Divis Joint Development Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101766

Details

Known as	DJDC or FGC (Frank Gillen Centre)
Status	Received
Registered	2015-05-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Frank Gillen Centre 1A Cullingtree Road Belfast Bt12 4jt BT12 4JT
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Activities

Purposes: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Falls area and the environs of the Greater Belfast area (hereinafter described as the “area of benefit”) without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by association statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance educational achievement, promote good health, relief of poverty and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (b) To promote cooperation between local community groups with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit; and (c) To promote and coordinate community development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Playgroup/after schools,Relief of poverty,Sport/recreation,Urban development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Specific areas of deprivation,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£489,598	£476,038	£-1,440	20

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Fra Mccann		
Mr Gerard Fusco		
Mr Martin Voyle		
Mrs Maura Arterton		
Ms Janette Leckey		

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Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Chairperson
Maura Ahearn
4/8/25

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status
The committee is recognised as a charity by the commissioners of the Inland Revenue.

Trustees	Maura Arterton Martin Voyle F McCann Jeanette Leckey Gerard Fusco	**Chairperson** **Treasurer**
Secretary	F McCann	
Charity Registration Number	NIC 101766	
Accountants	DMW Accountants (2011) Ltd Townsend Enterprise Park 28 Townsend Street Belfast BT13 2ES	
Business Address	The Frank Gillen Centre 1A Cullingtree Road Belfast BT13 2ES	
Bankers	Bank Of Ireland Belfast City Branch 4-8 High Street BT1 2BA	

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Committee present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

Structure, Governance & Management

Organisational Structure

The organisation was established as an unincorporated organisation and is governed under its constitution.

The organisation is governed by a Management Committee. Any person wishing to become a committee member must apply in writing prior to the AGM. A vote is then taken at AGM as to whether they are to be appointed.

Mission Statement

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Children's emotional, social and educational development (via Play Development, 2-year-old programme, Play and Stay and an After Schools project). We delivered a range of in-house support services at the Frank Gillen Centre including social, emotional and practical support. Our main source of support comes via a service level agreement with Clan Mor Surestart and 2 contracts with Belfast HSC Trust (afterschool's and family support).

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Our organisation is subject to both internal and external inspection and review. DJDC has an internal programme of service development and reviews involving all staff, management and volunteers.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Divis Joint Development Committee
I report on the Accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on Pages 9-13.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
I have examined your charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directors given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.

2. That the Accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

3. That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

DMW Accountants (2011) Limited
Townsend Enterprise Park
28 Townsend Street
Belfast
BT13 2ES

Date: 30th July 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources			
Grants	2	464,351	434,707
Government Grants Amortised		10,807	10,807
Other incoming resources	3	14,440	21,064
Total incoming resources		489,598	466,578
Resources expended			
Staff costs		314,768	311,946
Pension Contribution		10,312	10,155
Blackie Centre Wages		39,731	37,722
Training and Facilitation Fees		23,138	13,342
Insurance		4,995	4,678
Light and heat		15,040	12,236
Water Rates		1,370	1,335
Equipment		3,892	4,174
Water Machine		741	766
Repairs & Maintenance		10,685	12,804
Printing, postage and stationery		6,618	6,038
Advertising-Family Support		887	596
Supplies		3,027	3,138
Telephone		4,092	4,140
Travel Cost		4,250	4,640
Trips and Activities		17,880	19,595
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Bank Interest and charges		278	279
Depreciation		10,468	10,475
Donations		600	1,401
Access NI Police Checks		1,826	1,386
General expenses		-	58
Total resources expended		(476,038)	(462,344)
Net movement in funds		13,560	4,234
Total funds brought forward		43,131	38,897
Total funds carried forward		56,691	43,131

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		91,372		101,840
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		55,834		42,613	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,440)		(1,440)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			54,394		41,173
Total assets less current liabilities			145,766		143,013
Accruals and deferred income			(89,075)		(99,882)
Net assets/(liabilities)			56,691		43,131
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			56,691		43,131
			56,691		43,131

The trustees' statements required by Article 257B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

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1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and follow the recommendations in 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in October 2000.
The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2. Incoming Resources

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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:

Land and buildings	-	Straight line over 30 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Reducing Balance

2. Grant Income

	2025 £	2024 £
BELB/Education Authority	78,195	76,295
BCC	23,129	24,805
Surestart	131,481	110,627
Belfast Trust	49,212	46,037
WBPB- LIAG Project	750	1,750
Falls Partnership	20,000	20,000
DFC	142,684	137,193
Blackie Centre Training	18,900	18,000
	464,351	434,707

