

Pennyburn Youth Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104632

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

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

How the charity works: Disability, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Sexual orientation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£111,465	£113,540	£0	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Deirdre Mc Cay		
Miss Jacqueline Morrow		
Miss Michelle Mc Daid		
Miss Siobhan Lafferty		
Mr Eamonn Morrison		
Mr Kevin Campbell		
Ms Ann Barr Friel		

Accounts

Charity No: 104632

***- Financial Statement**
For Year Ended 31 March 2025 for Pennyburn Youth Club

Receipts	£	P	Payments	£	P
Educational Authority Funded Grants			Educational Authority Funded Grants		
Staff Cost	84,607	67	Staff Cost	84,607	67
Programme Costs	2,923	42	Programme Costs	2,924	96
Overheads:-			Overheads		
Utilities-Electricity	4,698	47	Utilities-Electricity	4,698	47
Utilities-Water	322	35	Utilities-Water	322	35
Utilities-Heat	2,173	51	Utilities-Heat	2,173	51
Cleaning	796	98	Cleaning	797	85
Insurance	2516	02	Insurance	2,516	02
Telephone	952	08	Telephone	952	08
TV licence	169	50	TV licence	169	50
Total Overheads	(11,628)	91)	Total Overheads	(11,629)	78)
Total EA Funded Grants	99,160	00	Total	99,162	41
Planned Intervention			Planned Intervention		
Group work sessions	294	60	Group work sessions	294	60
Transport	1,000	00	Transport	1,000	00
Trips (day)	1,258	06	Trips (day)	1,258	06
Trips (overnight)	3,447	12	Trips (overnight)	3,447	12
Total	5,999	78	Total	5,999	78
Generic/ Non-Targeted			Generic/ Non-Targeted		
Fun day	590	00	Fun day	590	00
Trips (including food)	1,501	05	Trips (including food)	1,501	05
Mid-term scheme, Volunteer led costs	168	67	Mid-term scheme, Volunteer led costs	168	67
Equipment	140	28	Equipment	140	28
Total	2,400	00	Total	2,400	00
Total Receipts for Financial Year	107,559	78	Total Payments made in Financial Year	107,562	19

The information given above is accurate of the youth group's financial position...

Signed M. H. S. (Treasurer) Date 1/9/25

I have checked the accounts of **Pennyburn Youth Club** for accuracy and certify them as correct.

Signed Rosin M. Gaul, Bsc, MSc, ACIS (verified by) Date 17 July 2025

The accounts must be verified by a responsible person independent of the organisation's Management/Advisory Committee.

Accounts

**Financial Statement Year Ended 31 March 2024
for Pennyburn Youth Club, Charity Number: 104632**

Receipts	£	P	Payments	£	P
Staff Cost (Educational Authority Funded)	80,709	87	Staff Cost (Educational Authority Funded)	83,484	87
Budget Transfer	2,775		Non funded staffing cost *note 1	142	87
Total	83,484	87	Total	83,627	74
Overheads			Overheads		
Cleaning	865	89	Cleaning	865	89
Utilities (heat light water)	6,849	27	Utilities (heat light water)	6,849	27
Insurance	2,264	39	Insurance	2,264	39
Telephone	905	29	Telephone	905	29
Microsoft license	79	99	Microsoft licence	79	99
TV license	159	00	TV licence	159	00
Total	11,123	83	Total	11,123	83
Programme Costs			Programme Costs		
Equipment	354	18	Equipment	354	18
Stationary	197	59	Printing & Stationary	197	59
Transport	500		Transport	500	00
Trips	1,162	53	Trips	1,162	53
Total	2,214	30	Total	2,214	30
Awards for All			Awards for All		
Staffing Costs	734	70	Staffing Costs	734	70
Trips (day)	1,528		Trips (day)	1,528	
Trips (overnight)	2,600		Trips (overnight)	2,600	
Total	4,862	10	Total	4,862	10
Planned Intervention			Planned Intervention		
Staffing Costs	1,491	11	Staffing Costs	1,491	11
Transport	480	00	Transport	480	00
Trips (day)	825	40	Trips (day)	825	40
Trips (overnight)	3,181	00	Trips (overnight)	3,181	00
Total	5,977	51	Total	5,977	51
Non-Generic			Non-Generic		
Cleaning	205	33	Cleaning	205	33
Food	215	24	Food	215	24

Receipts	£	P	Payments	£	P
Equipment	65	93	Equipment * note 2		70
Trips (day)	1,504	40	Trips (day)	1,504	40
Trips (overnight)	1,288	35	Trips (overnight)	1,288	35
Total	3,279	00	Total	3,283	32
Northwest Ministry for Youth			Northwest Ministry for Youth		
Additional Allocation back cover	550	62	Staff cost *note 3	550	62
			Education Authority * note 4	1901	39
Total Receipts for Financial Year	111,465	23	Total Payments made in Financial Year	113,540	81

The information given above is accurate of the youth group's financial position...

Signed *Neil Gavel* (Treasurer) Date 28-01-25

I have checked the accounts of **Pennyburn Youth Club** for accuracy and certify them as correct.

Signed *Rosie McPaul* (verified by) Date 28 Jan 2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements (for the year Ended 31 March 2024)

Note 1:

EA vouched 85% Lee Bradey's March wage. Pennyburn funded the additional 15%, amounting to £142.87

Note 2:

Equipment over-spend £4.07

Note 3:

EA Additional Allocation Back Cover: Budget allocation £550.62.

Paid in net as £367.47 to Geraldine Nicoll. Please see bank statement 1204.

Note 4:

Underspend pertaining to the financial year 22-23 invoiced from EA

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Pennyburn Youth Club, Charity Number:104632
As of 31 March 2024

	£	P
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bank Account	6,656	90
Petty Cash	457	80
Total	7,114	70
Property & Equipment		
Laptops (5)	2,500	00
Computer Desktops & Printers (3)	2,500	00
Disabled Lift (less depreciation)	10,000	00
General Games/Equipment	2,500	00
Kitchen Utilities/Tables/Chairs	700	00
Pool & Tennis tables	400	00
Total	18,600	00
Total Assets	25,714	70
Liabilities:		
Current	0	0
Long Term	0	0
*Premises held on a 30 yr leasehold with the Diocese of Templemore		
Total Liabilities	0	0
Net Assets:	25,714	70

Approved by the Trustees on the 28th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

M. McDavid
M. McDAID
TREASURER

Name
Position

S. Lafferty

Name **SIOBRIAN LAFFERTY**
Position **CHAIR PERSON**

Pennyburn Youth Club

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Annual report

Pennyburn Youth Club Trustee's Annual Report



“The main objective
of youth work
is to provide opportunities for
young people
to shape
their own futures”



April 2023 to March 2024

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Chair's welcome

As the chair of the committee, I am constantly amazed by the amount of work that happens daily at Pennyburn Youth Club. As a past member, I understand the immense value of growing up in a youth club and the importance of having people there to support and nurture our young people. Annemarie and her team go above and beyond to bring out the best in our members. Their skills and qualities are highly regarded by our management team and local schools, which regularly utilize their services.

We have an excellent and robust system in place for finances and administration, which is overseen by our group of trustees. We meet regularly as a committee to ensure that all our policies are up-to-date and in line with current structures within the Education Authority (EA) and safeguarding policies.

Leader in charge Welcome

Pennyburn Youth Club thrived in 2023/24, delivering outstanding programmes for our members and receiving excellent ratings in our Moderations from the Education Authority (EA). We take immense pride in everything we do as a team, committed to working with young people and bringing out the best in all our members.

Despite another very successful year, I am disappointed that our funding does not meet the ever cost of living rise. Nevertheless, our club has, and hopefully will continue to have, an excellent reputation, with parents and grandparents now bringing their young people to the club they grew up in. I am grateful to have such a strong team of staff, volunteers, and committee members around me, supporting me as we navigate the uncertainties regarding funding. We will strive to deliver programmes as good as before. A heartfelt thanks to all our parents for their unwavering support and for allowing us to be part of your children's lives.

