

Action for Community Transformation Initiative

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103828

Details

Known as	ACT Initiative
Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's objectives are specifically related to the following; To promote conflict transformation and resolution for the public benefit in Northern Ireland and elsewhere and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by; (a) advancing education and training and promoting a better understanding of the challenges faced by societies emerging from conflict (b) promoting community capacity building (c) promoting and supporting projects and initiatives, including the fostering and development of social enterprises.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Men, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£973,173	£833,701	£-17,045	9

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ronald McMurray		
Mr Thomas George Harrison		
Mr William Hutchinson		
Rev Dr Gary Mason		

Action for Community Transformation Initiative

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103828

Accounts

Charity registration number 103828 (Northern Ireland)

Company registration number NI613051

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr W Hutchinson Rev Dr G Mason Mr T Harrison Mr R McMurray Mrs J Pollock Mr F Roberts	(Resigned 28 February 2024) (Resigned 20 April 2024)
Charity number		
Company number	NI613051	
Registered office	178-180 Shankill Road Belfast Co. Antrim United Kingdom BT13 2BH	
Auditor	AAB Group Accountants Limited 1 - 3 Arthur Street Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT1 4GA	
Bankers	Danske Bank PO Box 183 Donegall Square West BT1 6JS Co-Operative Bank Business Customer services PO Box 250 Skelmersdale	
Solicitors	JW McNinch & Son 19 Joymount Carrickfergus Co. Antrim BT38 7DN	

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	27,337	945,836	973,173	40,543	622,289	662,832
Investments	4	-	-	-	25	-	25
Total income		<u>27,337</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>973,173</u>	<u>40,568</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,857</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	65,174	768,527	833,701	37,419	577,268	614,687
Total expenditure		<u>65,174</u>	<u>768,527</u>	<u>833,701</u>	<u>37,419</u>	<u>577,268</u>	<u>614,687</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(37,837)	177,309	139,472	3,149	45,021	48,170
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		27,917	127,457	155,374	24,768	82,436	107,204
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>(9,920)</u>	<u>304,766</u>	<u>294,846</u>	<u>27,917</u>	<u>127,457</u>	<u>155,374</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		215,607		5,831
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,211		1,800	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,073		156,393	
		96,284		158,193	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(17,045)		(8,650)	
Net current assets			79,239		149,543
Total assets less current liabilities			294,846		155,374
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15		304,766		127,457
Unrestricted funds	16		(9,920)		27,917
			294,846		155,374

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024 although an audit has been carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25 September 2025



Mr W Hutchinson
Trustee

Company registration number NI613051 (Northern Ireland)

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(52,117)		(2,279)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,203)		(6,376)	
Investment income received		-		25	
Net cash used in investing activities			(12,203)		(6,351)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(64,320)		(8,630)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			156,393		165,023
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			92,073		156,393

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Action for Community Transformation Initiative is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 178-180 Shankill Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT13 2BH, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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. 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.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

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.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

(Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 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.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 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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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Income 2024 £	Restricted Income 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Income 2023 £	Restricted Income 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Sales	10,226	-	10,226	-	-	-
Performance related grants	-	945,836	945,836	-	622,289	622,289
Other income	17,111	-	17,111	40,543	-	40,543
	<u>27,337</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>973,173</u>	<u>40,543</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,832</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	27,337	-	27,337	40,543	-	40,543
Restricted funds	-	945,836	945,836	-	622,289	622,289
	<u>27,337</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>973,173</u>	<u>40,543</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,832</u>
Performance related grants						
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	54,445	54,445	-	73,741	73,741
International Fund for Ireland	-	476,133	476,133	-	409,473	409,473
Social Enterprise	-	15,000	15,000	-	49,907	49,907
TEO	-	-	-	-	52,811	52,811
SCI	-	-	-	-	1,700	1,700
ANBC	-	33,167	33,167	-	12,584	12,584
Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund	-	200,000	200,000	-	-	-
CIT Community in Transitions	-	155,391	155,391	-	-	-
Big Lottery	-	1,700	1,700	-	-	-
Belfast City Council	-	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
Other	-	10,000	10,000	-	15,073	15,073
	<u>-</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>622,289</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	-	25

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Expenditure 2024 £	Restricted Expenditure 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	22,213	405,750	427,963	392,422
Programme Costs	-	349,107	349,107	146,490
Light & Heat	-	-	-	4,136
General	25,579	8,670	34,249	6,621
Bank Fees	95	-	95	89
Training	-	-	-	35
Travel	-	-	-	1,519
Computer Expenses	573	-	573	108
Printing, Posting & Stationary	75	-	75	632
Entertainment	92	-	92	420
Subscriptions	288	-	288	262
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	266
Subcontractor Costs	-	-	-	30,322
	48,915	763,527	812,442	583,322
Share of support costs (see note 6)	14,259	-	14,259	22,715
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,000	5,000	7,000	8,650
	65,174	768,527	833,701	614,687
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	65,174	-	65,174	37,419
Restricted funds	-	768,527	768,527	577,268
	65,174	768,527	833,701	614,687
For the year ended 31 December 2023				
Unrestricted funds	37,419	-	37,419	37,419
Restricted funds	-	577,268	577,268	577,268
	37,419	577,268	614,687	614,687