4. Other incoming resources

	2025 £	2024 £
Creche	1,023	944
After Schools	3,600	3,710
Summer Scheme	780	913
Fundraising	2,464	1,522
Access NI Group	2,268	1,730
Falls Youth Project	-	500
FRA	2,820	2,690
Change Programme	-	4,000
2-3 Programme	1,485	1,505
Dementia Friendly Programme	-	3,500
Cathedral Nursery	-	50
	14,440	21,064

5. Employees

Number of employees

	2025 Number	2024 Number
The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year were:	20	20

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	314,768	311,946
Pension Contribution	10,312	10,155

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	423,994	31,395	455,389
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	423,994	31,395	455,389
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	322,234	31,315	353,549
Charge for the year	10,448	20	10,468
At 31 March 2024	332,682	31,335	364,017
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	91,312	60	91,372
At 31 March 2024	101,760	80	101,840

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 101766

Annual return

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Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Responsibilities of the Management Committee

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- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue to operate.

The Management Committee are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditor

In so far the Management Committee, who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, are aware;

- There is in no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware.
- The Management Committee have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the audit is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Divis Joint Development Committee
I report on the Accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on Pages 9-13.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
I have examined your charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directors given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.

2. That the Accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

3. That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

DMW Accountants (2011) Limited
Townsend Enterprise Park
28 Townsend Street
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Date: 19th September 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources			
Grants	2	444,067	447,213
Government Grants Amortised		10,807	10,807
Other incoming resources	3	21,064	18,176
Total incoming resources		475,938	476,196
Resources expended			
Staff costs		311,946	309,196
Pension Contribution		10,155	7,815
Blackie Centre Wages		37,722	39,934
Training and Facilitation Fees		13,342	13,200
Insurance		4,678	4,250
Light and heat		12,236	13,459
Water Rates		1,335	1,386
Equipment		4,174	18,740
Water Machine		766	501
Repairs & Maintenance		12,804	8,340
Printing, postage and stationery		6,038	6,159
Advertising-Family Support		596	732
Volunteer Expenses		-	650
Supplies		3,138	2,668
Telephone		4,140	3,979
Travel Cost		4,640	5,105
Trips and Activities		19,595	13,900
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Bank Interest and charges		279	283
Depreciation		10,475	10,484
Donations		1,401	3,187
Access NI Police Checks		1,386	1,452
FYP		-	1,450
General expenses		58	-
Total resources expended		(462,344)	(468,310)
Net movement in funds		13,594	7,886
Total funds brought forward		38,897	31,011
Total funds carried forward		52,491	38,897

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		101,840		112,315
Current assets					
Debtors		9,360		9,360	
Cash at bank and in hand		42,613		29,351	
		51,973		38,711	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,440)		(1,440)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			50,533		37,271
Total assets less current liabilities			152,373		149,586
Accruals and deferred income			(99,882)		(110,689)
Net assets/(liabilities)			52,491		38,897
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			52,491		38,897
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The trustees' statements required by Article 257B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

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1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and follow the recommendations in 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in October 2000.
The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2. Incoming Resources

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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:

Land and buildings	-	Straight line over 30 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Reducing Balance

2. Grant Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
BELB/Education Authority	76,295	76,358
BCC	24,805	24,693
Surestart	110,627	105,466
Belfast Trust	46,037	46,810
WBPB- LIAG Project	1,750	1,000
Falls Partnership	20,000	15,000
DFC	137,193	160,857
Blackie Centre Training	27,360	17,029
UACF	-	-
	444,067	447,213

4. Other incoming resources

	2024 £	2023 £
Creche	944	815
After Schools	3,710	3,596
Summer Scheme	913	796
Fundraising	1,522	1,585
Access NI Group	1,730	1,978
Falls Youth Project	500	750
Entrance Fees	-	717
FRA	2,690	6,320
Change Programme	4,000	-
2-3 Programme	1,505	1,619
Dementia Friendly Programme	3,500	-
Cathedral Nursery	50	-
	21,064	18,176

5. Employees

Number of employees

	2024 Number	2023 Number
The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year were:	20	20

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	311,946	309,196
Pension Contribution	10,155	7,815

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	423,994	31,395	455,389
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	423,994	31,395	455,389
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	301,338	31,252	332,590
Charge for the year	10,448	36	10,484
At 31 March 2023	311,786	31,288	343,074
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	112,208	107	112,315
At 31 March 2022	122,656	143	122,799