Background to our charity

Background to our charity Pennyburn Youth Club was set up in 1966 in a local primary school for young people living in the Pennyburn Area. After the club was established and proved popular and successful a purpose-built building was built in 1975 on the main Derry to Donegal route. Pennyburn Youth Club has always been described by service users a home from home. A friendly staff team who has every child's need at heart. The Youth Club when originally built had four full time staff members however, today it has only one full time staff member and six part time staff members inclusive of a cleaner, caretaker. The youth club offers a programme of education, leisure, and creativity. Over the past forty nine years in the current building the club has helped in the development of teachers, youth workers, footballers, hairdressers, classroom assistants, radio presenters and much more talented group of members. The club's programme has moved from not only youth club based to school based.

The club has strong links with Ardnashee School, and college formally known as Foyle view School and Belmont House schools for over twenty-five years. This strong partnership allows young people from the school to attend daytime programmes at the youth club. This in turn allows them to socialise in a safe environment and once established most of them have enjoyed participating in the life of our youth club. with programmes within the schools and the youth club. One of the biggest developments was the introduction of an inclusive youth club night.

Our current membership is broken down into juniors, intermediates, seniors, and inclusion members. We pride our self in having an excellent staff team who support each other and all our young people.



Our purpose

The purpose of Pennyburn Youth Club is to encourage young people to participate in a wide range of activities appropriate to their age and stage of development. To assist young people in their personal and social development to encourage growth in self-esteem and confidence and help young people to learn from their experiences and cope with positive and critical feedback. To help young people to participate in the life of the unit, to express their views and play an active part in their planning and management of their own activities. To help young people to gain a greater understanding and respect for their own traditions and those of others by engaging in programmes that reflect the principles of equality, diversity and inter dependence. To assist young people to become aware of their rights and responsibilities as active citizens. To promote the welfare and safety of young people always.

All the above is evidenced in our daily work with young people. We are committed to meeting all the needs of the young people we work with and those who come across our path from other agencies. Our youth club provides opportunities for youth development, youth voice and reflection through a variety of programme from life skills to committee training. All our youth programmes recruit young people on these programmes some of which take on leadership opportunities, participate in activities that improve the community, and are trained and mentored to work alongside other staff members.

This purpose include has increased our links within the community and allowed for residents to participate in voluntary opportunities. our activities also give opportunities for young people to engage within the arts, community development, inclusion Good relations, citizenship, training, education, volunteering, social events, and residential activities. These activities and participate in the life of the youth club have and will continue to increase the social skills and development of young people, improve mental and physical health.

Key Priorities

Our recent members survey has shown the need for work in following areas.

1. **Coping Skills:** Helping members handle conflicts with friends, peers, and family.
2. **Buddy Programme:** Assisting members who struggle to form friendships.
3. **Our Rights:** Educating seniors at risk of antisocial behavior.
4. **Five Steps to Well-being:** Focusing on overall well-being in all programs.
5. **Basic Cooking:** Teaching cooking skills to those heading to university and learning to make meals at home.
6. **Basic IT:** Equipping young people with fundamental online skills.
7. **Self-Awareness:** Boosting confidence, self-esteem, and self-advocacy.
8. **Lawfulness Education:** Educating about legal age requirements and responsibilities.
9. **Internet Safety:** Teaching about support circles, age groups, and avoiding scams.
10. **Citizenship:** Promoting good citizenship and social action projects.
11. **Environment:** Emphasizing the importance of keeping the club clean and tidy.

Our current policies are outlined below and will be reviewed within the year.

Policy	Currently Implemented	Planned
Safeguarding (includes Child Protection; CSE/eSafety)	yes	We plan to review these next year 2025
Health & Safety	yes	
Equal Opportunities	yes	
Staff Development	yes	
Absence Management	yes	
Use of Internet	yes	
Special Needs Policy	yes	
Policy on Confidentiality	yes	
Anti-Bullying Policy	yes	
Substance Misuse, Drugs and Alcohol Policy	yes	
Recruitment and Selection Policy	yes	
Access NI Policy & Procedures	yes	
<i>Vulnerable adults policy</i>	yes	

As a team of youth workers and young people, we co-designed a 6-week coping skills programme. The programme was developed through a PowerPoint presentation, which served as the key methodology. We focused on getting to know each other, the importance of evaluation, and addressing hopes and fears to ensure everyone felt supported during the programme. We explored breathing techniques, coping skills, and maintaining positive relationships in areas such as family, peers, social interactions, and school. The young participants reported that their lives have improved as a result of the programme, and they are now helping their peers with the coping skills they learned at the youth club.

We also set up a befriending programme that emphasized tolerance, acceptance, and respect through a buddy system. This initiative has helped our members understand and appreciate the diversity within our society. The young people engaged deeply with the main themes, discussing each area and recording their thoughts on flip charts. The methodology involved PowerPoint presentations, followed by tasks using flip charts and small group discussions. The young people became highly engaged, with some openly discussing their disabilities and sharing their experiences. This brilliant programme will continue to involve others in the club, promoting inclusivity and tolerance. Many of the young people who buddied up have remained friends outside of the programme.

Our rights programme was initially planned for the 14+ age group. However, after conducting an intensive session with PSNI before April, we decided to extend it to a younger age group. This group showed great interest, and we used art and video methodologies to provide them with appropriate information. The young people learned IT skills, such as going online and printing letters for other participants to colour in, and helped create our rights notice board. They developed a strong understanding of their rights and how these affect them. This excellent piece of work will continue, with the notice board now displayed in our hallway. Our members have gained confidence, leadership, organizational, and teamwork skills.

Young people co-designed flipchart-sized posters, currently on display in our back hall, to share their understanding of the five steps to wellbeing with others in the club. This was presented to nearly 25 additional young people. The participants have become more observant, taking greater notice

of people and things within the youth club. They encourage others to participate in games in the hall as part of staying active. As a result, some of these young people have progressed to the intermediate committee, helping them develop a sense of belonging and giving their time to receive training, assist with the door, help with breaks, and co-design future programmes. Young people learned how to make basic food items like lunch snacks and breakfast. This programme was co-designed and delivered by young people and staff. Participants took part in a "Cook It" programme with the Foyleside DEA, funded by Derry City & Strabane District Council. Young people will continue with basic tasks, such as making toast and biscuits, as part of their roles in the intermediate club. We hope to apply for small grants this year to expand this initiative across the club.

This programme is ongoing, with members having had too much on their plates initially, but it is expected to begin in early October and continue into quarter three. The young people are almost finished with their training and have been part of the planning team for the summer programme. Senior members participated in a teambuilding residential at Tullagh Bay on June 23rd, engaging in activities like raft building and crate assembly. The group co-designed the residential with staff, planning each aspect from food to activities and schedules.

Members have started looking around their own areas, discussing behaviour and risk-taking behaviours, and participating in a visit around the walls. Another visit is planned in the coming months, which will be part of a residential around November 11th. Members have also participated in workshops on tolerance and respect and are in the process of designing a new poster. We hope to continue this work with links to the PSNI, the Cathedral Youth Club, and a local agency to design a comic on this topic.

