

# Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### Financial Review

#### Reserves Policy

The trustees have confirmed £25,000 as the level of free reserves that the charity aims to have on an ongoing basis and are working towards this target through a series of measures introduced in the current financial year and with plans already underway for the next financial year. The trustees believe this level of free reserves is essential to enable the charity to provide its activities for the foreseeable future. This reserve policy is an integral part of the charity's planning, budget and forecasts.

### Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £926,780 (2022 - £987,596) and liabilities of £80,417 (2022 - £191,122). The net assets of the company have increased by £49,889.

### Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Thomas McCorry  
Sydney Cairns (Resigned 9/5/23)  
Wilson Freeburn  
James Joseph Nelson

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## Our Achievement and Accomplishments

Preparing an annual report provides a time for reflection, an opportunity to look back over the previous year revisiting areas of success and reconsidering areas of challenge. It also helps us to look to the future and consider what it is we need to do to keep moving forward. There is quotation that says "Moving on is a process, moving *forward* is a choice. There's a slight difference between the two – moving on is letting things happen, *moving forward* is making things happen."

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In the year end March 2023 SLCP continued through another difficult year especially with the rising costs of Gas and Electricity along with price increases for materials etc.

Organisations within Mt. Zion House also have struggled with increases but still remain and are committed to serving the community.



SLCP are delighted that our partner Action Cancer have continued to bring its therapeutic support services to Mt Zion House and in supporting this much needed service in our area we continue to offer them the use of 2 rooms at no cost as a thank you for their work.

Complementary therapy can help reduce anxiety and stress, improve sleep patterns and aid relaxation. It can also teach coping skills to help deal with what's happening. Any adult or child who has had a cancer diagnosis themselves or has been affected through a close relative's diagnosis can avail of this free service.

Counselling continues to be a vital service especially after the Covid pandemic and with the continuing cost of living crisis and the effect it is having on the community. With our qualified counsellors they can offer their clients a safe and confidential service within Mt. Zion House either face to face or via zoom.

One of our anchor tenants continue to offer an advice service along with tribunals to all those who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, debt, benefits etc. and are fully booked on a daily basis.

Community workshops continued throughout the year along with Mental Health support groups as demand continues within our community.

S.L.C.P were able to provide a green space and partner with Praxis Care a tenant.

With the help and dedication of their clients all suffering with Mental Health issues a community garden was developed. We hope throughout the year ahead to be able to further develop the remaining green space, enabling us to offer this facility as a safe place for our community to enjoy.

We have sought funding to replace windows, enhance our green space and maintain our building ensuring it is fit for purpose for years to come.

As Mount Zion House is a Community Hub, we continue to provide office and workshop space to the voluntary/community sector/and small enterprises. We look forward to welcoming two new tenants in June 2023.

We still have no doubt that we will face challenges in the next year, but we will rise to whatever is ahead so that we remain a community hub to support both our tenants and the community.

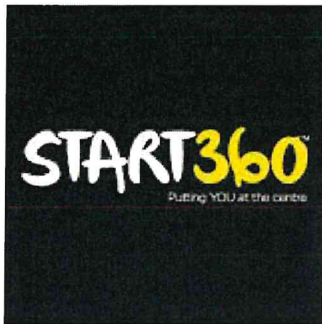
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None of the achievements above would be possible without the support of our directors, and company accountant. Without their knowledge and commitment Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects would be unable to provide the much needed services required within the community.

S.L.C.P look forward to welcoming new members to the Management Board as some existing members are now retiring after years of dedication to our organisation.

## **OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



**AND MANY OTHER GROUPS WITHIN MT. ZION HOUSE**

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### **Big Thanks to our Funders**

At Mount Zion House we have always striven to adopt an approach of income self-generation in order to continue supporting the local community.

We would like to thank the following funder.

## **ARMAGH BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Public Benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped the charity purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

### **Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Thomas McCorry  
Trustee



James Joseph Nelson  
Trustee



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

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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