

# Holy Family Youth Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103674

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-23

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Centre is established to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.

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

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Interface communities, Men, Mental health, Parents, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£218,291	£202,795	£0	19

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
George Walsh		
Mrs Bronagh Diamond		
Mrs Clare Joudah Ba Hons Bipsw Cqsw		
Mrs Lisa Mccann		
Mrs Mairead Walsh		
Mrs Maria Wilson		

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# Accounts

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC103674**

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

**Tony Clarke**  
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**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC103674

Approved 23 Sept 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

George Walsh

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

Claire Joudah

Bronagh Diamond

Marie McIvor

Mairead Walsh

George Walsh

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and activities**

To provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of children and young people within the locality of Holy Family Parish and beyond without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

### **Public benefit statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people. This purpose will also provide improvements to overall community life. We regularly monitor the benefits through feedback and review sessions with members and parents, programs evaluations and through attendance records. Primary beneficiaries would be the young people aged between 8-25 attending the youth centre. Secondary beneficiaries would be the parents of the young people and the wider community. There is no harm relating to the delivery of our services. There is no private benefit for any individual as a result of our activities.

### **Programming**

During the 2024-25 period our youth services continued to operate from our premises 6 evenings per week with our nightly Drop in facility being a key first point of contact for a lot of the young people we work with. It is through these contacts where we can first develop positive relationships to a point when personal and group development work can then take place. We continue to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in the youth centre where young people can come to and enjoy the company of other young people and chat with our youth workers. Our sports hall has been well used in this period with football being the main sport played although we have an equipment store that can be utilised to set up game sessions which prove very popular, especially with the junior section of the club. Crucial to the delivery of our junior sessions is the involvement of some senior members in volunteering their time to help out. We operate late night and weekend sessions in a bid to involve as many young people as we can and Friday nights are a particular draw when we cook a nutritious meal for those attending. Our junior sessions continue to be delivered to 2 distinct groups to enable us to offer the children age-appropriate sessions. Children in year 3 to year 5 were put into one group with year 6's and 7's in the other group. At certain times numbers of the upper age range had fallen but with a bit of promotion we were able to raise the numbers. This has proved to work very well as we were able to focus on the needs and tailor the activities to best fit each group best.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Programming Continued ....**

Our Outreach and Detached work remains a crucial part of our work as it allows us to keep in touch with young people while not in the youth centre. There have been times over the past 12 months that we had been put in the position of a de facto policing team when dealing with incidents of violence at the interfaces in the area, particularly in Alexandra Park. Over this period we have worked closely with our colleagues in Mountcollyer Youth Club in order to identify and challenge young people on their behaviours.

We have also helped deliver on a North Belfast wide Outreach and Detached specification in partnership with Ardoyne YC & John Paul II YC and led by New Lodge Youth Club.

This method of engagement has proved to be very beneficial in the past year and looking forward we will continue to utilise this form of work within our overall approach to engage with and help young people develop their skills.

We were very pleased in this year to re-introduce our International experiences for young people with trips to London, Belgium and Krakow planned to take place over the summer of 2025. We hope to make this a regular part of our work after we had to drop this aspect of our programming during the Covid restrictions.

**Community Events**

We continued during the 2024/25 period to involve young people in the organisation of positive Community Events in the area throughout the year and feel that this was a key factor in the youth centres approach to working with the wider community and to help educate and involve young people in creating change within their community.

It was a chance for young people to build on their social capital and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community. From anti graffiti drives, litter picks, inter-generational work through to the organising and delivering of large community events it was great to see young people so keen to get involved.

The Lark in the Park that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12th of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast.

Another event that has now become a regular in the community is our Christmas celebrations culminating in our Winter Wonderland event. Over the past three years we have worked to brighten up the area by erecting Christmas lights on the lampposts in the run up to the festive period. These Christmas tree lights were made in the youth centre and in 2021 we were also able to extend the lights across the interface and down to the bottom of the Limestone Road.

Christmas 2024 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Programming Continued ....**

**Community Events**

We were also able to organise a 'Meet the neighbours' event around Easter time that saw a group of young people from Mountcollyer and Holy Family transform the area at the interface from an often negative place to be avoided to fun filled space that saw families from both sides of the interface coming together to enjoy this shared space.

**Interface**

It is unfortunate that despite all the effort and resources that Holy Family and others have put into creating a more peaceful environment, Interface violence amongst young people continues to occur. As our premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have continued to challenge young people who get involved in these negative activities and work tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.

**Health and Fitness**

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area.

With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill. It has also proved to be a great place for a bit of reflection.

**Funding**

In the 2024/25 financial year we were successful in obtaining financial support from the Education Authority, UK Youth, Belfast City Council, Assets Recovery Agency, Comic Relief, Awards for All and Newington Housing Associations Brian Mullan Community Fund.

Through this funding we were able to deliver our youthwork programme as planned and were also able to deliver on a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Funding continued...**

We continue to work under a 25% cut to our core funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. As we enter our final year of our three year funding award from the Education Authority we may have to further diversify our sources of funding to enable us to continue to deliver a service to the level we have in the previous decade.

**Staffing**

BJ McKeivitt remains as the Senior Youth Worker with a staff team consisting of 13 part time youth workers delivering on EA specifications and other funded initiatives throughout the year. We continue at Holy Family to recognise the importance of continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have been able to support a young person through offering a placement as part of her Community Youthwork degree and we will continue to offer placement opportunities in the coming year.

We are also very fortunate to have a committed team of young people who have helped us to deliver on our junior sessions, summer schemes and community initiatives throughout the year long programme. We hope to further support their development over the coming years with designated volunteer support programmes.

**Premises and Resources**

The youth centre premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us in delivering our youth and community work. The premises are 50 years old and although we try our best to keep on top of maintenance we are probably in need of a focused upgrade.

With this in mind, we continue to wait on the Department of Education allocating financial support to enable us to carry out a refurbishment of the youth centre. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities. Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future.

Although we were successful in our application for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We have been successful in an application to the National Lottery Community Fund as part of their Sustainable Community Buildings programme to enable us to upgrade our lighting system and instal a solar panel system that will drastically reduce our overheads over the coming years. Our minibus also continues to be an invaluable resource for us in carrying out our work with young people, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Premises and Resources**

We are also continuously looking to make better use of our indoor and outdoor space to help support the running of our activities and while we are in the fortunate position of being able to build up a bank of equipment (tables, chairs, gazebos etc) one issue that this has raised is how to properly and safely store this equipment. With this in mind, we have been able to build further storage space for our equipment as we had identified this as an issue. Industrial shelving was purchased and installed in the loft area with further shelving erected in other equipment and storage areas.

We have repainted the main hallway and are planning over the coming few years at involving some young people and local residents in helping us to refresh other areas within the youth centre

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 9 & 10. The charity returned net outgoing resources for the year of £15,496 (2024:£16,102). At 31 March 2025 the total funds of the charity amounted to £73,692 (2024:£58,196) of which restricted funds were £NIL (2024:£NIL) and £73,692 (2024:£58,196) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £39,496 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Holy Family is a registered charity, number NIC103674 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

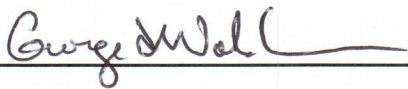
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

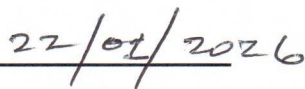
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees

  
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George Walsh  
Chairperson

  
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Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Holy Family Youth Centre for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 and 10.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 was 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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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast, BT11 9AG

29/01/2026

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Date:

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year to 31-Mar-25 TOTAL £	Year to 31-Mar-24 TOTAL £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Generated Funds	2	10,175	164,430	<b>174,605</b>	197,365
Charitable Activities	3	43,686	-	<b>43,686</b>	45,494
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>53,861</b>	<b>164,430</b>	<b>218,291</b>	<b>242,858</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating funds; Charitable Activities	5	36,186	164,430	<b>200,616</b>	225,325
Governance Costs	6	2,179	-	<b>2,179</b>	1,430
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>		<b>38,365</b>	<b>164,430</b>	<b>202,795</b>	<b>226,756</b>
<b>Net income / (Expenditure)</b>		15,496	0	<b>15,496</b>	16,102
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		15,496	0	<b>15,496</b>	16,102
<b><u>Reconciliation of Funds</u></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12	58,196	-	<b>58,196</b>	47,093
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>73,692</b>	-	<b>73,692</b>	<b>58,196</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

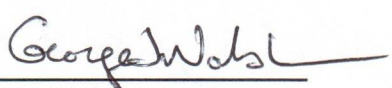
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**  
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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<u><b>2025</b></u>	<u><b>2024</b></u>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	<b>7</b>	<u><b>68,407</b></u>	<u>71,208</u>
		<b>68,407</b>	<b>71,208</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		<b>63,761</b>	50,166
Debtors	<b>8</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>63,761</b>	<b>50,166</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	<b>9</b>	<u><b>(1,200)</b></u>	<u>(3,686)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u><b>62,561</b></u>	<u>46,480</u>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>			
Government Grant	<b>11</b>	<b>(57,276)</b>	(59,492)
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>		<u><b>73,692</b></u>	<u><b>58,196</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted		-	-
Unrestricted		<u><b>73,692</b></u>	<u>58,196</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12</b>	<u><b>73,692</b></u>	<u><b>58,196</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 22/01/26 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
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 George Walsh  
 Trustee

22/01/2026  
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 Date

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holy Family Youth Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Newington Youth Club, 224A Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.8 Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

### **1.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

### **1.10 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### **1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### **1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**2 Generated Funds**

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2024</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	128,830	<b>128,830</b>	147,154
Belfast City Council	-	9,726	<b>9,726</b>	10,450
CFNI & Other Grants	675	10,000	<b>10,675</b>	387
DFC	-	5,420	<b>5,420</b>	15,663
Grant Release	-	2,216	<b>2,216</b>	2,216
ARCS	-	7,258	<b>7,258</b>	2,995
Newington Housing Association	-	980	<b>980</b>	4,000
Youth Justice Agency	-	-	-	5,000
UK Youth	9,500	-	<b>9,500</b>	9,500
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>164,430</b>	<b>174,605</b>	<b>197,365</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>197,365</b>	

**3 Activities for generating funds**

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2024</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	43,536	-	<b>43,536</b>	45,394
Donations	150	-	<b>150</b>	100
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>43,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,686</b>	<b>45,394</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,326</b>	

**4 Staff Costs and Numbers**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	109,307	123,229
	<b>109,307</b>	<b>123,229</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: None)

The average monthly number of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Number	Number
14	16

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**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Analysis of resources expended