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	Unrestricted	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	2,427	1,807
Rent & Rates	2,500	16,974
Telephone	-	817
Insurance	2,638	1,867
Management fee	5,584	-
Advertising	-	1,250
Governance	7,000	8,650
	20,149	31,365
	20,149	31,365

	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs comprise:		
Audit fees	7,000	7,000
Legal and professional	-	250
Accountancy	-	1,400
	7,000	8,650
	7,000	8,650

7 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	7,000	7,000
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,427	1,807
	9,427	8,807
	9,427	8,807

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2023-None).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	11	12
	11	12
	11	12

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	386,652	276,135
Social security costs	35,668	101,209
Other pension costs	5,643	15,078
	427,963	392,422

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2023-NIL).

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	-	13,528	13,528
Additions	210,000	2,203	212,203
At 31 December 2024	210,000	15,731	225,731
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	-	7,697	7,697
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,427	2,427
At 31 December 2024	-	10,124	10,124
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	210,000	5,607	215,607
At 31 December 2023	-	5,831	5,831

12 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	400
Other debtors	2,605	1,400
Prepayments and accrued income	1,606	-
	4,211	1,800

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,395	-
Accruals	15,650	8,650
	<u>17,045</u>	<u>8,650</u>

14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	5,643	15,078
	<u>5,643</u>	<u>15,078</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	23,160	54,445	(62,325)	15,280
International Fund for Ireland	85,438	476,133	(513,847)	47,724
Social Enterprise	32,322	15,000	-	47,322
Belfast City Council	3,342	-	-	3,342
SCI	1,700	-	-	1,700
Big Lottery	-	1,700	-	1,700
Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund	-	200,000	-	200,000
Community Foundation	10,315	-	(9,683)	632
TEO	(27,128)	155,391	(147,227)	(18,964)
ANBC	(788)	33,167	(27,345)	5,034
Clear grants	(904)	-	-	(904)
MUDC	-	10,000	(8,100)	1,900
	<u>127,457</u>	<u>945,836</u>	<u>(768,527)</u>	<u>304,766</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	2,796	73,741	(53,377)	23,160
International Fund for Ireland	67,860	409,473	(391,895)	85,438
Social Enterprise	-	49,907	(17,585)	32,322
Belfast City Council	-	7,000	(3,658)	3,342
SCI	-	1,700	-	1,700
Ulster Scotts Agency	-	533	(533)	-
Community Foundation	-	14,540	(4,225)	10,315
TEO	11,426	52,811	(91,365)	(27,128)
ANBC	-	12,584	(13,372)	(788)
Clear grants	354	-	(1,258)	(904)
	<u>82,436</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>(577,268)</u>	<u>127,457</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>27,917</u>	<u>27,337</u>	<u>(65,174)</u>	<u>(9,920)</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>24,768</u>	<u>40,568</u>	<u>(37,419)</u>	<u>27,917</u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	15,607	200,000	215,607
Current assets/(liabilities)	(25,527)	104,766	79,239
	(9,920)	304,766	294,846
	(9,920)	304,766	294,846
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	5,387	444	5,831
Current assets/(liabilities)	22,530	127,013	149,543
	27,917	127,457	155,374
	27,917	127,457	155,374

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

19 Cash absorbed by operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus for the year	139,472	48,170
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	-	(25)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,427	1,807
Non cash capital additions	(200,000)	-
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,411)	1,795
Increase in creditors	8,395	3,535
(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(57,561)
	(52,117)	(2,279)
Cash absorbed by operations	(52,117)	(2,279)

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Accounts

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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr W Hutchinson Rev Dr G Mason Mr T Harrison Mr R McMurray
Charity number	103828
Company number	NI613051
Registered office	178-180 Shankill Road Belfast Co. Antrim United Kingdom BT13 2BH
Auditor	AAB Group Accountants Limited 1 - 3 Arthur Street Belfast Co. Antrim Northern Ireland BT1 4GA
Bankers	Danske Bank PO Box 183 Donegall Square West BT1 6JS Co-Operative Bank Business Customer services PO Box 250 Skelmersdale

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Belfast Agreement (1998) has necessitated engaging in post conflict transformation including; prisoner release and reintegration, decommissioning, police reform and economic investment. Within this broader context Action for Community Transformation (the ACT Initiative) emerged. Essentially, the ACT Initiative is a transformation process which supports former loyalist combatants on the road from conflict to peace. Since its inception in 2007, ACT Initiative has engaged hundreds of former combatants and is currently supporting 8 groups across Northern Ireland, with 1 central community hub in Belfast and 1 sub-office in North Ulster.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In broad terms, there are a number of significant initiatives throughout this year which are strategic to the development of ACT Initiative and presented under three themes.

