

# Shankill Womens Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102384

## Details

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Known as	SWC
Status	Received
Registered	2016-03-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Company is established for the relief of suffering and distress, the advancement of education and the protection of health; and in particular the provide in the Lower Shankill area of Belfast ("the area of benefit") facilities in the interests of social welfare for the education, recreation and leisure time occupation of women who by reason of social economic circumstances have need of such facilities.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Community enterprise, Counselling/support, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, Gender, General charitable purposes, Medical/health/sickness, Playgroup/after schools, Relief of poverty, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Mental health, Older people, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,295,038	£1,088,228	£-15,971	28

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Kitchingham		
Carol Lawley		
Kelly Gilliland		
Laura Bell		
Mrs Pamela McNulty		
Naomi Spratt		
Nicola McCullough		
Roxanne Manning		

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI028769 (Northern Ireland)**  
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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**  
**for**  
**Shankill Womens Centre**

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Organisational Background**

##### **Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:**

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond"

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust.

This year (2024) seen a major event in the Centre's history. Following 15 years of hard work the Centre moved into its new state of the art building -

##### **Shankill Shared Women's Centre.**

This is a new era for the Centre and it will enable it to extend its work throughout all the projects and attract new women on a cross community basis.

This shared Women's Centre ensure the safety of women who come together from cultural and religious backgrounds for sustained periods of time within a neutral space.

This meaningful, purposeful contact will lead to a more cohesive community, enabling women to be the peace builders within their communities. It will also help heal generational trauma from the conflict, fostering hope and positive change

##### **The Shankill Women's Centre work consists of:**

**The Health and Wellbeing Project** - takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye co-ordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided are:

##### **Emotional and Mental Health**

- Positive Vibes
- Women's Emotional Health
- Kintsugi Hope
- Personal Development
- Mental Health Resilience
- Arts and Crafts
- Rochet and chat
- Knitting and Natter

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#### **Physical**

Bootcamp  
Zumba  
Chair based Activity  
Aqua Aerobics

#### **Social Well-being and Recreational**

Stitching Sisters  
Art Group  
Allotment

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

#### **Childcare Unit**

The child-care facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high-quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified, and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff.

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S. Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm.

The staff have completed a number of courses - child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

#### **High Scope Ongoing**

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem-solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

#### **Media Initiative**

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week whether with the puppets or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

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#### **Project Objectives**

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

- (a) To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- (b) To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- (c) To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
- (d) To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children NI Order 1998).
- (e) To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- (f) To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- (g) To implement the High Scope Programme.
- (h) To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.
- (i) To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.
- (j) To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment.

#### **Welcome Space/ Drop-in Area**

The Shankill women's Centre provides a welcome space/ drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion or culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a "warm space" that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

#### **Shared Education**

##### **Connect for Women Project**

This comprises of a three-partner project: -

Women's Tec  
Glow Womens Group  
Shankill Womens Centre

It delivers throughout North and West Belfast and is focused on skills, employability, education and confidence building.

The project engages women in a journey of personal development, training in essential skills, trade skills and confidence building.

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This is a five-year funded project. The longevity is productive as we can engage and progress participants from a basic level to GCSE and Counselling L2 then further progression unto L3.

Movement between the 3 organisations is promoted and encouraged, enabling the participant to gain an all-round wrap around service and benefiting from everything the project has to offer.

#### **Women Breaking Barriers Project**

Delivered by a collation of Women's Centres and led by Women's Resource and Development Agency.

This project offers an introduction to education and training in employment, including self-employment. It helps participants gain qualifications, develop and improve skills, achieve Maths/ English qualifications and provides courses which will improve participants personal circumstances and offer a better opportunity to gain employment.

Courses provided: -

- Increased basic skills (English, Maths, Digital and ESOL)
- Personal development - Goal Setting
- Cultural awareness/ "Women's journey through the years"
- Emotional wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with Disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Menopause information sessions
- Cost of living workshops
- Sexual violence and abuse awareness training
- Personal development/ Resilience Training

#### **North Belfast Good Relations Programme**

This programme focuses on Good Relations and Personal development which will progress the individual, the family and the wider community towards an all-inclusive society.

The project offers:-

- Personal Development - Goal setting
- Cultural Awareness/ "Women's Journey through the years"
- Emotional Wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Sign Language Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign Language Level 1 and Level 2
- History Group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

The project also offers Classroom Assistant L3. For many students this course helps build social capacity and many students give their time back to their local communities.

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Participants enrolled in the Classroom Assistant L3 course must have a placement in a school environment. On completion of the course 85% of the participants are offered a full-time job by the placement provider.

The centre also offers support and mentoring to help students through the process of transition into studying at a higher level.

#### **Volunteer Programme**

Volunteers are engaged on a weekly basis with check in phone calls or texts and are invited in on a monthly basis to meet with each other and catch up on the work they've been doing. Eight new volunteers have been recruited since moving to the new building, two more on site counsellors, one reflexologist and one facilitator, the others have signed up for befriending when needed.

Two volunteers are currently taking part in a leadership OCN with Tides training to expand their skill set.

Two volunteers and two staff who are walk leader are trained and are leading walks through various locations.

Volunteers meet every Tuesday afternoon to check in and share information and to organise different awareness sessions such as, menopause, domestic violence, coercive control and autism awareness.

The volunteer advice worker continues to come into the Centre when needed.

The volunteers finished a 'cook it' programme and they will continue be able come in and prepare hot nutritious meals throughout the winter for service users.

#### **Change Makers Project**

Change makers is a project to support women who live in either North or West Belfast to increase their understanding and awareness on Community Development and Politics. Funded through Department of Foreign Affairs as one of their strategic partners and delivered over several elements as follows: -

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditation in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be a conversation with elected representative (meet your MLA), welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Four site visits to political institutions - Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dail/ Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.
- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.
- 4 x week short programme is offered and explores current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

Outcomes which were met:

**Empowerment** - Our women have gained knowledge about political processes and systems empowers women to assert their rights, advocate for themselves and their communities and become more confident in expressing their opinions.

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**Informed Decision-Making** - Understanding political issues enables women to make informed choices in elections and civic engagement, helping them evaluate candidates and policies critically and align their actions with their values.

**Skill Development** - Engaging with politics helps women develop valuable skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, negotiation and advocacy. These skills are transferable to various aspects of life, including careers and community involvement.

**Increased Civic Engagement** - Knowledge of political systems encourages women to participate actively in their communities, whether through voting, attending community meetings or joining advocacy groups, leading to a greater sense of belonging and agency.

#### **The Greater North Belfast Network Project**

Brings women together across Belfast. By connecting these local groups we create a space whereby issues can be raised and solutions offered. We offer training and support, and we amplify women's voices to ensure they're heard by decision-makers, helping communities shape a brighter future together.

#### **Empowering Young Women**

Empowering Young Women puts young women at the heart of their growth. Through a needs-led approach, they co-design their journey with accredited and non-accredited training, one-to-one support, and fun activities that spark confidence and self-belief, unlocking their full potential.

### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

#### **Financial Review**

Currently SWC is in a unique position having secured funding from various government departments and depending on the fulfilment of target outcomes, could be in the position to secure further funding. This is due to sound financial management, forward thinking and strategic planning.

#### **Principal Funding Sources**

DfC - Core Staff & Health Project  
DfC/ (WCCF) - Childcare Project  
DfC/ Developing Women (Fresh Start)  
DFA - Network Co-ordinator  
BCC - Revenue  
TEO - North Belfast Strategic Good Relations  
Lottery/ Prosperity Fund/ CRC - Shared Community Education  
Pathways Fund - Childcare Project  
The National Lottery - Empowering Young Women  
SEUPB - New Build Shared Women's Centre/ Programme Money  
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Reconciliation Fund (CM)

#### **Financial Position**

The company had net incoming resources for the year of £206,810 (2024: net outgoing resources of £32,530), which reflected the increase in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £92,959, while restricted funds increased by £113,851.

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

Shankill Women's Centre delivers a range of programmes and services and has been successful in obtaining funding from a variety of sources. All of these grants, however, are in the form of restricted funds. Non-restricted income amounts to less than two per cent of total income.

The Directors have reviewed the charity's need for reserves and consider that these are necessary:

##### **(a) to protect the charity against:-**

Late payment of grants by funders;

Non-renewal of existing grants and so ensuring continuity of services while alternative sources of funding are sorted or to allow a smooth and gradual wind-down of one or more services; or

##### **(b) in circumstances where there is a proportionately high number of redundancies:-**

The equivalent of four months annual revenue costs is considered by the Directors to be a reasonable target.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

This figure is based on the number of staff

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Board of Trustees, which can have between 6 and 8 members, administer the charity. The Board meets six times each year. It sets strategic direction for the organisation, which is implemented by the employed staff, through an annual operational plan.

The CEO, Betty Carlisle, the Finance Officer, and the Directors of Services are responsible for the day to day running of the organisation and have devolved authority to take decisions between Board meetings.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New Trustees are provided with full information to brief them on their legal obligations under the charity and company law. Three new trustees were appointed during the year, using the flexibility provided by the Articles of Association

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Related parties**

##### **WCRP**

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

##### **TWN**

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

##### **GSPB**

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acted as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

##### **WSN**

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** - Is a grouping which meet monthly and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO) - This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast. The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Report of the Trustees**  
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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT - continued**

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 29 September 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Nicola McCullough - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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.

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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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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We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye co-ordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:

##### **Emotional and Mental Health**

Positive Vibes	12 Participants
Women's Emotional Health	18 Participants
Kintsugi Hope	11 Participants
Mental Health Resilience	15 Participants

##### **Physical**

Bootcamp	21 Participants
Zumba	13 Participants
Chairbased Activity	28 Participants
Aqua Aerobics	22 Participants

##### **Social Well-Being and Recreational**

Stitching Sisters	35 Participants
Glasshouse Art Group	9 Participants
Ceramics	15 Participants
Allotment	9 Participants

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

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#### **Childcare Unit**

The child-care facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high-quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified, and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff.

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S. Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm.

The staff have completed a number of courses - child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

#### **High Scope Ongoing**

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem-solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

#### **Media Initiative Ongoing**

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week whether with the puppets or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

#### **Project Objectives**

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

- (a) To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- (b) To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- (c) To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
- (d) To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children NI Order 1998).
- (e) To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- (f) To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- (g) To implement the High Scope Programme.
- (h) To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.

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(i) To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.

(j) To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment.

#### **Welcome Space/ Drop-in Area**

The Shankill women's Centre provides a welcome space/ drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion or culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a "warm space" that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

#### **Shared Education**

##### **Big Lottery - Connect for Women Project (C4W)**

This comprises of a three-partner project: -

Women's Tec  
Glow  
SWC

It delivers throughout North and West Belfast and is focused on skills, employability, education and confidence building.

The project engages women in a journey of personal development, training in essential skills, trade skills and confidence building.

This is a five-year funded project. The longevity is productive as we can engage and progress participants from a basic level to GCSE and Counselling L2 then further progression unto L3.

Movement between the 3 organisations is promoted and encouraged, enabling the participant to gain an all-round wrap around service and benefiting from everything the project has to offer.

##### **Women Breaking Barriers Project**

Delivered by a collation of Women's Centres and led by WRDA.

This project offers an introduction to education and training in employment, including self-employment. It helps participants gain qualifications, develop and improve skills, achieve Maths/ English qualifications and provides courses which will improve participants personal circumstances and offer a better opportunity to gain employment.

Courses provided: -

- Increased basic skills (English, Maths, Digital and ESOL)
- Personal development - Goal Setting

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- Cultural awareness/ "Women's journey through the years"
- Emotional wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with Disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Menopause information sessions
- Cost of living workshops
- Sexual violence and abuse awareness training
- Personal development/ Resilience Training

### **TEO North Belfast Good Relations Programme**

This programme focuses on Good Relations and Personal development which will progress the individual, the family and the wider community towards an all-inclusive society.

The project offers:-

- Personal Development - Goal setting
- Cultural Awareness/ "Women's Journey through the years"
- Emotional Wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Sign Language Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign Language Level 1 and Level 2
- History Group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

The project also offers Classroom Assistant L3. For many students this course helps build social capacity and many students give their time back to their local communities.

Participants enrolled in the Classroom Assistant L3 course must have a placement in a school environment. On completion of the course 85% of the participants are offered a full-time job by the placement provider.

The centre also offers support and mentoring to help students through the process of transition into studying at a higher level.

### **Volunteer Project Report (September 2024)**

The Volunteer Project is currently working with over 20 volunteers with 15 fully engaged in all aspects of the programme.

Volunteers are engaged on a weekly basis with check in phone calls or texts and are invited in on a monthly basis to meet with each other and catch up on the work they've been doing. Eight new volunteers have been recruited since moving to the new building, two more on site counsellors, one reflexologist and one facilitator, the others have signed up for befriending when needed.

Belfast Royal Academy school have been in contact about a few of their students also coming on a Wednesday afternoon to volunteer and learn about the work we do.

Four volunteers are currently taking part in a leadership OCN with Tides training to expand their skill set.

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Two volunteers and two staff who are walk leader trained are meeting at the end of September to discuss and risk assessment for sunrise walks in various locations.

Seven volunteers free meeting every Tuesday afternoon to brainstorm and organise different awareness sessions such as, menopause, domestic violence, coercive control and autism awareness.

The volunteer advice worker has gone back into the workplace and can no longer give a set day to come in but is happy to ring people and help with forms etc when she can.

Four volunteers are ready to start a 'cook it' programme in the hope that they will be able to come in and prepare hot nutritious meals throughout the winter for service users.

Two volunteers are looking at the set up of indoor boules in the evening as this has been requested by members of the community.

### **Change Makers Project**

Change makers is a project to support women who live in either North or West Belfast to increase their understanding and awareness on Community Development and Politics. Funded through Department of Foreign Affairs as one of their strategic partners and delivered over several elements as follows: -

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditation in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be a conversation with elected representative (meet your MLA), welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Four site visits to political institutions - Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dail/ Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.
- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.
- 4 x week short programme is offered and explores current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

This year has seen 289 participate in one or more elements of the programme with the following outcomes met:-

**Empowerment** - Our women have gained knowledge about political processes and systems empowers women to assert their rights, advocate for themselves and their communities and become more confident in expressing their opinions.

**Informed Decision-Making** - Understanding political issues enables women to make informed choices in elections and civic engagement, helping them evaluate candidates and policies critically and align their actions with their values.

**Skill Development** - Engaging with politics helps women develop valuable skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, negotiation and advocacy. These skills are transferable to various aspects of life, including careers and community involvement.

**Increased Civic Engagement** - Knowledge of political systems encourages women to participate actively in their communities, whether through voting, attending community meetings or joining advocacy groups, leading to a greater sense of belonging and agency.

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**Awareness of Rights** - Political education raises awareness about women's rights, social justice issues and existing policies affecting their lives. This knowledge is crucial for challenging inequalities and advocating for policy changes.

