

Roden Street Community Development Group

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Activities

Purposes: (1) To sustain leasehold and managerial responsibility of Grosvenor Community Centre as a multi- purpose community managed arena for social, environmental, economic, community and cultural development, and advancement. (2) To improve quality of life in the disadvantaged Greater Falls area through provision of charitable services to support each member of the family unit and disadvantaged individuals. Such services will include, Childcare, Youth Development, Family Support, Group and Individual Capacity Building, health promotion and environmental projects. (3) To foster good relations through direct services supporting minority ethnic community members from the Belfast area, multi-cultural activity provision and cross community development projects. (4) To promote the benefit of individuals within the Greater Falls area without discrimination of sex, sexuality, or of political, religious and other options by promoting support between the groups who aspire to the ethos of the Roden Street Community Development Group.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing,Arts,Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable purposes,Human rights/equality,Playgroup/after schools,Relief of poverty,Research/evaluation,Sport/recreation,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,Ethnic minorities,Interface communities,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£500,039	£500,039	£-11,000	11

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Kennedy		
John Marley		
Maura Millen		
Ms Rachael Elmarji		

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Accounts

Registration number NI027831

**Roden Street Community Development Group
Company limited by guarantee**

Annual report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors present their report with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019".

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Roden Street Community Development Group Limited

Charity Registration numbers: XR55021- HMRC & NIC101484- The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Company Registration number: NI 027831

Registered Office: 162 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 5AT

Business Address: 162 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 5AT

Trustees

M Millen

B Kennedy

S Mulholland

J Marley

Secretary

Brian Kennedy

Auditors

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Bankers

First Trust Bank Ltd, 156/160 Andersonstown Road, Belfast, BT11 9DH

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 October 1993 and is registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors, subject to article 38, hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

Individuals are invited to serve as directors on the basis of their abilities and background so as to achieve a balance between those from the business, voluntary and charity sectors.

Directors Induction and Training

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Key Management Remuneration

The remuneration of key management personnel is set using the same parameters as all other staff, which is based on the individual's length of service to the charity.

Risk Management

The directors review major risks to the company on an ongoing basis. Income levels are regularly monitored and advised to contributors through the monthly newsletter. All transactions and projects are authorised by directors, thereby minimising internal risks. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

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Organisational Structure

At present Roden Street Development Group Limited has a Board of directors of 5 members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the manager.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the company to achieve the goal of securing a purpose built Community Centre for the benefit of the entire Roden Street Community.

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Trustee Report

2024 is best classified as a year of change and reassessment of core programming linked to identified community need. Advancement has progressed within Grosvenor Community Centre, as an organisation and physical complex and related to regeneration of the wider locality. In organisational terms, there has been an incremental shift towards increased **strategic health programming and provision of niche services** linked to SEN and environmental projects.

In facility terms, there has been significant internal investment, in year, to **future proof both** the building and grounds.

In area terms, for decades, the organisation has lobbied for regeneration of both Grosvenor Road, Westlink back path and Roden/Distillery Interface. We are delighted that 2024 has witnessed **concrete commitments** to such investment hitting the ground with works planned for 2025/2026.

As Trustees, we have sought to adhere to the goals of a **community management model** in 2024. This has included widening out engagement for managerial sub-groups and substantial growth in area planning, workshops and consultations. This has incorporated a dedicated focus on engaging children and young people in visioning both the area and the future of the organisation.

One of Grosvenor Community Centre's greatest achievements and a feature of work which is nurtured, has been the capacity to provide a 'home from home' for different groups, different interests, age ranges, cultural backgrounds and aspirations. In practice this means there are significant demands on facilities and space, as such we have begun to develop plans in the event of any future **Leisure Transformation** investments and potential expansion for the physical footprint of Grosvenor Community Centre.

In numerical terms participation at Grosvenor Community Centre and Complex has increased ...

Grosvenor Community Centre is open 7 Days per week
Operational Hours now include 3 new early morning sessions from 6am
Open Late Monday to Friday
Full 8 hours on both Saturday and Sunday
Average Weekly Participation at Grosvenor Community Centre in 2024
= 4,700

The organisation has continued to look forward with a long lens at improved **urban planning** and reconnecting the 'Grosvenor' community to city core and wider Belfast in physical and economic capacity terms. Whilst simultaneously providing daily high quality, contemporary services to reflect the community landscape and to make sure the people of our Belfast city are ready for the opportunities of the next decade.

As Trustees our expressed goal for 2024 was,

"Fruition of commitments for capital regeneration at Distillery Street and Grosvenor Road, expansion of bespoke SEN services, increasing the Warm and Well Programme and new health investment to assure team progression. We want this community to be able to benefit from Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment and play a role in achievement of Belfast Agenda aims and as such wish to develop our research capacity".

In terms of achieving those goals.....

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In 2024 we continued to lobby and provide rationale as to why the Grosvenor Road represented a key arterial route, housing both the RVH and Belfast Transport Hub. This work has ultimately resulted in agreement by Department for Communities to regenerate and renew the entire Grosvenor Road up to Dunville Park, complimenting the development plans of the Transport Hub/Weavers Cross site. This work is due to commence in 2025 and the organisation will work extensively on supporting meaningful local community engagement and consultation as to regeneration linking our area back into the City Centre area.

The orgaanisaiton are delighted that the work of Distillery Street Focus Group, led by Grosvenor Community Centre, has been able to see the advancement of a major investment scheme for Distillery Street, Roden Street and Forthmeadow Commuiny Greenway. Projections for 'sod cutting' are around June 2025 and this will represent a massive turbo boost for environmental sustainaiblty, tourism, local quality of life, health and wellbeing for this inner city locality. The partnership developed as part of Distillery Street Focus Group, including NIW, DFC, DFI, BCC and DOJ has ultimately culminated in a successful Peace IV submission for circa 750k to regenerate this problematic local space.

Distillery Street Currently.....



Distillery Street Outline Plans for Event and Environmental Spaces



Grosvenor Community Centre is also working to influence and rationalise a case for an investment scheme for local **business owners** to mitigate the impacts of the Transport Hub construction and road closures which have negatively impacted, in the interim period, economic capacity. This scheme, if agreed by Department for Communities and Belfast City Council, will aid the capacity and sustainability of local business in and around the Falls.

The period has witnessed, continuance of new communities engagement at the pitch, growth in existing teams competitive progression, enhanced engagement of women and girls and increased use by persons over the age of 65 years. The quality of facilities is currently at a high standard, with the renovated surface, new fencing and accessible, high quality spectator stand. However, with one eye on the future the organisation is looking at potential new guidelines from the IFA regarding playing field grounds, this may require expansion of the spectator stands to accommodation for 100 persons. As such **two resourcing bids** have been submitted in 2024, with expected decisions by close of play in 2025.

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We have been mindful in 2024 of the acute need for Grosvenor Community Centre to continue to be a beacon of inclusivity. As such cultural diversity participative engagement at the centre has been sustained in the period. This very visual good relations work, we feel, is the lynchpin of a positive and sustainable society. We were delighted this year to see the Fire Blades increase numbers and engagement of the Eastern European community. Daily participation by the Filipino community has been sustained and this years Barrio Fiesta and Christmas cultural events, saw attendances surpass the previous decades numbers.



As Trustees and along with the team and area we are undertaking reviews as to the uptake number of some core projects matched against the uptake number of new specialist provision. This will influence our next ten year plan for 2026 to 2036. This year has witnessed significant investment in new, need focused short and medium programming and it is expected that this will continue. The organisation are working to achieve capital investment into the actual facility (which is no almost 50 years old), the hope is to extend room capacity to match demand. The organisation are enormously thankful that support agencies has continued to keep the faith in our community management model. In 2024 we are particular proud that our support of diverse cultural backgrounds has not one been sustained but has grown. We feel that the current hostile environment can only be challenged by visual, local, good relations work. We feel honoured that so many different cultural backgrounds choose Grosvenor Community Centre as a welcome, home venue. As Trustees there has been a conscious effort to develop local capacity to influence decision making for both the locality and wider Belfast. We have hope for Belfast and for this community as a part of that advancement.

We wish to thank our support agencies, primarily Belfast City Council and Department for Communities, Education Authority, The Early Years Pathway Fund and the Executive Office, GP Federation for their continued partnership.

Thematic Programming 2024

Training & Research

The organisation continued to work as part of the ***CIT West Belfast Community Health*** Forum during this period, this included providing bespoke training pathways for individuals as varied as driving lessons, fitness instructor to SIA. This project, unfortunately, is due to end in 2025 but the benefit have been felt collectively across the area. The project has helped to improve emotional and physical health, whilst dually providing a foundation of training which is connected directly to viable employment and advancement options.

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In year our participation in the Inner City surrounding localities research project has begun in operational terms, engaging Grosvenor, the Market, Inner South, Inner North (New Lodge and Shankill). This exciting initiative with QUB Community Action project and **Community Research Network**, will see localities, many of whom face similar issues, develop local skills for research and shared lobbying. This will help to redress a key gap as to communities being able to rationalise and outline the investment gaps in localities including around environmental health, physical regeneration and access to large employers in both city core and in regional hospitals, both of which are located in inner city localities. This initiative is for five years and we hope that the work will develop a strong foundation for inner city surrounding localities to more impactfully lobby for reinclusion and reconnection to the economic growth of Belfast.



Environmental Training for
Inner City Localities

Health Outcomes:

In year the organisation has worked to add a new element to health programming, focused on young people with SEN, young women facing issues with online bullying and early years to establish sound health practices. The development of small group, shorter interventions (16 weeks) will be a key work stream moving into 2026/2027.

Pictured: Children's Wellness Programme & 'Bella Run Programme'



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Bella Wellness has continued to excel in the period, aimed to ensure accessible programmes for people who previously felt nervous or lacked confidence to attend. Bella Wellness now incorporates early mornings to support those with larger families or in employment, starting at 6am. The Spin Cycle initiative has been super successful in attracting adult males, who previously had not engaged, particularly older adults males. The circuits are individually tailored, they aid group relationship building but with individual equipment, this helped to sustain the confidence of individual participants. The sessions have opened up the facility to a whole new target audience and we are delighted to see engagement of older adult males in a sustained programme. The Bella Spin required some capital investment but has enabled the organisation to provide an innovative, early morning service targeting people who are most vulnerable to poor health determinants.

Bella Boogie Bounce has managed to engage a whole new group of women and young women. The service entails individual equipment, enabling those who feared 'group' work to engage at their own capacity but with the motivation of a group setting. Bella Boogie Bounce operates at a time to suit those with care requirements, those with underlying health issues and other barriers to engagement.

In an effort to work around the poor historic area design Bella Run is reanimating urban spaces with literal running and walking groups to make these routes established as safe, urban space to undertake outdoor health and wellbeing activities.

Grosvenor Community Centre has endeavoured in year to provide a plethora of Health programmes to tackle the multi-faceted issues impacting poor health across the locality.

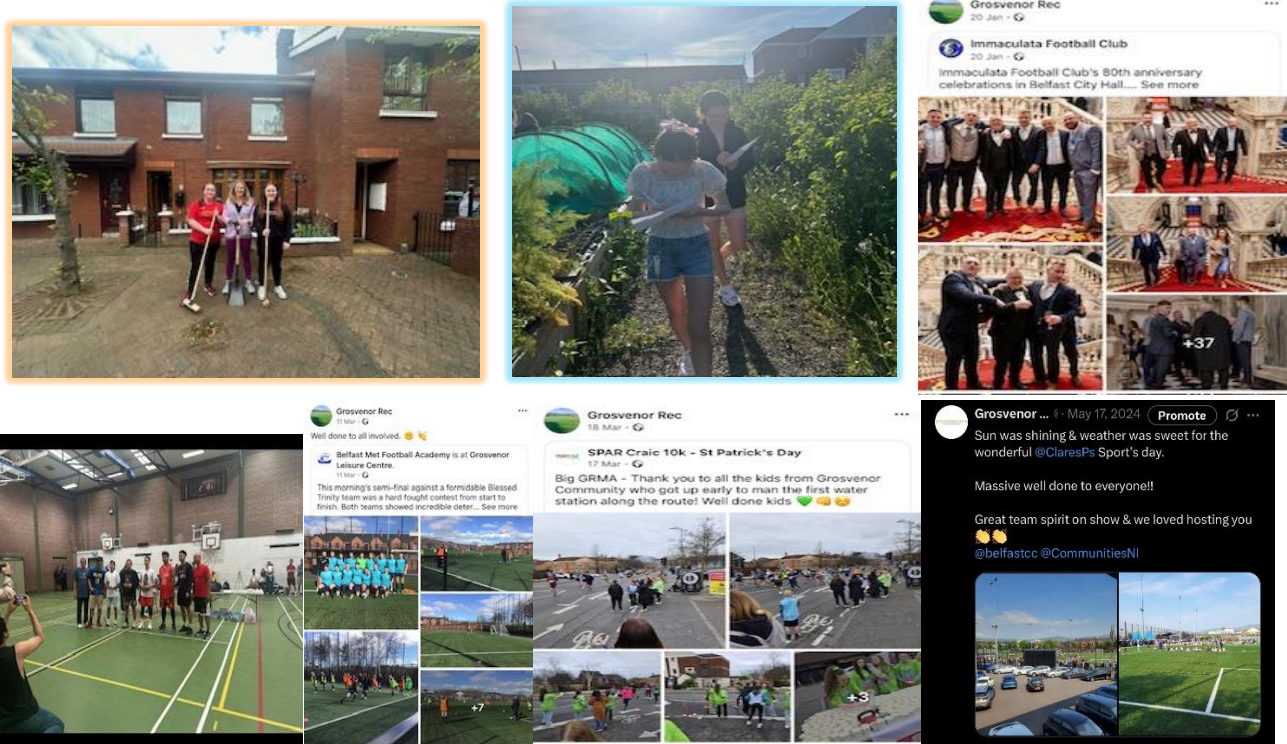
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Health Environmental Programme

Grosvenor community garden is operated in conjunction with the Plough Men's Shed. In year the partnership has been further expanded to engage other groups and local initiatives, such as Grow NI. The concept is to expand the footprint of the garden programme to identify wider urban spaces where new programming could be located, specifically around the Falls area. The on-site programme is framed around growing home goods, cooking, walking and light aerobics on site. The programme supports around 52 persons, year round and 7 days per week. Grosvenor Community Centre continued in year to support older persons with hearing impairments, the sessions flourished in year with new seat work outs, yoga, arts and crafts and mindfulness.

