

Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

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 2025.

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 2025.

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.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Shankill (Lurgan) Community Projects is a cross-community enterprise committed to realising a vision of Lurgan and its surrounding areas, as a caring, prosperous and reconciled community. SLCP works in a number of different areas:

Community Resource provision SLCP is a centralised community resource which works directly or in partnership to deliver a range of physical, emotional and mental well-being programmes to the local community through the:

- Provision of low cost/no cost office rentals and room hire to voluntary and community organisations.
- Partnership delivering beneficial programmes into the community.
- Delivery of capability and capacity building programmes including community relations, adult learning and leisure programmes.

Health and Well Being programmes All health & well-being programmes including counselling services are open to individuals from across the community and income derived from the provision of services, room hire, and office rentals is reinvested by SLCP in support of its community-based activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Shankill Lurgan Community Projects is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association, and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. The charity has an induction programme for new directors as part of which they are advised of their legal responsibility, main duties and roles. The directors have ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the affairs of Shankill Lurgan Community Projects, although the day-to-day management of the organisation is undertaken by a separate individual who report to the Board of Directors at regular meetings. The directors meet on monthly or bi-monthly basis.

The directors of the company at 31 March 2025, all of whom have been directors for the whole of the period ended on that date, unless otherwise stated, are listed on the information page.

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Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance
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Our Achievement and Accomplishments

Preparing this annual report has given us the opportunity to reflect on the past year- celebrating our successes, identifying areas for growth, and planning. As the saying goes, "Moving on is a process; moving forward is a choice." At SLCP, we are committed to making things happen as we continue to serve our community.

The financial year ending March 2025 brought continued challenges due to the rising costs of gas, electricity, and essential materials. Despite these hurdles, SLCP and other organisations based at Mt. Zion House have remained steadfast in their dedication to supporting the local community.

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Action Cancer, who provide vital therapeutic support services at Mt. Zion House. In appreciation of their invaluable work, we provide two rooms free of charge to support their services. Their complementary therapies help reduce anxiety and stress, improve sleep, and equip clients with coping strategies. These services are available at no cost to any adult or child affected by a cancer diagnosis, either directly or through a close relative.

In response to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and its impact on mental health, counselling has remained a crucial service within our community. We are proud to now have six qualified counsellors offering safe, confidential support, both in person and online via Zoom, from Mt. Zion House. Demand for these services continues to grow, and we are committed to meeting these needs.

Throughout the year, SLCP facilitated numerous community workshops and mental health support groups. We also strengthened our youth outreach by providing additional office space for a lead partner organisation, as well as daily room hire to support structured programmes designed for young people in our community.

Our community garden, developed in partnership with Praxis, continues to thrive thanks to the dedication of local volunteers and clients facing mental health challenges. This green space has become a safe, joyful environment for all involved. Additional funding this year allowed us to further enhance the garden.

Looking ahead, local youth are set to launch an environmental project in April. This initiative will involve growing plants and building planters to beautify areas around Mt. Zion House



We made significant upgrades to Mt. Zion House this year, including replacing 13 front-facing windows and upgrading fire doors. We are actively seeking funding to replace windows at the rear of the building and have submitted an application to install solar panels to improve our sustainability. Painting of the building's exterior is planned for May/June, as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the premises remain fit for purpose.

Additionally, minor renovations at the rear of the building have been completed to accommodate more tenants and create additional private spaces for hire by community groups

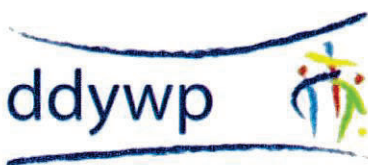
As a key community hub, Mt. Zion House provides office and workshop spaces to voluntary and community organisations, as well as small enterprises. We are delighted to have welcomed new tenants over the past year, and by April, we anticipate reaching full capacity with a waiting list for future occupancy.

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While we recognize that challenges remain, we are confident in our ability to adapt and overcome them. The dedication and support of our directors and company accountant have been invaluable, and without them, the delivery of these vital community services would not be possible.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the SLCP Management Board in the upcoming financial year.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



AND MANY OTHER GROUP/ SMALL ENTERPRISES

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 funders.

Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
Keep NI Beautiful Small Grants
Groundwork NI

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 £911,787 (2024 - £938,216) and liabilities of £46,172 (2024 - £71,960). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(641).

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have actively reviewed the major risks which the charity faces and believes that the charity has sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The directors have also examined other business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that it has established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Trustees

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

Thomas McCorry
Wilson Freeburn
James Joseph Nelson

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

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)

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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/7/25 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 2025

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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/7/25 and signed on its behalf by:


Thomas McCorry
Trustee


James Joseph Nelson
Trustee