

INVOLVE (NI)

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

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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:

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

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 objectives and planning activities, trustees have given full consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit. All programmes and services are designed to fulfil our charitable aims and deliver meaningful benefits to the individuals and communities we serve.

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

InVOLve (NI) has two 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 report provides an overview of the work undertaken by InVOLve (NI) during the 2024-2025 period. The organisation continues to meet its charitable objectives by promoting inclusion, supporting community development, and providing accessible spaces for groups and individuals across Mid Ulster.

Premises and Facilities

InVOLve (NI) operates from two premises: one in Cookstown and the other at InVOLve House, Magherafelt.

InVOLve House serves as a vibrant community hub, hosting over 25 community groups throughout the year. On peak days, the building welcomes up to 60 individuals participating in a wide range of activities, including:

- Luncheon clubs
- Crochet classes
- Mental health workshops
- Autism support groups
- Counselling sessions
- Winter warmers
- Chair-based exercise classes

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The space has also been utilised by a variety of organisations and programmes, such as:

- Inspire Wellbeing
- Recovery College
- NOW Group
- MindWise
- Belfast Central Mission
- Alzheimer's Society
- Start360
- USEL
- Mid Ulster First Responders

InVOLve House is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for all users. It plays a vital role in addressing training needs and promoting participation among individuals who may feel socially excluded.

The Cookstown premises, while not a community building, houses the offices of the Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre, NHSCT's Base Project, and additional office space. It functions primarily as an operational base for staff and partner services rather than a venue for community-led activities.

Community Impact and Inclusion

The overarching goal of InVOLve House is to foster a sense of community by providing a neutral, centrally located venue where individuals can connect, participate in meaningful activities, and support their overall wellbeing. The space is designed to be welcoming, inclusive, and accessible - ensuring that people from all walks of life feel safe and valued.

Throughout the year, InVOLve House has played a vital role in reducing social isolation, particularly among those facing barriers due to disability, age, mental health, or economic disadvantage. Activities such as chair exercises, counselling, parenting classes, and creative workshops have helped individuals build confidence, form friendships, and engage in community life.

InVOLve actively encourages engagement from under-represented groups, recognising the importance of diverse voices and lived experiences. This inclusive approach strengthens community cohesion, raises awareness of key social issues, and fosters a culture of empathy and mutual respect.

By offering a flexible, community-led space, InVOLve House continues to serve as a catalyst for connection, empowerment, and inclusion - ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate, contribute, and thrive.

Funding and Support

InVOLve (NI) was pleased to receive the Community Venues Grant from Mid Ulster District Council, which contributed to the increasing operational costs of InVOLve House. This support has been essential in maintaining the Centre's accessibility and sustainability.

Partnerships and Programmes

Both InVOLve House and the Cookstown premises accommodate the offices of the Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre and the Northern Health and Social Care Trust's (NHSCT) Base Project.

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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
- Cookstown and Western Shores Network
- The National Lottery Community Fund

We are especially grateful to the Magherafelt Market Trustees for their generous donation and continued support, which has helped sustain our work at InVOLve House.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Management Committee, whose unwavering dedication and strategic guidance have been instrumental throughout the year. Their input is vital to our success.

We also wish to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our volunteers and the Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre team, who work alongside the committee to maintain and sustain our premises.

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 2024/25 total incoming resources were £69,140 (2023/2024: £61,106)

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 and CWSAN.

Total expenditure for 2024/25 was £59,363 (2023/2024: £98,607)

The charity was in a reasonably healthy financial position at the year-end, with net current assets of £41,101

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 2025.

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



Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

Trustee

Date: 17th November 2025