

# Acorn Women's Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100913

## Details

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**Status** Overdue

**Registered** 2016-07-29

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The charity's purposes ('the purposes') are; 3.1 The charity is established to (a) Enhance the quality of life for rural women living in the Clogher Valley Area ('area of benefit') by engaging them in training, events and activities which advances education, improves health and wellbeing and facilitates the active role of women in local community development. (b) To advance the education of children aged 3-12 years by supporting the provision of appropriate pre-school and after school facilities within the local rural community, creating a warm and caring learning environment which can support the personal and social development of all children. (c) To provide high quality, affordable and accessible educational childcare services within the Clogher Valley Area which allows local parents to access further training and employment opportunities, helping reduce poverty, disadvantage and inequality for local families.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Disability, Education/training, Playgroup/after schools, Rural development, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** General public, Learning disabilities, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-06-30	£85,833	£82,137	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Amy Mc Kenna		
Mrs Catherine Donnelly		
Mrs Maeve Mcelroy		
Mrs Niamh Mcelroy		
Mrs Yvonne Daly		

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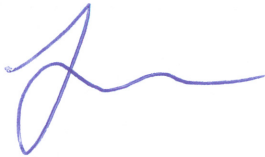
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**Acorn Women's Group**

23-24

**Management Accounts**

Opening Balance £ 47,492.38

## Credits:

Early Years/DE Funding/Peage/SELB (restricted funding for playgroup \ £ 65,980.00

Parental Contributions £ 10,748.00

Fund Raising £ 2,610.00

DOH SPPG £ 1,495.00

Halifax Foundation £ 5,000.00

**Total Credits** £ 85,833.00

## Debits:

Staff Wages(including Inland Revenue and pension payments) £ 51,438.53

Early Years £ 3,567.45

Food £ 3,211.33

Repairs and Maintance £ 1,502.40

Playgroup Supplies £ 155.99

Office Supplies £ 2,601.62

Water £ 220.70

Insurance £ 2,337.33

Power NI/Electric £ 792.00

BT/Phone £ 1,406.87

Bank Fees £ 469.43

Fire Plus £ 90.00

refund of parents contributions £ 70.00

Activities £ 800.00

Peninsula £ 1,397.40

Pockit transfers £ 800.00

Staff Gift £ 45.00

Consultancy £ 2,160.00

Front &amp; back garden project £ 8,916.51

Children in need £ 155.00

**Total Debits** £ 82,137.56

Closing Balance £ 51,187.82

Closing Bank Balance@ 30th June 2024 £ 51,187.82

Less Outstanding Cheques @ 30th June 2024

**Book Balance @ end of June 2024** £ 51,187.82

Financial Reserve Savings Account £ 4,200.00

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## 2022-2023 Summary

## Acorn Women's Group

School Year 22-23

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Credits:		
Early Years/DE Funding/ Peage/SELB (restricted funding for playgro	£	43,793.74
Parental Contributions	£	10,063.00
Fund Raising	£	519.17
	£	-
Get ready to Learn Grant	£	-
HMRC	£	-
BSO - Childcare Support Grant	£	-
APSA	£	-
DOH Heat Grant	£	800.00
Mid Ulster Concil Grants	£	-
Cash Card refund	£	950.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>67,616.42</b>
Debits:		
Staff Wages(including Inland Revenue and pension payments)	£	51,832.12
Staff Travel	£	-
Repairs and Maintance	£	2,281.00
Playgroup Supplies	£	889.06
Oil/Heat	£	1,466.00
Office Supplies	£	1,831.20
Water	£	177.41
Ground Rent	£	-
Insurance	£	2,087.39
Power NI/Electric	£	1,048.00
BT/Phone	£	1,518.10
Bank Fees	£	446.45
Hygiene Supplies	£	610.20
Fire Plus	£	157.80
Refund of parents contributions	£	160.00
Facilitators	£	844.00
Brightstart refund	£	1,875.00
Consultancy	£	1,620.00
Peninsula	£	1,374.57
Children in need donation	£	125.00
Gift	£	50.00
Cash card	£	1,950.00
Playground Project	£	-
Savings /financial reserve	£	-
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>75,571.43</b>
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# Annual report

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## Chairperson report

I would like to start by welcoming everyone to this AGM this evening, to our committee members, new and existing parents and our staff. It has been a good year for woodlands playgroup and through out some challenges that we face faced, i think we all worked well together to do the best for the playgroup.

For the year 22/23 we had we had 7 preschool children these children continued to build on their skills through the Highscope programme led by Roisin MCGovern and Marie Treanor. This programme helps and prepares them for starting primary school, the skills learned and developed here are essential to their success as they move on. This year preschool numbers are at their max at 16 children for the year 23/24 which is an amazing start to the year and shows the hard work that the staff put into the programme.

Our Eager and Able programme run by Emer Mcdermott had 15 children for the year 22/23, these children attended part time and it is so beneficial to their development. This year we have 5 children attending the programme so far, with more starting as the year progresses. This year we are changing the payment for this programme when Emer returns from her annual leave these children will starting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, going forward it will be £6 per day along with there registration fee. Letters will be provided for parents/guardian's nearer this date.

We had two big fundraising events last year, a Christmas family fun day which was held in local community centre and also our Playgroup summer Bbq which both had an amazing turn out and raised vital funds and had great support from whole community.

