

The Open Door Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102488

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-06-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Carrickfergus and the surrounding area in particular (defined by the Borough of Carrickfergus) and the County of Antrim in general without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. To promote such other charitable purposes under the law of Northern Ireland as may from time to time be determined.

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

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training, Relief of poverty, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£45,410	£45,401	£0	1
2024-12-31	£37,040	£37,040	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Christine Gillespie		
Mrs Holly Clarke		
Mrs Lynn Mckenzie		
Mrs Roberta Lindsay		
Mrs Sandra Clarke		

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Accounts



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THE OPEN DOOR CENTRE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Income

Balance 2024 b/f	3,064.50
Transfer from Church	18,000.00
Grant - Impact Network NI	168.91
Grant - Halifax (wages)	6,000.00
Grant - John Moore Foundation	2,940.00
Cluster	3,000.00
Donations	3,500.00
Connect Friends	106.50
Cosy Cuppa	1,612.60
Playtime Parent + Tots	507.70
Room Hire	910.00
Bags of clothes/shoes	297.00
Metal recycling	351.17

Expenditure

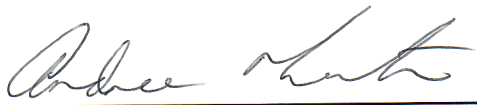
Rent	4,000.00
A Martin - Wages	13,044.94
- Tax	1,507.08
- Nat Ins	276.51
- Pension	1,248.00
Cleaning	69.89
Cosy Cuppa	813.68
Ecolab pest control	457.44
Electricity	2,693.14
Grant spending	1,835.48
Heating - Gas	826.84
Insurance 50%	1,862.50
Outings - clubs	362.75
Petrol	180.00
Playtime Parent + Tots	149.78
Repairs/Décor	118.33
Stationery & Postage	70.65
Sundries	132.60
Telephone/Internet	569.18
Training	48.00
Volunteer Nights	166.86
Water Rates	911.87

Total Expenditure **31,345.52**

Balance 9,112.86

40,458.38

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Signed 
Treasurer

Date 12th February 2026

Checked by 
David Thompson - Inpartnership

Date 12th February 2026

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CARRICKFERGUS BABYBANK ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance b/f 2024	1,023.62		
Transfer from Tithe Account	1,100.00	Baby Toiletries	117.78
Standing Orders	180.00	Nappies	135.83
Missionary Offerings	380.00	Clothing + shoes	603.23
Donations	568.00	Christmas Pyjamas	159.36
Carrick Baptist donation	50.00	Products for mums/dads	161.92
Progressive Building Society donation	500.00	Stair Gates/safety catches	57.49
North Street Pres Church donation	791.70	Mattresses & bedding	100.00
Mulhollands Grant	300.00	Toys	166.98
Recharges	50.30	Nappy bins	42.99
		Shelving/Storage boxes	448.70
		Recharges	50.30
		Total Expenditure	2,044.58
		Balance	2,899.04
	<u><u>4,943.62</u></u>		<u><u>4,943.62</u></u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Income

Balance 2023 b/f	3,433.48
Transfer from Church	12,000.00
Grant - Impact Network NI	2,000.00
Grant - Halifax (wages)	9,000.00
Grant - Gills Charity	1,500.00
Connect Friends	120.00
Cosy Cuppa	1,384.70
Playtime Parent + tots	798.50
Rent of Centre	1,340.00
Bags of clothes/shoes	869.08
Donations	100.00
Metal recycling	536.39
Recharges	14.10

Expenditure

A Martin - Wages	15,888.64
- Tax	1,036.06
- Nat Ins	412.64
- Pension	2,009.00
Cleaning	32.46
Cosy Cuppa	637.81
Ecolab pest control	430.21
Electricity	2,162.12
Grant spending	1,691.13
Heating - Gas	869.17
Insurance 50%	1,829.72
Petrol	240.00
Playtime parent + tots	304.12
Recharges	14.10
Repairs/Décor	296.11
Stationery & Postage	148.01
Sundries	61.59
Telephone/Internet	942.26
Volunteer Nights	227.38
Water Rates	799.22

Total Expenditure **30,031.75**

Balance 3,064.50

33,096.25

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Signed
Trustee

Date 3.5.2025

Signed
Treasurer

Date 12th Feb 2025

Checked by
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Date 12/2/2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Income

Balance 2022 b/f	14,457.09
Transfer from church	10,000.00
Grant - Impact Network NI	700.00
Connect Friends	128.50
Cosy Cuppa	1,248.37
Playtime Parent + tots	740.28
Rent of Centre	1,395.00
Alltex - Bags of clothes	692.00
Shoe recycling	60.22
Metal recycling	651.36