Women in Peacebuilding

With having a main objective of increasing the participation of women in peacebuilding, this reporting period has been significant in this respect with the women involved within ACT Initiative embracing the challenge. Crucial to this has been the individual development of our female coordinator who has been extremely motivational in recruiting other women to the programme and accepting the opportunities presented to her to improve her own capabilities. In doing so, she has demonstrated clear leadership skills and now designs our women's practice. Examples of what the group have been involved in this year include; A regional outreach programme to recruit other women, successful in Londonderry, Coleraine, Ballymena, Larne and Carrickfergus; a shared history project in Belfast, across the 'peace line' with women from the neighbouring community, Clonard; playing a vital role in organising two festivals for the Shankill community, summer and winter, attended by over 10,000 people; educational visits to south Armagh, Londonderry and Dublin; an after-school project with children and their carers, in collaboration with Stranmillis teacher training college; attendance at a variety of international exchanges/conferences, including Liverpool, Columbia, Boston and Washington.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Conflict Transformation

Repeatedly, it is reflected that this aspect of ACT's work often goes unrecorded because of its sensitive and confidential nature. Despite this, the work is underpinned by mitigating the potential risk to people and property. In doing so, most of our partnership working involves liaising with others to intervene when individuals/families are at risk. Whilst this type of work in communities usually requires a restorative approach, our well-established collaboration with Alternatives (a restorative justice project) makes it incumbent on groups such as ACT to help out, a responsibility which we are happy to accept. The additional main focus of our work in this period has been the development of our cultural model BCN, wherein we successfully engaged 16 communities in self-regulatory cultural expressions, relating to 11th July bonfires and the resurgence of our volunteer base with two successful training initiatives involving over 30 new participants.

Leadership and Diversity

Evidence of the project strengthening leadership is in our coordinators and volunteers' ability to sustain groups and individuals, in engagement with others, on issues requiring community leadership. As our events and activities demonstrate, this is evident in engaging 'hard to reach' individuals, on issues such as, bonfires and cultural traditions, exploring non-violent approaches to conflict using the principles and practices of Restorative Justice, working on new interface engagements, communicating with political representatives from across the political spectrum, engaging consistently with the PSNI and encouraging and supporting women to engage in peace-building initiatives. In doing so, our staff and volunteers continue to demonstrate leadership in relation to our project proposal. For example, we have on-going cross-community Legacy projects being facilitated at our Visitor Centre and other venues, we continue with our road-safety and anti-drug campaign on a regional basis, and we continue to engage in meetings, when requested, with for example, the Northern Ireland Office, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Security Office and the Independent Reporting Commission.

Financial review

The financial statements for the financial year show total income and endowments as £662,857, (2022: £399,112) total resources expended as £614,687, (2022: £406,496) with net income resources at £48,170, (2022: Deficit of £7,384). As a charity we are exempt for VAT purposes and most of our restricted finances come from four funding sources, namely the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – JRCT, the International Fund for Ireland – IFI, The Big Lottery Dormant Accounts Fund and The Executive Office, 'Communities in Transition'. Additional restricted and unrestricted nominal fees are occasionally paid by organisations we apply to for programme costs or groups who avail of our services.

At 31 December 2023, the charity had total funds of £155,374 (2022: £107,204). Of these funds £127,457 was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The charity has free reserves of £22,530 (2022: £24,247) which represents 7 months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

Risk

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

This year, 2023, completes our fifth and final year of programme funding from International Fund for Ireland – IFI, for our ACT 'Peace Impact Programme'. However, our BCN model is also funded via IFI and will be a significant feature of our practice for 2024. We continue with the development of our central office as a Community Hub/Visitors' Centre, with funds from The Big Lottery 'Dormant Fund' being utilised by a broad range of service users and groups, and our CIT ex-prisoner project. Finally, in 2024, we hope to purchase the building via a 'Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund' with the Belfast City Council, thus improving our sustainability.

Structure, governance and management

ACT Initiative is a registered Northern Ireland Charity and a Limited Company by Guarantee. A Board of Directors and Advisors meet quarterly to oversee the governance and accountability of ACT Initiative. Directors are nominated and seconded each year at our AGM and Advisors are invited based on their expertise/ experience. In partnership with the project Director and a strategic review group, annual plans are developed to implement the aims and objectives of ACT Initiative in partnership and collaboration with all communities we have projects in. This is disseminated by our employed/volunteer organisers who coordinate community projects via our Area Action Groups. The organisers meet monthly to share practice and build cohesion. The project Director manages all aspects of practice.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr W Hutchinson

Rev Dr G Mason

Mr T Harrison

Mr R McMurray

Mr T Roberts

Mr T Winstone

Mrs T Pollock

(Resigned 20 April 2024)

(Resigned 24 April 2023)

(Resigned 28 February 2024)

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Action for Community Transformation Initiative for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

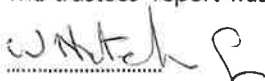
Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that AAB Group Accountants Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr W Hutchinson

Trustee

Dated: 30-10-24

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Action for Community Transformation Initiative (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

AAB Group Accountants Limited have been appointed as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key controls cycles in place and enquiry of management.