As most of you may know we had to make the hard choice of closing the afterschool due to staff difficulties, with so many children there is still an issue with staffing numbers which we are working to resolve. We have luckily been given been awarded a Jobstart funding pack which is a great opportunity for young people who are studying towards childcare can be placed in a child care setting to work. If any parents know of someone that may benefit from this opportunity or have any ideas they may want to pass on please let member of staff or myself, or committee member know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and parents for working with the Management Committee as we navigated throughout the year thank you all for the support and, for the people that attended any playgroup meetings we had to schedule. I thank the Committee – Helen McKenna, Cathy McKenna and Shauna McKenna for taking the time out of their busy days and nights to help support the setting as a whole. I think we can agree that the protocols in place at the Playgroup are superb and we can all rest easy that our children are as safe as can be every day, thanks to our hard working staff members.

As parents of Woodlands, I would like to encourage you all to help support our setting by getting involved in any way you can. As a Registered Charity, we rely on grants, funding and fundraising to help us grow and move forward. We welcome any odd jobs completed, following our rota for general outside maintenance and supporting fundraising ideas. Attending Committee meetings is the best way to get involved in the running of the setting, asking questions and making it the best it can be for your child during their time there. I want to thank you all again for the support this year and wish all of those taking up new positions the very best for next year. Catherine McKenna

## Agenda

AGM Woodlands

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

1. Opening Remarks
2. Apologies
3. Presentation of Annual Reports
  - Playgroup Report
  - Chairpersons Report
4. Financial Report / Presentation of Accounts
5. Election of additional Committee members
6. AOB – Grants
7. Closing Remarks

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<b>School Year 21-22</b>		
<b>Management Accounts</b>		
Opening Balance	£	<b>38,764.52</b>
Credits:		
Early Years/DE Funding (restricted funding for playgroup wages)		48060.54
Peage/SELB (restricted funding for Playgroup wages)		33862
Parental Contributions		28892.91
Fund Raising		1487.83
DSD Small Grant for Volunteers	£	-
SH&SCT Grant Aid	£	-
Mercy Project	£	4,000.00
Get ready to Learn Grant	£	-
Bright Start Funding (restricted funding for afterschool club wages)		9198.75
Co-operation Ireland small grant scheme	£	-
HMRC	£	-
Halifax Foundation	£	-
Children In Need		16932.4
Lottery Community Fund	£	-
CSWAN	£	-
Ground Work NI - Tesco Grant	£	-
Community Foundation - Comic Relief Grant	£	-
BSO - Childcare Support Grant	£	-
DEARA Grant	£	1,091.40
APSA	£	-
Power NI	£	-
Covid Charity Fund		2316.25
Mid Ulster Concil Grants	£	459.00
Blackburn Trust Grant	£	-
Markel Insurance (Loss of Income Covid)	£	-
EYDF Capital Grant	£	-
Amazon	£	5.00
TTS Refund	£	173.74
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>146,479.82</b>
Debits:		
Staff Wages(including Inland Revenue and pension payments)	£	77,682.24
Staff Travel	£	-
Staff Training/accreditation	£	5,286.00
Early Years	£	1,101.40
Food	£	4,671.78
Repairs and Maintance	£	1,019.00
Playgroup Supplies	£	1,346.12
Oil/Heat	£	975.00
Office Supplies	£	1,451.60
Water	£	380.71
Ground Rent		
Insurance	£	2,190.96

2021-2022 Summary

Power NI/Electric	£	534.00
BT/Phone	£	1,379.39
Bank Fees	£	548.54
Hygiene Supplies	£	83.88
Fire Plus	£	30.00
refund of parents contributions	£	-
Transport	£	-
Uniforms	£	196.44
Activities	£	2,629.50
Peninsula	£	1,306.08
Fundraising expenses	£	623.01
Promotion		
Membership		
Playground Project	£	24,760.83
Savings /financial reserve	£	-
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>128,196.48</b>
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## Acting Chair Person Report.

The year began with Deirdre McCann as Chairperson. Unfortunately Deirdre became unwell so I, Gemma McMeel stepped up as acting Chair person. We would like to wish Deirdre a speedy recovery to full health.

In December, a very successful Christmas Craft Fair was organised and held at the Community Centre, raising vital funds for the much needed improvements of our outdoor play area.

January brought about discussion and confirmation of funds for the go ahead of the outdoor play area project. This project involved removal and replacement of old play equipment and soft rubber flooring. Quotes from a number of suitable companies were received and in March it was decided that Play and Leisure Services would be the tender for the new outdoor play area. Work was to begin on the new playground in April but due to delays of materials and shipping this was held back to June. We are delighted to say that this project has now been completed and the finished result is an asset to our services. A shrubbery area was also planted and groundwork tidied up around the mud kitchen area to make the area a little more accessible for the children. The big gate at the entrance to the carpark and the small path gate were also replaced.

In May a fundraising event was organised along with the coaches from Level up Gym. This event raised money to help Deirdre McCann and her family as Deirdre recovers from a very rare and serious illness. This event was very successful and supported by the whole community.

Thankfully Covid restrictions eased this year which allowed the staff and the setting to return to nearly normal. Thankfully Covid cases remained at a low and staff were able to continue to keep the setting open and running as smoothly as possible.

An Environmental Health Inspection took place in April and a follow up review in June. Both meetings saw positive outcomes and high praise for the setting and services.

Michaela, the Afterschool leader handed in her resignation in May. The other members of staff have been working very hard together to ensure the Afterschool remains open. A suitable candidate is required to fill this position and hopefully this will be achieved before returning in September for a new academic year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the current committee and staff for their continuous support all year. I wish the newly appointed committee future success and development of the Woodlands Adventure Playgroup and Afterschool.

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