

NORTH BELFAST WOMEN'S INITIATIVE and SUPPORT PROJECT

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 28th February 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Vision

Improving the health, wellbeing, and education of all communities in North Belfast and beyond.

Mission

We provide holistic support to create strong, healthy, and sustainable communities.

Values

We will improve the health, wellbeing, and education of all communities in North Belfast and beyond by passionately living the following core values:

- We are inclusive – we believe everyone is unique and important and we will strive to ensure everyone can laugh, love, learn, and live their best life.
- We are honest and brave – we are passionate about creating strong partnerships with people, organisations, and communities that are built on trust and honesty.
- Growth is our goal – we are passionate about helping people and places to grow stronger and sustainable.
- We are compassionate – we are committed to delivering person centred care that creates sustainable change for all.

Our Aims & Outcomes

Driven by inclusion, honesty, growth, and compassion, we will create strong, healthy, and sustainable communities by:

1. Developing and delivering health, wellbeing, and education services and programmes that help communities to become stronger, healthier, resilient, and sustainable.
2. Inclusive change through engagement. We will harness our lived experience to inform, inspire, and drive change in our communities.
3. Building a strong and sustainable NBWISP to ensure we can create and support strong, healthy and sustainable communities.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Our work in 2023/2024 continued with on-going delivery of our Employability programme and Urban Villages funded Communities Together For Change programme. We were successful in our application to Urban Villages to expand the number of schools involved in the Let It Grow aspect of the programme and secured a further one year of support from DfC for staff salaries and from Belfast City Council for running costs. Programmes have been open to people of all ages, cultures, religion, abilities and gender. We provided the local community with a place for communal meeting and for its users to participate in programmes, workshops and information sessions that focus on improving their well-being whilst becoming further integrated into the community through communication with people from other backgrounds and communities. Our annual 'Meet the Neighbour event' directly contributes to building capacity at community level as well as fostering positive identity. We are continually developing programmes and seeking funding to meet the current needs of the community. By organising/running these programmes we achieved the following outputs:-

1383 receiving holistic therapies & using on-site facilities

70 People participated on Families Together For Fun Summer Project

300 People attended Meet the Neighbours Event

105 people benefiting from Advice, sign posting and wrap around support

135 people benefited from Sensory room

89 adults receiving cost of living support

35 adults receiving Xmas food hamper

350 Let's Cook It family packs distributed

22 families received planters in recognition of Autism Awareness week

69 people completed Mental Health & Wellbeing courses

2845 children participating on Let It Grow Project

1680 children participating on Healthy Lifestyle Project

72 children receiving Xmas toy hampers

152 children receiving cost of living support

43 children participating in Lego Therapy programme

68 children & their families benefiting from Sensory Santa

10 young people completed job specific employability courses

4 CPD course attended by staff

12 People completed Money Management Course

14 People completed First-Aid Course

16 young people completed an OCN in Horticulture

10 young people participating on Step-Up programme 6 successfully secured employment and other 4 returned to full-time education.

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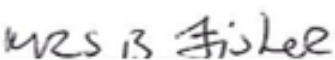
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Future plans

With the uncertainty of funding and in furtherance of its pursuit of sustainability, the Charity continues to develop its social economy project, involving training and development of therapists and beauticians providing subsidised services to clients for the improvement of health and well-being and this has been further enhanced with the addition of the new sensory room equipment funded by Urban Villages. We have also developed a new 5 year Strategic Plan. Funding applications have been successful for 2024/25 - BCC - Revenue Grant, DfC - Salaries, UK Levelling Up - Programmes, Cash For Kids - Programmes.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs B Fisher

Chairperson



Mrs L Drumgoole

Treasurer

Dated: 27/06/2024

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