



## Trustee Annual Report Form

All Girlguiding Ulster Charities are governed by the Royal Charter and Bye-laws.

The Purpose of each of these Charities is to educate girls and young women to help them develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their Community and the wider world.

Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by

97th Belfast Rainbows

NI Charity Commission Number

104401

The principal address of the Charity- this should be the address that was used at the time of registration with the Charity Commission

The Guide Association, 30 Station Road, Holywood, Co. Down, BT18 0BP

The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year

Aisling Magee  
Kirstin Wilkinson  
Roslyn Fisher

The financial year the report relates to – for example, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023



**A summary of the Charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements in the year**

During 2023 we had the Rainbows take part for one hour each week for activities at our unit. During the year the Rainbows also took part in activities at Lorne estate. Going on a Bears and Bugs activity day where the girls took a walk around Lorne Estate. Doing challenges and learning facts about Bears and then enjoyed looking for and then examining bugs around the estate. The Rainbows also met Santa and helped a tinsel the elf help find the lost penguin at Lorne during the annual Lorne Christmas event.

Throughout the year the Rainbows worked towards interest badges. They gained their Book lover Badge by dressing up as their favourite book characters and reading their favourite book with the unit. The Girls learnt about their family history and shared it with the unit while carrying out activities from the Family Tree badge. They became recycling superheroes. Learning about why it is important to recycle for the environment. They then made superhero costumes from used waste around their homes to gain the Recycling Badge.

The Rainbows also made crafts, learning how to help nature during the winter. Making two types of Bird Feeders. One using mashed bananas and oats, rolling them into balls to throw around their gardens for the birds. The other, using bird seed and lard melted together. They put them into different shaped moulds and then tied string around them so that they could be placed around their gardens off the ground.

The Rainbows worked towards their section awards throughout 2023. With three girls gaining their Bronze section award.

No harm flowing from the Charities' purposes and there was no private benefit.

**A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance**

All Charity Trustees are aware of the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

Please see section 4 of the Trustees' Annual Report and Public Benefit reporting document this can be downloaded from the Girlguiding Ulster website.



**A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year**

During 2023 our income was £1,725.77 from annual Subscriptions and Education Authority grants. Our expenditure was £3,531.27. The balance on hand at the start of the year was £3,477.22. The balance on hand at years end was £1671.72

During 2022, by mistake we were given £2,200 by the EA (Education Authority). We sent back the £2,200 to them at the beginning 2023. Whilst it says we opened with £3,477.22, In actuality we opened with £1,277.22 of our own money.

Our actual unit expenditure minus the mistaken EA grant during 2023 was £1,331.27

**Details of any fund held by the Charity that was materially in deficit at the end of the year and steps taken by the Charity Trustees to eliminate the deficit**

Not Applicable

**One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the box below.**

*Ashley Magee*