

Down Visually Impaired Persons Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103628

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2015-11-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The club is established for charitable purposes only, in particular, the club is established to ; provide opportunities for social inclusion and interaction, reducing the isolation of blindness, promoting self-help and independence, and thereby, enhancing the quality of life for blind and visually impaired people in the club. To recruit and train sighted volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objects of the club and act as sighted volunteers. To co operate in the achievement of the above objects with any other organisation, statutory or voluntary having objects similar to those of the club

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works:

Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Counselling/support,Cultural,Disability,Education/training,Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Carers,Men,Mental health,Older people,Physical disabilities,Volunteers,Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2019-03-31	£2,644	£308	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Dolores Fegan		
Mr David Gale		
Mr John Mccullough		
Mr Kieran Bryce		

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Down Visually Impaired Persons Group Trustees Report 2017/18

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4. **The Trustees - Management Committee – as at 3rd January 2018.**

Delores Fegan – Chairperson

David Gale – Treasurer

John McCullough – Secretary

Kieran Bryce – Community Support Worker
5. This Report is for the financial year 1st of April 2017 – 31th March 2018
6. This is the group’s second report to charity Commission and
 - o Held AGM on the 3rd January 2018
 - o The group held several activities including aromatherapy, Boccia, history talk’s from local historians, library archive films. We also held information sessions from the PSNI, RNIB tech officer, a healthy eating programme and a group meeting with local councillor.

- The group also attended a lunch time recital by the Ulster Orchestra in the Ulster Hall. We visited Bangor & Down Museums.
- The group had a collection day at ASDA, Downpatrick to help with raising funds.
- The group also held their annual Christmas dinner with Slieve Donard VIPs at the Burrendale Hotel in Newcastle.

7. The group always regard to the Commission's Public Benefit whereby

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.1 includes access to facilities and activities to improve education, health and wellbeing.

These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of services. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

The charity's beneficiaries are people living in the Lecale ward areas of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2.2 includes giving people a meeting place to maintain and manage with support from to get together with others to enjoy social interaction and to take part in activities of a social and recreational nature. The participants learn new skills and share their own knowledge and skills with each other. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from participants and beneficiaries and by the level of uptake of our activities. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm.

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8. Assets

- Not Applicable

9. Liabilities

- Not Applicable

10. Finance

- Balance of £518.51 - as at 31st march 2018

11. Chairperson - Delores Fegan *Delores Fegan* Date *31-05-18*

Secretary - John McCullough *John McCullough* Date *31-03-18*

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of

Down Visually Impaired Persons Group (DVIPs) Charity commission number 103628

I report on the accounts of DVIPs for the year ended 31st March 2018, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of charity 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:

1. examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. 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.

1. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by DVIPs and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.
2. 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.

Name: Mr Cyril McKinney 

Relevant professional qualification or body: SOCIAL WORKER

Address: 57 AROBANE Rd, DUNNYATRICK, Co. DUBLIN B130 BTW

Date: 31-03-18

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Date 05-12-18

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Statement of accounts for Down Visually Impaired Persons Group

(Charity Commission Number 103628)

Year 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Balance - 01-04-2016 £2005.05

Expenditure

Transport	£605.00
Tutors	£385.00
Insurance	£280.00
Entrance Fees	£75.00
Volunteer Lunches	£18.05
Commercial card charges	£25.00
Bank Fees	£58.92

Spend £ 1446.96

Balance -31-03-2017 £558.08

Adopted as true and accurate statement at meeting held on the 31-03-17

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Name: *CHRIS MCILINNEY* 

Relevant professional qualification or body: *Social Worker*

Address: *53 ARDRENN RD, DOWNPATRICK*

Date: *17/8/18*