Pictured.... Youth Led Environmental Programmes and Community Clean ups



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Trauma Informed Practice and Counselling

In year with partners we engaged in Trauma Informed Practice including workshop weekends. The series are based on small, sustained group work to explore what trauma is, its reverberations and how to develop boundary setting. The programme has made notable progress and outcome change in participants lives. This programme is set to span across a decade and we hope to use this as a trial for how to alter the trauma landscape of this community.

Family Support Programme

The organisation provides a referral based family support programme for children aged 5 years up to ages 14. The programme incorporates tailoring of a one to one service for children and young people and ordinarily widens out to support family unit. This child centred programme aims to support children/young people who are on the periphery of risk or vulnerability. The programme is individually focused and can be as varied as mentoring for physical activity engagement, to music therapy or reframing confidence. The programme engages up to 32 children/young people per annum.

Rights & Support Services

The historic determinants of the area, poor design, conflict and poverty, have reverberations which continue. The locality is predominately social housing with a minority of owner occupiers. The housing waiting list for Belfast comprising 13,524, (comprising around 23k persons) places significant strain on families awaiting a home. A regular part of the organisations work is assisting families or individuals in housing stress with advocacy or lobbying as well as practical supports. The local area comprises a high number of social housing properties, changes to the repair system and the lockdown resulted in a back log of housing repairs. In year NIHE operated a Retrofit scheme in Grosvenor estate which the organisation assisted as an information point and for help where problems arose.

The Court Ward area of Belfast, in which the community centre is located, continues to face incredibly alarming health outcomes. Women in the Court Ward are statistically likely to die a full five years before women in more affluent post codes according to NISRA. This statistic in modern times continues to illustrate the difference between communities in poverty and those in other areas. The Grosvenor area is located beside the Westlink, directly adjacent to the worst air quality indications in the city. The community was poorly designed in the 1970's with limited play space, outdoor zones and poor insulation in homes. Further to this the community was cut in half with Westlink and continues to be separated by the city core by a complex and poorly designed road and pavement network.

The complexities of the area mean Grosvenor Community Centre has retained a central pillar as a 'community development' organisation with a largely open door policy.

Community Sports

Grosvenor Community Centre and the Playing Field are viewed as hubs for community sports, competitive advancement, all age engagement and cultural inclusivity. The Playing field in year 2024 has continued to incubate success and has managed to ensure a need reflective blend of programmes for children, young people, adults and older persons. Sustaining the space as a site for both competitive sports and community engagement is a balancing act but one which is achieved by local management and through listening to local schools, sports teams, health activity providers and cultural sports providers.

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2024 Snapshots:

- ✚ Immaculata were Intermediate Cup Champion
The club were homeless until Grosvenor Road Playing field in 2006, since that time the organisation has worked with Immaculata to secure inclusion in the Amateur and then Intermediate League. Two bids were submitted in year for further field and grounds upgrades.
- ✚ Fire Blades
Grosvenor Community Centre has supported and housed the Fire Blades for over a decade. The initiative started with Polish women engaging in volleyball but has grown exponentially to now include diverse cultural backgrounds. The teams have excelled in local leagues, all Ireland and international competitions.
- ✚ Sports Day – Grosvenor Community Centre supports a range of sporting and engagement days for local primary schools, nursery and post primary. For instance, in year 24 Sports Days were facilitated.
- ✚ Inclusivity on the pitch, the playing field supports Asylum seekers, whilst in temporary accommodation to have a large, outdoor space to be able to undertake physical activity.

The playing field remains the 'Field of Dreams' acting as home space for a number of different teams, programmes and initiatives. Grosvenor Road playing field is able to perform the multiple functions of facilitating competitive leagues, community sports, multi sports and health and wellbeing programming. The organisation open the playing field 7 days per week, including late nights, which enables this ability to act as a leverage point for so many different sports, health programmes and initiatives. The organisation operate the playing field responsively to community needs, this requires a degree of flexibility, achievable via the **community management model**.

Partnership Growth:

The organisation has continued to work with Bryson Charitable Services in the period in a relationship which benefits both the locality and wider Belfast. The organisation continued to work in operational terms with South City, based in the Village and has retained membership on the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership, Southwest Action Team, Greater Falls Family Support Hub, Housing Consumer Network and Greater Falls Out of School Hours Network. As well as being represented on two local boards of governors for primary schools and with Communities in Transition Health Programme West Belfast.

Warm and Well Programme:

In Year the centre operated a service to support those facing the health challenges of higher home costs and the cost of living. This service is flexible, yet supported, informal yet measured. The Warm and Well Programme engages all age ranges, but typically over 45 years, who feel isolated at home and are faced with rising home costs. Warm and Well provides a place and space to come together, hang out, develop, be warm, have a nutritious meal and explore health plans to meet the individual.

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Youth Health and Wellbeing Programme:

In Year Grosvenor Youth Service implemented a new programme focused on boundary setting, confidence to say no and understanding mental health. This programme was hugely successful and we hope to run a further schedule in 2025. The programme entailed one to one mentoring, light touch counselling and understanding what a boundary is and reinforcing confidence to maintain individual boundaries. The programme in year engaged 53 young people, generating feedback such as, “I have never understood why I feel pressured all the time, now I know I was afraid to say no”. “This support has changed my life, I am not afraid anymore, I am confident to be me.” We were very proud of both the team, the participants and the outcomes.

Bella Wellness in the Health Zone

We were delighted in year to support a range of new groups at Grosvenor Wellness Zone, including the Antrim Ladies GAA, Community Sports Network Vulnerable Support Programme and the local teams.

Core Historic Services

<i>Grosvenor Playgroup (Belle’s Angels)</i>	The Playgroup continued has continued with maximum capacity of 24 children, this 5-day service is enhanced with a family engagement programme. The service is registered with BHSCT and as such all staff are fully trained and annually updated. The dedicated staffing team are focused on providing high quality care for children aged 2 years and above up to P1. The service supports placements for students and young people interested in a career in childcare or early years. The scheme is substantiated by Family Support Programmes and Parental Training.
<i>Grosvenor Out of School Hours</i>	5 Days per week sees the facility alive with children in the afterschools programme, the service supports 48 children daily. The Out of School Hours programme sees children engaged in health and wellbeing, nutritional support, physical activity, multi sports and learning support. The service ensures that children are able to access a local support programme which is underpinned by a quality, caring and empathetic staff team, along with a healthy snack, a warm welcome and the chance to form positive relationships with peers.
<i>Youth Development Programmes</i>	Grosvenor Youth Service currently supports 58 young people in a varied year-round programme. The service encourages young people from junior and senior age to enjoy communication, learn, develop resilience and enhance capacity. In the year 2024 the

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	<p>members and leaders kept a strong focus on awareness raising, social media safety, mindfulness and wellbeing. The programme included accredited training from first aid to sports coaching, a political understanding initiative, relationship and sex education and body positivity initiative. The members also engaged in a cross-community programme focused on redeveloping the estates on either side of the interface wall. Including a Summer School with QUB Planning Department.</p>
Grosvenor Summer Programming	<p>The centre provides a 6-week summer programme for children aged 4 years to 12 years and 12 years to 18 years. The summer programme includes 2-day sessions for children and nightly sessions for young people, as well as a Saturday and Sunday programme. The summer programme includes on-site activities as well as an off-site programme of excursions and residential activities. The programme helps children and young people to feel engaged, happy and active all Summer long. The summer also enables the organisation to re-survey residents around emerging themes and area issues. The pandemic undoubtedly changed the community landscape and new challenges have emerged which the organisation is proactively addressing.</p>

Groups supported at Grosvenor CC
Golden Girls, Immaculata Juniors and Seniors, Fire Blades, Rising Stars, McNeil Dancing, Cooke Dancing Group, Pinoy Association, Bryson Parental Support Group, Willowbank, St James Swifts, South Belfast League & More

Festivals and Events 2024 Barrio Fiesta, Filipino Independence Day, Belles International Day, Youth Empowerment Conference, Next Generation Celebration, Halloween Fest, Grosvenor Lights Up for Christmas, 8th August – Families Together at Distillery Street, February Weekend Health Festival

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Investment

Expenditure 2024 increased due to increased building running costs and staff reviews, as well as changed pay structures. Programme demands reflect area need and as such some services expanded whilst others are in review. The period also saw some delays in funding support due to uncertainty around executive departments, this led to some funding support being released in quarterly blocks rather than yearly. The board of directors and project management team have grown over the years to include younger representation as well as representatives from Grosvenor Residents Group on the management subcommittee.

A Reflection on the Year 2024

2024 has been a year of fruition, much of the long term work undertaken by the organisation related to improved the lived experience and physical environment has been committed in year. This means 'sod cutting' will commence in the year 2025 and 2026. These physical transformations form part of a wider plan to make quality of life better for those who live here and to connect the area back into city core, including for tourism, employment and cultural opportunities.

The year has continued to see an increase in crisis demands, ordinarily related to anti social issues, housing repairs, housing and homelessness and on street drug use. The family support programme has also continued to assist in crisis situations linked to relationship breakdowns and economic crisis. This type of capacity support can be time intensive but is crucial to hold together the fabric of the area during challenging economic and social times. The facility has sustained extensive 7 day opening hours, supporting a diverse range of groups, ensuring maximum inclusion and bringing a wide range of cultural backgrounds together. Grosvenor Community Centre wishes to thank all those people who have participated at the site and who continue to make our space a vibrant centre in Belfast. The organisation recognises the faith shown by agencies, particularly Belfast City Council, in the community management model. Our vision for the next ten years is to ensure that the area physically is enhanced, that people are ready and confident to take advantage of the new opportunities in our city and crucially that we level up this area of deprivation to finally occupy its rightful place in Belfast. The organisation works towards higher level aspirations and pillars, including economic improvement and wider physical regeneration. Whilst also providing crisis support, daily services and a home from home for a diverse range of communities. The centre is demonstrably improving health outcomes in the area by providing access and learning growth. We have full faith that this locality can be one full of opportunity so long as the foundations and links are reconnected now. We thank our support agencies and crucially the diverse community at Grosvenor Community Centre. Pictured.... Christmas 2024, Bella Bounce Health Programme



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Principal Funding Sources

The principle source of funding was the Belfast City Council, DFC and Education Authority.

Investment policy

The Charity would hope to move surplus funds to short term deposit accounts for investment.

Reserves Policy

The Roden Street Community Development Group lease and manage Grosvenor Community Centre from Belfast City Council, employing a number staff, with a voluntary team and maintaining a wide range of seven day week projects and services. The organisation supports a high number of beneficiaries in direct, front line and daily support. Operationally and in terms of facilities and buildings management and maintenance the organisation is large, as such is it essential that adequate reserves are kept in the event of negative circumstances.

RSCDG has calculated reserves on the basis of current operational, running, staffing and programme costs matched against income.

The board in determining this policy have also:

- Forecasted for levels of income in future years, taking into account the reliability of each source of income and the prospects for opening up new sources;
- Projected expenditure in future years on the basis of planned activity;
- Undertaken analysis of any future needs, opportunities, contingencies or risk
- Assessed, on the best evidence reasonably available, the likelihood of each of those needs and risks arising and the potential consequences for RSCDG of not being able to meet them.

The board members will review reserve arrangements in terms of monitoring on a quarterly basis and will alter the policy if necessary on an annual basis. This monitoring will take into account changing circumstances based on both income and expenditure.

The RSCDG board based on the scale of operations, lease and scale of facilitation to projects and services hold sufficient free reserves to provide cover for 6 months in relation to known liabilities

Volunteers

The charity is appreciative of the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision.

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that McCreery Turkington Stockman Ltd be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 1st May 2025

Brian Kennedy
Secretary

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Roden Street Community Development Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditors report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Roden Street Community Development Group

Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group continued

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

the information given in the trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the Directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Roden Street Community Development Group

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified the areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements and risks of material misstatement due to fraud, using our understanding of the entity's industry, regulatory environment and other external factors and inquiry with the Trustees. In addition, our risk assessment procedures included: inquiring with the Trustees as to the charities policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations and prevention and detection of fraud; inquiring whether the Trustees have knowledge of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations or alleged fraud; inspecting the charities regulatory and legal correspondence; and reading Board minutes.

We discussed identified laws and regulations, fraud risk factors and the need to remain alert among the audit team.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements charity and financial reporting legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items, including assessing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing them to supporting documentation when necessary.

The charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, environmental law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these non-direct laws and regulations to inquiry of the Trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

We assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. As required by auditing standards, we performed procedures to address the risk of management override of controls. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In response to risk of fraud, we also performed procedures including: identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation; evaluating the business purpose of significant unusual transactions; assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and assessing the disclosures in the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

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In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Chartered Accountants

1st May 2025

Roden Street Community Development Group

**Notes to the financial statements
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Roden Street Community Development Group

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Trustee Report

2023 Year of Diversity

The year has been one of diversification within existing programmes and achievement of several key area regeneration plans. It is arguable that need has increased, the lockdown years have influenced community issues and altered societal aspirations, as well as creating a back log of demands. For Grosvenor Community Centre this has meant increasing programming, changing some services to more specialist provision and fostering investment into area and health development initiatives.

2023 has been a successful year in terms of achieving outcomes, sustaining high numbers and inclusivity. The organisation has also continued a focus on engagement with wider Belfast and city regeneration aims and has achieved some really positive decisions regarding capital investment in and around the Grosvenor community.

The organisation has dedicated time to looking forward with a long lens at improved urban planning and reconnecting the 'Grosvenor' community to city core and wider Belfast in physical and economic capacity terms. Whilst simultaneously providing daily high quality, contemporary services to reflect the community landscape and to make sure the people of our Belfast city are ready for the opportunities of the next decade.

Decreased statutory service provision during and post lockdown has resulted in a waiting list of issues, particularly around roads, SEN support, weeds and infrastructure. GCC has tried where possible to find solutions to the backlog of work required to sustain a safe and secure community until this situation balances out, if it does.

"The community management model has continued to show benefit in the period, demonstrated by an ability to respond to local need fast and when it matters most, including during crisis".