			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Cleaning	4,712	104,594	<b>109,307</b>	123,229
Heat & Light	1,335	5,202	<b>6,537</b>	8,262
Telephone & Internet	1,627	625	<b>2,252</b>	1,227
Insurance	3,039	-	<b>3,039</b>	3,015
Postage & Stationary	108	-	<b>108</b>	550
Training & Courses	-	-	-	571
Repairs & Renewals	-	-	-	3,656
Programme Costs	2,099	39,900	<b>41,999</b>	49,294
Travel, Transport & Vehicle Expenses	13,010	1,892	<b>14,902</b>	5,991
Depreciation	584	2,216	<b>2,800</b>	3,195
Equipment	-	-	-	2,391
Shop Expenses	3,662	-	<b>3,662</b>	3,694
Partnership Funding	6,010	10,000	<b>16,010</b>	20,250
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>36,186</b>	<b>164,430</b>	<b>200,616</b>	<b>225,325</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>30,732</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>204,172</b>	
<b>6 Accountancy</b>	1,560	-	<b>1,560</b>	840
Bank Fees	619	-	<b>619</b>	590
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>1,430</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,405</b>	

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**7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Other (Inc Motor)</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>COST</b>		£		£
At 1 April 2024	80,790	6,529	25,918	<b>113,237</b>
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<b>80,790</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>113,237</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2024	14,319	5,959	21,751	<b>42,030</b>
Charge for the year	1,616	143	1,042	<b>2,800</b>
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<b>15,935</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>22,793</b>	<b>44,830</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At beginning of period	66,471	570	4,167	<b>71,208</b>
At 31 March 2025	<b>64,855</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>68,407</b>

**8 Debtors**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9 Creditors**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	-	-
Trade Creditors	-	2,486
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,200	1,200
	<b>1,200</b>	<b>3,686</b>

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £840 (2024 - £840)

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**11 Government Grants**

Government grants have been disclosed in the financial statement in line with the SSAP 4 disclosure requirements. Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
<b>Long term liabilities</b>		
Government Grant for New Build - DoE and EA	59,492	61,708
Grant Released	2,216	2,216
Balance c/f	<b>57,276</b>	<b>59,492</b>

**12 Funds**

	Balance at 01-Apr-24	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Education Authority	-	128,830	(128,830)	-	-
Belfast City Council	-	9,726	(9,726)	-	-
DFC	-	5,420	(5,420)	-	-
Grant Release	-	2,216	(2,216)	-	-
CFNI	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
ARCS	-	7,258	(7,258)	-	-
Newington Housing Association	-	980	(980)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	<b>164,430</b>	<b>(164,430)</b>	-	-
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	58,196	53,861	(38,365)	-	73,692
	<b>58,196</b>	<b>53,861</b>	<b>(38,365)</b>	-	<b>73,692</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>25,384</b>	<b>218,291</b>	<b>(202,795)</b>	-	<b>73,692</b>

**13 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

Nothing to report.

**14 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**15 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024 - £NIL).

**Holy Family Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103674

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# Accounts

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC103674**

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

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**Tony Clarke**  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC103674

Approved 23 Sept 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

George Walsh

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

Claire Joudah

Bronagh Diamond

Marie McIvor

Mairead Walsh

George Walsh

Maria Wilson

Lisa McCann

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Holy Family Youth Centre

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Tony Clarke

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Belfast

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First Trust Bank

11-15 Donegall Square North

Belfast

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and activities**

To provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of children and young people within the locality of Holy Family Parish and beyond without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

### **Public benefit statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people. This purpose will also provide improvements to overall community life. We regularly monitor the benefits through feedback and review sessions with members and parents, programs evaluations and through attendance records. Primary beneficiaries would be the young people aged between 8-25 attending the youth centre. Secondary beneficiaries would be the parents of the young people and the wider community. There is no harm relating to the delivery of our services. There is no private benefit for any individual as a result of our activities.

### **Programming**

Throughout this period we operated from our premises 6 evenings per week and our nightly Drop in facility is key as a first point of contact for a lot of the young people we work with. It is often where we can first develop the relationship to a point when personal and group development work can then take place. We try to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where young people can come to and enjoy the company of other young people and chat with our youth workers. The sport hall is well used with football being the main sport played although we have an equipment store that can be utilised to set up game sessions which prove very popular, especially with the junior section of the club. Crucial to the delivery of our junior sessions is the involvement of some senior members in volunteering their time to help out.

We operate late night and weekend sessions in a bid to involve as many young people as we can and Friday nights are a particular draw when we cook a nutritious meal for those attending. Our junior sessions continue to be delivered to 2 distinct groups to enable us to offer the children age-appropriate sessions. These sessions were first split as a result of Covid 19 restrictions but we decided to continue to go with the split sessions as numbers were so high. Children in year 3 to year 5 were put into one group with year 6's and 7's in the other group.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Programming Continued ....**

At certain times numbers of the upper age range had fallen but with a bit of promotion we were able to raise the numbers. This has proved to work very well as we were able to focus on the needs and tailor the activities to best fit each group best.

**Outreach and Detached Work**

Our Outreach and Detached work is a crucial part of our work and it allows us to keep in touch with young people while not in the youth centre. There have been times over the past 12 months that we had been put in the position of a de facto policing team when dealing with incidents of violence at the interfaces in the area, particularly in Alexandra Park. Over this period we have worked closely with our colleagues in Mountcollyer Youth Club in order to identify and challenge young people on their behaviours.

We have also helped deliver on a North Belfast wide Outreach and Detached specification in partnership with Ardoyne YC & John Paul II YC and led by New Lodge Youth Club.

This method of engagement has proved to be very beneficial in the past year and looking forward we will continue to utilise this form of work within our overall approach to engage with and help young people develop their skills.

**Community Events**

We continued to involve young people in the organisation of positive Community Events in the area throughout the year and feel that this was a key factor in the youth centres approach to working with the wider community and to help educate and involve young people in creating change within their community.

It was a chance for young people to build on their social capital and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community. From anti graffiti drives, litter picks, inter-generational work through to the organising and delivering of large community events it was great to see young people so keen to get involved.

The Lark in the Park that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12th of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast.

Another event that has now become a regular in the community is our Christmas celebrations culminating in our Winter Wonderland event. Over the past three years we have worked to brighten up the area by erecting Christmas lights on the lampposts in the run up to the festive period. These Christmas tree lights were made in the youth centre and in 2021 we were also able to extend the lights across the interface and down to the bottom of the Limestone Road.

Christmas 2023 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

### **Programming Continued ....**

#### **Interface**

As Holy Family premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.

#### **Health and Fitness**

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area.

With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill.

#### **Funding**

In the 2023/24 financial year we were successful in obtaining financial support from the Education Authority, UK Youth, Belfast City Council, Assets Recovery Agency, Youth Justice Agency and Newington Housing Association.

Through this funding we were able to deliver our youthwork programme as planned and were also able to deliver on a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park.

We continue to work under a 25% cut to our core funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. We were able to utilise other funding to minimise the effect that these cuts could have had and ultimately we were able to stave off any possible reduction in our opening hours.

Going forward we will continue to look to further diversify our sources of funding to ensure there is no over reliance on one source of funding.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Staffing**

BJ McKevitt remains as the Senior Youth Worker with a staff team consisting of 14 part time youth workers delivering on EA specifications and other funded initiatives throughout the year.

We continue at Holy Family to recognise the importance of continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have had 3 members of staff attending Ulster University completing their Community Youthwork degree and 2 young people supported through Dept for Communities Jobstart Scheme.

We are also blessed to have a committed team of young people who have helped us to deliver on our junior sessions, summer schemes and community initiatives throughout the year long programme.

**Premises and Resources**

The youth centre premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us in delivering our youth and community work. The premises are 50 years old and although we try our best to keep on top of maintenance we are probably in need of a focused upgrade.

With this in mind, we continue to wait on the Department of Education allocating financial support to enable us to carry out a refurbishment of the youth centre. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities. Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future. Although we were successful in our application for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We therefore continue to have to resource funding and carry out any maintenance works required ourselves when required to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all. It is also disappointing that our Overheads budget through the EA cannot be used for crucial work such as maintaining our fire extinguishers or alarm system. We have upgraded our lighting in the sports hall and are replacing any lights that go with more energy efficient LED units. We also had to fix our sports hall flooring that had swelled up creating a 'speed ramp' that created a hazard. Our minibus also continues to be an invaluable resource for us in carrying out our work with young people, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school. Our trailer that we had purchased in 2021 was sold as it was very rarely used.

We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

In this period we have also been able to build further storage space for our equipment as we had identified this as an issue. Industrial shelving was purchased and installed in the loft area with further shelving erected in other equipment and storage areas.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Premises and Resources**

In the coming year we are now looking at involving some young people and local residents in helping us to refresh the interior and exterior of the youth centre.

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 9 & 10. The charity returned net outgoing resources for the year of £3,822 (2023:£17,888). At 31 March 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £47,093 (2023:£43,271) of which restricted funds were £14,920 (2023:£10,379) and £32,173 (2023:£32,892) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £39,496 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Holy Family is a registered charity, number NIC103674 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

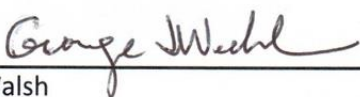
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

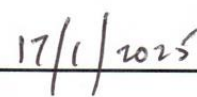
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
George Walsh  
Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Holy Family Youth Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 9 and 10.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 was 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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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast, BT11 9AG

20/01/2025

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Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31-Mar-24 TOTAL £	Year to 31-Mar-23 TOTAL £
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Generated Funds	2	9,500	187,865	<b>197,365</b>	185,073
Charitable Activities	3	45,494	-	<b>45,494</b>	24,326
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>54,994</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>242,858</b>	<b>209,399</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating funds;					
Charitable Activities	5	27,541	197,785	<b>225,325</b>	204,172
Governance Costs	6	1,430	-	<b>1,430</b>	1,405
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>		<b>28,971</b>	<b>197,785</b>	<b>226,756</b>	<b>205,577</b>
<b>Net income / (Expenditure)</b>		26,022	(9,920)	<b>16,102</b>	3,822
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		26,022	(9,920)	<b>16,102</b>	3,822
<b><u>Reconciliation of Funds</u></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12	32,173	14,920	<b>47,093</b>	43,271
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>58,196</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>	<b>47,093</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.


