

Donaghadee Youth For Christ

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103400

Details

Known as	DYFC
Status	Received
Registered	2016-06-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Youth For Christ Drop In Centre 11 High Street Donaghadee BT21 0aa BT21 0AA
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Activities

Purposes: "To participate with the churches in the responsible evangelism of youth, presenting them with the person, work and teachings of Christ and discipling them into the church."

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Counselling/support, Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£89,812	£80,960	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Duncan		
Gordon Currie		
Janice Macarthur		
Paul Bowers		
Reta Pollock		
Stuart Hamilton		

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**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Statement of Receipts & Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations	General	16,014	-	16,014	13,429
	Standing Orders	24,712	-	24,712	23,407
	Church Donations	2,570	-	2,570	7,295
Gift Aid Claims		5,330	-	5,330	4,999
Proceeds	Tuck Shop	721	-	721	900
	Cake Sale/Coffee Morning	1,630	-	1,630	1513
	Sponsored Football Match	4,608	-	4,608	3,710
	Young Peoples' Contribution	1,840	-	1,840	1,130
	Pool Table	20	-	20	50
	YFC Charity Shop	26,500	-	26,500	18,050
	Interest Receivable	140	612	752	69
Grants	Ards & ND Borough Council Funding	-	5,115	5,115	4,278
	Other Income	-	-	-	36
		84,085	5,727	89,812	78,866

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Statement of Receipts & Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Payments					
Premises Costs					
Rent		12,000	-	12,000	12,000
Insurance		1,255	-	1,255	1,135
Electricity		1,253	-	1,253	1,019
Telephone		1,301	-	1,301	991
Gas		588	-	588	245
NI Water		377	-	377	245
Fire Protection		526	-	526	328
Cleaning		53	-	53	27
Property Renovations		1,949	-	1,949	-
Activities Costs					
Purchase of Equipment		1,521	-	1,521	1,695
Purchase of Resources/Crafts		3,153	-	3,153	2,974
Trips Out		17	5,115	5,132	5,153
Special Events		263	-	263	250
Equipment Hire		-	-	-	-
Repairs to Equipment		-	-	-	527
Tuck Shop Supplies		1,060	-	1,060	1,056
Sundry Expenses		300	-	300	273
Administration					
Stationery & Printing		838	-	838	713
Postage		141	-	141	11
Bank Charges		202	-	202	203
Staff Costs					
Wages and Salaries		37,590	-	37,590	35,851
NIC & PAYE		5,863	-	5,863	5,058
Pension Contributions		2,947	-	2,947	2,693
Travel Expenses		1,394	-	1,394	1,478
Training		354	-	354	-
Donations					
Youth For Christ NI		900	-	900	900
		75,845	5,115	80,960	74,825

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Charity Shop Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales	28,800	18,094
	<u>28,800</u>	<u>18,094</u>
Expenses		
Rent	3,600	3,600
Bank charges	86	92
Grant-aided refurbishment	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	-
Surplus brought forward	(30)	(78)
Net transfer to main account	22,900	14,450
	<u>26,586</u>	<u>18,142</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>2,244</u>	<u>30</u>

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Funds Reconciliation

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2023	25,618	-	25,618	21,625
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	11,096	-	11,096	3,993
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2024	36,714	-	36,714	25,618

Bank & Cash Balances

Balance at Ulster Bank

Current Account	21,453	13,213
Charity Shop Current Account	2,595	351
Business Reserve Account	12,622	12,010
Cash In Hand	44	44
	36,714	25,618

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 27 May 2025 by:



Stuart Hamilton, Treasurer

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Receipts					
Donations	General	13,429	-	13,429	13,459
	Standing Orders	23,407	-	23,407	18,678
	Collection Boxes	-	-	-	63
	Church Donations	7,295	-	7,295	3,000
Gift Aid Claims		4,999	-	4,999	4,797
Proceeds	Tuck Shop	900	-	900	1362
	Cake Sale/Coffee Morning	1,513	-	1,513	960
	Sponsored Football Match	3,710	-	3,710	3,150
	Young Peoples' Contribution	1,130	-	1,130	815
	Pool Table	50	-	50	120
	YFC Charity Shop	18,050	-	18,050	16,150
	Interest Receivable	69	-	69	2
Grants	PCSP Funding	-	-	-	5,412
	Ards & ND Borough Council Funding	-	4,278	4,278	2,122
	Other Income	36	-	36	-
		74,588	4,278	78,866	70,090