Children's Health Programme 23



Phillipinnes Independence Day



Supporting Sport Development



The period has witnessed, continuance of new communities engagement at the pitch, growth in existing teams competitive progression, enhanced engagement of women and girls and increased use by persons over the age of 65 years. The quality of facilities is currently at a high standard, with the renovated surface, new fencing and accessible,

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high quality spectator stand. However, with one eye on the future the organisation is looking at potential new guidelines from the IFA regarding playing field grounds, this may require expansion of the spectator stands to accommodate for 100 persons.

We were delighted this year that our home teams achieved so much in competitive sports, with the Immaculata becoming Intermediate Champions for the first time and Fire Blades achieving 2nd place in the European volleyball competitions.

Our 'Mac' achieve Intermediate Success



Grosvenor Playgroup Smiley Days



The organisation wishes to thank support agencies for having a continued vision in 'Grosvenor', particularly Belfast City Council for their renewed faith in the community management model. Department for Communities for working in partnership with the organisation towards a rejuvenated Grosvenor Road and the Early Years Pathway Fund for enhancing the capacity of the early years sector.

The engagement of people living in the Falls ward at the centre is the pivotal feature of our success, from volunteering to participating, inputting development drives and supporting vulnerable community members. The organisation, facility and future of the area will be actively driven by the people of the community. As such in 2023 we continued with an outcome-based focus, measuring meaningful impact and long-term change from the individual to the area, to the city.

Our plans for 2024 to 2025 will include fruition of commitments for capital regeneration at Distillery Street and Grosvenor Road, expansion of bespoke SEN services, increasing the Warm and Well Programme and new health investment to assure team progression. We want this community to be able to benefit from Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment and play a role in achievement of Belfast Agenda aims and as such wish to develop our research capacity.

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Programming 2023

Training & Research

The organisation worked to ensure a range of innovative learning pathways in the year, as such an extensive training programme linked to clear employment opportunities was implemented. Grosvenor Community Centre worked in partnership with CIT Health to provide a Driving programme, enabling participants to undertake driving lessons, accreditation and test, the programme generated an 92% success rate, with participants indicating increased confidence, movability and widening of employment options. The organisation also provided CSR training programmes to assist those seeking to enter industrial, manufacturing or building roles as well as Sports accreditation and coaching. Training provision is aligned to real job opportunities and gaps in the market and included accreditation in childcare to meet a growing demand in the childcare sector. The accredited training calendar also included Fitness Instruction, SIA (Door Persons Security Badge), Forklift Training, Manual Handling, Data Protection and Child Protection.

Inclusive Growth
'Ready to Take City Opportunities'

Food Safety Training



Horticultural Training



Bella Boogie Bounce Training



Partnership Growth:

The organisation has continued to work with Bryson Charitable Services in the period in a relationship which benefits both the locality and wider Belfast. The organisation continued to work in operational terms with South City, based in the Village and has retained membership on the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership, Southwest Action Team, Greater Falls Family Support Hub, Housing Consumer Network and Greater Falls Out of School Hours Network. As well

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as being represented on two local boards of governors for primary schools and with Communities in Transition Health Programme West Belfast. The organisation is also working with partners around Weavers Cross/Belfast Transport Hub., due for completion in Autumn 2024.

Health Outcomes and Sports Advancement

Health Outcomes:

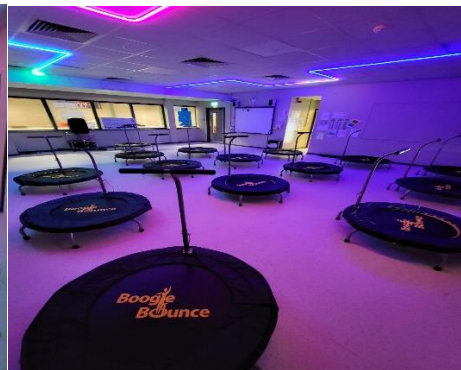
We worked in the period to diversify health programming, with a specific focus on excluded males and mid age women. As such a rebranding took place and name change, Bella Wellness, in honor of our former Chairperson.

Bella Wellness aimed to ensure accessible programmes for people who previously felt nervous or lacked confidence to attend. A new initiative was commenced for early mornings to support those with larger families or in employment, starting at 6am. The Spin Cycle initiative has been super successful in attracting adult males, who previously had not engaged. The circuits are individually tailored, they aid group relationship building but with individual equipment, this helped to sustain the confidence of individual participants. The sessions have opened up the facility to a whole new target audience and we are delighted to see engagement of older adult males in a sustained programme. The Bella Spin required some capital investment but has enabled the organisation to provide an innovative, early morning service targeting people who are most vulnerable to poor health determinants.

Bella Spin



Bella Boogie Bounce



Bella Kids Bounce



Bella Boogie Bounce commenced in the period following outlay investment. Bella Boogie Bounce has managed to engage a whole new group of women and young women. The service entails individual equipment, enabling those who feared 'group' work to engage at their own capacity but with the motivation of a group setting. Bella Boogie

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Bounce operates at a time to suit those with care requirements, those with underlying health issues and other barriers to engagement.

The Court Ward area of Belfast, in which the community centre is located, continues to face incredibly alarming health outcomes. Women in the Court Ward are statistically likely to die a full five years before women in more affluent post codes according to NISRA. This statistic in modern times continues to illustrate the difference between communities in poverty and those in other areas. The Grosvenor area is located beside the Westlink, directly adjacent to the worst air quality indications in the city. The community was poorly designed in the 1970's with limited play space, outdoor zones and poor insulation in homes. Further to this the community was cut in half with Westlink and continues to be separated by the city core by a complex and poorly designed road and pavement network.

Grosvenor Community Centre has endeavoured in year to provide a plethora of Health programmes to tackle the multi-faceted issues impacting poor health across the locality.

The Health Environmental Programme at Grosvenor community garden is operated in conjunction with the Plough Men's Shed. The programme is framed around growing home goods, cooking, walking and light aerobics on site. The programme supports around 43 older persons, year round and 7 days per week. Grosvenor Community Centre continued in year to support older persons with hearing impairments, the sessions flourished in year with new seat work outs, yoga, arts and crafts and mindfulness.

Environmental Health Programme



Golden Girls Support Group



Trauma Informed Practice and Counselling

In year with partners we engaged in Trauma Informed Practice including workshop weekends. The series are based on small, sustained group work to explore what trauma is, its reverberations and how to develop boundary setting. The

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programme has made notable progress and outcome change in participants lives. This programme is set to span across a decade and we hope to use this as a trial for how to alter the trauma landscape of this community.

Grosvenor Community Centre and the Playing Field are viewed as hubs for community sports, competitive advancement, all age engagement and cultural inclusivity. The Playing field in year 2024 has continued to incubate success and has managed to ensure a need reflective blend of programmes for children, young people, adults and older persons. Sustaining the space as a site for both competitive sports and community engagement is a balancing act but one which is achieved by local management and through listening to local schools, sports teams, health activity providers and cultural sports providers.

Dander Ball



Filipino Independence Day



International Sports Day



2023 did not disappoint, the sporting and health programme at the centre has been varied, inclusive of non-traditional sports, with an additional focus on women's participation and in celebrating sports across different cultural identities, including supporting city centre based asylum seekers. Additionally, the organisation continued to expand activities for age demographics, specifically, children aged 5 to 7 years and persons aged 60+ years.

The playing field remains the 'Field of Dreams' acting as home space for a number of different teams, programmes and initiatives. Grosvenor Road playing field is able to perform the multiple functions of facilitating competitive leagues, community sports, multi sports and health and wellbeing programming. The organisation open the playing field 7 days per week, including late nights, which enables this ability to act as a leverage point for so many different sports, health programmes and initiatives. The organisation operate the playing field responsively to community needs, this requires a degree of flexibility, achievable via the **community management model**.

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Challenges faced:

Demand for the playing field linked to advancement, as the sports teams have achieved wider success they are seeking longer slots on the full playing field. This has meant the organisation having to give priority to teams who are supporting those who face exclusion.

The issue of limited car parking has continued to be a problem but discussions are continuing with DFI around Genoa Street and taking on additional land.

There has been a sustained issue with intravenous drug use along the Westlink walking path, the organisation continue to manage the space behind the playing field (external to centre grounds but near to the playing field) and work with partners around Belfast wide solutions.

Demand for internal facilities has also increased and ideally the organisation would like to have a full size basketball court based on needs for the Filipino community.



Expanded provision for women and young women – growth in volleyball and basketball

How are we trying to future proof?

The organisation is working as part of **Distillery Street Focus Group** to expand the sport and health offering in the wider Falls area. Belfast City Council have lifted the plans for Distillery Street back fields and submitted a Peace Local Action Plan bid. The decision is pending for regeneration of the site, but with a timeline for announcement looking set for August 2024. The plan will be to open up the back fields and reconnect them to Section 5 of the greenway, this will significantly enhance local persons connectivity to health activities, walking, running and nature routes. Simultaneously the organisation would like to open up the rear of the premises and be directly accessible via section 5, creating a one stop health and wellbeing pathway framing the Falls. The back fields will provide an additional venue and outdoor space for health and wellbeing activities. Longer term we would like to explore opportunities for full size basketball courts.

The planned changes to **guidelines by the IFA** include larger size spectator stands, the organisation are presently reviewing grounds to see how this would be achieved. The physical advancements at the centre in the past four years have significantly enhanced the Immaculata Seniors growth and competitive ability, the team won the Intermediate Cup in year. As a community development organisation we want to support their continued advancement and will work to ensure the grounds match new criteria along with Belfast City Council.

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Conversations with DFI have been ongoing around the lands at Genoa Street to open up additional parking spaces during events, matches and activities. More recently the organisation approached a local tour operator to arrange use of their premises during overspill events.

Increased demand across sports, basketball use has continued to expand in year but the hall is limited by scale, as such, we are hoping to at a later stage be able to install a basketball court in and around Distillery Street at a suitable location. Preliminary plans are being developed, the consensus so far is that the space would be covered, aiding all weather use. **Volleyball success** was achieved by the Firebaldes in year, including a trip to Poland for Euro competitions. We want to invest more in the team this year to enable that to flourish, this will include supporting new members, uniforms and a website.

Community Centre as an independent centre is also being considered as part of Space and Place feasibility studies linked to the leisure transformation programme and the changed demands in sports have been communicated as part of this process.

Branding, we were delighted in year to see removal of advertising boards at the back of the building, which had been causing issues with debris, design, and appearance of the centre. We now hope to be able to have a BCC sign and Grosvenor displayed on the space, which has massive use being the slip road of the Westlink into City Centre.

Capacity at the playing field has been managed to genuinely reflect community need and the wider changes in Belfast society, including support services for asylum seeking individuals. The facility is located at the cusp of the City Centre and recognise that the city centre residential population, be that hotel or apartment based, are very much a part of the West and City centre communities. The working relationship between Grosvenor Community Centre and Belfast City Council has and is pivotal to the success of the playing field. The organisation are enormously grateful for the continued faith by Belfast City Council in the community management model. ***We want to very much be a part of the Belfast Agenda and help all citizens to be healthier, happier and engaged.***



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Supporting partner primary
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with sports days

Snapshots of the Year 2023

- ✚ Home team Immaculata Win the Intermediate Championship for the first time
- ✚ Implemented new Boogie Bounce and Spin Classes
- ✚ Fire Blades were supported to attend tournaments in Poland as part of European championships in volleyball
- ✚ Continued support for Asylum seeking community including developing a team and central contact points (weekday mornings and afternoons)
- ✚ Grosvenor continued in the period to facilitate community sport and health programming at 2 other sites via payroll and administration support
- ✚ Extended provision for the over 55-year age group (including over 75 year olds) via Danderball league and walking groups.
- ✚ Growth of connections with the Plough Men at the community garden including a shared menu planning and activity programme – the Plough Men now engage in walking group at playing field 3 sessions per week.
- ✚ Continued support for Primary Schools in the Area to host annual calendar of sporting provision, including hosting schools sports days and competitive events year round.
- ✚ Schools supported in period: St Mary's, St Joseph's Primary School, St Claire's Primary School, St Peter's Nursery School, St Mary's (PP), St Malachy's, Gaescoil an Lonnain.
- ✚ Teams/Leagues supported in period: Intermediate League Matches Immaculata Junior Football Club, Immaculata Senior Football Club, Willowbank, St James's Swifts, Belfast Celtic, Street Soccer, EMSONI, Kobi Ethnic Minority League, South Belfast Youth League, Pinoy Sports Association, Rising Stars, Fire Blades, Eastern European Volleyball Programme.
- ✚ Summer and Seasonal Programming (Community Based) – The site helps to provide activities for 48 children per day for 2 sessions, 89 young people for 4 sessions per week including a Sunday for 6 weeks across the vulnerable Summer period.
- ✚ Sporting variety on the Playing field sustained: Tag Rugby, Women's Football, Danderball World Cup, Multi Sport, Walking and Running Initiatives.
- ✚ Health Programming on the 'Field of Dreams – Wellbeing and Change Health Programme, Yoga, Mindfulness, Forthmeadow 5K, Healthy Eating at the Garden, Grow your Own.
- ✚ Major Cultural celebrations including Barrio Fiesta and EID

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Warm and Well Programme:

In Year the centre operated a service to support those facing the health challenges of higher home costs and the cost of living. This service is flexible, yet supported, informal yet measured. The Warm and Well Programme engages all age ranges, but typically over 45 years, who feel isolated at home and are faced with rising home costs. Warm and Well provides a place and space to come together, hang out, develop, be warm, have a nutritious meal and explore health plans to meet the individual.

Youth Health and Wellbeing Programme:

In Year Grosvenor Youth Service implemented a new programme focused on boundary setting, confidence to say no and understanding mental health. This programme was hugely successful and we hope to run a further schedule in 2025. The programme entailed one to one mentoring, light touch counselling and understanding what a boundary is and reinforcing confidence to maintain individual boundaries. The programme in year engaged 53 young people, generating feedback such as, "I have never understood why I feel pressured all the time, now I know I was afraid to say no". "This support has changed my life, I am not afraid anymore, I am confident to be me." We were very proud of both the team, the participants and the outcomes.

Bella Wellness in the Health Zone

We were delighted in year to support a range of new groups at Grosvenor Wellness Zone, including the Antrim Ladies GAA, Community Sports Network Vulnerable Support Programme and the local teams.

