

Amber Community Development Agency

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103302

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	209 Roden Street Belfast Bt12 5qb BT12 5QB
Phone	02890 203500
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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Donegall Road and their environs in South Belfast (herein described as the area of benefit) without distinction of age, sex, political, religious or other opinion by associating the Statutory Authorities, Voluntary Organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development

Who the charity helps: Interface communities, Unemployed/low income

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,505	£3,081	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Caroline Bingham Ph.D		
Mrs Eileen Donaghy	Secretary	
Mrs Mandy Brenda Dixon	Treasurer	

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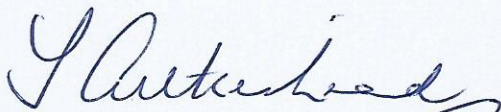
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*Trevor A Aitkenhead B.A. (Hons) P.G.C.E.
(Financial Circuit Church Stewart)*

AMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Opening Balance	£ 3,605.90	£ 3,605.90
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INCOMING RESOURCES

Donations/Gifts	£ 2,800.00
Grants	£ 100.00
	<u>£ 2,900.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES

£ 2,900.00

OPENING BALANCE + TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES

£ 6,505.90

EXPENDITURE

Light/Heat (NIE)	£ 113.56
Postage/Stationery	£ 82.25
Telephone (Virgin)	£ 504.00
Bank Charges	£ 71.63
Computer/Broadband/Internet costs	£ 764.28
Water Rates	£ 156.96
Volunteer's/Administration Expenses	£ 200.00
Insurance	<u>£ 1,188.91</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£ 3,081.59 -£ 3,081.59

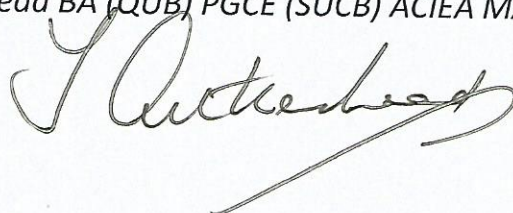
Credit Balance (as at 31st March 2025)

£ 3,424.31

Statement prepared from information provided.

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 Auditor

3rd April 2025



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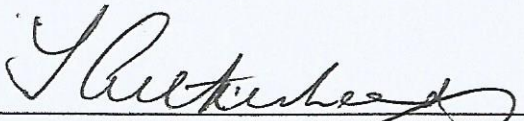
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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Opening Balance	£	5,205.68	£	5,205.68
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Donations/Gifts	£	1,580.00		
Grants	£	-		
NIE Support Payment	£	-		
	£	<u>1,580.00</u>		
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES			£	<u>1,580.00</u>
OPENING BALANCE + TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES			£	6,785.68
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Light/Heat (NIE)	£	25.64		
Postage/Stationery	£	299.44		
Telephone (Virgin)	£	574.79		
Bank Charges	£	71.11		
Computer/Broadband/Internet costs	£	764.28		
Water Rates	£	149.08		
Sundries	£	75.98		
Volunteer's Expenses	£	100.00		
Insurance	£	<u>1,119.46</u>		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	3,179.78	-£	<u>3,179.78</u>
Credit Balance (as at 31st March 2024)			£	3,605.90

Statement prepared from information provided.

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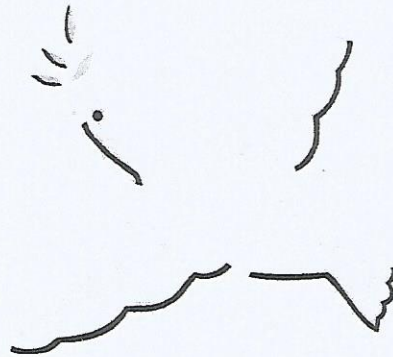
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27th ANNUAL REPORT 2024



"GOD IS LOVE"

Summer 2024

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DR CAROLINE BINGHAM Ph.D.*

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MRS EILEEN DONAGHY*

- 3.0 *TREASURER'S REMARK'S
MRS MANDY DIXON*

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AMBER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday 26th June 2024

- 1.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REMARK'S (enclosed in report)

- 2.0 SECRETARY'S REMARK'S (enclosed in report)

- 3.0 TREASURER'S REMARK'S (enclosed in report)

- 4.0 VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARK'S (enclosed in report)

- 5.0 THE FISCAL STATEMENT WAS PASSED (enclosed in report)

- 6.0 THE PRESENT COMMITTEE HAS JUST CONCLUDED YEAR THREE OF A THREE YEAR OFFICE, AND HAVE AGREED TO ACT FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS.