All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2023</b></u>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	<b>7</b>	<u><b>71,207</b></u>	<u>74,403</u>
		<b>71,207</b>	<u>74,403</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		<b>50,166</b>	39,496
Debtors	<b>8</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>50,166</b>	<u>39,496</u>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	<b>9</b>	<u><b>(3,686)</b></u>	<u>(5,097)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u><b>46,480</b></u>	<u>34,399</u>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>			
Government Grant	<b>11</b>	<b>(59,492)</b>	(61,708)
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>		<u><u><b>58,196</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>47,093</b></u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted		-	14,920
Unrestricted		<u><b>58,196</b></u>	<u>32,173</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12</b>	<u><u><b>58,196</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>47,093</b></u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 17/1/2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 George Walsh  
 Trustee

17/1/2025  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holy Family Youth Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Newington Youth Club, 224A Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.8 Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.10 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**2 Generated Funds**

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	147,154	<b>147,154</b>	137,453
Belfast City Council	-	10,450	<b>10,450</b>	5,550
Big Lottery	-	-	-	15,420
CFNI & Other Grants	-	387	<b>387</b>	15,152
DFC	-	15,663	<b>15,663</b>	9,283
Grant Release	-	2,216	<b>2,216</b>	2,216
ARCS	-	2,995	<b>2,995</b>	-
Newington Housing Association	-	4,000	<b>4,000</b>	-
Youth Justice Agency	-	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	-
UK Youth	9,500	-	<b>9,500</b>	-
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>197,365</b>	<b>185,073</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	-	<b>185,073</b>	<b>185,073</b>	

**3 Activities for generating funds**

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	45,394	-	<b>45,394</b>	24,226
Donations	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>45,494</b>	-	<b>45,494</b>	<b>24,226</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>24,326</b>	-	<b>24,326</b>	

**4 Staff Costs and Numbers**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	123,229	130,489
	<b>123,229</b>	<b>130,489</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: None)

The average monthly number of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Number	Number
16	17

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINU**

**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Analysis of resources expended

			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Cleaning	4,040	119,189	<b>123,229</b>	130,489
Office Expense	-	-	-	1,464
Heat & Light	1,082	7,180	<b>8,262</b>	3,595
Telephone & Internet	602	625	<b>1,227</b>	2,620
Insurance	3,015	-	<b>3,015</b>	3,707
Postage & Stationary	550	-	<b>550</b>	328
Training & Courses	571	-	<b>571</b>	1,820
Repairs & Renewals	3,656	-	<b>3,656</b>	2,100
Programme Costs	3,227	46,067	<b>49,294</b>	47,088
Travel, Transport & Vehicle Exper	3,183	2,807	<b>5,991</b>	6,846
Depreciation	979	2,216	<b>3,195</b>	3,721
Equipment	2,391	-	<b>2,391</b>	393
Shop Expenses	3,694	-	<b>3,694</b>	-
Partnership Funding	550	19,700	<b>20,250</b>	-
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>27,541</b>	<b>197,785</b>	<b>225,325</b>	<b>204,172</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>30,732</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>204,172</b>	
<b>6 Accountancy</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>840</b>	720
Bank Fees	590	-	<b>590</b>	685
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,405</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,405</b>	

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**7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Other (Inc Motor)</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>COST</b>		£		£
At 1 April 2023	80,790	6,529	25,918	<b>113,237</b>
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<b>80,790</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>113,237</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	12,704	5,768	20,362	<b>38,835</b>
Charge for the year	1,616	190	1,389	<b>3,195</b>
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<b>14,319</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>21,751</b>	<b>42,030</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At beginning of period	68,086	760	5,556	<b>74,403</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>66,471</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>71,207</b>

**8 Debtors**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9 Creditors**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	-	-
Trade Creditors	2,486	3,897
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,200	1,200
	<b>3,686</b>	<b>5,097</b>

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £840 (2023 - £720)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**11 Government Grants**

Government grants have been disclosed in the financial statement in line with the SSAP 4 disclosure requirements. Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<b>Long term liabilities</b>		
Government Grant for New Build - DoE and EA	61,708	63,924
Grant Released	2,216	2,216
Balance c/f	<b>59,492</b>	<b>61,708</b>

**12 Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>					
Education Authority	-	147,154	(147,154)	-	-
Belfast City Council	-	10,450	(10,450)	-	-
DFC	-	15,663	(15,663)	-	-
Big Lottery	14,920	-	(14,920)	-	-
Grant Release	-	2,216	(2,216)	-	-
Department of Education	-	387	(387)	-	-
ARCS	-	2,995	(2,995)	-	-
Newington Housing Association	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Youth Justice Agency	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>(202,785)</b>	-	-
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	32,173	54,994	(28,971)	-	58,196
	<b>32,173</b>	<b>54,994</b>	<b>(28,971)</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>25,384</b>	<b>242,858</b>	<b>(231,756)</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>

**13 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

Nothing to report.

**14 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**15 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

**Holy Family Youth Centre**

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# Annual report

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## Annual Report 2023/24

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were made in the youth centre and in 2021 we were also able to extend the lights across the interface and down to the bottom of the Limestone Road.

Christmas 2023 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

## Interface

As Holy Family premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.



## Health and Fitness

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area.



With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill.

It has also proved to be a great place for a bit of reflection.

## Funding

In the 2023/24 financial year we were successful in obtaining financial support from the Education Authority, UK Youth, Belfast City Council, Assets Recovery Agency, Youth Justice Agency and Newington Housing Association.

Through this funding we were able to deliver our youthwork programme as planned and were also able to deliver on a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park.

We continue to work under a 25% cut to our core funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. We were able to utilise other funding to minimise the effect that these cuts could have had and ultimately we were able to stave off any possible reduction in our opening hours.



Going forward we will continue to look to further diversify our sources of funding to ensure there is no over reliance on one source of funding.

## Staffing

BJ McKeivitt remains as the Senior Youth Worker with a staff team consisting of 14 part time youth workers delivering on EA specifications and other funded initiatives throughout the year.

We continue at Holy Family to recognise the importance of continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have had 3 members of staff attending Ulster University completing their Community Youthwork degree and 2 young people supported through Dept for Communities Jobstart Scheme.

We are also blessed to have a committed team of young people who have helped us to deliver on our junior sessions, summer schemes and community initiatives throughout the year long programme.



## Premises and Resources



The youth centre premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us in delivering our youth and community work. The premises are 50 years old and although we try our best to keep on top of maintenance we are probably in need of a focused upgrade.

With this in mind, we continue to wait on the Department of Education allocating financial support to enable us to carry out a refurbishment of the youth centre. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities. Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future. Although we were successful in our application

for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We therefore continue to have to resource funding and carry out any maintenance works required ourselves when required to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all. It is also disappointing that our Overheads budget through the EA cannot be used for crucial work such as maintaining our fire extinguishers or alarm system. We have upgraded our lighting in the sports hall and are replacing any lights that go with more energy efficient LED units. We also had to fix our sports hall flooring that had swelled up creating a 'speed ramp' that created a hazard.

Our minibus also continues to be an invaluable resource for us in carrying out our work with young people, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school. Our trailer that we had purchased in 2021 was sold as it was very rarely used.

We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

In this period we have also been able to build further storage space for our equipment as we had identified this as an issue. Industrial shelving was purchased and installed in the loft area with further shelving erected in other equipment and storage areas.

In the coming year we are now looking at involving some young people and local residents in helping us to refresh the interior and exterior of the youth centre.



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# Annual return

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC103674**

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

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**CHARITY NAME**

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC103674

Approved 23 Sept 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

George Walsh

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and activities**

To provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of children and young people within the locality of Holy Family Parish and beyond without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

### **Public benefit statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people. This purpose will also provide improvements to overall community life. We regularly monitor the benefits through feedback and review sessions with members and parents, programs evaluations and through attendance records. Primary beneficiaries would be the young people aged between 8-25 attending the youth centre. Secondary beneficiaries would be the parents of the young people and the wider community. There is no harm relating to the delivery of our services. There is no private benefit for any individual as a result of our activities.

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It was a chance for young people to build on their social capital and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community. From anti graffiti drives, litter picks, inter-generational work through to the organising and delivering of large community events it was great to see young people so keen to get involved.

The Lark in the Park that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12th of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast.

Another event that has now become a regular in the community is our Christmas celebrations culminating in our Winter Wonderland event. Over the past three years we have worked to brighten up the area by erecting Christmas lights on the lampposts in the run up to the festive period. These Christmas tree lights were made in the youth centre and in 2021 we were also able to extend the lights across the interface and down to the bottom of the Limestone Road.

Christmas 2023 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Programming Continued ....**

**Interface**

As Holy Family premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.

**Health and Fitness**

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area.

With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill.

**Funding**

In the 2023/24 financial year we were successful in obtaining financial support from the Education Authority, UK Youth, Belfast City Council, Assets Recovery Agency, Youth Justice Agency and Newington Housing Association.

Through this funding we were able to deliver our youthwork programme as planned and were also able to deliver on a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park.

We continue to work under a 25% cut to our core funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. We were able to utilise other funding to minimise the effect that these cuts could have had and ultimately we were able to stave off any possible reduction in our opening hours.

Going forward we will continue to look to further diversify our sources of funding to ensure there is no over reliance on one source of funding.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Staffing**

BJ McKeivitt remains as the Senior Youth Worker with a staff team consisting of 14 part time youth workers delivering on EA specifications and other funded initiatives throughout the year.

We continue at Holy Family to recognise the importance of continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have had 3 members of staff attending Ulster University completing their Community Youthwork degree and 2 young people supported through Dept for Communities Jobstart Scheme.

We are also blessed to have a committed team of young people who have helped us to deliver on our junior sessions, summer schemes and community initiatives throughout the year long programme.

**Premises and Resources**

The youth centre premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us in delivering our youth and community work. The premises are 50 years old and although we try our best to keep on top of maintenance we are probably in need of a focused upgrade.

With this in mind, we continue to wait on the Department of Education allocating financial support to enable us to carry out a refurbishment of the youth centre. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities. Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future. Although we were successful in our application for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We therefore continue to have to resource funding and carry out any maintenance works required ourselves when required to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all. It is also disappointing that our Overheads budget through the EA cannot be used for crucial work such as maintaining our fire extinguishers or alarm system. We have upgraded our lighting in the sports hall and are replacing any lights that go with more energy efficient LED units. We also had to fix our sports hall flooring that had swelled up creating a 'speed ramp' that created a hazard. Our minibus also continues to be an invaluable resource for us in carrying out our work with young people, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school. Our trailer that we had purchased in 2021 was sold as it was very rarely used.

We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

In this period we have also been able to build further storage space for our equipment as we had identified this as an issue. Industrial shelving was purchased and installed in the loft area with further shelving erected in other equipment and storage areas.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Premises and Resources**

In the coming year we are now looking at involving some young people and local residents in helping us to refresh the interior and exterior of the youth centre.

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 9 & 10. The charity returned net outgoing resources for the year of £3,822 (2023:£17,888). At 31 March 2024 the total funds of the charity amounted to £47,093 (2023:£43,271) of which restricted funds were £14,920 (2023:£10,379) and £32,173 (2023:£32,892) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £39,496 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Holy Family is a registered charity, number NIC103674 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

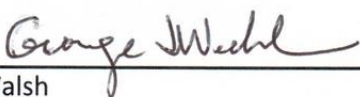
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

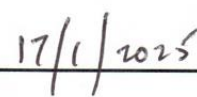
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees

  
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George Walsh  
Chairperson

  
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Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Holy Family Youth Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 9 and 10.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 was 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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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast, BT11 9AG

20/01/2025

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Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Year to 31-Mar-24 TOTAL	Year to 31-Mar-23 TOTAL
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Generated Funds	2	9,500	187,865	<b>197,365</b>	185,073
Charitable Activities	3	45,494	-	<b>45,494</b>	24,326
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>54,994</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>242,858</b>	<b>209,399</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating funds;					
Charitable Activities	5	27,541	197,785	<b>225,325</b>	204,172
Governance Costs	6	1,430	-	<b>1,430</b>	1,405
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>		<b>28,971</b>	<b>197,785</b>	<b>226,756</b>	<b>205,577</b>
<b>Net income / (Expenditure)</b>		26,022	(9,920)	<b>16,102</b>	3,822
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		26,022	(9,920)	<b>16,102</b>	3,822
<b><u>Reconciliation of Funds</u></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12	32,173	14,920	<b>47,093</b>	43,271
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>58,196</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>	<b>47,093</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.