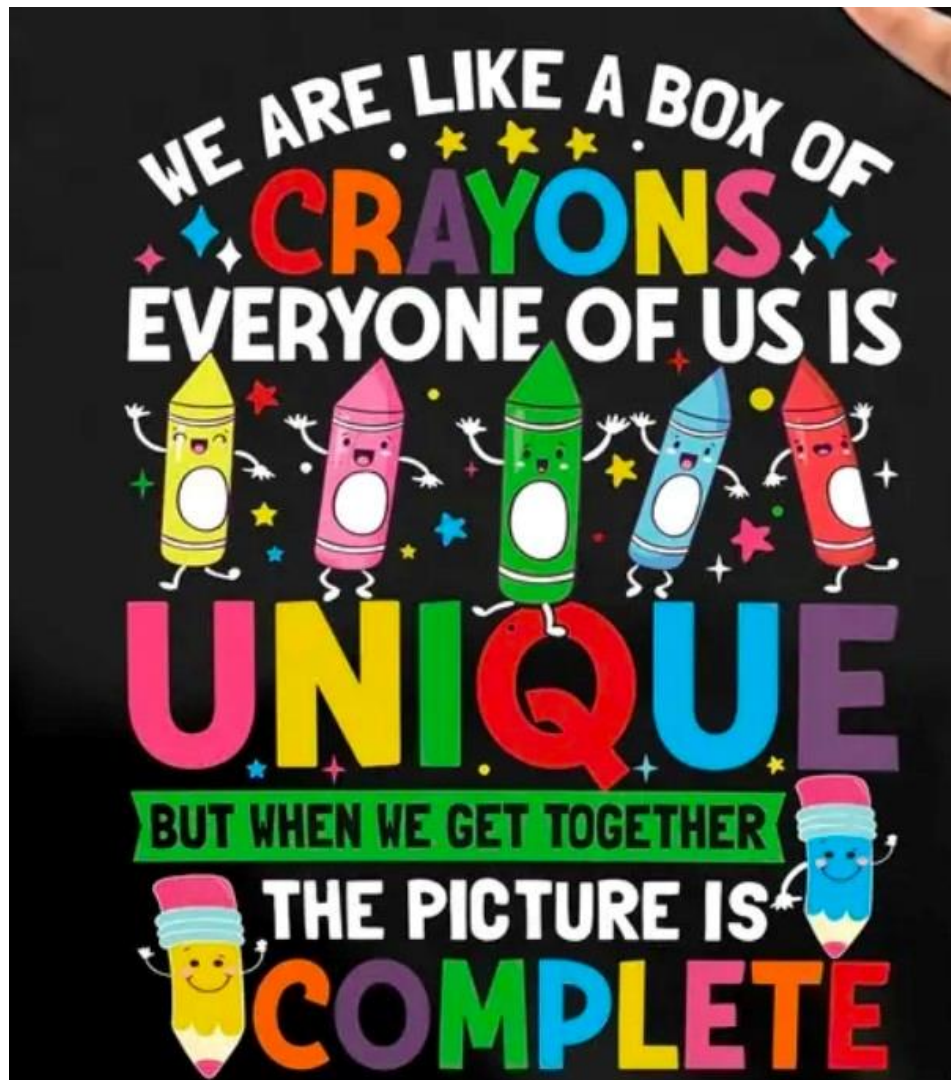
A second group of members took part in a "Cook It" programme over six weeks and earned certificates. Members are currently helping with snacks at the junior and intermediate clubs as part of their programme. They also assisted with lunches for other members over the summer months. Members have been involved in our summer programme, allowing them to visit their own city and providing opportunities for volunteering and leadership. They took on leadership roles as team leads and assistant team leads with various age groups, fostering good relations across the youth

club family. Our members also participated in an interclub residential to Gortin with four other clubs in the Foyleside area, involving two voluntary and two EA clubs. Members co-designed a residential over the Halloween break with both disabled and able-bodied young people, focusing on good relations, tolerance, respect, and building relationships. We visited Corrymeela, a peace and reconciliation centre, where 22 members of our group participated in a co-delivered programme. The residential concluded the good relations work, with young people progressing in areas not initially planned.

A new committee has been established, with training scheduled for October 2023, running for four weeks and culminating in a residential at the youth club. Committee members will take on leadership roles, organizing games and making key decisions for the night. The senior committee has now split into two committees due to high interest. We anticipate that older members, who are nearly 18, will begin to drift away after Christmas, so we have formed a new group to take the lead from the older members. This new group is working on completing a small grants application.

Our five steps to wellbeing programme is planned for quarter three, involving members in identifying the needs of others by completing a small grants form to secure funds. Members will not only learn and participate in the five steps programme but also receive training to take on more responsible roles within the club, stepping up to volunteer and help recruit new volunteers for all our youth club areas. Members are currently working on an anti-bullying programme, using PowerPoint as the methodology for delivery.

I recently completed a course on digital awareness, which opened my eyes to the dangers of the internet for our young people. The participants benefited greatly, becoming aware of support circles, password control, and online safety. The programme also helped us understand what young people do with their time outside the youth club or school. As a result, we have asked all our intermediates to refrain from bringing mobile phones or other devices to the youth club and have sought parental support in this effort. So far, only members with shared parenting bring phones, but they store them in the office upon arrival at the youth club.