Welcome to the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Amber Community Development Agency. The agency was initiated on the 26th June 1996 in the Railway Christian Fellowship Church (Railway Mission) on the Donegall Road. The 26th June being our 28th Anniversary. I recall that five weeks later we got the keys of 209 Roden Street and Pastor Robin Hunniford prayed that God would bless the work which we were about to commence on the Westlink "Peace-Line" / Roden Street. The area has always sadly been overlooked for large scale funding. Pastor Hunniford said to me "run a pilot for 1 year and if we can keep it going for a second year that will be good Caroline".

Now although there is no specially designated funding for Christian community development entities we are still operating, (albeit from home) 28 years later. In Gods word it says He is going to do a "new thing" shall we not know it. In faith and with very meagre finance we trust God that this "New Thing" will make a way for us and take us through to a 30th Anniversary one day! The worldwide pandemic with multible deaths and long term side-effects on communities played havoc with community development projects. There was lock-down and face-masks, side effects of vaccinations and such. Economic development has been badly effected also with hundreds of cafes/restuarants and such all closed down. Our trust is in God for our future.

*Dr Caroline Bingham Ph.D.
(Chairperson)*

Not a lot has changed from last years in relation to health issues. Dental appointments are still very difficult to secure for emergency treatment. In relation to doctors surgery appointments there appears to be a two to three week waiting time for the appointment unless it is an emergency and only a few of them can be seen each day. We are hearing about hospital appointments being drawn out and in some cases there is a waiting time of as long as two years for certain health issues.

A Chiropodist is another medical field that a lot of elderly in the community find extremely difficult to access on the national health service. Most senior people then have to go privately to a Chiropodist and this (in one entity alone) charges £45 to trim nails and much more for other treatments. We have read recently about the situation in the hospitals due to people not turning up for their appointments. The health minister Robin Swann had decided to resign and stand for election as a member of parliament. The Northern Ireland Assembly have asked the Treasury for a much needed increase to the Northern Ireland budget but are aware they don't ever receive the amount needed to put things right.

Mrs Eileen Donaghy
SECRETARY

TREASURER'S REMARK'S

I have read in the Belfast Telegraph recently about the number of businesses in Belfast alone that have closed down since the Covid 19/Pandemic attacked Northern Ireland. Literally hundreds and hundreds of small businesses (in particular coffee shops/cafes/restaurants) have all shut up shop. On a world wide scale the cost of securing items such as sunflower oil and wheat products have risen astronomically. Then of course the dreadful cost of gas, electricity, oil and such that effects every home and commercial entity have been named as the main reason that small local shops have had to close down and this causes unemployment.

In the city centre there are many small businesses closed down and are looking unsightly. The Belfast City Council have commissioned murals to be painted over the front of the premises. As you probably have noticed we also on the Donegall Road have a few shops/derelect buildings that have had murals painted on the front of them. I don't know if in the foreseeable future any of the vacant premises will be brought back into use. The cost of living has reached an all time high recently and this led the government in parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly to issue cost of living grants to certain categories of people on certain benefits. Although this is much welcomed in the community it does not cover the cost of gas, petrol, oil, electricity with them being very high. Lets hope things improve soon.

Mrs Mandy Dixon
TREASURER

It seems strange to be working from home, along with my monthly visit to Amber House. However thousands of civil servants are doing the same thing. Unfortunatley there is no funding for salaries etc for entities such as the Amber Community Development Agency grass root community input from a Christian caring ethos.

We were successful in applying to St Annes Cathedral Black Santa Sit out for much needed office items grant. We have gone digital via our phone and broadband provider Virgin Media. In tandem with that our gas company fitted us with a new gas meter. We also got our host on-line provider Avec Solutions to stream line our web page. We increased our yearly insurance through Marsh.

Regards to our charity commission annual return we always's pride ourselves in submitting our data 4-6 weeks early. My thanks to Trevor Aikenhead of the Methodist Church for our annual audit compilation. As we don't operate on July and August we hope in September to have our boiler maintenanced. We are again exempt from house rates but pay water rates even though we are a charity. We thank God for His protection on this West-Link peace-line for 27 years to date.

*Elizabeth Joan Bingham Dip.I.T.
Volunteer Administrator*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee wish to thank the following people/agencies who have supported our efforts in the Westlink Interface South-West Belfast.

- (a) Elizabeth Joan Bingham Dip. I.T.
(Administrator Volunteer for 24 years)*

- (b) Trevor A Aitkenhead B.A. (HONS) P.G.C.E.
(Formulating our Accounts)*

- (c) Paul James Bingham H.N.Dip
(Computer Support Volunteer 20 years)*

- (d) Northern Ireland Council Voluntary Action
(For always being there for us)*

- (e) Ministries who pray for Caroline our Chairperson and the project.*
 - Jesse Duplantis Ministries*
 - Kenneth Copeland Ministries*
 - Daniel Kolendo Christ for all Nations*
 - David Hathaway Eurovision Ministry*
 - David Cerullo Morris Cerullo World Evangelism Ministry*

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The Office Bearers have agreed to be in office for the next three full years from Summer 2024 – Summer 2027 which will (God Willing) be the 30th Anniversary of Amber Community Development Agency's Amber House Initiative.