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440
Accruals	-	2,762
	1,440	4,202

Accounts

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Signed: Maree Artrath
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Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
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3. That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

DMW Accountants (2011) Limited
Townsend Enterprise Park
28 Townsend Street
Belfast
BT13 2ES

Date: 3rd July 2023

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources			
Grants	2	447,213	475,618
Government Grants Amortised		10,807	10,807
Other incoming resources	3	18,176	9,881
Total incoming resources		476,196	496,306
Resources expended			
Staff costs		309,196	306,921
Pension Contribution		7,815	7,115
Blackie Centre Wages		39,934	39,321
Training and Facilitation Fees		13,200	13,611
Insurance		4,250	3,615
Light and heat		13,459	12,301
Water Rates		1,386	1,354
Equipment		18,740	11,731
Water Machine		501	709
Repairs & Maintenance		8,340	9,267
Printing, postage and stationery		6,159	6,211
Advertising-Family Support		732	1,343
Covid 19 Response		-	14,846
Volunteer Expenses		650	-
Supplies		2,668	2,776
Telephone		3,979	4,015
Travel Cost		5,105	6,360
Trips and Activities		13,900	46,943
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Bank Interest and charges		283	267
Depreciation		10,484	10,496
Donations		3,187	500
Access NI Police Checks		1,452	1,613
FYP		1,450	-
General expenses		-	67
Total resources expended		(468,310)	(502,822)
Net movement in funds		7,886	(6,516)
Total funds brought forward		31,011	37,527
Total funds carried forward		38,897	31,011

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DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		112,315		122,799
Current assets					
Debtors		9,360		11,990	
Cash at bank and in hand		29,351		21,920	
		38,711		33,910	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,440)		(4,202)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			37,271		29,708
Total assets less current liabilities			149,586		152,507
Accruals and deferred income			(110,689)		(121,496)
Net assets/(liabilities)			38,897		31,011
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			38,897		31,011
			38,897		31,011

The trustees' statements required by Article 257B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and follow the recommendations in 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in October 2000.
The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2. Incoming Resources

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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:

Land and buildings	-	Straight line over 30 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Reducing Balance

2. Grant Income

	2023	2022
	£	£
BELB/Education Authority	76,358	102,284
BCC	24,693	22,219
Surestart	105,466	101,640
Belfast Trust	46,810	48,333
WBPB- LIAG Project	1,000	-
Falls Partnership	15,000	16,300
DFC	160,857	140,916
Blackie Centre Training	17,029	25,579
UACF	-	18,347
	447,213	475,618

4. Other incoming resources

	2023 £	2022 £
Creche	815	897
After Schools	3,596	2,174
Summer Scheme	796	981
Fundraising	1,585	1,757
Access NI Group	1,978	2,150
Falls Youth Project	750	-
Entrance Fees	717	-
FRA	6,320	-
Arts Council	-	338
2-3 Programme	1,619	1,584
Heart		
Radius Housing		
CCF		
	18,176	9,881

5. Employees

Number of employees

	2023 Number	2022 Number
The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year were:	20	20

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	309,196	306,921
Pension Contribution	7,815	7,115

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	423,994	31,395	455,389
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	423,994	31,395	455,389
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	301,338	31,252	332,590
Charge for the year	10,448	36	10,484
At 31 March 2023	311,786	31,288	343,074
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	112,208	107	112,315
At 31 March 2022	122,656	143	122,799

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
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Accruals	-	2,762
	1,440	4,202

Divis Joint Development Committee
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Annual report

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Post Covid to Cost of Living Crisis

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Divis Joint Development Committee

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101766

Annual return

Charity Registration Number: NIC 101766

Divis Joint Development Committee

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Signed: [illegible]
Chairperson

DATE: 21/7/23

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status
The committee is recognised as a charity by the commissioners of the Inland Revenue.

Trustees	Maura Arterton	**Chairperson**
	Martin Voyle	**Treasurer**
	F McCann	
	Jeanette Leckey	
Secretary	F McCann	
Charity Registration Number	NIC 101766	
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Business Address	The Frank Gillen Centre 1A Cullingtree Road Belfast BT13 2ES	
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Organisational Structure

The organisation was established as an unincorporated organisation and is governed under its constitution.

The organisation is governed by a Management Committee. Any person wishing to become a committee member must apply in writing prior to the AGM. A vote is then taken at AGM as to whether they are to be appointed.