Family Support Programming

Grosvenor Playgroup

The Playgroup continued in 2023/24 with maximum capacity of 24 children, this 5-day service is enhanced with a family engagement programme. The service is registered with BHSC and as such all staff are fully trained and annually updated. The dedicated staffing team are focused on providing high quality care for children aged 2 years and above up to P1. The service supports placements for students and young people interested in a career in childcare or early years. In year additional services were implemented alongside Bryson including a Parent and Baby session 2 days per week.

Easter Fun at the Playgroup.....

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Grosvenor Out of School Hours Programme

5 Days per week sees the facility alive with children in the afterschools programme, the service supports 48 children daily. The Out of School Hours programme sees children engaged in health and wellbeing, nutritional support, physical activity, multi sports and learning support. The service ensures that children are able to access a local support programme which is underpinned by a quality, caring and empathetic staff team, along with a healthy snack, a warm welcome and the chance to form positive relationships with peers.



Grosvenor Youth Service

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Grosvenor Youth Service currently supports 58 young people in a varied year-round programme. The service encourages young people from junior and senior age to enjoy communication, learn, develop resilience and enhance capacity. In the year 2024 the members and leaders kept a strong focus on awareness raising, social media safety, mindfulness and wellbeing. The programme included accredited training from first aid to sports coaching, a political understanding initiative, relationship and sex education and body positivity initiative. The members also engaged in a cross-community programme focused on redeveloping the estates on either side of the interface wall. Including a Summer School with QUB Planning Department.



Grosvenor Summer Programme:

The centre provides a 6-week summer programme for children aged 4 years to 12 years and 12 years to 18 years. The summer programme includes 2-day sessions for children and nightly sessions

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for young people, as well as a Saturday and Sunday programme. The summer programme includes on-site activities as well as an off-site programme of excursions and residential activities. The programme helps children and young people to feel engaged, happy and active all Summer long. The summer also enables the organisation to re-survey residents around emerging themes and area issues. The pandemic undoubtedly changed the community landscape and new challenges have emerged which the organisation is proactively addressing.

Grosvenor Family Support Programme:

Family support provision is on site at the facility in partnership with the GF Family Support Hub. The programme engages whole family unit and reflects individual family needs, by way of example, mum may engage in the wellness programme, younger members may avail themselves of play therapy and children in the Play or summer scheme. The programme is on a case-by-case basis ensuring tailored support which is monitored using outcome measurement.

Grosvenor Emergency Supports:

The organisation has continued to provide emergency support in times of acute crisis, this included help with home utility costs, emergency food supplies for highly vulnerable isolated persons and assistance with maintenance including garden clearance.

Grosvenor Environmental Programme:

The organisational staff and volunteers recognised that the area is still facing issues linked to environmental problems, particularly linked to roads infrastructure, weeds in alleyways and shared spaces, litter and graffiti. As such the organisation has continued where possible to undertake area clean ups, weed removal and road safety measures. This was supplemented by the environmental programme at Grosvenor Community Garden, whereby community members were able to learn about planting and developing floral displays for the area which were then disseminated across the estates.

The centre continued in year to provide facilities and support programmes both indoors and outdoors focused on developmental programming, capacity services, sports, health and wellbeing.

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Groups supported at Grosvenor CC
Golden Girls, Immaculata Juniors and Seniors, Fire Blades, Rising Stars, McNeil Dancing, Cooke Dancing Group, Pinoy Association, Bryson Parental Support Group, Willowbank, St James Swifts, South Belfast League & More

Festivals and Events in 2023/24.... Barrio Fiesta, Filipino Independence Day, Belles International Day, Youth Empowerment Conference, Next Generation Celebration, Halloween Fest, Grosvenor Lights Up for Christmas, 8th August – Families Together at Distillery Street, February Weekend Health Festival

Operational Days: Monday to Sunday
Operational Hours: Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 10.00pm,
Friday 6.30am to 12 midnight
Saturday 8.30am to 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 7.00pm
Operational Weeks: 49 weeks per annum
Average Daily Footfall: 2,270

Updates:

Expenditure in 2023 continued to increase due to area demands and extended programming. The period also saw some delays in funding support due to uncertainty around executive departments, this led to some funding support being released in quarterly blocks rather than yearly. This has subsequently balanced in the year 2024. The board of directors and project management team have grown over the years to include younger representation as well as representatives from Grosvenor Residents Group on the management subcommittee.

A Reflection on the Year 2023

We spent this year responding to daily needs and in some instances crisis, we also used the year to meet the changing demands of the city and reflecting our changing demographic. Demands have undoubtedly stayed high and this has been exasperated by a back log of work to be undertaken by some external support agencies. The community has faced some challenges linked to negative choices which were heightened during the pandemic, and which have left some mental health

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2023 Year of Diversity

The year has been one of diversification within existing programmes and achievement of several key area regeneration plans. It is arguable that need has increased, the lockdown years have influenced community issues and altered societal aspirations, as well as creating a back log of demands. For Grosvenor Community Centre this has meant increasing programming, changing some services to more specialist provision and fostering investment into area and health development initiatives.

2023 has been a successful year in terms of achieving outcomes, sustaining high numbers and inclusivity. The organisation has also continued a focus on engagement with wider Belfast and city regeneration aims and has achieved some really positive decisions regarding capital investment in and around the Grosvenor community.

The organisation has dedicated time to looking forward with a long lens at improved urban planning and reconnecting the 'Grosvenor' community to city core and wider Belfast in physical and economic capacity terms. Whilst simultaneously providing daily high quality, contemporary services to reflect the community landscape and to make sure the people of our Belfast city are ready for the opportunities of the next decade.

Decreased statutory service provision during and post lockdown has resulted in a waiting list of issues, particularly around roads, SEN support, weeds and infrastructure. GCC has tried where possible to find solutions to the backlog of work required to sustain a safe and secure community until this situation balances out, if it does.

"The community management model has continued to show benefit in the period, demonstrated by an ability to respond to local need fast and when it matters most, including during crisis".

Children's Health Programme 23



Phillipinnes Independence Day



Supporting Sport Development



The period has witnessed, continuance of new communities engagement at the pitch, growth in existing teams competitive progression, enhanced engagement of women and girls and increased use by persons over the age of 65 years. The quality of facilities is currently at a high standard, with the renovated surface, new fencing and accessible,

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high quality spectator stand. However, with one eye on the future the organisation is looking at potential new guidelines from the IFA regarding playing field grounds, this may require expansion of the spectator stands to accommodate for 100 persons.

We were delighted this year that our home teams achieved so much in competitive sports, with the Immaculata becoming Intermediate Champions for the first time and Fire Blades achieving 2nd place in the European volleyball competitions.

Our 'Mac' achieve Intermediate Success



Grosvenor Playgroup Smiley Days



The organisation wishes to thank support agencies for having a continued vision in 'Grosvenor', particularly Belfast City Council for their renewed faith in the community management model. Department for Communities for working in partnership with the organisation towards a rejuvenated Grosvenor Road and the Early Years Pathway Fund for enhancing the capacity of the early years sector.

The engagement of people living in the Falls ward at the centre is the pivotal feature of our success, from volunteering to participating, inputting development drives and supporting vulnerable community members. The organisation, facility and future of the area will be actively driven by the people of the community. As such in 2023 we continued with an outcome-based focus, measuring meaningful impact and long-term change from the individual to the area, to the city.

Our plans for 2024 to 2025 will include fruition of commitments for capital regeneration at Distillery Street and Grosvenor Road, expansion of bespoke SEN services, increasing the Warm and Well Programme and new health investment to assure team progression. We want this community to be able to benefit from Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment and play a role in achievement of Belfast Agenda aims and as such wish to develop our research capacity.

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**Programming
2023**

Training & Research

The organisation worked to ensure a range of innovative learning pathways in the year, as such an extensive training programme linked to clear employment opportunities was implemented. Grosvenor Community Centre worked in partnership with CIT Health to provide a Driving programme, enabling participants to undertake driving lessons, accreditation and test, the programme generated an 92% success rate, with participants indicating increased confidence, movability and widening of employment options. The organisation also provided CSR training programmes to assist those seeking to enter industrial, manufacturing or building roles as well as Sports accreditation and coaching. Training provision is aligned to real job opportunities and gaps in the market and included accreditation in childcare to meet a growing demand in the childcare sector. The accredited training calendar also included Fitness Instruction, SIA (Door Persons Security Badge), Forklift Training, Manual Handling, Data Protection and Child Protection.

Inclusive Growth
'Ready to Take City Opportunities'

Food Safety Training



Horticultural Training



Bella Boogie Bounce Training



Partnership Growth:

The organisation has continued to work with Bryson Charitable Services in the period in a relationship which benefits both the locality and wider Belfast. The organisation continued to work in operational terms with South City, based in the Village and has retained membership on the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership, Southwest Action Team, Greater Falls Family Support Hub, Housing Consumer Network and Greater Falls Out of School Hours Network. As well

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as being represented on two local boards of governors for primary schools and with Communities in Transition Health Programme West Belfast. The organisation is also working with partners around Weavers Cross/Belfast Transport Hub., due for completion in Autumn 2024.

Health Outcomes and Sports Advancement

Health Outcomes:

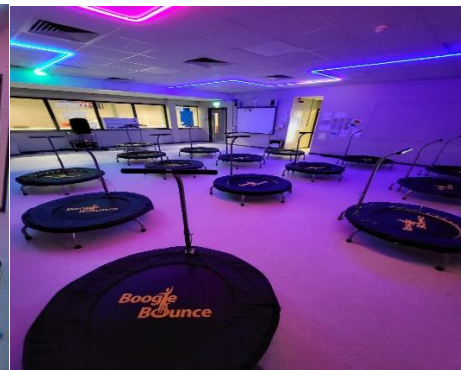
We worked in the period to diversify health programming, with a specific focus on excluded males and mid age women. As such a rebranding took place and name change, Bella Wellness, in honor of our former Chairperson.

Bella Wellness aimed to ensure accessible programmes for people who previously felt nervous or lacked confidence to attend. A new initiative was commenced for early mornings to support those with larger families or in employment, starting at 6am. The Spin Cycle initiative has been super successful in attracting adult males, who previously had not engaged. The circuits are individually tailored, they aid group relationship building but with individual equipment, this helped to sustain the confidence of individual participants. The sessions have opened up the facility to a whole new target audience and we are delighted to see engagement of older adult males in a sustained programme. The Bella Spin required some capital investment but has enabled the organisation to provide an innovative, early morning service targeting people who are most vulnerable to poor health determinants.

Bella Spin



Bella Boogie Bounce



Bella Kids Bounce



Bella Boogie Bounce commenced in the period following outlay investment. Bella Boogie Bounce has managed to engage a whole new group of women and young women. The service entails individual equipment, enabling those who feared 'group' work to engage at their own capacity but with the motivation of a group setting. Bella Boogie

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Bounce operates at a time to suit those with care requirements, those with underlying health issues and other barriers to engagement.

The Court Ward area of Belfast, in which the community centre is located, continues to face incredibly alarming health outcomes. Women in the Court Ward are statistically likely to die a full five years before women in more affluent post codes according to NISRA. This statistic in modern times continues to illustrate the difference between communities in poverty and those in other areas. The Grosvenor area is located beside the Westlink, directly adjacent to the worst air quality indications in the city. The community was poorly designed in the 1970's with limited play space, outdoor zones and poor insulation in homes. Further to this the community was cut in half with Westlink and continues to be separated by the city core by a complex and poorly designed road and pavement network.

Grosvenor Community Centre has endeavoured in year to provide a plethora of Health programmes to tackle the multi-faceted issues impacting poor health across the locality.

The Health Environmental Programme at Grosvenor community garden is operated in conjunction with the Plough Men's Shed. The programme is framed around growing home goods, cooking, walking and light aerobics on site. The programme supports around 43 older persons, year round and 7 days per week. Grosvenor Community Centre continued in year to support older persons with hearing impairments, the sessions flourished in year with new seat work outs, yoga, arts and crafts and mindfulness.

Environmental Health Programme



Golden Girls Support Group



Trauma Informed Practice and Counselling

In year with partners we engaged in Trauma Informed Practice including workshop weekends. The series are based on small, sustained group work to explore what trauma is, its reverberations and how to develop boundary setting. The

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programme has made notable progress and outcome change in participants lives. This programme is set to span across a decade and we hope to use this as a trial for how to alter the trauma landscape of this community.

Grosvenor Community Centre and the Playing Field are viewed as hubs for community sports, competitive advancement, all age engagement and cultural inclusivity. The Playing field in year 2024 has continued to incubate success and has managed to ensure a need reflective blend of programmes for children, young people, adults and older persons. Sustaining the space as a site for both competitive sports and community engagement is a balancing act but one which is achieved by local management and through listening to local schools, sports teams, health activity providers and cultural sports providers.

Dander Ball



Filipino Independence Day



International Sports Day



2023 did not disappoint, the sporting and health programme at the centre has been varied, inclusive of non-traditional sports, with an additional focus on women's participation and in celebrating sports across different cultural identities, including supporting city centre based asylum seekers. Additionally, the organisation continued to expand activities for age demographics, specifically, children aged 5 to 7 years and persons aged 60+ years.

The playing field remains the 'Field of Dreams' acting as home space for a number of different teams, programmes and initiatives. Grosvenor Road playing field is able to perform the multiple functions of facilitating competitive leagues, community sports, multi sports and health and wellbeing programming. The organisation open the playing field 7 days per week, including late nights, which enables this ability to act as a leverage point for so many different sports, health programmes and initiatives. The organisation operate the playing field responsively to community needs, this requires a degree of flexibility, achievable via the **community management model**.

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Challenges faced:

Demand for the playing field linked to advancement, as the sports teams have achieved wider success they are seeking longer slots on the full playing field. This has meant the organisation having to give priority to teams who are supporting those who face exclusion.

The issue of limited car parking has continued to be a problem but discussions are continuing with DFI around Genoa Street and taking on additional land.

There has been a sustained issue with intravenous drug use along the Westlink walking path, the organisation continue to manage the space behind the playing field (external to centre grounds but near to the playing field) and work with partners around Belfast wide solutions.

Demand for internal facilities has also increased and ideally the organisation would like to have a full size basketball court based on needs for the Filipino community.



How are we trying to future proof?