All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2023</b></u>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	<b>7</b>	<u><b>71,207</b></u>	<u>74,403</u>
		<b>71,207</b>	74,403
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		<b>50,166</b>	39,496
Debtors	<b>8</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>50,166</b>	39,496
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	<b>9</b>	<u><b>(3,686)</b></u>	<u>(5,097)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u><b>46,480</b></u>	<u>34,399</u>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>			
Government Grant	<b>11</b>	<b>(59,492)</b>	(61,708)
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>		<u><u><b>58,196</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>47,093</b></u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted		-	14,920
Unrestricted		<u><b>58,196</b></u>	<u>32,173</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>12</b>	<u><u><b>58,196</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>47,093</b></u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 17/1/2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 George Walsh  
 Trustee

17/1/2025  
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 Date

The notes on page 11 to 17 form an integral part of these accounts

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holy Family Youth Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Newington Youth Club, 224A Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.8 Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.10 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**2 Generated Funds**

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	147,154	<b>147,154</b>	137,453
Belfast City Council	-	10,450	<b>10,450</b>	5,550
Big Lottery	-	-	-	15,420
CFNI & Other Grants	-	387	<b>387</b>	15,152
DFC	-	15,663	<b>15,663</b>	9,283
Grant Release	-	2,216	<b>2,216</b>	2,216
ARCS	-	2,995	<b>2,995</b>	-
Newington Housing Association	-	4,000	<b>4,000</b>	-
Youth Justice Agency	-	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	-
UK Youth	9,500	-	<b>9,500</b>	-
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>197,365</b>	<b>185,073</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>185,073</b>	

**3 Activities for generating funds**

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	45,394	-	<b>45,394</b>	24,226
Donations	100	-	<b>100</b>	100
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>45,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,494</b>	<b>24,226</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,326</b>	

**4 Staff Costs and Numbers**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	123,229	130,489
	<b>123,229</b>	<b>130,489</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: None)

The average monthly number of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Number	Number
16	17

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINU**

**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Analysis of resources expended

			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Cleaning	4,040	119,189	<b>123,229</b>	130,489
Office Expense	-	-	-	1,464
Heat & Light	1,082	7,180	<b>8,262</b>	3,595
Telephone & Internet	602	625	<b>1,227</b>	2,620
Insurance	3,015	-	<b>3,015</b>	3,707
Postage & Stationary	550	-	<b>550</b>	328
Training & Courses	571	-	<b>571</b>	1,820
Repairs & Renewals	3,656	-	<b>3,656</b>	2,100
Programme Costs	3,227	46,067	<b>49,294</b>	47,088
Travel, Transport & Vehicle Exper	3,183	2,807	<b>5,991</b>	6,846
Depreciation	979	2,216	<b>3,195</b>	3,721
Equipment	2,391	-	<b>2,391</b>	393
Shop Expenses	3,694	-	<b>3,694</b>	-
Partnership Funding	550	19,700	<b>20,250</b>	-
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>27,541</b>	<b>197,785</b>	<b>225,325</b>	<b>204,172</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>30,732</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>204,172</b>	
<b>6 Accountancy</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>840</b>	720
Bank Fees	590	-	<b>590</b>	685
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,405</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,405</b>	

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**7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Other (Inc Motor)</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>COST</b>		£		£
At 1 April 2023	80,790	6,529	25,918	<b>113,237</b>
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<b>80,790</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>113,237</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	12,704	5,768	20,362	<b>38,835</b>
Charge for the year	1,616	190	1,389	<b>3,195</b>
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<b>14,319</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>21,751</b>	<b>42,030</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At beginning of period	68,086	760	5,556	<b>74,403</b>
At 31 March 2024	<b>66,471</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>71,207</b>

**8 Debtors**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9 Creditors**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	-	-
Trade Creditors	2,486	3,897
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,200	1,200
	<b>3,686</b>	<b>5,097</b>

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £840 (2023 - £720)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**11 Government Grants**

Government grants have been disclosed in the financial statement in line with the SSAP 4 disclosure requirements. Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<b>Long term liabilities</b>		
Government Grant for New Build - DoE and EA	61,708	63,924
Grant Released	2,216	2,216
Balance c/f	<b>59,492</b>	<b>61,708</b>

**12 Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>					
Education Authority	-	147,154	(147,154)	-	-
Belfast City Council	-	10,450	(10,450)	-	-
DFC	-	15,663	(15,663)	-	-
Big Lottery	14,920	-	(14,920)	-	-
Grant Release	-	2,216	(2,216)	-	-
Department of Education	-	387	(387)	-	-
ARCS	-	2,995	(2,995)	-	-
Newington Housing Association	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Youth Justice Agency	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>187,865</b>	<b>(202,785)</b>	-	-
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	32,173	54,994	(28,971)	-	58,196
	<b>32,173</b>	<b>54,994</b>	<b>(28,971)</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>25,384</b>	<b>242,858</b>	<b>(231,756)</b>	-	<b>58,196</b>

**13 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

Nothing to report.

**14 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**15 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

**Holy Family Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103674

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# Accounts

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC103674**

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Tony Clarke**  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC103674

Approved 23 Sept 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

George Walsh

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

Claire Joudah  
Bronagh Diamond  
Marie Mclvor  
Mairead Walsh  
George Walsh  
Maria Wilson  
Lisa McCann

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and activities**

To provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of children and young people within the locality of Holy Family Parish and beyond without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

### **Public benefit statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people. This purpose will also provide improvements to overall community life. We regularly monitor the benefits through feedback and review sessions with members and parents, programs evaluations and through attendance records. Primary beneficiaries would be the young people aged between 8-25 attending the youth centre. Secondary beneficiaries would be the parents of the young people and the wider community. There is no harm relating to the delivery of our services. There is no private benefit for any individual as a result of our activities.

### **Programming**

We operate from our premises 6 evenings per week and our nightly Drop in facility is key as a first point of contact for a lot of the young people we work with. It is often where we can first develop the relationship to a point when personal and group development work can then take place. We try to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where young people can come to and enjoy the company of other young people and chat with our youth workers. The sport hall is well used with football being the main sport played although we have an equipment store that can be utilised to set up game sessions which prove very popular, especially with the junior section of the club. Crucial to the delivery of our junior sessions is the involvement of some senior members in volunteering their time to help out.

We operate late night and weekend sessions in a bid to involve as many young people as we can and Friday nights are a particular draw when we cook a nutritious meal for those attending.

Our junior sessions continue to be delivered to 2 distinct groups to enable us to offer the children age-appropriate sessions. These sessions were first split as a result of Covid 19 restrictions but we decided to continue to go with the split sessions as numbers were so high. Children in year 3 to year 5 were put into one group with year 6's and 7's in the other group.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

### **Programming Continued ....**

This has proved to work very well as we were able to focus on the needs and tailor the activities to best fit each group best.

### **Outreach and Detached Work**

We continued with our Outreach and Detached work which was developed and crucial over the lockdown period in keeping in touch with young people and their families. At times we were put into the position of a de facto policing team when dealing with incidents of violence at the interfaces in the area, particularly in Alexandra Park.

This method of engagement has proved to be very beneficial in the past year and looking forward we will continue to utilise this form of work within our overall approach to engage with and help young people develop their skills.

### **Community Events**

We continued to involve young people in the organisation of positive Community Events in the area throughout the year and feel that this was a key factor in the youth centres approach to working with the wider community and to help educate and involve young people in creating change within their community.

It was a chance for young people to build on their social capital and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community.

The Lark in the Park that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12th of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast.

Christmas 2022 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

### **Interface**

As Holy Family premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

### **Programming Continued ....**

#### **Health and Fitness**

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area. With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill. It has also proved to be a great place for a bit of reflection.

#### **Funding**

We were able to receive funding from Belfast City Council for a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park. The Lottery also supported us with two grants in this period which we will still be delivering over the next year.

During the second half of the year we were also faced with the real possibility of our services being curtailed and restricted as a result of a 25% cut to funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. During this period young people took part in protest rally's and demonstrations where they articulated their feelings on cuts that would ultimately affect their services and see the reduction in our opening hours.

Going forward we will be looking to further diversify our sources of funding to ensure there is no over reliance on one source of funding.

#### **Staffing**

In October 2022 we welcomed BJ McKeivitt as Senior Youth Worker following the retirement of Martin Kelly, following his 18 years at the helm and we would like to put on record our thanks to him for his service over this period and wish him well in the future.

At Holy Family we recognise the importance of encouraging continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have had 3 members of staff attending Ulster University completing their Community Youthwork degree and 2 young people supported through Dept for Communities Jobstart Scheme.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Premises and Resources**

Our premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us to deliver our youth and community work and during this period we were successful in submitting an application for capital works to the Department of Education.

Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities.

Although we were successful in our application for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We therefore have had to carry out some minor maintenance works ourselves when required to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

Our minibus, received in January 2022 has also proved to be an invaluable resource for us, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school.

We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

One issue we are having with these resources is where to store them as we would have limited storage space in the youth centre. An issue to look into, but a good one to have!

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 8 & 9. The charity returned net outgoing resources for the year of £3,822 (2022:£17,888). At 31 March 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £47,093 (2022:£43,271) of which restricted funds were £14,920 (2022:£10,379) and £32,173 (2022:£32,892) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £39,496 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Holy Family is a registered charity, number NIC103674 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

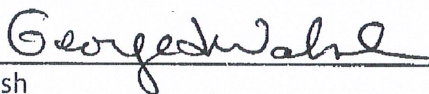
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

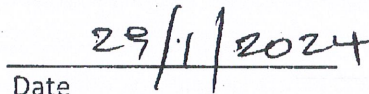
**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



George Walsh  
Chairperson



Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Holy Family Youth Centre for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 was 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.



Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast, BT11 9AG

Date:

30.1.24

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year to 31-Mar-23 TOTAL £	Year to 31-Mar-22 TOTAL £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Generated Funds	2	-	185,073	185,073	238,733
Charitable Activities	3	24,326	-	24,326	75,721
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>24,326</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>209,399</b>	<b>314,454</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating funds;					
Charitable Activities	5	30,732	173,440	204,172	294,672
Governance Costs	6	1,405	-	1,405	1,893
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>		<b>32,137</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>205,577</b>	<b>296,566</b>
<b>Net income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>(7,811)</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>17,888</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>7,092</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(719)</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>17,888</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation of Funds</u></b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12	32,892	10,379	43,271	25,383
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>32,173</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>47,093</b>	<b>43,271</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

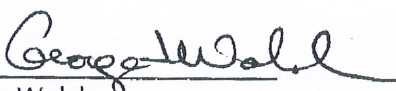
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 10 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	<u>74,402</u>	<u>78,125</u>
		74,402	78,125
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		39,496	35,333
Debtors	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		39,496	35,333
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(5,097)</u>	<u>(6,261)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>34,399</u>	<u>29,071</u>
<b>Long Term liabilities</b>			
Government Grant	11	(61,708)	(63,924)
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u><u>47,093</u></u>	<u><u>43,272</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted	12	14,920	10,379
Unrestricted	12	<u>32,173</u>	<u>32,892</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>47,093</u></u>	<u><u>43,271</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29/1/2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 George Walsh  
 Trustee

29/1/2024  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holy Family Youth Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Newington Youth Club, 224A Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.8 Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.10 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**2 Generated Funds**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	137,453	137,453	223,013
Belfast City Council	-	5,550	5,550	5,209
Big Lottery	-	15,420	15,420	7,795
CFNI & Other Grants	-	15,152	15,152	500
DFC	-	9,283	9,283	-
Grant Release	-	2,216	2,216	2,216
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>238,733</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>61,207</b>	<b>177,526</b>	<b>238,733</b>	

**3 Activities for generating funds**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	24,226	-	24,226	67,317
Donations	100	-	100	8,404
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>67,317</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>67,317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,317</b>	

**4 Staff Costs and Numbers**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	130,489	108,741
	<b>130,489</b>	<b>108,741</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: None)

The average monthly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Number	Number
17	20

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Analysis of resources expended

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £	TOTAL £
Wages and Cleaning	859	129,631	<b>130,489</b>	108,741
Office Expense	1,464	-	<b>1,464</b>	3,825
Heat & Light	436	3,159	<b>3,595</b>	3,015
Telephone & Internet	512	2,108	<b>2,620</b>	1,123
Insurance	618	3,089	<b>3,707</b>	3,641
Postage & Stationary	328	-	<b>328</b>	499
Training & Courses	1,820	-	<b>1,820</b>	5,140
Repairs & Renewals	895	1,205	<b>2,100</b>	2,950
Programme Costs	15,056	32,032	<b>47,088</b>	90,403
Travel, Transport & Vehicle Expense	6,846	-	<b>6,846</b>	44,191
Depreciation	1,505	2,216	<b>3,721</b>	4,423
Equipment	393	-	<b>393</b>	25,773
Donations	-	-	-	300
Sanitary products	-	-	-	372
PPE	-	-	-	274
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>30,732</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>204,172</b>	<b>294,672</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>119,743</b>	<b>174,929</b>	<b>294,672</b>	
6 Accountancy	720	-	<b>720</b>	1,200
Bank Fees	685	-	<b>685</b>	693
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>1,405</b>	-	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,893</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>1,893</b>	-	<b>1,893</b>	

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**7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Other (Inc Motor)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	80,790	6,529	25,918	113,237
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<b>80,790</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>113,237</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	11,088	5,515	18,510	35,113
Charge for the year	1,616	253	1,852	3,721
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<b>12,704</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>20,362</b>	<b>38,835</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At beginning of period	69,702	1,014	7,409	78,125
At 31 March 2023	<b>68,086</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>5,556</b>	<b>74,402</b>

**8 Debtors**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9 Creditors**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	-	-
Trade Creditors	3,897	5,061
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,200	1,200
	<b>5,097</b>	<b>6,261</b>

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £720 (2022 - £720)

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**11 Government Grants**

Government grants have been disclosed in the financial statement in line with the SSAP 4 disclosure requirements. Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Government Grant for New Build - DoE and EA	63,924	66,140
Grant Released	2,216	2,216
Balance c/f	<b>61,708</b>	<b>63,924</b>

**12 Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 22	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 March 23
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Education Authority	6,958	137,453	(140,739)	(3,671)	-
Belfast City Council	3,421	5,550	(5,550)	(3,421)	-
DFC	-	9,283	(9,283)	-	-
Big Lottery	-	15,420	(500)	-	14,920
Grant Release	-	2,216	(2,216)	-	-
Co-op Ireland	-	2,603	(2,603)	-	-
Department of Education	-	12,549	(12,549)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>(173,440)</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>	<b>14,920</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	32,892	24,326	(32,137)	7,092	32,173
	<b>32,892</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>(32,137)</b>	<b>7,092</b>	<b>32,173</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>25,384</b>	<b>209,399</b>	<b>(205,577)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,093</b>

**13 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

Nothing to report.

**14 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**15 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

**Holy Family Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103674

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# Annual report

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# HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE



## Bi-Annual Report

2022

2023

# ***Background***

Youth services in Newington began on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1972 at a four story former house at 281 Antrim Road (where PIPs is now between Baltic and Oceanic Avenue). Mr B Henry and Dr Liam Conlon were instrumental in the initial set up with Danny Nolan being appointed the first Full-Time Leader in Charge in July of the same year.

A Management Committee was first established on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1972 and the first Chairperson Michael Sherry was elected. This committee had the function of creating the first policies within the guidelines of the Board of Education and the Down and Connor Youth Council.

The Committee then set about to identify and procure new premises and plans were drawn up to site the youth club behind the parochial house in the church grounds. The building was completed in April 1975 at a cost of £90,000.

During the construction of the new building the football team used Holy Family Primary School, the boxing club were able to use a room above the sacristy and the table tennis section were able to use the school hall. The new building was blessed by Bishop Philben in January 1975.



The new youth club consisted of 'a large social area on the ground floor that could be divided into 2 sections; a large sports hall on the second floor with a small demonstration room on the third floor' Membership grew to 500 and a second full-time worker, Danny Mullan was appointed to help deliver the programmes. The first junior section of the club was also formed catering for children aged between 6 and 10 years old.



In September 1979 Martin Morgan was appointed the new Leader-in-Charge and this period seen the youth club take on an increased community outlook and sporting activities were also given a re-invigorated focus with Karate, Kung Fu, Gymnastics, Volleyball and Handball joining the established Football teams. In this period an International programme

began in partnership with Fortwilliam Youth Club based in the Mount Vernon area. Over the years the programme has seen scores of young people experiencing summers in Canada as part of this cross-community initiative.



There was also an increased focus on supporting young people into employment and this brought about what would be a fore runner to the Action for Community Employment (ACE) scheme that guaranteed paid work experience and support for a 12 month period.

Newington Youth Club underwent a name change around the turn of the millennium to

better reflect the area targeted and Holy Family Youth Centre came into fruition in 1998.

Ceri O'Reilly, a former member was next to take the reins of the youth centre. Next up was Joanne McGuinness and then Martin Kelly took over in 2001 and set about to rebuild the programmes that operated within the youth centre.

Key to this approach was to place a focus on equipping senior members at the club with the skills and knowledge needed to take on increased volunteering roles, which for some led onto paid employment.

Martin, then took the decision to step down and the current Senior Youth Worker, BJ McKeivitt, took over in October 2022

The core funding structure of the youth centre has changed in the past 2 years with the youth centre now budgeting and managing the allocation from the Education Authority.

With wholesale funding cuts within the voluntary sector we now face the challenge of planning ahead and ensuring that we are able to face the next 50 years confident of delivering a quality youth service in the area.



# ***Chairpersons Report***

Having been in the role of Chairperson for a couple of years now, I can appreciate the amount and quality of work undertaken by the staff of Holy Family Youth Centre in planning and delivering schemes and activities for all in the local community and beyond, not just young people.



They have shown the Management Committee that we have a very strong and committed staff team at Holy Family who endeavour to do the best they can for all, especially the young people who they work with.

Funding as always is under pressure but we aim to continue to deliver a high quality of service and value for money for our funders. The Leader and staff have to be commended for the drive to obtain and use the funding available, including working with other youth work providers to address the on-going funding issues.

Looking forward we want to improve the quality of our service though this will continue to depend on the funding issues mentioned above. That said, the staff and Management Committee will seek to maximise this.

I, on behalf of the Management Committee, would like to place on record our thanks for the tireless work and dedication of the staff team and youth workers for the work they do, often unseen and unnoticed but greatly appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank the community which we serve as they have shown great support for the work that we do and on your behalf we will continue to seek and to deliver the service to the young people of this community.

George Walsh  
Chair

# ***Senior Youth Workers Message***

It has been a real privilege to take on the role of Senior Youth Worker within Holy Family from Martin Kelly. I have worked in the Newington area for the past 30 years since I took up a part-time ACE post in Newington Youth Club (now HFYC) and have always had a genuine interest in helping to improve the lives of the young people I come into contact with. Whether that be through involvement in junior football, using the outdoor environment, through mentoring or groupwork programmes through to challenging negative behaviours at the interface it is all with the end goal of helping young people to grow into confident, forward thinking adults who can enhance their life opportunities and help to improve their community.



The work over the period covered in this report has been directed by myself in the latter stages and by outgoing Senior Youth Worker Marty Kelly, who since 2001 helped to restructure and rebuild the work of Holy Family Youth Centre.

I will speak on behalf of myself and Martin in this message regarding programme delivery throughout and beyond this period of immense uncertainty. The impact that the Covid 19 pandemic and the related restrictions had on the delivery of youth work services and on the development of young people cannot be underestimated.

The youth centre went from the position in 2019 of having 3 international residentials to none through the covid period and we have still not recovered from this. We have also witnessed young people's confidence wain and a rise in anxiety levels of a lot of young people. We organised therapy classes, mindfulness talks and walk and talk sessions to help young people through this period and this work continues today.