Mission Statement

"The aim is to provide, develop and enhance core programmes and activities that meet the needs of the local community, which contribute to improving the quality of their lives in a real and meaningful way".

Post Covid to Cost of Living Crisis

The impact of the covid pandemic on our core services, programmes and many of our in-house services was very challenging and we had hoped that we would come out of that challenge with a renewed sense of optimism. Most significantly after the pandemic however many people continue to struggle under a cost-of-living crisis, and this has impacted on individuals, communities and organisations supporting local people. Significant financial challenges are in front of every organisation, and we are (not unlike during the covid period) watching new challenges emerge from people who previously did not need our support.

A particular focus this year was the increasing difficulties of rising costs of fuel, utilities and food costs with significant difficulties created for our own staff and volunteers, additionally this also had a detrimental impact on our organisational ability to support local people. We did however continue our work with Bryson Charitable Group distributing fuel poverty vouchers under a scheme for those on benefits and under a Belfast City Council for the "working poor".

We have tried, as much as we could, within our limitations to develop a coordinated response within our organisation and across our locality between partners, initially within our direct locality but also in partnership across the West Belfast area. A range of practical supports ran throughout the year including combating food poverty and support for utility bills (gas/ electric and food vouchers). We endeavoured where possible to act as a direct support and often as a conduit of behalf of others to reach those in need. It should be stated this is an ongoing issue and has tested our organisation to the limit and it is not clear when it will ease.

Core Focus

Divis Joint Development Committee focused on 2 main strands of work throughout the year, although this was heavily impacted by covid in terms of type but also numbers involved;

- Programme, activities and services provided directly through the Frank Gillen Centre and through online activity and outreach support (with partners in other facilities, at home or through online contact)
- External contact; development of activity and partnership approaches continued unabated and remained central to the identification and continuity of support for vulnerable people across our community.

Both strands continue to demonstrate the extent of resource that the FGC provided both as a practical resource and as a human resource in the form of development, support and guidance to local and broader organisations to

increase their capacity to deliver better quality programmes to local people and increase access for local people to those services, particularly during another difficult year.

Our Main Aims remained;

- To provide, develop and enhance core programmes and activities by the Frank Gillen Centre and its team of staff and volunteers. Practical projects and activities that met the needs of the local community during a cost of living crisis, which contribute to supporting vulnerable people and sustaining the quality of their lives in a real and meaningful way.
- To liaise, advise and guide local community organizations in the strategic development of core programmes and activities.
- To develop platforms for discussion and co-ordination between local community activists and groups, sharing information, experience and resources (via the Falls Partnership Initiative, Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership and the West Belfast Partnerships Health Group, in which we chair all 3 structures)

Support Aims

DJDC attempted in a difficult and challenging year to adheres to the following 3 support aims:

1. **Facilities, Resources, Investment** – to secure and manage human, physical and financial resources to enable us to achieve our long term aims.
2. **Sustain, and Improve Governance & Organisational Structures** – to ensure effective organisational structures, management and administrative procedures and controls for the efficient operation of Divis Joint Development Committee.
3. **Maintaining and Build Supportive Partnerships** – to maintain support and enhance mutually beneficial relationships with community, statutory, public and private sector organisations as part of collective responses to shared challenges and delivery of local service support.

Core Programmes

Early years and After Schools Programme (reviewed annually)

Children's emotional, social and educational development (via Play Development, 2-year-old programme, Play and Stay and an After Schools project). We delivered a range of in-house support services at the Frank Gillen Centre. Our team also continued a programme of online support with children and parents/ families. This hybrid approach included social, emotional and practical support.

Youth Development Team

At present we operate both an in-house youth programme and an outreach project) covers key elements of personal development and life skills, employment support, skills development and capacity building. Our Youth programme operates on a nightly basis with some weekend activity both on and off-site, other activity. Young people periodically complete structured training and skills building.

Additionally, GCSE study support (Maths and English) continues to be provided for most of the year with a break over the summer and resumption in September on a one-to-one basis, this is a hybrid approach of both face to face and online support, although this is more resource intensive it does work better. The timing of the exams and resits do not neatly fit into a financial year and often the results are spread across 2 financial years.

Family support Services

Again our normal range of services where severely impacted in that for large parts of the year we could not deliver in-house support. However, our team did take up the challenge and converted a range of online services with children and parents/ families. This included social, emotional, and practical support via telephone on a weekly basis, online and in gate visits. Support packs for children and parent/ families where distributed regularly

throughout the year. We continued to work and provide one to one support and liaise with the Greater Falls Family Support Hub.

Education support service

DJDC's continues to be involved in city wide discussions around the issues pertaining to lifelong learning through Belfast Learning City and through the Jobs, Skills and Education Board of the Community Planning Partnership and continue to hold the position of co-chair on the Learning City initiative, alongside a BCC senior manager.

A strong strategic base for the initiative and activity has as previously reported centred on developing Belfast as a Learning City, including a binding charter which can highlight the value of City partners working together and collectively make a greater impact on reducing life inequalities across the city. We have been formally included in the membership of UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities for the past 5 years.

We now have a working network and agreed MOU with Cork, Derry/ Strabane, Limerick and Dublin learning cities who have developed a similar approach and Mayors from all 5 cities across the island renewed this in May 2022.

It remains difficult however to raise interest in formal training and much of what we offer are practical tools to support people rather than an educational attainment process.

Administration and Support Role

We provide additional and free administrative support to DJDC's core projects listed above and to local organisations when required.

We directly support;

- Falls Residents Association
- Immaculata Junior Football Club
- Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership (as lead agency)

We continued to act as an umbrella organisation for the processing of the Access NI applications across the West Belfast geographical area for local community and business organisations.

Partnership Development Role

We continue to play an active role in many local networks, this included cooperation and direct collaboration in delivering many local services including;

- **Clan Mor Surestart**, a programme for 0–4-year-olds and family support.
- The **Heart project** - healthy living centre initiative based in a community health complex, the Maureen Sheehan Centre delivering social prescribing, health education through the Healthwise scheme and direct condition management support in the form of rehab for cancer and stroke patients.
- **Falls Partnership Initiative** [FPI] a local partnership operating throughout the Falls electoral ward area, brought together to promote and develop and implement an area wide growth process. This has been given a renewed sense of purpose during and post covid and a more active involvement by local partners including current Belfast City Council Mayor Councillor Tina Black.
- **Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**: we continue to work at all levels of the Partnership to implement the key issues and priorities outlined in guiding strategic document.
- **Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance**; as part of the sustainability, development and quality assurance of the local Healthy Living Centre we continue to play an active role in this organisation. Focus remains on a planning process to sustain social prescribing programme and support is being negotiated through DfC, Dept of Health and DAERA, this is a region wide initiative but includes our local HLC at the

Maureen Sheehan Centre. A programme continues under the title of **'Strengthening Commonalities'** continues to develop common approaches and programming across a network of what is now 29 HLC's and includes each Trust area across the region.

- We are continuing working with **GP Federations** and the local ICP team to develop a more formal relationship that supports our local community where HLC's are based across the network. This includes being part of discussions on the continuing development of the **multi-disciplinary team** attached to GP practices.

- West Belfast has rolled out this initiative and we have attempted to include this approach in the 'Building Resilience and Embedding Wellbeing' Health framework. Additionally, we have been working to a common approach with both GP Federation and ICP teams around access to services and are currently working through initiatives to do improve this area of work including a health hub app for West Belfast and a Green Spaces map with Belfast Healthy Cities.

- As part of the **Connected Care Hub**. 4 key link workers are employed throughout the city, the West contact is based at the Maureen Sheehan Centre and this connects to the dementia navigators and the BHSCT reablement team as well as a range of community deliverers and service providers. We continue to be involved in conversations with the CCC Hub to develop a stronger organisational relationship between them, GP Federations, the HLC network and the West Belfast Health planning approach.

- DJDC's key worker continues to be involved in city wide discussions around the issues pertaining to **Lifelong Learning** (LLL) and the development of a Belfast a Learning City, this period has focussed on a commissioned piece of research by Baker Tilly Consultancy to improve governance and increase collaborative opportunities under this initiative across the range of partners.

- **West Belfast Partnership Board** on behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership and chairing their health sub-group which is developing a Building Resilience and Embedding Wellbeing population and place-based health framework. This period has seen an increase in focus on this work as we embark on a significant engagement process to test progress in the thinking so far.

Divis Joint Development Committee has had a very challenging year and we remained actively involved in facilitating discussions around collaboration between community and statutory providers at several levels locally, citywide and regionally. This period of course was dominated by responses to the cost-of-living crisis but as our work on the West Belfast Health framework demonstrates also leading the way to recovery and long-term development.

Monitoring and evaluation

Our organisation is subject to both internal and external inspection and review. DJDC has an internal programme of service development and reviews involving all staff, management and volunteers.

