

John Paul II Youth Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106748

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-12-08

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

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Activities

Purposes: The club is established to provide a programme of social, spiritual, cultural, educational, recreational and youth activities in a common setting for young people and adults aged 5 - 25 living in the vicinity of the Club's premises.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£160,492	£171,916	£0	11

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ciara Smyth		
Miss Colleen Begley		
Mr Caoimhin Osborne		
Mr Connor Keenan		
Mr Danny Burns		
Mr James Mcguinness		
Mr Owen Maguire		
Ms Deirdre Murphy		
Ms Elaine Loughran		
Ms Fiona Morrison		
Ms Jacqui Maguire		
Ms Nichola Mallon		

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FUNDS RECONCILIATION

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FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Education Authority	-	103,460	103,460	98,004
EA Planned Intervention Programme	-	5,902	5,902	-
Club generated income	20,301	-	20,301	25,396
DFC Jobstart	-	5,385	5,385	1,922
HFYC Emotional Health and Wellbeing EMW	-	5,337	5,337	6,750
AYC Target Response	-	17,895	17,895	-
Grant monies	2,000	-	2,000	-
Programme monies	212	-	212	-
Total Income	22,513	137,979	160,492	132,072
PAYMENTS				
Wages & youth workers	-	-	122,849	108,928
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	700	460
Staff Costs	-	-	493	454
Uniform	-	-	-	385
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	3,597	947
Light and heat	-	-	9,144	7,449
Water rates	-	-	188	176
Cleaning	-	-	1,529	1,173
Insurance	-	-	-	7,266
Miscellaneous	-	-	571	342
Telephone	-	-	2,014	1,723
Stationery	-	-	1,360	391
Computer	-	-	240	-
Shop	-	-	7,640	5,268
Trips and residentials	-	-	2,236	1,245
Activities	-	-	142	-
Transport	-	-	1,511	2,640
Membership contributions	-	-	90	-
Bank charges	-	-	613	416
Accountancy	-	-	732	696
EA Cose	-	-	-	872
EA Underspend	-	-	10,001	-
Program cost	-	-	5,096	4,294
MIS Training	-	-	1,000	-
Write off - cheques not	-	-	-	(3,499)
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cleared				
TV license	-	-	170	159
Total Payments			171,916	141,784
Allocation of Payments	(33,937)	(137,979)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(11,424)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,424)</u>	<u>(9,712)</u>

FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 st March 2024	127,510	-	127,510	137,222
Deficit/Surplus for the year	(11,424)	-	(11,424)	(9,712)
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2025	<u>116,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,086</u>	<u>127,510</u>

BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank current account	118,160	127,940
Cash in hand	480	1,597
Credit card	(2,524)	(2,027)
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025	<u>116,086</u>	<u>127,510</u>

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John Paul II Youth Club
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of John Paul II Youth Club (charity registration No:106748)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as the charity's concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above, and in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Seamus Dawson

Chartered Accountant

SLMD Ltd T/a Bridge, Chartered Accountants

Unit G, Forestview Office Park

Belfast

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Date:

John Paul II Youth Club
APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

We approve these accounts set out on pages 3 to 4 for the year ended 31st March 2024. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for the purpose of preparing these accounts.

Signed on behalf of Committee:

Chair

Treasurer

Date:

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Education Authority	-	98,004	98,004	274,387
Enkalon Fund	-	-	-	900
Club generated income	25,396	-	25,396	18,718
DFC	1,922	-	1,922	-
HFYC targeted	6,750	-	6,750	-
Total Income	34,068	98,004	132,072	294,005
PAYMENTS				
Wages & youth workers	-	-	108,928	123,756
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	460	-
Staff Costs	-	-	454	-
Uniform	-	-	385	-
Ardoyne Youth Club	-	-	-	121,615
OCN	-	-	-	4,680
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	947	3,636
Light and heat	-	-	7,449	2,035
Water rates	-	-	176	159
Cleaning	-	-	1,173	1,162
Insurance	-	-	7,266	2,889
Minibus expenses	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	342	9,532
Telephone	-	-	1,723	1,845
Stationery	-	-	391	133
Shop	-	-	5,268	4,900
Membership	-	-	-	-
Trips and residentials	-	-	1,245	956
Activities	-	-	-	5,440
Transport	-	-	2,640	2,189
Bank charges	-	-	416	459
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	30,334
Accountancy	-	-	696	660
Gala	-	-	-	1,459
EA Core	-	-	872	-
Program cost	-	-	4,294	-
Write off – cheques not cleared	-	-	(3,499)	-
TV license	-	-	159	-
Total Payments			141,784	317,839
Allocation of Payments	(43,780)	(98,004)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,834)

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FUNDS RECONCILIATION
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FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 st March 2023	137,222	-	137,222	161,056
Deficit/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,833)
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2024	127,510	-	127,510	137,223

BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank current account	127,940	133,392
Cash in hand	1,597	4,346
Credit card	(2,027)	(516)
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	127,510	137,222

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Annual report

John Paul II Youth Club Annual Report 24-25



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John Paul II Youth Club

Annual Report 2024-2025

Charity Number NIC 106748



Senior Worker Overview

This document outlines the annual report for the John Paul II Youth Club, detailing highlighting its activities, objectives, and areas for improvement over the past year. The report emphasizes the club's commitment to providing a safe environment for children, young people, and youth development through community engagement.

Management and Staff Structure: The club is managed by a committee consisting of a chairperson, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and officers. The staff team includes a senior youth worker, part-time youth workers, and volunteers, ensuring a diverse and supportive environment for young people.

Core Values and Objectives: The youth club focuses on voluntary participation, embedding respect for diversity, and providing a safe space for all young people regardless of their background. Key objectives include promoting health and well-being, learning, safety, and community participation.

Youth Participation and Programmes: The club employs a holistic approach encouraging young people's participation. JPIIYC remains committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and empowering space for young people in and beyond Ardoyne. Through continuous reflection and innovation, we aim to build on our successes and further enrich the lives of the young people we serve.

Active engagement levels, ensuring that the activities and initiatives we offer are meaningful, relevant, and youth led by giving our young people a voice in determining their programmes, we have cultivated a sense of ownership and responsibility within them.

Additionally, our approach to youth work continues to evolve as we integrate feedback from young people, staff, and the wider community. This has resulted in a stronger sense of belonging among our members and increased retention rates. The skills and confidence gained through participation in our programmes have had a positive ripple effect within the youth club and the broader community.

Young People Voice

Young people are actively encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas, and feedback in an open and inclusive environment. Their voices are central in shaping programs, as they are involved in co-designing, planning, decision-making, and shaping activities and services that affect them. This approach builds trust and ensures that the work remains relevant, engaging, and responsive to their needs and aspirations.

Looking ahead, our priorities include:

- **Enhancing parental and community engagement:** Strengthening partnerships with parents and stakeholders to build a holistic support network for our young people.
- **Expanding outreach efforts:** Ensuring that more young people, especially those who may not have considered joining before, feel welcomed and included.
- **Developing leadership opportunities:** Providing more structured pathways for young people to take on influential leadership roles within the club, further embedding our ethos of youth participation.
- **Improving facilities and resources:** Seeking funding and partnerships to enhance the physical space and available resources to better serve our young people.

Person-centred approach to design programmes that cater to the needs of the youth. This includes various activities, workshops, and residential programmes aimed at enhancing personal skills and resilience.

Achievements and Membership Growth: With over 390 members, the club successfully delivered numerous programmes and activities throughout the year, including a summer program that engaged 270 children. The club also recognised achievements during an annual celebration night.

Quality assurance

John Paul provides a robust quality assurance system that employs a mixed methods approach to ensure delivery standards remain high; outcomes are captured accurately, and staff are adequately supported as they deliver quality youth work. Jacqui Maguire has created a culture of continuous improvement where staff are encouraged to develop, and conditions are consistently reviewed to ensure the best possible situations for children, young people and volunteers.

Feedback and Community Engagement: Positive feedback from parents highlight the club's impact on youth socialisation and development. Surveys indicate that young people appreciate the club for its fun atmosphere and the opportunities to engage with peers.

Areas for Improvement: The report identifies the need for increased resources for outreach, better responses to youth behaviour issues, and enhancing volunteer participation. Plans for improvement are outlined, focusing on providing tailored support for young people with additional needs.

Future: The club aims to foster a culture of support and engagement among its members, encouraging them to take leadership roles and actively participate in the club's activities and decision-making processes.

Conclusion: The youth club remains dedicated to creating a positive environment where young people can thrive, develop new skills, and contribute to their community. The report emphasizes the importance of youth involvement in shaping the programmes offered.

Jacqueline Maguire
Senior Youth Worker



Giant Game November 24

Meet the Management Committee

Owen Maguire MBE	Chairperson
Danny Burns	Vice Chair
Tara Mc Cleary	Secretary
Caoimhin Osborne	Treasurer
Elaine Mc Loughlin	Officer/Subcommittee staff issues
Jim MC Guinness	Officer/Subcommittee staff issues
Deidre Murphy	Officer/subcommittee staff issues
Sarah Fiona Nolan	Officer
Maddison MC Cullough	Officer
Nichola Mallon	Officer
Connor Keenan	Officer
Megan Madden	Staff Representative
Jacqueline Maguire	Senior Youth Worker

Meet the Staff Team

Jacqueline Maguire	Senior Youth Worker
Erin Osborne	Administrator
Jim Mc Guinness	Caretaker
TJ Barclay	Part time Youth Worker staff
Cory Mc Conville	Part time Youth Worker staff
Erin Osborne	Part time Youth Worker staff
Colleen Begley	Part time Youth Worker staff
Megan Madden	Part time Youth Worker staff
Eimear Rice	Part time Youth Worker staff
Joely Kerr	Part time Youth Worker staff
Rhianna McAuley	Part time Youth Worker staff
Brianna Molloy	Volunteer



Megan Brianna and Lola



Staff and some of Management Committee Strategic Plan Residential Derry

Meet the Youth Committee

Kalum Murphy
Leon Maguire
Alexi Keenan
Cadhla Flannery
Kayla Mailey
Braiden Finnegan
Gerard Mailey
Eamonn Fennel

Macie Friel
Orlaith Lagan
Meghan Turley
Fainne Frame
Odhran Fegan
Logan McCarry
Fionbhar Stiobhrad

Meet the Young Activists

Grace Lowry
Aine Magee
Amy Mc Kane
Katie Lowry

Shona Mc Tansey
Rachael Doherty
Eva mc Kane



Yap and Youth committee at their best engaging with the members

Forward from Chairperson

As chairperson of the youth club, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations on behalf of the management committee, parents, club members, and the local community to the Worker-in-Charge, part-time leaders, and volunteers. Your dedication, commitment of time and effort, mentoring, and general support to our young people have been an invaluable asset to the youth club throughout the year. The youth club's values and enduring ethos form the foundation of its work within the Ardoyne Community, focusing on the development, enhancement and empowerment of our young people. The club promotes voluntary participation, where youth engage in activities based on positive relationships with mentors and a safe, supportive environment. It encourages young people to explore their values, challenge opinions, and make informed decisions about their lives.

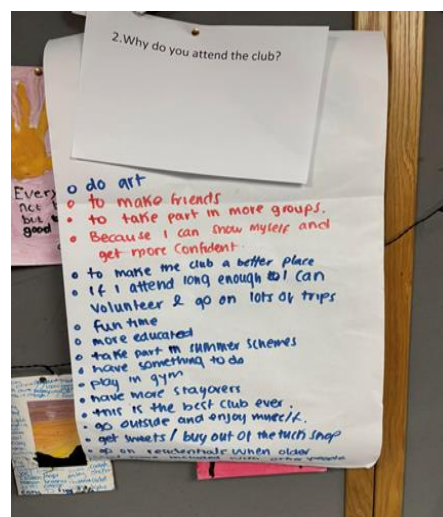
Key values include:

- Voluntary participation in youth work.
- A safe, non-violent space for all, regardless of background, ability, or identity.
- Respect, equality, and recognition of everyone's potential and contributions to society.
- Encouragement to engage in the community.
- and contribute to its development.

The club's objectives are centred around promoting:

- Healthy living and wellbeing.
- Educational achievement.
- Safety and stability.
- Learning and Achieving
- Inclusion, diversity, and equality.
- Active participation and civic responsibility.
- Environmental awareness and sustainability.

The management committee is extremely proud of the young people's innovative and radical thinking. They have introduced a revolution that has greatly enhanced the youth club, addressing what we once called "the missing link." Recognizing this progress the youth club's team rose to the challenge, ensuring the young people received the support and opportunities needed to succeed. Several meaningful projects, inspired by the young people's ideas, were completed. The caring manner and diligence of these young people mirror the nurturing and guidance provided by the mentors at John Paul II Youth Club.



The Management Committee would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the, Jacqui Maguire, and her team for their remarkable efforts in guiding the members to this advanced stage of young adulthood.

Appreciation is also extended to the committee for their unwavering support, attendance, advice, and direction. No doubt, the Senior worker will provide a more detailed account of the youth club's work and development throughout 2025.

Owen Maguire

Chairperson

John Paul II Youth Club

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Core Provision

JPIIYC has had a successful year of delivery, which involved multiple projects also offering drop-in, group work, street work, and mentoring.

Over the past year, we have experienced many positive developments and achievements. One of the key highlights was the strong attendance at both the Planned Intervention Programme (PIP) and the Summer Scheme. Here young people engaged vigorously in a wide range of activities. These initiatives played a significant role in supporting personal growth, particularly in building confidence, communication skills, and teamwork which permeated throughout our membership. Through various forms of group work, participants were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and collaborate with peers from diverse backgrounds. Our Diversity Days were especially impactful, offering opportunities for young people to celebrate and learn from different cultural perspectives, and experiences. Overall, it has been a year marked by inclusion, empowerment, and meaningful development for all involved.

A 6-evening session of core provision for young people under 18 years old was delivered over 46 weeks in 2024-2025, with an average of 70 young people attending. A series of workshops, group work sessions and a residential were on offer for the young people to engage in, and were available to all young people, different ages and abilities were catered for.

Over the past 12 months we have delivered over 32 Programmes and Project and 3 social actions projects

- 3, Participative Structures
- 10, Health and Wellbeing
- 5, Living in Safety and Stability
- 5, Learning and achievement
- 3, Environment and Climate
- 3, Inclusion Diversity Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations
- 1 Summer programme
- 2, Planned Intervention Programmes over the summer
- 3 Social Action

With an overall satisfactory rate of 80%



Celebration night Theme: Ice Cream and Cakes



Participation Structures

John Paul II Youth Centre is doing incredible work in the community by providing a supportive and enriching environment for young people. The focus on being safe, inclusive, and empowering is necessary, especially when building a space that encourages youth development and participation.

Would you like to explore more about the specific programs they offer, or dive into the impact these types of initiatives have on the community?

Youth Committee and Young Activists (YAP)

Over the past year, the Youth Committee and Young Activists have been busy planning and executing a variety of events designed to engage and inspire the younger members of the club and thus the community. Their dedication has been evident in their efforts to not only create fun and enriching experiences but to also build a stronger, more connected community. Among their initiatives were two successful stayovers that generated vital funding for the summer scheme and residential programs. The youth committee also applied for and received £500 from The Education Authorities Small Grant Programme to organise a Community Funday on the 8th of August.

The primary aim of the Funday was to offer an alternative to anti-social behaviour by creating a space for young people to engage in positive activities. The event also served to promote the youth club in a positive light, showcasing the valuable opportunities it provides for local young people, engaging the Youth Committee and YAP in organising the event, helping to keep their peers away from negative influences enhancing valuable life skills by participating in and new experiences new events.

This year's Funday was a truly youth-driven event. From the beginning, the members of the Youth Committee and YAP were responsible for planning, developing, and delivering the entire program. Having played a key role allocating roles and responsibilities to the club's staff and created their own schedules for managing each activity station ensuring that each area was well managed and organised This level of responsibility allowed them to learn how to effectively delegate tasks and work as a team leading to smooth success Throughout the day, the young people's voices were heard and respected by all attendees.

The Youth Committee and YAP learned patience under pressure, adaptability, and accountability when activities do not go as planned. They understood the effort and commitment needed to organize a large event and felt proud when their hard work paid off.

The event itself was a remarkable success, due to the collaboration and hard work of all those involved. While the weather presented a challenge, and a number of activities had to be moved indoors, the event continued without significant disruptions. With the participants understanding their assigned duties, a positive atmosphere was maintained throughout the day. indicating the strength of the team's organisation and the resilience of the young people who took charge of the event.

The Funday also had a broader, positive impact on the community highlighting the positive role of the youth club as an essential service for children and young people in the Ardoyne area. Not only did the young people demonstrate their ability to take leadership roles, but they also showed how the youth club fosters personal growth and community connection. The event helped strengthen relationships with neighbouring residents, who were able to enjoy the free activities with inclusivity brought the entire reinforced the youth club’s role resource for local families.



The young people involved in event showed incredible creating a positive, inclusive lasting impact on the wider when young people are given

The success of the Funday youth participation at its best. the planning and delivery of the initiative and commitment to space for their peers. Their hard themselves but also provided a community, demonstrating the opportunity to lead, they can make a real difference.

demonstrated the power of The young people involved in event showed incredible creating a positive, inclusive lasting impact on the wider when young people are given

The entire experience has shown how effective youth-led initiatives can be in creating lasting change, for the entire community and the young people involved. It also reinforces the importance of providing our youth with opportunities to take on leadership roles, learn new skills, and make meaningful contributions to the world around them. **Eamonn and Kayla from Youth Committee volunteering**



Youth Committee and Yap Appreciation Night





Young people's voices

Young people's voices are heard every day. They are actively encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas, and feedback, and they do so confidently, knowing their input is genuinely valued.

This open and inclusive environment has helped build trust, where young people feel safe and empowered to speak up. Their voices play a significant role in shaping what we do — especially through the co-designing of programmes, where they engage in planning, decision-making, and shaping the direction of activities and services that directly impact on them. Participation is not just encouraged; it's embedded in our approach. By involving them at every stage, we ensure that our work remains relevant, engaging, and been responsive to their real needs and aspirations.



Group work



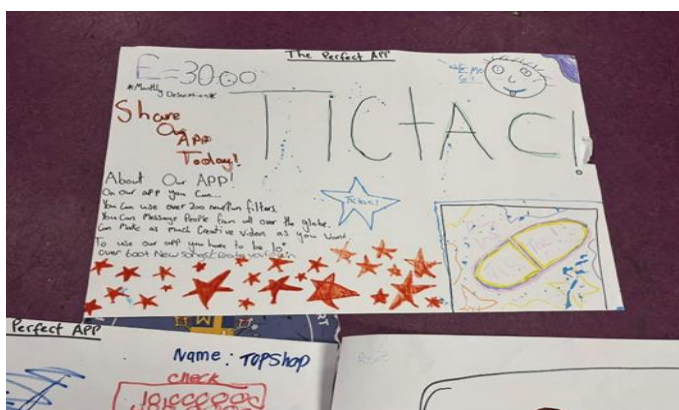
Young Lads group



Youth committee Young Activists Strategic Planning

The general group work we provide has significantly contributed to increasing young people's confidence, knowledge, and self-awareness — both in terms of understanding themselves and building positive relationships with others in the community. Through these sessions, young people are encouraged to reflect, communicate, and engage more meaningfully, which in turn helps them feel more empowered and secure in their personal and social lives.

In addition to the group work itself, we have been able to connect them with external opportunities, such as those provided through SKY programme. This initiative has opened exciting new doors for further growth and development, giving young people the chance to explore these additional new experiences, enhance their strengths, and take part in activities that might otherwise be inaccessible. Overall, our approach continues to create a supportive environment where young people feel valued, heard, and equipped to make positive changes in their lives and communities.



Online safety

Summer Programme

We successfully delivered a comprehensive five-week summer program during the months of July and August, offering engaging activities four afternoons a week for children aged 7 to 11. This program was carefully designed to provide a balanced mix of fun, learning, and socialisation, ensuring the children had a fulfilling and enriching experience over the summer. A key part of our initiative was to address summer hunger and support the children's overall well-being. As a result, we provided a nutritious lunch or snack to every child each day, ensuring they were well-nourished and able to fully engage in the activities offered. On average, 290 children participated in the program daily, and we are proud to say that every single one of them completed the full four-week scheme. This initiative was essential in promoting not only healthy eating habits but also a sense of security and care for the children, helping to combat food insecurity over the summer months.

In addition to our afternoon sessions, our youth club remained open four evenings a week throughout the summer for young people aged 10 to 18. These evening sessions provided a valuable opportunity for our members to explore new experiences in a supportive and dynamic environment. Each evening offered a wide range of activities, from recreational games to creative workshops, designed to help the youth build essential life skills, express their creativity, and engage in meaningful social interactions with their peers. Whether it was developing teamwork through group activities, building confidence through leadership exercises, or exploring new hobbies and interests, our evening sessions were structured to support the personal development of everyone.

By offering these evening opportunities, our goal was to create a safe and welcoming space for young people, where they felt encouraged and empowered to try new things, build new friendships, and grow as individuals. These sessions were designed not only to keep the youth engaged but also to foster a keen sense of community, belonging, and self-worth. We aimed to give the youth the tools and experiences to develop their self-confidence, learn new skills, and feel more connected to their peers and the wider community. Through this initiative, we hoped to inspire positive change in their lives, equipping them with the confidence to face challenges, make informed choices, and contribute to their community in meaningful ways.



Sample of Parent Summer Provision Survey 2024

Amazing staff 22/08/2024 20:48

Amazing youth club with a great management. 22/08/2024 20:47

I'm very thankful for the staff who have organised and entertained my daughter throughout the summer scheme. She is normally quite withdrawn and finds it hard to socialise but now gets up every morning excited to go round and enjoy the activities and see the friends she has made. They've done a great job. 22/08/2024
Another great summer scheme again this year. Thank you 22/08/2024 20:36

Planned Intervention Programme Understanding a Peaceful Summer: UPS Group.

Relationship Building; Street Work and Trips

Through street work, staff successfully reconnected with at-risk young people, helping them avoid involvement in criminal activities, anti-social behaviour, or recruitment by drug dealers. The outreach allowed staff to build rapport and offer positive alternatives, re-engaging youth who had been disconnected from support networks. A key strategy involved encouraging young people to co-design programs, giving them ownership and ensuring the activities were relevant to their needs.

Initially, incentives like trips and food helped build trust and engagement, leading to the formation of two "Understanding Peaceful Summer (UPS)" groups. These groups allowed youth to design programs together, fostering community and shared responsibility. As the program progressed, a "plan, do, and review" cycle was used, ensuring flexibility and responsiveness to the evolving needs of the participants.

The focus was always on supporting the young people, adjusting outcomes and interventions to meet their varying levels of need. Despite challenges such as limited resources, the staff remained committed to making the most of available support, emphasizing the importance of youth empowerment and involvement in decision-making.

This experience highlighted the importance of outreach and long-term relationship-building with vulnerable youth. It underscored how flexible, youth-led initiatives can lead to meaningful change and help keep young people engaged in positive activities, despite the challenges faced.

Workshops, Group work

The staff implemented a dynamic approach to engage young people through structured programs like Junior Tuesday afternoons and Senior Thursday afternoons. These sessions, centred around workshops and group work, provided consistent opportunities for youth to connect with each other and staff, addressing topics that were relevant to their lives.

Workshops became a central element of engagement, offering a space for young people to share opinions and explore issues important to them. The interactive sessions fostered reflection and critical thinking, enabling the youth to develop plans of action for personal challenges. Group work, such as the "Walk and Talk" sessions, allowed participants to break social barriers and build relationships by discussing their community and individual experiences.

The "Understanding Peaceful Summer (UPS)" art initiative was another key project. Young people created individual canvases reflecting their views on the positive and negative aspects of their community. These canvases were intended to form a mural, though the completion was delayed due to weather. This project offered a way for youth to express their perspectives and connect with their environment.



Additionally, the staff organized a social outing to Aunt Nellie's café, where many of the young people had never dined out. The experience gave them a sense of belonging, boosted their confidence, and helped build a connection with the community.

The positive feedback from the café staff highlighted the respectful behaviour of the young people and the value of the outing in fostering life skills.

Overall, the program successfully engaged young people, improving their self-esteem and helping them transition from initial disengagement to active participation in the youth club and other programs. This initiative demonstrated the impact of providing supportive, engaging opportunities that allow young people to thrive.

Cultural Awareness Night: India night for club members with Beyond Skins, and Amit September 2024

The young people expressed an interest in learning more about India, partly inspired by the youth club's visits to India in 2018 and 2019. To make this learning experience possible, the group reached out to Darren from "Beyond Skin" to arrange an evening, just as he had done for previous cultural events.

The aim was to create a safe space where both the youth and staff could explore and appreciate Indian culture. This experience was significant as it cultivated respect for cultural differences and enhanced the participants' understanding and appreciation of diversity, thereby contributing to their educational growth. The group wanted to learn more about cultural differences to help shape their values, beliefs, and perceptions, while also breaking down barriers and enhancing mutual respect.

The young people were encouraged to be curious and open-minded, which led to a willingness to ask questions and explore the differences between Indian and Irish communities. This openness could strengthen relationships and create healthier, more inclusive environments.

Throughout the evening, the youth gained a deeper understanding of Indian culture, including aspects of daily life, schooling, hobbies, and medical care. They also had hands-on experiences, such as learning how to wear a sari (traditional Indian dress), discovering the significance of henna tattoos, and designing their own henna art. Additionally, the group was introduced to Indian cuisine, including sweets and treats, which further enriched their cultural experience.



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Social Action: Happy Day Project 31st October 2024

"Learning Together" was an opportunity designed to allow young people to explore issues surrounding disability and "difference," fostering understanding and empathy within the local community. This initiative encourages participants to learn about the experiences of young people with disabilities in a fun, safe, and disciplined learning environment.

The young people involved expressed an ardent desire to provide a special Halloween experience for the young adults of the Happy Days Project. This initiative not only allowed them to engage with a community they might not typically interact with but also helped them develop a deeper understanding of disability, inclusion, and the importance of embracing

differences. By creating a memorable Halloween celebration, they demonstrated their commitment to fostering a more inclusive and compassionate community.

Happy Days is a hub that provides opportunities for young adults aged 19-35 years old with learning disabilities and/or autism. The focus of the centre is to help them learn independent life skills, develop social skills, and build friendships. The goal is to empower these young adults, helping them become active members of their community while breaking down barriers and promoting inclusion.

Inspired by the mission of Happy Days, the young people from the youth club approached Colleen Begley, a member of their staff team who works full-time at the Happy Days Project. They asked if they could organize something special for the young adults from Happy Days during the mid-term break. After learning more about the interests and preferences of the Happy Days participants, the youth club members decided to set up a fun, engaging event.

They arranged a number of activity stations to offer a variety of experiences for the young adults to enjoy:

- **Station 1:** Colouring in
- **Station 2:** Making breadstick sparklers.
- **Station 3:** Nail painting Additionally, there were opportunities for the young adults to play pool and table tennis, with the event concluding with a sing-along and a fancy dress disco.

This special event was designed to foster social interaction and inclusion, giving both groups of young people the chance to connect, have fun, and create positive memories together. It was a wonderful example of collaboration and community spirit, and it helped to further strengthen the bond between the youth club and the Happy Days Project.

Quality Assurance

. Our quality assurance was conducted by Michial Dudley CEO off Boys and Girls Club NI in June 2024,

The objectives of the session focused on the following:

To understand what quality assurance is and why the practice is important.

To review what tools are used for quality assurance in the youth sector with a particular focus on the EA framework for Quality Assurance.

To reflect on what quality assurance tools are used in John Paul and review effectiveness.

To co-design the quality assurance practices to create a culture of continuous improvement.

A key aspect of quality assurance is staff development, ensuring that the workforce is competent enough to deliver to a high standard and all regulatory requirements are satisfied. Staff expressed that they are happy with supervision, appraisal, training, and stated that they are adequately supported by the Leader in Charge. In the previous 12 months, staff received all mandatory child protection training, 2 staff received designated officer safeguarding certificate 2 First Aid, Mental Health First Aid and a three staff successful obtain their OCN Level 3 in Youth certificate in Youth Work Practice .

As part of the training, we reflected on the work carried out in the centre and heard first-hand reports about how John Paul has made an impact on children, young people, volunteers, staff (previous & current) and the wider Ardoyne Community. Staff discussed that they are constantly working with Children Young people and sometimes miss out on opportunities to showcase the amazing work that takes place.

Lastly, staff reviewed their pre and post baseline questionnaires, programme planners, and questions used during focus groups to measure success and capture value. This demonstrated a mixed methods approach and best practice. Staff were satisfied that these documents are fir for purpose and each of them demonstrated knowledge around when/how/why they are used.

Summary:

John Paul provides a robust quality assurance system that employs a mixed methods approach to ensure delivery standards remain high; outcomes are captured accurately, and staff are adequately supported as they deliver quality youth work. Jacqui Maguire has created a culture of continuous improvement where staff are encouraged to develop, and conditions are consistently reviewed to ensure the best possible conditions for children, young people, and volunteers.

Over the past year we had also engaged with the members and parent via survey to provide us with an overview of our preforms on how we support the young people and community. Below are examples of young people and parent's opinions on our work these past years.



Lets eat together project

Sample of Parents response to JPIIYC Stakeholder Engagement - Parents and Young People, March 25

Helped with them making friends and feeling included.

I have 2 kids attend and have done the past 5 yrs they are comfortable with the staff, and both have come out of their shell they love it so much and knowing their safe within the club is everything as out on the streets now isn't too safe at all

My child's confidence Has grown, Staff are lovely.

My child suffered with anxiety and the club helped by bringing a counsellor in for a couple of weeks which was a major help and the support from her leader has make a big change in my daughter. The different group sessions she has attend has been very good for her, she has enjoyed meeting new people and learning different ways of life

Staff r lovely

My daughter has a safe friendly welcoming environment to attend, and it is John Paul youth club. Orlaith has become so confident and sociable while attending the youth club also the groups that Orlaith attends in the club give her a wide range of knowledge about different topics. The cross-community partnership helps to enable our children to be open minded and gain knowledge of different religions and make friends. The John Paul youth club is invaluable.

Eoghan has become more mature and independent since joining the youth club.



Embedding key policies (CRED, EMWF, Shared Education)

At John Paul II Youth Club, we fully embed the CRED Policy across all our programmes and projects. As outlined in section 1.18 of the policy, *“Equality and inclusion are one of the cornerstones of an education system which enables every learner to fulfil his or her potential.”* We strongly believe that all young people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. We are committed to guiding them to better understand one another, embrace diversity, and challenge prejudice. Through a consistent and inclusive approach, we actively work to break down stereotypes and create meaningful opportunities for young people to engage, integrate, and grow together.

We recognise the vital importance of the *Children & Young People’s Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education Framework*, which emphasises that “leadership focuses on creating a culture and environment that encourages care, belonging, and respect for everyone and plans carefully to enhance emotional health and wellbeing for all.”

Guided by this principle, we are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive approach that prioritises the emotional health and wellbeing of young people. We acknowledge that individuals who face stereotypes, barriers to participation, or exclusion may experience heightened anxiety or stress. Therefore, by embedding this framework into every aspect of our work, we strive to create a safe, welcoming, and empowering environment where every young person feels seen, valued, secure and supported throughout the project.

JPIIYC fully endorse the Share Education policy, we believe and encourage all young people to be the best person they can be, by ensuring that every learner fulfils his or her full potential at each stage of her or his development. As stated in the Shared Education policy JPIIYC fully endorses the Shared Education policy. We believe in and actively encourage all young people to become the best version of themselves. Our commitment is to ensure that every learner fulfils their full potential at each stage of their development.

Conclusion

I have made every effort to align with the Management Committee's values, plans, goals, and objectives, which are in line with the EA Core Curriculum and the Model for Effective Practices. By creating a safe and supportive environment that encourages young people to be actively involved in the planning and delivery of activities, you're fostering a sense of ownership and community. The range of personal development projects available, from short-term to long-term, provides opportunities for growth that cater to the diverse interests and goals of the participants.

With a user satisfaction rate of 80%, our approach is clearly resonating with many of the young people involved, though there may still be areas for refinement. Continuous feedback and adaptability will be key to further improving the program and ensuring it remains responsive to the evolving needs of the participants. Overall, your efforts are making a positive impact, contributing to both the social and personal development of the youth in our club.

John Paul II Youth Club

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John Paul II Youth Club
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of John Paul II Youth Club (charity registration No:106748)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as the charity's concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Paul II Youth Club

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above, and in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Seamus Dawson

Chartered Accountant

SLMD Ltd T/a Bridge, Chartered Accountants

Unit G, Forestview Office Park

Belfast

BT8 7AR

Date:

13/2/2025

John Paul II Youth Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106748

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Seamus Dawson

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Date:

John Paul II Youth Club
APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

We approve these accounts set out on pages 3 to 4 for the year ended 31st March 2024. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for the purpose of preparing these accounts.

Signed on behalf of Committee:

Chair

Treasurer

Date:

John Paul II Youth Club

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Education Authority	-	98,004	98,004	274,387
Enkalon Fund	-	-	-	900
Club generated income	25,396	-	25,396	18,718
DFC	1,922	-	1,922	-
HFYC targeted	6,750	-	6,750	-
Total Income	34,068	98,004	132,072	294,005
PAYMENTS				
Wages & youth workers	-	-	108,928	123,756
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	460	-
Staff Costs	-	-	454	-
Uniform	-	-	385	-
Ardoyne Youth Club	-	-	-	121,615
OCN	-	-	-	4,680
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	947	3,636
Light and heat	-	-	7,449	2,035
Water rates	-	-	176	159
Cleaning	-	-	1,173	1,162
Insurance	-	-	7,266	2,889
Minibus expenses	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	342	9,532
Telephone	-	-	1,723	1,845
Stationery	-	-	391	133
Shop	-	-	5,268	4,900
Membership	-	-	-	-
Trips and residentials	-	-	1,245	956
Activities	-	-	-	5,440
Transport	-	-	2,640	2,189
Bank charges	-	-	416	459
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	30,334
Accountancy	-	-	696	660
Gala	-	-	-	1,459
EA Core	-	-	872	-
Program cost	-	-	4,294	-
Write off – cheques not cleared	-	-	(3,499)	-
TV license	-	-	159	-
Total Payments			141,784	317,839
Allocation of Payments	(43,780)	(98,004)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,834)

John Paul II Youth Club
FUNDS RECONCILIATION
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FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 st March 2023	137,222	-	137,222	161,056
Deficit/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,833)
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2024	127,510	-	127,510	137,223

BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank current account	127,940	133,392
Cash in hand	1,597	4,346
Credit card	(2,027)	(516)
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	127,510	137,222

John Paul II Youth Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106748

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Owen Maguire MBE	Chairperson
Danny Burns	Vice Chair
Tara Mc Cleary	Secretary
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Meet the Staff Team

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TJ Barclay	Part time Youth Worker staff
Cory Mc Conville	Part time Youth Worker staff
Erin Osborne	Part time Youth Worker staff
Colleen Begley	Part time Youth Worker staff
Megan Madden	Part time Youth Worker staff
Eimear Rice	Part time Youth Worker staff
Ronan Fitzpatrick	Part time Youth Worker staff
Brianna Molloy	Job Start NI



Youth Committee

Kalum Murphy	Macie Friel
Leon Maguire	Orlaith Lagan
Alexi Keenan	Meghan Turley
Cadhla Flannery	Naomi Parks
Fainne Frame	Kayla Mailey



Chairperson Forward

The values of John Paul II Youth Club are the foundation on which youth work is based within the Ardoyne Community. Our young people are valued human beings with a positive contribution to enhance a positive outlook of their local community, and the society of the people of Northern Ireland.

The Youth Club contributes to growth and development of the young people's social and life skills in a safe erudition environment where they can be responsible and make decisions on their own lifestyles based on sound information and support, they have received from their mentors in the youth club.

Whilst participating in the life of the John Paul II Youth Club our young people are giving the opportunity to take risks on their value base, challenge their opinions and explore their own value base without judgment or put down.

- **Our values are:**
- The core value of all youth work is the voluntary participation of the young person in the life processes of that scenario. The young people who attend the John Paul II Youth Club do so voluntary and of their own free will and participate based on a quality relationship of their mentors and effective services on offer to them.
- The youth club mentors offer a safe and secure environment for our young people to undergo a learning process to explore their beliefs and challenge others or be challenged. The youth club provide a non-aggressive and violence free Centre where young people of varying abilities and social skills can feel free to participate and attend without been traumatised.
- The young people are offered facilities regardless of their background, skills & abilities, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or political views.
- All the young people are treated with respect and are valued equally as confident human beings with a positive contribution to make to society.
- We encourage all young people to be part of their community and help them identify and take on a role that would help them in developing their own community for the safety of others and the development of a civically responsible society.
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- **The objectives of the club are laid out in the Delivery Plan more precisely, but an overview would highlight the following issues:**
- Healthy and wellbeing.
- Learning and achieving.
- Living in Safety and Stability
- Inclusion Diversity Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations
- Participation Structures
- Environment and Climate

Senior Youth Worker report

John Paul II Youth Club (JPIIYC) offers youth provision to the children and young people of Ardoyne and neighbouring area to ensuring that all local children and their families had access to a diverse, high quality and affordable range of social, recreational, cultural, and educational activities and facilities. With a strong membership of over 320. The staffing breakdown is one professionally qualified senior youth worker, 1 youth worker on placement from Rank Aspire programme, 8 part time staff and 5 volunteers aged 18+

Current Methodology

JPIIYC employs a holistic person-centred approach which helps us to design, deliver and implement suitable programs for the young people who attend the centre. We ensure that a sizable proportion of our young people have access to a diverse, high quality and affordable range of social, recreational, cultural, and educational activities and facilities. We are committed to providing our young people with a fun, safe, stimulating environment to help them access learning and life opportunities. We promote the positive in our young people by working to enhance their personal awareness levels and by understanding their strengths and capabilities. We encourage our young people to enhance their personal skills, levels of motivation and general resilience levels, and we help them to develop the ability to interact with other young people and adults in a non-threatening and non-judgmental environment.

Regular Management Committee ensured that all policies and procedures are implemented, and action plans are being delivered for the betterment of the young people.

Improvements Made:

There have been great strides made with staff and young people being involved in the strategic vision of JPIIYC which has been achieved via staff training and the Quality Assurance action plan. This has been achieved particularly in staff trainings, stakeholders' consultations, young people, surveys, baselines and measuring progression. The organisation has also undoubtedly developed with a clearer vision shared amongst young people, staff, parents, and other stakeholders. Values are very much now incorporated into all forms of practice with inclusivity. Because of this, our membership is a lot more diverse and young people who may not have been comfortable in becoming a member are now attending the centre. Developing youth work practice has been a continual process within the centre and we as a team strive to offer the best provision possible for young people while co design programmes. Some examples of these are within each group work folder all facilitators complete a needs analysis on each group, quarterly surveys/consultations with young people to ensure we are aware of needs of young people, facilitation of junior/senior youth committees to provide platform for young people to lead/inform our practice and action plans created based on considering all relevant aspects of our work.

Collaborating with parents further to ensure more stakeholder engagement, planned wrap around approaches and encouraging shared resources among the community and the service is a priority we must improve moving forward.

JPIIYC, have a strong ethos of youth participation, promoting and encouraging cooperation and respect among young people within the youth club. We actively promote positivity in

our young people through enhanced personal awareness while supporting them to understand their own strengths and capabilities.

Through our Core provision, we ensure that we make available a safe and a supportive haven and are committed to providing a fun, safe, non-threatening environment. However, we feel that we have challenged our stakeholders to become proactive and take a few more risks and challenges them outside their comfort zones.

By encouraging this atmosphere, we enable young people to develop the ability to interact with other young people and adults, become more confident and help them access learning and life opportunities.

We engage our young people in the 4 stage Youth Participation and involvement model 'Making Contact, Active Participation, Involvement, and responsibility and Taking the lead'. This model is embedded throughout our service delivery and young people can opt in and out of it when they need to, this process is transparent and successful with our members.

Our youth committee our very motivated and offer various levels of volunteering in the youth club. To encourage active participation the youth committee participated in a residential where the theme was Personal Reflection, where the youth committee explored.

- Club reflection – Each participant provided their peers with a journey of their experience in the youth club highlighting personal memories to serve as a tool for a reminder of their love for the club.
- Personal Journeys – Similarly to the club reflection exercise, staff and youth committee and volunteers engaged in a life maps exercise. a platform in place to share as much as they felt comfortable with to their peers and to create a real team environment. This has increased the youth committee's performance and reinforced their role within the youth club and has seen greater participation levels.

Over the past twelve months we have focused on improving co designing programmes with our young people this has increased

- Meeting the young people needs
- Creating additional ways off delivering programmes/workshops
- More young people contributing and more involvement in programmes.
- Young people and workers dialogue regarding the progress of their programmes/workshops.
- Workers supporting young people as they put their plans into practice, but not taking the lead.
- Young people reflecting on what they have learnt even if the outcome wasn't perfect.
- Young people beginning to recognise their own strengths and weaknesses.
- Young people developing a more confident attitude towards new challenges.

Overview of 2022- 2023

Core Provision

JPIIYC has had a successful year of delivery, which involved multiple projects we also offering drop-in, group work, outreach/detached, mentoring.

We delivered 6-evening session of core provision for young people under 18 years old, over 48 weeks in 2023-2024, with an average of 70 young people attending per night.

There was a wide range of activities, workshops, programmes, residential on offer for the young people to engage in, and were available to all young people, different ages and abilities were catered for.

Over the past 12 month we have delivered over 29 Programmes and Project

- 3, Participative Structures
- 10, Health and Wellbeing
- 5, Living in Safety and Stability
- 5, Learning and achievement
- 3, Environment and Climate
- 3, Inclusion Diversity Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations

With an overall satisfactory rate of 80%



Summer Programme

We delivered a five-week, summer programme, 4-afternoon a week in July and August for children aged 7 – 11, where all children and young people were provided with a lunch/snack to address summer hungry,

270 engaged daily and completed the five-week scheme.

270 where provide lunches/snacks daily.

We were also opened 4 evening a week for the 10- 18-year-old, over the summer where we offer our members the opportunities to participate new experience.

Synopsis Of Parent Comments: Survey monkey summer programme 23

This was the first time my daughter has ever went to a youth club. She absolutely loved it and will be back next year. Thanks for everything.

23/08/2022 17:34

Very good summer scheme my son has absolutely loved it

23/08/2022 13:28

Amazing staff. My son loves to attend

23/08/2022 00:45

Amazing staff 22/08/2022 20:48

Amazing youth club with a great management.



22/08/2022 20:47

I'm very thankful for the staff who have organised and entertained my daughter throughout the summer scheme. She is normally quite withdrawn and finds it hard to socialise but now gets up every morning excited to go round and enjoy the activities and see the friends she has made. They've done a great job. Thank you

22/08/2022 20:36

Another great summer scheme again this year.

22/08/2022 20:35

Thought it was alot better in previous years was very disappointed this year shorter hours and trips to parks mostly no t-shirts given this year either having to stay off while others went on trips too wasn't what I expected when I paid 36.00 for 3 of my kids to attend snacks was very poor compared to previous years too I'd of like to have known beforehand that they would only be going for 4 days instead of 5 before joining I do like the club and I think maybe they were just short staffed this year but wasn't very long for the younger kids who don't have much to do the rest of the year other summer schemes where July to aug

22/08/2022 20:52

88.46% satisfaction fact

Outreach

We delivered outreach in Ardoyne 1,2,3 which increase our membership and the number of children and young people involved in youth provision in Ardoyne.

Annual Celebration night

125 young people attended over two evenings.

91 young people celebrated their achievement throughout the year.

11 young people were recognized for their role in the Youth committee.



Working in partnership with the EA to ensure the needs of the young people are met.

3 Young people engaging with North Belfast Resource Centre (NBRC) Staff and enrolled in Youth Work in Community (YWIC) we presently have senior members in 1st year 2nd year and volunteers.

5 Young people engaging with North Belfast Resource (NBRC) Centre Staff and enrolled in Youth Work in Community (YWIC)



Participation Structures: Youth Committee

“Summer gives back”. The Youth Committee (14-18) volunteered throughout the summer in the summer programme. They shadowed staff and participated in all activities. They young people also help to make and serve lunch to the junior members.



Peer Buddies “Generic Project”

The Peer Buddies volunteered two mornings a week to help in generic provision, where they encourage the children to participate in activities. Overall, the young people were a credit to the youth club and their presence and maturity was complimented by parents when collecting their children.



All young people participated in

- Peer Leadership Awareness,
- Health and safety awareness
- Art and craft/ice breaker Awareness

Because Room

Over the past number of months as an ongoing project, the youth committee (YC) has been working towards enhancing our nurture space/ safe space within the club. The YC had a budget where they continuously add to the Because Room to keep it updated and free from broken materials and to with the young people in the club to maintain the space and

taking into consideration the calming aspects of other nurture / sensory area.

The groups using the Because Room have learned how assorted colours, smells, textures, and visuals can affect on your mood and the importance of different sensory inputs, the young people find when in this area the stresses and pressures faced by themselves & their peers are reduced.



“Let’s eat together (LETS)“

To address food hungry and encourage our members to speak out if they are hungry, ever evening a member of staff and a few young people will make snack for all the club members in that night, this can be anything from chocolate toast, French toast, pizza , noddle depending on the age group who are cooking, and we all stop what we are doing and have something to eat. We had found young people were ask for food to be made and then not eating it when it has been cooked, so it was agreed to add **“let’s eat together “**to our programme where everyone can eat together and not feel it is target at them. We have got to the point now the young people are asking who is cooking or what been made that night.



Our 1st girls Group

The Young Women's group ran over the course of six weeks, looking at several topics, including vaping and alcohol and how to stay safe when out on your own and with your friends. The girls really enjoy this programme. The girls targeted for this programme had not taken part in group work before they thoroughly enjoyed the group. The girls organised a trip to the beach where they light and fire and did self-awareness exercises. The young women feel they have a better understanding of healthy relationships, a greater respect for difference and themselves and can now think about make healthy choices.

“Let’s get Active. Girls”

The girls participated in 6 weeks “Let’s get Active” programme. Where they did taster sessions in different sports and enjoyed health treats. Some of the girls have gone on to join a Gaelic team, we now promoting Gaelic sports within the centre. How the young girl’s gym times is split into different games and sport. The girls also joined a Health and wellbeing evening organised by the Belfast City Councils in Lillian Bland Park in Glengormley in August



JPIIYC Areas for Development or Improvement

- Increased response to transient youth related issues
- Increase resources for outreach/detached in North Belfast
- Improve understanding and responses to young people’s “acting out” behaviour
- Increase our volunteer pool
- To encourage more young people to participate in OCN and complete them



Drop-in survey

March 24

Researched Sean Maxwell:1st Year Community Youth Worker Student

Within the John Paul II youth club, I created a survey designed for the young people of the Centre, the survey was created to gather information on what young people would like to see implemented into their nightly drop in and what they currently enjoy within drop in. The young people that answered the survey were ages between 8-15 and were a mix of male and female.

The first question was why you like coming to the youth Centre, the answers that the young people gave that we similar in this question were that the youth Centre is a fun place and they like having somewhere to interact with their friends and make new friends also young people expressed that they like engaging with staff. The responses that stood out were that young people found that they like coming to the Centre as it keeps them off the streets and they like coming as there is food provided in the Centre.

Planned Improvements.

Area for improvement	1 to 1 support for young people
Actions required	Creating spaces, slots, and support for young people with additional needs and supports
Expected change/outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating a space where this can happen.• Finding sources of funding to help pay staff so they are not doing it during club sessions (too busy)• Creating a culture where young people in the centre know they can seek additional support therefore reduce self-harm and trauma in families.• Work with young people to take themselves more seriously
Time frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6-9 months
Who is responsible for the actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SYW, MC, Other Partners
Measurement of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of staff training• Increased signposting• Develop relationships with other partners.• Improve service for young people.

Conclusion

I have implemented to the best of my ability the Management Committees ethos, strategies, aims and objectives, which is in accordance with the EA Core Curriculum the model for Effective Practices

As the main aim of the youth club is to offer a safe haven where children and young people can have fun, excitement, choices, sharing, new experiences, and challenge. Another important factor we strive to encourage at the youth club is that the young people have a say in what they would like to do. It is imperative that young people have a positive role in the design and delivery of a programme of positive social interaction that meet their needs and the needs of their peers. It was also our intention to provide personal development projects, which all young people could participate in. These projects would last for four weeks to ten months. Young people would have the opportunity to choose which projects they thought suitable to them.

John Paul II Youth Club

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106748

Annual return

John Paul II Youth Club
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

John Paul II Youth Club

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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John Paul II Youth Club
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of John Paul II Youth Club (charity registration No:106748)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as the charity's concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Paul II Youth Club

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 to 4 listed above, and in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Seamus Dawson

Chartered Accountant

SLMD Ltd T/a Bridge, Chartered Accountants

Unit G, Forestview Office Park

Belfast

BT8 7AR

Date:

John Paul II Youth Club
APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

We approve these accounts set out on pages 3 to 4 for the year ended 31st March 2024. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for the purpose of preparing these accounts.

Signed on behalf of Committee:

Chair

Treasurer

Date:

John Paul II Youth Club

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Education Authority	-	98,004	98,004	274,387
Enkalon Fund	-	-	-	900
Club generated income	25,396	-	25,396	18,718
DFC	1,922	-	1,922	-
HFYC targeted	6,750	-	6,750	-
Total Income	34,068	98,004	132,072	294,005
PAYMENTS				
Wages & youth workers	-	-	108,928	123,756
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	460	-
Staff Costs	-	-	454	-
Uniform	-	-	385	-
Ardoyne Youth Club	-	-	-	121,615
OCN	-	-	-	4,680
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	947	3,636
Light and heat	-	-	7,449	2,035
Water rates	-	-	176	159
Cleaning	-	-	1,173	1,162
Insurance	-	-	7,266	2,889
Minibus expenses	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	342	9,532
Telephone	-	-	1,723	1,845
Stationery	-	-	391	133
Shop	-	-	5,268	4,900
Membership	-	-	-	-
Trips and residentials	-	-	1,245	956
Activities	-	-	-	5,440
Transport	-	-	2,640	2,189
Bank charges	-	-	416	459
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	30,334
Accountancy	-	-	696	660
Gala	-	-	-	1,459
EA Core	-	-	872	-
Program cost	-	-	4,294	-
Write off – cheques not cleared	-	-	(3,499)	-
TV license	-	-	159	-
Total Payments	(43,780)	(98,004)	-	317,839
Allocation of Payments	(43,780)	(98,004)	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,834)

John Paul II Youth Club
FUNDS RECONCILIATION

31 MARCH 2024

FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 st March 2023	137,222	-	137,222	161,056
Deficit/Surplus for the year	(9,712)	-	(9,712)	(23,833)
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st March 2024	127,510	-	127,510	137,223

BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank current account	127,940	133,392
Cash in hand	1,597	4,346
Credit card	(2,027)	(516)
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2024	127,510	137,222