

Belfast And Lisburn Community Project

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107561

Details

Known as	WALK INN / BALCProject
Status	Received
Registered	2020-04-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To relieve poverty linked to homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless. To work to prevent homelessness, need and distress among those in Belfast and Lisburn and surrounding areas.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing, Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Counselling/support, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Relief of poverty, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Ethnic minorities, Homelessness, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-02	£25,215	£29,469	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gloria Hughes		
Gold Imoukhuede		
Miss Jennifer Wootton		
Perla Kotlarova		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	03/07/2024	To	02/07/2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	975	-	-	975	2,830
Grants	-	-	-	-	10,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Shop / Shelter / Fundraising	24,240	-	-	24,240	12,867
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	25,215	-	-	25,215	25,697
Total receipts	25,215	-	-	25,215	25,697
A2 Payments					
Cost of fundraising / events	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
Direct charitable activity	8,300	-	-	8,300	1,860
Grants & donations paid	920	-	-	920	-
Shelter / Office and Food Bank Expenses	3,680	-	-	3,280	510
Other costs Shop and Shelter Rent	14,400	-	-	14,400	12,000
Liability Insurance	869	-	-	869	720
Property refurbishment / Covid	-	-	-	-	10,280
A2 Sub total	29,469	-	-	29,469	29,960
Total payments	29,469	-	-	29,469	29,960
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,254	-	-	- 4,254	- 4,263
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 4,254	-	-	- 4,254	- 4,263

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	- 4,254	-	-	- 4,254	- 4,263
	Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 4,254	-	-	- 4,254	- 4,263
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Fund Accounting Policy

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Gift Aid

Income from tax reclaims is allocated to the relevant income resource when it is received

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Jennifer Wootton

Gloria Hughes

Print Name

Jennifer Wootton (Chairperson)

Gloria Hughes (Trustee)

Date of approval

23/10/2025

23/10/2025

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A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,830	-	-	2,830	1,759
LOAN TO MOVE TO A NEW PREMISES	-	10,000	-	10,000	5,000
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1
Charity Shop / Shelter / Fundraising	12,867	-	-	12,867	20,502
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	15,697	10,000	-	25,697	27,263
Total receipts	15,697	10,000	-	25,697	27,263
A2 Payments					
Cost of fundraising / events	-	-	-	-	540
Direct charitable activity	1,860	-	-	1,860	11,200
Grants & donations paid	-	-	-	-	920
Shelter / Office and Food Bank Expenses	510	-	-	510	5,600
Other costs Shop and Shelter Rent	12,000	-	-	12,000	7,200
Liability Insurance	720	-	-	720	670
New Establishment / Property	280	10,000	-	10,280	-
A2 Sub total	19,960	10,000	-	29,960	26,230
Total payments	19,960	10,000	-	29,960	26,230
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,263	-	-	- 4,263	1,033
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 4,263	-	-	- 4,263	1,033

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	Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 4,263	-	-	- 4,263	1,033
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Print Name

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Date of approval

18/05/2025

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Belfast and Lisburn Community Project Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 2nd July 2024

Chair's Statement

It is with a profound sense of resilience and gratitude that I present this report for **2024**, a year that presented our charity with one of its most significant operational challenges, yet also showcased the incredible strength and dedication of our trustees, volunteers, and supporters.

The year began under considerable strain following extensive water flood damage at our previous premises. This unfortunate event necessitated an urgent relocation—a process fraught with stress and difficulty. Our primary challenge was securing a new location that remained accessible and familiar to the vulnerable members of our community who rely on our services. We were acutely aware that moving too far could severely disrupt the vital support networks we have built.

After an intensive search, we were successful in finding suitable new premises. This, however, marked the beginning of a new phase of hard work. The Board of Trustees came together to strategise how to start afresh and develop the new space to meet our operational needs. We faced the daunting task of fitting out the premises with limited resources.

We were extraordinarily fortunate to receive the generous support of a local building company, *The BEAM*, who stepped in to assist. Their expertise and pro bono work enabled us to complete the majority of the construction work, for which we are eternally thankful.

Throughout this period of upheaval, our commitment to the community never wavered. **Critically, we did not suspend any of our services.** Our food bank, perhaps our most essential service, continued to operate without interruption, ensuring that those in crisis received consistent support even while our own organisational foundations were being rebuilt.

The effort to prepare the new home was a true team endeavour. Trustees and volunteers worked tirelessly, day and night, to paint, clean, organise, and prepare. This monumental effort culminated in our successful move-in during May 2024. The official opening of our new premises stands as a testament to what can be achieved through collective determination and community spirit.



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Review of Activities and Achievements

Despite the disruption, our core activities persisted:

- Continued provision of our **Food Bank** service throughout the relocation period.
- Successful **relocation and establishment** of a new, fit-for-purpose community premises.
- Maintenance of **key support services** for our beneficiaries, minimising disruption to their lives.
- Strengthening of partnerships with local businesses and community groups.

Financial Review

The financial implications of the flood and move were significant. The insurance company did not give or settlement or covered a portion of the losses, BUT for the in-kind donations of labour and materials that kept our refurbishment costs manageable. A detailed account is provided in the accompanying financial statements, which show a year of exceptional expenditure related to the re-establishment of our operations.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend our deepest thanks:

- To the dedicated **volunteers** whose unwavering efforts kept our services running and made our new premises a reality.
- To the **local company** whose incredible generosity saved this project.
- To our **staff, trustees, and members** for their resilience and adaptability.
- To the **wider community** for their patience, donations, and continued trust during this transition.

Looking Forward

As we settle into our new home, our focus for the coming year is on consolidation, developing our refreshed space into a vibrant community hub, and expanding our services with renewed energy. The trials of 2024 have strengthened our resolve and proven that with strong partnerships and community at our heart, we can overcome any obstacle.



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Signed,

Jennifer Wootton

Chair of the Board of Trustees
Belfast and Lisburn Community Project

Date: 20th June 2025

****Trustees****

Jennifer Wootton
Gloria Hughes
Perla Kotlkarova
Gold Imoukhuede

This report reflects the period from 3rd of July 2023 to 2nd of July 2024. Data is based on internal records and reports.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BELFAST AND LISBURN COMMUNITY PROJECT

For the Year Ended 2 July 2024

Charity Name: Belfast and Lisburn Community Project

Charity Number: NIC107561

1. Appointment and Scope

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Belfast and Lisburn Community Project (the 'charity') on pages of the annual accounting records.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. You consider that the charity is not subject to the statutory audit requirement for the year.

You consider that the charity meets the conditions for an independent examination set out in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and regulations made thereunder. I am qualified to undertake the independent examination.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that I meet the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and regulations for undertaking an independent examination of the charity's financial statements and that I am independent of the charity as required by the regulations.

2. Independent Examiner's Responsibilities

My responsibilities are to:

- Examine the financial statements under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- Follow the procedures specified in the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.
- State whether specific matters have come to my attention, as required by the regulations.

My examination is a focused review of the charity's accounting records and financial procedures. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK). Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

3. Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 69(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. My examination included:

- A review of the accounting records kept by the charity.
- A comparison of the financial statements with the accounting records.
- Enquiries of the trustees and staff concerning the financial activities of the charity.
- A review of relevant bank statements and reconciliation documents.
- A consideration of whether the financial statements are in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed and comply with the legal and regulatory framework.
- A review of the Trustees' Annual Report to assess its consistency with the financial statements.

I planned my work so as to have a reasonable expectation of detecting any material misstatements in the financial statements, whether caused by fraud, other irregularity, or error. However, an examination does not provide certainty that all such matters would be detected.

4. Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:
 - Accounting records have not been properly kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 (as applied to charities) or Regulation 12 of the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015; or
 - The financial statements do not accord with the accounting records; or
 - The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland)

2008 and the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

5. Opinion

In my opinion, based on my examination, the financial statements:

- Have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated therein.
- Are in agreement with the accounting records.
- Comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

6. Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charities Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- The information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- Sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my examination.

John Dobbin



Examiner's

Date: 20th November 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,759	-	-	1,759	1,778
Grants	5,000	-	-	5,000	23,848
Gift Aid	1	-	-	1	37
Charity Shop / Shelter / Fundraising	20,503	-	-	20,503	12,642
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	27,263	-	-	27,263	38,305
Total receipts	27,263	-	-	27,263	38,305
A2 Payments					
Cost of fundraising / events	540	-	-	540	390
Direct charitable activity	11,200	-	-	11,200	10,883
Grants & donations paid	920	-	-	920	3,360
Shelter / Office and Food Bank Expenses	5,600	-	-	5,600	5,864
Other costs Shop and Shelter Rent	7,200	-	-	7,200	14,440
Liability Insurance	670	-	-	670	648
Property refurbishment / Covid	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	26,230	-	-	26,230	35,545
Total payments	26,230	-	-	26,230	35,545
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,033	-	-	1,033	2,760
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,033	-	-	1,033	2,760

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,033	-	-	1,033	2,760
	Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,033	-	-	1,033	2,760
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Signature

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Gloria Hughes

Print Name

Jennifer Wootton (Chairperson)

Gloria Hughes (Trustee)

Date of approval

08/04/2024

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Belfast And Lisburn Community Project (NIC 107561)

****Annual Report of Trustees for the Belfast and Lisburn Community Project (2022–2023)****

Purpose of the Charity

to relieve poverty linked to homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless. To work to prevent homelessness, need and distress among those in Belfast and Lisburn and surrounding areas.

Further to this objective:

To provide activities within our community which are to enhance skills and raise self-confidence as a first step towards changing their lives. Overcoming that by meeting people where they are in their lives and showing them skills that are relevant to them and creating workshops by the provision of conferences, training, information, advice and other facilities, services or support. Bring together people who have a common interest of the public benefits in our community and facilitate their sharing and networking, so they know they are not alone.

To promote the needs of homeless and marginalised people locally by means of high quality PR, thereby helping to reduce discrimination towards them and influencing the local community to become more supportive and less judgemental.