Additionally, we are subject to periodic reviews and inspection by a range of statutory organisations including the Education Authority, Department for Communities and the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, this year of course with a particular focus on public health advice and guidance and risk assessments on our revised activity and programmes.

Financial Review

The organisation is a charitable organisation. The Results for the year are set out in detail on pages 11 to 20.

Principal sources of funding and how this has supported the key objectives of the charity are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

A significant proportion of wages and salary costs are currently covered by restricted funding, however in the current and prior year some wages and salary costs had to be paid from unrestricted funds. The Management

Committee acknowledge the current level of free reserves is well below the desired level. The charity continues to seek additional sources of funding and applications for future funding in relation to forthcoming years.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

The Committee are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The financial statements for each financial year give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable organisation and of the incoming resources, including the income and expenditure of the organisation for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the committee are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue to operate.

The Management Committee are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditor

In so far the Management Committee, who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, are aware;

- There is in no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware.
- The Management Committee have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the audit is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Divis Joint Development Committee
I report on the Accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on Pages 9-13.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report
I have examined your charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directors given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.

2. That the Accounts do not accord with those accounting records.

3. That the Accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement
I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

DMW Accountants (2011) Limited
Townsend Enterprise Park
28 Townsend Street
Belfast
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Date: 3rd July 2023

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources			
Grants	2	447,213	475,618
Government Grants Amortised		10,807	10,807
Other incoming resources	3	18,176	9,881
Total incoming resources		476,196	496,306
Resources expended			
Staff costs		309,196	306,921
Pension Contribution		7,815	7,115
Blackie Centre Wages		39,934	39,321
Training and Facilitation Fees		13,200	13,611
Insurance		4,250	3,615
Light and heat		13,459	12,301
Water Rates		1,386	1,354
Equipment		18,740	11,731
Water Machine		501	709
Repairs & Maintenance		8,340	9,267
Printing, postage and stationery		6,159	6,211
Advertising-Family Support		732	1,343
Covid 19 Response		-	14,846
Volunteer Expenses		650	-
Supplies		2,668	2,776
Telephone		3,979	4,015
Travel Cost		5,105	6,360
Trips and Activities		13,900	46,943
Accountancy fees		1,440	1,440
Bank Interest and charges		283	267
Depreciation		10,484	10,496
Donations		3,187	500
Access NI Police Checks		1,452	1,613
FYP		1,450	-
General expenses		-	67
Total resources expended		(468,310)	(502,822)
Net movement in funds		7,886	(6,516)
Total funds brought forward		31,011	37,527
Total funds carried forward		38,897	31,011

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		112,315		122,799
Current assets					
Debtors		9,360		11,990	
Cash at bank and in hand		29,351		21,920	
		38,711		33,910	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,440)		(4,202)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			37,271		29,708
Total assets less current liabilities			149,586		152,507
Accruals and deferred income			(110,689)		(121,496)
Net assets/(liabilities)			38,897		31,011
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			38,897		31,011
			38,897		31,011

The trustees' statements required by Article 257B(4) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and follow the recommendations in 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' issued in October 2000.
The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2. Incoming Resources

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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:

Land and buildings	-	Straight line over 30 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	25% Reducing Balance

2. Grant Income

	2023	2022
	£	£
BELB/Education Authority	76,358	102,284
BCC	24,693	22,219
Surestart	105,466	101,640
Belfast Trust	46,810	48,333
WBPB- LIAG Project	1,000	-
Falls Partnership	15,000	16,300
DFC	160,857	140,916
Blackie Centre Training	17,029	25,579
UACF	-	18,347
	447,213	475,618

4. Other incoming resources

	2023 £	2022 £
Creche	815	897
After Schools	3,596	2,174
Summer Scheme	796	981
Fundraising	1,585	1,757
Access NI Group	1,978	2,150
Falls Youth Project	750	-
Entrance Fees	717	-
FRA	6,320	-
Arts Council	-	338
2-3 Programme	1,619	1,584
Heart		
Radius Housing		
CCF		
	18,176	9,881

5. Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year were:	2023 Number	2022 Number
	20	20

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	309,196	306,921
Pension Contribution	7,815	7,115

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	423,994	31,395	455,389
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	423,994	31,395	455,389
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	301,338	31,252	332,590
Charge for the year	10,448	36	10,484
At 31 March 2023	311,786	31,288	343,074
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	112,208	107	112,315
At 31 March 2022	122,656	143	122,799

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440
Accruals	-	2,762
	1,440	4,202