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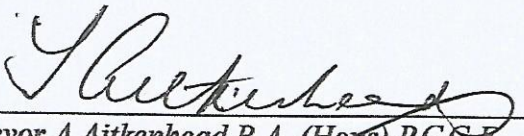
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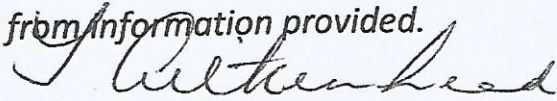
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

<i>FUNDS RECONCILIATION</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>
<i>ENDOWMENT N/A</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>		
<i>CASH AT BANK 31/03/24</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>
<i>EXPENDITURE</i>	<i>£3,179.78</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£3,179.78</i>	<i>£3,047.14</i>
<i>31/03 2024</i>				
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<i>31/03/ 2024</i>				
<i>BANK & CASH BALANCES</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>
<i>BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>BANK BUSINESS</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£3,605.90</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>
<i>31/03/2024</i>				
<i>CURRENT ACCOUNT</i>				
<i>PETTY CASH IN HAND</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

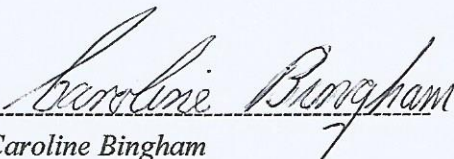
OTHER ASSETS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

- (a) All our office equipment is over 25 years old and a value would not be (Nil)
appropriate we feel.
- (b) We own our small premises if you require us to have it valued please (Nil)
advise.

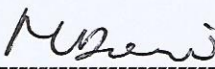
LIABILITIES (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

We have no current liabilities

Approved by the trustees on date and signed on their behalf by:



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Eileen Donaghy
Eileen Donaghy - Secretary

Mandy Dixon
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Amber Community Development Agency

Report of the Auditor

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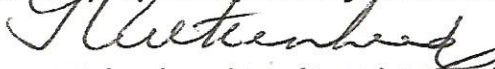
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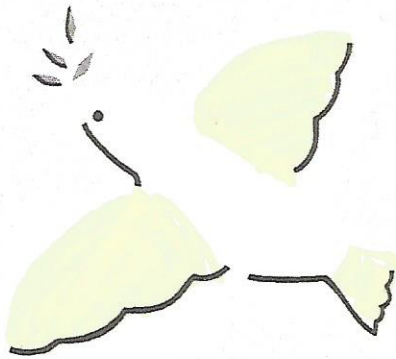
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Summer 2023

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1.0

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARK'S
DR CAROLINE BINGHAM PH.D

Welcome to the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Amber Community Development Agency. We were formed and constituted on the 26th June 1996. In 5 days we are 27 years operating on the peaceline in the Roden Street/West Link area of South/West Belfast. During that time we have embraced community development projects in a prayerful way. We have won awards for our work. The most prestigious one being the NICCI American award for the best community group in Northern Ireland. Our awards are in the glass case in Amber House. Part of Roden Street has been rebuilt in recent years and our first after schools members have become adults, some are parents themselves. Our Inagural Meeting was in the Railway Mission Donegall Road. The 'Eurospar' stands where the mission was for many years. Pastor Robin Hunniford was our first chairperson of the agency. He has since gone to the Glory Land.

We carried out youth work, community work/ development inatitives along with counselling and advice surgeries etc for over 20 years and then funding started drying up about 5 – 6 years ago. Then the pandemic happened and we had to firstly downsize and secondly start working from home. We don't have any paid staff but myself and our long term volunteer carry out sign posting and payer support along with visits (if requested). We are seeking Gods will for this next year. Thank you.

Caroline Bingham

CHAIRPERSON

2.0

SECRETARY'S REMARK'S
MRS EILEEN DONAGHY

As the Chairperson has said we have for over a quarter of a century been based in the Roden Street area. We have seen rebuilding and road works carried out. Our bus trips used to be able to drive unto the Westlink Motorway but that is closed off. We have seen a lot of people needing prayer and visits following the impact that the Covid 19 pandemic has had everywhere it hit. What we sometimes overlook is that the Covid 19 germ was a world-wide pandemic which took lives and also caused dreadful side effects. An article (in a magazine) recently stated that there has been a lot of long term covid conditions endured by some people who were severly affected by the virus.

A lot of people find that although we are not wearing face masks in the community that they find people reluctant to stand too close to other people in shops etc. Doctors surgeries still encourage face-mask wearing (as do clinic and out patients) and seats are well spaced out in waiting areas. We have found out that a lot of elderly are wanting it to go back to "NORMAL". Others feel it will never be normal again. The doctor and dentist appointment system appears to be causing the most concern because of the difficulty even getting through on the phone to surgeries. Then there is the long waiting periods to secure and appointment. Lets hope during the next year this will improve

Mrs Eileen Donaghy
SECRETARY

3.0

TREASURER'S REMARK'S
MRS MANDY DIXON

The situation our community (and others) find themselves in is one which due to the high cost of gas and electricity, they must decide if its heat or food that takes priority. Our area has many elderly who are not getting as nutritional a diet as they should. This is also due to the rate of inflation which is at 10.1%. We have heard people say that basic items of shopping have doubled in this last year. The government food parcels and help towards gas and electric has been very welcome. We need the government to continue this support until gas, electricity, food comes down in price.

As our assembly is still not sitting a lot of the decisions they could make have fallen onto the senior civil servants. It is strange in this democracy that waged civil servants are being made to decide what pensioners and unemployed groups of people need to live on. Exitstance for pension aged, disable people appears to be the norm. Luxuries are becoming a thing of the past. The mandates that people voted for are not in effect being enforced because the politician that were voted into the assembly are not meeting.

A huge increase in the "Block Grant" from Westminster is needed to increase the benefits that people are asked to try to exist on. Hopefully when the "Executive" sits again in Stormont a realistic budget will come on stream Thank You.

Mrs Mandy Dixon
TREASURER

4.0

**VOLUNTEER'S REMARK'S
MISS ELIZABETH JOAN BINGHAM DIP.I.T.**

It has been a very quiet year as we are still recovering 3 years from the coronavirus "Pandemic" and Covid 19 vaccines. In March I compiled the accounts for 2023 then in June it is that time of the year again when we run our Annual General Meeting. I compile Agendas and Minutes in relation to the meetings. The Annual Report also gets compiled and typed. Then at the end of the year we do our yearly return to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. They also get a copy of our Annual Accounts together with a copy of the Annual Report. These are tasks that need to be done every year in March, June and December. There are still people working from home 3 plus days a week. Conor Building are still doing monthly signing on days and times for people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance. Work has began to extent the local Eurospar.

Life is very slowly getting back to the way we are used to living. Our lives (on a daily basis) returning in relation to services resuming to the way they were before the coronavirus in 2020. I believe some peoples health feels bad still that maybe had the covid virus and the vaccine. I would like to take this opportunity to praise all the chartiable and voluntary groups in the area that kept on going when times were rough due to the pandemic. All their help and support working in the community helping the people with food parcels gas and electric. We hope and pray that the bad times are behind us and the good times are ahead.

**Elizabeth Joan Bingham (Miss)
Volunteer Administrator**

The Committee wish to thank the following people/agencies who have supported our efforts in the Westlink Interface South-West Belfast.

- (a) Elizabeth Joan Bingham Dip.I.T.
(Administrator Volunteer for 23 years)*

- (b) Trevor A Aitkenhead B.A. (HONS) P.G.C.E.
(Formulating our Accounts)*

- (c) Paul James Bingham H.N.Dip
(Computer Support Volunteer 20 years)*

- (d) Northern Ireland Council Voluntary Action
(For always being there for us)*

- (e) Ministries who pray for Caroline (our Chairperson daily)*

Jesse Duplantis Ministries

Kenneth Copeland Ministries

Daniel Kolendo Christ for all Nations

David Hathaway Eurovision Ministry

David Cerullo Morris Cerullo World Evangelism Ministry

6.0

Amber Community Development Agency

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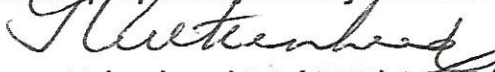
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

<i>FUNDS RECONCILIATION ENDOWMENT N/A</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>
<i>CASH AT BANK 31/03/23</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>£4,322.82</i>
<i>EXPENDITURE 31/03 2023</i>	<i>£3,047.14</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£3,047.14</i>	<i>£3,040.40</i>
<i>CASH AT BANK 31/03/ 2023</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>£4,322.82</i>
<i>BANK & CASH BALANCES</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>£4,322.82</i>
<i>BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>BANK BUSINESS 31/03/2023 CURRENT ACCOUNT</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>£5,205.68</i>	<i>£4,322.82</i>
<i>CASH IN HAND</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

OTHER ASSETS (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

(a) *All our office equipment is over 25 years old and a value would not be appropriate we feel.* (Nil)

(b) *We own our small premises if you require us to have it valued please advise.* (Nil)

LIABILITIES (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

We have no current liabilities

Approved by the trustees on date and signed on their behalf by: