

**WE ARE MADE FOR MORE
T/A MADE FOR MORE NI
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

Our mission statement is to equip young people with the knowledge and understanding that there is value in their identity and the choices that they make.

The charity's objects are: To advance the education of children and young people in Northern Ireland under the age of 25, with specific focus on their mental health, their self-esteem, the misuse of drugs and the misuse of alcohol. To facilitate their growth to full maturity as individuals and members of society by educational, training, promotional and supportive means.

Made for More aims to inspire and engage a generation of young people in their communities, churches and schools; to educate and equip them with the knowledge needed to value who they are and make positive decisions, for a more purposeful future.

We aim to do this in a number of varying ways:

- Delivering workshops in both primary and secondary schools, in line with the learning for life and work curriculum.
- Speaking at school assemblies.
- Speaking to young people in churches and in other youth organisations to encourage them to understand their worth and value and to encourage them in seeing and growing in their identity in Christ.
- Promoting awareness of mental health and other issues through an active and positive presence on social media.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

As we reflect on Made for More's 6th year as an organisation, our influence has continued to grow across the education, youth, faith and sports sectors.

Year 6 began with a team of 7 full time employees and 3 part time employees. We were also blessed with 3 interns and 7 volunteers who have faithfully helped us facilitate our work across the province.

In year 6 we have been able to engage with our highest number of young people within a year via our in-person workshops. This year saw the implementation of a new booking and management software that helped us manage our service bookings more efficiently.

Our service delivery has continued to evolve through the addition of several new workshops, created in response to the feedback we have from young people and from education / youth sector leaders. In addition to our mental health and wellbeing workshops, we have created and delivered new workshops to tackle the issues of online safety, bullying and vaping.

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Measure	Year 6 output
Talks/Workshops delivered:	551
People reached via our workshops:	34,674
Workshop / Talk breakdown:	318 in the education sector
	233 within youth, church, and sports sectors
Digital resource views:	164,533
Website visits	68,689

Across our 318 talks delivered within the Education sector, we requested beneficiary feedback from every session.

They ask attendees the following:

- Did you learn something new? 80% said YES
- Would you implement changes in light of this: 71% said YES
- Can you state the contributing factors that affect your mental health negatively?
The most common responses were: navigating online, bullying, self-image, eating disorders, pressure to perform and illness or death of a loved one.

Growth

Within the last year we were pleased to launch our new **Special Educational Needs** ('SEN') initiative. Through this initiative, our aim is that young people with special educational needs across Northern Ireland would gain a deeper understanding of their value and mental health, by giving them the tools to know how to take care of their unique needs.

We desire to create a level of independency for these individuals as they learn about their brain, how emotions arise in our bodies, how to regulate themselves and receive the specific help they may need.

After launching our new SEN workshops in March, we carried out 9 workshops across 3 schools that reached over 40 young people.

This year, we will be returning to these 3 schools with new workshops for their young people and are excited to partner with 5 new schools in order to meet the need within a Special Educational Needs context.

Over the next 2 years we plan to deliver a further 70 SEN workshops across schools and youth groups to an anticipated 250 children.

In addition to our work within the education sector, we have continued to grow our service delivery within the sports sector. Our partnership with **Sports Chaplaincy Ireland** has given us the incredible opportunity to support this generation within local football, hockey and GAA teams.

We continue to partner with several youth organisations such as Dreamscheme NI, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Reach Mentoring to help support the incredible work they are doing for this generation of young people.

Fundraising

This was the 3rd and final year of our 'Break The Cycle' fundraiser. We are thankful to the schools, teachers and young people who took part, as well as to all who supported us financially.

We are so thankful for all the support we have received both prayerfully and financially. Your support has played a key role in the facilitation of our workshops, creation of e-learning support and birthing of partnerships.

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Financial review

The Trustees consider the financial results for the year and the financial position of the charity at the year end to be pleasing and encouraging.

The total income for the year was £271,122 (2023 - £263,658) with resources expended of £310,859 (2023 - £274,442), generating a deficit for the year of £39,137 (2023 - £10,784). At 31 August 2024 there are unrestricted reserves of £157,596 (2023 - £193,581).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of its risk register, the risks the charity faces, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity.

Future plans

As the need with this generation continues to grow, the challenge has been how best we can meet the increased need in a sustainable way. Through innovative and creative e-learning content, we are providing additional support for teachers, youth leaders, parents and guardians that is designed to cater for the common yet complexed needs of this generation.

This digital support hub is an online space where beneficiaries will receive support for issues such as:

- Anxiety.
- Depression.
- Panic Attacks.
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD).
- Self-Harm.
- Navigating online.

These resources have been made available on our website support page: <https://www.madeformoreni.co.uk/support>

We are thankful for all the support we have received financially, prayerfully and practically as a charity in our fifth year of operation. All those who have supported the work have been key to all that has been achieved this year.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and registered in Northern Ireland (Company Number NI655226). It is governed by its Articles of Association, dated 3rd October 2018, and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission Northern Ireland (Charity Number NIC 107419).

The Articles of Association govern all relevant matters relating to Membership; becoming and ceasing to be a Member; the Organisation of General Meetings; the Role and Powers of Directors (including appointment and retirement); Administrative Arrangements; and Directors Indemnity and Insurance.

The directors state that they have fully adhered to all such requirements and provisions during the year in question.

The Board of Directors held regular meetings during the year to review and discuss the operations of the charity and the spending of funds.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs S A Browne	(Resigned 25 October 2024)
Mr A G Gibson	
Mr S J Haighton	
Mr S J Harris	(Resigned 11 July 2024)
Mrs C S Karayiannis	(Appointed 6 February 2025)
Mrs E J Lindsay	(Resigned 25 October 2024)
Mr W F M McKinstry	(Appointed 6 February 2025)
Mrs C J Robinson	

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemptions.

The trustees' report was authorised and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs C S Karayiannis
Trustee

Dated: 12 March 2025