Our procedures to respond to those risks identified included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management, and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other Matters:

In the previous accounting period the directors of the company took advantage of audit exemption under s477 of the Companies Act or under 65 of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008. Therefore the prior period financial statements were not subject to audit.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



30 October 2024

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Teresa Campbell (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of AAB Group Accountants Limited

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

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Belfast

Co. Antrim

Northern Ireland

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AAB Group Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	40,543	622,289	662,832	27,570	371,542	399,112
Investments	4	25	-	25	-	-	-
Total income		<u>40,568</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,857</u>	<u>27,570</u>	<u>371,542</u>	<u>399,112</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	37,419	577,268	614,687	56,555	349,941	406,496
Total expenditure		<u>37,419</u>	<u>577,268</u>	<u>614,687</u>	<u>56,555</u>	<u>349,941</u>	<u>406,496</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		3,149	45,021	48,170	(28,985)	21,601	(7,384)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	14,359	(14,359)	-
Net movement in funds	7	3,149	45,021	48,170	(14,626)	7,242	(7,384)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		24,768	82,436	107,204	39,394	75,194	114,588
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u>27,917</u>	<u>127,457</u>	<u>155,374</u>	<u>24,768</u>	<u>82,436</u>	<u>107,204</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		5,831		1,262
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,800		3,595	
Cash at bank and in hand		156,393		165,023	
		158,193		168,618	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,650)		(62,676)	
Net current assets			149,543		105,942
Total assets less current liabilities			155,374		107,204
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15		127,457		82,436
Unrestricted funds	16		27,917		24,768
			155,374		107,204

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023 although an audit has been carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 30-10-24



Mr W Hutchinson
Trustee

Company registration number NI613051 (Northern Ireland)

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations			(2,279)		91,466
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,376)		(674)	
Investment income received		25		-	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net cash used in investing activities			(6,351)		(674)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(8,630)		90,792
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			65,023		74,231
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>56,393</u>		<u>165,023</u>

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Action for Community Transformation Initiative is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 178-180 Shankill Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT13 2BH, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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. 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.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

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.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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:

Plant and equipment	25% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 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.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 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.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Income 2023 £	Restricted Income 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Income 2022 £	Restricted Income 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Performance related grants	-	622,289	622,289	24,560	371,542	396,102
Other income	40,543	-	40,543	3,010	-	3,010
	<u>40,543</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,832</u>	<u>27,570</u>	<u>371,542</u>	<u>399,112</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	40,543	-	40,543	27,570	-	27,570
Restricted funds	-	622,289	622,289	-	371,542	371,542
	<u>40,543</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>662,832</u>	<u>27,570</u>	<u>371,542</u>	<u>399,112</u>
Performance related grants						
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	73,741	73,741	-	56,631	56,631
International Fund for Ireland	-	409,473	409,473	-	176,514	176,514
Social Enterprise	-	49,907	49,907	-	17,789	17,789
TEO	-	52,811	52,811	-	102,654	102,654
SCI	-	1,700	1,700	-	4,300	4,300
ANBC	-	12,584	12,584	-	7,676	7,676
NI Alternatives	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,000
Mid Ulster Council	-	-	-	8,100	-	8,100
Belfast City Council	-	7,000	7,000	-	5,978	5,978
Other	-	15,073	15,073	5,460	-	5,460
	<u>-</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>24,560</u>	<u>371,542</u>	<u>396,102</u>

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	25	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Expenditure 2023 £	Restricted Expenditure 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	-	392,422	392,422	200,662
Programme Costs	7,869	138,621	146,490	129,219
Light & Heat	2,075	2,061	4,136	6,512
General	6,621	-	6,621	-
Bank Fees	57	32	89	88
Training	35	-	35	-
Travel	638	881	1,519	-
Computer Expenses	108	-	108	-
Printing, Posting & Stationary	448	184	632	-
Entertainment	420	-	420	-
Subscriptions	262	-	262	-
Direct Expenses	266	-	266	-
Subcontractor Costs	-	30,322	30,322	38,487
	<u>18,799</u>	<u>564,523</u>	<u>583,322</u>	<u>374,968</u>
Share of support costs (see note 6)	11,220	11,495	22,715	25,634
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	7,400	1,250	8,650	5,894
	<u>37,419</u>	<u>577,268</u>	<u>614,687</u>	<u>406,496</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	37,419	-	37,419	56,555
Restricted funds	-	577,268	577,268	349,941
	<u>37,419</u>	<u>577,268</u>	<u>614,687</u>	<u>406,496</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022				
Unrestricted funds	56,555	-	56,555	56,555
Restricted funds	-	349,941	349,941	349,941
	<u>56,555</u>	<u>349,941</u>	<u>406,496</u>	<u>406,496</u>

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Support costs allocated to activities

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Depreciation	1,807	920
Rent & Rates	16,974	20,034
Telephone	817	1,787
Insurance	1,867	1,701
Printing, Postage & Stationary	-	805
Donations	-	220
Advertising	1,250	-
Repairs	-	167
Governance	8,650	5,894
	<u>31,365</u>	<u>31,528</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs comprise:		
Audit fees	7,000	-
Legal and professional	250	4,188
Accountancy	1,400	1,706
	<u>8,650</u>	<u>5,894</u>

7 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	7,000	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,807	920
	<u>8,807</u>	<u>920</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
12	7

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9 Employees	(Continued)	
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	276,135	138,361
Social security costs	101,209	49,264
Other pension costs	15,078	13,037
	<u>392,422</u>	<u>200,662</u>
	<u><u>392,422</u></u>	<u><u>200,662</u></u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2022-NIL).