Staff Training



Members Training



Trips



Self care mindfulness

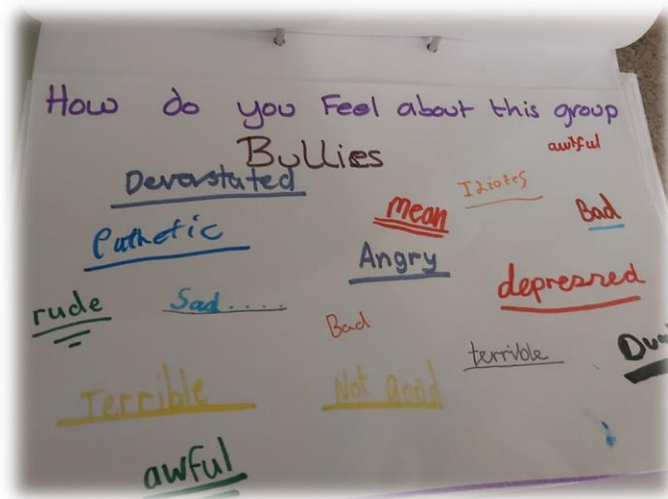




Building positive relationships



Antibullying



Once a bully always a bully? True/False

Spreading rumours is a form of bullying? True/False

You should always tell someone you trust if you are being bullied? True/False

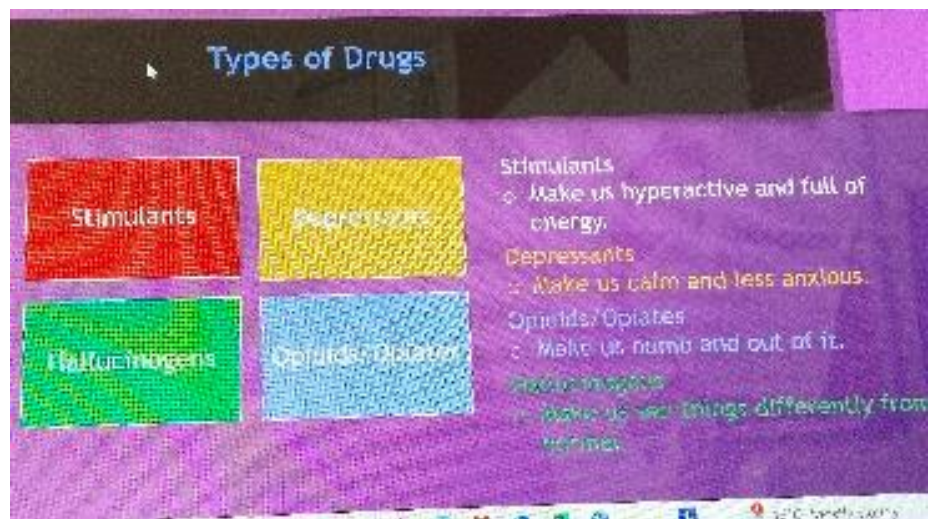
Only boys bully people? True/False

Bullying is a problem between 2 people? True/False

Bullying only happens in schools? True/False

People often bully to get a reward from their victim? True/False

Drugs & Alcohol



Listening skills

Respect



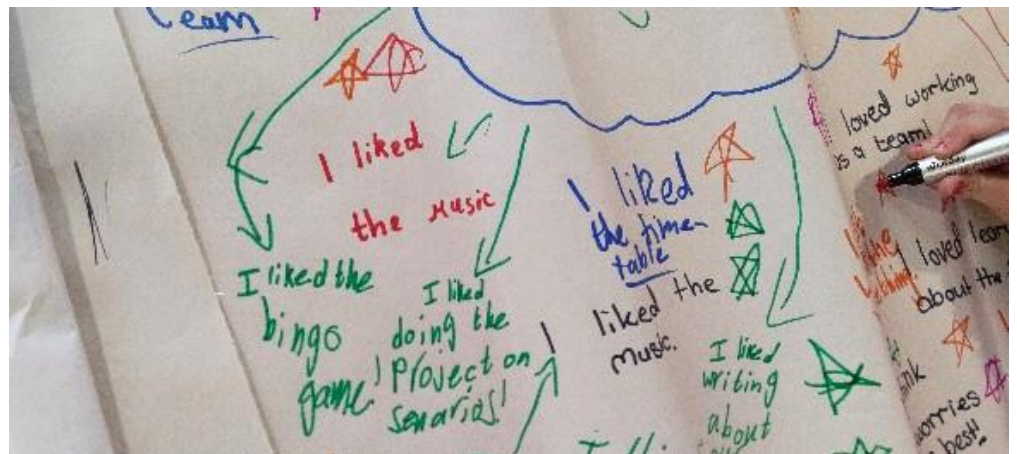
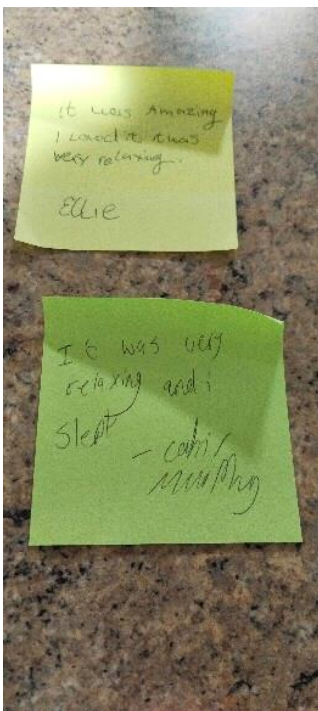
Team work



Basic cooking



Feedback & plans



Group Name	Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Connradh primary 4&5	Week one	10.30-12.30	Coffee Bar/Sensory room Outing to know each other names, passing the ball around challenge saying names, build up to your teams and something you like. Fruit Bowl, human Bingo with prize for winners.	Cinema	Hall Habitat, Spidehouse, arena (PIL), Hula Hoop challenge, Picnic, Hot seat.	Art Make your own name tags using toothpicks, paint, glue.
		12.30-1.00	Lunch Stay in coffee bar.	Lunch	Lunch Stay in the hall.	Etch-a-sketch Stay in art area.
		1.00-1.30	Booths Area Make your own name tags using toothpicks, paint, glue.	Hall Habitat, Spidehouse, arena (PIL), Hula Hoop challenge, Picnic, Hot seat.	Art Design your own name tags using toothpicks, paint, glue.	Etch-a-sketch Stay in art area.

Monday Night 6-8	Tuesday Night 6-8	Friday 27 July 2024
nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above pizza night	nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above in house Movie night popcorn drinks	In house activities and games 11-4
Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Bingo night	Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Bring a friend night	Friday 12th July 2024 In house with trip to activities 11-4 Tollabary
Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above In house Curry	Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Family night competitions	Friday 19th July 2024 In house with trip to bowling alley 11-4 Extracurricular (4-5)
Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above in house noodles	Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Talent competition	Friday 26th July 2024 In house games, walks, cooking 11-4
Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Bingo	Monday Night 6-8 nighttime will be free to members normal club activities primary 5 and above Family fortune quiz night	Friday 2nd August In house with barbecue, waterslide, water balloons etc 11-4
Friday activity may change depending on weather etc we may also have more activities if we have success in a new funding application. Members will only be allowed in on Friday if they have attended one night and one of the day sessions per week.		

Mental wellbeing





Awards Day



Thank you for taking the time to review our report. Over the past 46 weeks, our young people have participated in 28 programmes, with 330 young individuals receiving certificates at the annual prizegiving. We delivered an excellent selection of courses that not only provided new skills but also boosted their confidence and self-esteem, developing them into positive role models for other club members. Our amazing team has worked hard on delivering all these programmes, and I take great pride in the teamwork and leadership shown by each member. Without our team, from management to members' committees, this youth club would not exist, and I am extremely thankful for all the support and commitment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the EA Youth Service for their ongoing funding to help facilitate this youth club. I also want to thank Youth Alliance for their continuous support, training, and efforts to help our youth club secure funding, allowing us to continue supporting our members.

Annemarie Bell

Leader in Charge

Pennyburn Youth Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104632

Annual return

Independent Examiners Report

to the charity trustees of Pennyburn Youth Club, Charity number: 104632

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 "The Act"

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- Examine the accounts pursuant to the provisions of The Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under The Act
- State whether I have observed matters which require your attention

Based on the independent examiner's report (AAR08 as submitted), I have examined your charity accounts as required under The Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given therein.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity (ARR03) and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

I have completed my independent examiners statement and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) above, thus in connection with the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I conclude I have found no matters requiring your attention.

Signed Roisin Mc Caul

Date 28 Jan 2025

Name Roisin Mc Caul
Chartered Secretary, ACIS
BSc Finance, Msc Corporate Governance, Graduate Certificate Corporate Treasury

Accounts

Financial Statement (ARR03)
For Year Ended 31 March 2023 for Pennyburn Youth Club

Receipts	£	P	Payments	£	P
Surplus Brought forward from previous year			Deficit brought forward from previous year		
			For Yr ended 31 Mar 22	447	87
			Shortfall from EA (wages) for yr ended Mar 22	5031	60
			Total	5479	47
Donations/Club Fees/Fundraising					
Staff Cost (EA Funded)	112,590		Staff Cost (Full time employee wages)	110,692	61
			Deficit to be repaid to EA	(1,897)	39)
Awards for All	10,000		Residential costs	4,898	
			Hoodies	288	
			Charges and Food	2314	
			Transport	970	
			Staffing costs	1530	
Total	10,000			10,000	
Pathways Student Allowance (9-month period)	18,559		Pathways Student Payment	18,559	
Total	18,559			18,559	
Overheads			Overheads		
Cleaning	717	97	Cleaning	717	97
Utilities (heat light water)	10,441	48	Utilities (heat light water tv licence)	10,441	48
Insurance	3,137			3,137	
Telephone	775	98	Telephone	775	98
Total	15041	00	Total	15,072	43
Other Costs			Other Costs		
Printing & Stationary	315	60	Printing & Stationary	315	60
Transport	400	00	Transport	400	00
Accreditation	1653	40	Accreditation	1,653	40
Total	2369		Total	2369	
Total Receipts for Financial Year	158,559		Total Payments made in Financial Year	156,693	04

The information given above is accurate of the youth group's financial position...

Signed Joe Doherty (Treasurer) Date 30/1/24

I have checked the accounts of Pennyburn Youth Club for accuracy and certify them as correct.

Signed Roryn McCaul (verified by) Date 30 January 2024

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Annual report

Pennyburn Youth Club Trustee's Annual Report (ARR08)



April 2022 to March 2023

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As chair of the committee, I am overwhelmed by the amount of work that goes on in Pennyburn Youth Club daily. As past member I know the value of growing up in a youth club and having people there to support and nurture our young people. Annemarie and her team go over and beyond to bring the best out in our members. The skills and qualities they have are well noted by us as a management team and by local schools who acquire their services on a weekly basis.

Leader in charge Welcome

Pennyburn youth club continued to thrive in 2022/23. We delivered outstanding programmes for our members and received outstanding in our Moderations from EA. We take pride in everything that we do as a team. We are a team who are committed to working with young people and to help bring out the best in all our members. As great as this year was, I am disappointed to have lost funding and lost staff for our youth club. Our club has and hopefully will continue to have an excellent reputation with parents and grandparents now bringing their young people to the club they grew up in. I am thankful to have such a strong team of staff, volunteers, and committee members around me to support me as we during into the unknown as far as funding is concerned. We will try our best to deliver as good a programme as before. Thanks to all our parents who support us so well and for allowing us to be part of your children's life.

Background to our charity

Background to our charity Pennyburn Youth Club was set up in 1966 in a local primary school for young people living in the Pennyburn Area. After the club was established and proved popular and successful a purpose-built building was built in 1975 on the main Derry to Donegal route. Pennyburn Youth Club has always been described by service users a home from home. A friendly staff team who has every child's need at heart. The Youth Club when originally built had four full time staff members however, today it has only one full time staff member and six part time staff members inclusive of a cleaner, caretaker, and secretary. The youth club offers a programme of education, leisure, and creativity. Over the past fiftyfour years the club has helped in the development of teachers, youth workers, footballers, hairdressers, classroom assistants, radio presenters and much more talented group of members. The club's programme has moved from not only youth club based to school based.

