

REACH ACROSS

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name Reach Across

Charity registration number 103289

Company registration number NI033889

Principal office and registered office 10-14 Bishop Street
Derry
BT48 6PW

THE TRUSTEES

Ms C McClure - Chairperson
Ms L Quigley – Appointed 01/02/22
Ms A Boetang - Appointed 01/08/23
Ms L Conway – Appointed 01/08/23
Ms C Doherty – Appointed 01/08/23
Ms N McElhinney – Appointed 01/08/23
Ms M Robinson – Appointed 01/08/23
Ms Benson – Resigned 01/08/23
Mrs S Donnelly
Mr A Dunne
Mr Morrin – Resigned 01/08/23
Mr D Mullan
Mr M Mullan
Mr D Orsi
Mrs Stevenson – Resigned 01/08/23
Ms C Lindsay

COMPANY SECRETARY Ms L Quigley

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Mr K McCauley
Independent Examiner
Claremount FM Limited
Chartered Accountants
43 Clarendon Street
Derry
BT48 7ER

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reach Across is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23/03/1998. 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.

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Reserves Policy

Reach Across receives funding from several different sources. The funding is normally provided for an agreed period or as one-off grants. Reach Across believe it is important to hold as financial reserves the funds necessary to ensure an ordered and proper closing of Reach Across. The trustees aim to have a reserve covering at least three months expenditure at any given time.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1. To create, develop and provide a structured programme of activities/events that promote cross community contact amongst young people.
2. To provide personal development for young people through social and educational training and to broaden their knowledge of voluntary youth work.
3. To encourage members to actively participate in the planning and running of programme events and thereby develop their organisational skills.
4. To provide international youth exchange projects and overseas volunteering opportunities.
5. To provide outdoor education camps consisting of various outdoor activities, team building and group work exercises that aim to promote confidence and skill base.
6. To provide a lively and alcohol/drug free environment during the programme.
7. To deliver developmental workshops and courses to schools on such things as community relations, citizenship and drug awareness.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

STRATEGIC REPORT

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The primary achievements of REACH Across during the year ending 31 March 2023 were:

- a) A total of 908 young people attended accredited or non-accredited Citizenship and Leadership courses and workshops, as part of our Schools Programme funded by the Executive Office Central Good Relations Unit. This included Education Trips and Visits to local museums, Belfast Peace Lines, Crumlin Road Gaol and Stormont
- b) 54 Members attended our Intervention Scheme events during Summer 2022, that included outdoor activities, education visits, day trips, social awareness sessions and personal development workshops
- c) 310 primary and post-primary pupils attended Good Relations workshops that included art, crafts, dance and music, as part of our Shared History Project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- d) 116 young people took part in our 2023 Spring Contact Residentials at Kilcronaghan Centre, Tobermore, that included indoor and outdoor activities, as well as groupwork and team-building sessions
- e) Members assisted at a number of community events, organised by Derry & Strabane District Council or associate youth and community organisations
- f) 15 Leaders and Committee Members attended a Gender Awareness session, as part of our review of policies and procedures

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The net outgoing resources for the year were £15,902 (2022 net outgoing resources £2,315). The company reserves at the year end were £56,630 (2022-£72,532) of which £33,827 relates to unrestricted funding and £22,804 is restricted funds. The full results are set out in the accounts which form part of this report.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategic targets of REACH Across in 2023-24 include:

- 1) To secure long-term core funding for staff, our youth programme and our schools programme.
- 2) To secure long-term funding for a drop-in facility, that will allow REACH Across to provide more contact, development and intervention opportunities for young people.
- 3) To seek new international opportunities as a replacement for the loss of ERASMUS funding for UK organisations, as these experiences have been of immeasurable benefit to past participants.
- 4) To maintain a strong working relationship with local schools through our accredited citizenship and leadership courses, as they have proven to be of mutual benefit
- 5) To provide internal youth work training for Group Leaders and Committee Members, that will be accredited by Open College Network
- 6) To begin planning and preparations for our 30th Anniversary in 2025, that will highlight our achievements, outcomes and impact, during 30 years of cross-community youth work

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 21 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

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Louise McClure

Clare Louise McClure
Trustee

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Shauna Donnelly

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Trustee