



**IRISH STREET YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

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CHAIRPERSON	Niree McMorris
N.I. CHARITY COMMISSION No.	107313
COMPANY NO.	649231
ACCOUNTANTS	McCorkell & Co. 41a Clooney Terrace Waterside Londonderry BT47 6AP
PRINICIPAL BANKERS	First Trust Bank Meadowbank Strand Road Londonderry BT48 7TN

## **PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY**

Our purpose is to relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Irish Street Estate without distinction of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious opinion by associating the education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose include lower levels of poverty, increased educational opportunities for residents; providing recreational and leisure facilities and programmes; improving the quality of life of people in the Irish Street area; and improved health outcomes.

These benefits are evidenced through both quantitative and qualitative means. Quantitative evidence includes sign in sheets of people attending the facilities, statistical information on the numbers of people who use the facilities, statistical information from the PSNI and government bodies, such as health, education, and unemployment. Qualitative evidence which we use are a community audit, face to face evaluations, written evaluations, focus groups and general feedback from residents in an informal setting.

We do not believe that any harm will come as a result of our charity.

The charities beneficiaries are the residents of the Irish Street Estate.

The only private benefit flowing from the purpose is the payment of wages to staff, and this is incidental and necessary in order to achieve the objectives of Irish Street Youth & Community Association.

## **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

Irish Street Youth & Community Association runs programmes which target community regeneration through a multi-generational, social, educational, and recreational approach to implementing achievable and sustainable community development principles in Irish Street (an area which suffers from high socio-economic deprivation). Programmes and training are tailored to suit local needs, to facilitate a higher level of community participation and ownership, through targeting the most marginalised within the community, and addressing their fear or inability to avail of such provision elsewhere.

Activities and programmes which run in the centre on a weekly basis include: Parent and toddlers, Arts Society, oil-painting, crochet, Junior Youth club, Jo Jingles, Women's Group, Bingo Group, Kurling, Luncheon club, Senior Youth Club, dance and fitness programmes. In addition to these weekly events, we run many one-off events, such as Afternoon tea dances, festivals, dinner dance, coffee mornings, family fun days, summer schemes and various events to coincide with Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas. We also provide training courses and volunteering opportunities from within the local community, which helps build skills, capacity and increase employability.

Irish Street Youth & Community Association also works in partnership with other local organisations and service providers on a range of ongoing one-off projects/programmes. By doing so, we can signpost residents to other services which are available in the local area, be it in the community, statutory or private sector.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The income for the year was £224,068 and the expenditure was £188,878. A more detailed breakdown can be seen on annual accounts. This amount is inclusive of restricted and unrestricted funds.

**The Directors consider the performance of the charity to be satisfactory.**

#### **DECLARATION**

The directors declare that they approve the trustees report above.  
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Board of Directors

SIGNED:



NAME:

Níree McMorris

POSITION: Chairperson

DATE: 08/11/2023