The club has strong links with Ardnashee School, and college formally known as Foyle view School and Belmont House schools for over twenty-five years. This strong partnership allows young people from the school to attend daytime programmes at the youth club. This in turn allows them to socialise in a safe environment and once established most of them have enjoyed participating in the life of our youth club. with programmes within the schools and the youth club. One of the biggest developments was the introduction of an inclusive youth club night. The club received financial assistance from EA as part of their inclusion programme to develop and deliver a more inclusive programme to include residential and activities away from the normal environments of school, home and youth club which evidence shows within this report.

Our current membership is broken down into juniors, intermediates, seniors, and inclusion members. We pride our self in having an excellent staff team who support each other and all our young people. We have had the great opportunity of receiving a pathways student in January 2020. We welcome Rachael Mullan back again as part of our staff team. Rachael joined our team as a volunteer and worked her way up to a paid worker participating in the Youth Support Worker qualification. Rachael is now Funded by the EA on the programme as a full-time worker which is a great asset to the youth club and is currently studying for her Degree in Youth and Community at the Jordanstown campus of the University of Ulster

Our purpose

The purpose of Pennyburn Youth Club is to encourage young people to participate in a wide range of activities appropriate to their age and stage of development. To assist young people in their personal and social development to encourage growth in self-esteem and confidence and help young people to learn from their experiences and cope with positive and critical feedback. To help young people to participate in the life of the unit, to express their views and play an active part in their planning and management of their own activities. To help young people to gain a greater understanding and respect for their own traditions and those of others by engaging in programmes that reflect the principles of equality, diversity and inter dependence. To assist young people to become aware of their rights and responsibilities as active citizens. To promote the welfare and safety of young people always.

All the above is evidenced in our daily work with young people. We are committed to meeting all the needs of the young people we work with and those who come across our path from other agencies. Our youth club provides opportunities for youth development, youth voice and reflection through a variety of programme from life skills to committee training. All our youth programmes recruit young people on these programmes some of which take on leadership opportunities, participate in activities that improve the community, and are trained and mentored to work alongside other staff members.

This purpose include has increased our links within the community and allowed for residents to participate in voluntary opportunities. our activities also give opportunities for young people to engage within the arts, community development, inclusion Good relations, citizenship, training, education, volunteering, social events, and residential activities. These activities and participate in the life of the youth club have and will continue to increase the social skills and development of young people, improve mental and physical health.

Key Priorities

Our recent members survey has shown the need for work in following areas. CRED has been the highlight of work we have undertaken over the past few years and thanks to funding available from TBUC and OFDFM we have developed an excellent partnership with the Cathedral Youth club. I feel it is essential to continue CRED programmes within our youth club and this year we plan to develop this further by having more workshops around each other's beliefs around our faith and not what is causing the divide in terms of Marches etc. The recent surveys and discussions with members has shown the lack of knowledge about each other in terms of religion itself. Members who participated in programmes last year have shown an interest in developing the link further to try to understand their differences. Members have also shown interest in developing a way in which we can embrace diversity within our own youth clubs. We plan to deliver an OCN programme in CRED to our members as a means of meeting the need and challenges that the young people have shown interest in developing.

Personal Development Programmes will be developed and delivered to meet the needs of all ability levels within the youth club. With Body Image, high on the area of needs this year we plan to run a programme with the help of our in-house qualified Beauty Therapist. This programme will use a Personal Awareness programme to look at importance of having a positive body image through both practical teaching in our hair and beauty room as well as group work. We will also use this programme to develop a peer mentoring programme which will increase the young people's sense of belonging which will in turn develop our volunteer programme as well as enhance the skills of our members who show interest in this area as a career path. We will continue to run and develop our inclusive youth work programme and empower all young people to participate in some form of group work.

These programmes will allow our young people to enhance the lack of self-esteem and give them a sense of belonging. Open Awards paperwork will be used as a means of mythology to deliver a programme to the young people to help them overcome their differences and assist them in decision making skills which will in turn allow them to become more relaxed within the youth club setting. It is our priority to raise standards for both our staff and young people over the coming year. Our school-based youth work programme will create a greater awareness for self as well as helping with decision making skills. We will do this by ensuring that the plans we make within this agreement are carried out in line with the department of education Priority.

Our current policies are outlined below and will be reviewed within the year.

Policy	Currently Implemented	Planned
Safeguarding (includes Child Protection; CSE/eSafety)	yes	We plan to review these next year 2025
Health & Safety	yes	
Equal Opportunities	yes	
Staff Development	yes	
Absence Management	yes	
Use of Internet	yes	
Special Needs Policy	yes	
Policy on Confidentiality	yes	
Anti-Bullying Policy	yes	
Substance Misuse, Drugs and Alcohol Policy	yes	
Recruitment and Selection Policy	yes	
Access NI Policy & Procedures	yes	
<i>Vulnerable adults policy</i>	yes	

Area for Action	Output	Outcome	Age Group	Evaluation
Health and Wellbeing	Drugs & Alcohol Programme	Improved Health and Well Being	9 to 13	Excellent programme young people learn from each other our staff team and the ASCRET staff
Health and Wellbeing	Drugs & Alcohol Programme	Improved Health and Well Being	14 to 18	Excellent programme joint programme with young people learns from each other our staff team, PSNI and the ASCRET staff who provided resources.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive relationship programme	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	excellent programme with members engaging with each other, learning to make new friends and learning about respecting themselves, others and family.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive relationship programme	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	a very good programme which took place over a three-day residential. The residential included outdoor pursuits with trained staff and helped young people engage with each other, develop relationships with staff and learn to be more positive around peers, teachers, and carers.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive Mental Health programme	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	9 to 13	This programme seen young people from mixed ability groups engage with each other and share experiences of loneliness. The event went very well with young people participating in relaxation and work sheets on the topic.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive Mental Health programme	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	14 to 18	this was one of the most impacting programmes with all genders participating in workshops and an end mental health event. This really helped members share their experiences and help each other.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive physical health	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	9 to 13	excellent event which seen members engaging in games in the hall, 5km walks with other youth clubs across the city.
Health and Wellbeing	Positive physical health	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	14 to 18	members of this age group participated by playing games like football, badminton, basketball, races, hot seat and much more. In addition to a 6-week circuit training course.
Health and Wellbeing	Gender Speicfic programme	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	great programme that the young people co-designed. Most of the programme was rolled out as one as the young people wanted it that way unless it was specific to individual gender.

