

INVOLVE (NI)

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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs Mary Devlin Mr Gerard Lynch Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin Mr Michael Murphy Mr Joseph Wilson Ms Rachael Jeffers
Company Secretary	Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	NIC103206
Company Number	NI619726
Principal Address	18 Queen Street Magherafelt Co Londonderry BT45 6AB Northern Ireland
Accountants	R T J Ross & Co Chartered Accountants 44 Molesworth Street Cookstown Tyrone BT80 8PA Northern Ireland
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 7 August 2013. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The charity seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place are reviewed annually to ensure their relevance

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Rachael Jeffers

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

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Objectives and Activities

The objects of Involve (NI) as set out in our Articles is the promotion of education, training and personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills, develop and participate in valued roles in the community and achieve a level of independence.

Involve (NI) also aims to advance citizenship and community development through the provision of opportunities for social interaction and social inclusion which support, enrich and empower the community; and the development of programmes with other partnerships and provision of services which promote choice, opportunity, independence, equality and health and wellbeing.

Public Benefit Statement

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 activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

InVOLve (NI) is solely run by volunteers who ensure InVOLve meet their objectives.

InVOLve (NI) has three venues which caters for the local community and facilitates Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre and The Base.

InVOLve (NI) was set up to meet the needs of the community creating a shared space for those living with a disability and/or disadvantage.

InVOLve (NI) enables community integration in a shared space for people from all backgrounds and communities regardless of age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion, race or where they live.

Achievements and Performance

This annual report will give an overview of the work of InVOLve (NI) during 2022 – 2023. InVOLve (NI) believe that they are meeting their objectives.

InVOLve (NI) have 3 premises in Antrim, Cookstown and in particular InVOLve House, Magherafelt.

Involve House is a community building, open to the public which is used for a number of purposes such as training, workshops and meeting rooms etc. It is solely run by volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that InVOLve House caters for everyone's needs. Groups use the facilities for training, workshops and meetings, etc. The number of groups using the building has improved but is not back fully to where it was pre-pandemic. Our premises are open 5 days per week, including weekends when required to accommodate those groups and organisations who are using the building.

We still carry out risk assessments as we are very conscious that some of the most vulnerable attend activities at our premises to ensure maximum safety for volunteers and other users of the building. These procedures have remained in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing for all those who avail of the building.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre used the facilities when lockdown eased for their Carefully Yours Project for over 55s. Carefully Yours had reduced activities and reduced numbers due to social distancing.

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InVOLve (NI) continue our partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT) with The Base in Antrim, where adults with a learning disability can meet and make friends in their own community and avail of structured activities. Generally, people attend a Base as part of a package of community-based day services on the days when they are not at college, volunteering, in a social enterprise or in supported employment. InVOLve (NI) continues to seek funding to offer The Base service users training which will enhance their personal development and overall wellbeing.

As part of our Service Level Agreement with the NHSCT we received a one-off non recurrent investment of £5,000 which we used for activities to promote the health and wellbeing of the service users in line with the 5 steps to wellbeing. This investment enabled us to hold activities such as music workshops, training in personal development and a visual arts project, etc.

We were delighted to receive a one off non-recurring payment from the NHSCT in recognition of the financial pressures being faced by the Community and Voluntary Sector.

We were delighted to receive the Community Venues Grant from Mid Ulster District Council, which helped with the ever increasing running costs of InVOLve House, in addition to this we received one off contribution to mitigate some of the rising cost of living pressures.

Acknowledgments

All the work would not be possible without the support of our funders. InVOLve (NI) would like to thank the following:

- Mid Ulster District Council
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Huge thanks also to the committee for their continued support and commitment throughout the year. The committee is solely volunteer led and their contribution is invaluable. Another huge thanks to our volunteers who alongside the management committee help maintain and sustain the building. We would also like to thank Magherafelt Market Trustees and Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre.

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Trustees related party transactions

None of the Trustees received remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Principal Funding sources

Aside from income generated by Involve (NI) through their services, the principal funding sources for Involve (NI) is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Financial Review

In 2022/23 total incoming resources were £82,729 (2021/2022: £73,359)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council.

Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £85,704 (2021/22: £71,751)

The charity was in a reasonably healthy financial position at the year-end, with current assets of £41,214

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves policy

The trustees of Involve (NI) have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis. This policy will be reviewed every three years in line with the strategic planning cycle.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees 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). Under charitable 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 charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity 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;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with , and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgement's underlying them. The have been prepared in the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

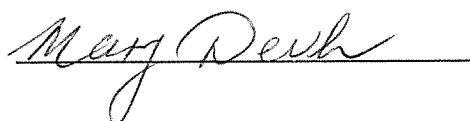
The trustees confirm that have made available to R T J Ross & Co , Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board



Mrs Mary Devlin
Trustee

Date: 5th December 2023