

Families with Autism Coming Together for support (F.A.C.T.S)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107075

Details

Known as F.A.C.T.S

Status Received

Registered 2018-08-03

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

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Activities

Purposes: Provide help and support, training opportunities and recreational activities for adults and children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families and those who work with them in the local community. To increase understanding of ASD, and to improve the conditions of life for those living in the Mid Ulster area, so that they can live in a positive and safe environment, also to have independent living skills and equal opportunities, so that they are able to lead the life they choose.

What the charity does: 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: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Disability, Education/training, Medical/health/sickness

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Parents, Sensory disabilities, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£47,475	£37,898	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Ann Quinn		
Mrs Donna Ross		
Mrs Karen Craig		
Mrs Mary Margaret Love		
Mrs Patricia Close		

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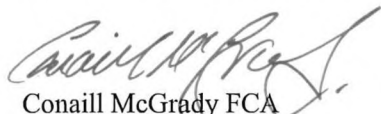
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Opening balance as of 1st April	77,247.89	56,756.32
Receipts		
Grants	-	-
Membership fees	1,472.52	3,018.42
Fundraising & Donations	46,002.46	61,024.76
	47,474.98	64,003.18
Payments		
Stationery/Printing	1,033.00	2,294.09
Bank Fees	153.10	207.68
Trips	11,512.91	12,432.65
Consultant/ Special Meetings & Activities	15,050.00	15,819.21
Misc.	1,011.78	2,729.38
Insurance	1,818.30	956.50
Accountancy	-	360.00
Vouchers	600.00	1,584.10
Petty Cash	41.00	-
Guest Speaker	-	-
Contra	0.00	0.00
Rent Charges	4,950.00	5,400.00
Storage expenses	1,728.00	1,728.00
	37,898.09	43,511.61
Closing balance as of 31st March	86,824.78	77,247.89

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Annual report

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Thank you to everyone for attending this AGM. My name is Mary Margaret Love and I'm the Chairperson of F.A.C.T.S. In attendance are our Trustees: Patricia Close, Anne Quinn, Donna Ross and myself. We sadly have to announce the resignation in May 2024 of one of our Trustees, Natasha Scullion. We would like to thank Natasha for all her years of service, and the dedication and knowledge she provided our charity with throughout her term.
- During this meeting I will report on what F.A.C.T.S' has achieved over the year from April 2023 to March 2024.

2. Charity Updates

- During the year we were able to support a number of learning and training courses for parents facilitated by Autism Solutions NI. The feedback that we had from those that took advantage of these opportunities was tremendous. As well as providing a knowledge platform for families, it also gave them the opportunity to engage personally and bring a more intimate element to the discussions. We aim to provide more opportunities to allow members to meet together, and with professionals, to learn appropriate techniques and gain awareness to help them in their day-to-day lives.
- We have also seen an increase in families requiring additional support, primarily through one-to-one counselling for their children. We have been able to secure the services of a qualified counsellor to allow us to offer this service to our members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Catherine for everything she has done to help our families through very challenging times. And again, this is a service which we hope to continue going forward.

3. Financial Overview

- The financial position of the charity has strengthened over the financial year which has resulted in a bank balance of £77k at year end, up 36% on the previous year.
- This increase is primarily due to an increase in fundraising and donations over the year – which is dependent on a lot of hardwork from our trustees and members, and requires us to promote the charity wherever possible within our designated area.

FACTS AGM Minutes – Reporting Year 2023-24

Unfortunately, there was no Big Lottery grants this year but thank you to MUDC for their grant of £450.

- The increase in receipts have allowed us to provide more services to our members. Not only training and counselling opportunities mentioned earlier but also fun activities including cinema trips and our annual visit to the Christmas Panto, which was in Cookstown this year.

4. Fundraising & Events

- We would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all of those who made donations or organised fundraisers during the year. While it isn't possible to mention everyone, apart from our members, some of those who did fundraising events for F.A.C.T.S included:
 - UPV Doctor (boxing tournament)
 - Mid Ulster Truckers (truck run)
 - S Convery (golf tournament)
 - D&L Trading (fundraiser event)
 - Bradley's Corner (tractor run & ploughing match)
 - D Strathern (bike run)
 - Corporate Donations (Specialist Joinery, Shed C & Beam)
- F.A.C.T.S also organised a short run of a 'Mrs Brown' parody show during 2023 – generating receipts from ticket & programme sales & sponsors.

5. Conclusions

- Finally, thank you to the trustees and everyone who has helped to make F.A.C.T.S a success this year – without your help we would not be here. We are here to help families living with autism in Mid Ulster – to make their lives and their families lives better!