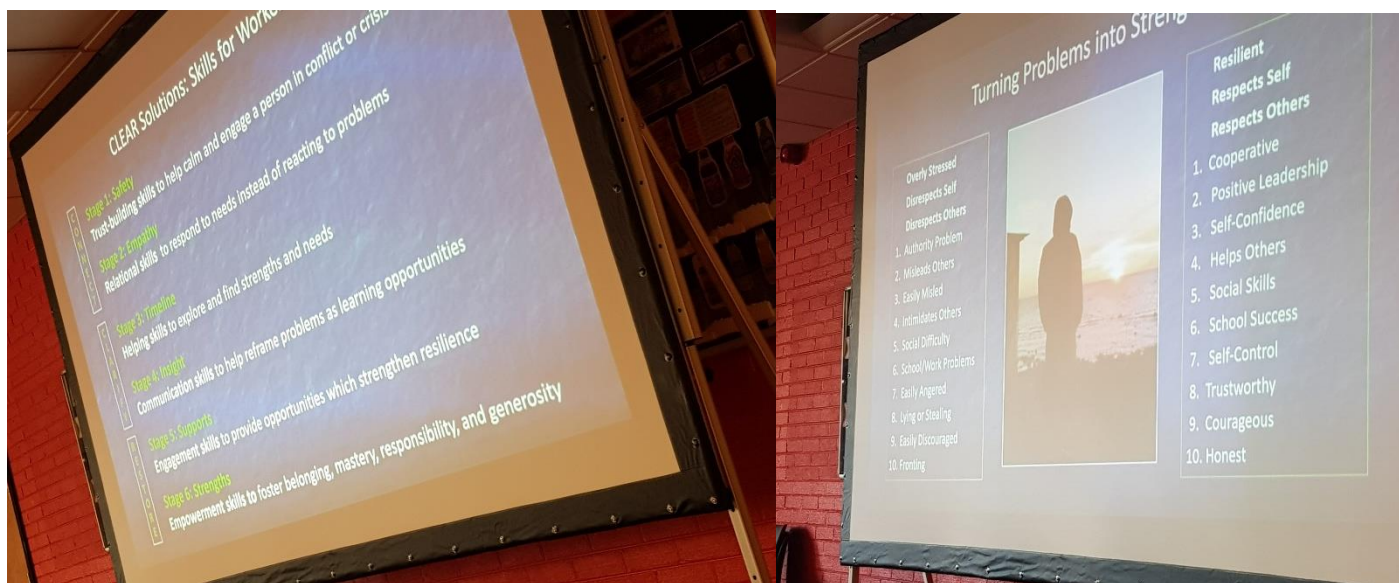
Area for Action	Output	Outcome	Age Group	Evaluation
Health and Wellbeing	Gender Specific programme	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	this programme was split into two groups Male and Female with non-gender members making their own choice of which group to participate in. the programme consisted of cooking, haircare, facials, arts and crafts and discussion.
Health and Wellbeing	Antibullying	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	this programme was rolled out over several weeks with young people making a noticeboard as a result. Young people also participated in roleplays of different types of bullying and the consequences.
Health and Wellbeing	Antibullying	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	some of the senior members buddied up with other members to ensure they understood. The senior members really enjoyed this and said sometimes they feel that their age group is let down because they are just told to grow up etc. This group wrote up various scenarios on flip charts and then worked as individuals to help solve the issue on the flipcharts.
Health and Wellbeing	Sexual Health Education	Improved Health and Well Being	9 to 13	this was rolled out using the PANTS programme which the young people found funny to begin with. however, after watching the video to support the programme, they felt that it was important to know, and it was important also that they know who to talk to.
Health and Wellbeing	Sexual Health Education	Improved Health and Well Being	14 to 18	we got an outside agency in to roll out this programme for our teenage girls because we felt under equipped to deliver to this age group. Members were able to have their own workbooks to take home so they had a clear understanding.
Learning and achieving	Prizegiving	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	14 to 18	excellent event to celebrate the success of all our members and highlight how brilliant they all are.
Learning and Achieving	OCN NI Entry Level 3 in Vocational Skills (teamwork skills in practice)	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	the first of the six OCN's we delivered as part of our targets. This OCN allowed young people to learn while putting their skills into practice.
Learning and Achieving	OCN NI Entry Level 3 in Vocational Skills (increasing Personal Fitness)	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	we felt that we needed to increase the health and wellbeing of our members, so we increased their personal fitness, and they gained a qualification.

Area for Action	Output	Outcome	Age Group	Evaluation
Learning and Achieving	OCN NI Entry Level 3 in Vocational Skills (Makeup application process)	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	this was a great course we got one of our parents who was a beautician to come in and deliver the programme both practical and academic.
Learning and Achieving	OCN LEVEL 2 IN Volunteering	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	this programme led to all the young people giving up their summer to help facilitate a summer programme for younger members of the club.
Learning and Achieving	OCN level 2 award in youth leadership	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	ten young people have completed this course and gained a level 2 award in youth work. Some have gone on to do similar the tech and one is this year considering it as a university qualification.
Learning and Achieving	OCN entry 3 award • Interpersonal Skills for the individual	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	interpersonal skills were excellent with members supporting, engaging and showing empathy the way through the programme all courses are now accredited and certificates for all 120 OCN that our young people completed are now here and ready for the end of year prizegiving on the 27 th March 2024
Learning and Achieving	Cultural Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	members did a tour of the Derry walls most had never been up the walls before and thought it was so exciting. Members learnt about the protestant community in the Fountain area of the city with some of the older members sharing experiences on the TBUC programmes together.
Learning and Achieving	Cultural Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	members looked at single identity work within the youth club with members sharing different types of food from other cultures. Open discussions took part which also involved newcomers to our city and their schools.
Learning and Achieving	Disability Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	we carried out and Ato Z of disability to see young people's awareness of the various disabilities they know. Some of the members had visual disabilities some didn't. open engagement took place around feelings and emotions.
Learning and achieving	Disability Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	This programme has helped our members understand those in our society who are different by participating with as part of a buddy programme

Area for Action	Output	Outcome	Age Group	Evaluation
Learning and Achieving	Inclusion Programme	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	our inclusion programme is an awareness programme to ensure that everyone is treated the same at our club. We do not run a separate club for people with disabilities. Our members are open to everyone, and our young people are great mixers.
Learning and Achieving	Inclusion Programme	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	our senior inclusion programme also has members who were 50 this year and who are long term members of the youth club. Our club programme is open to everyone regardless of their ability level. Members attend any night they want by most attend Tuesday and Thursdays.
Learning and Achieving	LGBT+ Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	this was more an awareness programme regarding LGBT and was carried out looking at respect and tolerance. Members have a good understanding, but name became an issue. Open discussions around feelings & emotions helped develop a better understanding & more respect.
Learning and Achieving	LGBT+ Awareness	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	a PowerPoint presentation was co-designed by several members from the LGBT+ community and staff and a local teacher. The PowerPoint was delivered by staff to the staff team first and then the members who helped co-design it delivered it to their peers in the youth club.
Good Relations	Single Identity	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	single identity was carried out as a means of teaching our members to respect everyone.
Learning and Achieving	Single Identity	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	roleplays, scenarios, & work booklet were carried out to create an open discussion and to develop positive relationships to help move our club forward to reengage with another organisation.
Good Relations	Good Relations Creative Arts programme	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	good relation poster was designed by members with a notice board set up to give young people in this age group a good understanding
Good Relations	Good Relations Creative Arts programme	Improved Relationships with Others	14 to 18	members designed a banner to highlight the importance of keeping their play area free of litter and promoting good relations. worked well with community relations improved with neighbours who were appalled at people using the children play areas as a dumping ground.

