

Downe University of the Third Age

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102502

Details

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| Known as | Downe U3A |
| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2015-05-21 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: i. to advance the education of older people who are no longer in full time gainful activity in Downpatrick and its surrounding locality; ii. to promote the education and well-being of members of Downe U3A

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Older people,Voluntary and community sector

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £24,255 | £22,587 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------|------|-----------|
| Brendan Mulhall | | |
| Mr Canice O'doherty | | |
| Mr Dougie Marr | | |
| Mr Greg Lyons | | |
| Mrs Carrie Teggart | | |
| Mrs Pen Lyons | | |
| Mrs Sharon Mccue | | |
| Mrs Sheila Magee | | |
| Prof Jane Lindsay | | |

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Accounts

DOWNE U3A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/245

Income & Expenditure, 1st April – 31st March

| | 2024/25 | | 2023/24 | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Receipts | Payments | Receipts | Payments |
| | Restricted funds | | | |
| Arts Council | - | 0 | 2,590 | 3,455 |
| PHA 1 | 1,000 | 0 | 865 | 0 |
| PHA 2 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| NMDDC | 1,150 | 1,150 | 0 | 0 |
| Executive | - | 921 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub-total | 6,150 | 7,071 | 7,455 | 8,455 |
| | Group funds | | | |
| Culinary | - | - | 1,375 | 1,322 |
| Go local | 35 | 85 | 1,139 | 1,057 |
| Theatre | 4,917 | 5,098 | 4,630 | 3,893 |
| Film | 107 | - | 60 | 12 |
| Table Tennis | - | - | 75 | 0 |
| Wellness | 120 | 61 | - | - |
| Days away | 2,340 | 2,293 | 421 | 354 |
| Irish history | 1,075 | 666 | - | - |
| Sub-total | 8,594 | 8,203 | £7,700 | £6,638 |
| | General funds | | | |
| Membership | 5,128 | - | 4,485 | - |
| Gift Aid Refund | 888 | - | 496 | - |
| Christmas Lunch | 1,825 | 1,801 | 1,779 | 2,198 |
| Fees to Trust | | 1,252 | | 952 |
| Beacon Access | | 313 | | 264 |
| Magazine | | 736 | | 589 |
| Meeting Room | | 528 | | 567 |
| Speakers | | 160 | | 150 |
| Bank | | 43 | | - |
| Printing, Stationery | | 643 | | 340 |
| Web & Texting | | 327 | | 234 |
| Equip't Bought | | 526 | | 263 |
| Other Items(a) | 1,670 | 984 | 1,753 | 1,153 |
| Sub-total | 9,511 | 7,313 | 8,513 | 6,710 |
| TOTALS | 24,255 | 22,587 | 23,083 | 23,716 |

(a) Includes the balances of the sums received and spent for funded event, donations and miscellaneous costs and expenses.

DOWNE U3A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/245

Balances at 31st March

| | 2024/25 | | 2023/24 | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | BF | CF | BF | CF |
| Restricted funds | -1,000 | -1,921 | - | -1,000 |
| | | | | |
| Culinary | 153 | 153 | 100 | 153 |
| Go local | 172 | 122 | 90 | 172 |
| Theatre | 737 | 556 | 0 | 737 |
| Film | 162 | 269 | 114 | 162 |
| Table Tennis | 165 | 165 | 90 | 165 |
| Wellness | - | 59 | - | - |
| Days away | 267 | 314 | 200 | 267 |
| Irish history | - | 409 | - | - |
| Groups | 1,656 | 2,047 | 594 | 1,656 |
| | | | | |
| General | 4,408 | 6,607 | 5,102 | 4,408 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | 5,064 | 6,733 | 5,696 | 5,064 |

DOWNE U3A STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

| | Total Funds 2025 | Total Funds 2024 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bank & Cash Balances | £ | £ |
| Bank Current Account | 9,013 | 8,054 |
| Cash & cheques in hand | 35 | 92 |
| | 9,048 | 8,146 |
| | | |
| Other Assets | | |
| Equipment (at cost) | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Laptop (at cost) | 330 | 330 |
| Laptop 2 | 526 | - |
| Fixtures (at cost) | 735 | 735 |
| | 3,875 | 3,349 |