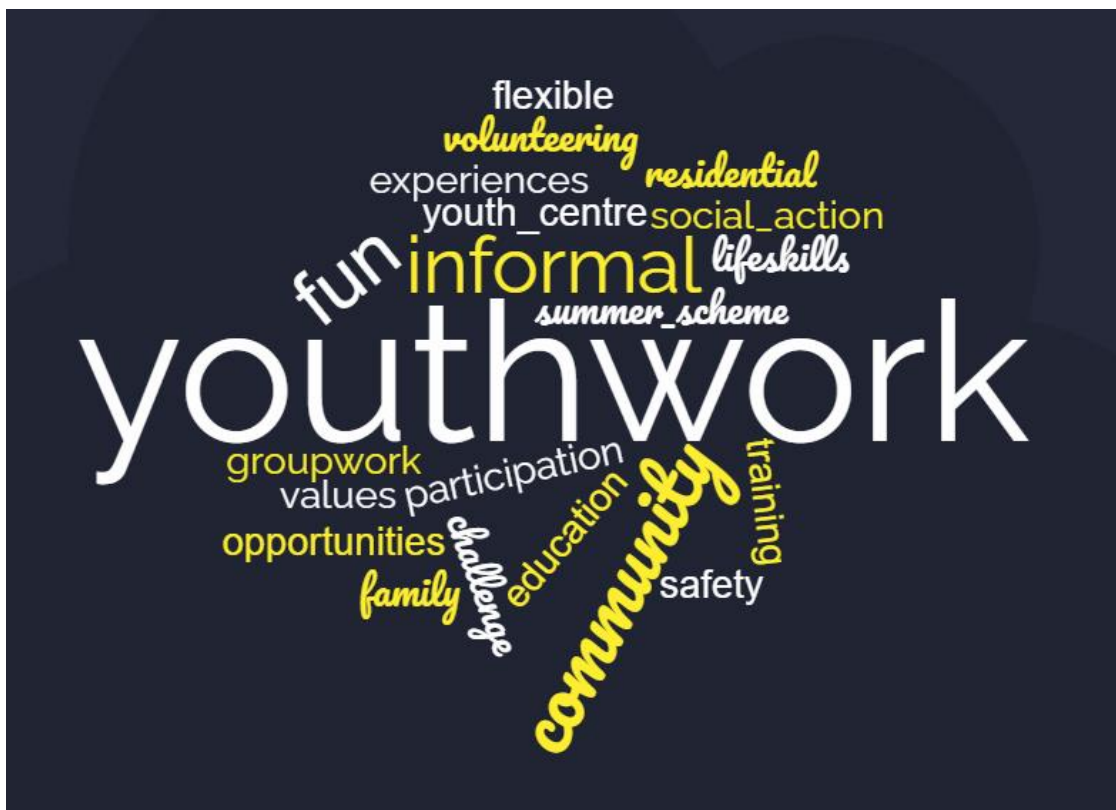


Coming into the final year (2022/23) of our 3 year specification there was always a degree of hope of increased financial support in the future but also a fear of the unknown. It is safe to say that we were underwhelmed with the details of the Specification which seen a near 30% cut in funding to deliver Core Youth Work Provision in the Limestone and Waterworks Area

The announcement of these wholesale cuts to the Voluntary and Community sector for 2023-24 has caused a lot of disquiet and anger across the sector. Rather than develop and grow our services we have been put in the position of shrinking services to our children and young people resulting in the potential loss of some of our staff members, curtailing of late night and weekend provision and the possibility of not being able to operate a programme over the summer period.

That said we will, as always, do our utmost best to work towards delivering a wide range of programmes and opportunities for young people we engage with and look forward to the next chapter in delivering youth provision in the area.

And finally, for someone who has a responsibility for the staff and volunteers at Holy Family Youth Centre I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, Management, young people and the community for their continued support over a period when things were very difficult and threw up many obstacles.





# ***Holy Family Youth Centre Improvement Plan 2024***

## **Purpose Statement:**

*Holy Family Youth Centre strive, through our work to create appropriate settings that facilitate the growth and development of the young people of Holy Family Parish and beyond.*

*We will work in partnership with young people as they seek to meet their political, social, personal, cultural, spiritual and physical needs. In working to achieve these aims we will strive to create a climate of mutual respect, understanding, equity, diversity and interdependence.*

## **Context:**

Holy Family Youth Centre was established as a voluntary youth provision for the Newington area of North Belfast. The initial reason for the provision of the youth facility was to divert the young people's energies into something more creative as opposed to the violence happening in the area. The Centre, over the last half century has provided a much needed resource for the area and its young people.

Holy Family Youth Centre is a voluntary youth organisation which relies on funding from various sources. The main support would be received through the Education Authority. Other fundraising is undertaken by the Management Committee by applying to various trusts and charities to run projects that benefit the young people and the wider community.

The youth centre is situated on one of the most contentious interfaces that has for decades seen violence, the Limestone Road. Without the Centre the young people would have nowhere to go and have little opportunity to participate in activities which allow them to develop as individuals and as members of the community. The Youth Centre is one of the main youth providers in the area which has a youth population exceeding 37.5% The area in which the centre is situated is an area considered to be at high a level of deprivation which has its own associated problems.

Holy Family Youth Centre seeks to provide a programme of activities which will enable young people to grow into mature and responsible adults who will play a role in their community. We provide opportunities through involving young people in a wide range of personal and group development programmes.

Over the last financial year Holy Family Youth Centre has held the specification for Local Area Based Funding – Waterworks Area (Limestone). We also received financial support through the Planned Intervention Programme to deliver work over the summer period.

Our staff team consists of a full time Senior Youth Worker, 12 part-time qualified youth workers, an administration worker and an ancillary worker. Of the youth work staff we have 5 staff qualified at degree level. We operate the youth centre 6 nights per week (4 generic and 2 targeted sessions) and also support young people through employment and skills support 2 days per week.

Our average attendances over the last 12 months have been as follows:

Juniors – 38 per session  
Seniors – 54 per session

These figures often fluctuate during the summer period but through our outreach and detached work we are able to continue to support young people remotely.



We operate under the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) and this helps us to plan, evaluate and adapt our youth work delivery, as well as growing as an organisation. Through this process we are able to identify areas for improvement that we keep high on the agenda at Holy Family Youth Centre. With that in mind we have reviewed recently how we deliver youth work to the young people that we engage with.

The specification (20-LA-BN-016) laid out the expectations for delivery of work at Holy Family Youth Centre by the Education Authority. The structure of the Centre and the face to face nature of the work was a task put on top of the specifications. In previous years we had seen a significant increase in the negative behaviours of young people in the area but we have over time been able to engage with a large proportion of these young people who would now be regular service users and as a result we have seen a drop in such incidents.

In the last 12 months staff have worked hard to ensure that all work within the specifications for delivery have been met. At various times, this has proved to be somewhat difficult due to a

number of factors, such as the continuing behavioural issues with young people. This has at times, dictated the length of programmes and projects delivered.

### ***Data Collection***

We have improved our data collection over the past year and ensured that young people who attend the youth centre are properly registered. We currently have 387 active members and in the coming year we plan to fully migrate to the Management Information System that will improve our recording of our youth work.

### ***Additional Educational Needs***

Many of the young people who are engaging with Holy Family Youth Centre present with additional Educational Needs. This in itself has created issues within the staff and the delivery of the above specifications. As part of our improvement plan we intend to focus staff training to ensure that staff are better equipped to deliver in the coming year. We will also look at adapting times and methods of delivery to ensure we meet the needs of all young people.

### ***Partnership Working***

As part of our specifications we have developed partnerships to ensure that the programmes and projects have been delivered. To ensure that we are best placed to deliver the required specifications we will continue to develop the needed partnerships that benefit the young people that engage with Holy Family youth Centre. We also realise we do not work within a silo and will be working with other groups and agencies such as Belfast City Council, PSNI, NIHE, Newington Housing Association etc to ensure we play our part in improving the lives of residents in the area.



### ***Street Based Youth Work***

Our presence in the streets and the parks of the area are invaluable in our efforts to engage with young people who would not normally use the centre and also with young people out and about within their community. Our role as a partner with New Lodge Youth Centre allows us to continue to develop this strand of our work in a joined up and supportive approach that will benefit young people in the Oldpark DEA.

At times we have found this work quite challenging, particularly when dealing with instances of interface violence. Responding to these incidents can sometimes leave us stretched so we are looking to acquire further resources to allow us to continue to engage with young people outside of the youth centre.

### ***Governance***

During this year we will have a renewed focus on ensuring that the management structure of Holy Family Youth Centre continues to grow and develop. To improve the working of the

Management Committee we will identify support and further training to ensure that they are effective in the management of youth centre. We will also over the next 12 months seek to increase the input that staff, volunteers and young people can have on the strategic direction of the youth centre.

### ***Consultation and Planning***

In the next year we plan to improve the way we gather feedback and opinions of various stakeholders and how we keep people informed of opportunities and the work that goes on within Holy Family. In the past we have tended to rely too heavily on one form of reporting and this may not meet the needs of many of our young people, parents, statutory and community partners and others.



### ***Moderations***

Throughout the last year we have been moderated on 3 occasions by Education Authority Officers and have been graded as either been Outstanding or Good. As part of our improvement plan we will ensure that staff, committee members and young people are better prepared and understand the process.

### ***Community Engagement***

Throughout the coming year we will work towards seeking resources that will allow us to increase the opportunities to work alongside parents, other residents and groups in the area to deliver on community based initiatives that respond to the emerging needs of children and young people who we seek to work with. By engaging in such initiatives we will help foster a greater sense of community and also encourage members of the wider community to become involved in positive community activity that will break down perceived barriers between generations.

### ***Forward Planning***

This has been a real struggle in this current specification as the effect of funding cuts, short term funding and low staff moral have all curtailed the planning for the year ahead. Working as we are at present on a quarterly basis takes away the certainty and security that staff have for the year ahead.

We will however strive to improve how we evaluate the effectiveness of our services while also developing a long term strategic blue print for the development of youth and community services in the area.

# *Programming*

In the last few years we have faced many challenges in our efforts to provide a quality youth work programme to the community in North Belfast.

There were times when our programme had to be restricted or adapted, whether through pandemic guidelines, losing equipment to arson or by a reduction in funding by the Education Authority.



We worked through this as an organisation to develop innovative methods to continue to support young people and key to this was increasing our work in the wider community

Over the next few pages we hope that you get a flavour of the work that we were involved with over this period of uncertainty.



Being situated on the Limestone Road means we cannot escape the impact that the *interface* has on the work of the youth centre. While we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we have unfortunately seen young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in Alexandra Park and the Limestone Road.

From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

In the past 2 years our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, both within the youth centre but also through engagement with our workers when on outreach in the park and at the interface.

We have, in this period developed very strong partnerships with Mountcollyer Youth Club, Newington Residents Group, the Dean Clarke Foundation and the community police team in a bid to address any negative behaviours involving young people.

Thankfully, as a result, incidents involving young people clashing at the interfaces in the area has drastically reduced in the past year and long may it continue.

Our premises on the Limestone Road remains one of our main assets with our nightly ***Drop in*** being the first point of contact for a lot of the young people we work with. It is where we can develop the relationship to a point when personal and group development work can then take place. Within the centre we try to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where young people can come to and enjoy the company of other young people and chat with our youth workers.

The sports hall is well used with football being the main sport played although we have an equipment store that can be utilised to set up game sessions which prove very popular, especially with the junior section of the club.

Our ***junior*** sessions continue to be divided into 2 distinct groups to enable us to offer age appropriate programming. Children in year 3 to year 5 were put into one group with year 6's and 7's in the other group. This has proved to work very well as we were able to focus on the needs and tailor the activities to best fit each group best.



We operate late night and weekend sessions in a bid to involve as many young people as we can, with a focus on over 15's late night Thursday with Friday nights being a particular draw when we cook a nutritious meal for those attending.



### ***'Our Road'***

During the summer of 2022 a group of young people from Holy Family and Mountcollyer took part in a cross community project that would see the installation of a connected art piece on the Limestone Road reflecting the aspirations of the young people for the future of their community. We recorded the process and this was produced into a short film.