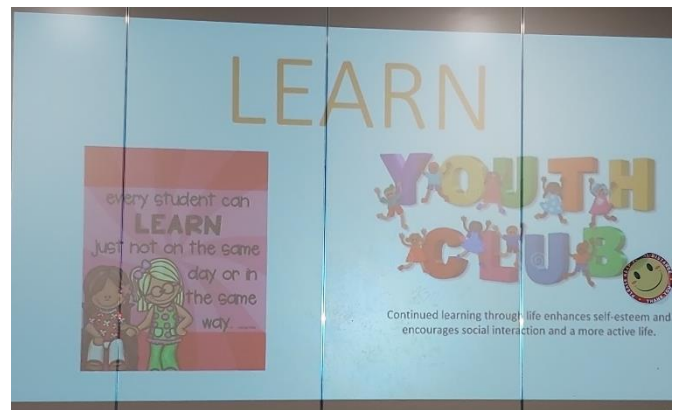
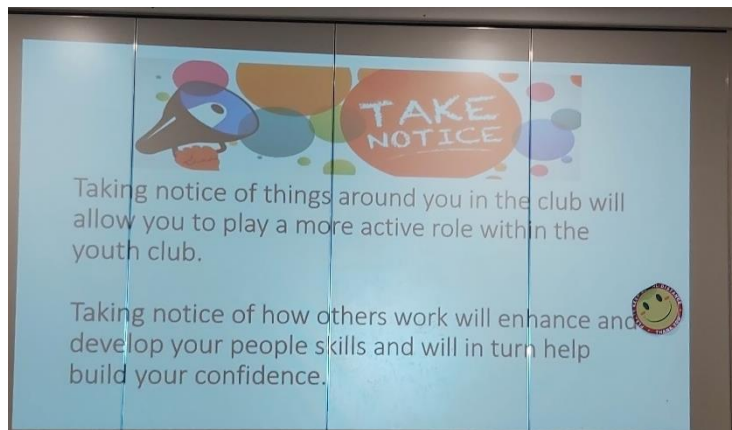
Living in Safety and Stability	Internet Safety	Active Citizenship	9 to 13	young people learnt about the positive and negative aspects of using the internet. Young people learnt the importance of having a support circle and stranger danger online.
Living in Safety and Stability	Internet Safety	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	members learnt the various age groups of internet groups, games, and general online things. The PSNI came and spoke to them about the law, sexting, cyber bullying, and scammers. A great programme.
Living in Safety and Stability	Lawfulness Education	Active Citizenship	9 to 13	members learnt about their right in terms of the law. They learnt about age groups with games, they learnt why laws are in place and who to talk to if you are unsure.
Living in Safety and Stability	Lawfulness Education	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	members got the opportunity to learn about arrests, learn about drugs and the classes as well as getting to see face to face Dogs and their handlers in terms of looking for drugs or if someone had a weapon which was potential dangerous to others.
Living in Safety and Stability	Child Sexual Exploitation	Active Citizenship	9 to 13	CSE for short was carried out using a variety of online videos suitable to the age group. Young people learnt about exploitation mainly
Living in Safety and Stability	Child Sexual Exploitation	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	senior members participated in a 4-week programme looking at the dangers around CSE. members chatted openly about things they had seen on the TV but felt it wouldn't happen to them. Members worked in teams looking at the many ways they as young people can be exploited and how easy it is for people to take advantage of them.
Participation	Generic/Targeted Provision	Increased Participative Action	9 to 13	we run a youth club 5 nights per week for this age group over 46 of the year.
Participation	Generic/Targeted Provision	Increased Participative Action	14 to 18	we run a youth club for 6 nights per week over 46 including several residential.
Participation	Generic/Targeted Provision	Increased Participative Action	4 to 8	two afternoons per week over 46 weeks of the year.
Participation	Summer Programme	Improved Relationships with Others	4 to 8	6 week summer programme

Area for Action	Output	Outcome	Age Group	Target/measure (SMART)
Participation	Summer Programme	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	6 weeks summer programme run 3 days per week with outings and inhouse programmes.
Participation	Volunteering Programme	Enhanced Personal Capabilities	14 to 18	senior members helped run our junior, intermediate and summer programmes by giving of their time.
Participation	kindness bags for local ladies who have lost partners this year or live alone in the area.	Increased Participative Action	9 to 13	members made a total of 75 bags at Christmas time for local people. Ukrainian refugees and street drinkers. The young people gathered the resources which were mainly toiletry items sweets and biscuits. The set up like a carousel of boxes and filled them up before wrapping them for distribution.
Participation	kindness bags for men's group	Increased Participative Action	14 to 18	
Participation	Environmental mural for our club	Active Citizenship	14 to 18	members designed a banner and had it printed by local group to highlight about Dog mess, bottles etc on our play areas.
Volunteer Development	Recruitment of 5 new volunteers	Active Citizenship	Staff / Adults	5 new volunteer adults have joined the youth club excellent contribution from the community.
Participative structures	Members committee	Improved Relationships with Others	9 to 13	we have a members committee set up which young people will be trained in as a large group and settled members will rotate every few months
Participative Structures	Members committee	Increased Participative Action	14 to 18	members of the senior committee are currently undergoing training. Two members will bring information from all members groups to the larger committee.



Staff Training and supporting our young people onstreet.





Members Training

REE Sexual Health Programmes for Young People Aged 12 – 14

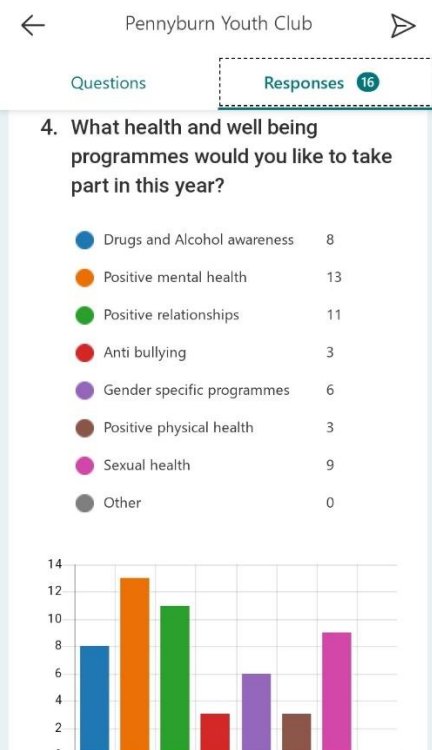
WITH: Common YOUTH.

- Interactive, engaging and structured
- Build emotional resilience, communication & assertiveness skills
- Empowering young people to make informed choices

TOPICS

- Periods
- Puberty and body changes
- Gender roles
- Staying safe online
- Healthy relationships
- Consent
- LGBTQ+
- Body Image
- Resilience
- Friendships

For full programme content, email:



Trips





Self play

summer scheme

Sports hall Give out name badges. Get the children to put the lunch bags in the box for each group. Find out a bit more about your group. When is their birthday How many siblings Anyone any allergies Keep any bags with epi pens at the top. Explain to the group what the	10.30-11.30 BLUE GROUP FRONT FIELD CHAPEL END Obstacle course (hockey stick in and out the cones, in through hula hoop throw bean bag into bucket jump hurdles then run back to your team members next person starts), parachute games, Duck Duck Goose RED GROUP Small area tennis court Rings game, shower curtains, bean bag throwing, I GREEN GROUP BACK FIELD Musical statues, hula hoops individual play, Hula hoop challenge (don't break the chain) Simon says YELLOW GROUP FRONT FIELD GATE END Parachute games first then space hoppers space hoppers	11.30-12.30 BLUE GROUP COFFEE BAR RED GROUP HALL GREEN GROUP PADDY'S ROOM YELLOW GROUP POOL AREA	12.30-1 Lunch Make sure young people put food into the food bins Rubbish into the other bin. Take the bins out once lunch is over. Empty the bins put fresh bags into them.	1.00-1.45 BLUE GROUP PADDY'S ROOM Circle time RED GROUP POOL AREA GREEN GROUP HALL YELLOW GROUP COFFEE BAR Last 15mins get the children to get their lunch bags and coats. Carry out the evaluation for the day. Put all name badges including staff members into the tub. Ensure there is a flipchart in the same tub with one or two markers the flip charts are to be put into a file at end of the session.
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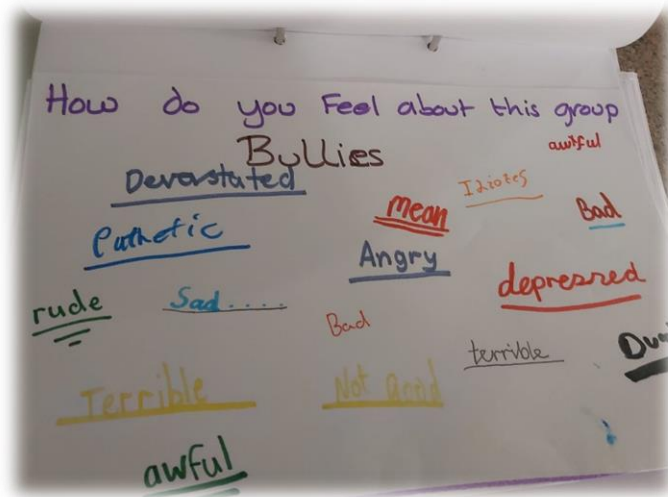