Approved by the committee and signed on their behalf:

[Handwritten Signature]
2/6/25

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DOWNE U3A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

Income & Expenditure, 1st April - 31st March

| | 2023/24 | | | 2022/23 | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | In | Out | | In | Out | |
| | Restricted funds | | | | | |
| BF | 2,590 | | | 0 | | |
| Lottery Fund | | | | 960 | 960 | |
| Arts Council | - | 3,455 | | 3,460 | 4,325 | |
| CLEAR project | 865 | | | 3,780 | 325 | |
| PHA | 4,000 | 5,000 | | | | |
| CF | | -1,000 | | | 2,590 | |
| | 7,455 | 7,455 | | 8,200 | 8,200 | |
| | Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| Membership | 4,530 | 45 | | 3,603 | | |
| Gift Aid Refund | 496 | | | 75 | | |
| Donations | 380 | | | 400 | | |
| ACNI & PHA | 737 | 513 | | 813 | 656 | |
| Christmas lunch | 1,779 | 2,198 | | 1,758 | 1,906 | |
| DRCN Grant | 200 | | | 250 | 157 | |
| Groups | 9,705 | 8,506 | | 776 | 998 | |
| Meeting Room Hire | 35 | 602 | | | 482 | |
| Speaker | | 150 | | | 400 | |
| Beacon Access | | 264 | | | 206 | |
| Capitation Fees | | 952 | | | 824 | |
| TAM | | 589 | | | 391 | |
| Copyright licence | | | | | 60 | |
| Web Maintenance | | 234 | | | 254 | |
| Equipment Purchase | | 263 | | | 243 | |
| Mobile Texting Service | | | | | 88 | |
| Miscellaneous | 357 | 944 | - | 560 | 433 | |
| Total in/out | 18,218 | 15,261 | - | 8,235 | 7,097 | |
| Surplus/deficit | | 2,957 | | | 1,138 | |
| | | | | | | |
| BF | | 3,106 | | | 1,968 | |
| CF | | 6,064 | | | 3,106 | |

DOWNE U3A
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2024

| | Total Funds 2024 | Total Funds 2023 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank & Cash Balances | | |
| Bank Current Account | 8,054 | 8,389 |
| Less cheques not presented | -863 | -1,030 |
| Less fees paid in advance | -2,214 | -1,755 |
| Cash in hand | 92 | 92 |
| | 5,064* | 5,696 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Equipment (at cost) | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Laptop (at cost) | 330 | 330 |
| Fixtures (at cost) | 735 | 735 |
| | 3,349 | 3,349 |

- Plus £1,000 due from PHA

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Edwina Marr – Chairman

Mrs Sheila Magee – Treasurer

Edwina Marr

Date: *30/4/24*

Sheila Magee

Date: *5/5/24*

Downe University of the Third Age

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102502

Annual report

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF DOWNE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
(NI102502) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024**

Introduction

This report refers to the operation of Downe University of the Third Age (NI 102502) (commonly known as Downe u3a) in the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. It includes a Receipts and Payments account.

The u3a is governed by the attached constitution. It has no fixed address, but correspondence can go to The Treasurer, Downe u3a, 15 Saul Road, Downpatrick, BT30 6NN

Purposes of the Charity

The objective of this organisation, in operation since 2007, is to advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people in Downpatrick and its surrounding locality and to promote the education and well-being of its members.

Main Activities

It provides learning activities in a social environment for older people Downpatrick and the surrounding area, mainly through over 20 interest groups and a monthly meeting with a guest speaker.

Main Achievements in 2023-24

In the previous year, at the end of lockdown, the u3a made particular efforts to get members back into meeting people and to encouraging new members to join. This continued in 2023-23, with membership swelling from 264 to 313, including many who were new to the area and who appreciated the opportunity to develop new friendships. During the year we were helped by funding from the Public Health Agency (PHA) and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

Public Benefit

The trustees of Downe u3a have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Financial Position at the End of the Year

In 2023/24 there was a surplus of £2,957 on unrestricted funds compared with a surplus of £1,138 in the previous year. Restricted funds were obtained in that year from the Public Health Agency, both the balance of an award in 2022-23 and the first tranche of the award in 2023-24. In 20-23/24 Downe u3a spent all of the carried forward restricted funds from an Arts Council award and all of the PHA award. The final £1,000 of PHA funds was received in 2024/25.