We were then informed that we were nominated for an award in the

Education Authority Oscars that took place in Derry in April. The film was nominated for an award under the Community Relations category and with confidence high and acceptance speeches written there was a bit of disappointment when we did not receive the award. As we were getting prepared for the journey home and with all the categories seemingly awarded we

got a very pleasant shock when we were awarded the best overall film of the EA Oscars. This made the bus journey home a lot easier!!

We then organised an event for members of the community to come together, the murals get an official launch and of course a Community 'Premiere' showing of the film

Holy Family Youth Centre and Mountcollyer Youth Centre worked in partnership on the Limestone Peace Run **TBUC programme**. This carried on from a successful cross community running group between the centres which seen young people and staff focus on health and wellbeing and good relations. The programme consisted of several youth work sessions alongside physical sessions such as group runs, circuit training and walks around the Newington and Tigers Bay areas. In October, the group went on a residential to Tollymore Forest Park and camped overnight, explored the forest park, canoed on Castlewellan Lake and took part in group activities facilitated by Journey Free. The young people really enjoyed the residential but due to the time of year, the temperature proved to be a hinderance, with cold temperatures leading to some water activities being cancelled.

After the residential, the group focused on the social action aspect of the programme and decided to deliver Christmas packs to local houses on the Limestone interface. The items were picked by the young people, bought and packed in the centre and delivered by the group directly to the community. The appreciation shown by the community towards the groups actions were



apparent, with many people expressing this at the doorstep or online. The group also took part in HFYC's annual Christmas Grotto, with many of the group leading families around the centre or manning stalls and greeting families as they moved through the route. Some members of the group also put forward the idea of cooking mini donuts at the event, leading to a new stall being added to the event. Feedback from the event again shone positive light on the groups behaviour and attitude to help out.

Plans are being put in place to have a celebration night for the group and looking forward to the next TBUC application, staff are identifying young people from the group who could take part in the next group as peer mentors.

Our involvement in the organisation of positive ***Community Events*** is key to the youth centres approach to working with the wider community and to help educate and involve young people in creating change within their community. It is a chance to build on the social capital of young people and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community.

The ***Lark in the Park*** that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast. We were supported financially by the Belfast City Council Events in the Park Scheme and by the ARCS funding we received.



Another event that has now become a regular in the community is our Christmas celebrations culminating in our ***Winter Wonderland*** event. In the past two years we have brightened up the area by erecting Christmas lights on the lampposts in the run up to the festive period. These Christmas tree lights were made in the youth centre by young people during Covid restrictions and in 2022 we were also able to extend the lights across the interface and down to the bottom of the Limestone Road.



Christmas 2022 and 2023 saw all the elves from Holy Family and Mountcollyer Youth Clubs busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with families from the Newington and Tigers Bay area attending, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people from both centres giving their time up to volunteer.

Our interaction and work with parents since the Covid pandemic has proved to work very well by strengthening the relationship with families and the wider community.

With the cost-of-living spiralling and families sometimes struggling to make ends meet, we were in a very fortunate position to be able to deliver some programmes to offer some support to young people and their families.



We were supported through the National Lottery Awards For All programme to make up ***Larder Packs*** that would help some families at a time when they were struggling to put food on the table. The packs were designed by a group of staff and young people and included non-perishable and fresh fruit, milk, bread etc.

We have also developed very positive relationships with the North Belfast Community Foodbank, The Peoples Kitchen and others when working to support families needing a bit of support.

Now all children and young people attending the youth centre are offered free cereal, toast and hot meals as part of our drop in provision.

This was rolled out as part of our response to the Education Authority's withdrawal of the 'Holiday Hunger' payments for families when their children are off at school holidays.

## ***Outdoor Education***

We have also made a concerted effort to re-introduce using the outdoor environment when working with young people. With the brighter nights of Spring and Summer we were able to hop on the minibus and head along the shore for a dander, up the Cavehill for an adventurous walk or further afield into the beautiful Mourne Mountains for a hike. This aspect of our work has proved to be very appealing to the young people involved and although at times it can be challenging for them, they get the reward of the views and contemplation when they reach the summit!



We have also been able to utilise our outdoor equipment we purchased by organising camping experiences for young people each year and in the summer of 2023 a group of young people took on the challenge of conquering Ireland's highest mountain as they climbed up Carrauntoohil in County Kerry. This was part of a Youth Justice Agency funded programme aimed at engaging young people in a positive challenge and keeping them away from involvement in any negative behaviours at the interfaces in the area. The programme was highly successful in engaging with this group and at the time of writing they are now beginning another project with the youth centre.



***Environmental work*** – As part of our programme we try to get young people to take a bit of notice and respect their environment. Whether this be by encouraging them to pick up rubbish in the youth centre, streets or in the hills through to taking part in clean ups or anti-graffiti drives in the area. We find that these activities are very worthwhile in building a sense of pride for their community.



We were able to deliver on our most recent ***Summer Programme*** with the financial support of Newington Housing Association, NIHE, The Executive Office and the Youth Justice Agency. The programme was delivered throughout July and August and was a crucial factor in ensuring we had a peaceful summer.

Activities ranged from in centre activities, area scavenger hunts, games in the park, outdoor walks, lazer-tagging, combat games, go-karting and much more.

Our ***Outreach and Detached*** work continues to be a vital tool in helping us to engage with young people and the wider community in the area.



We began using this form of youth work to mainly keep in touch with young people we knew who were on the streets and in the parks around the area. While at times we were taking on a role more associated with policing, we ensured that we followed up any confrontations we may have had with young people with a conversation.

When looking back on this work, we were actually able to engage with a lot of young people who had not previously attended the youth centre and when the youth centre and group work sessions started up again we were able to bring these young people along with us.

In the last year (23/24) we are in a partnership with New Lodge Youth Centre and are currently delivering on an EA specification for Outreach and Detached work in the Lower North Belfast Area.

This method of engagement has proved to be very beneficial in the past two years and looking forward we will continue to utilise this form of work within our overall approach to engage with and help young people develop their skills.

***Inclusion Work*** - In the past year we have been hosting a group of parents and volunteers who meet every fortnight with in the centre and this has been going very well. The group was previously run by the Down Syndrome Association prior to Covid but stopped meeting when restrictions came in.

We were approached about starting the group up again and we were more than happy to help out. We were fortunate to be able to provide the group with a small budget to work with for their year ahead, and they have been able to bring the group to a number of activities so far.



Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of ***Sport and Fitness***, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility (once restrictions into outdoor group



sport eased) to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area.

With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym,

mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment.

At Holy Family Youth Centre we recognise the importance of encouraging continuous ***Staff Training and Skills Development*** and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.



We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

Over the 2 years we have had a further 2 staff members graduating in Community Youthwork degree with a further 2 staff members continuing their journey.

Playwork training was delivered to 15 young people in preparation for helping out over the summer programme, equipping them with the skills to deliver various forms of games and sporting activities.

Driving Theory classes were also delivered within the youth centre for young people preparing to get on the road and we regularly update our Child Protection Training and First Aid



# ***Premises and Resources***

Our premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us to deliver our youth and community work and although we were successful in an application for capital works to the Department of Education, we will be waiting a while for any work to commence.

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In the meantime we have been required to carry out some minor maintenance works to ensure that we maintain a safe and welcoming environment. An example of this was when we had to erect new sports hall lights due to the existing lights being damaged and we have also gained more storage space by clearing the old water tank from the loft.

Our Minibus remains to be a vital resource that we have been able to utilise in providing young people with opportunities to travel outside the area, taking part in activities, trips down to Dublin to watch Ireland games, going for walks in the Cavehill or for just for a spin. It has proved to be a real asset particularly with the ever spiralling costs of hiring buses.



We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

# ***Acknowledgements***

We would like to thank people who have helped us in the last number of years to deliver our programme of work.

To the funders who have supported us financially, in particular:

The Education Authority  
Department of Education  
UK Youth  
Youth Justice Agency  
NIHE  
Assets Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS)  
Co-operation Ireland  
Belfast City Council  
National Lottery Community Fund  
Girls Club Union  
ASDA Foundation

To all the youth and community groups we have worked in partnership with. In particular:

Camberwell Court  
Newington Housing Association  
Mountcollyer Youth Club  
Newington Residents Group  
Artillery Youth Centre  
New Lodge Youth Centre  
Ardoyne Youth Club  
John Paul II Youth Club  
Dean Clarke Foundation  
Waterworks Sports Facility  
Limestone United

And to all our committed staff, volunteers and local residents who support us in delivering our work

And a big thanks to the young people for participating in the youth centre and all the parents / guardians for their support throughout the years

**Holy Family Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103674

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# Annual return

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The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC103674**

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Tony Clarke**  
53 Andersonstown Road  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC103674

Approved 23 Sept 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

George Walsh

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

Claire Joudah  
Bronagh Diamond  
Marie Mclvor  
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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) in preparing the trustees report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and activities**

To provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of children and young people within the locality of Holy Family Parish and beyond without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

### **Public benefit statement**

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people. This purpose will also provide improvements to overall community life. We regularly monitor the benefits through feedback and review sessions with members and parents, programs evaluations and through attendance records. Primary beneficiaries would be the young people aged between 8-25 attending the youth centre. Secondary beneficiaries would be the parents of the young people and the wider community. There is no harm relating to the delivery of our services. There is no private benefit for any individual as a result of our activities.

### **Programming**

We operate from our premises 6 evenings per week and our nightly Drop in facility is key as a first point of contact for a lot of the young people we work with. It is often where we can first develop the relationship to a point when personal and group development work can then take place. We try to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where young people can come to and enjoy the company of other young people and chat with our youth workers. The sport hall is well used with football being the main sport played although we have an equipment store that can be utilised to set up game sessions which prove very popular, especially with the junior section of the club. Crucial to the delivery of our junior sessions is the involvement of some senior members in volunteering their time to help out.

We operate late night and weekend sessions in a bid to involve as many young people as we can and Friday nights are a particular draw when we cook a nutritious meal for those attending.

Our junior sessions continue to be delivered to 2 distinct groups to enable us to offer the children age-appropriate sessions. These sessions were first split as a result of Covid 19 restrictions but we decided to continue to go with the split sessions as numbers were so high. Children in year 3 to year 5 were put into one group with year 6's and 7's in the other group.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

### **Programming Continued ....**

This has proved to work very well as we were able to focus on the needs and tailor the activities to best fit each group best.

### **Outreach and Detached Work**

We continued with our Outreach and Detached work which was developed and crucial over the lockdown period in keeping in touch with young people and their families. At times we were put into the position of a de facto policing team when dealing with incidents of violence at the interfaces in the area, particularly in Alexandra Park.

This method of engagement has proved to be very beneficial in the past year and looking forward we will continue to utilise this form of work within our overall approach to engage with and help young people develop their skills.

### **Community Events**

We continued to involve young people in the organisation of positive Community Events in the area throughout the year and feel that this was a key factor in the youth centres approach to working with the wider community and to help educate and involve young people in creating change within their community.

It was a chance for young people to build on their social capital and to demonstrate the positive participation that young people can have in their community.