games



Volunteering

Antibullying



Once a bully always
a bully? True/False

Spreading rumours is a form of
bullying? True/False

You should always tell someone
you trust if you are being bullied
True/False

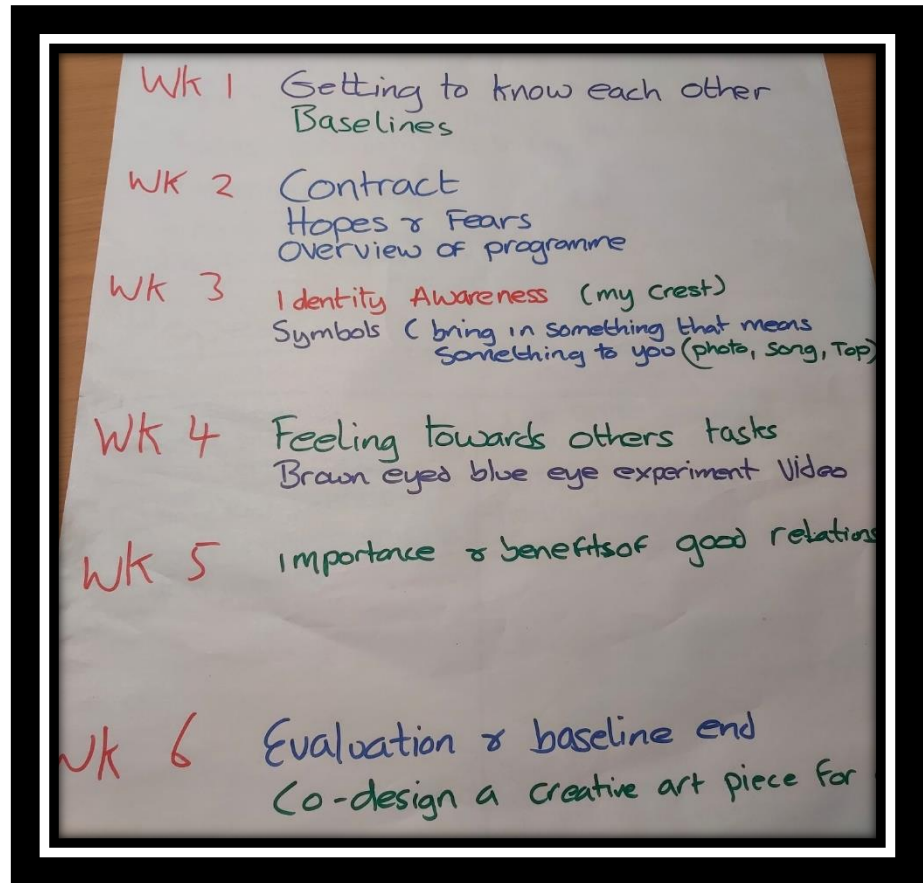
Only boys bully people?
True/False

Bullying is a problem between
2 people? True/False

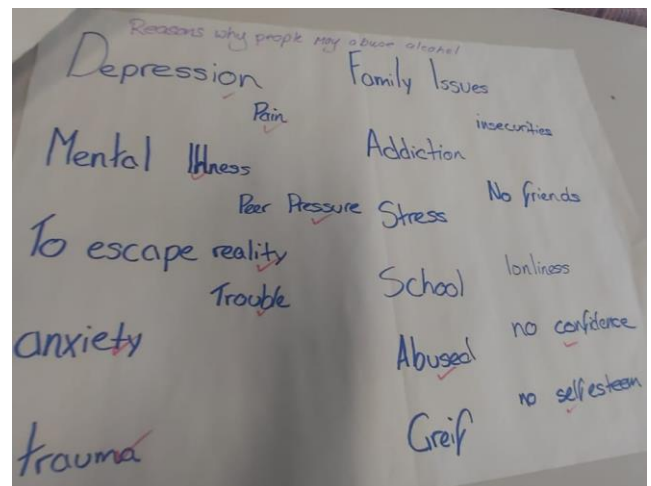
Bullying only happens in schools
True/False

People often bully to get a reward
from their victim?
True/False

Good Relations



Drugs & Alcohol



Listening skills

Respect



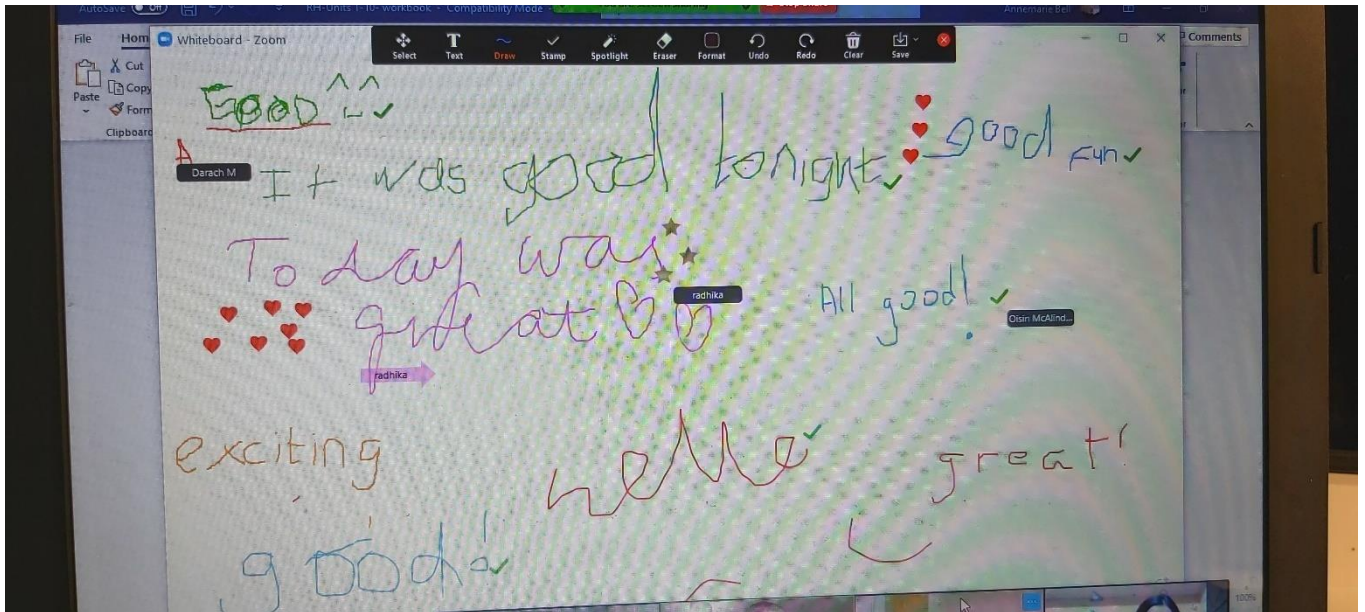
Team work



Basic cooking



Feedback



My daughters love this club so much, Next to our house and the friendliest staff, so much I decided to volunteer myself!!

A greek club for all ages and abilities. Very positive, inclusive and great for promoting community environment. JM. Carl.

Amazing Club!
Brought out My Boys Confidence So much! they Love going every Week and are meeting New friends & also accomadates with Special Needs kids which is amazing!!!

AN AMAZING CLUB FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES. FROM MAKING FRIENDS, PLAYING GAMES, AND LEARNING NEW SKILLS. THE STAFF ARE FANTASTIC. LEARNING THE WORDS AND GIVING

Outdoor fun in the sun



Thank you for taking the time to view our report. Our young people have participated in 64 programmes over a period of 46 weeks with 970 young people participating in the 64 programmes between April 2022 and March 2023. We delivered an excellent selection of courses which have not only given them new skills but have also boosted their confidence and self-esteem and developed them into positive role models for other members of the club. Our amazing team have worked hard on the delivery of all these programmes and I take great pride on the teamwork and leadership shown by each of them. Without our team from management down to members committees this youth club would not exist, and I am extremely thankful for all the support and commitment undertaken.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the EA youth service for their ongoing Funding to help facilitate this youth club. Also like to thank Youth Alliance for their ongoing support, training, and their efforts to help all of our youth club to have their funding reinstated to a level that we can continue to support our members.

Annemarie Bell

Leader in Charge

Pennyburn Youth Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104632

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Pennyburn Youth Club Charity number (104632)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 "The Act"

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts pursuant to the provisions of The Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under The Act
- state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis on the independent examiner's report (see AAR08 as submitted) I have examined your charity accounts as required under The Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given therein.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity (ARR03) and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

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

Signed

Name Róisín Mc Caul

Chartered Secretary ACIS

BSc Finance Msc Corporate Governance

30 January 2024