Signed:

Date:

Edwina Marr

5th July 2024

Trustees at the end of 2023/24 were:

Marr, Edwina; Marr, Douglas; Magee, Sheila; Teggart, Carrie; Mulhall, Brendan; Lindsay, Jane.

Registered Charity NI 102502

Downe University of the Third Age

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102502

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Downe u3a (Charity Commission for Northern Ireland ref: NIC105205)

I report on the accounts of Downe u3a for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the **charity's trustees** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is **my** responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

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

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

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

Signed: *M E Needham*

Name: MATTHEW E. NEEDHAM

Date: *7th May 2024*

Address: *12 Beafeld Drive*

Bamber

Newtownards

BT23 5JJ

Downe University of the Third Age

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Accounts

**DOWNE U3A
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2023**

| | Unrestricted 2023 | Unrestricted 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | |
| Voluntary Receipts | | |
| Donations & Gift Aid | 1,538 | 596 |
| From Charitable Activities | | |
| Membership Fees | 3,603 | 602 |
| Outings & Events | 3,094 | |
| Total Receipts | 8,235 | 1,198 |
| Payments | | |
| Cost of Fundraising | - | - |
| Cost of Charitable Activities | 7,097 | 2,467 |
| Total Payments | 7,097 | 2,467 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | 1,138 | -1,269 |
| | Restricted 2023 | Restricted 2022 |
| Receipts | 8,200 | - |
| Payments | 5,610 | - |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | 2,590 | - |
| | Restricted & Unrestricted | |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | 3,728 | -1,269 |
| Reconciliation 31.03.23 | | |
| Brought forward | 1,968 | 3,237 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for this year | 3,728 | -1,269 |
| To be carried Forward | 5,696 | 1,968 |

DOWNE U3A
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2023

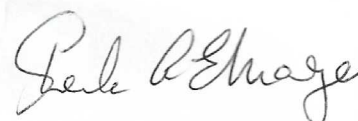
| | Total Funds 2023 | Total Funds 2022 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bank & Cash Balances | £ | £ |
| Bank Current Account | 8,389 | 2,033 |
| Less cheques not presented | -1,030 | -120 |
| Less fees paid in advance | -1,755 | - |
| Cash in hand | 92 | 55 |
| | 5,696 | 1,968 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Equipment (at cost) | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Laptop (at cost) | 330 | 330 |
| Fixtures (at cost) | 735 | 645 |
| | 3,349 | 3,259 |

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Hubert Curran – Chairman

Date: 4/4/23



Mrs Sheila Magee - Treasurer

Date: 4/4/23

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At the beginning of that year we were just coming out of Covid restrictions and, recognising the breakdown of many social relations, the u3a made particular efforts to get members back into meeting people and to encouraging new members to join. During the year we recruited 83 new members, ending with a total of 264, helped by funding from the Lottery Fund and the Public Health Agency.

Public Benefit

The trustees of Downe u3a have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Financial Position at the End of the Year

In 2023/24 there was a surplus of £1,138 on unrestricted funds compared with a loss of £1,269 the previous year when, since there were no face to face no membership fees were charged except for new members. Consequently receipts from gift aid were low in 2022/23. Income in 2022/23 was boosted by an unrestricted award of £400 was received from ASDA. Restricted funds were received from the Lottery Fund (all used in 2022/23), Health Promotion Agency (all used in 2022/23 but the final money was not received until April 2023) and the Arts Council (partly used in 2022/23).

Signed:



Date:

4/04/23

Trustees at the end of 2022/23 were:

Curran, Hubert; Killen, Patrick; Magee, Sheila; Marr, Douglas; Marr, Edwina; McManus, Helen; Mulhall, Brendan; Teggart, Carrie.

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Signed: ME Needham

Name: MATTHEW E. NEEDHAM.

Date: 10th July 2023

Address: 12 COPELAND DRIVE, CAMBER BT23 5JJ.