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Payments					
Premises Costs	Rent	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
	Insurance	1,135	-	1,135	1,097
	Electricity	1,019	-	1,019	989
	Telephone	991	-	991	901
	Gas	245	-	245	196
	NI Water	245	-	245	219
	Fire Protection	328	-	328	294
	Cleaning	27	-	27	32
Activities Costs	Purchase of Equipment	1,695	-	1,695	1,156
	Purchase of Resources/Crafts	2,974	-	2,974	4,618
	Trips Out	875	4,278	5,153	7,567
	Special Events	250	-	250	259
	Equipment Hire	-	-	-	128
	Repairs to Equipment	527	-	527	-
	Tuck Shop Supplies	1,056	-	1,056	903
	Sundry Expenses	273	-	273	97
Administration	Stationery & Printing	713	-	713	606
	Postage	11	-	11	74
	Bank Charges	203	-	203	190
Staff Costs	Wages and Salaries	35,851	-	35,851	32,809
	NIC & PAYE	5,058	-	5,058	4,475
	Pension Contributions	2,693	-	2,693	2,526
	Travel Expenses	1,478	-	1,478	1,220
	Training	-	-	-	95
Donations	Youth For Christ NI	900	-	900	1,360
		70,547	4,278	74,825	73,811

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Charity Shop Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales	18,094	15,823
	<u>18,094</u>	<u>15,823</u>
Expenses		
Rent	3,600	3,600
Bank charges	92	84
Grant-aided refurbishment	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	106
Surplus brought forward	(78)	(595)
Net transfer to main account	14,450	12,550
	<u>18,142</u>	<u>16,340</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>30</u>	<u>78</u>

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Funds Reconciliation

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2022	21,625	-	21,625	25,863
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	3,993	-	3,993	(4,238)
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2023	25,618	-	25,618	21,625

Bank & Cash Balances

Balance at Ulster Bank

Current Account	13,213	9,172
Charity Shop Current Account	351	399
Business Reserve Account	12,010	12,010
Cash In Hand	44	44
	25,618	21,625

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 20 May 2024 by:



Stuart Hamilton, Treasurer

Donaghadee Youth For Christ

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Annual report

Donaghadee Youth For Christ – NIC103400–Annual Report to 31 December 2023

The trustees of Donaghadee Youth For Christ are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period of 1st January to 31 December 2023.

Purposes

Donaghadee Youth For Christ is a youth organisation, established in Donaghadee in 1995, and based there to provide opportunities for young people in Donaghadee and the immediate area to learn about Christianity, embrace it for themselves and ultimately become members of local churches. It is chartered centre to the national body, Youth For Christ Northern Ireland, which in turn is a chartered programme of Youth For Christ International.

Donaghadee Youth For Christ runs a 'drop-in' centre at 11 High Street, Donaghadee where young people both from church and non-church backgrounds can encounter the Gospel in a relevant way, be given the opportunity to explore it more for themselves, with the view to them becoming members of one of the local churches. Staffed by one full-time and one part-time staff member, along with a team of trained volunteers, the centre is normally open for 10 hours each week and offers a range of activities, games, structured programmes, Bible study groups, prayer meetings and worship events for all young people in the Donaghadee area, alongside the traditional 'drop in' type facility. The centre also runs education/training courses for young people looking at citizenship and lifestyle issues such as drugs and alcohol awareness, knife crime, sexuality, teen pregnancy and road safety, facilitated by both staff members and external providers. Donaghadee Youth For Christ offers a counselling service to any young person on a wide range of issues. It also provides activities for young people outside the centre including trips, camps and sporting events. Donaghadee Youth For Christ carries out outreach work from the centre, which may include visitation of schools, street evangelism, summer teams work and events of all kinds designed to present young people with the Gospel. Donaghadee Youth For Christ runs evangelistic events, participates in church services and engages in such activities as are deemed necessary or desirable for the attainment of the purpose. Donaghadee Youth For Christ runs a charity shop in the town of Donaghadee, the proceeds of which go towards supporting the work of the centre. Donaghadee Youth For Christ cooperates with the churches in Donaghadee and other organisations, the aims of which are similar in character, in promoting evangelism particularly among young people.

The Centre also seeks to enable young people in Donaghadee to grow up in a spiritually enlightened environment, irrespective of their background or degree of church involvement and offers programmes and events to allow the practical outworking of the Christian faith through the promotion and demonstration of a strong, moral, ethical lifestyle, equipping young people to make better lifestyle choices and to give them a better understanding of Christian citizenship.

Beneficiaries

The charity's beneficiaries are primarily children aged 8-13 and young people aged from 14 and up, those young people on the margins of the Donaghadee community, and those with whom the established churches find difficulty reaching.

Activities/Achievements

The core activities of Donaghadee Youth For Christ are:

- Delivery of weekly, age-specific, after-school programmes providing teaching and greater understanding of the Christian faith for children and young people;
- Delivery of drop-in based, evening youth work sessions for children and teenagers;
- Partnering with schools, churches and like-minded organisations to increase the standard of professional youth work within the local area;
- Providing an outreach programme within the local area.

The structured programme includes a range of age-specific small groups and includes:

- Monday: SU group in local primary school for P4-P7 boys & girls (age 7-11).

	Drop-in session for the Year 8-10's group (age 11-13) working through practical topics such as drugs, alcohol, bullying, peer pressure, internet safety.
Tuesday:	Kids Bible Bizz P7 (age 10-11).
Wednesday:	Kids Bible Bizz P6 (age 9-10).
Friday:	Evening – Teenagers' group (age 13-17) - small group sessions, lots of fun trips, group work sessions with organisations such as A.C.E.T, Love For Life, EXTERN, PSNI, Youth Justice Agency and link ups with our local police constables to build important relationships of mutual respect & tackle anti-social behaviour issues.
Saturday:	Morning football sessions for older teenagers.

In addition to the weekly programme above, the centre also conducted "Time to Move" style lessons for P7 pupils in local primary schools making the move to secondary school; "Mum & Daughter" group work sessions; assemblies in local primary schools, and facilitated group work sessions and residential weekends to places such as Todd's Leap Outdoor Activity Centre, Jungle NI and the The Surf Project.

In addition to the structured programme, Donaghadee Youth For Christ also provides mentoring and detached street work in the community, and offers services to local primary and secondary schools as well as helping provide training and support to the churches and running one-off events, trips, workshops and residential weekends.

Fundraising activities, like sponsored football on Boxing Day and in June, and the coffee afternoon are run on an annual basis and enjoy very encouraging support from the majority of businesses in the town, local churches and many individuals and parents of the children/young people.

Restrictions

As the large majority of the Centre's offering is funded by personal donations, grant funding, proceeds from the charity shop and some fundraising events, no charge is usually levied for the regular weekly programme activities other than a nominal annual registration fee. Some exceptional aspects of the programme may require a contribution from young people, for example a residential weekend, but as far as possible the Centre endeavours to operate at a very affordable level giving priority instead to increased opportunities for participation.

There were no issues of access to facilities to report as the centre is based entirely on the ground floor, includes level access from the street entrance, wide corridors and includes the provision of an accessible toilet.

Harm

There were no issues in respect of harm to report. Harm is mitigated by ensuring that staff and volunteers undergo regular training which included child protection, first aid, mental health awareness and GDPR. Support is provided for continued professional practice to aid the development of the work standards of staff, volunteers and trustees. Through its chartering to Youth For Christ Northern Ireland, the Donaghadee YFC Drop-In Centre also has to comply with certain 'best practice' requirements of its chartering agreement.

Private Benefit

There was no known private benefit to the public.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities of Donaghadee Youth For Christ 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 to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial Review

The financial performance for the year to 31st December 2023 was satisfactory and as expected, considering the ongoing recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. This was very pleasing to the trustees. Income for the year in the general account of £78,866 was up 12.5% on the previous year, whilst expenditure was up 1.4% to £74,825, reflecting a return to full operations after Covid-19. The charity finished the year with a modest surplus overall of £4,041, which counterbalanced the deficit of £4,238 reported in the previous period. In addition to careful ongoing financial management, the trustees have also retained a reserve of £12,000, equating to 16% of annual expenditure, in line with its policy on reserves.

Detailed accounts can be found attached.

Funds Materially in Deficit

As at 31st December 2023 the organisation had no funds in material deficit.

Details:

Charity Name:	Donaghadee Youth For Christ	
Northern Ireland Charity Number:	NIC103400	
Principal Address:	11 High Street, Donaghadee, Co Down, BT21 0AA	
Charity Trustees as at 31.12.21:	Gordon Currie	Chairperson
	Stuart Hamilton	Treasurer
	Paul Bowers	Secretary
	David Duncan	
	Reta Pollock	
	Janice MacArthur	

Governance

The organisation is governed by a constitution, adopted in January 1994 and last amended in April 2016; this can be made available upon request. The organisation is directed by the board of trustees, who receive guidance from Youth For Christ Northern Ireland through which it is affiliated by charter. The day-to-day running of programmes and the drop-in centre itself is managed by the staff and volunteers, with oversight from the Centre Co-ordinator.

Trustee Selection and Management

As outlined in the constitution, the Board of Trustees is made up of no more than 14 members. For the year to 31st December 2023 the board consisted of 6 members, with a representative range reflecting a range of vocations and a balance of age, gender, churches and denominations. The National Director of Youth For Christ Northern Ireland is an ex-officio member of the board of trustees of Donaghadee Youth For Christ.

The Board is elected by secret ballot every year at the Annual General Meeting, where current board members are able to put themselves forward as well as receiving nominations for new prospective members to stand for election. Outside of this, up to three board members can be co-opted onto the Board at any time, providing they are approved by a majority vote of the existing Board.

The Board of trustees meets typically monthly throughout the year, with a break in July and August. The trustees met 8 times during the year to 31st December 2023, with all meetings being held in person. At each meeting the Treasurer presents the latest financial report on the accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and forecasts; spending is discussed and approved. The Centre Co-Ordinator presents an overview of recent activities within the programmes and outlines forthcoming events. The Annual Report

and Statement of Accounts are approved by the trustees and then presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 27 November 2023.

Prepared for the Board of Trustees on 6 September 2024 and signed on their behalf;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Stuart Hamilton (TRUSTEE)

Donaghadee Youth For Christ

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Donaghadee Youth for Christ

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Donaghadee Youth For Christ

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Donaghadee Youth For Christ Financial Statements – 31 December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



A K Moorhead & Associates
12 Donaghadee Road
Bangor
BT20 5RU

Date: 29 May 2024

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations	General	13,459	-	13,459	12,987
	Standing Orders	18,678	-	18,678	17,416
	Collection Boxes	63	-	63	60
	Church Donations	3,000	-	3,000	400
Gift Aid Claims		4,797	-	4,797	5,038
Proceeds	Tuck Shop	1,362	-	1,362	-
	Cake Sale/Coffee Morning	960	-	960	-
	Sponsored Football Match	3,150	-	3,150	-
	Young Peoples' Contribution	815	-	815	320
	Pool Table	120	-	120	-
	YFC Charity Shop	16,150	-	16,150	11,900
	Interest Receivable	2	-	2	3
Grants	Education Authority Grant	-	-	-	5,405
	PCSP Funding	-	5,412	5,412	-
	Ards & ND Borough Council Funding	-	2,122	2,122	2,400
	Youthlink/CYM Support	-	-	-	345
	Job Retention Scheme Grant	-	-	-	10,773
		62,556	7,534	70,090	67,047

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Payments					
Premises Costs	Rent	12,000	-	12,000	12,000
	Insurance	1,097	-	1,097	1,190
	Electricity	989	-	989	493
	Telephone	786	115	901	813
	Gas	196	-	196	147
	NI Water	219	-	219	456
	Fire Protection	294	-	294	240
	Cleaning	32	-	32	19
Activities Costs	Purchase of Equipment	1,156	-	1,156	544
	Purchase of Resources/Crafts	4,618	-	4,618	1,873
	Trips Out	407	7,160	7,567	5,687
	Special Events	-	259	259	542
	Equipment Hire	128	-	128	-
	Tuck Shop Supplies	903	-	903	657
	Sundry Expenses	97	-	97	40
Administration	Stationery & Printing	606	-	606	608
	Postage	74	-	74	178
	Bank Charges	190	-	190	167
Staff Costs	Wages and Salaries	32,809	-	32,809	30,482
	NIC & PAYE	4,475	-	4,475	3,808
	Pension Contributions	2,526	-	2,526	2,363
	Travel Expenses	1,220	-	1,220	222
	Training	95	-	95	170
Donations	Youth For Christ NI	1,360	-	1,360	750
		66,277	7,534	73,811	63,449

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Charity Shop Account
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Sales	15,823	12,308
	<u>15,823</u>	<u>12,308</u>
Expenses		
Rent	3,600	3,600
Bank charges	84	50
Grant-aided refurbishment	-	-
Equipment Purchases	106	126
Surplus brought forward	(595)	(363)
Net transfer to main account	12,550	8,300
	<u>16,340</u>	<u>12,076</u>
 Surplus (Deficit)	 <u>78</u>	 <u>595</u>

**Donaghadee Youth For Christ
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Funds Reconciliation

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2021	25,863	-	25,863	21,670
Surplus/(Deficit) this year end	(4,238)	-	(4,238)	4,193
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31 December 2022	<u>21,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,625</u>	<u>25,863</u>

Bank & Cash Balances

Balance at Ulster Bank

Current Account	9,172	12,893
Charity Shop Current Account	399	916
Business Reserve Account	12,010	12,010
Cash In Hand	44	44
	<u>21,625</u>	<u>25,863</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 20 June 2023 by:



Stuart Hamilton, Treasurer

Donaghadee Youth For Christ

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Annual report

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- Monday: SU group in local primary school for P4-P7 boys & girls (age 7-11).

	Drop-in session for the Year 8-10's group (age 11-13) working through practical topics such as drugs, alcohol, bullying, peer pressure, internet safety.
Tuesday:	Kids Bible Bizz P7 (age 10-11).
Wednesday:	Kids Bible Bizz P6 (age 9-10).
Friday:	Afternoon - Year 11+ boys Evening – Teenagers' group (age 13-17) - small group sessions, lots of fun trips, group work sessions with organisations such as A.C.E.T, Love For Life, EXTERN and link up with our local police constables to build important relationships of mutual respect & tackle anti-social behaviour issues.
Saturday:	Morning football sessions for older teenagers.

In addition to the weekly programme above, the centre also conducted "Time to Move" style lessons for P7 pupils in local primary schools making the move to secondary school; "Mum & Daughter" group work sessions; assemblies in local primary schools, and facilitated group work sessions and residential weekends to places such as Todd's Leap Outdoor Activity Centre, Jungle NI and the The Surf Project.

In addition to the structured programme, Donaghadee Youth For Christ also provides mentoring and detached street work in the community, and offers services to local primary and secondary schools as well as helping provide training and support to the churches and running one-off events, trips, workshops and residential weekends.

With the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, 2022 the centre saw the return to full operations once again in respect of face-to face youth-work, structured, age-specific programmes and trips out for the young people. Fundraising activities, like sponsored football and the coffee afternoon were able to be reinstated and enjoyed very encouraging support. The charity shop also returned to normal opening hours.

Restrictions

As the large majority of the Centre's offering is funded by personal donations, grant funding, proceeds from the charity shop and some fundraising events, no charge is usually levied for the regular weekly programme activities other than a nominal annual registration fee. Some exceptional aspects of the programme may require a contribution from young people, for example a residential weekend, but as far as possible the Centre endeavours to operate at a very affordable level giving priority instead to increased opportunities for participation.

There were no issues of access to facilities to report as the centre is based entirely on the ground floor, includes level access from the street entrance, wide corridors and includes the provision of a disabled-access toilet.

Harm

There were no issues in respect of harm to report. Harm is mitigated by ensuring that staff and volunteers undergo regular training which included child protection, first aid, mental health awareness and GDPR. Support is provided for continued professional practice to aid the development of the work standards of staff, volunteers and trustees. Through its chartering to Youth For Christ Northern Ireland, the Donaghadee YFC Drop-In Centre also has to comply with certain 'best practice' requirements of its chartering agreement.

Private Benefit

There was no known private benefit to the public.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities of Donaghadee Youth For Christ 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 to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial Review

The financial performance for the year to 31st December 2022 was satisfactory and as expected, considering the ongoing recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. This was very pleasing to the trustees. Income for the year in the general account of £70,090 was up 4.5% on the previous year, whilst expenditure was up 16.3% to £73,811, reflecting a return to full operations after Covid-19. The charity finished the year with a modest deficit overall of £4,238, which counterbalanced the surplus of £4,193 reported in the previous period. In addition to careful ongoing financial management, the trustees have also retained a reserve of £12,000, equating to 16.3% of annual expenditure, in line with its policy on reserves.

Detailed accounts can be found attached.

Funds Materially in Deficit

As at 31st December 2022 the organisation had no funds in material deficit.

Details:

Charity Name:	Donaghadee Youth For Christ	
Northern Ireland Charity Number:	NIC103400	
Principal Address:	11 High Street, Donaghadee, Co Down, BT21 0AA	
Charity Trustees as at 31.12.21:	Gordon Currie	Chairperson
	Stuart Hamilton	Treasurer
	Paul Bowers	Secretary
	David Duncan	
	Reta Pollock	
	Janice MacArthur	

Governance

The organisation is governed by a constitution, adopted in January 1994 and last amended in April 2016; this can be made available upon request. The organisation is directed by the board of trustees, who receive guidance from Youth For Christ Northern Ireland through which it is affiliated by charter. The day-to-day running of programmes and the drop-in centre itself is managed by the staff and volunteers, with oversight from the Centre Co-ordinator.

Trustee Selection and Management

As outlined in the constitution, the Board of Trustees is made up of no more than 14 members. For the year to 31st December 2022 the board consisted of 6 members, with a representative range reflecting a range of vocations and a balance of age, gender, churches and denominations. The National Director of Youth For Christ Northern Ireland is an ex-officio member of the board of trustees of Donaghadee Youth For Christ.

The Board is elected by secret ballot every year at the Annual General Meeting, where current board members are able to put themselves forward as well as receiving nominations for new prospective members to stand for election. Outside of this, up to three board members can be co-opted onto the Board at any time, providing they are approved by a majority vote of the existing Board.

The Board of trustees meets typically monthly throughout the year, with a break in July and August. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees met 9 times during the year to 31st December 2022, with the majority of meetings being held in person. At each meeting the Treasurer presents the latest financial report on the

accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and forecasts; spending is discussed and approved. The Centre Co-Ordinator presents an overview of recent activities within the programmes and outlines forthcoming events. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the trustees and then presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting, which took place on 7 November 2022.

Prepared for the Board of Trustees on 9 August 2023 and signed on their behalf;



Stuart Hamilton

Donaghadee Youth For Christ

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103400

Annual return

Donaghadee Youth for Christ
Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Donaghadee Youth For Christ

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Donaghadee Youth For Christ Financial Statements – 31 December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Date: 27 July 2023