**Enhanced Problem - Solving Abilities** - Understanding political dynamics helps women analyse social issues and think critically about potential solutions, empowering them to address challenges within their communities effectively.

**Contribution to Society** - By learning about politics, women can contribute to their communities and society at large, advocating for issues they are passionate about and driving positive change.

**Inspiration and Role Modelling** - Women who engage with politics can inspire others in their networks, encouraging more women to pursue political knowledge and leadership which can create a ripple effect in society.

**Personal Growth** - Engaging with complex political concepts can lead to personal growth broadening perspectives and fostering a deeper understanding of the world which can enhance overall life satisfaction.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial Review**

Currently SWC is in a unique position having secured funding from various government departments and are depending on the fulfilment of target outcomes we could be in the position to secure further funding. This is due to sound financial management, forward thinking and strategic planning.

### Principal Funding Sources

DfC - Core Staff & Health Project  
DfC/ (WCCF) - Childcare Project  
DfC/ Developing Women (Fresh Start)  
DFA - Network Co-ordinator  
BCC - Revenue  
TEO - North Belfast Strategic Good Relations  
Lottery/ Prosperity Fund/ CRC - Shared Community Education  
Pathways Fund - Childcare Project  
The National Lottery - Empowering Young Women  
SEUPB - New Build Shared Women's Centre/ Programme Money  
DFA - Shared Education/ Change Makers Project

### **Financial Position**

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £32,530 (2023: net incoming resources of £20,063), which reflected the decrease in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £25,229, while restricted funds decreased by £57,759.

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#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

Shankill Women's Centre delivers a range of programmes and services and has been successful in obtaining funding from a variety of sources. All of these grants, however, are in the form of restricted funds. Non-restricted income amounts to less than two per cent of total income.

The Directors have reviewed the charity's need for reserves and consider that these are necessary:

##### **(a) to protect the charity against:-**

Late payment of grants by funders;

Non-renewal of existing grants and so ensuring continuity of services while alternative sources of funding are sorted or to allow a smooth and gradual wind-down of one or more services; or

##### **(b) in circumstances where there is a proportionately high number of redundancies:-**

The equivalent of four months annual revenue costs is considered by the Directors to be a reasonable target.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

This figure is based on the number of staff

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Board of Trustees, which can have between 6 and 8 members, administer the charity. The Board meets six times each year. It sets strategic direction for the organisation, which is implemented by the employed staff, through an annual operational plan.

The CEO, Betty Carlisle, the Finance Officer, and the Directors of Services are responsible for the day to day running of the organisation and have devolved authority to take decisions between Board meetings.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New Trustees are provided with full information to brief them on their legal obligations under the charity and company law. Three new trustees were appointed during the year, using the flexibility provided by the Articles of Association

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Related parties**

##### **WCRP**

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

##### **TWN**

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

##### **GSPB**

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acted as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

##### **WSN**

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** - Is a grouping which meet monthly and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO) - This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast. The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

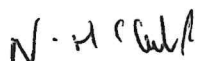
In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 15 November 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Nicola McCullough - Trustee

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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.

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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; 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 charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

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Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charge with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

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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15 November 2024

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Grants Receivable		-	858,578	858,578	766,098
Other trading activities	2	129,810	-	129,810	130,921
<b>Total</b>		<u>129,810</u>	<u>858,578</u>	<u>988,388</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Direct Charitable Expenses		98,185	916,433	1,014,618	870,956
Governance		6,300	-	6,300	6,000
<b>Total</b>		<u>104,485</u>	<u>916,433</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		25,325	(57,855)	(32,530)	20,063
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	14	(96)	96	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>25,229</u>	<u>(57,759)</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>20,063</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		80,687	156,410	237,097	217,034
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>105,916</u></u>	<u><u>98,651</u></u>	<u><u>204,567</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	99,453	14,077
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	75,209	112,375
Cash at bank and in hand		44,184	119,330
		<u>119,393</u>	<u>231,705</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,279)	(8,685)
		<u>105,114</u>	<u>223,020</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		204,567	237,097
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		105,916	80,687
Restricted funds		98,651	156,410
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Nicola McCullough - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	15,454	120,492
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>119,330</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>44,184</u></u>	<u><u>119,330</u></u>

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(32,530)	20,063
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,224	4,930
Decrease in debtors	37,166	64,262
Increase in creditors	5,594	31,237
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	119,330	(75,146)	44,184
	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Shankill Womens Centre is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI028769). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **(c) Income recognition**

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from earned income includes income earned from fundraising events and earned income activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred.

##### **(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. 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. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Land & Buildings	10% Straight Line
Leasehold Improvements	10% Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any earned income activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

##### **(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

##### **(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
	<u>129,810</u>	<u>130,921</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Grants Receivable	858,578	766,098

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Lottery - Revenue	-	158,900
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	560
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	500
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	742
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	10,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	750
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	5,500
DfC Education and Training	226,731	233,050
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	-	10,000
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	54,291
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	90,000
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	24,832
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	105,063	77,291
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	28,219	41,010
SEUPB/ Peace IV	-	95
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	30,000
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	28,577
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	-
Department of Health	600	-
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>766,098</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,009,918	4,700	1,014,618
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>1,009,918</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	4,700	-	4,700
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>4,700</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>11,000</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	5,224	4,930
Hire of plant and machinery	325	565
Other operating leases	<u>3,430</u>	<u>2,180</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	660,452	553,290
Social security costs	48,634	51,358
Other pension costs	6,967	10,016
	<u>716,053</u>	<u>614,664</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management and Administration	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Funding and Development Manager and Finance Manager during the year totalled £164,770.

#### 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	766,098	766,098
Other trading activities	96,950	33,971	130,921
<b>Total</b>	<u>96,950</u>	<u>800,069</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	174,072	696,884	870,956
Governance	6,000	-	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<u>180,072</u>	<u>696,884</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(83,122)	103,185	20,063
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	163,809	53,225	217,034

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>80,687</b>	<b>156,410</b>	<b>237,097</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Leasehold Improvements £	Plant and Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	304,785	914,962
Additions	90,000	-	600	90,600
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	521,683	178,494	305,385	1,005,562
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	290,708	900,885
Charge for year	-	-	5,224	5,224
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	431,683	178,494	295,932	906,109
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	90,000	-	9,453	99,453
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	-	-	14,077	14,077
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,211	4,234
DfC	17,896	33,723
Womens Tec	8,382	8,784
Belfast City Council	130	-
NI Community Relations	-	12,416
WRDA	4,426	-
Other Debtors	-	11,384
Small Wonders	38,497	38,497
Prepayments and accrued income	3,667	3,337
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>75,209</b>	<b>112,375</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	6,425	3,885
Accruals and deferred income	7,854	4,800
	<u>14,279</u>	<u>8,685</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Fixed assets	871	98,582	99,453	14,077
Current assets	119,324	69	119,393	231,705
Current liabilities	(14,279)	-	(14,279)	(8,685)
	<u>105,916</u>	<u>98,651</u>	<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	80,687	25,325	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	1,371	(1,371)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	47,356	(39,254)	-	8,102
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	(500)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	(8)	8	-	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	105	(105)	-	-
DfC Education and Training	23,018	(23,018)	-	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	(96)	-	96	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	560	(560)	-	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	65,868	(65,868)	-	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	310	(241)	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>156,410</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	129,810	(104,485)	25,325
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(1,371)	(1,371)
Lottery - Revenue	-	(39,254)	(39,254)
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	(13,000)	(13,000)
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	(140)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	(13,500)	(500)
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	(6,130)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	(1,073)	8
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	(105)	(105)
DfC Education and Training	226,731	(249,749)	(23,018)
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	(50,511)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	(81,000)	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	(560)	(560)
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	28,754	(94,622)	(65,868)
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding			
Shared Comm Educ	28,219	(28,219)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	(29,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	(28,092)	(241)
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>(916,433)</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>988,388</u></u>	<u><u>(1,020,918)</u></u>	<u><u>(32,530)</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	163,809	(83,122)	80,687
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	-	4,426
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(2,500)	1,371
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	2,428	47,356
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	13,000	13,000
Belfast Council - Revenue	-	500	500
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	-	(8)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	105	105
DfC Education and Training	-	23,018	23,018
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB			
Womens Network	-	560	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	-	65,868	65,868
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	310	310
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>103,185</u>	<u>156,410</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>217,034</u></u>	<u><u>20,063</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	96,950	(180,072)	(83,122)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(156,472)	2,428
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	-	13,000
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	560	(560)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	-	500
Belfast Council - Other	742	(742)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	10,000	(10,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	750	(758)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,395)	105
DfC Education and Training	254,021	(231,003)	23,018
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	54,291	(54,291)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	90,000	(90,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,272)	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	77,291	(11,423)	65,868
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	41,010	(41,010)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	28,577	(28,267)	310
	<u>800,069</u>	<u>(696,884)</u>	<u>103,185</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>897,019</u>	<u>(876,956)</u>	<u>20,063</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	163,809	(57,797)	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(3,871)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	(36,826)	-	8,102
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	96	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	69	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>217,034</u>	<u>(12,467)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	226,760	(284,557)	(57,797)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(3,871)	(3,871)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(195,726)	(36,826)
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	700	(700)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,500	(13,500)	-
Belfast Council - Other	6,872	(6,872)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	100,000	(10,000)	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,831	(1,831)	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,500)	-
DfC Education and Training	480,752	(480,752)	-
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	104,802	(104,802)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	171,000	(171,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,832)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	106,045	(106,045)	-
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding			
Shared Comm Educ	69,229	(69,229)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	59,085	(59,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	56,428	(56,359)	69
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>1,658,647</u>	<u>(1,613,317)</u>	<u>45,330</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,885,407</u></u>	<u><u>(1,897,874)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,467)</u></u>

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

#### **16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:-

During the year Shankill Women's Centre entered into transactions with Small Wonders Childcare, a related party. At the Balance Sheet date, the amount owed by Small Wonders Childcare to Shankill Women's Centre was £38,497. (2023 - Small Wonders Childcare owed £38,497)

#### **17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

#### **18. COMPANY CHARGE**

A Company Charge was created on 10 April 2002 between The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast The charge consisted of lands and premises comprised in an Indenture of Lease dated 3 December 1998 between North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust and Shankill Womens Centre.

A Company Charge was created on 1 September 2008 between Belfast Local Strategy Partnership and Shankill Womens Centre. The charge consisted of all monies mortgage deed of land and premises known as 151-157 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13 1FD.

#### **19. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

#### **20. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
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	129,810	130,921
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	858,578	766,098
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	988,388	897,019
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	660,452	553,290
Social security	48,634	51,358
Pensions	6,967	10,016
Staff Training	325	565
Staff Travel/ Expenses	3,430	2,180
Insurance	5,170	4,967
Light and heat	22,413	7,888
Telephone	8,942	6,497
Postage and stationery	7,379	7,416
Advertising	-	360
Sundries	1,672	7,257
Administration Costs	10,635	11,044
Catering Costs	8,370	7,000
Childcare/ Creche Consumables	11,087	682
Cleaning	5,502	5,016
Creche Equipment	270	1,602
Facilitation Fees	4,350	12,745
Individual Celebrations	795	993
Hospitality	2,726	306
Management Fees	4,495	4,705
Membership Fees	1,412	606
External Services	11,036	13,000
Repairs and Maintenance	4,306	3,310
Small Equipment	1,324	1,792
Photocopier & Consumables	6,503	5,335
Carried forward	838,195	719,930

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	838,195	719,930
Computer Maintenance	4,858	5,226
Programme Activities	6,613	1,870
Programme Costs	58,297	54,835
Residential Costs	6,000	5,780
Room Hire and Refreshments	320	2,600
Transport Costs	-	160
Women's Forum Programme	29,958	26,370
Health Programme	32,436	37,770
Other Direct Programme Costs	26,876	7,992
Bad Debts	1,141	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,224	4,930
	<u>1,009,918</u>	<u>867,463</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	4,700	3,493
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,020,918</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>20,063</u>

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102384

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# Annual report

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI028769 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC102384

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**  
**for**  
**Shankill Womens Centre**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
1st Floor  
34 B-D Main Street  
Moira  
Co. Armagh  
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**Shankill Womens Centre**

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Laura Bell Veronica Brown Deborah Cowan (appointed 5/3/2024) Amanda Kitchingham Carol Lawley Nicola McCullough Margaret Smith (resigned 24/9/2024) Naomi Thompson Pamela McNulty (appointed 9/10/2024) Kathleen Gilliland (appointed 9/10/2024)
<b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b>	Nicola McCullough
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	Shankill Shared Womens Centre 3 Mayo Link Belfast Co. Antrim BT13 3BD
<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	NI028769 (Northern Ireland)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	NIC102384
<b>AUDITORS</b>	Lynn Drake & Co Ltd Statutory Auditors 1st Floor 34 B-D Main Street Moira Co. Armagh BT67 0LE
<b>SOLICITORS</b>	Thompson Crooks Solicitors 325 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 1FX
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b>	B Carlisle

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Organisational Background**

##### **Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:**

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond"

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust.

The Shankill Women's Centre currently runs:

The Health & Well-Being Project takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye co-ordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:

##### **Emotional and Mental Health**

Positive Vibes	12 Participants
Women's Emotional Health	18 Participants
Kintsugi Hope	11 Participants
Mental Health Resilience	15 Participants

##### **Physical**

Bootcamp	21 Participants
Zumba	13 Participants
Chairbased Activity	28 Participants
Aqua Aerobics	22 Participants

##### **Social Well-Being and Recreational**

Stitching Sisters	35 Participants
Glasshouse Art Group	9 Participants
Ceramics	15 Participants
Allotment	9 Participants

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **Childcare Unit**

The child-care facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high-quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified, and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff.

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S. Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm.

The staff have completed a number of courses - child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

#### **High Scope Ongoing**

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem-solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

#### **Media Initiative Ongoing**

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week whether with the puppets or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

#### **Project Objectives**

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

- (a) To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- (b) To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- (c) To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
- (d) To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children NI Order 1998).
- (e) To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- (f) To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- (g) To implement the High Scope Programme.
- (h) To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

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(i) To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.

(j) To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment.

#### **Welcome Space/ Drop-in Area**

The Shankill women's Centre provides a welcome space/ drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion or culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a "warm space" that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

#### **Shared Education**

##### **Big Lottery - Connect for Women Project (C4W)**

This comprises of a three-partner project: -

Women's Tec  
Glow  
SWC

It delivers throughout North and West Belfast and is focused on skills, employability, education and confidence building.

The project engages women in a journey of personal development, training in essential skills, trade skills and confidence building.

This is a five-year funded project. The longevity is productive as we can engage and progress participants from a basic level to GCSE and Counselling L2 then further progression unto L3.

Movement between the 3 organisations is promoted and encouraged, enabling the participant to gain an all-round wrap around service and benefiting from everything the project has to offer.

##### **Women Breaking Barriers Project**

Delivered by a collation of Women's Centres and led by WRDA.