The organisation is working as part of **Distillery Street Focus Group** to expand the sport and health offering in the wider Falls area. Belfast City Council have lifted the plans for Distillery Street back fields and submitted a Peace Local Action Plan bid. The decision is pending for regeneration of the site, but with a timeline for announcement looking set for August 2024. The plan will be to open up the back fields and reconnect them to Section 5 of the greenway, this will significantly enhance local persons connectivity to health activities, walking, running and nature routes. Simultaneously the organisation would like to open up the rear of the premises and be directly accessible via section 5, creating a one stop health and wellbeing pathway framing the Falls. The back fields will provide an additional venue and outdoor space for health and wellbeing activities. Longer term we would like to explore opportunities for full size basketball courts.

The planned changes to **guidelines by the IFA** include larger size spectator stands, the organisation are presently reviewing grounds to see how this would be achieved. The physical advancements at the centre in the past four years have significantly enhanced the Immaculata Seniors growth and competitive ability, the team won the Intermediate Cup in year. As a community development organisation we want to support their continued advancement and will work to ensure the grounds match new criteria along with Belfast City Council.

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Conversations with DFI have been ongoing around the lands at Genoa Street to open up additional parking spaces during events, matches and activities. More recently the organisation approached a local tour operator to arrange use of their premises during overspill events.

Increased demand across sports, basketball use has continued to expand in year but the hall is limited by scale, as such, we are hoping to at a later stage be able to install a basketball court in and around Distillery Street at a suitable location. Preliminary plans are being developed, the consensus so far is that the space would be covered, aiding all weather use. **Volleyball success** was achieved by the Firebaldes in year, including a trip to Poland for Euro competitions. We want to invest more in the team this year to enable that to flourish, this will include supporting new members, uniforms and a website.

Community Centre as an independent centre is also being considered as part of Space and Place feasibility studies linked to the leisure transformation programme and the changed demands in sports have been communicated as part of this process.

Branding, we were delighted in year to see removal of advertising boards at the back of the building, which had been causing issues with debris, design, and appearance of the centre. We now hope to be able to have a BCC sign and Grosvenor displayed on the space, which has massive use being the slip road of the Westlink into City Centre.

Capacity at the playing field has been managed to genuinely reflect community need and the wider changes in Belfast society, including support services for asylum seeking individuals. The facility is located at the cusp of the City Centre and recognise that the city centre residential population, be that hotel or apartment based, are very much a part of the West and City centre communities. The working relationship between Grosvenor Community Centre and Belfast City Council has and is pivotal to the success of the playing field. The organisation are enormously grateful for the continued faith by Belfast City Council in the community management model. ***We want to very much be a part of the Belfast Agenda and help all citizens to be healthier, happier and engaged.***



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Supporting partner primary
and post primary schools
with sports days

Snapshots of the Year 2023

- ✚ Home team Immaculata Win the Intermediate Championship for the first time
- ✚ Implemented new Boogie Bounce and Spin Classes
- ✚ Fire Blades were supported to attend tournaments in Poland as part of European championships in volleyball
- ✚ Continued support for Asylum seeking community including developing a team and central contact points (weekday mornings and afternoons)
- ✚ Grosvenor continued in the period to facilitate community sport and health programming at 2 other sites via payroll and administration support
- ✚ Extended provision for the over 55-year age group (including over 75 year olds) via Danderball league and walking groups.
- ✚ Growth of connections with the Plough Men at the community garden including a shared menu planning and activity programme – the Plough Men now engage in walking group at playing field 3 sessions per week.
- ✚ Continued support for Primary Schools in the Area to host annual calendar of sporting provision, including hosting schools sports days and competitive events year round.
- ✚ Schools supported in period: St Mary's, St Joseph's Primary School, St Claire's Primary School, St Peter's Nursery School, St Mary's (PP), St Malachy's, Gaescoil an Lonnain.
- ✚ Teams/Leagues supported in period: Intermediate League Matches Immaculata Junior Football Club, Immaculata Senior Football Club, Willowbank, St James's Swifts, Belfast Celtic, Street Soccer, EMSONI, Kobi Ethnic Minority League, South Belfast Youth League, Pinoy Sports Association, Rising Stars, Fire Blades, Eastern European Volleyball Programme.
- ✚ Summer and Seasonal Programming (Community Based) – The site helps to provide activities for 48 children per day for 2 sessions, 89 young people for 4 sessions per week including a Sunday for 6 weeks across the vulnerable Summer period.
- ✚ Sporting variety on the Playing field sustained: Tag Rugby, Women's Football, Danderball World Cup, Multi Sport, Walking and Running Initiatives.
- ✚ Health Programming on the 'Field of Dreams – Wellbeing and Change Health Programme, Yoga, Mindfulness, Forthmeadow 5K, Healthy Eating at the Garden, Grow your Own.
- ✚ Major Cultural celebrations including Barrio Fiesta and EID

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Warm and Well Programme:

In Year the centre operated a service to support those facing the health challenges of higher home costs and the cost of living. This service is flexible, yet supported, informal yet measured. The Warm and Well Programme engages all age ranges, but typically over 45 years, who feel isolated at home and are faced with rising home costs. Warm and Well provides a place and space to come together, hang out, develop, be warm, have a nutritious meal and explore health plans to meet the individual.

Youth Health and Wellbeing Programme:

In Year Grosvenor Youth Service implemented a new programme focused on boundary setting, confidence to say no and understanding mental health. This programme was hugely successful and we hope to run a further schedule in 2025. The programme entailed one to one mentoring, light touch counselling and understanding what a boundary is and reinforcing confidence to maintain individual boundaries. The programme in year engaged 53 young people, generating feedback such as, "I have never understood why I feel pressured all the time, now I know I was afraid to say no". "This support has changed my life, I am not afraid anymore, I am confident to be me." We were very proud of both the team, the participants and the outcomes.

Bella Wellness in the Health Zone

We were delighted in year to support a range of new groups at Grosvenor Wellness Zone, including the Antrim Ladies GAA, Community Sports Network Vulnerable Support Programme and the local teams.

Family Support Programming

Grosvenor Playgroup

The Playgroup continued in 2023/24 with maximum capacity of 24 children, this 5-day service is enhanced with a family engagement programme. The service is registered with BHSCT and as such all staff are fully trained and annually updated. The dedicated staffing team are focused on providing high quality care for children aged 2 years and above up to P1. The service supports placements for students and young people interested in a career in childcare or early years. In year additional services were implemented alongside Bryson including a Parent and Baby session 2 days per week.

Easter Fun at the Playgroup.....

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Grosvenor Out of School Hours Programme

5 Days per week sees the facility alive with children in the afterschools programme, the service supports 48 children daily. The Out of School Hours programme sees children engaged in health and wellbeing, nutritional support, physical activity, multi sports and learning support. The service ensures that children are able to access a local support programme which is underpinned by a quality, caring and empathetic staff team, along with a healthy snack, a warm welcome and the chance to form positive relationships with peers.



Grosvenor Youth Service

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Grosvenor Youth Service currently supports 58 young people in a varied year-round programme. The service encourages young people from junior and senior age to enjoy communication, learn, develop resilience and enhance capacity. In the year 2024 the members and leaders kept a strong focus on awareness raising, social media safety, mindfulness and wellbeing. The programme included accredited training from first aid to sports coaching, a political understanding initiative, relationship and sex education and body positivity initiative. The members also engaged in a cross-community programme focused on redeveloping the estates on either side of the interface wall. Including a Summer School with QUB Planning Department.



Grosvenor Summer Programme:

The centre provides a 6-week summer programme for children aged 4 years to 12 years and 12 years to 18 years. The summer programme includes 2-day sessions for children and nightly sessions

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for young people, as well as a Saturday and Sunday programme. The summer programme includes on-site activities as well as an off-site programme of excursions and residential activities. The programme helps children and young people to feel engaged, happy and active all Summer long. The summer also enables the organisation to re-survey residents around emerging themes and area issues. The pandemic undoubtedly changed the community landscape and new challenges have emerged which the organisation is proactively addressing.

Grosvenor Family Support Programme:

Family support provision is on site at the facility in partnership with the GF Family Support Hub. The programme engages whole family unit and reflects individual family needs, by way of example, mum may engage in the wellness programme, younger members may avail themselves of play therapy and children in the Play or summer scheme. The programme is on a case-by-case basis ensuring tailored support which is monitored using outcome measurement.

Grosvenor Emergency Supports:

The organisation has continued to provide emergency support in times of acute crisis, this included help with home utility costs, emergency food supplies for highly vulnerable isolated persons and assistance with maintenance including garden clearance.

Grosvenor Environmental Programme:

The organisational staff and volunteers recognised that the area is still facing issues linked to environmental problems, particularly linked to roads infrastructure, weeds in alleyways and shared spaces, litter and graffiti. As such the organisation has continued where possible to undertake area clean ups, weed removal and road safety measures. This was supplemented by the environmental programme at Grosvenor Community Garden, whereby community members were able to learn about planting and developing floral displays for the area which were then disseminated across the estates.

The centre continued in year to provide facilities and support programmes both indoors and outdoors focused on developmental programming, capacity services, sports, health and wellbeing.

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Groups supported at Grosvenor CC
Golden Girls, Immaculata Juniors and Seniors, Fire Blades, Rising Stars, McNeil Dancing, Cooke Dancing Group, Pinoy Association, Bryson Parental Support Group, Willowbank, St James Swifts, South Belfast League & More

Festivals and Events in 2023/24... Barrio Fiesta, Filipino Independence Day, Belles International Day, Youth Empowerment Conference, Next Generation Celebration, Halloween Fest, Grosvenor Lights Up for Christmas, 8th August – Families Together at Distillery Street, February Weekend Health Festival

Operational Days: Monday to Sunday
Operational Hours: Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 10.00pm,
Friday 6.30am to 12 midnight
Saturday 8.30am to 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 7.00pm
Operational Weeks: 49 weeks per annum
Average Daily Footfall: 2,270

Updates:

Expenditure in 2023 continued to increase due to area demands and extended programming. The period also saw some delays in funding support due to uncertainty around executive departments, this led to some funding support being released in quarterly blocks rather than yearly. This has subsequently balanced in the year 2024. The board of directors and project management team have grown over the years to include younger representation as well as representatives from Grosvenor Residents Group on the management subcommittee.

A Reflection on the Year 2023

We spent this year responding to daily needs and in some instances crisis, we also used the year to meet the changing demands of the city and reflecting our changing demographic. Demands have undoubtedly stayed high and this has been exasperated by a back log of work to be undertaken by some external support agencies. The community has faced some challenges linked to negative choices which were heightened during the pandemic, and which have left some mental health

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Roden Street Community Development Group

Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Roden Street Community Development Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditors report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Roden Street Community Development Group

Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group continued

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

the information given in the trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the Directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Roden Street Community Development Group

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified the areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements and risks of material misstatement due to fraud, using our understanding of the entity's industry, regulatory environment and other external factors and inquiry with the Trustees. In addition, our risk assessment procedures included: inquiring with the Trustees as to the charities policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations and prevention and detection of fraud; inquiring whether the Trustees have knowledge of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations or alleged fraud; inspecting the charities regulatory and legal correspondence; and reading Board minutes.

We discussed identified laws and regulations, fraud risk factors and the need to remain alert among the audit team.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements charity and financial reporting legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items, including assessing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing them to supporting documentation when necessary.

The charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, environmental law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these non-direct laws and regulations to inquiry of the Trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

We assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. As required by auditing standards, we performed procedures to address the risk of management override of controls. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In response to risk of fraud, we also performed procedures including: identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation; evaluating the business purpose of significant unusual transactions; assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and assessing the disclosures in the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

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In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard McClay FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD
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BT1 3LG

Chartered Accountants

Roden Street Community Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101484

Accounts

Registration number NI027831

**Roden Street Community Development Group
Company limited by guarantee**

Annual report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Directors present their report with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019".

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Roden Street Community Development Group Limited

Charity Registration numbers: XR55021- HMRC & NIC101484- The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Company Registration number: NI 027831

Registered Office: 162 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 5AT

Business Address: 162 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 5AT

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B Kennedy

S Mulholland

J Marley

Secretary

Brian Kennedy

Auditors

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Bankers

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Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 October 1993 and is registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the directors, subject to article 38, hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

Individuals are invited to serve as directors on the basis of their abilities and background so as to achieve a balance between those from the business, voluntary and charity sectors.

Directors Induction and Training

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Key Management Remuneration

The remuneration of key management personnel is set using the same parameters as all other staff, which is based on the individual's length of service to the charity.

Risk Management

The directors review major risks to the company on an ongoing basis. Income levels are regularly monitored and advised to contributors through the monthly newsletter. All transactions and projects are authorised by directors, thereby minimising internal risks. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

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Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Organisational Structure

At present Roden Street Development Group Limited has a Board of directors of 5 members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the manager.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the company to achieve the goal of securing a purpose built Community Centre for the benefit of the entire Roden Street Community.



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Trustees Report

2022 has represented a continued year of renaissance for Grosvenor Community Centre, with expanded facilities and programming growth. The organisation has also dedicated time to looking forward with a long lens at improved urban planning and reconnecting the 'Grosvenor' community to city core and wider Belfast in physical and economic capacity terms. Whilst simultaneously providing daily high quality, contemporary services to reflect the community landscape and to make sure the people of our Belfast city are ready for the opportunities of the next decade.

The pandemic, lockdown, changed working habits and gaps in education have altered community needs. The organisation has endeavoured in year to ensure *we reflect, we respond, and we are relevant*. Grosvenor Community Centre, (GCC), worked in 2022 to ensure access to exemplary health programmes, alternative learning pathways, whole family support, wellbeing provisions and with emergency supports.

A further key need identified, post lockdown, has been a decrease in the provision of statutory services, particularly around roads, weeds and infrastructure. GCC has tried where possible to find solutions to the backlog of work required to sustain a safe and secure community. The year did represent a welcome return to normalised programming and operational services, including full group activities, all indoor provision and large-scale events. However, the ramifications of the pandemic in the wider society have been acute and have required some altered service provision at the facility to meet new challenges, particularly linked to cost of living, drugs, alcohol and increased mental health challenges.

In an effort to support community resiliency during uncertain times, additional services have been implemented such as increased summer provision, expanded youth services, family support services, emergency provisions for essential home costs and counselling.