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	7,152
Additions	6,376
	<u>13,528</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>13,528</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	5,890
Depreciation charged in the year	1,807
	<u>7,697</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>7,697</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>5,831</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>1,262</u></u>

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12 Debtors		2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Trade debtors		400	-
Other debtors		1,400	3,595
		<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,595</u>
		<u><u>1,800</u></u>	<u><u>3,595</u></u>
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Deferred Income		-	57,561
Accruals		8,650	5,115
		<u>8,650</u>	<u>62,676</u>
		<u><u>8,650</u></u>	<u><u>62,676</u></u>
14 Retirement benefit schemes		2023	2022
Defined contribution schemes		£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes		15,078	13,037
		<u>15,078</u>	<u>13,037</u>
		<u><u>15,078</u></u>	<u><u>13,037</u></u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	19,907	-	-	19,907
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	2,796	73,741	(53,377)	-	23,160
International Fund for Ireland	67,860	409,473	(391,895)	-	85,438
Social Enterprise	-	30,000	(17,585)	-	12,415
Belfast City Council	-	7,000	(3,658)	-	3,342
SCI	-	1,700	-	-	1,700
Ulster Scotts Agency	-	533	(533)	-	-
Community Foundation	-	14,540	(4,225)	-	10,315
TEO	11,426	52,811	(91,365)	-	(27,128)
ANBC	-	12,584	(13,372)	-	(788)
Clear grants	354	-	(1,258)	-	(904)
	<u>82,436</u>	<u>622,289</u>	<u>(577,268)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,457</u>
	<u><u>82,436</u></u>	<u><u>622,289</u></u>	<u><u>(577,268)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>127,457</u></u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	56,631	(53,835)	-	2,796
International Fund for Ireland	48,381	176,514	(157,035)	-	67,860
Social Enterprise	477	17,789	(17,912)	-	354
Belfast City Council	-	5,978	(5,978)	-	-
SCI	-	4,300	(4,300)	-	-
TEO	26,336	102,654	(103,205)	(14,359)	11,426
ANBC	-	7,676	(7,676)	-	-
	<u>75,194</u>	<u>371,542</u>	<u>349,941</u>	<u>(14,359)</u>	<u>82,436</u>
	<u><u>75,194</u></u>	<u><u>371,542</u></u>	<u><u>349,941</u></u>	<u><u>(14,359)</u></u>	<u><u>82,436</u></u>

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16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	24,768	40,568	(37,419)	-	27,917
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	39,394	27,570	(56,555)	14,359	24,768
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	5,387	444	5,831
Current assets/(liabilities)	22,530	127,013	149,543
	<u>27,917</u>	<u>127,457</u>	<u>155,374</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
At 31 December 2022:			
Tangible assets	521	741	1,262
Current assets/(liabilities)	24,247	81,695	105,942
	<u>24,768</u>	<u>82,436</u>	<u>107,204</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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18 Related party transactions

- There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Belfast Agreement (1998) has necessitated engaging in post conflict transformation including; prisoner release and reintegration, decommissioning, police reform and economic investment. Within this broader context Action for Community Transformation (the ACT Initiative) emerged. Essentially, the ACT Initiative is a transformation process which supports former loyalist combatants on the road from conflict to peace. Since its inception in 2007, ACT Initiative has engaged hundreds of former combatants and is currently supporting 8 groups across Northern Ireland, with 1 central community hub in Belfast and 1 sub-office in North Ulster.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In broad terms, there are a number of significant initiatives throughout this year which are strategic to the development of ACT Initiative and presented under three themes.

Women in Peacebuilding

With having a main objective of increasing the participation of women in peacebuilding, this reporting period has been significant in this respect with the women involved within ACT Initiative embracing the challenge. Crucial to this has been the individual development of our female coordinator who has been extremely motivational in recruiting other women to the programme and accepting the opportunities presented to her to improve her own capabilities. In doing so, she has demonstrated clear leadership skills and now designs our women's practice. Examples of what the group have been involved in this year include; A regional outreach programme to recruit other women, successful in Londonderry, Coleraine, Ballymena, Larne and Carrickfergus; a shared history project in Belfast, across the 'peace line' with women from the neighbouring community, Clonard; playing a vital role in organising two festivals for the Shankill community, summer and winter, attended by over 10,000 people; educational visits to south Armagh, Londonderry and Dublin; an after-school project with children and their carers, in collaboration with Stranmillis teacher training college; attendance at a variety of international exchanges/conferences, including Liverpool, Columbia, Boston and Washington.

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Conflict Transformation

Repeatedly, it is reflected that this aspect of ACT's work often goes unrecorded because of its sensitive and confidential nature. Despite this, the work is underpinned by mitigating the potential risk to people and property. In doing so, most of our partnership working involves liaising with others to intervene when individuals/families are at risk. Whilst this type of work in communities usually requires a restorative approach, our well-established collaboration with Alternatives (a restorative justice project) makes it incumbent on groups such as ACT to help out, a responsibility which we are happy to accept. The additional main focus of our work in this period has been the development of our cultural model BCN, wherein we successfully engaged 16 communities in self-regulatory cultural expressions, relating to 11th July bonfires and the resurgence of our volunteer base with two successful training initiatives involving over 30 new participants.

