

TRUSTEE REPORT YEAR END 13/9/23

CHARITY NAME: ODAT LIMITED
ADDRESS: PEACE HOUSE
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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI102967
FINANCIAL YEAR: 14/9/22 – 13/9/23

ODAT Ltd is constituted by our Memorandum of Association dated 14/9/93

TRUSTEE INFORMATION

ODAT Ltd was established in Northern Ireland on 14/9/93 to serve Al-Anon Family Groups, to carry out Public Information about the help which is available to Families and Friends of Alcoholics and to distribute Literature to Groups and members of the public in Northern Ireland.

Our Aim is to relieve poverty and distress among families and dependants suffering by reason of someone else's alcoholism, to help those affected, to understand the nature of the illness of alcoholism, its causes and effects and by instruction, guidance and example in proper and helpful attitudes and behaviour towards the sufferer.

Our Trustees are nominated for a 3 year period with an option to succeed themselves for a further 3 years, at our Annual General Meetings which takes place every year.

The AGM of ODAT Ltd took place on 4th December 2022. Our Office Bearers are elected from the New Board at its first meeting

after the AGM. All Trustees receive written documentation of roles, duties and responsibilities. There are terms of reference contained within this Induction Pack.

Board meetings take place 4 times per year and Trustees attend the AGM.

The Trustees were successful in Registering as a recognised Charity in Northern Ireland on 7/9/15 and are committed to carrying out their duties in accordance with its Charitable purposes.

ODAT LTD is also registered as a Charity with HMRC.

ODAT LTD employs an Office Manager on a part-time basis. Office Managers contract is permanent

The Administration Office is situated in Belfast and rent is paid in accordance with a contractual arrangement on a monthly basis.

THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD OF 14/9/22 – 13/9/23

ACTIVITIES

We offer support and guidance throughout Northern Ireland to the ever growing number of people reaching out for help with someone else's problem drinking.

We provided a 24 hr telephone helpline where members of the public living with someone else's alcoholism can access information about Al-Anon Family Groups and speak to Al -Anon volunteers.

We continued to offer telephone support and there were approximately 1,017 distress calls throughout the year from friends and families of people with an alcohol problem. Many of these calls were from members of the public who have a relationship with someone who has an alcohol problem. Al-Anon members continued to use the helpline between meetings and get the support they need.

An important part of these calls is that members of the Public are now aware of the help which is available to them at any time. We

continued to give hope to distressed callers and encourage them to reach out via the helpline and to attend the Al-Anon meetings either in person or online. Al-Anon Online meetings continue and newcomers and members were able to get support and help from members who also share the anguish of living around problem drinking.

There has been an increase in online enquiries which opens a new way for members of the public to get in touch, we can email meeting details and always offer our helpline number so that the newcomer can chat, if they would like to. We recommend to all who contact us to attend Al-Anon meetings where the support is. Our information is on various websites which help and support people with family member addictions. These organisations have a referral form on their Website which can be completed and then they email to us, enabling us to contact the enquirer and offer our help and support.

288 Newcomer Packs were sent out throughout the year with literature and meeting details enclosed.

We continued to send Newcomer Booklets to Cuan Mhuire Rehab Centre and Northlands Rehab Centre for families of in patients. These Newcomer Booklets also contain a list of Al-Anon meetings both in person and online across Northern Ireland.

We also received 63 calls from professionals looking for help for clients and sent Public Information Packs which we offer to replenish as required.

We continued to participate in open Alcoholic Anonymous meetings, with Al-Anon Members sharing their story of their difficulties of having a family member addicted to alcohol and how attending al-Anon meetings are helping. We supplied literature to these meetings for the public.

During this year we were able to supply literature to the Al-Anon Days of Gratitude which are now able to take place again.

Members come together for meetings and also open meetings are available for the public to attend.

FINANCIAL

The accounts for the year ending 13/9/23 are presented as attached, in the form of Statement of Financial Activities in order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) *Accounting and Reporting by Charities in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable.*

ODAT Ltd were successful in making 2 Gift Aid claims during the financial period 14/9/22 – 13/9/23.

ACCOUNTANT

DALY PARK & COMPANY

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Accounts closed on 13/9/23 were passed and signed off at a Board meeting on 4/12/23.

The finances for the administration of the Charity and to fulfil its purposes are from donations from Al-Anon Family Groups in Northern Ireland and fundraising activities by Al-Anon Members. ODAT is self supporting through these voluntary contributions.

A Reserve Account with one years running costs is held as a sustainability measure. *See Page 9 of audited accounts.*

Dated 10/6/24 Signed Seaneen Weir.....Treasurer