

**AHOGHILL COMMUNITY EARLY**  
**YEARS PROJECT (STEPPING**  
**STONES PLAYGROUP)**

**Report and financial statements  
for the year ended 30 June 2018**

**Charity Number      NIC105896**

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### CHARITY NAME

Ahoghill Community Early Years Project  
(Stepping Stones Playgroup)

### CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

NIC 105896

### TRUSTEES

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# Charity Commission

## Trustees Report for the Financial Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Stepping Stones Playgroup

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Stepping Stones playgroup is located at the edge of Ahoghill village and rents the parish hall from St Mary's parish. Stepping Stones is a voluntary organisation managed by parents and members of the community.

Committee named positions -

Chairperson - Sirene Watt

Treasurer - JP Scullion

Staff Liaison - M Connolly

We currently have 5 committee members.

Our mission is to provide a safe, stimulating and inclusive environment for all children. We aim to ensure excellent care and pre school education for all children attending. We firmly believe that parents and carers are a child's most important educators, therefore we work closely with parents and carers to encourage two way communication about each child. We strive at all times to provide a caring service that see each child as an individual, promotes equality and values diversity.

We are currently registered for a maximum of 24 children per day by social services. We are inspected by social services yearly and have had positive reports of our playgroup being warm, welcoming, friendly and child centred.

Also ETI inspect us and we are members of Early Years. We employ an Early Years Specialist who provides training, support and mentoring.

This year we have had 21 full time children who were funded by the Education Authority.

We also have a child with additional needs who receives one to one support. This child has their own Individual Education Plan and the staff member has received appropriate training to assist all needs.

We also had 8 pre - preschool children attend during an afternoon session on a part time basis which was funded by parents/carers. Sometimes living in a rural area, many children do not have the opportunity to mix socially at this early age with their peers. We find this a valuable service to the pre - preschool children in developing their social skills.

Our opening hours are

Monday 8-3.30

Tuesday 8-3.30

Wednesday 8-1

Thursday 8-1

Friday 8-1

With funded children attending 8.45-11.45

We follow the pre school curriculum under 6 key areas -

Personal, social and emotional development

The World around us

Early maths

The arts

Language development

Physical development

We have had many activities throughout the year -

Visits to the fire brigade, pets at home

Visits from library, Liz Weir, Maggie Moo, Pets at home

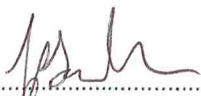
Took part in the Big Bedtime Read

Attended Ahoghill in Bloom


Held special events - Christmas nativity, sports day, graduation

Trips to Rose park farm to see Santa, soft play at green pastures

We have an excellent team of staff who are committed to providing high quality care. All children grow in confidence, independence and self esteem during their time with us. We promote a positive environment and relationships, where the children feel secure. The children have opportunities to develop skills, make decisions, develop imagination and form choices from a variety of activities and play zones within the playgroup. We offer a rich environment of natural, man made and bought materials which ensure play and development needs of all children are met.



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