The Lark in the Park that has been organised each year is an event that sees young people taking on a vital role in the planning and delivery of a Community Festival in their local park. The Lark doubles up as a diversionary event as it takes place in Alexandra Park on the 12th of July, a day that has traditionally seen a rise in tension in North Belfast.

Christmas 2022 saw all the elves busy transforming the youth centre into a walk through Winter Wonderland and this proved a great success with 280 children and young people attending with their families, visiting Santa and taking part in activities on the route. Again this was an event that could not have taken place without all the young people giving their time up to organise and volunteer.

### **Interface**

As Holy Family premises sit on the main Interface on the Limestone Road and our local park in divided we cannot hide from the issues taking place. And while we can all agree that the Limestone area has transformed for the better over the years, we unfortunately continue to see young people engaging in negative sectarian behaviours at the interfaces in the area. From a youth work perspective it saddens us to see young people making these negative choices that can have such a detrimental effect on not only their lives and future prospects, but also on families on both sides of the interface.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to create opportunities for young people to get involved in positive activities, but quite often we are dragged away, and what seems like dragged back in time, to help deal with these incidents, often involving young people who travel to the area to cause trouble. Our message is simple – It is not wanted, so stay away if you are intent on causing trouble.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Programming Continued ....**

**Health and Fitness**

Another way we were able to engage with young people in a positive manner was the use of Sport and Fitness, especially when using the outdoor environment. We were able to use football sessions in the Waterworks Multi-Sports Facility to engage with large numbers of young people over the weekends when there was a tendency for an increase in negative and perceived anti-social behaviour in the parks and at the interfaces in the area. With other sessions incorporating boxing sessions with Newington Patsy Quinn Gym, mountain biking, treks in the hills, coastal walks and park activities we were able to safely engage with young people and their families and better appreciate the local outdoor environment, and with the beautiful Cavehill literally on our doorstep we find it a great place for young people (and staff) to challenge themselves both physically and mentally to take on the hill. It has also proved to be a great place for a bit of reflection.

**Funding**

We were able to receive funding from Belfast City Council for a number of events such as the Lark in the Park and our Winter Wonderland event and for an environmental project in Alexandra Park. The Lottery also supported us with two grants in this period which we will still be delivering over the next year.

During the second half of the year we were also faced with the real possibility of our services being curtailed and restricted as a result of a 25% cut to funding that was put onto the voluntary and community sector. During this period young people took part in protest rally's and demonstrations where they articulated their feelings on cuts that would ultimately affect their services and see the reduction in our opening hours.

Going forward we will be looking to further diversify our sources of funding to ensure there is no over reliance on one source of funding.

**Staffing**

In October 2022 we welcomed BJ McKeivitt as Senior Youth Worker following the retirement of Martin Kelly, following his 18 years at the helm and we would like to put on record our thanks to him for his service over this period and wish him well in the future.

At Holy Family we recognise the importance of encouraging continuous Staff Training and Skills Development and keeping up with up to date with training in regards to child and youth development and child protection legislation.

We do this by supporting staff financially, the development of a resource library and by offering vocational training courses.

In the past year we have had 3 members of staff attending Ulster University completing their Community Youthwork degree and 2 young people supported through Dept for Communities Jobstart Scheme.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Premises and Resources**

Our premises on the Limestone Road are crucial for us to deliver our youth and community work and during this period we were successful in submitting an application for capital works to the Department of Education.

Our initial plan was to split the sports hall and build a new level that would accommodate additional groupwork space and a dance studio but this was deemed to be outside the realms of the work so we will be changing the layout of the ground floor to better suit the work for the future. This work will include the installation of a working kitchen and relocation and improvements to our toilet facilities.

Although we were successful in our application for the refurbishment it seems that due to budgetary matters no work will be commencing in the foreseeable future.

We therefore have had to carry out some minor maintenance works ourselves when required to help maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

Our minibus, received in January 2022 has also proved to be an invaluable resource for us, particularly over the summer months and when young people are off school.

We have also been very fortunate through a series of successful funding applications to enable us to replace and renew old pieces of equipment and to identify and purchase further equipment for us to engage best with young people and the wider community.

One issue we are having with these resources is where to store them as we would have limited storage space in the youth centre. An issue to look into, but a good one to have!

**Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 8 & 9. The charity returned net outgoing resources for the year of £3,822 (2022:£17,888). At 31 March 2023 the total funds of the charity amounted to £47,093 (2022:£43,271) of which restricted funds were £14,920 (2022:£10,379) and £32,173 (2022:£32,892) were unrestricted.

**Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £39,496 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES CONTINUED...**

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

Holy Family is a registered charity, number NIC103674 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts

It is also our responsibility to:

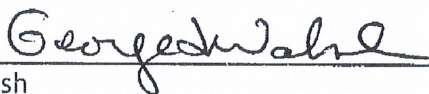
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

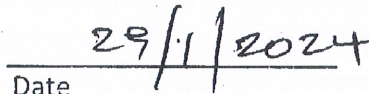
**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



George Walsh  
Chairperson



Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of Holy Family Youth Centre for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 was 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.



Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast, BT11 9AG

Date:

30.1.24

**HOLY FAMILY YOUTH CENTRE**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year to 31-Mar-23 TOTAL £	Year to 31-Mar-22 TOTAL £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Generated Funds	2	-	185,073	185,073	238,733
Charitable Activities	3	24,326	-	24,326	75,721
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>24,326</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>209,399</b>	<b>314,454</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of Generating funds; Charitable Activities	5	30,732	173,440	204,172	294,672
Governance Costs	6	1,405	-	1,405	1,893
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>		<b>32,137</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>205,577</b>	<b>296,566</b>
<b>Net income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>(7,811)</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>17,888</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>7,092</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(719)</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>17,888</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	12	<b>32,892</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>43,271</b>	<b>25,383</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	12	<b>32,173</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>47,093</b>	<b>43,271</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

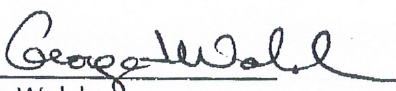
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 10 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts

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<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	<u>74,402</u>	<u>78,125</u>
		74,402	78,125
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		39,496	35,333
Debtors	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		39,496	35,333
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(5,097)</u>	<u>(6,261)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>34,399</u>	<u>29,071</u>
<b>Long Term liabilities</b>			
Government Grant	11	(61,708)	(63,924)
<b>Total Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u><u>47,093</u></u>	<u><u>43,272</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted	12	14,920	10,379
Unrestricted	12	<u>32,173</u>	<u>32,892</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>47,093</u></u>	<u><u>43,271</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29/1/2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 George Walsh  
 Trustee

29/1/2024  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Holy Family Youth Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is: Newington Youth Club, 224A Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AP.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards for Smaller Entities and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective January 2015. This has been adopted in these financial statements. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

The charity is below the charity audit threshold and therefore is exempt from reporting expenditure on an activity basis. The charity has opted to report by the nature of expenditure rather than on an activity basis.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Capital	50 years straight-line
Equipment	25% reducing balance

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.8 Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**1.9 Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**1.10 Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.11 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**1.13 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**2 Generated Funds**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Education Authority	-	137,453	<b>137,453</b>	223,013
Belfast City Council	-	5,550	<b>5,550</b>	5,209
Big Lottery	-	15,420	<b>15,420</b>	7,795
CFNI & Other Grants	-	15,152	<b>15,152</b>	500
DFC	-	9,283	<b>9,283</b>	-
Grant Release	-	2,216	<b>2,216</b>	2,216
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>238,733</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>61,207</b>	<b>177,526</b>	<b>238,733</b>	

**3 Activities for generating funds**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
Generated income	24,226	-	<b>24,226</b>	67,317
Donations	100	-	<b>100</b>	8,404
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>67,317</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>67,317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,317</b>	

**4 Staff Costs and Numbers**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	130,489	108,741
	<b>130,489</b>	<b>108,741</b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: None)

The average monthly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
17	20

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED...**

**5 Expenditure on charitable activities**

Analysis of resources expended

			<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Cleaning	859	129,631	<b>130,489</b>	108,741
Office Expense	1,464	-	<b>1,464</b>	3,825
Heat & Light	436	3,159	<b>3,595</b>	3,015
Telephone & Internet	512	2,108	<b>2,620</b>	1,123
Insurance	618	3,089	<b>3,707</b>	3,641
Postage & Stationary	328	-	<b>328</b>	499
Training & Courses	1,820	-	<b>1,820</b>	5,140
Repairs & Renewals	895	1,205	<b>2,100</b>	2,950
Programme Costs	15,056	32,032	<b>47,088</b>	90,403
Travel, Transport & Vehicle Expense	6,846	-	<b>6,846</b>	44,191
Depreciation	1,505	2,216	<b>3,721</b>	4,423
Equipment	393	-	<b>393</b>	25,773
Donations	-	-	-	300
Sanitary products	-	-	-	372
PPE	-	-	-	274
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>30,732</b>	<b>173,440</b>	<b>204,172</b>	<b>294,672</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>119,743</b>	<b>174,929</b>	<b>294,672</b>	
6 Accountancy	720	-	<b>720</b>	1,200
Bank Fees	685	-	<b>685</b>	693
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,893</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,893</b>	

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**7 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Other (Inc Motor)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2022	80,790	6,529	25,918	113,237
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<b>80,790</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>113,237</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2022	11,088	5,515	18,510	35,113
Charge for the year	1,616	253	1,852	3,721
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<b>12,704</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>20,362</b>	<b>38,835</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At beginning of period	69,702	1,014	7,409	78,125
At 31 March 2023	<b>68,086</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>5,556</b>	<b>74,402</b>

**8 Debtors**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**9 Creditors**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Payroll PAYE	-	-
Trade Creditors	3,897	5,061
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,200	1,200
	<b>5,097</b>	<b>6,261</b>

**10 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £720 (2022 - £720)

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**11 Government Grants**

Government grants have been disclosed in the financial statement in line with the SSAP 4 disclosure requirements. Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the income and expenditure account over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the income and expenditure account are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Government Grant for New Build - DoE and EA	63,924	66,140
Grant Released	2,216	2,216
Balance c/f	<b>61,708</b>	<b>63,924</b>

**12 Funds**

	Balance at 1 April 22	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 March 23
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Education Authority	6,958	137,453	(140,739)	(3,671)	-
Belfast City Council	3,421	5,550	(5,550)	(3,421)	-
DFC	-	9,283	(9,283)	-	-
Big Lottery	-	15,420	(500)	-	14,920
Grant Release	-	2,216	(2,216)	-	-
Co-op Ireland	-	2,603	(2,603)	-	-
Department of Education	-	12,549	(12,549)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>10,379</b>	<b>185,073</b>	<b>(173,440)</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>	<b>14,920</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	32,892	24,326	(32,137)	7,092	32,173
	<b>32,892</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>(32,137)</b>	<b>7,092</b>	<b>32,173</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>25,384</b>	<b>209,399</b>	<b>(205,577)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,093</b>

**13 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

Nothing to report.

**14 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**15 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).