This project offers an introduction to education and training in employment, including self-employment. It helps participants gain qualifications, develop and improve skills, achieve Maths/ English qualifications and provides courses which will improve participants personal circumstances and offer a better opportunity to gain employment.

Courses provided: -

- Increased basic skills (English, Maths, Digital and ESOL)
- Personal development - Goal Setting

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

- Cultural awareness/ "Women's journey through the years"
- Emotional wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with Disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Menopause information sessions
- Cost of living workshops
- Sexual violence and abuse awareness training
- Personal development/ Resilience Training

### **TEO North Belfast Good Relations Programme**

This programme focuses on Good Relations and Personal development which will progress the individual, the family and the wider community towards an all-inclusive society.

The project offers:-

- Personal Development - Goal setting
- Cultural Awareness/ "Women's Journey through the years"
- Emotional Wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Sign Language Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign Language Level 1 and Level 2
- History Group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

The project also offers Classroom Assistant L3. For many students this course helps build social capacity and many students give their time back to their local communities.

Participants enrolled in the Classroom Assistant L3 course must have a placement in a school environment. On completion of the course 85% of the participants are offered a full-time job by the placement provider.

The centre also offers support and mentoring to help students through the process of transition into studying at a higher level.

### **Volunteer Project Report (September 2024)**

The Volunteer Project is currently working with over 20 volunteers with 15 fully engaged in all aspects of the programme.

Volunteers are engaged on a weekly basis with check in phone calls or texts and are invited in on a monthly basis to meet with each other and catch up on the work they've been doing. Eight new volunteers have been recruited since moving to the new building, two more on site counsellors, one reflexologist and one facilitator, the others have signed up for befriending when needed.

Belfast Royal Academy school have been in contact about a few of their students also coming on a Wednesday afternoon to volunteer and learn about the work we do.

Four volunteers are currently taking part in a leadership OCN with Tides training to expand their skill set.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Two volunteers and two staff who are walk leader trained are meeting at the end of September to discuss and risk assessment for sunrise walks in various locations.

Seven volunteers free meeting every Tuesday afternoon to brainstorm and organise different awareness sessions such as, menopause, domestic violence, coercive control and autism awareness.

The volunteer advice worker has gone back into the workplace and can no longer give a set day to come in but is happy to ring people and help with forms etc when she can.

Four volunteers are ready to start a 'cook it' programme in the hope that they will be able to come in and prepare hot nutritious meals throughout the winter for service users.

Two volunteers are looking at the set up of indoor boules in the evening as this has been requested by members of the community.

### **Change Makers Project**

Change makers is a project to support women who live in either North or West Belfast to increase their understanding and awareness on Community Development and Politics. Funded through Department of Foreign Affairs as one of their strategic partners and delivered over several elements as follows: -

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditation in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be a conversation with elected representative (meet your MLA), welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Four site visits to political institutions - Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dail/ Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.
- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.
- 4 x week short programme is offered and explores current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

This year has seen 289 participate in one or more elements of the programme with the following outcomes met:-

**Empowerment** - Our women have gained knowledge about political processes and systems empowers women to assert their rights, advocate for themselves and their communities and become more confident in expressing their opinions.

**Informed Decision-Making** - Understanding political issues enables women to make informed choices in elections and civic engagement, helping them evaluate candidates and policies critically and align their actions with their values.

**Skill Development** - Engaging with politics helps women develop valuable skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, negotiation and advocacy. These skills are transferable to various aspects of life, including careers and community involvement.

**Increased Civic Engagement** - Knowledge of political systems encourages women to participate actively in their communities, whether through voting, attending community meetings or joining advocacy groups, leading to a greater sense of belonging and agency.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

**Awareness of Rights** - Political education raises awareness about women's rights, social justice issues and existing policies affecting their lives. This knowledge is crucial for challenging inequalities and advocating for policy changes.

**Enhanced Problem - Solving Abilities** - Understanding political dynamics helps women analyse social issues and think critically about potential solutions, empowering them to address challenges within their communities effectively.

**Contribution to Society** - By learning about politics, women can contribute to their communities and society at large, advocating for issues they are passionate about and driving positive change.

**Inspiration and Role Modelling** - Women who engage with politics can inspire others in their networks, encouraging more women to pursue political knowledge and leadership which can create a ripple effect in society.

**Personal Growth** - Engaging with complex political concepts can lead to personal growth broadening perspectives and fostering a deeper understanding of the world which can enhance overall life satisfaction.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial Review**

Currently SWC is in a unique position having secured funding from various government departments and are depending on the fulfilment of target outcomes we could be in the position to secure further funding. This is due to sound financial management, forward thinking and strategic planning.

### Principal Funding Sources

DfC - Core Staff & Health Project  
DfC/ (WCCF) - Childcare Project  
DfC/ Developing Women (Fresh Start)  
DFA - Network Co-ordinator  
BCC - Revenue  
TEO - North Belfast Strategic Good Relations  
Lottery/ Prosperity Fund/ CRC - Shared Community Education  
Pathways Fund - Childcare Project  
The National Lottery - Empowering Young Women  
SEUPB - New Build Shared Women's Centre/ Programme Money  
DFA - Shared Education/ Change Makers Project

### **Financial Position**

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £32,530 (2023: net incoming resources of £20,063), which reflected the decrease in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £25,229, while restricted funds decreased by £57,759.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

Shankill Women's Centre delivers a range of programmes and services and has been successful in obtaining funding from a variety of sources. All of these grants, however, are in the form of restricted funds. Non-restricted income amounts to less than two per cent of total income.

The Directors have reviewed the charity's need for reserves and consider that these are necessary:

##### **(a) to protect the charity against:-**

Late payment of grants by funders;

Non-renewal of existing grants and so ensuring continuity of services while alternative sources of funding are sorted or to allow a smooth and gradual wind-down of one or more services; or

##### **(b) in circumstances where there is a proportionately high number of redundancies:-**

The equivalent of four months annual revenue costs is considered by the Directors to be a reasonable target.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

This figure is based on the number of staff

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Board of Trustees, which can have between 6 and 8 members, administer the charity. The Board meets six times each year. It sets strategic direction for the organisation, which is implemented by the employed staff, through an annual operational plan.

The CEO, Betty Carlisle, the Finance Officer, and the Directors of Services are responsible for the day to day running of the organisation and have devolved authority to take decisions between Board meetings.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New Trustees are provided with full information to brief them on their legal obligations under the charity and company law. Three new trustees were appointed during the year, using the flexibility provided by the Articles of Association

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Related parties**

##### **WCRP**

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

##### **TWN**

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

##### **GSPB**

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acted as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

##### **WSN**

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** - Is a grouping which meet monthly and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO) - This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast. The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

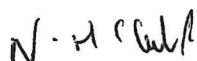
In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 15 November 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Nicola McCullough - Trustee

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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.

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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; 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 charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charge with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

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.



Billy Drake (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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15 November 2024

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	-	858,578	858,578	766,098
Other trading activities	2	129,810	-	129,810	130,921
<b>Total</b>		<u>129,810</u>	<u>858,578</u>	<u>988,388</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	98,185	916,433	1,014,618	870,956
Governance		6,300	-	6,300	6,000
<b>Total</b>		<u>104,485</u>	<u>916,433</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	14	25,325 (96)	(57,855) 96	(32,530) -	20,063 -
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>25,229</u>	<u>(57,759)</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>20,063</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		80,687	156,410	237,097	217,034
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>105,916</u></u>	<u><u>98,651</u></u>	<u><u>204,567</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	99,453	14,077
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	75,209	112,375
Cash at bank and in hand		44,184	119,330
		<u>119,393</u>	<u>231,705</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,279)	(8,685)
		<u>105,114</u>	<u>223,020</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		105,916	80,687
Restricted funds		98,651	156,410
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Nicola McCullough - Trustee

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	15,454	120,492
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>119,330</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>44,184</u></u>	<u><u>119,330</u></u>

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(32,530)	20,063
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,224	4,930
Decrease in debtors	37,166	64,262
Increase in creditors	5,594	31,237
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	119,330	(75,146)	44,184
	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>

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## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Shankill Womens Centre is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI028769). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **(c) Income recognition**

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from earned income includes income earned from fundraising events and earned income activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred.

##### **(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. 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. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Land & Buildings	10% Straight Line
Leasehold Improvements	10% Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any earned income activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

##### **(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

##### **(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
	<u>129,810</u>	<u>130,921</u>

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.24	31.3.23
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Grants Receivable	858,578	766,098

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Lottery - Revenue	-	158,900
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	560
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	500
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	742
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	10,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	750
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	5,500
DfC Education and Training	226,731	233,050
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	-	10,000
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	54,291
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	90,000
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	24,832
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	105,063	77,291
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	28,219	41,010
SEUPB/ Peace IV	-	95
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	30,000
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	28,577
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	-
Department of Health	600	-
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>766,098</u>

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**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,009,918	4,700	1,014,618
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>1,009,918</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	4,700	-	4,700
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>4,700</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>11,000</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	5,224	4,930
Hire of plant and machinery	325	565
Other operating leases	3,430	2,180
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	660,452	553,290
Social security costs	48,634	51,358
Other pension costs	6,967	10,016
	<u>716,053</u>	<u>614,664</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management and Administration	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Funding and Development Manager and Finance Manager during the year totalled £164,770.

#### 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	766,098	766,098
Other trading activities	<u>96,950</u>	<u>33,971</u>	<u>130,921</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>96,950</u>	<u>800,069</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	174,072	696,884	870,956
Governance	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>180,072</u>	<u>696,884</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(83,122)	103,185	20,063
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	163,809	53,225	217,034

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>80,687</b>	<b>156,410</b>	<b>237,097</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Leasehold Improvements £	Plant and Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	304,785	914,962
Additions	90,000	-	600	90,600
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	521,683	178,494	305,385	1,005,562
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	290,708	900,885
Charge for year	-	-	5,224	5,224
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	431,683	178,494	295,932	906,109
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	90,000	-	9,453	99,453
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	-	-	14,077	14,077
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,211	4,234
DfC	17,896	33,723
Womens Tec	8,382	8,784
Belfast City Council	130	-
NI Community Relations	-	12,416
WRDA	4,426	-
Other Debtors	-	11,384
Small Wonders	38,497	38,497
Prepayments and accrued income	3,667	3,337
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>75,209</b>	<b>112,375</b>
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**Shankill Womens Centre**

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	6,425	3,885
Accruals and deferred income	7,854	4,800
	<u>14,279</u>	<u>8,685</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Fixed assets	871	98,582	99,453	14,077
Current assets	119,324	69	119,393	231,705
Current liabilities	(14,279)	-	(14,279)	(8,685)
	<u>105,916</u>	<u>98,651</u>	<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	80,687	25,325	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	1,371	(1,371)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	47,356	(39,254)	-	8,102
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	(500)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	(8)	8	-	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	105	(105)	-	-
DfC Education and Training	23,018	(23,018)	-	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	(96)	-	96	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	560	(560)	-	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	65,868	(65,868)	-	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	310	(241)	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>156,410</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	129,810	(104,485)	25,325
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(1,371)	(1,371)
Lottery - Revenue	-	(39,254)	(39,254)
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	(13,000)	(13,000)
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	(140)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	(13,500)	(500)
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	(6,130)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	(1,073)	8
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	(105)	(105)
DfC Education and Training	226,731	(249,749)	(23,018)
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	(50,511)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	(81,000)	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	(560)	(560)
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	28,754	(94,622)	(65,868)
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	28,219	(28,219)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	(29,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	(28,092)	(241)
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>(916,433)</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>988,388</u>	<u>(1,020,918)</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	163,809	(83,122)	80,687
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	-	4,426
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(2,500)	1,371
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	2,428	47,356
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	13,000	13,000
Belfast Council - Revenue	-	500	500
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	-	(8)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	105	105
DfC Education and Training	-	23,018	23,018
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB			
Womens Network	-	560	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	-	65,868	65,868
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	310	310
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>103,185</u>	<u>156,410</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>217,034</u></u>	<u><u>20,063</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	96,950	(180,072)	(83,122)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(156,472)	2,428
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	-	13,000
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	560	(560)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	-	500
Belfast Council - Other	742	(742)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	10,000	(10,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	750	(758)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,395)	105
DfC Education and Training	254,021	(231,003)	23,018
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	54,291	(54,291)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	90,000	(90,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,272)	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	77,291	(11,423)	65,868
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	41,010	(41,010)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	28,577	(28,267)	310
	<u>800,069</u>	<u>(696,884)</u>	<u>103,185</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>897,019</u>	<u>(876,956)</u>	<u>20,063</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	163,809	(57,797)	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(3,871)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	(36,826)	-	8,102
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	96	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	69	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>217,034</u>	<u>(12,467)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	226,760	(284,557)	(57,797)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(3,871)	(3,871)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(195,726)	(36,826)
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	700	(700)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,500	(13,500)	-
Belfast Council - Other	6,872	(6,872)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	100,000	(10,000)	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,831	(1,831)	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,500)	-
DfC Education and Training	480,752	(480,752)	-
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	104,802	(104,802)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	171,000	(171,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,832)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	106,045	(106,045)	-
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding			
Shared Comm Educ	69,229	(69,229)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	59,085	(59,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	56,428	(56,359)	69
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>1,658,647</u>	<u>(1,613,317)</u>	<u>45,330</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,885,407</u></u>	<u><u>(1,897,874)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,467)</u></u>

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

#### **16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:-

During the year Shankill Women's Centre entered into transactions with Small Wonders Childcare, a related party. At the Balance Sheet date, the amount owed by Small Wonders Childcare to Shankill Women's Centre was £38,497. (2023 - Small Wonders Childcare owed £38,497)

#### **17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

#### **18. COMPANY CHARGE**

A Company Charge was created on 10 April 2002 between The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast The charge consisted of lands and premises comprised in an Indenture of Lease dated 3 December 1998 between North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust and Shankill Womens Centre.

A Company Charge was created on 1 September 2008 between Belfast Local Strategy Partnership and Shankill Womens Centre. The charge consisted of all monies mortgage deed of land and premises known as 151-157 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13 1FD.

#### **19. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

#### **20. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
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	129,810	130,921
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	858,578	766,098
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	988,388	897,019
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	660,452	553,290
Social security	48,634	51,358
Pensions	6,967	10,016
Staff Training	325	565
Staff Travel/ Expenses	3,430	2,180
Insurance	5,170	4,967
Light and heat	22,413	7,888
Telephone	8,942	6,497
Postage and stationery	7,379	7,416
Advertising	-	360
Sundries	1,672	7,257
Administration Costs	10,635	11,044
Catering Costs	8,370	7,000
Childcare/ Creche Consumables	11,087	682
Cleaning	5,502	5,016
Creche Equipment	270	1,602
Facilitation Fees	4,350	12,745
Individual Celebrations	795	993
Hospitality	2,726	306
Management Fees	4,495	4,705
Membership Fees	1,412	606
External Services	11,036	13,000
Repairs and Maintenance	4,306	3,310
Small Equipment	1,324	1,792
Photocopier & Consumables	6,503	5,335
Carried forward	838,195	719,930

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	838,195	719,930
Computer Maintenance	4,858	5,226
Programme Activities	6,613	1,870
Programme Costs	58,297	54,835
Residential Costs	6,000	5,780
Room Hire and Refreshments	320	2,600
Transport Costs	-	160
Women's Forum Programme	29,958	26,370
Health Programme	32,436	37,770
Other Direct Programme Costs	26,876	7,992
Bad Debts	1,141	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,224	4,930
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	1,009,918	867,463
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	4,700	3,493
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
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	6,300	6,000
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Total resources expended	1,020,918	876,956
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<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	(32,530)	20,063
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**Shankill Womens Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102384

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# Annual return

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI028769 (Northern Ireland)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC102384

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**  
**for**  
**Shankill Womens Centre**

Lynn Drake & Co Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
1st Floor  
34 B-D Main Street  
Moira  
Co. Armagh  
BT67 0LE

**Shankill Womens Centre**

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Reference and Administrative Details**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Laura Bell Veronica Brown Deborah Cowan (appointed 5/3/2024) Amanda Kitchingham Carol Lawley Nicola McCullough Margaret Smith (resigned 24/9/2024) Naomi Thompson Pamela McNulty (appointed 9/10/2024) Kathleen Gilliland (appointed 9/10/2024)
<b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b>	Nicola McCullough
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	Shankill Shared Womens Centre 3 Mayo Link Belfast Co. Antrim BT13 3BD
<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	NI028769 (Northern Ireland)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	NIC102384
<b>AUDITORS</b>	Lynn Drake & Co Ltd Statutory Auditors 1st Floor 34 B-D Main Street Moira Co. Armagh BT67 0LE
<b>SOLICITORS</b>	Thompson Crooks Solicitors 325 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 1FX
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b>	B Carlisle

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Organisational Background**

##### **Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:**

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond"

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust.

The Shankill Women's Centre currently runs:

The Health & Well-Being Project takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye co-ordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:

##### **Emotional and Mental Health**

Positive Vibes	12 Participants
Women's Emotional Health	18 Participants
Kintsugi Hope	11 Participants
Mental Health Resilience	15 Participants

##### **Physical**

Bootcamp	21 Participants
Zumba	13 Participants
Chairbased Activity	28 Participants
Aqua Aerobics	22 Participants

##### **Social Well-Being and Recreational**

Stitching Sisters	35 Participants
Glasshouse Art Group	9 Participants
Ceramics	15 Participants
Allotment	9 Participants

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

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#### **Childcare Unit**

The child-care facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high-quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified, and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff.

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S. Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm.

The staff have completed a number of courses - child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

#### **High Scope Ongoing**

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem-solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

#### **Media Initiative Ongoing**

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week whether with the puppets or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

#### **Project Objectives**

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

- (a) To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- (b) To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- (c) To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
- (d) To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children NI Order 1998).
- (e) To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- (f) To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- (g) To implement the High Scope Programme.
- (h) To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.

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(i) To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.

(j) To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment.

#### **Welcome Space/ Drop-in Area**

The Shankill women's Centre provides a welcome space/ drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion or culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a "warm space" that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

#### **Shared Education**

##### **Big Lottery - Connect for Women Project (C4W)**

This comprises of a three-partner project: -

Women's Tec  
Glow  
SWC

It delivers throughout North and West Belfast and is focused on skills, employability, education and confidence building.

The project engages women in a journey of personal development, training in essential skills, trade skills and confidence building.

This is a five-year funded project. The longevity is productive as we can engage and progress participants from a basic level to GCSE and Counselling L2 then further progression unto L3.

Movement between the 3 organisations is promoted and encouraged, enabling the participant to gain an all-round wrap around service and benefiting from everything the project has to offer.

##### **Women Breaking Barriers Project**

Delivered by a collation of Women's Centres and led by WRDA.

This project offers an introduction to education and training in employment, including self-employment. It helps participants gain qualifications, develop and improve skills, achieve Maths/ English qualifications and provides courses which will improve participants personal circumstances and offer a better opportunity to gain employment.

Courses provided: -

- Increased basic skills (English, Maths, Digital and ESOL)
- Personal development - Goal Setting

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- Cultural awareness/ "Women's journey through the years"
- Emotional wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with Disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Menopause information sessions
- Cost of living workshops
- Sexual violence and abuse awareness training
- Personal development/ Resilience Training

### **TEO North Belfast Good Relations Programme**

This programme focuses on Good Relations and Personal development which will progress the individual, the family and the wider community towards an all-inclusive society.

The project offers:-

- Personal Development - Goal setting
- Cultural Awareness/ "Women's Journey through the years"
- Emotional Wellbeing/ Resilience Training
- Genealogy Basic - L1 & L2
- OCN L3 Working with Children and Young Persons with disabilities
- Therapy Training
- Sign Language Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign Language Level 1 and Level 2
- History Group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

The project also offers Classroom Assistant L3. For many students this course helps build social capacity and many students give their time back to their local communities.

Participants enrolled in the Classroom Assistant L3 course must have a placement in a school environment. On completion of the course 85% of the participants are offered a full-time job by the placement provider.

The centre also offers support and mentoring to help students through the process of transition into studying at a higher level.

### **Volunteer Project Report (September 2024)**

The Volunteer Project is currently working with over 20 volunteers with 15 fully engaged in all aspects of the programme.

Volunteers are engaged on a weekly basis with check in phone calls or texts and are invited in on a monthly basis to meet with each other and catch up on the work they've been doing. Eight new volunteers have been recruited since moving to the new building, two more on site counsellors, one reflexologist and one facilitator, the others have signed up for befriending when needed.

Belfast Royal Academy school have been in contact about a few of their students also coming on a Wednesday afternoon to volunteer and learn about the work we do.

Four volunteers are currently taking part in a leadership OCN with Tides training to expand their skill set.

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Two volunteers and two staff who are walk leader trained are meeting at the end of September to discuss and risk assessment for sunrise walks in various locations.

Seven volunteers free meeting every Tuesday afternoon to brainstorm and organise different awareness sessions such as, menopause, domestic violence, coercive control and autism awareness.

The volunteer advice worker has gone back into the workplace and can no longer give a set day to come in but is happy to ring people and help with forms etc when she can.

Four volunteers are ready to start a 'cook it' programme in the hope that they will be able to come in and prepare hot nutritious meals throughout the winter for service users.

Two volunteers are looking at the set up of indoor boules in the evening as this has been requested by members of the community.

### **Change Makers Project**

Change makers is a project to support women who live in either North or West Belfast to increase their understanding and awareness on Community Development and Politics. Funded through Department of Foreign Affairs as one of their strategic partners and delivered over several elements as follows: -

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditation in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be a conversation with elected representative (meet your MLA), welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Four site visits to political institutions - Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dail/ Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.
- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.
- 4 x week short programme is offered and explores current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

This year has seen 289 participate in one or more elements of the programme with the following outcomes met:-

**Empowerment** - Our women have gained knowledge about political processes and systems empowers women to assert their rights, advocate for themselves and their communities and become more confident in expressing their opinions.

**Informed Decision-Making** - Understanding political issues enables women to make informed choices in elections and civic engagement, helping them evaluate candidates and policies critically and align their actions with their values.

**Skill Development** - Engaging with politics helps women develop valuable skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, negotiation and advocacy. These skills are transferable to various aspects of life, including careers and community involvement.

**Increased Civic Engagement** - Knowledge of political systems encourages women to participate actively in their communities, whether through voting, attending community meetings or joining advocacy groups, leading to a greater sense of belonging and agency.

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**Awareness of Rights** - Political education raises awareness about women's rights, social justice issues and existing policies affecting their lives. This knowledge is crucial for challenging inequalities and advocating for policy changes.

**Enhanced Problem - Solving Abilities** - Understanding political dynamics helps women analyse social issues and think critically about potential solutions, empowering them to address challenges within their communities effectively.

**Contribution to Society** - By learning about politics, women can contribute to their communities and society at large, advocating for issues they are passionate about and driving positive change.

**Inspiration and Role Modelling** - Women who engage with politics can inspire others in their networks, encouraging more women to pursue political knowledge and leadership which can create a ripple effect in society.

**Personal Growth** - Engaging with complex political concepts can lead to personal growth broadening perspectives and fostering a deeper understanding of the world which can enhance overall life satisfaction.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **Financial Review**

Currently SWC is in a unique position having secured funding from various government departments and are depending on the fulfilment of target outcomes we could be in the position to secure further funding. This is due to sound financial management, forward thinking and strategic planning.

### Principal Funding Sources

DfC - Core Staff & Health Project  
DfC/ (WCCF) - Childcare Project  
DfC/ Developing Women (Fresh Start)  
DFA - Network Co-ordinator  
BCC - Revenue  
TEO - North Belfast Strategic Good Relations  
Lottery/ Prosperity Fund/ CRC - Shared Community Education  
Pathways Fund - Childcare Project  
The National Lottery - Empowering Young Women  
SEUPB - New Build Shared Women's Centre/ Programme Money  
DFA - Shared Education/ Change Makers Project

### **Financial Position**

The company had net outgoing resources for the year of £32,530 (2023: net incoming resources of £20,063), which reflected the decrease in trading activities during the year. Unrestricted funds increased by £25,229, while restricted funds decreased by £57,759.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

Shankill Women's Centre delivers a range of programmes and services and has been successful in obtaining funding from a variety of sources. All of these grants, however, are in the form of restricted funds. Non-restricted income amounts to less than two per cent of total income.

The Directors have reviewed the charity's need for reserves and consider that these are necessary:

##### **(a) to protect the charity against:-**

Late payment of grants by funders;

Non-renewal of existing grants and so ensuring continuity of services while alternative sources of funding are sorted or to allow a smooth and gradual wind-down of one or more services; or

##### **(b) in circumstances where there is a proportionately high number of redundancies:-**

The equivalent of four months annual revenue costs is considered by the Directors to be a reasonable target.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

This figure is based on the number of staff

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees/directors are appointed by nominations made in writing by any existing director. At the General Meeting nominated directors are appointed by election.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Board of Trustees, which can have between 6 and 8 members, administer the charity. The Board meets six times each year. It sets strategic direction for the organisation, which is implemented by the employed staff, through an annual operational plan.

The CEO, Betty Carlisle, the Finance Officer, and the Directors of Services are responsible for the day to day running of the organisation and have devolved authority to take decisions between Board meetings.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New Trustees are provided with full information to brief them on their legal obligations under the charity and company law. Three new trustees were appointed during the year, using the flexibility provided by the Articles of Association

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Related parties**

##### **WCRP**

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

##### **TWN**

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

##### **GSPB**

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acted as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

##### **WSN**

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** - Is a grouping which meet monthly and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO) - This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast. The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in business.

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 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

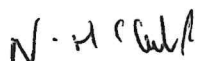
In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Lynn Drake & Co Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 15 November 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Nicola McCullough - Trustee

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company 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.

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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; 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 charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees and Members of Shankill Womens Centre

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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:

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations as those that have a direct impact on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and determined that the principal risks related to revenue recognition. We communicated the identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;

Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation;

Review of board meeting minutes of those charged with governance;

In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:-

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charities internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

Perform analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error.

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Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charities ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charge with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

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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15 November 2024

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants Receivable	3	-	858,578	858,578	766,098
Other trading activities	2	129,810	-	129,810	130,921
<b>Total</b>		<u>129,810</u>	<u>858,578</u>	<u>988,388</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	98,185	916,433	1,014,618	870,956
Governance		6,300	-	6,300	6,000
<b>Total</b>		<u>104,485</u>	<u>916,433</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	14	25,325 (96)	(57,855) 96	(32,530) -	20,063 -
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>25,229</u>	<u>(57,759)</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>20,063</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		80,687	156,410	237,097	217,034
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>105,916</u></u>	<u><u>98,651</u></u>	<u><u>204,567</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	99,453	14,077
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	75,209	112,375
Cash at bank and in hand		44,184	119,330
		<u>119,393</u>	<u>231,705</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(14,279)	(8,685)
		<u>105,114</u>	<u>223,020</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		105,916	80,687
Restricted funds		98,651	156,410
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Nicola McCullough - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	15,454	120,492
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(90,600)</u>	<u>(1,162)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>119,330</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>44,184</u></u>	<u><u>119,330</u></u>

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(32,530)	20,063
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,224	4,930
Decrease in debtors	37,166	64,262
Increase in creditors	5,594	31,237
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>15,454</u>	<u>120,492</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23	Cash flow	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	119,330	(75,146)	44,184
	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>119,330</u>	<u>(75,146)</u>	<u>44,184</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Shankill Womens Centre is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland (NI028769). In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

##### **(b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **(c) Income recognition**

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when receivable. Income received from collections is recognised when received.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from earned income includes income earned from fundraising events and earned income activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity receives government grants which are detailed within the notes to these financial statements. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred.

##### **(D) Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. 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. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary incomes.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on an insert detail basis and other overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold Land & Buildings	10% Straight Line
Leasehold Improvements	10% Straight Line
Plant and Equipment	20% Straight Line

**(g) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amounts receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or relived and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designed hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain is recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

**(h) Impairment**

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

**(i) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**(j) Leases**

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**(k) Tax**

No provision is required for taxation as the company is defined as a charity for taxation purposes.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The charity is a registered charity and so such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any earned income activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

##### **(l) Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

##### **(m) Judgements estimates**

The following judgements including those involving estimates that have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

##### **(i) depreciation method and asset useful lives**

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
	<u>129,810</u>	<u>130,921</u>

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Grants	Grants Receivable	858,578	766,098

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Lottery - Revenue	-	158,900
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	560
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	500
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	742
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	10,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	750
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	5,500
DfC Education and Training	226,731	233,050
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	-	10,000
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	54,291
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	90,000
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	24,832
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	105,063	77,291
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	28,219	41,010
SEUPB/ Peace IV	-	95
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	30,000
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	28,577
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	-
Department of Health	600	-
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>766,098</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	1,009,918	4,700	1,014,618
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>1,009,918</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>1,020,918</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct Charitable Expenses	4,700	-	4,700
Governance	-	6,300	6,300
	<u>4,700</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>11,000</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
Depreciation - owned assets	5,224	4,930
Hire of plant and machinery	325	565
Other operating leases	3,430	2,180
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	660,452	553,290
Social security costs	48,634	51,358
Other pension costs	6,967	10,016
	<u>716,053</u>	<u>614,664</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management and Administration	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise of the Chief Executive and Senior management team. The salaries paid to key management personnel being the Chief Executive Officer, Funding and Development Manager and Finance Manager during the year totalled £164,770.

#### 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants Receivable	-	766,098	766,098
Other trading activities	96,950	33,971	130,921
<b>Total</b>	<u>96,950</u>	<u>800,069</u>	<u>897,019</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenses	174,072	696,884	870,956
Governance	6,000	-	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<u>180,072</u>	<u>696,884</u>	<u>876,956</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(83,122)	103,185	20,063
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	163,809	53,225	217,034

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>80,687</b>	<b>156,410</b>	<b>237,097</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Leasehold Improvements £	Plant and Equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	304,785	914,962
Additions	90,000	-	600	90,600
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	521,683	178,494	305,385	1,005,562
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	431,683	178,494	290,708	900,885
Charge for year	-	-	5,224	5,224
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2024	431,683	178,494	295,932	906,109
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	90,000	-	9,453	99,453
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 March 2023	-	-	14,077	14,077
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,211	4,234
DfC	17,896	33,723
Womens Tec	8,382	8,784
Belfast City Council	130	-
NI Community Relations	-	12,416
WRDA	4,426	-
Other Debtors	-	11,384
Small Wonders	38,497	38,497
Prepayments and accrued income	3,667	3,337
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>75,209</b>	<b>112,375</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	6,425	3,885
Accruals and deferred income	7,854	4,800
	<u>14,279</u>	<u>8,685</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Fixed assets	871	98,582	99,453	14,077
Current assets	119,324	69	119,393	231,705
Current liabilities	(14,279)	-	(14,279)	(8,685)
	<u>105,916</u>	<u>98,651</u>	<u>204,567</u>	<u>237,097</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	80,687	25,325	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	1,371	(1,371)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	47,356	(39,254)	-	8,102
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	(500)	-	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	(8)	8	-	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	105	(105)	-	-
DfC Education and Training	23,018	(23,018)	-	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	(96)	-	96	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	560	(560)	-	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	65,868	(65,868)	-	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	310	(241)	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>156,410</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>(32,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	129,810	(104,485)	25,325
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(1,371)	(1,371)
Lottery - Revenue	-	(39,254)	(39,254)
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	(13,000)	(13,000)
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	140	(140)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,000	(13,500)	(500)
Belfast Council - Other	6,130	(6,130)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	90,000	-	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,081	(1,073)	8
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	(105)	(105)
DfC Education and Training	226,731	(249,749)	(23,018)
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	50,511	(50,511)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	81,000	(81,000)	-
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	-	(560)	(560)
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	28,754	(94,622)	(65,868)
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	28,219	(28,219)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	29,085	(29,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	27,851	(28,092)	(241)
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>858,578</u>	<u>(916,433)</u>	<u>(57,855)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>988,388</u></u>	<u><u>(1,020,918)</u></u>	<u><u>(32,530)</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	163,809	(83,122)	80,687
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	-	4,426
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(2,500)	1,371
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	2,428	47,356
Belfast Council - Community Building	-	13,000	13,000
Belfast Council - Revenue	-	500	500
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	-	(8)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	-	105	105
DfC Education and Training	-	23,018	23,018
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB			
Womens Network	-	560	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	-	65,868	65,868
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	310	310
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>103,185</u>	<u>156,410</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>217,034</u></u>	<u><u>20,063</u></u>	<u><u>237,097</u></u>

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	96,950	(180,072)	(83,122)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(156,472)	2,428
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	-	13,000
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	560	(560)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	500	-	500
Belfast Council - Other	742	(742)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	10,000	(10,000)	-
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	750	(758)	(8)
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,395)	105
DfC Education and Training	254,021	(231,003)	23,018
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	54,291	(54,291)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	90,000	(90,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,272)	560
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	77,291	(11,423)	65,868
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding Shared Comm Educ	41,010	(41,010)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	30,000	(30,000)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	28,577	(28,267)	310
	<u>800,069</u>	<u>(696,884)</u>	<u>103,185</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>897,019</u>	<u>(876,956)</u>	<u>20,063</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	163,809	(57,797)	(96)	105,916
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CFNI - Covid 19	4,426	(4,426)	-	-
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	3,871	(3,871)	-	-
Lottery - Revenue	44,928	(36,826)	-	8,102
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	-	90,000	-	90,000
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	-	(96)	96	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	-	69	-	69
Department of Health	-	480	-	480
	<u>53,225</u>	<u>45,330</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>98,651</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>217,034</u>	<u>(12,467)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,567</u>

**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	226,760	(284,557)	(57,797)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
CFNI - Covid 19	-	(4,426)	(4,426)
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	(3,871)	(3,871)
Lottery - Revenue	158,900	(195,726)	(36,826)
Belfast Council - Community Building	13,000	(13,000)	-
Belfast Council - Christmas Market	700	(700)	-
Belfast Council - Revenue	13,500	(13,500)	-
Belfast Council - Other	6,872	(6,872)	-
Belfast City Council - Land Purchase	100,000	(10,000)	90,000
Belfast City Council - Health Programme	1,831	(1,831)	-
Dept of Justice - Christmas Market	5,500	(5,500)	-
DfC Education and Training	480,752	(480,752)	-
DfC Court Developing Women in the Community	10,000	(10,000)	-
DfC Women Centre Childcare Fund	104,802	(104,802)	-
NI Community Relations - North Belfast Good Relations	171,000	(171,096)	(96)
NI Community Relations - GWB Womens Network	24,832	(24,832)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Core	106,045	(106,045)	-
TEO Central - Good Relations Funding			
Shared Comm Educ	69,229	(69,229)	-
SEUPB/ Peace IV	95	(95)	-
NIPPA - Early Years/ The Pathway Fund	59,085	(59,085)	-
Womens Tec - Connect 4 Women	56,428	(56,359)	69
Lottery - Young Womens Project	95,962	(95,962)	-
Dept of Justice - Awards for All	8,750	(8,750)	-
Dept of Foreign Affairs - Change Makers	76,309	(76,309)	-
SEUPB - BCC Salaries	39,462	(39,462)	-
WRDA - Women Breaking Barriers	11,128	(11,128)	-
DfC Lifeskills	43,865	(43,865)	-
Department of Health	600	(120)	480
	<u>1,658,647</u>	<u>(1,613,317)</u>	<u>45,330</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,885,407</u></u>	<u><u>(1,897,874)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,467)</u></u>

## **Shankill Womens Centre**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

A contingent liability exists to repay grants received should certain conditions not be fulfilled by the charity.

#### **16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:-

During the year Shankill Women's Centre entered into transactions with Small Wonders Childcare, a related party. At the Balance Sheet date, the amount owed by Small Wonders Childcare to Shankill Women's Centre was £38,497. (2023 - Small Wonders Childcare owed £38,497)

#### **17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no events after the reporting period therefore no material issues need disclosed.

#### **18. COMPANY CHARGE**

A Company Charge was created on 10 April 2002 between The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast The charge consisted of lands and premises comprised in an Indenture of Lease dated 3 December 1998 between North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust and Shankill Womens Centre.

A Company Charge was created on 1 September 2008 between Belfast Local Strategy Partnership and Shankill Womens Centre. The charge consisted of all monies mortgage deed of land and premises known as 151-157 Shankill Road, Belfast BT13 1FD.

#### **19. WINDING UP**

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up while it is a member, or within one year after it ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributor's among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.

#### **20. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and has no Share Capital.

## Shankill Womens Centre

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Childcare Fees	64,586	59,331
Donations	64,824	71,590
Other Income	400	-
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	129,810	130,921
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	858,578	766,098
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	988,388	897,019
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	660,452	553,290
Social security	48,634	51,358
Pensions	6,967	10,016
Staff Training	325	565
Staff Travel/ Expenses	3,430	2,180
Insurance	5,170	4,967
Light and heat	22,413	7,888
Telephone	8,942	6,497
Postage and stationery	7,379	7,416
Advertising	-	360
Sundries	1,672	7,257
Administration Costs	10,635	11,044
Catering Costs	8,370	7,000
Childcare/ Creche Consumables	11,087	682
Cleaning	5,502	5,016
Creche Equipment	270	1,602
Facilitation Fees	4,350	12,745
Individual Celebrations	795	993
Hospitality	2,726	306
Management Fees	4,495	4,705
Membership Fees	1,412	606
External Services	11,036	13,000
Repairs and Maintenance	4,306	3,310
Small Equipment	1,324	1,792
Photocopier & Consumables	6,503	5,335
Carried forward	838,195	719,930

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	838,195	719,930
Computer Maintenance	4,858	5,226
Programme Activities	6,613	1,870
Programme Costs	58,297	54,835
Residential Costs	6,000	5,780
Room Hire and Refreshments	320	2,600
Transport Costs	-	160
Women's Forum Programme	29,958	26,370
Health Programme	32,436	37,770
Other Direct Programme Costs	26,876	7,992
Bad Debts	1,141	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,224	4,930
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	1,009,918	867,463
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	4,700	3,493
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fee	3,300	3,000
Audit Fee	3,000	3,000
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	6,300	6,000
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Total resources expended	1,020,918	876,956
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<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	(32,530)	20,063
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**Shankill Womens Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102384

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration No. NIC102384/X074187**

**Company Registration No. NI028769 (Northern Ireland)**

**SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms N McCullough Ms L Bell Ms C Lawley Ms M Smith Ms N Thompson
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms N McCullough
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC102384/X074187
<b>Company number</b>	NI028769
<b>Registered office</b>	151-157 Shankill Road Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT13 1FD
<b>Auditor</b>	FPM Accountants Limited 1 - 3 Arthur Street Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT1 4GA
<b>Solicitors</b>	Thompson Crooks Solicitors 325 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 1FX
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	B Carlisle (CEO) C Lundy L A Kinnon

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 2019).

#### Objectives and Activities:

#### Organisational Background

Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond".

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust.

The Shankill Women's Centre currently runs:

#### The Health & Well-Being Project takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye coordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

#### A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:

##### Emotional and Mental Health

Positive Vibes	12 participants
Women's Emotional Health	18 participants
Kintsugi Hope	11 participants
Mental Health Resilience	15 participants

##### Physical

Bootcamp	21 participants
Zumba	13 participants
Chairbased Activity	28 participants
Aqua Aerobics	22 participants

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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### Social Well-Being and Recreational

Stitching Sisters	35 participants
Glasshouse Art Group	9 participants
Ceramics	15 participants
Allotment	9 participants

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

### Childcare Unit

The child-Care Facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care Organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S.S Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm

The staff have completed a number of courses – child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

### *High scope Ongoing*

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

### *Media Initiative Ongoing*

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week either with the puppet's or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

### *Project Objectives:*

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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- To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status sexual orientation or disability.
- To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children N.I. Order 1995)?
- To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- To implement the High Scope programme.
- To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.
- To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices, to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.
- To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment. Childcare Unit.

#### **Welcome Space/Drop-in Area**

The Shankill Women's Centre provides a welcome space/drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion, culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a 'warm space' that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

#### **Education**

Our Shared Education Project is funded by The Executive Office and The North Belfast Good Relations Programme which is managed by the Community Relations Council (CRC) this enabled the delivery of formal and informal courses that were both personally progressive and which supported participants to find employment.

Good Relations underpins this project and compliments shared learning as a standard for good practice. It enables the participants to gain a better understanding of cross community related issues. The participants gain a better understanding and can challenge their personal views and ideals inherited generationally.

Personal development courses delivered by SWC develop confidence and raise self-esteem, aiding the participant to make informed choices on how they can progress. Sharing and learning together offers the two diverse communities the opportunity to unite and grow, breaking down barriers and forming organic friendships while sharing the safe 'Shared Space'.

- GOALS programme
- Acrylic Nails course
- Open university
- OCN Working with children and young people with disabilities
- Essential Skills (English & Maths)
- GCSE (English & Maths)

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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- Good Relations drama project
- Good relations through Art
- Emotional health
- Myths & Legends
- Drama & Performance
- STEPs to Excellence
- Classroom Assistant L3
- Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign-Language level 1 level 2
- History group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

### **Greater North Belfast Women's Network**

GNBWN has continued to actively engage with other women's organisations providing opportunities to involve members in campaigns, consultation responses and participation in relevant research to ensure that their voices are heard.

Cross Community Engagement:

The network also provided and supported members to engage in various workshops, seminars and conferences providing information and awareness on topics and issues that affect their day to day lives. The underpinning rationale was to enable women to attend these and other events and this would act as a 'hook' to promote engagement in other good relations initiatives at grass roots. Throughout the year forum members attended many activities and events held by other members and stakeholders

Members of the Network:

1. LOCA (Lower Oldpark Community Association)
2. GlenBank Community Association
3. Women's Tec
4. Ardoyne Association
5. Good Relation Forum (Barron Hall)
6. TDK Community Group
7. Reclaim The Agenda
8. Women's Support Network
9. Ben Madigan Women's Group
10. Queenspark Women's Group
11. Ardoyne/Shankill Health group
12. Tiger's Bay Women's Group
13. Whitewell Surgery Association
14. Cliftonville Community Group

### **Empowering Young Women's project (EYW)**

Our EYW project is currently funded through Big Lottery, Empowering Young People, to support young women aged 15 – 25 years, who reside in the areas of North or West Belfast. Engagement can range between 12 – 15 months. The programme offers a range of personal and social development courses, fun-based opportunities, alongside accredited OCN qualifications in Money Management, Step's to Excellence and Mentoring.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Participants can avail of additional 1-2-1 mentoring support through an allocated support worker. We can support our young women through signposting and advocacy work. We can also support with childcare, transport, and hospitality.

On completion of 80% of the programme participants can avail of a non-monetary incentive up to the value of £350.

### **Life Skills project**

Funded through DFC, Developing Women to support Women aged 16+, across the DEA's of Court or Oldpark. Our Life Skills project offers an 8-week programme, looking at topics such as: Relationships, Peer Pressure, STI's, Contraception, Risk Taking Behaviour, Teenage Pregnancy. Through completion of the programme all participants gain an OCN qualification, level 1 in Life Skills. All participants are given the opportunity to take home an Infant Simulator to experience the realities of parenting.

Each grouping is supported and encouraged to organise a celebration event at the end of the course. This programme also encourages participants to actively seek out and avail of volunteering opportunities within the community to enhance their skills and knowledge of the community sector.

### **Change Makers project**

Change Markers is a project supporting women 18+, who live in either North or West Belfast. Currently funded through Department of Foreign Affairs, as one of their strategic partners.

Delivered over a period of 30-weeks the programme content is as follows:

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditations in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be, a conversation with (elected representative), meet your MLA, welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Site Visits to four political institutions – Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dáil/Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.
- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.

For those individuals that are unable to commit to the longer programme a short 4 x week programme is offered and explores the following: current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

### **Volunteer Project**

Shankill Women's Centre Volunteer Project started in December 2022 with the target of reaching, recruiting, and training 20 volunteers within its 1st year. As of now (Aug 23) 30 volunteers have been recruited with a core group of 17 volunteers taking part in all training that has been provided, with a majority taking part in all essential training and gaining necessary qualifications. Two volunteers have progressed into work through the confidence gained and support given by SWC, while another is actively seeking employment.

Throughout all SWC projects volunteers have taken part in over 30 different events, ranging from being in the Women's centre for VIP visits, going on trips with staff to help and support them, cooking for SWC creche, weekly advice clinic and reception cover.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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The volunteers have also taken part in fundraising by, going out getting materials, making up baskets and going round all the classes running to sell ballots. This was done at easter and again for the creche at the kings' coronation.

The participants (10-20 vols) meet once per month for a casual catch up with both the coordinator and each other, but also have one to one supervision sessions with the co-ordinator.

Th project will be finishing the year with a celebration/Christmas dinner where they will be thanked for all their help and given out all certificates.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Currently SWC is in a unique position having secured funding from various government departments and are in the depending on the fulfilment of target outcomes we could be in the position to secure further funding. This is due to sound financial management, forward thinking and strategic planning.

#### Principal Funding Sources

- DFC - Core Staff & Health Project
- DFC/VCD – Childcare Project
- DFC/Developing Women (Fresh Start)
- CRC/Pathfinder – Network Coordinator
- BCC – Revenue
- TEO – North Belfast Strategic Good relations
- TEO Central – Shared Community Education
- Pathways Fund – Childcare Project
- The National Lottery – Empowering Young Women
- SEUPB – New Build Shared Women's Centre/Programme Money
- DFA – Shared Education / Change Makers Project

#### **Reserves Policy - Shankill Women's Centre**

Shankill Women's Centre delivers a range of programmes and services and has been successful in obtaining funding from a variety of sources. All of these grants, however, are in the form of restricted funds. Non-restricted income amounts to less than two per cent of total income.

The Directors have reviewed the charity's need for reserves and consider that these are necessary:

(a)to protect the charity against –

(i)late payment of grants by funders;

(ii)non-renewal of existing grants and so ensuring continuity of services while alternative sources of funding are sorted or to allow a smooth and gradual wind-down of one or more services; or

(b)in circumstances where there is a proportionately high number of redundancies.

The equivalent of four months annual revenue costs is considered by the Directors to be a reasonable target.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Directors.

This figure is based on the number of staff.

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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### Related Parties

#### WCRP

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

#### TWN

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

#### GSPB

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acts as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

#### WSN

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** is a grouping which meet on a monthly basis and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO). – This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast.

The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

**Clonard, Mid-Shankill Initiative (CMSI)** This a cross-community group which meets on a monthly basis in order to organise activities such as – An annual Christmas market and various projects which bring the people of Shankill and Clonard areas together.

### CEO Report up to December 2023

Funding cuts has caused a lot of uncertainty throughout the Centre and I have managed this by keeping staff informed and as up to date as possible.

**Core Staff** – The funding for core staff was only funded on a three-monthly basis from April 23. However, we were informed in July that this has been changed to March 25 by Dept for Communities (DfC)

**Shared Education** – We were unsuccessful with this funding from TEO due to funding cuts. However, have managed to keep project manager on from April 23 through funding from a joint Lottery project (connect 4) Women's Tec and Levelling Up monies through WRDA.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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**Network** – we were also unsuccessful with this funding from CRC due to lack of funding however we quickly applied to DFA and were successful for 1 year from 1st August 2023.

**Finance**- The assistant left this post in March 2023 and following a period of absence we filled the post in November 2023.

**Youth Empowerment Project** – Running well and is very successful – meeting targets – we will be approaching lottery for an extension to this project as there is an underspend.

We will also be re- applying for a further 3 years.

**Health and Wellbeing** – this project is part of the core funding and is secure – working the classes 'out of the centre' is not ideal but cannot be helped as space is an issue.

**Change Makers** – is running well and has been very successful. We have expanded some of the work due to interest and demand.

**Volunteer project** – a very successful project with volunteers who are very keen to be involved – they have been going through their training and have all been vetted - there is also a waiting list.

This is presently funded by SEUPB and we will be submitting to Lottery to extend this project.

**Communications Officer** – is also from SEUPB funding – and this post has been very successful – we will be looking for a way to extend this post.

**Creche** – running to usual capacity.

### **New Build**

This build is like a phoenix from the ashes and is rising fast!!

We have been in constant contact with all relevant parties and been attending relevant meetings with Belfast City Council/ Todds Architects/Special European Programmes Body and others.

The Build is on schedule to be finished on December 2023 however, we will be doing a gradual 'move in' in order to ensure a smooth and trouble-free transition.

We have been working with Belfast City Council who are our lead partner on an 'Official Opening'. This is likely to happen in late spring of 2024.

Funding from the NI Housing Executive for a business plan – This has been going well and will inform the Centre on its strategic direction going forward.

### **Logo and Branding**

As a decision was made for the Centre to change its name to Shankill Shared Women's Centre we have been working with a company called She Said – who have helped with our new branding and new logo for the new build – this has been approved by all funders

Funding from the NI housing Executive for a business plan – This has been going well and will inform the Centre on its strategic direction going forward.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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A consultancy called Blu Zebra will be carrying out the new business plan.

This is an essential piece of work as so much has changed over the past number of years – covid /lockdown and the present funding and cost of living crisis.

This will help to direct us in a strategic manner towards our work from now – to the move- and what we do afterward within the new build.

Overall, this has been the main thrust of the work as well as the day-to-day work of the Centre which has been carried out by our team of hardworking, dedicated staff who are a credit to SWC.

The period ahead (2024) will be a massive upheaval and change for all involved however, the Centre – and all involved are not women to shy away from a challenge and I have no doubt that we will overcome any issues that arise.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms N McCullough

Ms L Bell

Ms C Lawley

Ms M Smith

Ms N Thompson

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### **Auditor**

The auditor, FPM Accountants Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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



**Ms M Smith**

Trustee

Dated: 31.1.2024

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 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 March 2023 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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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### **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 charity'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.

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 financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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##### **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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require 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 financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company through enquiry of management, sector research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the company – Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key controls cycles in place and enquiry of management.

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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Our procedures to respond to those risks identified included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management, and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**

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This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Lowry Grant (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of FPM Accountants Limited

**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditors**

1 - 3 Arthur Street

Belfast

Co. Antrim

Northern Ireland

BT1 4GA

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FPM Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	<b>Notes</b>						
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	3	-	267,021	267,021	6,346	248,549	254,895
Charitable activities	4	107,085	522,912	629,997	79,138	468,423	547,561
<b>Total income</b>		<b>107,085</b>	<b>789,933</b>	<b>897,018</b>	<b>85,484</b>	<b>716,972</b>	<b>802,456</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	5	50,582	-	50,582	46,341	-	46,341
Charitable activities	6	107,706	715,174	822,880	28,560	731,528	760,088
Other	10	3,493	-	3,493	2,123	1,000	3,123
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>161,781</b>	<b>715,174</b>	<b>876,955</b>	<b>77,024</b>	<b>732,528</b>	<b>809,552</b>

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources before transfers</b>	(54,696)	74,759	20,063	8,460	(15,556)	(7,096)
Gross transfers between funds	(28,426)	28,426	-	11,717	(11,717)	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>	(83,122)	103,185	20,063	20,177	(27,273)	(7,096)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	163,809	53,225	217,034	143,632	80,498	224,130
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>	<u>80,687</u>	<u>156,410</u>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>163,809</u>	<u>53,225</u>	<u>217,034</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		14,077		17,846
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	112,375		176,637	
Cash at bank and in hand		119,330		45,528	
		<u>231,705</u>		<u>222,165</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(8,685)</u>		<u>(22,977)</u>	
Net current assets			223,020		199,188
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>237,097</u>		<u>217,034</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15	156,410		53,225	
Unrestricted funds		80,687		163,809	
		<u>237,097</u>		<u>217,034</u>	

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

*AS AT 31 MARCH 2023*

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31.1.2024



Ms M Smith  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. NI028769**

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	18		74,963		(52,473)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,162)		-	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>					
			(1,162)		-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>					
			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>					
			73,801		(52,473)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			45,528		98,001
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>119,330</u>		<u>45,528</u>

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Shankill Womens Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 151-157 Shankill Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT13 1FD, Northern Ireland.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 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 charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of supporters is not recognised.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	10% Straight Line
Leasehold improvements	10% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.9 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.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

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 charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	267,021	6,346	248,549	254,895
	<u>267,021</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>248,549</u>	<u>254,895</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>				
Department for Communities - Education & Training	254,021	-	235,549	235,549
Belfast City Council - Revenue	13,000	-	13,000	13,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	6,346	-	6,346
	<u>267,021</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>248,549</u>	<u>254,895</u>

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities	Core		Education, Training & Employability		Young People's Empowerment Project		Childcare Unit		Leadership Programme		Health and Wellbeing		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	97,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,044	73,914
Performance related grants	16,742	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	90,000	750	532,953	473,647	
	113,786	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	90,000	750	629,997	547,561	
Analysis by fund	107,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,085	
Unrestricted funds	6,701	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	90,000	750	522,912		
Restricted funds	113,786	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	90,000	750	629,997		
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>														
Unrestricted funds	73,914	-	-	5,224	-	5,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,138	
Restricted funds	21,639	148,552	118,875	80,680	118,875	80,680	90,000	90,000	8,677	90,000	8,677	468,423		
	95,553	148,552	118,875	85,904	118,875	85,904	90,000	90,000	8,677	90,000	8,677	547,561		

Performance related grants

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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4 Charitable activities	(Continued)					
OFM DFM - Strategic Good Relations	-	-	-	-	-	90,000
Department for Communities	-	10,000	54,291	-	-	64,291
Early Years	-	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
Womens Tec	-	-	-	-	-	28,577
Department of Justice	5,500	-	-	-	-	5,500
Belfast City Council	11,242	560	-	-	750	12,552
NI Community Relations	-	24,832	-	90,000	90,000	114,832
Department of Foreign Affairs	-	77,291	-	-	-	77,291
TEO Central	-	41,010	-	-	-	41,010
Lottery	-	-	158,900	-	-	158,900
Other	-	-	-	-	-	267,214
	16,742	172,270	84,291	90,000	750	532,953
						473,647

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### 5 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staff costs	50,582	46,341
	<u>50,582</u>	<u>46,341</u>
	<u><u>50,582</u></u>	<u><u>46,341</u></u>

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6 Charitable activities	Core		Education, Training & Employability		Young People's Empowerment Project		Childcare Unit Programme		Leadership Programme		Health and Wellbeing		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	101,613		281,525		83,254		83,360		3,315		1		553,068	476,189
Membership Fees	606		-		-		-		-		-		606	150
Staff Travel Expenses	-		160		-		-		-		-		160	355
Programme Costs	13,157		52,501		34,272		-		62,706		755		163,391	196,149
Miscellaneous	6,725		-		1,525		-		-		-		8,250	5,570
Room Hire & Refreshments	2,600		-		-		-		-		-		2,600	-
Staff Training	2,745		-		-		-		-		-		2,745	589
Childcare Consumables	682		-		-		-		-		-		682	1,271
Catering	5,942		233		1,131		-		-		-		7,306	7,436
External Services	13,000		-		-		-		-		-		13,000	-
	<u>147,070</u>		<u>334,419</u>		<u>120,182</u>		<u>83,360</u>		<u>66,021</u>		<u>756</u>		<u>751,808</u>	<u>687,709</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	25,415		24,149		6,994		-		8,514		-		65,072	67,379
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	6,000		-		-		-		-		-		6,000	5,000
	<u>178,485</u>		<u>358,568</u>		<u>127,176</u>		<u>83,360</u>		<u>74,535</u>		<u>756</u>		<u>822,880</u>	<u>760,088</u>

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6 Charitable activities	(Continued)					
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	107,706	-	-	-	-	107,706
Restricted funds	70,779	358,568	127,176	83,360	74,535	715,174
	<u>178,485</u>	<u>358,568</u>	<u>127,176</u>	<u>83,360</u>	<u>74,535</u>	<u>822,880</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>						
Unrestricted funds	20,445	-	-	8,115	-	28,560
Restricted funds	29,788	408,248	107,861	86,506	89,500	731,528
	<u>50,233</u>	<u>408,248</u>	<u>107,861</u>	<u>94,621</u>	<u>89,500</u>	<u>760,088</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	11,044	-	11,044	10,499	-	10,499
Depreciation	4,930	-	4,930	5,072	-	5,072
Repairs & Maintenance	4,912	-	4,912	7,538	-	7,538
Office Expenses	34,154	-	34,154	33,646	-	33,646
Insurance	4,967	-	4,967	4,788	-	4,788
Management Costs	4,705	-	4,705	4,289	-	4,289
Advertising & Publicity	360	-	360	1,547	-	1,547
Audit fees	-	6,000	6,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>65,072</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>71,072</u>	<u>67,379</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>72,379</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>65,072</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>71,072</u>	<u>67,379</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>72,379</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £6,000 (2022- £5,000) for audit fees.

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

No Trustee received remuneration or any other benefits for his/her trusteeship with the charity in the year 2021/22: £NIL). No trustee received travel expenses during the year ended 31 March 2023 (2021/22: £NIL).

No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021/22: £NIL).

The employee benefits of the key management personnel were £170,701 (2021/22: £155,712).

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
Number	Number
32	24
<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>

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9 Employees	(Continued)	
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	553,320	484,008
Social security costs	51,358	41,275
Other pension costs	10,016	7,746
	<u>614,694</u>	<u>533,029</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2022-NIL).

### 10 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
			£	£
Financing costs	3,493	-	3,493	3,123
	<u>3,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,493</u>	<u>3,123</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>	<u>2,123</u>	<u>1,000</u>		<u>3,123</u>

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### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings improvements	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	431,683	178,494	303,623	913,800
Additions	-	-	1,162	1,162
At 31 March 2023	431,683	178,494	304,785	914,962
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 April 2022	431,683	178,494	285,778	895,955
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	4,930	4,930
At 31 March 2023	431,683	178,494	290,708	900,885
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 March 2023	-	-	14,077	14,077
At 31 March 2022	-	-	17,846	17,846

### 12 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	4,234	3,178
Amounts owed by related parties	38,497	38,497
Other debtors	66,307	131,664
Prepayments and accrued income	3,337	3,298
	112,375	176,637

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,885	3,610
Accruals and deferred income	4,800	19,367
	8,685	22,977

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### 14 Retirement benefit schemes

#### **Defined contribution schemes**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,016 (2022 - £7,746).

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#### 15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2023 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Department of Justice	-	5,973	(5,973)	-	5,500	(5,395)	-	105	
NIHE	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-	-	-	
DFC/BRO Core	1,663	261,901	(263,564)	-	-	-	-	-	
CFNI - Covid 19	5,375	-	(949)	4,426	-	-	-	4,426	
NI Community Relations	9,975	120,529	(120,529)	3,871	25,392	(24,832)	-	560	
Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	9,500	(5,629)	-	-	(2,500)	-	1,371	
Belfast City Council - Revenue Grant	-	13,000	(13,000)	-	13,500	-	-	13,500	
Community Fund - Covid Recovery	(456)	-	-	456	-	-	-	-	
Womens Tec	8,096	29,773	(37,869)	-	28,577	(28,267)	-	310	
Belfast City Council - Infant Loss	-	2,677	(2,677)	-	-	-	-	-	
CFNI - Infant Loss	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-	-	-	-	
NIPPA	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	
Co-Operation Ireland	-	1,166	(1,166)	-	-	-	-	-	
Department of Foreign Affairs	14,386	-	(14,386)	-	77,291	(11,423)	-	65,868	
DFC	7,043	50,680	(55,525)	(2,198)	337,788	(314,770)	-	23,018	
Belfast City Council - Christmas Markets	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	701	(701)	-	-	
NI Community Relations - TEO	-	-	-	-	90,000	(90,096)	-	(96)	
TEO	-	61,898	(61,898)	-	41,010	(69,436)	28,426	-	
Lottery - Revenue	34,416	118,875	(108,363)	44,928	139,424	(136,996)	-	47,356	
Belfast City Council Health Programme	-	-	-	-	(750)	(758)	-	8	
	80,498	(716,972)	(732,528)	11717	789,933	(715,174)	(28,426)	156,410	

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15 Restricted funds

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### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,103	12,974	14,077	-	17,846	17,846
Current assets/(liabilities)	70,898	152,122	223,020	163,809	35,379	199,188
	<u>72,001</u>	<u>165,096</u>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>163,809</u>	<u>53,225</u>	<u>217,034</u>

### 17 Related party transactions

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

During the year, Shankill Women's Centre entered into transactions with Small Wonders Childcare, a related party. At the Balance Sheet date, the amount owed by Small Wonders Childcare was £60,340 (2022 - Small Wonders Childcare owed £38,497).

### 18 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	20,063	(7,096)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,930	5,072
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	64,262	(25,465)
(Decrease) in creditors	(14,292)	(24,984)
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<u>74,963</u>	<u>(52,473)</u>

### 19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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### Related Parties

#### **WCRP**

The Women's Centres Regional Partnership (WCRP) is a partnership of four lead regional women's organisations linking with fourteen frontline women's organisations across Northern Ireland. This partnership emerged from and has been ongoing, from the report of the Review Group on women's organisations providing support and services to disadvantaged areas.

#### **TWN**

Training for Women's Network is a regional network who delivers higher level courses for women. They are also a lead in producing information and services for the Women's Sector in NI.

#### **GSPB**

The Greater Shankill Partnership Board was established in 1995 with the aim of producing and delivering a strategy for the social and economic regeneration of the Greater Shankill area. The CEO represents the Women's Centre on this board and is also the acting chair at present. It also acts as a delivery agent for a number of programmes which assist in the regeneration process and in particular Neighbourhood Renewal through Department for Communities.

#### **WSN**

The Women's Support Network is an umbrella organisation for women's groups, centres and projects which are women centred and community-based or adopt a community development approach. It is a charitable and feminist organisation, which operates in the Greater Belfast area while maintaining strong links with women's projects and networks regionally and nationally. The Women's Support Network plays a unique role in co-ordinating and networking with community-based women's organisations and facilitating joint lobbying to challenge inequity and promote positive policy change.

**North Belfast Contract Holders** is a grouping which meet on a monthly basis and receive funding from The Executive Office (TEO). – This is the primary unit for promoting and providing good relation projects across North Belfast.

The Centre has 2 representatives on this group.

**Clonard, Mid-Shankill Initiative (CMSI)** This a cross-community group which meets on a monthly basis in order to organise activities such as – An annual xmas market and various projects which bring the people of Shankill and Clonard areas together.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Organisational Background**

Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond".

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust. The Shankill Women's Centre currently runs:

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The Health & Well-Being Project takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye coordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:

**Emotional and Mental Health**

<b>Positive Vibes</b>	<b>12 participants</b>
<b>Women's Emotional Health</b>	<b>18 participants</b>
<b>Kintsugi Hope</b>	<b>11 participants</b>
<b>Mental Health Resilience</b>	<b>15 participants</b>

**Physical**

<b>Bootcamp</b>	<b>21 participants</b>
<b>Zumba</b>	<b>13 participants</b>
<b>Chairbased Activity</b>	<b>28 participants</b>
<b>Aqua Aerobics</b>	<b>22 participants</b>

**Social Well-Being and Recreational**

<b>Stitching Sisters</b>	<b>35 participants</b>
<b>Glasshouse Art Group</b>	<b>9 participants</b>
<b>Ceramics</b>	<b>15 participants</b>
<b>Allotment</b>	<b>9 participants</b>

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies

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**Childcare Unit**

The child-Care Facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care Organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S.S Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm

The staff have completed and a number of courses – child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

*High scope Ongoing*

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

*Media Initiative Ongoing*

The childcare is containing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week wither with the puppet's or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

*Project Objectives:*

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will crucial to their individual development.

- To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status sexual orientation or disability.
- To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children N.I. Order 1995)?
- To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- To implement the High Scope programme.
- To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.
- To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices, to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.
- To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment. Childcare Unit.

### **Welcome Space/Drop-in Area**

The Shankill Women's Centre provides a welcome space/drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion, culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a 'warm space' that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

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**Education**

Our Shared Education Project is funded by The Executive Office and The North Belfast Good Relations Programme which is managed by the Community Relations Council (CRC) this enabled the delivery of formal and informal courses that were both personally progressive and which supported participants to find employment.

Good Relations underpins this project and compliments shared learning as a standard for good practice. It enables the participants to gain a better understanding of cross community related issues. The participants gain a better understanding and can challenge their personal views and ideals inherited generationally.

Personal development courses delivered by SWC develop confidence and raise self-esteem, aiding the participant to make informed choices on how they can progress. Sharing and learning together offers the two diverse communities the opportunity to unite and grow, breaking down barriers and forming organic friendships while sharing the safe 'Shared Space'.

- GOALS programme
- Acrylic Nails course
- Open university
- OCN Working with children and young people with disabilities
- Essential Skills (English & Maths)
- GCSE (English & Maths)
- Good Relations drama project
- Good relations through Art
- Emotional health
- Myths & Legends
- Drama & Performance
- STEP's to Excellence
- Classroom Assistant L3
- Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign-Language level 1 level 2
- History group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

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**Greater North Belfast Women's Network**

GNBWN has continued to actively engage with other women's organisations providing opportunities to involve members in campaigns, consultation responses and participation in relevant research to ensure that their voices are heard.

**Cross Community Engagement:**

The network also provided and supported members to engage in various workshops, seminars and conferences providing information and awareness on topics and issues that affect their day to day lives. The underpinning rationale was to enable women to attend these and other events and this would act as a 'hook' to promote engagement in other good relations initiatives at grass roots. Throughout the year forum members attended many activities and events held by other members and stakeholders

**Members of the Network:**

1. LOCA (Lower Oldpark Community Association)
2. GlenBank Community Association
3. Women's Tec
4. Ardoyne Association
5. Good Relation Forum (Barron Hall)
6. TDK Community Group
7. Reclaim The Agenda
8. Women's Support Network
9. Ben Madigan Women's Group
10. Queenspark Women's Group
11. Ardoyne/Shankill Health group
12. Tiger's Bay Women's Group
13. Whitewell Surgery Association
14. Cliftonville Community Group

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### **Empowering Young Women's project (EYW)**

Our EYW project is currently funded through Big Lottery, Empowering Young People, to support young women aged 15 – 25 years, who reside in the areas of North or West Belfast. Engagement can range between 12 – 15 months. The programme offers a range of personal and social development courses, fun-based opportunities, alongside accredited OCN qualifications in Money Management, Step's to Excellence and Mentoring.

Participants can avail of additional 1-2-1 mentoring support through an allocated support worker. We can support our young women through signposting and advocacy work. We can also support with childcare, transport, and hospitality. On completion of 80% of the programme participants can avail of a non-monetary incentive up to the value of £350.

### **Life Skills project**

Funded through DFC, Developing Women to support Women aged 16+, across the DEA's of Court or Oldpark. Our Life Skills project offers an 8-week programme, looking at topics such as: Relationships, Peer Pressure, STI's, Contraception, Risk Taking Behaviour, Teenage Pregnancy. Through completion of the programme all participants gain an OCN qualification, level 1 in Life Skills. All participants are given the opportunity to take home an Infant Simulator to experience the realities of parenting.

Each grouping is supported and encouraged to organise a celebration event at the end of the course. This programme also encourages participants to actively seek out and avail of volunteering opportunities within the community to enhance their skills and knowledge of the community sector.

### **Change Makers project**

Change Markers is a project supporting women 18+, who live in either North or West Belfast. Currently funded through Department of Foreign Affairs, as one of their strategic partners.

Delivered over a period of 30-week's the programme content is as follows:

- Participants can work towards three OCN Level 2 accreditations in Community Development, Civic Leadership, Mediation and Facilitation.
- Workshops are offered throughout the length of the programme, examples of which could be, a conversation with (elected representative)., meet your MLA, welfare advice, gender identity etc.
- Site Visits to four political institutions – Belfast City Council, Stormont, The Dáil/Senate, Westminster. These visits are an opportunity to put learning into practice and view how politics really operates.

- Six Change seminars that will run throughout the year and offer an opportunity to bring women together to have their voices heard on issues affecting them, their families, or the wider community arena.

For those individuals that are unable to commit to the longer programme a short 4 x week programme is offered and explores the following: current political voting system, mediating challenging conversations, exploring political manifestos and the workings of the local assembly.

## **Volunteer Project**

Shankill Women's Centre Volunteer Project started in December 2022 with the target of reaching, recruiting, and training 20 volunteers within its 1<sup>st</sup> year. As of now (Aug 23) 30 volunteers have been recruited with a core group of 17 volunteers taking part in all training that has been provided, with a majority taking part in all essential training and gaining necessary qualifications. Two volunteers have progressed into work through the confidence gained and support given by SWC, while another is actively seeking employment.

Throughout all SWC projects volunteers have taken part in over 30 different events, ranging from being in the Women's centre for VIP visits, going on trips with staff to help and support them, cooking for SWC creche, weekly advice clinic and reception cover.

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**Shankill Womens Centre**

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# Annual return

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**SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms N McCullough Ms L Bell Ms C Lawley Ms M Smith Ms N Thompson
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms N McCullough
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC102384/X074187
<b>Company number</b>	NI028769
<b>Registered office</b>	151-157 Shankill Road Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT13 1FD
<b>Auditor</b>	FPM Accountants Limited 1 - 3 Arthur Street Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT1 4GA
<b>Solicitors</b>	Thompson Crooks Solicitors 325 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 1FX
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	B Carlisle (CEO) C Lundy L A Kinnon

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 2019).

### Objectives and Activities:

#### Organisational Background

Shankill Women's Centre Mission Statement:

"Providing an accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond".

Shankill Women's Centre was formed in 1987 by a small group of women interested in running women only education classes and by 1998 it had obtained new shared premises with North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust.

The Shankill Women's Centre currently runs:

#### **The Health & Well-Being Project takes a holistic approach to the prevention of social isolation.**

We do this by covering an array of topics including emotional and mental health, physical health, and social wellbeing classes. All classes are cross-community and intergenerational. Emotional and Mental Health classes allow women a safe environment to explore and express their feelings in positive and healthy ways. Physical Health classes provide a range of different activities ensuring that women with all abilities and disabilities can participate in exercise classes. Social wellbeing and recreational classes help with hand-eye coordination, maintaining and learning new skills, supporting their peers while making new friends preventing social isolation. These classes also help to improve not only their mental health but their physical health.

#### **A range of classes The Health & Well-Being Project provided:**

Emotional and Mental Health

Positive Vibes	12 participants
Women's Emotional Health	18 participants
Kintsugi Hope	11 participants
Mental Health Resilience	15 participants

Physical

Bootcamp	21 participants
Zumba	13 participants
Chairbased Activity	28 participants
Aqua Aerobics	22 participants

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### Social Well-Being and Recreational

Stitching Sisters	35 participants
Glasshouse Art Group	9 participants
Ceramics	15 participants
Allotment	9 participants

As well as regular classes The Health & Well-Being project also provide one off workshops and information days on topics such as Mindfulness and Mental Health. SWC also provides alternative therapies.

### Childcare Unit

The child-Care Facility within the centre provides an invaluable resource to the parents through the provision of high quality care for their children it is also there to help and support parents either if they are working or taking part in Education/ Health Project. All staff are qualified and this is a safe and nurturing environment where children learn and develop through play. We work in partnership with parents to ensure children's needs are paramount. The child-care programme is organised by a Child-Care Manager. A Child-Care Organiser who runs the facility on a day-to-day basis and a team of qualified staff

The Childcare Facility is registered as Full Day Care with North & West H.S.S.S Trust. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm

The staff have completed a number of courses – child development, health and safety, safeguarding children and child protection to add to their continuous development to ensure we help all the children in our care meet all their areas of development.

### *High scope Ongoing*

The childcare project within the Shankill Women's Centre implements the High-Scope Programme which is an early learning plan for pre-school children. The programme is based on the idea that children learn best from activities that they plan and carry out themselves. High-Scope is based on a balance between activities initiated by the children and those arranged by the adults. It is important to build on children's strengths, interests and abilities and to develop their self-esteem and problem solving skills and to help them to understand and accept differences in a wider social setting.

### *Media Initiative Ongoing*

The childcare is continuing to use the Media Initiative for Children Respecting Difference Programme. The children would use this resource each week either with the puppet's or the story books. Major research has found evidence that the programme is effective in improving outcomes in young children in relation to their social and emotional development and awareness of and attitudes towards cultural differences.

### *Project Objectives:*

With the resources in place the project will be able to monitor the development of the children's intellectual, verbal, cognitive, social and emotional skills. Children will also gain confidence and independency. The Childcare facility will provide the children with the social contact of other children that will be crucial to their individual development.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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- To provide a quality child focused environment in which children feel secure and safe.
- To foster and develop each child's sense of self-value and esteem.
- To welcome all parents and their children regardless of their religion, race, marital status sexual orientation or disability.
- To provide child-care which embraces social policy and legislation in respect of children (Children N.I. Order 1995)?
- To promote equal opportunities and ensure that all children are encouraged to participate.
- To be sensitive of the wishes and feelings of parents whose children are in our care.
- To implement the High Scope programme.
- To provide a structured programme that will enable children to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, verbally and physically, encouraging children to learn and explore and develop.
- To recognise and meet the developmental needs of each child and to offer choices, to involve them in all decisions affecting them, to seek their opinion at all time opportunities.
- To help raise awareness in the children of attitudes towards cultural differences and respecting those differences. This will in turn improve effective outcomes in the young children which they will take home to their families. Staff are all trained to deliver this programme and ensure all children are valued and respected in a safe and nurturing environment. Childcare Unit.

### **Welcome Space/Drop-in Area**

The Shankill Women's Centre provides a welcome space/drop in facility for all women irrespective of religion, culture. This is a female only, secure, safe and welcoming environment. This facility is a way for women to meet others, socialise and find out more about the women's centre and the work that is carried out there, without the commitment of signing up to any classes or services. This is a 'warm space' that is available to all the women throughout the winter months as a space that is continually heated and where hot water, tea and coffee are available. This provides an alternative to women sitting at home using their heating and absorbing the subsequent cost.

### **Education**

Our Shared Education Project is funded by The Executive Office and The North Belfast Good Relations Programme which is managed by the Community Relations Council (CRC) this enabled the delivery of formal and informal courses that were both personally progressive and which supported participants to find employment.

Good Relations underpins this project and compliments shared learning as a standard for good practice. It enables the participants to gain a better understanding of cross community related issues. The participants gain a better understanding and can challenge their personal views and ideals inherited generationally.

Personal development courses delivered by SWC develop confidence and raise self-esteem, aiding the participant to make informed choices on how they can progress. Sharing and learning together offers the two diverse communities the opportunity to unite and grow, breaking down barriers and forming organic friendships while sharing the safe 'Shared Space'.

- GOALS programme
- Acrylic Nails course
- Open university
- OCN Working with children and young people with disabilities
- Essential Skills (English & Maths)
- GCSE (English & Maths)

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- Good Relations drama project
- Good relations through Art
- Emotional health
- Myths & Legends
- Drama & Performance
- STEPs to Excellence
- Classroom Assistant L3
- Paediatric 1st Aid
- Sign-Language level 1 level 2
- History group
- Construction Skill Register (CSR)
- Autism Awareness L2

### **Greater North Belfast Women's Network**

GNBWN has continued to actively engage with other women's organisations providing opportunities to involve members in campaigns, consultation responses and participation in relevant research to ensure that their voices are heard.

Cross Community Engagement:

The network also provided and supported members to engage in various workshops, seminars and conferences providing information and awareness on topics and issues that affect their day to day lives. The underpinning rationale was to enable women to attend these and other events and this would act as a 'hook' to promote engagement in other good relations initiatives at grass roots. Throughout the year forum members attended many activities and events held by other members and stakeholders

Members of the Network:

1. LOCA (Lower Oldpark Community Association)
2. GlenBank Community Association
3. Women's Tec
4. Ardoyne Association
5. Good Relation Forum (Barron Hall)
6. TDK Community Group
7. Reclaim The Agenda
8. Women's Support Network
9. Ben Madigan Women's Group
10. Queenspark Women's Group
11. Ardoyne/Shankill Health group
12. Tiger's Bay Women's Group
13. Whitewell Surgery Association
14. Cliftonville Community Group

### **Empowering Young Women's project (EYW)**

Our EYW project is currently funded through Big Lottery, Empowering Young People, to support young women aged 15 – 25 years, who reside in the areas of North or West Belfast. Engagement can range between 12 – 15 months. The programme offers a range of personal and social development courses, fun-based opportunities, alongside accredited OCN qualifications in Money Management, Step's to Excellence and Mentoring.

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Participants can avail of additional 1-2-1 mentoring support through an allocated support worker. We can support our young women through signposting and advocacy work. We can also support with childcare, transport, and hospitality.

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### Related Parties

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms N McCullough

Ms L Bell

Ms C Lawley

Ms M Smith

Ms N Thompson

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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### **Auditor**

The auditor, FPM Accountants Limited, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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



**Ms M Smith**

Trustee

Dated: 31.1.2024

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Shankill Womens Centre for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Shankill Womens Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 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 March 2023 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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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#### **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 charity'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.

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 financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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##### **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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require 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 financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company through enquiry of management, sector research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the company – Companies Act 2006, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key controls cycles in place and enquiry of management.

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

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Our procedures to respond to those risks identified included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management, and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**

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This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Lowry Grant (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of FPM Accountants Limited

**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditors**

1 - 3 Arthur Street

Belfast

Co. Antrim

Northern Ireland

BT1 4GA

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FPM Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	<b>Notes</b>						
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	3	-	267,021	267,021	6,346	248,549	254,895
Charitable activities	4	107,085	522,912	629,997	79,138	468,423	547,561
<b>Total income</b>		<b>107,085</b>	<b>789,933</b>	<b>897,018</b>	<b>85,484</b>	<b>716,972</b>	<b>802,456</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	5	50,582	-	50,582	46,341	-	46,341
Charitable activities	6	107,706	715,174	822,880	28,560	731,528	760,088
Other	10	3,493	-	3,493	2,123	1,000	3,123
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>161,781</b>	<b>715,174</b>	<b>876,955</b>	<b>77,024</b>	<b>732,528</b>	<b>809,552</b>

## SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources before transfers</b>	(54,696)	74,759	20,063	8,460	(15,556)	(7,096)
Gross transfers between funds	(28,426)	28,426	-	11,717	(11,717)	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>	(83,122)	103,185	20,063	20,177	(27,273)	(7,096)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	163,809	53,225	217,034	143,632	80,498	224,130
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>	<u>80,687</u>	<u>156,410</u>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>163,809</u>	<u>53,225</u>	<u>217,034</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		14,077		17,846
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	112,375		176,637	
Cash at bank and in hand		119,330		45,528	
		<u>231,705</u>		<u>222,165</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(8,685)</u>		<u>(22,977)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>223,020</u>		<u>199,188</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>237,097</u>		<u>217,034</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15	156,410		53,225	
Unrestricted funds		80,687		163,809	
		<u>237,097</u>		<u>217,034</u>	

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

*AS AT 31 MARCH 2023*

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31.1.2024



Ms M Smith  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. NI028769**

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	18		74,963		(52,473)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,162)		-	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>					
			(1,162)		-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>					
			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>					
			73,801		(52,473)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			45,528		98,001
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>119,330</u>		<u>45,528</u>

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# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Shankill Womens Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 151-157 Shankill Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT13 1FD, Northern Ireland.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 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 charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing accessible resource and development support for women in the Greater Shankill and beyond and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. In accordance with Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of supporters is not recognised.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	10% Straight Line
Leasehold improvements	10% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.9 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.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

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 charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	267,021	6,346	248,549	254,895
	<u>267,021</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>248,549</u>	<u>254,895</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>				
Department for Communities - Education & Training	254,021	-	235,549	235,549
Belfast City Council - Revenue	13,000	-	13,000	13,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	6,346	-	6,346
	<u>267,021</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>248,549</u>	<u>254,895</u>

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities	Core		Education, Training & Employability		Young People's Empowerment Project		Childcare Unit		Leadership Programme		Health and Wellbeing		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	97,044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,044	73,914
Performance related grants	16,742	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	532,953	473,647	547,561	547,561	547,561
	113,786	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	629,997	547,561	547,561	547,561	547,561
Analysis by fund	107,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,085	107,085
Unrestricted funds	6,701	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	522,912	468,423	468,423	468,423	468,423
Restricted funds	113,786	172,270	168,900	84,291	168,900	84,291	90,000	90,000	750	629,997	547,561	547,561	547,561	547,561
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>	73,914	-	-	5,224	-	5,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,138	79,138
Unrestricted funds	21,639	148,552	118,875	80,680	118,875	80,680	90,000	90,000	8,677	468,423	468,423	468,423	468,423	468,423
Restricted funds	95,553	148,552	118,875	85,904	118,875	85,904	90,000	90,000	8,677	547,561	547,561	547,561	547,561	547,561
<b>Performance related grants</b>														

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities	(Continued)					
OFM DFM - Strategic Good Relations	-	-	-	-	-	90,000
Department for Communities	-	-	10,000	54,291	-	64,291
Early Years	-	-	-	30,000	-	30,000
Womens Tec	-	28,577	-	-	-	28,577
Department of Justice	5,500	-	-	-	-	5,500
Belfast City Council	11,242	560	-	-	750	12,552
NI Community Relations	-	24,832	-	-	90,000	114,832
Department of Foreign Affairs	-	77,291	-	-	-	77,291
TEO Central	-	41,010	-	-	-	41,010
Lottery	-	-	158,900	-	-	158,900
Other	-	-	-	-	-	267,214
	16,742	172,270	168,900	84,291	750	532,953
						473,647

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 5 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Unrestricted funds
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staff costs	50,582	46,341
	<u>50,582</u>	<u>46,341</u>
	<u><u>50,582</u></u>	<u><u>46,341</u></u>

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Charitable activities	Core		Education, Training & Employability		Young People's Empowerment Project		Childcare Unit Programme		Leadership Programme		Health and Wellbeing		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	101,613		281,525		83,254		83,360		3,315		1		553,068	476,189
Membership Fees	606		-		-		-		-		-		606	150
Staff Travel Expenses	-		160		-		-		-		-		160	355
Programme Costs	13,157		52,501		34,272		-		62,706		755		163,391	196,149
Miscellaneous	6,725		-		1,525		-		-		-		8,250	5,570
Room Hire & Refreshments	2,600		-		-		-		-		-		2,600	-
Staff Training	2,745		-		-		-		-		-		2,745	589
Childcare Consumables	682		-		-		-		-		-		682	1,271
Catering	5,942		233		1,131		-		-		-		7,306	7,436
External Services	13,000		-		-		-		-		-		13,000	-
	<u>147,070</u>		<u>334,419</u>		<u>120,182</u>		<u>83,360</u>		<u>66,021</u>		<u>756</u>		<u>751,808</u>	<u>687,709</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	25,415		24,149		6,994		-		8,514		-		65,072	67,379
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	6,000		-		-		-		-		-		6,000	5,000
	<u>178,485</u>		<u>358,568</u>		<u>127,176</u>		<u>83,360</u>		<u>74,535</u>		<u>756</u>		<u>822,880</u>	<u>760,088</u>

**SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

6 Charitable activities	(Continued)					
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds	107,706	-	-	-	-	107,706
Restricted funds	70,779	358,568	127,176	83,360	74,535	715,174
	<u>178,485</u>	<u>358,568</u>	<u>127,176</u>	<u>83,360</u>	<u>74,535</u>	<u>822,880</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>						
Unrestricted funds	20,445	-	-	8,115	-	28,560
Restricted funds	29,788	408,248	107,861	86,506	89,500	731,528
	<u>50,233</u>	<u>408,248</u>	<u>107,861</u>	<u>94,621</u>	<u>89,500</u>	<u>760,088</u>

# SHANKILL WOMENS CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	11,044	-	11,044	10,499	-	10,499
Depreciation	4,930	-	4,930	5,072	-	5,072
Repairs & Maintenance	4,912	-	4,912	7,538	-	7,538
Office Expenses	34,154	-	34,154	33,646	-	33,646
Insurance	4,967	-	4,967	4,788	-	4,788
Management Costs	4,705	-	4,705	4,289	-	4,289
Advertising & Publicity	360	-	360	1,547	-	1,547
Audit fees	-	6,000	6,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>65,072</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>71,072</u>	<u>67,379</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>72,379</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>65,072</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>71,072</u>	<u>67,379</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>72,379</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £6,000 (2022- £5,000) for audit fees.

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

No Trustee received remuneration or any other benefits for his/her trusteeship with the charity in the year 2021/22: £NIL). No trustee received travel expenses during the year ended 31 March 2023 (2021/22: £NIL).

No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021/22: £NIL).

The employee benefits of the key management personnel were £170,701 (2021/22: £155,712).

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
Number	Number
32	24
<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>

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9 Employees	(Continued)	
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	553,320	484,008
Social security costs	51,358	41,275
Other pension costs	10,016	7,746
	<u>614,694</u>	<u>533,029</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2022-NIL).

### 10 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
			£	£
Financing costs	3,493	-	3,493	3,123
	<u>3,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,493</u>	<u>3,123</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2022</b>	<u>2,123</u>	<u>1,000</u>		<u>3,123</u>

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### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings improvements	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	431,683	178,494	303,623	913,800
Additions	-	-	1,162	1,162
At 31 March 2023	431,683	178,494	304,785	914,962
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 April 2022	431,683	178,494	285,778	895,955
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	4,930	4,930
At 31 March 2023	431,683	178,494	290,708	900,885
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 March 2023	-	-	14,077	14,077
At 31 March 2022	-	-	17,846	17,846

### 12 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	4,234	3,178
Amounts owed by related parties	38,497	38,497
Other debtors	66,307	131,664
Prepayments and accrued income	3,337	3,298
	112,375	176,637

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,885	3,610
Accruals and deferred income	4,800	19,367
	8,685	22,977

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### 14 Retirement benefit schemes

#### **Defined contribution schemes**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,016 (2022 - £7,746).

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15 Restricted funds	The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2023 £
			Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
	Department of Justice	-	5,973	(5,973)	-	5,500	(5,395)	-	105	
	NIHE	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-	-	-	
	DFC/BRO Core	1,663	261,901	(263,564)	-	-	-	-	-	
	CFNI - Covid 19	5,375	-	(949)	4,426	-	-	-	4,426	
	NI Community Relations	9,975	120,529	(120,529)	(9,975)	25,392	(24,832)	-	560	
	Lottery - Strategic Plan Residential Grant	-	9,500	(5,629)	3,871	-	(2,500)	-	1,371	
	Belfast City Council - Revenue Grant	-	13,000	(13,000)	-	13,500	-	-	13,500	
	Community Fund - Covid Recovery	(456)	-	-	456	-	-	-	-	
	Womens Tec	8,096	29,773	(37,869)	-	28,577	(28,267)	-	310	
	Belfast City Council - Infant Loss	-	2,677	(2,677)	-	-	-	-	-	
	CFNI - Infant Loss	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-	-	-	-	
	NIPPA	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	
	Co-Operation Ireland	-	1,166	(1,166)	-	-	-	-	-	
	Department of Foreign Affairs	14,386	-	(14,386)	-	77,291	(11,423)	-	65,868	
	DFC	7,043	50,680	(55,525)	(2,198)	337,788	(314,770)	-	23,018	
	Belfast City Council - Christmas Markets	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	701	(701)	-	-	
	NI Community Relations - TEO	-	-	-	-	90,000	(90,096)	-	(96)	
	TEO	-	61,898	(61,898)	-	41,010	(69,436)	28,426	-	
	Lottery - Revenue	34,416	118,875	(108,363)	-	44,928	(136,996)	-	47,356	
	Belfast City Council Health Programme	-	-	-	-	(750)	(758)	-	8	
		80,498	(716,972)	(732,528)	11717	53,225	(715,174)	(28,426)	156,410	

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

15 Restricted funds

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,103	12,974	14,077	-	17,846	17,846
Current assets/(liabilities)	70,898	152,122	223,020	163,809	35,379	199,188
	<u>72,001</u>	<u>165,096</u>	<u>237,097</u>	<u>163,809</u>	<u>53,225</u>	<u>217,034</u>

### 17 Related party transactions

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

During the year, Shankill Women's Centre entered into transactions with Small Wonders Childcare, a related party. At the Balance Sheet date, the amount owed by Small Wonders Childcare was £60,340 (2022 - Small Wonders Childcare owed £38,497).

### 18 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	20,063	(7,096)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,930	5,072
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	64,262	(25,465)
(Decrease) in creditors	(14,292)	(24,984)
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<u>74,963</u>	<u>(52,473)</u>

### 19 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.