Leadership and Diversity

Evidence of the project strengthening leadership is in our coordinators and volunteers' ability to sustain groups and individuals, in engagement with others, on issues requiring community leadership. As our events and activities demonstrate, this is evident in engaging 'hard to reach' individuals, on issues such as, bonfires and cultural traditions, exploring non-violent approaches to conflict using the principles and practices of Restorative Justice, working on new interface engagements, communicating with political representatives from across the political spectrum, engaging consistently with the PSNI and encouraging and supporting women to engage in peace-building initiatives. In doing so, our staff and volunteers continue to demonstrate leadership in relation to our project proposal. For example, we have on-going cross-community Legacy projects being facilitated at our Visitor Centre and other venues, we continue with our road-safety and anti-drug campaign on a regional basis, and we continue to engage in meetings, when requested, with for example, the Northern Ireland Office, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Security Office and the Independent Reporting Commission.

Financial review

The financial statements for the financial year show total income and endowments as £662,857, (2022: £399,112) total resources expended as £614,687, (2022: £406,496) with net income resources at £48,170, (2022: Deficit of £7,384). As a charity we are exempt for VAT purposes and most of our restricted finances come from four funding sources, namely the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – JRCT, the International Fund for Ireland – IFI, The Big Lottery Dormant Accounts Fund and The Executive Office, 'Communities in Transition'. Additional restricted and unrestricted nominal fees are occasionally paid by organisations we apply to for programme costs or groups who avail of our services.

At 31 December 2023, the charity had total funds of £155,374 (2022: £107,204). Of these funds £127,457 was held for restricted purposes and not available for general purposes.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The charity has free reserves of £22,530 (2022: £24,247) which represents 7 months of unrestricted expenditure on charitable activities.

Risk

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

This year, 2023, completes our fifth and final year of programme funding from International Fund for Ireland – IFI, for our ACT 'Peace Impact Programme'. However, our BCN model is also funded via IFI and will be a significant feature of our practice for 2024. We continue with the development of our central office as a Community Hub/Visitors' Centre, with funds from The Big Lottery 'Dormant Fund' being utilised by a broad range of service users and groups, and our CIT ex-prisoner project. Finally, in 2024, we hope to purchase the building via a 'Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund' with the Belfast City Council, thus improving our sustainability.

Structure, governance and management

ACT Initiative is a registered Northern Ireland Charity and a Limited Company by Guarantee. A Board of Directors and Advisors meet quarterly to oversee the governance and accountability of ACT Initiative. Directors are nominated and seconded each year at our AGM and Advisors are invited based on their expertise/ experience. In partnership with the project Director and a strategic review group, annual plans are developed to implement the aims and objectives of ACT Initiative in partnership and collaboration with all communities we have projects in. This is disseminated by our employed/volunteer organisers who coordinate community projects via our Area Action Groups. The organisers meet monthly to share practice and build cohesion. The project Director manages all aspects of practice.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr W Hutchinson

Rev Dr G Mason

Mr T Harrison

Mr R McMurray

Mr T Roberts

Mr T Winstone

Mrs T Pollock

(Resigned 20 April 2024)

(Resigned 24 April 2023)

(Resigned 28 February 2024)

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Action for Community Transformation Initiative for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that AAB Group Accountants Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr W Hutchinson

Trustee

Dated: 30-10-24

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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Action for Community Transformation Initiative (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

AAB Group Accountants Limited have been appointed as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key controls cycles in place and enquiry of management.

Our procedures to respond to those risks identified included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management, and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other Matters:

In the previous accounting period the directors of the company took advantage of audit exemption under s477 of the Companies Act or under 65 of the Charities (Northern Ireland) Act 2008. Therefore the prior period financial statements were not subject to audit.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Teresa Campbell

30 October 2024

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Teresa Campbell (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of AAB Group Accountants Limited

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

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AAB Group Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	15,000	-	15,000	2,500	10,000	12,500
Charitable activities	4	10,008	334,253	344,261	13,774	191,371	205,145
Investments	5	72	-	72	97	-	97
Total income		<u>25,080</u>	<u>334,253</u>	<u>359,333</u>	<u>16,371</u>	<u>201,371</u>	<u>217,742</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	12,417	299,447	311,864	16,972	199,792	216,764
Net incoming resources before transfers		12,663	34,806	47,469	(601)	1,579	978
Gross transfers between funds		(3,259)	3,259	-	8,180	(8,180)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>9,404</u>	<u>38,065</u>	<u>47,469</u>	<u>7,579</u>	<u>(6,601)</u>	<u>978</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		29,990	37,129	67,119	22,411	43,730	66,141
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>39,394</u></u>	<u><u>75,194</u></u>	<u><u>114,588</u></u>	<u><u>29,990</u></u>	<u><u>37,129</u></u>	<u><u>67,119</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,508		1,073
Current assets					
Debtors	11	75,446		26,548	
Cash at bank and in hand		74,231		59,523	
		<u>149,677</u>		<u>86,071</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(36,597)</u>		<u>(20,025)</u>	
Net current assets			113,080		66,046
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>114,588</u>		<u>67,119</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		75,194		37,129
Unrestricted funds			39,394		29,990
			<u>114,588</u>		<u>67,119</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6/6/22



Mr T Roberts

Trustee

Company Registration No. NI613051

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Action for Community Transformation Initiative is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 178-180 Shankill Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT13 2BH, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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. 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.

The trustees have considered this in the knowledge that on the 30th January 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced Coronavirus as a global health emergency and, on the 11th March 2020, it announced that Coronavirus was a global pandemic.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

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.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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:

Plant and equipment	25% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 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.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

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.

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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 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.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	15,000	2,500	10,000	12,500
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Donations and gifts				
Bell Donation	15,000	-	10,000	10,000
Other	-	2,500	-	2,500
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	15,000	2,500	10,000	12,500
	=====	=====	=====	=====

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Income 2021 £	Restricted Income 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Income 2020 £	Restricted Income 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Performance related grants	4,418	334,253	338,671	10,858	191,371	202,229
Other income	5,590	-	5,590	2,916	-	2,916
	<u>10,008</u>	<u>334,253</u>	<u>344,261</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>191,371</u>	<u>205,145</u>
	<u><u>10,008</u></u>	<u><u>334,253</u></u>	<u><u>344,261</u></u>	<u><u>13,774</u></u>	<u><u>191,371</u></u>	<u><u>205,145</u></u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	10,008	-	10,008	13,774	-	13,774
Restricted funds	-	334,253	334,253	-	191,371	191,371
	<u>10,008</u>	<u>334,253</u>	<u>344,261</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>191,371</u>	<u>205,145</u>
	<u><u>10,008</u></u>	<u><u>334,253</u></u>	<u><u>344,261</u></u>	<u><u>13,774</u></u>	<u><u>191,371</u></u>	<u><u>205,145</u></u>
Performance related grants						
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	-	45,067	45,067	-	51,930	51,930
International Fund for Ireland - PIP	-	168,275	168,275	-	133,714	133,714
Social Enterprise TEO	-	7,304	7,304	-	-	-
CFNI	-	83,480	83,480	-	-	-
NI Community Development	-	-	-	-	1,527	1,527
Compass	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Greater Shankill Partnership	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Community Arts Grant	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Belfast City Council	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Other	-	2,264	2,264	-	-	-
	4,418	7,863	12,281	10,858	-	10,858
	<u>4,418</u>	<u>334,253</u>	<u>338,671</u>	<u>10,858</u>	<u>191,371</u>	<u>202,229</u>
	<u><u>4,418</u></u>	<u><u>334,253</u></u>	<u><u>338,671</u></u>	<u><u>10,858</u></u>	<u><u>191,371</u></u>	<u><u>202,229</u></u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	72	97
	<u>72</u>	<u>97</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Expenditure	Restricted Expenditure	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	169,444	169,444	126,732
Programme Costs	11,263	79,333	90,596	56,186
Light & Heat	-	3,859	3,859	3,514
Bank Fees	21	21	42	42
Subcontractor Costs	-	20,544	20,544	-
	<u>11,284</u>	<u>273,201</u>	<u>284,485</u>	<u>186,474</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	994	20,828	21,822	29,050
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	139	5,418	5,557	1,240
	<u>12,417</u>	<u>299,447</u>	<u>311,864</u>	<u>216,764</u>
	<u>12,417</u>	<u>299,447</u>	<u>311,864</u>	<u>216,764</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	12,417	-	12,417	16,972
Restricted funds	-	299,447	299,447	199,792
	<u>12,417</u>	<u>299,447</u>	<u>311,864</u>	<u>216,764</u>
	<u>12,417</u>	<u>299,447</u>	<u>311,864</u>	<u>216,764</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2020				
Unrestricted funds	16,972	-	16,972	16,972
Restricted funds	-	199,792	199,792	199,792
	<u>16,972</u>	<u>199,792</u>	<u>216,764</u>	<u>216,764</u>
	<u>16,972</u>	<u>199,792</u>	<u>216,764</u>	<u>216,764</u>

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	753	-	753	1,322	-	1,322
Rent & Rates	17,098	-	17,098	21,467	-	21,467
Telephone	2,110	-	2,110	1,757	-	1,757
Insurance	1,599	-	1,599	1,326	-	1,326
PPS	-	-	-	401	-	401
Advertising	162	-	162	67	-	67
Computer Expenses	100	-	100	100	-	100
Health & Safety Equipment	-	-	-	2,610	-	2,610
Legal and professional	-	4,500	4,500	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	-	1,057	1,057	-	1,240	1,240
	<u>21,822</u>	<u>5,557</u>	<u>27,379</u>	<u>29,050</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>30,290</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>21,822</u>	<u>5,557</u>	<u>27,379</u>	<u>29,050</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>30,290</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £920 (2020- £979) for accountancy fees.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2021	2020
Number	Number
6	4
<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Employees

(Continued)

Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	122,612	108,030
Social security costs	37,830	9,524
Other pension costs	9,002	9,178
	<u>169,444</u>	<u>126,732</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2020-NIL).