To provide information, support and practical help that will empower people to make and act on informed choices arrived at by themselves, in particular for people who are homeless and those vulnerable to becoming homeless, who are lacking the necessities of life, and to advance education on issues associated with homelessness for the public benefit.

Providing safe shelter, accommodation, food and health counselling, emergency assistance to families or individuals affected by poverty or dispossession. Provide material and support to families to meet their family objectives.

Promoting good relations between persons of different racial groups for the public benefit.

The promotion of waste reduction, re-use reclamation, recycling, use of recycled products and the use of surplus which helps to protect our environment and reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.

Reusing valuable resources ensures a greener future which provide benefits to both our environment and economy, helping people improve their health and wellbeing and for the generations beyond.

Chairperson's Message

1. Introduction

The Trustees present their annual report on the activities of the Belfast and Lisburn Community Project for the financial year 3rd July 2022 to 2nd July 2023. This year has been one of the most challenging in the Project's history, defined by a significant setback but also by the resilience and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

2. Principal Activities and Review of the Year

The principal activity of the Project continues to be the operation of a food bank, supporting the homeless and the provision of support to those in need within the Belfast and Lisburn communities.

The year under review was dominated by a major flood at our premises, caused by a water leakage. This incident had severe and immediate consequences for our operations:

* **Premises Closure:** The Project's base was rendered unusable and was forced to close for a period of six months to facilitate repairs and recovery.

* **Substantial Damage:** The majority of the charity's contents, including storage, equipment, and supplies, were damaged by the floodwater.

* **Insurance Dispute:** Regrettably, our insurance provider has refused to accept responsibility for the damage. Consequently, the Project has had to bear the full burden of the recovery efforts, relying on our own resources and the goodwill of our community.

Despite these overwhelming challenges, our core mission was maintained. Through the incredible efforts of our volunteers, we were able to continue the distribution of food parcels to those in need, operating from temporary arrangements.

3. Current Status and Future Outlook

The damage to the premises and the ensuing closure has made it unviable for the Project to continue operating from its previous location.

* **Relocation:** As a direct result of the flood, the Trustees took the difficult decision to vacate the premises permanently.

* **Future Premises:** A key strategic priority for the Trustees is securing a new, permanent home for the charity. We are actively seeking a suitable new premise and are hopeful that we will be able to secure and occupy a new facility during the 2024 calendar year. This will allow us to restore our full range of services and build a more resilient and secure future for the Project.

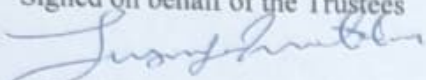
4. Acknowledgements

The Trustees wish to record their profound gratitude to our volunteers, whose unwavering commitment ensured that our vital food bank service, homeless outreach service, advice and accomodation continued without interruption during this period of crisis. We also extend our sincere thanks to the community for their continued support and understanding.

We adhere to strict budgetary controls and transparent reporting practices and to minimised expenses.
no one in our communities faces homelessness alone.

This report was approved by the Trustees on behalf of the Belfast and Lisburn Community Project.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



18/08/2025

Jennifer Wootton
Chairperson, Belfast and Lisburn Community Project

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BELFAST AND LISBURN COMMUNITY PROJECT

Charity Name: Belfast And Lisburn Community Project

Charity Number (if applicable): 107561

Period under review: 3 July 2022 to 2 July 2023

1. Appointed Examiner's Details:

- Name: John Dobbin
- Address: 53 Cliftonpark Avenue Belfast BT14 6DR

2. Scope of the Examination

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period above, which are set out on the year account records.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI). My examination included an assessment of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included considering the accounting policies adopted, significant estimates made by the trustees, and whether the accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the charity's governing document.

I also carried out such specific procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances, including:

- Reviewing transactions and balances to identify any unusual items.
- Testing the arithmetical accuracy of the accounts.
- Verifying that the accounts agree with the underlying accounting records.

An examination is a less extensive scope of work than an audit and consequently does not enable me to provide an audit opinion.

3. Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for ensuring that they comply with the requirements of the charity's governing document, relevant legislation, and applicable accounting standards.

It is my responsibility to:

- State whether specific matters have come to my attention.

- Provide a report that includes the statements specified by the regulator.

4. Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

In accordance with the regulator's directions, my examination did not include:

- Verification of the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records.
- An assessment of the trustees' system of internal controls.
- Any work on the assumptions or estimates made by the trustees in preparing the accounts beyond that outlined in the scope.

5. Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:
 - The accounting records have not been properly kept in accordance with Section [Relevant Section] of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (or applicable legislation); or
 - The accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
 - The accounts do not comply with the applicable accounting requirements and the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP), where applicable, except for the matter(s) outlined in the paragraph below.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Specific Matter for Attention:

6. Conclusion

On the basis of my examination, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I confirm that, **except for the matter(s) referred to above**, the accounts for the period ended 2 July 2023:

- Have been properly prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document.
- Comply with the applicable accounting framework (e.g., the Receipts and Payments basis as adopted by the trustees).

- Give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 2 July 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the period then ended.

John Dobbin



Signed: _____

Date: 18th November 2025

Professional Address:

53 Cliftonpark Avenue

Belfast

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