The health and sporting programming at GCC in 2022 at the new and improved playing field have continued to flourish. The period has witnessed, continuance of new communities engagement at the pitch, growth in existing teams competitive progression, enhanced engagement of women and girls and increased use by persons over the age of 65 years. The quality of facilities is currently excellent, with the renovated surface, new fencing and accessible, high quality spectator stand.

Grosvenor CHANGE Health Programme 22



Cultural Events at Grosvenor 22



Grosvenor Community Centre continues to be indebted to the people of Belfast and we are honoured that so many newer communities have chosen to make the facility 'a home'. In year the organisation has had further growth in use by Asylum seeking communities who live in the city centre as well as sustained use by the Filipino community and Eastern European persons. The facility is accessible, friendly and relevant, supporting a daily footfall of approximately



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2,000 people per day. Grosvenor Community Centre supports a diverse age range, whole family unit and those vulnerable to exclusion, be that economic, social or cultural.

Pinoy Barrio Fiest 22

Independence Day 22



The organisation wishes to thank support agencies for having a continued vision in 'Grosvenor', particularly Belfast City Council for their renewed faith in the community management model. Department for Communities for working in partnership with the organisation towards a rejuvenated Grosvenor Road. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for recognising the challenges faced by vulnerable families in the area, the Education Authority for valuing the value of the youth voice and Early Years Pathway Fund for enhancing the capacity of the early years sector.



The engagement of people living in the Falls ward at the centre is the pivotal feature of our success, from volunteering to participating, inputting development drives and supporting vulnerable community members. The organisation, facility and future of the area will be actively driven by the people of the community. As such in 2022 we continued with an outcome-based focus, measuring meaningful impact and long-term change from the individual to the area, to the city.

2023 Vision
'Reconnecting The City, Reconnecting People'



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Priorities in Year 2022

Inclusive Growth: 'Ready to Take City Opportunities'

Training

The organisation worked to ensure a range of innovative learning pathways in the year, as such an extensive training programme linked to clear employment opportunities was implemented. Grosvenor Community Centre worked in partnership with CIT Health to provide a Driving programme, enabling participants to undertake driving lessons, accreditation and test, the programme generated an 80% success rate, with participants indicating increased confidence, movability and widening of employment options. The organisation also provided CSR training programmes to assist those seeking to enter industrial, manufacturing or building roles as well as Sports accreditation and coaching.

Training provision is aligned to real job opportunities and gaps in the market and included accreditation in childcare to meet a growing demand in the childcare sector. The accredited training calendar also included Fitness Instruction, SIA (Door Persons Security Badge), Forklift Training, Manual Handling, Data Protection and Child Protection.

SIA Training 2022



Mindfulness & Resiliency Programme



Awareness and Capacity

The development of the area in physical terms is viewed as integral to wider social, economic and family improvements. As such the organisation has continued to ensure the community play the active role in determining

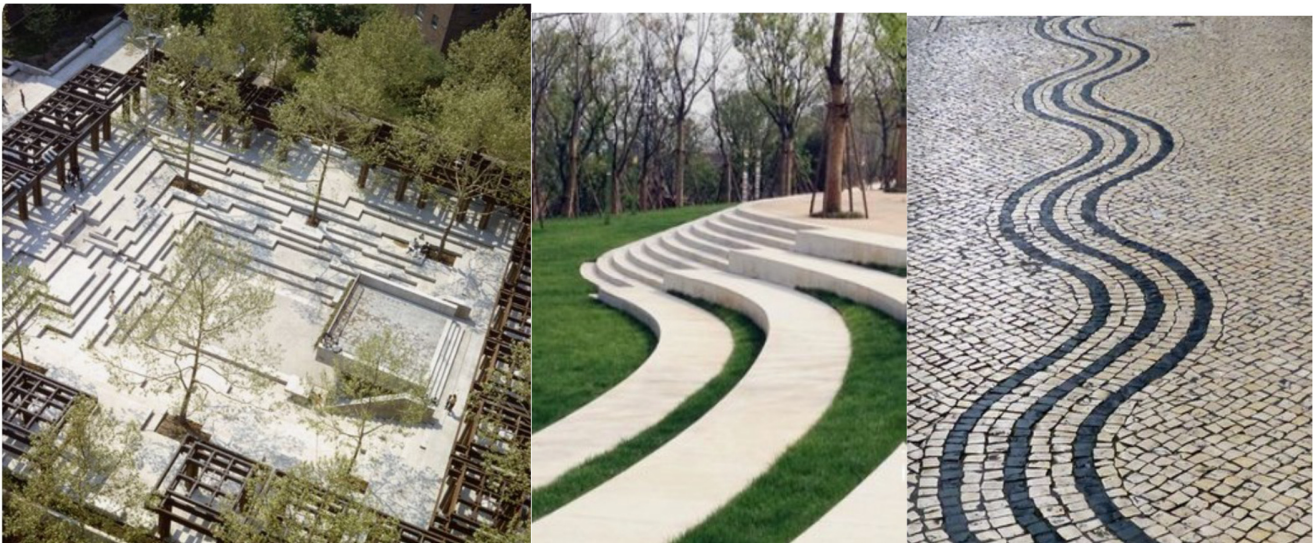


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physical regeneration of the Grosvenor/Falls.

Distillery Street Focus Group is led by Grosvenor Community Centre, the initiative brings together Living with Water, NIW, Department for Justice, Department for Communities, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council and Department for Infrastructure.

Draft Designs for Distillery Street SUDS 22



The site focus frames the Grosvenor estate and effectively cuts the area off from South Belfast, City Core and the new capital developments pending for the city, primarily the Transport Hub. The vacant green space has previously been looked at for housing and was deemed not suitable. Grosvenor Community Centre has worked to engage all landowners, to undertake community consultations, secured resourcing for a feasibility study and rationalised development at the site.

Presently the site now has a feasibility study in place for a SuDS scheme, relinking it back into City Core and



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Forthmeadow. The plans presently are to reopen the interface wall, develop the site via a SUDS system, create a sunken amphitheater and establish Distillery Street as a destination and start off point for the new Greenway, complimenting fully the Transport Hub. The space will provide environmental learning opportunities for local people, potential social economy hubs (temporary units), play spaces, opportunities for biodiversity and create a new city surrounding walking route.

Living with Water and Belfast City Council are currently moving the proposals onto the next stage. In the interim Grosvenor Community Centre managed again in 2022 August to ensure a positive family fun day at the site rather than the negative bonfire which had historically taken place.

The organisation has lobbied the Department for Communities in partnership with representatives from South Belfast. This led to site visits throughout 2022 to assess the viability of redeveloping Upper Grosvenor Road. This request is progressing with initial indications positive as to the scheme progressing. This will significantly improve the Grosvenor Road in walkability, cycling, for retail, social and community activities.

Distillery Street 8th August 2022 – Another Year of Positive Community Fun & Togetherness



Partnership Growth

The pandemic period illustrated to an even greater extent the need for working and positive relationships with key agencies, other communities and in inter community terms. As such in 2022 a working partnership with Bryson continued to flourish, leading to shared programmes and pilot schemes across Belfast. The organisation continued to



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work in operational terms with South City, based in the Village and has retained membership on the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership, Southwest Action Team, Greater Falls Family Support Hub, Housing Consumer Network and Greater Falls Out of School Hours Network. As well as being represented on two local boards of governors for primary schools and with Communities in Transition Health Programme West Belfast.

Improved Health Outcomes

The Court Ward area of Belfast, in which the community centre is located, continues to face incredibly alarming health outcomes. Women in the Court Ward are statistically likely to die a full five years before women in more affluent post codes according to NISRA. This statistic in modern times continues to illustrate the difference between communities in poverty and those in other areas. The Grosvenor area is located beside the Westlink, directly adjacent to the worst air quality indications in the city. The community was poorly designed in the 1970's with limited play space, outdoor zones and poor insulation in homes. Further to this the community was cut in half with Westlink and continues to be separated by the city core by a complex and poorly designed road and pavement network.

The pandemic has resulted in increasing health problems, particularly linked to mental wellbeing. As such in 2022 the organisation worked across all projects to provide viable opportunities for health engagement, including counselling, physical health programmes, external walking and running groups, the CHANGE programme and mindfulness. This service now entitled CHANGE as a full entity has increased by 40%, including women of all ages and men of all ages. The service has been described as an 'excellent model of community led health programming'. The organisation hopes to expand its offering in 2024 by changing rooms and facilities to enable the inclusion of current waiting list numbers.

CHANGE Programme in Full Flow Indoor and Outdoors 2022

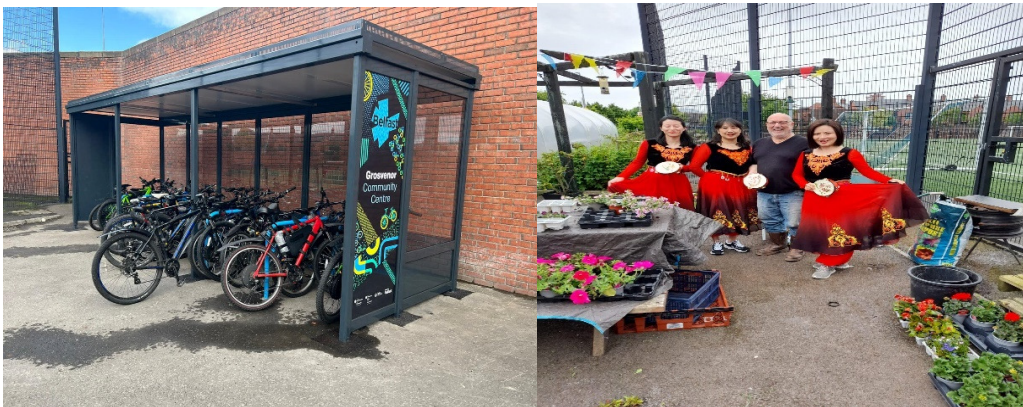




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Spatial Growth:

Demand for space at the site has continued to grow since the pandemic, particularly outdoor space. As such we worked with Belfast City Council to ensure that the new playing field amenities and ground updates were maximised in the period with high use numbers. Further to this a marked demand for cycle space became apparent in early 2022, as such a request was made for a covered cycle stand in the grounds, pictured below..... Culture Day at Grosvenor Community Garden



Work at the Community Garden has continued to flourish, with the space hosting cultural events and environmental 'know how' initiatives. The Plough Men and other user groups have requested more space and we are working together to secure provision at lower Distillery Street as well as having made a bid for new temporary outdoor unit in the community garden site to support overspill from the internal centre. This will be a key growth area moving into 2023.

Project elements moved outdoors, including CHANGE which started a new walking and running group using the Forthmeadow Greenway Section 5. It aims to link this with the new Distillery Street plans and create a branded running route for monthly runs for families.



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Young People Lead at the Grosvenor Community Garden & The Plough Men Create a Summer Wonder



7 Day Services at Grosvenor in 2022

Grosvenor Playgroup

The Playgroup continued in 2022 with maximum capacity of 24 children, this 5-day service is enhanced with a family engagement programme. The service is registered with BHSCT and received an excellent inspection in 2022. The dedicated staffing team are focused on providing high quality care for children aged 2 years and above up to P1. The service supports placements for students and young people interested in a career in childcare or early years. In year additional services were implemented alongside Bryson including a Parent and Baby session 2 days per week.



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Grosvenor Out of School Hours Programme

5 Days per week sees the facility alive with children in the afterschools programme, the service supports 48 children daily. The Out of School Hours programme sees children engaged in health and wellbeing, nutritional support, physical activity, multi sports and learning support. The service ensures that children are able to access a local support programme which is underpinned by a quality, caring and empathetic staff team, along with a healthy snack, a warm welcome and the chance to form positive relationships with peers.



Grosvenor Youth Service

Grosvenor Youth Service currently supports 79 young people in a varied year-round programme.



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The service encourages young people from junior and senior age to enjoy communication, learn, develop resilience and enhance capacity. In the year 2022 the members and leaders kept a strong focus on awareness raising, social media safety, mindfulness and wellbeing. The programme included accredited training from first aid to sports coaching, a political understanding initiative, relationship and sex education and body positivity initiative. The members also engaged in a cross-community programme focused on redeveloping the estates on either side of the interface wall.

Raising Awareness of Homelessness



Celebrating Female Power 2022



Understanding Politics with a Visti to Belfast City Hall & Natural Understanding Programme



Grosvenor Summer Programme:

The centre provides a 6-week summer programme for children aged 4 years to 12 years and 12



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years to 18 years. The summer programme includes 2-day sessions for children and nightly sessions for young people, as well as a Saturday and Sunday programme. The summer programme includes on-site activities as well as an off-site programme of excursions and residential activities. The programme helps children and young people to feel engaged, happy and active all Summer long. The summer also enables the organisation to re-survey residents around emerging themes and area issues. The pandemic undoubtedly changed the community landscape and new challenges have emerged which the organisation is proactively addressing.

Grosvenor Family Support Programme:

Family support provision is on site at the facility in partnership with the GF Family Support Hub. The programme engages whole family unit and reflects individual family needs, by way of example, mum may engage in the wellness programme, younger members may avail themselves of play therapy and children in the Play or summer scheme. The programme is on a case-by-case basis ensuring tailored support which is monitored using outcome measurement.

Grosvenor Emergency Supports:

The organisation has continued to provide emergency support in times of acute crisis, this included help with home utility costs, emergency food supplies for highly vulnerable isolated persons and assistance with maintenance including garden clearance. It is hoped that this type of support can decrease in 2023, however, we are mindful that the cost-of-living crisis may necessitate continuance for another year of this vital service.

Grosvenor Environmental Programme:

The organisational staff and volunteers recognised that the area is still facing issues linked to environmental problems, particularly linked to roads infrastructure, weeds in alleyways and shared spaces, litter and graffiti. As such the organisation has continued where possible to undertake area clean ups, weed removal and road safety measures. This was supplemented by the environmental programme at Grosvenor Community Garden, whereby community members were able to learn about planting and developing floral displays for the area which were then disseminated across the estates.

Grosvenor Gives a Helping Hand for Christmas, Summer Family Support Programme



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The centre continued in year to provide facilities and support programmes both indoors and outdoors focused on developmental programming, capacity services, sports, health and wellbeing.

Groups supported at Grosvenor CC
 Golden Girls, Immaculata Juniors
 and Seniors, Fire Blades, Rising Stars,
 McNeil Dancing, Cooke Dancing
 Group, Pinoy Association, Bryson
 Parental Support Group,
 Willowbank, St James Swifts, South
 Belfast League & More

Festivals and Events in 2022.... Barrio Fiesta,
 Filipino Independence Day, Belles International
 Day, Youth Empowerment Conference, Next
 Generation Celebration, Halloween Fest,
 Grosvenor Lights Up for Christmas, 8th August
 – Families Together at Distillery Street,
 February Weekend Health Festival

Operational Days: Monday to Sunday
 Operational Hours: Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 10.00pm, Friday 6.30am to 12 midnight
 Saturday 8.30am to 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 7.00pm
 Operational Weeks: 49 weeks per annum
 Average Daily Footfall: 2,000



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Organisational Updates:

Expenditure in 2022 increased due to increased area demands and extended programming. The period also saw some delays in funding support due to uncertainty around executive departments, this led to some funding support being released in quarterly blocks rather than yearly. This has subsequently balanced in the year 2023. The organisation plans some significant changes to core provision in 2023 to reflect a changed landscape in Belfast, including expanding the engagement programme for persons living in the City centre awaiting status determination and an increase in facilities for the Grosvenor CHANGE initiative. The board of directors and project management team have grown over the years to include younger representation as well as representatives from Grosvenor Residents Group on the management subcommittee.

A Reflection on the Year 2022

The year has been one of learning and growth for Grosvenor Community Centre. Demands have undoubtedly increased and this has been exasperated by a back log of work to be undertaken by some external support agencies. The community has faced some challenges linked to negative choices which were heightened during the pandemic, and which have left some mental health impacts. The centre responded by upping health and wellbeing programming and continuing emergency supports such as utility supports for individual homes. The facility has sustained extensive 7 day opening hours, supporting a diverse range of groups, ensuring maximum inclusion and bringing a wide range of cultural backgrounds together. Grosvenor Community Centre wishes to thank all those people who have participated at the site and who continue to make our space a vibrant centre in Belfast. The organisation recognises the faith shown by agencies, particularly Belfast City Council, in the community management model. Our vision for 2023 to 2026 is to ensure that the area physically is enhanced, that people are ready and confident to take advantage of the new opportunities in our city and crucially that we level up this area of deprivation to finally occupy its rightful place in Belfast.



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Directors Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Principal Funding Sources

The principle source of funding was the Belfast City Council, DFC and Education Authority.

Investment policy

The Charity would hope to move surplus funds to short term deposit accounts for investment.

Reserves Policy

The Roden Street Community Development Group lease and manage Grosvenor Community Centre from Belfast City Council, employing a number staff, with a voluntary team and maintaining a wide range of seven day week projects and services. The organisation supports a high number of beneficiaries in direct, front line and daily support. Operationally and in terms of facilities and buildings management and maintenance the organisation is large, as such is it essential that adequate reserves are kept in the event of negative circumstances.

RSCDG has calculated reserves on the basis of current operational, running, staffing and programme costs matched against income.

The board in determining this policy have also:

- Forecasted for levels of income in future years, taking into account the reliability of each source of income and the prospects for opening up new sources;
- Projected expenditure in future years on the basis of planned activity;
- Undertaken analysis of any future needs, opportunities, contingencies or risk
- Assessed, on the best evidence reasonably available, the likelihood of each of those needs and risks arising and the potential consequences for RSCDG of not being able to meet them.

The board members will review reserve arrangements in terms of monitoring on a quarterly basis and will alter the policy if necessary on an annual basis. This monitoring will take into account changing circumstances based on both income and expenditure.

The RSCDG board based on the scale of operations, lease and scale of facilitation to projects and services hold sufficient free reserves to provide cover for 6 months in relation to known liabilities

Volunteers

The charity is appreciative of the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision.

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that McCreery Turkington Stockman Ltd be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 4th October 2023

Brian Kennedy
Secretary

Roden Street Community Development Group

Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Roden Street Community Development Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditors report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group continued

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

the information given in the trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the Directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified the areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements and risks of material misstatement due to fraud, using our understanding of the entity's industry, regulatory environment and other external factors and inquiry with the Trustees. In addition, our risk assessment procedures included: inquiring with the Trustees as to the charities policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations and prevention and detection of fraud; inquiring whether the Trustees have knowledge of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations or alleged fraud; inspecting the charities regulatory and legal correspondence; and reading Board minutes.

We discussed identified laws and regulations, fraud risk factors and the need to remain alert among the audit team.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements charity and financial reporting legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items, including assessing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing them to supporting documentation when necessary.

The charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, environmental law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these non-direct laws and regulations to inquiry of the Trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

We assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. As required by auditing standards, we performed procedures to address the risk of management override of controls. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In response to risk of fraud, we also performed procedures including: identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation; evaluating the business purpose of significant unusual transactions; assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and assessing the disclosures in the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

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In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard McClay FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD
1 Lanyon Quay
BELFAST
BT1 3LG

Chartered Accountants

4th October 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

		Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2021
Incoming from	Notes	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	4	-	508,924	508,924	484,473
Events and fundraising		49,489	-	49,489	49,446
Total income		<u>49,489</u>	<u>508,924</u>	<u>558,413</u>	<u>533,919</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(43,661)	(462,595)	(506,256)	(437,729)
Costs of management	5	(2,370)	(40,800)	(43,170)	(43,170)
Total resources expended		<u>(46,031)</u>	<u>(503,395)</u>	<u>(549,426)</u>	<u>(480,899)</u>
Net income before transfers		<u>3,458</u>	<u>5,529</u>	<u>8,987</u>	<u>53,020</u>
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming resources		<u>3,458</u>	<u>5,529</u>	<u>8,987</u>	<u>53,020</u>
Fund balances brought forward		231,754	478,605	710,359	657,339
Fund balances carried forward		<u>235,212</u>	<u>484,134</u>	<u>719,346</u>	<u>710,359</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 27 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		362,777		364,606
Current assets					
Debtors	8	116,100		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		252,372		361,440	
		<u>368,472</u>		<u>361,440</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(11,903)</u>		<u>(15,687)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>356,569</u>		<u>345,753</u>
Net assets			<u><u>719,346</u></u>		<u><u>710,359</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Designated funds	11		235,212		231,754
Restricted funds	11		484,134		478,605
General funds			<u><u>719,346</u></u>		<u><u>710,359</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 4 October 2023 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by

B Kennedy
Director

Maura Millen
Director

Registration number NI027831

The notes on pages 27 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash generated from operations		
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	8,987	53,020
Depreciation	19,558	18,124
(Increase) in debtors	(116,100)	-
(Decrease) in creditors	(3,785)	12,338
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(91,340)</u>	<u>83,482</u>
 Cash flow statement		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(91,340)	83,482
 Cash flow from investing activities		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(17,728)	(11,115)
Decrease in cash in the year	<u>(109,068)</u>	<u>72,367</u>
 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds		
Decrease in cash in the year	(109,068)	72,367
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2022	361,440	289,073
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2022	<u>252,372</u>	<u>361,440</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

Company information

Roden Street Community Development Group is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 162 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 5AT.

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.3. Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Investment income is recognised once the income has been declared and notified to bank accounts.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties	-	2% Straight line
Playground	-	33.33% reducing balance
Equipment	-	20% reducing balance

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1.5. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6. Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.7. Equity instruments

Income recognition

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

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1.8. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit and loss in the period it arises.

1.9. Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.10. Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2. Net incoming resources for the year	2022	2021
	£	£
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	19,558	18,124
Auditors' remuneration	2,370	2,370
	<u>21,928</u>	<u>20,494</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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3. Employees

	Year ended 2022	Year ended 2021
Number of employees		
The average monthly numbers of employees		
Management and administration	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>265,027</u>	<u>267,305</u>

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 December 2022.

No remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees for duties as a trustee.

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4. Grant income	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Belfast Trust	-	21,883	21,883	35,740
BCC revenue grant	-	64,346	64,346	60,000
BCC Capacity Build	-	42,200	42,200	63,300
BCC Other Grants	-	7,974	7,974	13,038
BCC Pitch	-	44,000	44,000	44,000
BCC Pitch- backdated	-	95,000	95,000	-
Active Communities	-	13,050	13,050	8,530
Department for Communities	-	89,847	89,847	106,418
DE Early Years	-	26,847	26,847	46,749
Education Authority	-	38,592	38,592	32,355
Falls Community Safety	-	10,167	10,167	22,053
Covid Emergency Fund	-	-	-	4,000
HMRC Grants	-	-	-	667
Blackie	-	-	-	1,200
Clan Mor- Sure Start	-	4,600	4,600	-
CIT Health	-	40,418	40,418	46,423
Feile An Phobail	-	10,000	10,000	-
	-	508,924	508,924	484,473

Activities for generating funds	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Childcare	5,274	-	5,274	8,550
Indoor hire and room hire	1,175	-	1,175	6,518
3G receipts collected on behalf of BCC	30,071	-	30,071	17,035
Sundry	66	-	66	66
Willowbank	12,903	-	12,903	7,217
Divis joint development	-	-	-	10,060
	49,489	-	49,489	49,446

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	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
5. Total resources expended				
Costs directly allocated to voluntary activities				
Wages and salaries and pensions	-	220,127	220,127	226,505
Staff training	-	22,897	22,897	5,496
NI water service	-	1,515	1,515	1,315
Insurance	-	6,065	6,065	840
Light and heat	-	42,541	42,541	21,758
Cleaning	2,117	-	2,117	5,414
Repairs and maintenance	-	5,272	5,272	8,319
Stationary, printing and advertising	-	6,185	6,185	8,799
Telephone	-	7,508	7,508	7,991
Travel	-	5,000	5,000	-
Creche and play group costs	-	6,353	6,353	3,327
Youth costs	-	101,115	101,115	103,748
Sky etc.	-	159	159	158
Summer scheme	-	13,770	13,770	24,357
Bank fees and interest	1,378	-	1,378	791
Depreciation	-	19,558	19,558	18,124
Payments to BCC in respect of 3G pitch collections	40,166	-	40,166	-
General expenses	-	430	430	787
	43,661	458,495	502,156	437,729
Costs directly allocated to management and administration				
Wages and salaries	-	44,900	44,900	40,800
Audit fees	2,370	-	2,370	2,370
	2,370	44,900	47,270	43,170

6. Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arises on ordinary activities for the year. The Company is a registered charity .

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for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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7. Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold property £	Playground £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	380,739	87,853	204,601	673,193
Additions	-	-	17,728	17,728
At 31 December 2022	380,739	87,853	222,329	690,921
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	58,033	87,705	162,848	308,586
Charge for the year	7,614	49	11,895	19,558
At 31 December 2022	65,647	87,754	174,743	328,144
Net book values				
At 31 December 2022	315,092	99	47,586	362,777
At 31 December 2021	322,706	148	41,753	364,607
8. Debtors			2022 £	2021 £
Grants due			116,100	-
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2022 £	2021 £
Sundry creditors			11,903	15,687
10. Incorporation				

Roden Street Development Group Limited is a company limited by guarantee and not having a Share Capital. The company was incorporated on 4th December 1993. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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11. Statement of funds	Designated reserve account £	Restricted reserve account £	Total £
Total reserves at 1 January 2022	231,754	478,605	710,359
Total income for the year	49,489	508,924	558,413
Total expenditure for the year	(46,031)	(503,395)	(549,426)
Total reserves at 31 December 2022	<u>235,212</u>	<u>484,134</u>	<u>719,346</u>

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes within the objectives and activities of the Charities governing document.

12. Analysis of net assets between funds	Designated reserve fund £	Restricted reserve fund £	Total £
Fund Balances at 31 December 2022 represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	362,777	362,777
Current assets	247,115	121,357	368,472
Current liabilities	(11,903)	-	(11,903)
Total net assets	<u>235,212</u>	<u>484,134</u>	<u>719,346</u>

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes within the objectives and activities of the Charities governing document.

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The following page does not form part of the statutory accounts.

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**Detailed trading profit and loss account
and expenses schedule
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Sales				
Generated income		49,489		49,446
Grant income		508,924		484,473
		<u>558,413</u>		<u>533,919</u>
Administrative expenses				
Wages, salaries and pension costs	220,127		226,505	
Staff Training	22,897		5,496	
Management salary	44,900		40,800	
NI water service	1,515		1,315	
Insurance	6,065		840	
Light and heat	42,541		21,758	
Cleaning and janitorial	2,117		5,414	
Repairs and maintenance	5,272		8,319	
Printing, postage and stationery	6,185		8,799	
Telephone and internet	7,508		7,991	
Amount returned to funder	5,000		-	
Creche and play group costs	6,353		3,327	
Project costs	101,115		103,748	
Television costs	159		158	
Audit	2,370		2,370	
Summer scheme	13,770		24,357	
Bank interest and charges	1,378		791	
Payment to BCC - 3G hire	40,166		-	
General expenses	430		787	
Depreciation	19,558		18,124	
		<u>549,426</u>		<u>480,899</u>
Operating profit		<u>8,987</u>		<u>53,020</u>

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101484

Annual report



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Trustees Report

2022 has represented a continued year of renaissance for Grosvenor Community Centre, with expanded facilities and programming growth. The organisation has also dedicated time to looking forward with a long lens at improved urban planning and reconnecting the 'Grosvenor' community to city core and wider Belfast in physical and economic capacity terms. Whilst simultaneously providing daily high quality, contemporary services to reflect the community landscape and to make sure the people of our Belfast city are ready for the opportunities of the next decade.

The pandemic, lockdown, changed working habits and gaps in education have altered community needs. The organisation has endeavoured in year to ensure *we reflect, we respond, and we are relevant*. Grosvenor Community Centre, (GCC), worked in 2022 to ensure access to exemplary health programmes, alternative learning pathways, whole family support, wellbeing provisions and with emergency supports.

A further key need identified, post lockdown, has been a decrease in the provision of statutory services, particularly around roads, weeds and infrastructure. GCC has tried where possible to find solutions to the backlog of work required to sustain a safe and secure community. The year did represent a welcome return to normalised programming and operational services, including full group activities, all indoor provision and large-scale events. However, the ramifications of the pandemic in the wider society have been acute and have required some altered service provision at the facility to meet new challenges, particularly linked to cost of living, drugs, alcohol and increased mental health challenges.

In an effort to support community resiliency during uncertain times, additional services have been implemented such as increased summer provision, expanded youth services, family support services, emergency provisions for essential home costs and counselling.

The health and sporting programming at GCC in 2022 at the new and improved playing field have continued to flourish. The period has witnessed, continuance of new communities engagement at the pitch, growth in existing teams competitive progression, enhanced engagement of women and girls and increased use by persons over the age of 65 years. The quality of facilities is currently excellent, with the renovated surface, new fencing and accessible, high quality spectator stand.

Grosvenor CHANGE Health Programme 22



Cultural Events at Grosvenor 22



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Grosvenor Community Centre continues to be indebted to the people of Belfast and we are honoured that so many newer communities have chosen to make the facility 'a home'. In year the organisation has had further growth in use by Asylum seeking communities who live in the city centre as well as sustained use by the Filipino community and Eastern European persons. The facility is accessible, friendly and relevant, supporting a daily footfall of approximately 2,000 people per day. Grosvenor Community Centre supports a diverse age range, whole family unit and those vulnerable to exclusion, be that economic, social or cultural.

Pinoy Barrio Fiest 22

Independence Day 22



The organisation wishes to thank support agencies for having a continued vision in 'Grosvenor', particularly Belfast City Council for their renewed faith in the community management model. Department for Communities for working in partnership with the organisation towards a rejuvenated Grosvenor Road. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for recognising the challenges faced by vulnerable families in the area, the Education Authority for valuing the value of the youth voice and Early Years Pathway Fund for enhancing the capacity of the early years sector.

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The engagement of people living in the Falls ward at the centre is the pivotal feature of our success, from volunteering to participating, inputting development drives and supporting vulnerable community members. The organisation, facility and future of the area will be actively driven by the people of the community. As such in 2022 we continued with an outcome-based focus, measuring meaningful impact and long-term change from the individual to the area, to the city.

2023 Vision
'Reconnecting The City, Reconnecting People'

Priorities in Year 2022

Inclusive Growth: 'Ready to Take City Opportunities'

Training

The organisation worked to ensure a range of innovative learning pathways in the year, as such an extensive training programme linked to clear employment opportunities was implemented. Grosvenor Community Centre worked in partnership with CIT Health to provide a Driving programme, enabling participants to undertake driving lessons, accreditation and test, the programme generated an 80% success rate, with participants indicating increased confidence, movability and widening of employment options. The organisation also provided CSR training programmes to assist those seeking to enter industrial, manufacturing or building roles as well as Sports accreditation and coaching.

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Training provision is aligned to real job opportunities and gaps in the market and included accreditation in childcare to meet a growing demand in the childcare sector. The accredited training calendar also included Fitness Instruction, SIA (Door Persons Security Badge), Forklift Training, Manual Handling, Data Protection and Child Protection.

SIA Training 2022



Mindfulness & Resiliency Programme



Awareness and Capacity

The development of the area in physical terms is viewed as integral to wider social, economic and family improvements. As such the organisation has continued to ensure the community play the active role in determining physical regeneration of the Grosvenor/Falls.

Distillery Street Focus Group is led by Grosvenor Community Centre, the initiative brings together Living with Water, NIW, Department for Justice, Department for Communities, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council and Department for Infrastructure.

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Draft Designs for Distillery Street SUDS 22



The site focus frames the Grosvenor estate and effectively cuts the area off from South Belfast, City Core and the new capital developments pending for the city, primarily the Transport Hub. The vacant green space has previously been looked at for housing and was deemed not suitable. Grosvenor Community Centre has worked to engage all landowners, to undertake community consultations, secured resourcing for a feasibility study and rationalised development at the site.

Presently the site now has a feasibility study in place for a SuDS scheme, relinking it back into City Core and Forthmeadow. The plans presently are to reopen the interface wall, develop the site via a SUDS system, create a sunken amphitheater and establish Distillery Street as a destination and start off point for the new Greenway, complimenting fully the Transport Hub. The space will provide environmental learning opportunities for local people, potential social economy hubs (temporary units), play spaces, opportunities for biodiversity and create a new city surrounding walking route.

Living with Water and Belfast City Council are currently moving the proposals onto the next stage. In the interim Grosvenor Community Centre managed again in 2022 August to ensure a positive family fun day at the site rather than the negative bonfire which had historically taken place.

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The organisation has lobbied the Department for Communities in partnership with representatives from South Belfast. This led to site visits throughout 2022 to assess the viability of redeveloping Upper Grosvenor Road. This request is progressing with initial indications positive as to the scheme progressing. This will significantly improve the Grosvenor Road in walkability, cycling, for retail, social and community activities.

Distillery Street 8th August 2022 – Another Year of Positive Community Fun & Togetherness



Partnership Growth

The pandemic period illustrated to an even greater extent the need for working and positive relationships with key agencies, other communities and in inter community terms. As such in 2022 a working partnership with Bryson continued to flourish, leading to shared programmes and pilot schemes across Belfast. The organisation continued to work in operational terms with South City, based in the Village and has retained membership on the Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership, Southwest Action Team, Greater Falls Family Support Hub, Housing Consumer Network and Greater Falls Out of School Hours Network. As well as being represented on two local boards of governors for primary schools and with Communities in Transition Health Programme West Belfast.

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Improved Health Outcomes

The Court Ward area of Belfast, in which the community centre is located, continues to face incredibly alarming health outcomes. Women in the Court Ward are statistically likely to die a full five years before women in more affluent post codes according to NISRA. This statistic in modern times continues to illustrate the difference between communities in poverty and those in other areas. The Grosvenor area is located beside the Westlink, directly adjacent to the worst air quality indications in the city. The community was poorly designed in the 1970's with limited play space, outdoor zones and poor insulation in homes. Further to this the community was cut in half with Westlink and continues to be separated by the city core by a complex and poorly designed road and pavement network.

The pandemic has resulted in increasing health problems, particularly linked to mental wellbeing. As such in 2022 the organisation worked across all projects to provide viable opportunities for health engagement, including counselling, physical health programmes, external walking and running groups, the CHANGE programme and mindfulness. This service now entitled CHANGE as a full entity has increased by 40%, including women of all ages and men of all ages. The service has been described as an 'excellent model of community led health programming'. The organisation hopes to expand its offering in 2024 by changing rooms and facilities to enable the inclusion of current waiting list numbers.

CHANGE Programme in Full Flow Indoor and Outdoors 2022



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Spatial Growth:

Demand for space at the site has continued to grow since the pandemic, particularly outdoor space. As such we worked with Belfast City Council to ensure that the new playing field amenities and ground updates were maximised in the period with high use numbers. Further to this a marked demand for cycle space became apparent in early 2022, as such a request was made for a covered cycle stand in the grounds, pictured below..... Culture Day at Grosvenor Community Garden



Work at the Community Garden has continued to flourish, with the space hosting cultural events and environmental 'know how' initiatives. The Plough Men and other user groups have requested more space and we are working together to secure provision at lower Distillery Street as well as having made a bid for new temporary outdoor unit in the community garden site to support overspill from the internal centre. This will be a key growth area moving into 2023.

Project elements moved outdoors, including CHANGE which started a new walking and running group using the Forthmeadow Greenway Section 5. It aims to link this with the new Distillery Street plans and create a branded running route for monthly runs for families.

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Young People Lead at the Grosvenor Community Garden & The Plough Men Create a Summer Wonder



7 Day Services at Grosvenor in 2022

Grosvenor Playgroup

The Playgroup continued in 2022 with maximum capacity of 24 children, this 5-day service is enhanced with a family engagement programme. The service is registered with BHSCT and received an excellent inspection in 2022. The dedicated staffing team are focused on providing high quality care for children aged 2 years and above up to P1. The service supports placements for students and young people interested in a career in childcare or early years. In year additional services were implemented alongside Bryson including a Parent and Baby session 2 days per week.

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Grosvenor Out of School Hours Programme

5 Days per week sees the facility alive with children in the afterschools programme, the service supports 48 children daily. The Out of School Hours programme sees children engaged in health and wellbeing, nutritional support, physical activity, multi sports and learning support. The service ensures that children are able to access a local support programme which is underpinned by a quality, caring and empathetic staff team, along with a healthy snack, a warm welcome and the chance to form positive relationships with peers.



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Grosvenor Youth Service

Grosvenor Youth Service currently supports 79 young people in a varied year-round programme. The service encourages young people from junior and senior age to enjoy communication, learn, develop resilience and enhance capacity. In the year 2022 the members and leaders kept a strong focus on awareness raising, social media safety, mindfulness and wellbeing. The programme included accredited training from first aid to sports coaching, a political understanding initiative, relationship and sex education and body positivity initiative. The members also engaged in a cross-community programme focused on redeveloping the estates on either side of the interface wall.

Raising Awareness of Homelessness



Celebrating Female Power 2022



Understanding Politics with a Visti to Belfast City Hall & Natural Understanding Programme

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Grosvenor Summer Programme:

The centre provides a 6-week summer programme for children aged 4 years to 12 years and 12 years to 18 years. The summer programme includes 2-day sessions for children and nightly sessions for young people, as well as a Saturday and Sunday programme. The summer programme includes on-site activities as well as an off-site programme of excursions and residential activities. The programme helps children and young people to feel engaged, happy and active all Summer long. The summer also enables the organisation to re-survey residents around emerging themes and area issues. The pandemic undoubtedly changed the community landscape and new challenges have emerged which the organisation is proactively addressing.

Grosvenor Family Support Programme:

Family support provision is on site at the facility in partnership with the GF Family Support Hub. The programme engages whole family unit and reflects individual family needs, by way of example, mum may engage in the wellness programme, younger members may avail themselves of play therapy and children in the Play or summer scheme. The programme is on a case-by-case basis ensuring tailored support which is monitored using outcome measurement.

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Grosvenor Emergency Supports:

The organisation has continued to provide emergency support in times of acute crisis, this included help with home utility costs, emergency food supplies for highly vulnerable isolated persons and assistance with maintenance including garden clearance. It is hoped that this type of support can decrease in 2023, however, we are mindful that the cost-of-living crisis may necessitate continuance for another year of this vital service.

Grosvenor Environmental Programme:

The organisational staff and volunteers recognised that the area is still facing issues linked to environmental problems, particularly linked to roads infrastructure, weeds in alleyways and shared spaces, litter and graffiti. As such the organisation has continued where possible to undertake area clean ups, weed removal and road safety measures. This was supplemented by the environmental programme at Grosvenor Community Garden, whereby community members were able to learn about planting and developing floral displays for the area which were then disseminated across the estates.

Grosvenor Gives a Helping Hand for Christmas, Summer Family Support Programme



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The centre continued in year to provide facilities and support programmes both indoors and outdoors focused on developmental programming, capacity services, sports, health and wellbeing.

Groups supported at Grosvenor CC
Golden Girls, Immaculata Juniors and Seniors, Fire Blades, Rising Stars, McNeil Dancing, Cooke Dancing Group, Pinoy Association, Bryson Parental Support Group, Willowbank, St James Swifts, South Belfast League & More

Festivals and Events in 2022.... Barrio Fiesta, Filipino Independence Day, Belles International Day, Youth Empowerment Conference, Next Generation Celebration, Halloween Fest, Grosvenor Lights Up for Christmas, 8th August – Families Together at Distillery Street, February Weekend Health Festival

Operational Days: Monday to Sunday
Operational Hours: Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 10.00pm, Friday 6.30am to 12 midnight
Saturday 8.30am to 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 7.00pm
Operational Weeks: 49 weeks per annum
Average Daily Footfall: 2,000

Organisational Updates:

Expenditure in 2022 increased due to increased area demands and extended programming. The period also saw some delays in funding support due to uncertainty around executive departments, this led to some funding support being released in quarterly blocks rather than yearly. This has subsequently balanced in the year 2023. The organisation plans some significant changes to core provision in 2023 to reflect a changed landscape in Belfast, including expanding the engagement programme for persons living in the City centre awaiting status determination and an increase in facilities for the Grosvenor CHANGE initiative. The board of directors and project management team have grown over the years to include younger representation as well as representatives from Grosvenor Residents Group on the management subcommittee.

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A Reflection on the Year 2022

The year has been one of learning and growth for Grosvenor Community Centre. Demands have undoubtedly increased and this has been exasperated by a back log of work to be undertaken by some external support agencies. The community has faced some challenges linked to negative choices which were heightened during the pandemic, and which have left some mental health impacts. The centre responded by upping health and wellbeing programming and continuing emergency supports such as utility supports for individual homes. The facility has sustained extensive 7 day opening hours, supporting a diverse range of groups, ensuring maximum inclusion and bringing a wide range of cultural backgrounds together. Grosvenor Community Centre wishes to thank all those people who have participated at the site and who continue to make our space a vibrant centre in Belfast. The organisation recognises the faith shown by agencies, particularly Belfast City Council, in the community management model. Our vision for 2023 to 2026 is to ensure that the area physically is enhanced, that people are ready and confident to take advantage of the new opportunities in our city and crucially that we level up this area of deprivation to finally occupy its rightful place in Belfast.



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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101484

Annual return

Roden Street Community Development Group

Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Roden Street Community Development Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditors report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Roden Street Community Development Group continued

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

the information given in the trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the Directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified the areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements and risks of material misstatement due to fraud, using our understanding of the entity's industry, regulatory environment and other external factors and inquiry with the Trustees. In addition, our risk assessment procedures included: inquiring with the Trustees as to the charities policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations and prevention and detection of fraud; inquiring whether the Trustees have knowledge of any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations or alleged fraud; inspecting the charities regulatory and legal correspondence; and reading Board minutes.

We discussed identified laws and regulations, fraud risk factors and the need to remain alert among the audit team.

The charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements charity and financial reporting legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items, including assessing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing them to supporting documentation when necessary.

The charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery, employment law, environmental law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these non-direct laws and regulations to inquiry of the Trustees and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

We assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. As required by auditing standards, we performed procedures to address the risk of management override of controls. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In response to risk of fraud, we also performed procedures including: identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation; evaluating the business purpose of significant unusual transactions; assessing significant accounting estimates for bias; and assessing the disclosures in the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

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In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditors-responsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Chartered Accountants

4th October 2023