Expenditure

A Martin - Wages	14,376.67
- Tax	785.84
- Nat Ins	516.08
- Pension	1,664.00
Cleaning	49.64
Cosy Cuppa	712.24
Ecolab pest control	395.30
Electricity	2,250.20
Grant spending	721.64
Heating - Gas	613.50
Insurance 50%	1,742.98
Petrol	240.00
Playtime parent + tots	209.08
Repairs/Décor	388.00
Stationery & Postage	27.94
Sundries	117.21
Telephone/Internet	722.12
Volunteer Night	185.36
Water Rates	801.54
Web Hosting	120.00

Total Expenditure **26,639.34**

Balance 3,433.48

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Signed _____
Treasurer

Date _____

Checked by _____
David Thompson - Inpartnership

Date _____

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Annual report

Aim and Purposes

The Open Door Centre (ODC) exists to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure occupations. We also work towards advancement in education for the Community of Carrickfergus and surrounding areas. We support Sunnylands community specifically and the whole of Carrickfergus generally.

Objectives and Activities

ODC promotes the benefit of the inhabitants of Carrickfergus and the surrounding area in particular (defined by the Borough of Carrickfergus) and the County of Antrim in general without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

To promote such other charitable purposes under the law of Northern Ireland as may from time to time be determined.

Our activities include but are not limited to:

The Open Door Centre operates an Outreach Centre in Sunnylands residential area in Carrickfergus. We are available and accessible for all sections of the community. We are a place for people to volunteer and play an important role in their community by helping others. We hold weekly activities for a variety of age groups. We provide a caring, safe environment where people can come and make friends, share life stories and feel supported. We hold an annual Christmas dinner for the over 60s in our groups. All our activities are advertised on our website and social media and are open to all in the community.

Achievements and Performance

Staff and Management Committee

Andree Martin, in a paid capacity, manages the work of the ODC in providing admin support, sourcing and supplying resources and overseeing the maintenance of the building.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Management Committee consists of: Lynn McKenzie (Chair), Sandra Clarke, Holly Clarke, Roberta Lindsay, Christine Gillespie, who are responsible for all matters and decisions regarding the ODC including deciding on how funds are to be spent.

Each member volunteers to either lead a weekly activity or supports the Centre Manager with administrative and grant funding duties.

Weekly Activities *Connect Friends : Over 60s Club*

Connect Friends meets on the second and last Monday of each month and provides a place of friendship and recreation. Each meeting begins with refreshments and includes either a talk from a local speaker of interest or an interactive activity e.g. Bake Off, armchair aerobics, singers etc. The group members returned slowly post-covid with some caution and some didn't return but new members began to attend and the group returned to full capacity.

Playtime: Parent and Toddlers

Playtime meets every Tuesday during school terms for parents and children aged 0-3/preschool. Each week there is an interactive program of crafts, singing and games. These are organised in a manner which encourages parents to interact with their children. There have been guest speakers such as a speech therapist and a nutritional advisor. Feedback has shown us that some parents have made friends and social arrangements with other parents outside of the group meetings. This group has grown to capacity as new members continued to attend.

Cosy Cuppa

This group launched in September 2022 as organic growth out of the previous Carer's Cafe. The group has expanded its reach beyond carers but also still involves carers. The group has

responded to to the need for social inclusion and the wellbeing requirements of spending time outside of organised activities and being an open space where people can gather to meet friends and eat together. This has proved to be a successful group with it containing our largest group of participants.

Carrickfergus BabyBank

Carrickfergus BabyBank is an emergency supply service for families in need. They provide a three day pack of emergency baby toiletries, baby and young children's clothes and can help source baby equipment if needed. They work on a referral basis and have built up a network of community and statutory groups who act as referral agencies. Our work to rebuild relationships with families post-covid has been successful.

Teams

We would like to thank all who work so hard to make our organisation a safe and welcoming place of support. We would like to mention all the team leaders who give their time freely to benefit both the smooth running of programs and the care of others. Their invaluable contribution of time and effort keeps the organisation operational.

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Annual return

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of The Open Door Centre

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and examiner

The Charity's Management Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

As an Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts

- To follow the procedures laid down by the Charity Commission
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination, carried out on the 18th February 2024, was in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as a Management Committee concerning such matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter came to my attention and therefore I am satisfied that The Open Door Centre has kept a good standard of accounting procedures and I believe that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial dealings of the charity.

D. P. Thompson

13th March 2024

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