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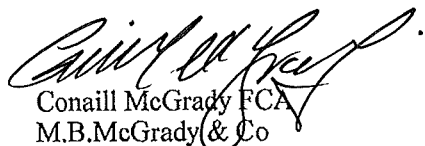
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I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to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



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Date:

**FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR
SUPPORT (F.A.C.T.S)**

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Opening balance as of 1st April	£34,687.59	£23,779.15
Receipts		
Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00
Membership fees	£3,581.20	£2,945.00
Fundraising & Donations	£41,935.32	£25,391.16
	£55,516.52	£28,336.16
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Payments		
Stationery/Printing	£1101.93	£772.40
Bank Fees	£258.52	£150.88
Trips	£10,073.27	£2,335.71
Consultant/ Special Meetings & Activities	£8031.16	£6,430.23
Misc.	£8,112.93	£841.32
Insurance	£1,160	£860.00
Accountancy	£300,00	£300.00
Vouchers	£3764.98	£5,625.95
Petty Cash	£0.00	£71.23
Guest Speaker	£0.00	£40.00
Contra	£645.00	£0.00
	£33447.79	£17,427.72
TOTAL PAYMENTS		
Closing balance as of 31st March	£56,756.32	£34,687.59

**FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR
SUPPORT (F.A.C.T.S)**

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

We certify that these financial statements represent a true and fair view of the Receipts and Payments of Families With Autism Coming Together For Support (F.A.C.T.S) for the year ended 31 MARCH 2023

Chairperson: Mary M. Love

Date: 28-9-23

Treasurer: Jonna Ross

Date: 28-9-23

FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR SUPPORT (F.A.C.T.S)
NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102. There were no material departures from that standard.

FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR SUPPORT (F.A.C.T.S)
BANK RECONCILIATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£
Balance per bank statement at 01 April 2022	34,687.59
Balance per accounts at 31 March 2023	56,756.32

FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR SUPPORT (F.A.C.T.S)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash at Bank	56,756.32	
		56,756.32

Families with Autism Coming Together for support (F.A.C.T.S)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107075

Annual report

I welcome you to our A.G.M. tonight. For anyone who is here for the first time, I'm Mary Margaret Love, the current chairperson of FACTS. Our AGM is later this year due to the fact that this year has been our busiest year to date and in particular, April and May were extremely busy. My report will cover the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

April 1st 2022 – We launched our website and on the 5th April our committee attended social media training. I will attach a breakdown of everything to report.

Monthly meetings have been fewer this year due to a lack of speakers, this is due to quite a number of professional people still working from home and reluctant to speak at meetings. However, we still held a few meetings as well as some with just the parents meeting together for a relaxed evening.

Training has been a big part of our diary over the course of the year and we had one of the most successful training events in the history of the group. Thanks to the Big Lottery for funding the project. Training will be one of our priorities during the next year as the benefit to parents is immeasurable.

Regarding fundraising, this year has been the most successful year so far and I'm delighted to say that next years diary has more fundraising events marked in than the year we are ending. Again I want to stress the importance of fundraising, especially now when funding is scarce. I will emphasise again and ask parents to show thanks to the people who so kindly do the fundraising for us. I find this to be something which is lacking terribly on social media. It's

very easy to say thanks. It's also worth remembering, this group never has to ask for a fundraiser, they are all offered to us, which to me speaks volumes. I would like to thank all who fundraised, donated, all the companies who sponsored events and everyone involved in all the hard work. I also thank all parents for your support throughout the year.

We had our usual trips and birthday parties throughout the year which were all well attended. Once again the group has grown in membership, we had to put on a second seating at our Easter Cinema trip.

Finally, I want to thank my committee for another years hard work. They have given up their time freely and work tirelessly to help the group grow and develop. I look forward to working with you all as we strive to progress our group to meet the needs of all families living with autism in Mid-Ulster.

Mary Margaret Love .
Chairperson / Trustee .

Janne Bess.
Trustee .

Date 29/6/23.

Families with Autism Coming Together for support (F.A.C.T.S)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107075

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
FAMILIES WITH AUTISM COMING TOGETHER FOR SUPPORT
(F.A.C.T.S)**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the receipts and payments accounts for the period ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages three and four.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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.

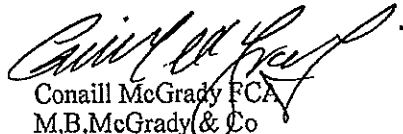
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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.



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