

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees, who are also directors of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

Structure, governance and management

Monica Coyle	Chairperson
Nicholas Cassidy	Secretary
Colin Kerrigan	Treasurer
Pauline McSorley	

Committee Members

Kate McMackin
Eithne McAnespy
Cllr Alan Rainey

The trustees meet on a monthly basis to receive a report on the charity's operational and financial activities.

Objectives and activities

Volunteering is the commitment of time and energy, freely given, without financial gain, using individual's skills for the benefit of the local community. Omagh Volunteer Centre works to promote, support and develop volunteering across Omagh.

Our activities include registering volunteers and matching them to volunteering roles, promoting and developing opportunities, supporting community/voluntary organisations in all aspect of volunteering practice, volunteer recognition and sourcing/delivering training.

Omagh Volunteer Centre (OVC) is an umbrella body for Access NI and processing standard and enhanced disclosure checks for registered community/voluntary and private organisations.

The Centre delivers a befriending project for older people, supported by a team of trained volunteers from across Omagh, Fermanagh and Strabane with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund

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Achievements and performance

During the 24/25 year, OVC continued to provide a responsive service to develop and support volunteering across the Omagh area using a diverse range of methods including talks, promotional stands, face to face meetings, and social media.

Promotion of volunteering and our services continued with marketing and social media campaigns, promotional videos, events, and quarterly newsletters. We continue to promote and develop volunteering, representing the Centre on the community and voluntary sector Forum for Community planning, Neighbourhood Renewal partnerships, FODC inter-agency forum, on the Management Committees of registered community groups. The Centre registered 231 new volunteers and hosted a recognition event for 80 volunteers to celebrate Volunteers Week (June 2024). The EPIC recognition awards was delivered to 92 volunteers during the period. A total 194 Volunteers were matched to a diverse range of volunteer opportunities.

Four "Turn up and Try" volunteering events and eight employer supported volunteering events were organised with ongoing tailored support with good practice, training information and guidance delivered to 190 registered organisations. 306 Access NI disclosure checks were processed.

Year 3 of the partnership befriending project "Beyond the Call" provided telephone, home, peer and "buddy" befriending activities across Omagh, Fermanagh and Strabane, for 300 older people, supported by a team of 60 trained volunteers.

The Centre continues to receive core funding from the Department for Communities (DfC) for the delivery of the Volunteering Infrastructure Support Programme (VISP) as well as the National Lottery Community Fund for the Beyond the call project.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future periods Future plans for the Charity include:

- * Increasing the number and diversity of people who register to volunteer.
- * Targeting groups that are under-represented in volunteering, including ethnic minority and refugee community, people with a disability and other health conditions and ongoing partnerships working with specialist services.
- * Promotion of the EPIC volunteer recognition awards and the Volunteer Friendly programmes. * Explore funding opportunities to deliver a range of training courses for registered groups, including Safeguarding, First Aid and Disability Awareness.
- * Exploring new ways to raise the profile and uptake of volunteering across the area.
- * Continued engagement and collaboration with the Independent Volunteer Centres (Volunteer Centres NI).
- * Working in collaboration with Volunteer Centre partners and DfC on the Refresh of Infrastructure Support Programme.
- * Continue with the delivery of the final year of the Beyond the Call Project, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, with ongoing exploration of mainstream funding for a reduced service.
- * Build new and existing partnerships and relationships with statutory and voluntary/community groups in our local area including WHSCT, Fermanagh Omagh District Council, NIFRS etc., engaging at every level for the development and promotion of volunteering good practice throughout the area.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) 'of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance)

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions for small companies under Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Nicholas Cassidy

Secretary

24th November 2025

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