

# North Belfast Play Forums Trustee annual report for period from 01.03.22 to 28.02.23

## **Reference and administration details**

Charity Name	North Belfast Play Forum Ltd
Other names charity is known by	NBPF
Registered Charity number	NIC107589
Charity address	185 Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6DT

## **Introduction**

The North Belfast Play Forum is situated in the Waterworks Public Park on the Cavehill Road in North Belfast which is an area of multiple deprivation. The site is based in the Waterworks ward. This area of disadvantage has many needs. According to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency the Waterworks ward was the most deprived ward (Ranked 1) out of the 462 electoral wards in Northern Ireland.

The North Belfast Play Forum is a small charity that uses sport/activity based sessions to engage young people and the wider area to participate in physical activities to enhance their well being and encourage community engagement.

## **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.**

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not whole year
Brian Joseph McKeivitt	Chair	NA
Daniel O'Connor		NA
Matthew Cadell		NA
Anne Mulvenna	Secretary	NA
Ruairi Donaghy	Treasure	NA

## **Structure, governance, and management.**

Type of governing document	Articles of association and Memorandum
How the charity is constituted	Company Ltd by guarantee charity
Additional governance information	The NBPF had a policy health check during the pandemic and it was agreed to include a new online interaction policy for staff and volunteers.
Appointment of new trustees	On our governing document it states: MEMBERSHIP Membership of the Company shall be from:

	<p>(a) Representatives of statutory and voluntary bodies operating in the North Belfast area whose objects are consistent with those of the Company.</p> <p>(b) Individuals who shall be persons having special knowledge or experience; or representatives of a street or an area.</p> <p>© The power of admitting members of the Company shall be on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, but shall be exercised by the Executive committee in accordance with any regulations or directions made and subject to any restrictions or conditions imposed by the Company in general meeting.</p> <p>(d) Any member who shall fail to observe any of the regulations or bylaws of the Company, or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Executive Committee be excluded from the Company by a resolution duly approved by a majority of a least three – fourths of the Executive Committee present and voting at a special meeting of the Executive Committee , of which he shall have been given proper opportunity at attending and being heard in his defence , shall thereafter cease to be a member of the Company with a right to appeal to Company in light of new evidence , within 21 days.</p> <p>(e) A member may at any time withdraw from the Company by giving at least seven clear days notice to the Company. Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death.</p>
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### **Objectives and activities**

Summary of governing document objective	<p>The company is established for charitable objects and purposes only. In particular the Company is established:</p> <p>To promote the benefit of the people of North Belfast and its environs, without distinction of age, sex, race, political or religious or other opinions, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, institutions, business and the people of the</p>
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	community in common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for the protection and preservation of health, recreation and leisure - time occupation, with the objects for the benefit of the community which now or hereafter may deemed by law to be charitable.
Summary of main activities and achievements undertaken by the North Belfast Play Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Management of the Waterworks Sports Facility for Belfast City Council through a Facility Management Agreement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The facility has recovered from the pandemic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. PAL Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PAL project is a personal development programme combined with an activity programme to enhance the skills of young people in North Belfast. The PAL project supported 20 young people into employment. 22 young people achieved level 2 accredited training and delivered 250 hours activities to young peers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Community Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community projects this year included the 8 week long summer programme delivered by the PAL project participants. Delivering 120 hours of activities over the summer. The weekend intervention programme ran through the year also for young people at the weekends. The project is designed to provide provisions for young people at the weekend to help tackle anti-social behaviour. Other activities that ran throughout the year included after schools, ethnic minorities projects as well as a vulnerable men project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. 20 young people into employment with support from NBPF through young leaders project. A project aimed at young females 16-22. Supporting them into employment.</li> </ol>

A brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.	North Belfast Play Forum is committed to maintaining a sufficient level of Financial Reserves to enable strategic, accountability and operating activities to be maintained, taking account of potential risks and contingencies, which may arise from time to time.
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Charity Commission Public Benefit requirement.	The North Belfast Play Forum trustees have had regard to the Commissions Public Benefit requirement. The statement will accompany this report to the trustees.
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### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the North Belfast Play Forum trustees.

Signature	BJ McKevitt
Full name	Brian Joseph McKevitt
Position	Chair
Date	20.11.23