continue to seek out relevant training for personal development and the promotion of high standards within the playgroup. This year's training included,

Designated Safeguarding Officer

Reporting on your Pathway Grant

Physical play, health, and wellbeing in the early years.

Championing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion.

BHSCT Inspection

Our annual BHSCT inspection was due to take place in May 2023, but was postponed due to inspecting social worker sick leave. We have been informed they will be in touch to reschedule.

Pathway Grant

Sadly, and frustratingly in March of this year we were once again threatened with the risk of closure due to Department of Education budget cuts. Staff were put on protective notice, and prospective parents were reassured we were doing everything within our power to lobby the department for continued funding.

I would like to thank our chairperson, Mrs Deborah Doherty who wrote lengthy and very articulate emails to all our local representatives and arranged face to face meetings with these representatives and along with myself at these meetings put our case very strongly across. Deborah also began to investigate alternative funding streams, and all other areas she could think of, no stone was left unturned, I know all of this takes up so much of your own time Deborah and we are all very grateful for your efforts on our behalf.

I would also like to thank Sam and Alfie our accountant who had to look at projected financial information regarding sustainability and redundancies etc, again all very time-consuming work.

After all these meetings were attended and strategies were implemented, we heard at the beginning of June that the Department of Education would be continuing the pathway fund until March 2024. So, a reprieve for now. Maybe we will get to that 50th-anniversary celebration after all.

Many thanks to all the committee members for your continued support and input over the last year, it is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the community centre staff for their continued hard work, keeping our centre spotlessly clean and providing such a warm welcome to all our playgroup families.

Lanas Retirement.

Lana announced to the committee in January of this year that she would be retiring in June after 20 years' service with the Playgroup. I can't believe she is actually going; we have joked about it so many times, she has been my loyal sidekick for 20 years and we have been through so much together. I personally want to say thank you for being such an important part of the Dee Street Playgroup team, and in all those years of service you have never once let me down. You are a loyal, trustworthy, steadfast, hardworking colleague and friend and I always knew I could depend on you. We have seen it all through the years and rang in many changes. Remember when the inspectors used to come out with their little tick sheet and stay for half an hour, now we spend hours and hours completing their evaluation sheets. Remember when the kids were allowed to run about outside in the concrete yard, now we have to risk assess every minute of their day. Remember when we had to just come in and get on with it, with our sore throats, and bad backs, and headaches, because no one else was available to come in to cover, but we did it, you and me, we kept Dee Street ticking over, for all the kids, over the all years, who benefited

from your warmth and care and knowledge. There are so many children and families out there who I still meet, and they all talk of you so fondly.

I am so grateful that you accepted that little playgroup job 20 years ago, who knew we would still be here today. I will miss working alongside you.

So, here's to you Lana, Congratulations on your retirement. May this next chapter of your life be everything you are hoping for. Whatever comes next, may it bring you, health, happiness, and fulfilment. Wishing you a wonderful future with lots of time to enjoy your, family, friends, interests, and most importantly your

FREEDOM !!!!!!!!!!!

Debbie Weir

Playgroup Manager.

Ballymacarrett Youth and Community Project

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100897

Annual return

Independent Examiner's
Report to the Trustees of

Ballymacarret Youth and Community Project
Charity Number NI 100897

I report on the accounts of Ballymacarret Youth and Community Project
for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective Responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to -

- : examin the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- : to follow the procedures laid out in the general Directions given by the
Charity Commission under section 65(9) of the Charities Act
- : state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent
examiner's report

I have examined your charity accunts 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the
charity and a comparision 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 trustees concerning
any such matters.

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

- 1 That 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
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 connection with following the Directions
of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland , I have found no matters that
require drawing to your attention.

Kenneth A. McAnoy 21 JUNE 2023.
Signed Dated

Kenneth A. McAnoy

Independent Examiner

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