

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106396

Details

Status Received

Company number [40301](#)

Registered 2018-04-23

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's objects ("Objects") are specifically restricted to the following:- (1) To advance community development by: (a) promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster (the "area of benefit"); (b) supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area of benefit. (2) To advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit. (3) Promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

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

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

Who the charity helps: General public, Learning disabilities, Mental health, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£268,602	£221,884	£-725	9

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gerry Lynch		
Jody Wilson		
Josie Mcguckin		
May Devlin		
Rachael Jeffers		

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Accounts

Company Number: NI040301
HMRC Number: XR43114
Charity Number: NIC106396

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Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

R T J Ross & Co
Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Mrs Mary Devlin

HMRC number

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 28 February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Management Committee as at the 31 March 2025

Mary Devlin

Gerard Lynch

Michael Murphy

Joseph Wilson

Mary Josephine McGuckin Treasurer

Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers Chairperson

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The company seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place reviewed annually to ensure their relevance.

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The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as set out in our Articles are to advance community development by promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster and by supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre aims to advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also aims to promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting objectives and planning activities, the trustees have given full consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit. All activities undertaken during the year have been designed to fulfil the charity's stated purposes and deliver clear, measurable benefits to the intended beneficiaries.

Summary of Main Activities

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre operates across Magherafelt and Cookstown, working to promote social inclusion and personal development through volunteering and training. The Centre is governed by a voluntary Management Committee and supported by a dedicated team of knowledgeable staff who deliver its core services and strategic aims.

As a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI, the Centre has provided discreet and professional vetting services to volunteer-involving organisations since April 2008.

The Centre adopts an ethos of empowerment, recognising its importance in improving health and wellbeing and enabling individuals and communities to take greater control over their lives.

Volunteer Support and Placement

Safe Recruitment and Vetting

- Operated as a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI
- Provided guidance and support to organisations on safe recruitment practices
- Helped reduce barriers to participation and supported safeguarding standards across the sector

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Training and Capacity Building

- Delivered and facilitated training programmes tailored to local needs
- Supported volunteers, staff, and committee members of volunteer-involving organisations
- Worked in partnership with statutory and community organisations to enhance learning opportunities

Information and Advice Services

Provided support to:

- Individuals seeking to volunteer or learn more about volunteering
- Organisations wishing to engage or expand their use of volunteers
- Agencies referring individuals for volunteering guidance and placement

Communications and Outreach

- Maintained a comprehensive database of volunteers, organisations, and opportunities
- Promoted volunteering through the Centre's website, social media channels, and printed volunteer opportunity booklets

Strategic Projects

In addition to recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers across a wide range of community-based organisations, the Centre delivers targeted projects in partnership with statutory and community bodies:

- **The Base:** Delivered in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, this initiative offers an alternative to traditional day-care for individuals with learning disabilities. It supports access to community services, facilitates social inclusion, and fosters meaningful friendships.
- **Forever Young:** A comprehensive programme promoting health and wellbeing among older people. Activities raise awareness of age-related risks and provide support to caregivers.

The Centre was pleased to receive the **Strategic Community Development Grant** from Mid Ulster District Council, which has been instrumental in maintaining a presence in Cookstown and expanding local engagement.

The work of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre would not be possible without the generous support of our funders. We extend our sincere thanks to:

- Department for Communities
- Mid Ulster District Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- The Beth Johnston Foundation (All Ages)
- Public Health Agency
- Community Development & Health Network

Your support for our mission has empowered us to deliver meaningful programmes, uplift volunteers, and deepen community connections across Mid Ulster.

We offer heartfelt appreciation to our Management Committee and volunteers, whose unwavering dedication and commitment have been instrumental throughout the year. Their time, energy, and insight are vital to the success and sustainability of our work.

We also wish to acknowledge the continued and invaluable support from InVOLve (NI), whose partnership and shared vision have helped us maintain and grow our impact.

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Achievements and Performance

Key Achievements 2024–2025

- **394** new volunteers registered
- Ongoing support provided to volunteering placement organisations
- Delivered **8** “Turn Up, Take Part” one-off volunteering opportunities
- Promoted volunteering across multiple platforms and events
- Participated in regional initiatives recognising the value of volunteering
- Actively worked to increase volunteer representation from underrepresented groups, including people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals from disadvantaged areas.
- Provided tailored advice and guidance to volunteer placement organisations
- Delivered **7** training sessions to **119** participants, covering:
 - Safeguarding (x2)
 - Suicide Prevention and Emotional Health Awareness
 - First Aid (x2)
 - Supporting Connections
 - Good Governance and Committee Skills
- Conducted **15** health checks for volunteer placement organisations
- Processed **205** Access NI applications
- Facilitated **4** corporate social action days, including:
 - CDE Group supporting Hope Magherafelt’s Christmas Appeal
 - Sensata Technologies Day of Service with Sunflower Support NI
- Hosted and supported **22** volunteer recognition events

Ongoing Support and Sector Engagement

The Centre continues to promote volunteering opportunities and provide practical support to organisations in areas such as policy development, volunteer management, and operational procedures. Where appropriate, referrals are made to sector bodies including NICVA, RCN, CWSAN, and CiNI for specialist guidance on topics such as risk assessments, funding, and training.

EPIC Awards

The Centre proudly celebrated volunteer contributions through the EPIC Awards programme:

- **21,250 hours** of volunteering recognised
- **456 certificates** presented across achievement levels (50, 100, and 200 hours)



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Volunteers' Week 2025

This year marked the 40th anniversary of Volunteers' Week, held from 3rd to 9th June across the UK. The campaign celebrates the invaluable contributions of volunteers and highlights the positive impact they make in communities every day.

To mark the occasion, Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre was honoured to welcome Linda McAuley MBE from BBC Radio Ulster to our Magherafelt office. Linda met with volunteers from Mid Ulster Agewell, Out and About Community Transport, and Praxis Care to hear their stories and reflections on volunteering.

The interview was pre-recorded and aired on Saturday 15 June at 10am, as part of Linda's final broadcast before her retirement. It was a fitting tribute to both the volunteers and Linda's legacy of community-focused journalism.

This special moment helped shine a spotlight on the dedication of local volunteers and the spirit of collaboration that defines our region



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Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre marked Volunteers' Week 2024 with a celebration event at the Springhill House, Moneymore for registered volunteers and organisations. We organised an afternoon tea, house and garden tour and finished with an Ice Cream Van.



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The Base Drop-In Centre

The Base is a community-based drop-in centre delivered under a Service Level Agreement with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT). It offers an inclusive, community-integrated alternative to traditional day-care for adults with learning disabilities - supporting individuals to access local services, build friendships, and participate meaningfully in everyday community life.

Operating Monday to Friday, the Centre can facilitate up to 17 individuals at any one time, offering a flexible and responsive model of support. The environment is intentionally designed to be safe, welcoming, and empowering - a space where participants are encouraged to develop confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging. Staff work closely with the individuals to tailor activities to their interests, strengths, ensuring that the Base contributes to wellbeing and personal development.

Participants engage in a wide range of activities, including:

- **Arts and crafts** – fostering creativity, fine motor skills, and self-expression
- **Drama workshops** – building confidence, communication, and teamwork
- **Games and group activities** – promoting social interaction and enjoyment
- **Nature walks and day trips** – encouraging physical activity and connection with the outdoors
- **Coffee outings and lunch meetups** – supporting community inclusion and informal socialising
- **Volunteering on community projects** – enabling participants to contribute meaningfully and build civic pride

These activities are not only enjoyable but also purposeful, helping individuals to establish routines, strengthen social networks, and take on valued roles within their communities. Many participants report increased self-esteem, improved communication skills, and a greater sense of autonomy as a result of their involvement.

"I love coming here - I've made real friends and I get to do things I never thought I could," said one participant.

"The Base gives people a chance to be seen, heard, and valued. It's not just a service - it's a community," noted a staff member.

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"Since my daughter started attending The Base, we've seen such a positive change in her. She's more confident, more independent, and genuinely looks forward to each day. It's made a real difference to our whole family," shared one parent.

The Centre's approach is rooted in person-centred practice and aligns closely with regional health and social care priorities, including the promotion of inclusion, resilience, and preventative support.

The ongoing partnership with NHSCT remains a cornerstone of this work, enabling the delivery of high-quality, responsive services that reflect best practice in community-based support. Through this collaboration, The Base continues to demonstrate the value of integrated, locally delivered provision that empowers individuals and strengthens community connections, celebrating the strengths and contributions of every individual.

Forever Young

The Forever Young Programme has continued to grow and evolve throughout 2024/25, offering a wide range of activities that make a meaningful difference in participants' lives. Feedback has consistently highlighted benefits such as reduced loneliness, improved wellbeing, increased social connection, and the joy of shared experiences.

Volunteer Engagement

Several new volunteers joined this year, supporting social and hospitality activities. All have shared positive feedback, and their contributions are deeply appreciated.

Talks and Information Sessions

A range of informative talks were delivered throughout the year, including:

- Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke (NICHHS)
- Energy efficiency and home safety (Mid Ulster District Council)
- Diabetes awareness and Living Well Hubs
- Scams awareness (Trading Standards)
- Inspire's 4-week Healthy Restart series covering sleep, self-care, mental health, and food and mood

All sessions were well attended and positively received.

Physical Activities and Wellbeing

- **Line Dancing:** A 6-week block was delivered and well received. Further sessions are under discussion with MUDC's Age Friendly Coordinator.
- **Chair Yoga:** A taster session followed by a 4-week programme, both well attended.
- **Otago Classes:** Delivered during winter months when the walking group paused. Participants expressed interest in continuing.
- **Move More Live More:** Two sessions delivered by Age NI, combining practical movement tips with light exercises.
- **Walking Group:** Established in partnership with Mid Ulster Agewell, with walks in Magherafelt, Ballyronan Marina, Antrim Castle Gardens, Lough Fea, and Church Island. Some members completed Walk Leader training to support future walks.

Creative and Social Activities

- **Storytelling Sessions:** A 4-week series by Maura Johnson, culminating in a visit from a local primary school. Funded by Armstory Storytelling Trust.
- **Tea Dance:** Held in June 2024 with live music and refreshments.

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- **Coleman's Garden Centre Trip:** A summer outing with afternoon tea for 18 participants.
- **Acrylic Painting:** A 4-week workshop with positive feedback.
- **Autumn Flower Arranging:** Enjoyed by 10 participants.
- **Craft Class:** Trialled but discontinued due to low uptake and budget constraints.
- **Boccia:** A one-off session delivered by Disability Sport NI, well received.

Intergenerational Workshop

Delivered in partnership with St. Pius X College, students were paired with Forever Young members. After introductory writing exercises, each pair co-created a poem about Spring, guided by a facilitator. The poem highlighted shared experiences across generations and was deeply moving. Plans are underway to continue this intergenerational link.

Christmas Activities

Festive events included:

- Pantomime trip to Millennium Forum (*Aladdin*) and lunch at City Hotel
- Two Christmas dinners for members with carol singing from Rainey Endowed and Holy Family Primary Schools
- Shopping trip to Rushmere, supported by staff and volunteers
- Movie day, Christmas crafts, card-making workshop and Afternoon Tea with mince pies

All activities were well attended and positively received.

Men's Group Development

Efforts continued to establish a regular men's group. Activities included:

- Health checks (blood pressure, BMI, glucose, etc.) with nurse support
- Cook IT class facilitated by MUDC
- Cancer Focus talk on prostate cancer
- Men's Games Day to mark International Men's Day

Although uptake varied, services were maximised by opening unused slots to other members.

CDHN Funding – Community Pharmacy Project

We received funding to build a partnership with Moneymore Pharmacy, focusing on older people. Sessions were co-designed by the community lead, the pharmacist, and participants to ensure they met the group's needs. Four organisations - Inspire, Charis Cancer Care, Connect North, and Versus Arthritis - each led a session. Activities included basic first aid, a cookery demonstration, and a showcase of mobility aids. Feedback was very positive, with participants feeling more informed about pharmacy services and local support, and more confident about where to go for help.

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All Ages Activity – Linking Generations Funding

This intergenerational project involved a creative writing workshop with St Pius X College. Participants wrote short letters to introduce themselves, then worked in pairs and as a group to write a poem about Spring. The activity helped build connections between age groups and was enjoyed by all. Comments included “age is just a number” and “the atmosphere was so friendly.”

Connect 4 Health – Public Health Agency Funding

We delivered a programme to reduce loneliness and isolation, based on the Take 5 approach. Sessions covered sleep, diet, exercise, holistic therapies, and included a health fair, flower arranging, and a Christmas lunch. Participants learned how everyday habits affect mental and emotional health and felt more connected. After one session, the group decided to attend a singalong event already taking place at the local library. They’ve since planned other activities and expressed interest in continuing to meet.

Ongoing Activities

Luncheon club, crochet, exercise classes, and afternoon teas remain popular and continue to receive positive feedback.

Membership and Growth

The programme continues to welcome new members, with over 200 currently registered. The year has been filled with meaningful activities, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback reinforces our commitment to growing and evolving the programme - with members at its heart.

Financial Review

In 2024/25, total incoming resources were £268,602 (2023/24 £253,506)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities, The National Lottery Community Fund and Tesco bags for help.

Total expenditure for 2024/25 was £221,884 (2023/2024 £243,484)

The Charity was in a healthy financial position at the year-end, with net current assets of £183,625.

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Related Party Transactions

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses. During the year none of the trustees were reimbursed.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charitable company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with, and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. 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.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have made available to R T J Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board


Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

Date: 17th November 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MID ULSTER VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the charitable company trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charitable company's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The charitable company trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 65 of the Charities Act thereunder;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the charitable company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Trustees' Annual report for the year.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the charitable company trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP, and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 17th November 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming Resources					
Generated funds:					
Voluntary income					
Donations and legacies		150	-	150	100
Charitable activities					
Income from charitable activities	2	127,856	138,342	266,198	249,693
Other Trading activities					
Training Income		-	-	-	-
Resource Service Income		2,254	-	2,254	3,713
Total incoming resources		130,260	138,342	268,602	253,506
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application		130,260	138,342	268,602	253,506
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
Promotion, support & development of volunteering		88,392	72,324	160,716	179,682
Wellbeing and personal development		-	61,118	61,118	63,802
		88,392	133,442	221,834	243,484
Total Resources Expended	3	88,392	133,442	221,884	243,484
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		41,868	4,900	46,768	10,022
Net movement in funds for the year		41,868	4,900	46,768	10,022
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2024		122,953	23,849	146,802	136,780
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		164,821	28,749	193,570	146,802

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	9,945	16,868
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Current Assets			
Debtors	7	4,678	2,040
Cash and cash equivalents		179,672	139,320
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	184,350 (725)	141,360 (11,426)
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Net Current Assets		183,625	129,934
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities		193,570	146,802
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Funds			
Restricted trust funds		28,749	23,849
General fund (unrestricted)		164,821	122,953
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Total funds	10	193,570	146,802
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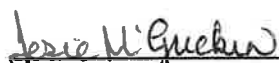
For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under Section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss 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 charitable company.

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 17th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Trustee



Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin

Trustee

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General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 21 Queen Street, Magherafelt, Co Londonderry, BT45 6AB.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland". The statement of Recommended Practice applicable in charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS102)(Charities SORP(FRS102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Involve (NI) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Cash flow statement

The charitable company has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charitable company.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Unrestricted free reserves

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Management Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Going Concern

The charity maintains a good level of liquidity. Having considered the circumstances, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the charitable company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charitable company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charitable company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme Policy

Contributions to defined contributions plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Straight line
Computer Equipment	-	33.3% Straight line

Taxation

This organisation is a charity, therefore there is no liability to corporation tax.

1.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2025 £	2024 £
	Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	6,923	7,074
	Independent Examiner's remuneration: -independent examination services	2,500	2,500
		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants				
Department for Communities	-	43,465	43,465	45,318
Mid Ulster District Council	-	7,000	7,000	7,000
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	115,748	5,882	121,630	106,430
Community Development & Health Network	-	12,000	12,000	-
Tesco: Bags for Help Scheme	-	-	-	-
The Beth Johnston Foundation	-	125	125	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	66,920	66,920	65,465
Public Health Agency	-	2,950	2,950	-
Other income from charitable activities	12,108	-	12,108	25,480
Totals	<u>127,856</u>	<u>138,342</u>	<u>266,198</u>	<u>249,693</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Promotion, Support & Development of Volunteering				
Other costs				
Programme costs	-	16,513	16,513	4,000
Volunteer recognition	-	-	-	3,000
Equipment	439	-	439	1,227
Salaries, wages & pensions	71,738	27,325	99,063	121,686
Training	310	-	310	1,359
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	351	2,378	2,729	398
Depreciation	1,587	2,337	3,924	4,074
Health & wellbeing	-	90	90	-
Travel & subsistence costs	2,195	541	2,736	2,223
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	85
	<u>76,620</u>	<u>49,184</u>	<u>125,804</u>	<u>138,052</u>
Support costs:	10,782	22,090	32,872	39,816
Governance Costs:	990	1,050	2,040	1,814
Totals	<u>88,392</u>	<u>72,324</u>	<u>160,716</u>	<u>179,682</u>

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3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (cont'd)

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wellbeing and personal development				
Other costs				
Programme costs	-	5,545	5,545	6,655
Health & wellbeing	-	2,603	2,603	-
Luncheon Club	-	-	-	3,046
Salaries, wages & pensions	-	38,035	38,035	40,929
Training	-	113	113	-
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	-	5,022	5,022	3,970
Depreciation	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Evaluation	-	-	-	-
Travel & subsistence costs	-	1,101	1,101	914
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-
	-	55,419	55,419	58,514
Support costs:	-	5,239	5,239	4,602
Governance Costs:	-	460	460	686
	-	61,118	61,118	63,802

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Support Costs : allocated on time				
Premises costs	1,442	24,404	25,846	26,313
Office costs	9,340	2,925	12,265	18,105
	10,782	27,329	38,111	44,418
Governance Costs				
Accountancy services	990	1,510	2,500	2,500
Legal and Professional	-	-	-	-
	11,772	28,839	40,611	46,918

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5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**Number of employees**

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the year was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Employee's	10	10

The staff costs comprise:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	133,608	143,201
Pension costs	3,490	19,415
	<u>137,098</u>	<u>162,616</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	112,930	11,974	124,904
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>112,930</u>	<u>11,974</u>	<u>124,904</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	97,261	10,775	108,036
Charge for the year	6,323	600	6,923
At 31 March 2025	<u>103,584</u>	<u>11,375</u>	<u>114,959</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,346</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>9,945</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>15,669</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>16,868</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts owed by connected parties (Note 12)	-	-
Other debtors	2,400	-
Prepayments	2,278	2,040
	<u>4,678</u>	<u>2,040</u>

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8. CREDITORS	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Bank overdrafts	725	-
Other creditors	-	9,600
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,826
	<u>725</u>	<u>11,426</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted income				
Restricted	9,196	19,553	-	28,749
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	749	164,797	(725)	164,821
	<u>9,945</u>	<u>184,350</u>	<u>(725)</u>	<u>193,570</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Restricted income				
Restricted	23,849	138,342	(133,442)	28,749
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	122,953	130,260	(88,392)	164,821
Total funds	<u>146,802</u>	<u>268,602</u>	<u>(221,834)</u>	<u>193,570</u>

11. STATUS

The charitable company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charitable company had transactions with other connected parties. The following amounts are receivable at the year-end:

	Balance 2025 £	Movement in year £	Balance 2024 £	Maximum in year £
	-	-	-	-
			2025 £	2024 £
			-	-
			2025 £	2024 £
Net balances with other connected parties:			-	-

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 106396

Accounts

Company Number: NI040301
HMRC Number: XR43114
Charity Number: NIC106396

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

R T J Ross & Co
Chartered Accountants
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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Mrs Mary Devlin

HMRC number

XR43114

Company Number

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Bankers

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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 28 February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Management Committee as at the 31 March 2024

May Devlin

Gerry Lynch Vice Chairperson

Michael Murphy

Joseph Wilson

Josephine McGuckin Treasurer

Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers Chairperson

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The company seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place reviewed annually to ensure their relevance.

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The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as set out in our Articles are to advance community development by promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster and by supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre aims to advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also aims to promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Summary of Main Activities

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is based in Magherafelt and Cookstown and seeks to encourage social inclusion by working with the community to help further personal development through volunteering and/or training. The centre is governed by a voluntary management committee and has a dedicated and knowledgeable team of staff who support the work of the organisation.

The Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI, and has been providing a discreet, professional vetting service for volunteer involving organisations since Access NI was introduced in April 2008. The Volunteer Centre adopts an ethos of empowerment, believing this is fundamental for improving health and wellbeing and increasing individuals' and communities' control over their lives and their health.

In addition to recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers with a range of community-based organisations across Mid Ulster. The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to provide an alternative to traditional day-care. 'The Base', which is a project for local people with learning disabilities which empowers them to access local community services and facilities and facilitates social inclusion and the development of friendships.

The 'Forever Young' Project, uses a comprehensive programme of activities to promote positive health and wellbeing among older people. It also aims to create awareness of the risks presented to older people as well as to provide support for caregivers.

We were delighted to receive the Strategic Community Development Grant from Mid Ulster District Council. This grant has been invaluable to us in supporting us keep a presence in Cookstown.

All the work would not be possible without the support of our funders:

- Department for Communities
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Halifax Foundation NI
- Mid Ulster District Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
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A special appreciation goes out to the committee and volunteers for their unwavering dedication and support this year, their input is crucial.

None of the management committee received remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also appreciates the continued and invaluable support from InVOLve (NI).

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Achievements and Performance

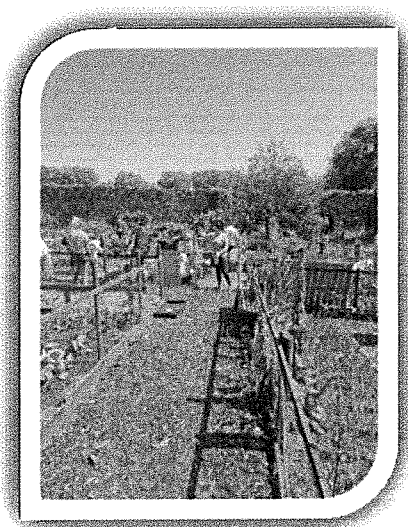
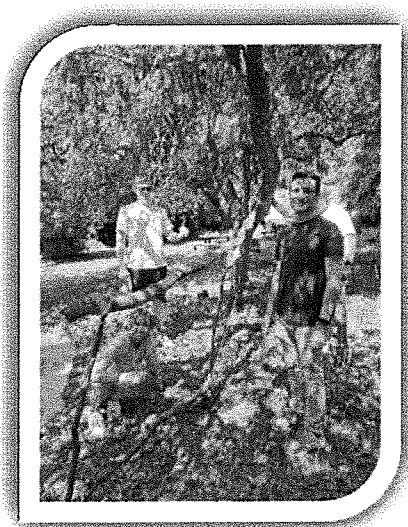
The following is an update on what Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre has achieved during 2023 - 2024.

- 301 new volunteers were registered
 - Assisted and supported volunteering placement organisations
 - Organised 7 "turn up, take part", volunteering opportunities that provide one off opportunities for people to volunteer
 - Promote opportunities for volunteering
 - Participated in events recognising the value of volunteering in the Mid Ulster area
 - Actively aim to increase the number of volunteers from under-represented groups including persons with a disability; older people; and people from the most disadvantaged areas
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- Provide advice to Volunteering Placement Organisations
 - Offer training and health checks to all new volunteer placement organisations
 - 214 Access NI's were processed during this year
 - Organised 3 Corporate Volunteering Days

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre continued to promote volunteer opportunities during this time, as well as offering organisations help with policies, volunteer management, procedures and any concerns an organisation may have. We continue to support organisations with information and guidance and refer them to other organisations such as NICVA, RCN, CWSAN, CiNI when required for example regarding risk assessments, funding and training etc.

EPIC Awards

Our new EPIC (Empowering People In Communities) Volunteer Awards initiative, in conjunction with Volunteer Centres NI rewards volunteers who make a commitment of at least 50 hours within any 12 month period. We think that our volunteers make an EPIC contribution to the community, and that's why we have set up an initiative to reward volunteers of all ages and across all sorts of organisations. Volunteering is vital to community life; it is the heart of our community with people giving their time freely for the benefit of others.



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Volunteers' Week 2023

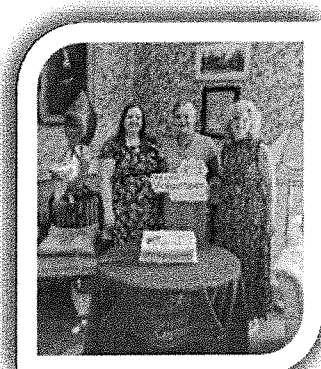
We launched Volunteers' Week with a Volunteer Recognition Reception for EPIC Volunteers and Organisations hosted by Chair of Mid Ulster District Council Councillor Córa Corry.



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Friday 2 June, we hosted at Lissan House an Afternoon Tea Party and House tour, working alongside volunteers from Lissan. We were delighted to have Linda McAuley MBE from BBC Radio Ulster attending and speaking with volunteers and finding out more about volunteering in Mid Ulster. Her chats with volunteers featured on her Volunteers' Week programme which aired the following Saturday helping promote volunteering, the organisations and hopefully inspired potential volunteers.



Training

110+ volunteers received training on Safeguarding, Good Governance, Induction to Impact, Basic First Aid and Food Safety. Proper training equips volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their roles effectively, fostering confidence and commitment. Well-trained volunteers are more likely to engage meaningfully with the community they assist, leading to better outcomes for the projects they support. Ultimately, investing in volunteer training not only empowers individuals but also strengthens the overall effectiveness of organisations and community initiatives.

The Base

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Throughout the year Magherafelt and Cookstown Base members, NHSCT Day Opportunities Service Users and Volunteer Centre Staff and volunteers took part in group volunteering with various organisations.

In November members of the Base Cookstown and Volunteer Centre staff enjoyed a morning volunteering with Sunflower Support NI at their allotments based at Springhill



In December during International Volunteer Day and the theme for 2023 being "If everyone did..." the Base Magherafelt started their annual wrapping challenge for Hope Magherafelt's Christmas Appeal. They wrapped over 300 pairs of Pyjamas which were then donated with food hampers to families in need in our local area over Christmas. Members of the Base Magherafelt also helped during December with the annual Christmas Lunch for our Forever Young project for those over 60. During the last week before Christmas break, Cookstown Base teamed up with The Hub BT80 in Cookstown to make and donate 240 pieces of shortbread to be used and given to those attending The Hub BT80's Christmas lunch on Christmas Day.



Throughout the year we continued to work fortnightly on our Kindness Rock Garden based at Maghera Walled Garden. We have two regular volunteers from Day Opportunities and also both Cookstown and Magherafelt Base members helped to create Kindness Rocks. During the summer we planted and harvested potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, broad beans, onions, lettuce, kale, courgettes and broccoli.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their commitment and contribution in their support of The Base service users in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Forever Young Project

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This is the first year of the Forever Young project funded by National Lottery Community Fund. A new Project Leader and Project Assistant were appointed for this 4 year programme. Over the course of the year, we have continued to run an extensive schedule of classes and activities that reflect the needs and wishes of the members.

This has been trial and error when introducing new classes however using taster sessions and activity questionnaires has helped to gauge what the community want to engage in.

As the demographics are changing and we have an ageing population, the age to join is now 60+ with some wavering made to those under age bracket whom may be facing social isolation, loneliness, mental illness or disability.

The programme continues to see consistent numbers attending the classes; luncheon club, chair exercise, crochet, talks/information sessions. The talks included scams, TAKE 5 steps to health and well-being, STEP on benefits and budgeting, energy efficiency and home safety delivered by the Council and gut health. These were received positively and had on average 20 in attendance in each of these workshops. These will continue to occur throughout the following year to include topics that are relative to older people.

We also had 2 cooking sessions '7 days 7 dinners' pilot by Public Health Agency (PHA) which was funded by PHA. These had great interest; we had hoped for people to receive 2 sessions however because numbers were high, we had to split among 2 sessions. We would be keen to continue these workshops based on the interest and health/educational benefits.

A part of the funding application was to start up a Men's Group. We held a celebration morning in November 2023 where we cooked a fry and gauged ideas and thoughts of what a men's group would look like for them. We had 20+ in attendance and got new registrations. We have held men specific sessions including prostate cancer talk, visit from wartime memorial, cooking session. AGE NI's Good Vibrations (men's programme) came to talk to the men on health and well-being. We have also worked in partnership with Sperrin's Men Shed which a few of the men enjoyed planting some vegetables and others built a bench and some planters. This is something we plan to develop further. It has been difficult engaging the men on a consistent basis and we will need to look into this further to see how we can overcome this challenge.

Other things we have held over the past year has been; chair yoga, line dancing, wreath making workshop, craft workshops, painting classes, trip to Portstewart, Christmas pantomime, Christmas dinner (we had the pleasure of having pupils from local school's carol singing during this), coffee mornings and afternoon tea.

The consistent numbers attending classes/workshops each week demonstrates the need for the programme and through evaluations it is evident the benefits it has to our members.

Have met new friends at the Tuesday luncheon club and look forward to going as much as I can."

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"A very welcome addition for all people in the area. Good variety of classes."

"The different classes provided give an opportunity to try new things e.g painting/line dancing – they provide stimulation of the mind and physical exercise in a fun way. Opportunity to meet new people is also invaluable."

"The Forever Young Project has given me faith in others again, knowing that other people care about my overall health means so much to me as I am my husband's main carer, his health really put our lives on hold, I felt I was only existing but the project has changed that for me."

"As a pensioner I enjoy the social side of the class."

"I have learned a new skill."

"I think it is great to go to these things I would be lost without the project."

"The class has increased my interest and my desire to get out. Meeting people and learning to do something worthwhile like crochet and many different things."

"It is vital that the project continues."

"Great to get out of the house and meet new people."

The projects aim is to combat loneliness and reduce social isolation and it is clear that this is actively being achieved with members reporting they have met new friends, feel less isolated and lonely, gives them a reason to go out and improved mental health. In addition, the extensive range of classes, workshops/talks and lunches supports and promotes the aim of the project to improve overall health and well-being.

We will continue to provide a variety of activities ensuring we are reaching the needs and interests of all beneficiaries whilst ensuring they are beneficial to improving overall health and well-being and/or reducing loneliness and cost effective.

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In 2023/24, total incoming resources were £248,689 (2022/23 £243,027)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities, The National lottery Community Fund and Tesco bags for help.

Total expenditure for 2023/24 was £238,667 (2022/2023 £230,651)

The Charity was in a healthy financial position at the year-end, with net current assets of £129,934.

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Related Party Transactions

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses. During the year none of the trustees were reimbursed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charitable company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with, and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. 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.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.


The trustees confirm that they have made available to R T J Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board


Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

Date: 18th November 2024

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MID ULSTER VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the charitable company trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charitable company's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The charitable company trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 65 of the Charities Act thereunder;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the charitable company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Trustees' Annual report for the year.

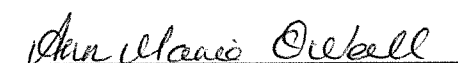
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the charitable company trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP, and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Ann-Marie O'Neill FCA
R T J ROSS & CO
Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
Cookstown
Co Tyrone
BT80 8PA
Northern Ireland

Date: 18th November 2024

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Generated funds:					
Voluntary income					
Donations and legacies		100	-	100	-
Charitable activities					
Income from charitable activities	2	131,910	117,783	249,693	235,259
Other Trading activities					
Training Income		-	-	-	-
Resource Service Income		3,713	-	3,713	7,768
Total incoming resources		135,723	117,783	253,506	243,027
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application		135,723	117,783	253,506	243,027
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
Promotion, support & development of volunteering		100,472	79,210	179,682	150,869
Wellbeing and personal development		4,817	58,985	63,802	79,782
		105,289	138,195	243,484	230,651
Total Resources Expended	3	105,289	138,195	243,484	230,651
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		30,434	(20,412)	10,022	12,376
Net movement in funds for the year		30,434	(20,412)	10,022	12,376
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		92,519	44,261	136,780	124,404
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024		122,953	23,849	146,802	136,780

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Company Number: NI40301

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2024


	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	16,868	22,142
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Current Assets			
Debtors	7	2,040	5,660
Cash and cash equivalents		139,320	114,150
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	141,360 (11,426)	119,810 (5,172)
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Net Current Assets		129,934	114,638
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		146,802	136,780
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Funds			
Restricted trust funds		23,849	44,261
General fund (unrestricted)		122,953	92,519
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total funds	10	146,802	136,780
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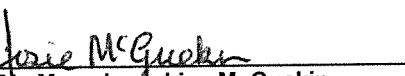
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under Section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss 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 charitable company.

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 18th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by


Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Trustee


Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2024

General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 21 Queen Street, Magherafelt, Co Londonderry, BT45 6AB.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland". The statement of Recommended Practice applicable in charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS102)(Charities SORP(FRS102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Involve (NI) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Cash flow statement

The charitable company has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charitable company.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Unrestricted free reserves

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Management Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Going Concern

The charity maintains a good level of liquidity. Having considered the circumstances, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the charitable company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charitable company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charitable company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme Policy

Contributions to defined contributions plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Straight line
Computer Equipment	-	33.3% Straight line

Taxation

This organisation is a charity, therefore there is no liability to corporation tax.

1. NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	7,074	7,197
Independent Examiner's remuneration: -independent examination services	2,500	2,500
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants				
Department for Communities	-	45,318	45,318	44,741
Mid Ulster District Council	-	7,000	7,000	6,000
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	106,430	-	106,430	108,112
Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland	-	-	-	4,000
Tesco: Bags for Help Scheme	-	-	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	-	-	25,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	65,465	65,465	46,486
Public Health Agency	-	-	-	920
Other income from charitable activities	25,480	-	25,480	
Totals	<u>131,910</u>	<u>117,783</u>	<u>249,693</u>	<u>235,259</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Promotion, Support & Development of Volunteering				
Other costs				
Programme costs	1,155	2,845	4,000	7,865
Volunteer recognition	-	3,000	3,000	-
Equipment	227	1,000	1,227	-
Salaries, wages & pensions	78,095	43,591	121,686	94,995
Training	1,136	223	1,359	341
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	398	-	398	763
Depreciation	1,626	2,448	4,074	4,197
Donations	-	-	-	-
Travel & subsistence costs	1,261	962	2,223	3,313
Volunteer expenses	85	-	85	-
	<u>83,983</u>	<u>54,069</u>	<u>138,052</u>	<u>111,474</u>
Support costs:	16,489	23,327	39,816	36,895
Governance Costs:	-	1,814	1,814	2,500
Totals	<u>100,472</u>	<u>79,210</u>	<u>179,682</u>	<u>150,869</u>

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3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (cont'd)

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wellbeing and personal development				
Other costs				
Programme costs	1,100	5,555	6,655	-
Volunteer Week expenses	-	-	-	-
Luncheon Club	3,046	-	3,046	3,287
Salaries, wages & pensions	-	40,929	40,929	43,709
Training	-	-	-	3,800
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	-	3,970	3,970	5,734
Depreciation	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Evaluation	-	-	-	4,500
Travel & subsistence costs	537	377	914	3,260
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,683</u>	<u>53,831</u>	<u>58,514</u>	<u>67,290</u>
Support costs:	134	4,468	4,602	12,492
Governance Costs:	-	686	686	-
	<u>4,817</u>	<u>58,985</u>	<u>63,802</u>	<u>79,782</u>

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Support Costs : allocated on time				
Premises costs	1,726	24,587	26,313	35,869
Office costs	14,897	3,208	18,105	13,518
	<u>16,623</u>	<u>27,795</u>	<u>44,418</u>	<u>49,387</u>
Governance Costs				
Accountancy services	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
Legal and Professional	-	-	-	-
	<u>16,623</u>	<u>30,295</u>	<u>46,918</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the year was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Employee's	10	10

The staff costs comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	143,201	133,365
Pension costs	19,415	5,339
	<u>162,616</u>	<u>138,704</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	112,930	10,174	123,104
Additions	-	1,800	1,800
At 31 March 2024	<u>112,930</u>	<u>11,974</u>	<u>124,904</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	90,898	10,064	100,962
Charge for the year	6,363	711	7,074
At 31 March 2024	<u>97,261</u>	<u>10,775</u>	<u>108,036</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>15,669</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>16,868</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>22,032</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>22,142</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts owed by connected parties (Note 12)	-	-
Other debtors	-	5,660
Prepayments	2,040	-
	<u>2,040</u>	<u>5,660</u>

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8. CREDITORS	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	3,672
Other creditors	9,600	1,500
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,826	-
	<u>11,426</u>	<u>5,172</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted income				
Restricted	14,533	18,916	(9,600)	23,849
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	2,335	122,444	(1,826)	122,953
	<u>16,868</u>	<u>141,360</u>	<u>(11,426)</u>	<u>146,802</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
Restricted income				
Restricted	44,261	117,783	(138,195)	23,849
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	92,519	135,723	(105,289)	122,953
Total funds	<u>136,780</u>	<u>253,506</u>	<u>(243,484)</u>	<u>146,802</u>

11. STATUS

The charitable company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charitable company had transactions with other connected parties. The following amounts are receivable at the year-end:

Balance 2024 £	Movement in year £	Balance 2023 £	Maximum in year £
-	-	-	-

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

2024 £	2023 £
-	-

Net balances with other connected parties:

2024 £	2023 £
-	-

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106396

Annual report

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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Mrs Mary Devlin

HMRC number

XR43114

Company Number

NI040301

Charity Number

NIC106396

Registered Office and Principal Address

20 Queen Street
Magherafelt
Co Londonderry
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Accountants

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Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
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BT80 8PA
Northern Ireland

Bankers

Bank of Ireland
11 Market Street
Magherafelt
Londonderry
BT45 6EE

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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 28 February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Management Committee as at the 31 March 2024

May Devlin
Gerry Lynch Vice Chairperson
Michael Murphy
Joseph Wilson
Josephine McGuckin Treasurer
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers Chairperson

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The company seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place reviewed annually to ensure their relevance.

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The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as set out in our Articles are to advance community development by promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster and by supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre aims to advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also aims to promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Summary of Main Activities

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is based in Magherafelt and Cookstown and seeks to encourage social inclusion by working with the community to help further personal development through volunteering and/or training. The centre is governed by a voluntary management committee and has a dedicated and knowledgeable team of staff who support the work of the organisation.

The Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI, and has been providing a discreet, professional vetting service for volunteer involving organisations since Access NI was introduced in April 2008. The Volunteer Centre adopts an ethos of empowerment, believing this is fundamental for improving health and wellbeing and increasing individuals' and communities' control over their lives and their health.

In addition to recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers with a range of community-based organisations across Mid Ulster. The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to provide an alternative to traditional day-care. 'The Base', which is a project for local people with learning disabilities which empowers them to access local community services and facilities and facilitates social inclusion and the development of friendships.

The 'Forever Young' Project, uses a comprehensive programme of activities to promote positive health and wellbeing among older people. It also aims to create awareness of the risks presented to older people as well as to provide support for caregivers.

We were delighted to receive the Strategic Community Development Grant from Mid Ulster District Council. This grant has been invaluable to us in supporting us keep a presence in Cookstown.

All the work would not be possible without the support of our funders:

- Department for Communities
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Halifax Foundation NI
- Mid Ulster District Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
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A special appreciation goes out to the committee and volunteers for their unwavering dedication and support this year, their input is crucial.

None of the management committee received remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also appreciates the continued and invaluable support from InVOLve (NI).

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Achievements and Performance

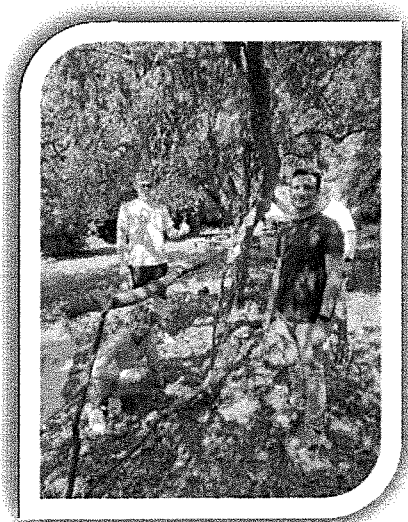
The following is an update on what Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre has achieved during 2023 - 2024.

- 301 new volunteers were registered
 - Assisted and supported volunteering placement organisations
 - Organised 7 "turn up, take part", volunteering opportunities that provide one off opportunities for people to volunteer
 - Promote opportunities for volunteering
 - Participated in events recognising the value of volunteering in the Mid Ulster area
 - Actively aim to increase the number of volunteers from under-represented groups including persons with a disability; older people; and people from the most disadvantaged areas
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- Provide advice to Volunteering Placement Organisations
 - Offer training and health checks to all new volunteer placement organisations
 - 214 Access NI's were processed during this year
 - Organised 3 Corporate Volunteering Days

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre continued to promote volunteer opportunities during this time, as well as offering organisations help with policies, volunteer management, procedures and any concerns an organisation may have. We continue to support organisations with information and guidance and refer them to other organisations such as NICVA, RCN, CWSAN, CiNI when required for example regarding risk assessments, funding and training etc.

EPIC Awards

Our new EPIC (Empowering People In Communities) Volunteer Awards initiative, in conjunction with Volunteer Centres NI rewards volunteers who make a commitment of at least 50 hours within any 12 month period. We think that our volunteers make an EPIC contribution to the community, and that's why we have set up an initiative to reward volunteers of all ages and across all sorts of organisations. Volunteering is vital to community life; it is the heart of our community with people giving their time freely for the benefit of others.



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Volunteers' Week 2023

We launched Volunteers' Week with a Volunteer Recognition Reception for EPIC Volunteers and Organisations hosted by Chair of Mid Ulster District Council Councillor Córa Corry.



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Friday 2 June, we hosted at Lissan House an Afternoon Tea Party and House tour, working alongside volunteers from Lissan. We were delighted to have Linda McAuley MBE from BBC Radio Ulster attending and speaking with volunteers and finding out more about volunteering in Mid Ulster. Her chats with volunteers featured on her Volunteers' Week programme which aired the following Saturday helping promote volunteering, the organisations and hopefully inspired potential volunteers.



Training

110+ volunteers received training on Safeguarding, Good Governance, Induction to Impact, Basic First Aid and Food Safety. Proper training equips volunteers with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their roles effectively, fostering confidence and commitment. Well-trained volunteers are more likely to engage meaningfully with the community they assist, leading to better outcomes for the projects they support. Ultimately, investing in volunteer training not only empowers individuals but also strengthens the overall effectiveness of organisations and community initiatives.

The Base

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Throughout the year Magherafelt and Cookstown Base members, NHSCT Day Opportunities Service Users and Volunteer Centre Staff and volunteers took part in group volunteering with various organisations.

In November members of the Base Cookstown and Volunteer Centre staff enjoyed a morning volunteering with Sunflower Support NI at their allotments based at Springhill



In December during International Volunteer Day and the theme for 2023 being "If everyone did..." the Base Magherafelt started their annual wrapping challenge for Hope Magherafelt's Christmas Appeal. They wrapped over 300 pairs of Pyjamas which were then donated with food hampers to families in need in our local area over Christmas. Members of the Base Magherafelt also helped during December with the annual Christmas Lunch for our Forever Young project for those over 60. During the last week before Christmas break, Cookstown Base teamed up with The Hub BT80 in Cookstown to make and donate 240 pieces of shortbread to be used and given to those attending The Hub BT80's Christmas lunch on Christmas Day.



Throughout the year we continued to work fortnightly on our Kindness Rock Garden based at Maghera Walled Garden. We have two regular volunteers from Day Opportunities and also both Cookstown and Magherafelt Base members helped to create Kindness Rocks. During the summer we planted and harvested potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, broad beans, onions, lettuce, kale, courgettes and broccoli.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their commitment and contribution in their support of The Base service users in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Forever Young Project

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This is the first year of the Forever Young project funded by National Lottery Community Fund. A new Project Leader and Project Assistant were appointed for this 4 year programme. Over the course of the year, we have continued to run an extensive schedule of classes and activities that reflect the needs and wishes of the members.

This has been trial and error when introducing new classes however using taster sessions and activity questionnaires has helped to gauge what the community want to engage in.

As the demographics are changing and we have an ageing population, the age to join is now 60+ with some wavering made to those under age bracket whom may be facing social isolation, loneliness, mental illness or disability.

The programme continues to see consistent numbers attending the classes; luncheon club, chair exercise, crochet, talks/information sessions. The talks included scams, TAKE 5 steps to health and well-being, STEP on benefits and budgeting, energy efficiency and home safety delivered by the Council and gut health. These were received positively and had on average 20 in attendance in each of these workshops. These will continue to occur throughout the following year to include topics that are relative to older people.

We also had 2 cooking sessions '7 days 7 dinners' pilot by Public Health Agency (PHA) which was funded by PHA. These had great interest; we had hoped for people to receive 2 sessions however because numbers were high, we had to split among 2 sessions. We would be keen to continue these workshops based on the interest and health/educational benefits.

A part of the funding application was to start up a Men's Group. We held a celebration morning in November 2023 where we cooked a fry and gauged ideas and thoughts of what a men's group would look like for them. We had 20+ in attendance and got new registrations. We have held men specific sessions including prostate cancer talk, visit from wartime memorial, cooking session. AGE NI's Good Vibrations (men's programme) came to talk to the men on health and well-being. We have also worked in partnership with Sperrin's Men Shed which a few of the men enjoyed planting some vegetables and others built a bench and some planters. This is something we plan to develop further. It has been difficult engaging the men on a consistent basis and we will need to look into this further to see how we can overcome this challenge.

Other things we have held over the past year has been; chair yoga, line dancing, wreath making workshop, craft workshops, painting classes, trip to Portstewart, Christmas pantomime, Christmas dinner (we had the pleasure of having pupils from local school's carol singing during this), coffee mornings and afternoon tea.

The consistent numbers attending classes/workshops each week demonstrates the need for the programme and through evaluations it is evident the benefits it has to our members.

Have met new friends at the Tuesday luncheon club and look forward to going as much as I can."

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"A very welcome addition for all people in the area. Good variety of classes."

"The different classes provided give an opportunity to try new things e.g painting/line dancing – they provide stimulation of the mind and physical exercise in a fun way. Opportunity to meet new people is also invaluable."

"The Forever Young Project has given me faith in others again, knowing that other people care about my overall health means so much to me as I am my husband's main carer, his health really put our lives on hold, I felt I was only existing but the project has changed that for me."

"As a pensioner I enjoy the social side of the class."

"I have learned a new skill."

"I think it is great to go to these things I would be lost without the project."

"The class has increased my interest and my desire to get out. Meeting people and learning to do something worthwhile like crochet and many different things."

"It is vital that the project continues."

"Great to get out of the house and meet new people."

The project's aim is to combat loneliness and reduce social isolation and it is clear that this is actively being achieved with members reporting they have met new friends, feel less isolated and lonely, gives them a reason to go out and improved mental health. In addition, the extensive range of classes, workshops/talks and lunches supports and promotes the aim of the project to improve overall health and well-being.

We will continue to provide a variety of activities ensuring we are reaching the needs and interests of all beneficiaries whilst ensuring they are beneficial to improving overall health and well-being and/or reducing loneliness and cost effective.

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In 2023/24, total incoming resources were £248,689 (2022/23 £243,027)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities, The National lottery Community Fund and Tesco bags for help.

Total expenditure for 2023/24 was £238,667 (2022/2023 £230,651)

The Charity was in a healthy financial position at the year-end, with net current assets of £129,934.

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Related Party Transactions

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses. During the year none of the trustees were reimbursed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charitable company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with, and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. 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.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.


The trustees confirm that they have made available to R T J Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board


Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

Date: 18th November 2024

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 106396

Annual return

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MID ULSTER VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the charitable company trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charitable company's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The charitable company trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 65 of the Charities Act thereunder;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the charitable company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Trustees' Annual report for the year.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the charitable company trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP, and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Ann-Marie O'Neill FCA
R T J ROSS & CO
Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
Cookstown
Co Tyrone
BT80 8PA
Northern Ireland

Date: 18th November 2024

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 106396

Accounts

Company Number: NI040301
HMRC Number: XR43114
Charity Number: NIC106396

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

R T J Ross & Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
44 Molesworth Street
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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs Mary Devlin Mr Gerard Lynch Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin Mr Michael Murphy Mr Joseph Wilson Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Company Secretary	Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
HMRC number	XR43114
Company Number	NI040301
Charity Number	NIC106396
Registered Office and Principal Address	20 Queen Street Magherafelt Co Londonderry BT45 6AB Northern Ireland
Accountants	R T J Ross & Co Chartered Accountants 44 Molesworth Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PA Northern Ireland
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The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 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 company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 28 February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Management Committee as at the 31 March 2023

May Devlin	Chairperson
Gerry Lynch	Vice Chairperson
Michael Murphy	Treasurer
Joseph Wilson	
Josephine McGuckin	
Rachael Jane Jeffers	

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The company seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place reviewed annually to ensure their relevance.

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The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as set out in our Articles are to advance community development by promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster and by supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre aims to advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also aims to promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Summary of Main Activities

Although Covid was still there during this period we still continued to develop and evolve making sure we provided the right service provision specific to the individual or the group during this time. For those who wish to volunteer we offer a one to one person centred approach which enables us to assess each individual's needs. We advise the individual in choosing the most suitable volunteer placement for both volunteer and organisation.

In close liaison with placement organisations, volunteer roles are identified and developed in order to match suitable volunteers with suitable volunteer roles. In turn any support needs are recognised and addressed. We are attentive to all new services and initiatives and when appropriate we inform them of who we are and how we can help.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI. The Centre has dedicated and knowledgeable staff who are on hand to provide organisations with the necessary guidance. We are committed to helping volunteers access opportunities, helping to reduce barriers to participation and enabling voluntary groups to make safe recruitment decisions when involving volunteers.

In addition, we provide training to volunteers and volunteer involving organisations within Mid Ulster. We work in partnership with various organisations to help facilitate training relevant to local needs and requirements. The Volunteer Centre provides information, advice and support to:

- people who would like to volunteer or find out more about volunteering
- organisations who engage or want to involve volunteers
- agencies who refer volunteers to our Centre for advice and support.

Further to our database of volunteers, organisations and volunteer opportunities we rely heavily on our website, social media, and volunteer opportunity booklets to deliver the best service possible.

All the work would not be possible without the support of our funders:

- Department for Communities
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Halifax Foundation NI
- Mid Ulster District Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Public Health Agency

The Centre would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the community and voluntary organisations and statutory organisations who liaise on a regular basis and especially for the support offered in various training workshops.

We are eternally grateful to InVOLve (NI) committee for their continued support and dedication to Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre.

The Volunteer Centre has a very committed Management Committee. We sincerely value this input.

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Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre seeks to encourage social inclusion by working with the community to help further personal development through volunteering and/or training.

The Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI, and has been providing a discreet, professional vetting service for volunteer involving organisations since Access NI was introduced in April 2008. The Volunteer Centre adopts an ethos of empowerment, believing this is fundamental for improving health and wellbeing and increasing individuals' and communities' control over their lives and their health.

In addition to recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers with a range of community-based organisations across Mid Ulster. The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to provide an alternative to traditional day-care. 'The Base', which is a project for local people with learning disabilities which empowers them to access local community services and facilities and facilitates social inclusion and the development of friendships.

The 'Carefully Yours' Project, uses a comprehensive programme of activities to promote positive health and wellbeing among older people, including those in the early stage of dementia. It also aims to create awareness of the risks presented to older people as well as to provide support for caregivers.

We were delighted to receive the Strategic Community Development Grant from Mid Ulster District Council. This grant has been invaluable to us in supporting us keep a presence in Cookstown.

Achievements and Performance

The following is an update on what Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre has achieved during 2022 – 2023.

- 341 new additional volunteers were registered
- Assisted and supported 24 volunteering placement organisations
- Organised 6 "turn up, take part", volunteering opportunities that provide immediate opportunities for people to volunteer
- Promote opportunities for volunteering
- Participated in events recognising the value of volunteering in the Mid Ulster area
- Actively aim to increase the number of volunteers from under-represented groups including persons with a disability; older people; and people from the most disadvantaged areas
- Provide advice to Volunteering Placement Organisations
- Offer training and health checks to all new volunteer placement organisations

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre continued to promote volunteer opportunities during this time, as well as offering organisations help with policies, volunteer management, procedures and any concerns an organisation may have. We continue to support organisations with information and guidance and refer them to other organisations such as NICVA, RCN, CWSAN, CINI when required for example regarding COVID – risk assessments, return to premises, funding and training.

Volunteers' Week

Our theme this year was '**Restart – Recruit – Reward**'.

Restart – As many organisations were starting to reopen after COVID we organised various training sessions to help them restart their groups etc. A total of 109 participants took part in safeguarding, designated officer training, Makaton and First Aid.

Recruit – Throughout the week we also promoted volunteering and opportunities. We created 10 reasons why people volunteer, flyers, shared volunteer stories and videos. We also held information stands to reach new volunteers with our local community

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Reward – Throughout the week we presented EPIC Volunteers Awards for 50, 100 and 200 hours and also offered organisations the opportunity to avail of FREE Volunteers' Week Certificates.

During the week we launched our Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre Promotional video and a video with other members of Volunteer Centres NI explaining who we are as a collective group and why we collaborate together for the greater good of volunteering in Northern Ireland.

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to provide an alternative to traditional day-care. 'The Base', which is a project for local people with learning disabilities which empowers them to access local community services and facilities and facilitates social inclusion and the development of friendships.

Throughout the year Magherafelt and Cookstown Base members, Day Opportunities Service Users and Volunteer Centre Staff and volunteers took part in group volunteering with various organisations.

The Magherafelt Base enjoy volunteering weekly with our Carefully Yours Luncheon Club setting up for their weekly lunch for those over 60's, some Base members also enjoy serving and helping out during the lunch.

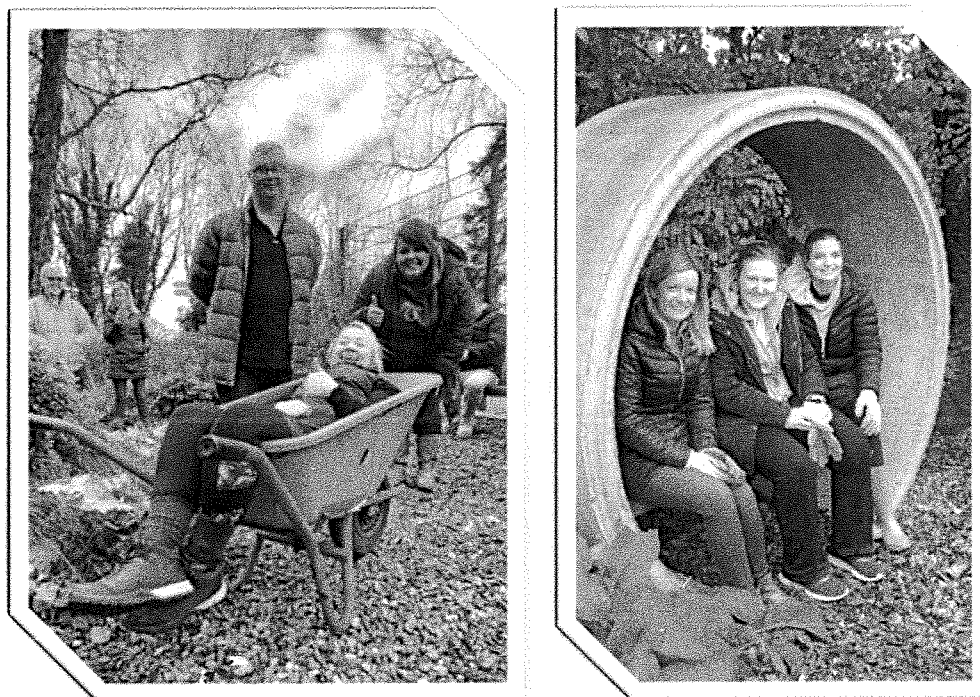
In October six members of the Base Cookstown and Volunteer Centre Staff enjoyed a morning volunteering with Sunflower Support NI at their allotments based at Springhill. Shauna from Sunflower Support NI said, "Lovely having the Cookstown Base over to volunteer with us this morning. We had a great morning despite the rain, the wildlife are happy with all the bird feeders and bug hotel created and all the weeding and the lovely sign to brighten up the space".



"I just loved today and thank you so much for organising and any other days planned volunteering let me know" -- Base Member

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November saw 10 Magherafelt Base members, 5 NHSCT Day Opportunities staff and Volunteer Centre staff join Upperalands Community Development to help clean up their community garden.



There are days that are 'successful' and there are days that are not.

But then there are very rare days that are so positive, it does your heart good.

WE LOVED OUR MORNING WITH YOU GUYS!! "

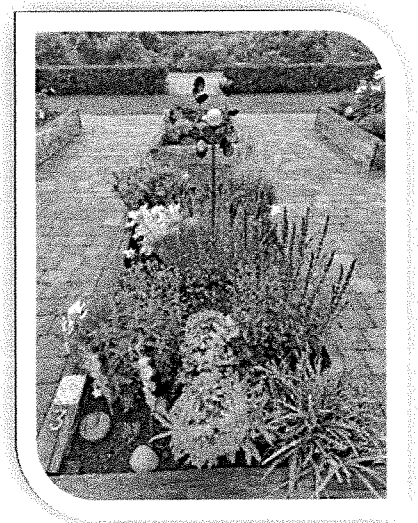
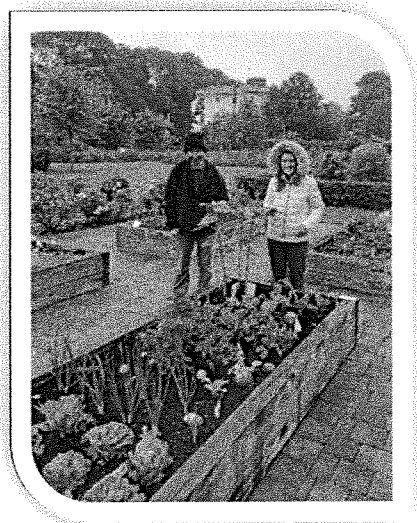
Garry - Upperalands Community Development

November was a busy month for the Base Magherafelt members and staff as they took the challenge of wrapping 400 PJ's and blankets to help out Hope Magherafelt with their Christmas Appeal. They also were joined for a day by 6 employees from a local business CDE who donated their time to help out their community. In total 16 base members, 4 NHSCT staff and 1 volunteer took part. CDE Employees said *"We all had a fantastic time, thank you for welcoming us into your centre, and pass on our thanks to the base for our friendly welcome, and letting us help out with the wrapping. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day!"*

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Throughout the year we continued to work fortnightly on our Kindness Rock Garden based at Maghera Walled Garden. We have two regular volunteers from Day Opportunities and also both Cookstown and Magherafelt Base members helped to create Kindness Rocks. During the summer we planted and harvested tomatoes, broad beans, onions, lettuce, kale, courgettes and broccoli. Next year we hope to plant Potatoes and cabbage as requested by the volunteers.



The two volunteers and staff also attended an outdoor community gardening event at Maghera Walled Garden in conjunction with The Conservation Volunteers and Y.Z. 'Feels to be True'. The event promoted environmentally friendly gardening and encouraged gardeners to start growing fruit and veg in a wildlife friendly manner. Our thanks to Mid Ulster District Council for organising.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their commitment and contribution in their support of The Base service users in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

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Carefully Yours Project

Over the course of five years, the Carefully Yours project has made consistent gains in reaching a wide cross section on the community over the age of 55 in the Magherafelt area and providing an attractive and engaging programme of activities and services to meet needs. Staff have been flexible in their approach to service delivery and open to changing things that are not working or have limited benefit and appeal

The project has engaged high numbers of participants on an annual basis. Evaluation feedback from participants is overwhelmingly positive, with people reporting;

- Improved physical health
- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Increased social interaction
- Increased connections and friendships
- Reductions in loneliness and isolation
- Enjoying life and feeling positive about the future
- Reduced reliance on medications and primary health services
- Increased skills and knowledge
- Greater awareness of issues affecting and services for older people
- Feeling safe and valued

All of these positive impacts contribute to improving quality of life and the two main programme outcomes whereby people feel and are able to make changes that improve their lives and feel confident to develop and build on their skills and strengths which in turn enhances a sense of wellbeing and independence.

The majority of participants who engaged with the evaluation stated that they did not know what they would do without the project. But to have both statutory and other community and voluntary sector stakeholders say the same thing is hugely significant. One participant described the project as a Godsend. It is very clearly a lifeline.

180+ registered users attended various activities each week, such as:

- Chair Exercise
- Crochet
- Luncheon Club
- Yoga
- Afternoon Tea
- Information Sessions

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"I am 90 years of age and live on my own. I value my independence but now I'm confined to using a mobility scooter. Without it I wouldn't be out of the house at all.

I've been coming here for over 5 years. When the grand children were young, they'd come into the house during term-time and my wife would feed them. She was a good cook. They would show me how to use the laptop and iPad but when they went off to University, I realised I'd been relying on them. Thought I'd better do something about it so I came to all the iPad classes. The objectives weren't extensive! Send/receive emails, order online and look up bit and pieces of information for gardening and woodwork.

When my wife died it was the classes that got me out of the house twice a week, the value was the outing. I've also been coming to the Luncheon Club on a Tuesday and the monthly Afternoon Teas and meet a lot of people that way.

If I wasn't here, I would be sitting in the house like a hermit. I was always an active person with a great interest in gardening and fruit growing. I can't do so much gardening now but still grow fruit. My hearing's not so good and I wear a hearing aid. Age NI come out and help with any phone problems and the Good Morning calls 5 days a week are a great outlet if I'm feeling grumpy! Without these agencies I would have been lost.

I've lost a lot of friends in recent years and don't have many left. But I have made some excellent new friends by coming here. One gentleman I met here visits me every Saturday night.

The staff here look after me like I'm their Grandpa. Coming here keeps me active and has given me the oomph to get up and go and never short of energy to do the things I want to. I say "Stay positive. Never say die."

Participant

"As an elderly person who lives alone, the project has been a life saver in many ways. It has given me something to look forward to every week, improve my mood, sense of wellbeing and introduced me to cherished friends."

Participant

"It has helped me to develop a routine in the week, to keep me more alert and physically and mentally more active. Give me companionship as I am alone, so it's a bit of normality in my life. Keeps me informed of that which is available in the area and the general kindness of the people."

Participant

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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Financial Review

In 2022/23, total incoming resources were £243,027 (2021/22 £205,117)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities, The National lottery Community Fund and Tesco bags for help.

Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £230,651 (2021/2022 £215,379)

The Charity was in a healthy financial position at the year-end, with current assets of £114,638.

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Related Party Transactions

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses. During the year none of the trustees were reimbursed.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charitable company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with, and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. 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.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have made available to R T J Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board



Mrs Mary Devlin

Date: 5th December 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MID ULSTER VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the charitable company trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charitable company's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The charitable company trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 65 of the Charities Act thereunder;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the charitable company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Trustees' Annual report for the year.

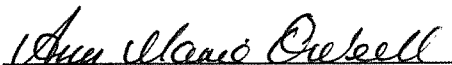
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the charitable company trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP, and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Ann-Marie O'Neill FCA
R T J ROSS & CO
Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
Cookstown
Co Tyrone
BT80 8PA
Northern Ireland

Date: 5th December 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Generated funds:					
Voluntary income					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities					
Grants	2	72,970	162,289	235,259	203,477
Other Trading activities					
Training Income		-	-	-	-
Resource Service Income		7,768	-	7,768	1,640
Total incoming resources		80,738	162,289	243,027	205,117
Net Incoming Resources available for charitable application		80,738	162,289	243,027	205,117
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
Promotion, support & development of volunteering		53,934	96,935	150,869	141,454
Wellbeing and personal development		-	79,782	79,782	73,925
		53,934	176,717	230,651	215,379
Total Resources Expended	3	53,934	176,717	230,651	215,379
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		26,804	(14,428)	(12,376)	(10,262)
Net movement in funds for the year		26,804	(14,428)	12,376	(10,262)
Reconciliation of funds					
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2022		65,715	58,689	124,404	134,666
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		92,519	44,261	136,780	124,404

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Company Number: NI40301

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2023


	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	22,142	29,339
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	5,660	-
Cash and cash equivalents		114,150	97,046
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	119,810 (5,172)	97,046 (1,981)
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Net Current Assets		114,638	95,065
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		136,780	124,404
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Funds			
Restricted trust funds		44,261	58,689
General fund (unrestricted)		92,519	65,715
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Total funds	10	136,780	124,404
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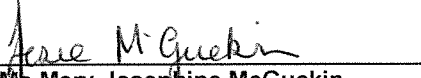
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under Section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss 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 charitable company.

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 5th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by


Mrs Mary Deylin
Trustee


Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2023

General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 21 Queen Street, Magherafelt, Co Londonderry, BT45 6AB.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland". The statement of Recommended Practice applicable in charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS102)(Charities SORP(FRS102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Involve (NI) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Cash flow statement

The charitable company has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charitable company.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Unrestricted free reserves

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Management Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the company.

Going Concern

The charity maintains a good level of liquidity. Having considered the circumstances, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the charitable company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charitable company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charitable company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme Policy

Contributions to defined contributions plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Straight line
Computer Equipment	-	33.3% Straight line

Taxation

This organisation is a charity, therefore there is no liability to corporation tax.

1. NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	7,197	10,141
Independent Examiner's remuneration: -independent examination services	2,500	2,500
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

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2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants				
Department for Communities	-	44,741	44,741	47,096
Mid Ulster District Council	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	72,970	35,142	108,112	102,895
Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland	-	4,000	4,000	-
Tesco: Bags for Help Scheme	-	-	-	1,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	25,000	25,000	-
The Big Lottery	-	46,486	46,486	46,486
Public Health Agency	-	920	920	-
Totals	<u>72,970</u>	<u>162,289</u>	<u>235,259</u>	<u>203,477</u>

3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Promotion, Support & Development of Volunteering				
Other costs				
Programme costs	360	7,505	7,865	280
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	3,695
Luncheon Club	-	-	-	-
Salaries, wages & pensions	33,189	61,806	94,995	93,801
Training	341	-	341	2,259
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	433	330	763	516
Depreciation	1,124	3,073	4,197	7,141
Donations	-	-	-	-
Travel & subsistence costs	1,993	1,320	3,313	1,542
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	1,651
	<u>37,440</u>	<u>74,034</u>	<u>111,474</u>	<u>110,885</u>
Support costs:	15,024	21,871	36,895	27,974
Governance Costs:	1,470	1,030	2,500	2,595
Totals	<u>53,934</u>	<u>96,935</u>	<u>150,869</u>	<u>141,454</u>

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3. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (cont'd)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wellbeing and personal development				
Other costs				
Programme costs	-	-	-	1,738
Volunteer Week expenses	-	-	-	-
Luncheon Club	-	3,287	3,287	1,927
Salaries, wages & pensions	-	43,709	43,709	45,091
Training	-	3,800	3,800	3,880
Accommodation, Catering and Hospitality	-	5,734	5,734	5,712
Depreciation	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Evaluation	-	4,500	4,500	-
Travel & subsistence costs	-	3,260	3,260	3,025
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-
	-	67,290	67,290	64,373
Support costs:	-	12,492	12,492	8,252
Governance Costs:	-	-	-	1,300
	-	79,782	79,782	73,925

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Support Costs : allocated on time				
Premises costs	3,912	31,957	35,869	25,678
Office costs	11,112	2,406	13,518	10,548
	15,024	34,363	49,387	36,226
Governance Costs				
Accountancy services	1,470	1,030	2,500	2,500
Legal and Professional	-	-	-	1,395
	16,494	35,393	51,887	40,121

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5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Employee's	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	133,365	133,042
Pension costs	5,339	5,849
	<u>138,704</u>	<u>138,891</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	112,930	10,174	123,104
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>112,930</u>	<u>10,174</u>	<u>123,104</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	83,987	9,778	93,765
Charge for the year	6,911	286	7,197
At 31 March 2023	<u>90,898</u>	<u>10,064</u>	<u>100,962</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>22,032</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>22,142</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>28,943</u>	<u>396</u>	<u>29,339</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts owed by connected parties (Note 12)	-	-
Other debtors	5,660	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>5,660</u>	<u>-</u>

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8. CREDITORS	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Bank overdrafts	3,672	-
Other creditors	1,500	-
Taxation and social security costs	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,981
	<u>5,172</u>	<u>1,981</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Restricted income				
Restricted	19,981	24,280	-	44,261
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	2,161	95,530	(5,172)	92,519
	<u>22,142</u>	<u>119,810</u>	<u>(5,172)</u>	<u>136,780</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance 31 March 2023 £
Restricted income				
Restricted	58,689	162,289	(176,717)	44,261
Unrestricted income				
Unrestricted	65,715	80,738	(53,934)	92,519
Total funds	<u>124,404</u>	<u>243,027</u>	<u>(230,651)</u>	<u>136,780</u>

11. STATUS

The charitable company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £ 1.

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charitable company had transactions with other connected parties. The following amounts are receivable at the year-end:

Balance 2023 £	Movement in year £	Balance 2022 £	Maximum in year £
-	-	-	-

The following amounts are due to other connected parties:

2023 £	2022 £
-	-

Net balances with other connected parties:

2023 £	2022 £
-	-

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106396

Annual report

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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs Mary Devlin Mr Gerard Lynch Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin Mr Michael Murphy Mr Joseph Wilson Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers
Company Secretary	Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
HMRC number	XR43114
Company Number	NI040301
Charity Number	NIC106396
Registered Office and Principal Address	20 Queen Street Magherafelt Co Londonderry BT45 6AB Northern Ireland
Accountants	R T J Ross & Co Chartered Accountants 44 Molesworth Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PA Northern Ireland
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 11 Market Street Magherafelt Co Londonderry BT45 6EE

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 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 company's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, other applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), FRS102 and with the financial reporting standards applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, having been incorporated on 28 February 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Article of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is committed to the principles of Corporate Governance; and through the development of various manuals, will capture all internal and external processes and procedures. The detailing of the company's activities in this way will ensure we follow best practice guidelines and demonstrate appropriate openness, transparency and accountability in all of our business activities.

Embracing Corporate Governance ensures that as an organisation we adhere to the highest standards of integrity in carrying out our business and managing our finances. The company is fully aware of its responsibilities and the need for accountability, particularly in relation to the management of public money.

Management Committee as at the 31 March 2023

May Devlin Chairperson
Gerry Lynch Vice Chairperson
Michael Murphy Treasurer
Joseph Wilson
Josephine McGuckin
Rachael Jane Jeffers

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Appropriate systems and internal controls are in place throughout the charity's processes and procedures to provide clear accountability and to mitigate those risks which the charity faces.

The company seeks to maintain high standards in the management of risk and the processes in place reviewed annually to ensure their relevance.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Mrs Mary Devlin
Mr Gerard Lynch
Mr Michael Murphy
Mr Joseph Wilson
Ms Mary Josephine McGuckin
Ms Rachael Jane Jeffers

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre as set out in our Articles are to advance community development by promoting and providing volunteering opportunities and activities for the benefit of individuals and communities throughout Mid Ulster and by supporting and developing the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations in charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mid Ulster.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre aims to advance education and training for the public benefit by delivering training and mentoring to volunteers, staff and directors / management committee members of volunteering-involving organisations in the area of benefit.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre also aims to promote personal development with a view to enabling the community to enhance their social and personal skills and develop and participate in valued roles in the community.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Summary of Main Activities

Although Covid was still there during this period we still continued to develop and evolve making sure we provided the right service provision specific to the individual or the group during this time. For those who wish to volunteer we offer a one to one person centred approach which enables us to assess each individual's needs. We advise the individual in choosing the most suitable volunteer placement for both volunteer and organisation.

In close liaison with placement organisations, volunteer roles are identified and developed in order to match suitable volunteers with suitable volunteer roles. In turn any support needs are recognised and addressed. We are attentive to all new services and initiatives and when appropriate we inform them of who we are and how we can help.

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI. The Centre has dedicated and knowledgeable staff who are on hand to provide organisations with the necessary guidance. We are committed to helping volunteers access opportunities, helping to reduce barriers to participation and enabling voluntary groups to make safe recruitment decisions when involving volunteers.

In addition, we provide training to volunteers and volunteer involving organisations within Mid Ulster. We work in partnership with various organisations to help facilitate training relevant to local needs and requirements. The Volunteer Centre provides information, advice and support to:

- people who would like to volunteer or find out more about volunteering
- organisations who engage or want to involve volunteers
- agencies who refer volunteers to our Centre for advice and support.

Further to our database of volunteers, organisations and volunteer opportunities we rely heavily on our website, social media, and volunteer opportunity booklets to deliver the best service possible.

All the work would not be possible without the support of our funders:

- Department for Communities
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Halifax Foundation NI
- Mid Ulster District Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Public Health Agency

The Centre would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the community and voluntary organisations and statutory organisations who liaise on a regular basis and especially for the support offered in various training workshops.

We are eternally grateful to InVOLve (NI) committee for their continued support and dedication to Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre.

The Volunteer Centre has a very committed Management Committee. We sincerely value this input.

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Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre seeks to encourage social inclusion by working with the community to help further personal development through volunteering and/or training.

The Volunteer Centre is a registered Umbrella Body with Access NI, and has been providing a discreet, professional vetting service for volunteer involving organisations since Access NI was introduced in April 2008. The Volunteer Centre adopts an ethos of empowerment, believing this is fundamental for improving health and wellbeing and increasing individuals' and communities' control over their lives and their health.

In addition to recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers with a range of community-based organisations across Mid Ulster. The Volunteer Centre works in partnership with the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to provide an alternative to traditional day-care. 'The Base', which is a project for local people with learning disabilities which empowers them to access local community services and facilities and facilitates social inclusion and the development of friendships.

The 'Carefully Yours' Project, uses a comprehensive programme of activities to promote positive health and wellbeing among older people, including those in the early stage of dementia. It also aims to create awareness of the risks presented to older people as well as to provide support for caregivers.

We were delighted to receive the Strategic Community Development Grant from Mid Ulster District Council. This grant has been invaluable to us in supporting us keep a presence in Cookstown.

Achievements and Performance

The following is an update on what Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre has achieved during 2022 – 2023.

- 341 new additional volunteers were registered
- Assisted and supported 24 volunteering placement organisations
- Organised 6 "turn up, take part", volunteering opportunities that provide immediate opportunities for people to volunteer
- Promote opportunities for volunteering
- Participated in events recognising the value of volunteering in the Mid Ulster area
- Actively aim to increase the number of volunteers from under-represented groups including persons with a disability; older people; and people from the most disadvantaged areas
- Provide advice to Volunteering Placement Organisations
- Offer training and health checks to all new volunteer placement organisations

Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre continued to promote volunteer opportunities during this time, as well as offering organisations help with policies, volunteer management, procedures and any concerns an organisation may have. We continue to support organisations with information and guidance and refer them to other organisations such as NICVA, RCN, CWSAN, CINI when required for example regarding COVID – risk assessments, return to premises, funding and training.

Volunteers' Week

Our theme this year was '*Restart – Recruit – Reward*'.

Restart – As many organisations were starting to reopen after COVID we organised various training sessions to help them restart their groups etc. A total of 109 participants took part in safeguarding, designated officer training, Makaton and First Aid.

Recruit – Throughout the week we also promoted volunteering and opportunities. We created 10 reasons why people volunteer, flyers, shared volunteer stories and videos. We also held information stands to reach new volunteers with our local community

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Reward – Throughout the week we presented EPIC Volunteers Awards for 50, 100 and 200 hours and also offered organisations the opportunity to avail of FREE Volunteers' Week Certificates.

During the week we launched our Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre Promotional video and a video with other members of Volunteer Centres NI explaining who we are as a collective group and why we collaborate together for the greater good of volunteering in Northern Ireland.

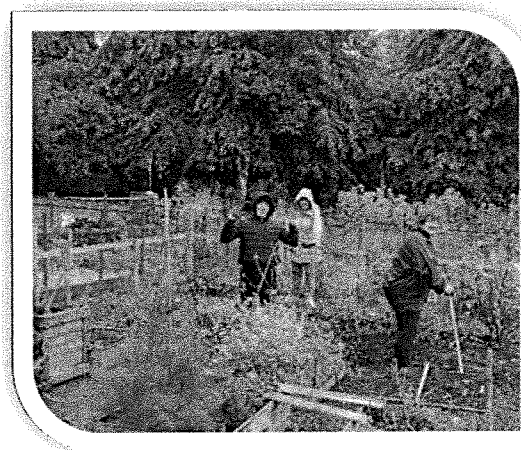
Northern Health and Social Care Trust

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Throughout the year Magherafelt and Cookstown Base members, Day Opportunities Service Users and Volunteer Centre Staff and volunteers took part in group volunteering with various organisations.

The Magherafelt Base enjoy volunteering weekly with our Carefully Yours Luncheon Club setting up for their weekly lunch for those over 60's, some Base members also enjoy serving and helping out during the lunch.

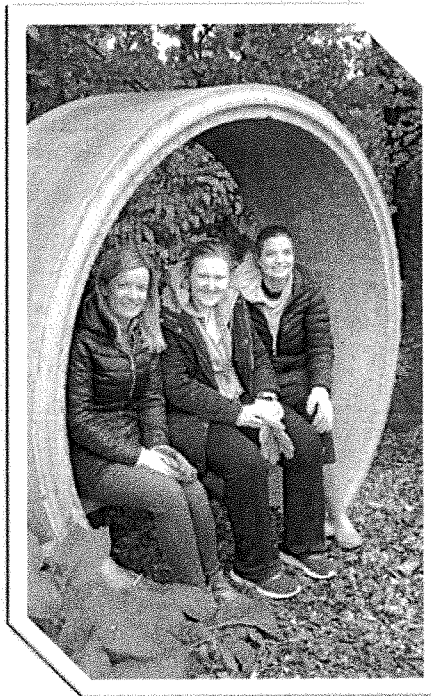
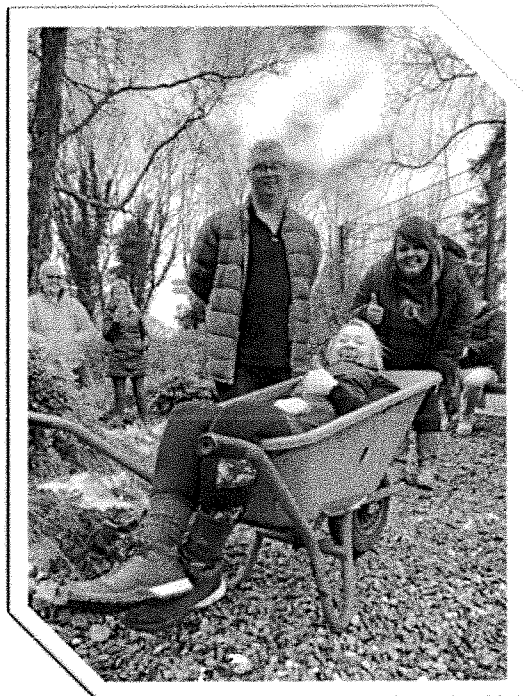
In October six members of the Base Cookstown and Volunteer Centre Staff enjoyed a morning volunteering with Sunflower Support NI at their allotments based at Springhill. Shauna from Sunflower Support NI said, "Lovely having the Cookstown Base over to volunteer with us this morning. We had a great morning despite the rain, the wildlife are happy with all the bird feeders and bug hotel created and all the weeding and the lovely sign to brighten up the space".



"I just loved today and thank you so much for organising and any other days planned volunteering let me know" -- Base Member

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November saw 10 Magherafelt Base members, 5 NHSCT Day Opportunities staff and Volunteer Centre staff join Upperlands Community Development to help clean up their community garden.



There are days that are 'successful' and there are days that are not.

But then there are very rare days that are so positive, it does your heart good.

WE LOVED OUR MORNING WITH YOU GUYS!! "

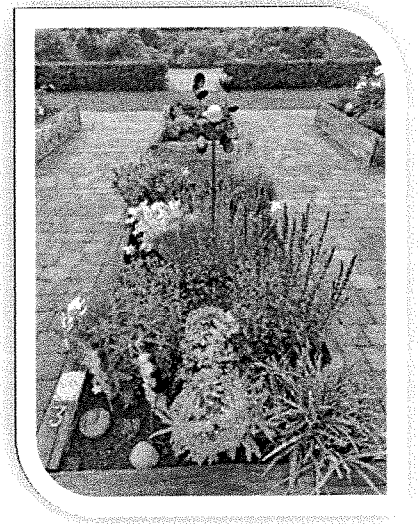
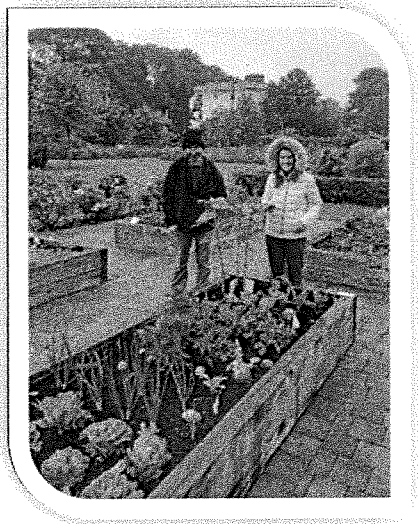
Garry - Upperlands Community Development

November was a busy month for the Base Magherafelt members and staff as they took the challenge of wrapping 400 PJ's and blankets to help out Hope Magherafelt with their Christmas Appeal. They also were joined for a day by 6 employees from a local business CDE who donated their time to help out their community. In total 16 base members, 4 NHSCT staff and 1 volunteer took part. CDE Employees said *"We all had a fantastic time, thank you for welcoming us into your centre, and pass on our thanks to the base for our friendly welcome, and letting us help out with the wrapping. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day!"*

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Throughout the year we continued to work fortnightly on our Kindness Rock Garden based at Maghera Walled Garden. We have two regular volunteers from Day Opportunities and also both Cookstown and Magherafelt Base members helped to create Kindness Rocks. During the summer we planted and harvested tomatoes, broad beans, onions, lettuce, kale, courgettes and broccoli. Next year we hope to plant Potatoes and cabbage as requested by the volunteers.



The two volunteers and staff also attended an outdoor community gardening event at Maghera Walled Garden in conjunction with The Conservation Volunteers and Y.Z. 'Feels to be True'. The event promoted environmentally friendly gardening and encouraged gardeners to start growing fruit and veg in a wildlife friendly manner. Our thanks to Mid Ulster District Council for organising.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their commitment and contribution in their support of The Base service users in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

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Carefully Yours Project

Over the course of five years, the Carefully Yours project has made consistent gains in reaching a wide cross section on the community over the age of 55 in the Magherafelt area and providing an attractive and engaging programme of activities and services to meet needs. Staff have been flexible in their approach to service delivery and open to changing things that are not working or have limited benefit and appeal

The project has engaged high numbers of participants on an annual basis. Evaluation feedback from participants is overwhelmingly positive, with people reporting;

- Improved physical health
- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Increased social interaction
- Increased connections and friendships
- Reductions in loneliness and isolation
- Enjoying life and feeling positive about the future
- Reduced reliance on medications and primary health services
- Increased skills and knowledge
- Greater awareness of issues affecting and services for older people
- Feeling safe and valued

All of these positive impacts contribute to improving quality of life and the two main programme outcomes whereby people feel and are able to make changes that improve their lives and feel confident to develop and build on their skills and strengths which in turn enhances a sense of wellbeing and independence.

The majority of participants who engaged with the evaluation stated that they did not know what they would do without the project. But to have both statutory and other community and voluntary sector stakeholders say the same thing is hugely significant. One participant described the project as a Godsend. It is very clearly a lifeline.

180+ registered users attended various activities each week, such as:

- Chair Exercise
- Crochet
- Luncheon Club
- Yoga
- Afternoon Tea
- Information Sessions

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"I am 90 years of age and live on my own. I value my independence but now I'm confined to using a mobility scooter. Without it I wouldn't be out of the house at all.

I've been coming here for over 5 years. When the grand children were young, they'd come into the house during term-time and my wife would feed them. She was a good cook. They would show me how to use the laptop and iPad but when they went off to University, I realised I'd been relying on them. Thought I'd better do something about it so I came to all the iPad classes. The objectives weren't extensive! Send/receive emails, order online and look up bit and pieces of information for gardening and woodwork.

When my wife died it was the classes that got me out of the house twice a week, the value was the outing. I've also been coming to the Luncheon Club on a Tuesday and the monthly Afternoon Teas and meet a lot of people that way.

If I wasn't here, I would be sitting in the house like a hermit. I was always an active person with a great interest in gardening and fruit growing. I can't do so much gardening now but still grow fruit. My hearing's not so good and I wear a hearing aid. Age NI come out and help with any phone problems and the Good Morning calls 5 days a week are a great outlet if I'm feeling grumpy! Without these agencies I would have been lost.

I've lost a lot of friends in recent years and don't have many left. But I have made some excellent new friends by coming here. One gentleman I met here visits me every Saturday night.

The staff here look after me like I'm their Grandpa. Coming here keeps me active and has given me the oomph to get up and go and never short of energy to do the things I want to. I say "Stay positive. Never say die."

Participant

"As an elderly person who lives alone, the project has been a life saver in many ways. It has given me something to look forward to every week, improve my mood, sense of wellbeing and introduced me to cherished friends."

Participant

"It has helped me to develop a routine in the week, to keep me more alert and physically and mentally more active. Give me companionship as I am alone, so it's a bit of normality in my life. Keeps me informed of that which is available in the area and the general kindness of the people."

Participant

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Financial Review

In 2022/23, total incoming resources were £243,027 (2021/22 £205,117)

During the year the charity was fortunate enough to receive support from a number of sources including Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities, The National lottery Community Fund and Tesco bags for help.

Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £230,651 (2021/2022 £215,379)

The Charity was in a healthy financial position at the year-end, with current assets of £114,638.

The trustees confirm that since the year-end, it is not aware of any events that would have a material detrimental impact on its position.

Reserves Policy

The trustees of Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre have set a reserves policy which requires:

The charity to maintain a level of reserves which meets the needs of the project both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The level of reserves held are based on the need to fund unexpected expenditure and to ensure that it can fund any shortfalls in income, should income not reach expected levels.

The Board of Directors will be responsible for monitoring the level of reserves on a monthly basis.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre is currently by way of grant and contract income.

Related Party Transactions

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses. During the year none of the trustees were reimbursed.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLARATION ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charitable company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- state whether the Charities SORP (effective January 2015) in accordance with FRS 102 has been followed;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with, and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. 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.

Trustees' declaration on unaudited financial statements

In relation to the financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes:

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgements underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have made available to R T J Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants, all the charity's accounting records and provided all the information, books and documents necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all the transactions of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board


Mrs Mary Devlin

Date: 5th December 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MID ULSTER VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the charitable company trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the charitable company's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 charitable company and the charitable company's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charitable company, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The charitable company trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 65 of the Charities Act thereunder;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the charitable company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Trustees' Annual report for the year.

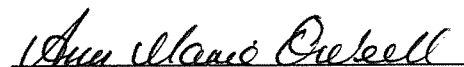
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the charitable company trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP, and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Ann-Marie O'Neill FCA
R T J ROSS & CO
Chartered Accountants
44 Molesworth Street
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Date: 5th December 2023