10 Tangible fixed assets

Plant and equipment
£

Cost

At 1 January 2021	7,246
Additions	1,188
	<u>8,434</u>

At 31 December 2021

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2021	6,173
Depreciation charged in the year	753

At 31 December 2021

Carrying amount

At 31 December 2021	<u>1,508</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,073</u>

11 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>75,446</u>	<u>26,548</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security		-	2,618
Deferred Income		35,679	16,000
Accruals		918	1,407
		<u>36,597</u>	<u>20,025</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at 31 December 2021
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regenerate	-	-	-	-	-	400	(400)	-	-
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	3,671	51,930	(50,732)	-	4,869	45,067	(51,197)	1,261	-
Cooperation Ireland	2,600	-	-	(2,600)	-	-	-	-	-
NIHE	2,206	-	-	(2,206)	-	-	-	-	-
International Fund for Ireland	31,879	133,714	(133,333)	-	32,260	168,275	(154,152)	1,998	48,381
ICRC	934	-	-	(934)	-	-	-	-	-
CFNI	400	1,527	(1,527)	(400)	-	-	-	-	-
Social Enterprise	-	-	-	-	-	7,304	(6,827)	-	477
Belfast City Council	-	-	-	-	-	2,264	(2,264)	-	-
Compass	2,040	2,000	(2,000)	(2,040)	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Shankill Partnership	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Donation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
NI Community Development	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
TEO	-	-	-	-	-	83,480	(57,144)	-	26,336
ANBC	-	-	-	-	-	5,435	(5,435)	-	-
MVCDF	-	-	-	-	-	1,678	(1,678)	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Wilsons Auctions	-	-	-	-	-	200	(200)	-	-
Beth Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	150	(150)	-	-
	<u>43,730</u>	<u>201,371</u>	<u>(199,792)</u>	<u>(8,180)</u>	<u>37,129</u>	<u>334,253</u>	<u>(299,447)</u>	<u>3,259</u>	<u>75,194</u>
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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund 2021 £	Restricted Fund 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Fund 2020 £	Restricted Fund 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,030	478	1,508	1,073	-	1,073
Current assets/ (liabilities)	38,364	74,716	113,080	28,917	37,129	66,046
	<u>39,394</u>	<u>75,194</u>	<u>114,588</u>	<u>29,990</u>	<u>37,129</u>	<u>67,119</u>

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

Action for Community Transformation Initiative

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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

The Belfast Agreement (1998) has necessitated engaging in post conflict transformation including; prisoner release and reintegration, decommissioning, police reform and economic investment. Within this broader context Action for Community Transformation (the ACT Initiative) emerged. Essentially, the ACT Initiative is a transformation process which supports former loyalist combatants on the road from conflict to peace. Since its inception in 2007, ACT has engaged hundreds of former combatants and is currently supporting 9 groups across the province, 1 central office in Belfast and 1 sub-office in Mid-Ulster.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Due to the restrictive nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, our proposed programme of conventional activities and events has been disrupted. With the easing of some restrictions during some quarters, we were able to recommence some of our original proposed programmes.

The securing of additional funding to employ personnel and to finance events and activities has been crucial to the development of ACT as a model of 'civilianisation' for those categorised as former combatants. This has increased the potential to maximise the nurturing of meaningful partnerships across all the sectors within communities. Integral to this has been the increased capacity of ACT members, managed by the project director and coordinated by the project workers. This has been key to implementing the work with more expedience, creating a greater awareness of the work and disseminating it across a wider geographical area, given that it was formerly reliant on the project director to work alone. In doing so, a greater regional cohort of voluntary ACT members has been developed which makes the implementation of existing and new objectives more realistic.

Of the original objectives, a vibrant programme of work with women has materialised successfully. This originated within our Belfast office but has now developed across a number of other communities. The importance of the development of women is significant to the conflict transformation of their male counterparts and has been instrumental in furthering the role of men. This was one of the findings of an external evaluation we conducted and the findings of that is attached as an appendix.

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Financial review

The financial statements for the financial period show total income as £359,333, total resources expended as £311,864 with net income resources at £47,469, along with £67,119 carried over from previous year. As a charity we are exempt for VAT purposes and most of our restricted finances come from two funding sources, namely the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – JRCT and the International Fund for Ireland - IFI. Additional restricted and unrestricted nominal fees are occasionally paid by organisations we apply to for programme costs or groups who avail of our conflict transformation exhibition space.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to one month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Risk

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

This completes our third year of programme funding from International Fund for Ireland – IFI, our future plans will be developed under the three themes outlined in previous reports. We have secured new funding for two further years from July 2021 onwards. In addition, funds from JRCT ensures our Project director is in place to manage the work. Crucial to this will be the development of our central office as a Community Hub/Visitors' Centre, with new funds from The Big lottery 'Dormant Fund' being utilised by a broad range of service users and groups.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr W Hutchinson

Mr P Hamilton

Rev Dr G Mason

Mr T Harrison

Mr R McMurray

Mr T Roberts

Mr T Winstone

Mrs T Pollock

Mrs J Davidson

ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr T Roberts

Trustee

Dated: 6/6/22

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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Action for Community Transformation Initiative (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the 2008 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 65 of the 2008 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or



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ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

JL Grant

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Dated: