

# Maine Integrated Playgroup

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107780

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2020-10-26

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

## Contact

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**Address** 93 Portglenone Road  
Randalstown  
BT41 3eh  
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**Phone** 07803924639

## Activities

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**Purposes:** Maine Integrated Playgroup is established to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age, (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of Randalstown and its surrounding environs in County Antrim, without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular : 1. To the advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents / carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group; and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries ; and 2.To support the values and principles of Early Years

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Playgroup/after schools

**Who the charity helps:** Preschool (0-5 year olds)

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,371	£56,563	£0	3

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Kirsty Alexander		
Mrs Caoilfhionn Wilson		
Mrs Clare Lyle		
Mrs Edel Woodin		
Mrs Oonagh Stewart		
Mrs Victoria Walker		

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# Accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Playgroup Income PEAG		49,674	-	49,674	47,639
Grants			-	-	-
Pre-Pre Income			-	-	464
Snacks & Breakfast Club		4,945	-	4,945	2,775
Fundraising		276	-	276	298
Cash			-	-	-
Interest			-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds		476	-	476	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	-	55,371	-	55,371	51,176
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	55,371	-	55,371	51,176
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff costs	-	41,721	-	41,721	35,731
Snacks	-	1,961	-	1,961	1,665
Materials/Equipment	-	5,542	-	5,542	3,395
Broadband	-	90	-	90	115
Independent Early Years	-	1,040	-	1,040	1,300
Payroll Consultancy	-	469	-	469	784
Premises costs	-	2,850	-	2,850	342
Happy Minds - Engage	-	-	-	-	308
Activities	-	1,389	-	1,389	714
Other (Access NI/Training/ICO)	-	1,440	-	1,440	1,467
Bank Fees	-	61	-	61	62
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	-	56,563	-	56,563	45,883
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	56,563	-	56,563	45,883
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	1,192	-	1,192	5,293
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	34,175	-	34,175	28,882
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	32,983	-	32,983	34,175
<b>Balance at Bank Year End 31/03/2025</b>				38,563	

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Grants			0	0	747
Pre-Pre Income	464		0	464	0
Snacks & Breakfast Club	2,775		0	2,775	610
Fundraising	298		0	298	0
Cash			0	0	2,096
Interest			0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,176</b>	<b>55,593</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
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Premises costs	342	0	0	342	458
Happy Minds - Engage	0	308	0	308	600
Activities (Summer Term)	714	0	0	714	
Other (Access NI/Training/ICO)	1,467	0	0	1,467	835
Bank Fees	62	0	0	62	67
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>8,544</b>	<b>37,339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>40,086</b>
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	0	0	0	0	0
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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.

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Name: WENDY KERR

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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Playgroup Income PEAG		47,639	0	47,639	52,140
Grants			0	0	747
Pre-Pre Income	464		0	464	0
Snacks & Breakfast Club	2,775		0	2,775	610
Fundraising	298		0	298	0
Cash			0	0	2,096
Interest			0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,176</b>	<b>55,593</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,176</b>	<b>55,593</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff costs	0	35,731	0	35,731	33,410
Snacks	1,665	0	0	1,665	1,745
Materials/Equipment	3,395	0	0	3,395	469
Broadband	115	0	0	115	467
Independent Early Years	0	1,300	0	1,300	1,560
Payroll Consultancy	784	0	0	784	476
Premises costs	342	0	0	342	458
Happy Minds - Engage	0	308	0	308	600
Activities (Summer Term)	714	0	0	714	
Other (Access NI/Training/ICO)	1,467	0	0	1,467	835
Bank Fees	62	0	0	62	67
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>8,544</b>	<b>37,339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>40,086</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,544</b>	<b>37,339</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,883</b>	<b>40,086</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-5,007</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>15,507</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,882</b>	<b>13,375</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>-5,007</b>	<b>39,182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,175</b>	<b>28,882</b>



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Maine Integrated Playgroup. I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.

CCNI **107780** – 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.

Name: WENDY KERR

Relevant professional qualification or body: IMPACT NETWORK NI



Date: 23/01/2025

**Maine Integrated Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107780

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# Accounts

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Maine Integrated Playgroup	NIC107780
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Break Fees	2,706			2,706
Grants		52,887		52,887
Fundraising activities				-
Interest on deposit account				-
Cash Fees				-
Unrestricted Funds				-
<b>A1 Income Sub Total</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>52,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,593</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>52,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,457</b>
<b>A2 Payments</b>				
Wages		33,886	-	33,886
Snacks	745	-	-	745
Materials/Equipment	469	-	-	469
Running Costs	251		-	251
Independent Early Years Fee		1,200		1,200
Training/Activities	610	2,699	-	3,309
Bank Fees	226	-	-	226
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Expenditure</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>37,785</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,086</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,259</b>	<b>38,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,082</b>
<b>Year End 31/03/2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,375</b>
<b>Balance at Bank Year End 31/03/2022</b>				<b>24377.33</b>

**Maine Integrated Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107780

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# Annual report

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## Maine Integrated Playgroup Trustees Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

93 Portglenone Road Randalstown BT41 3EH

Northern Ireland Charity Commission Number: 107780-0

Maine Integrated Playgroup is a community playgroup based in Randalstown, County Antrim Northern Ireland. It provides early years education for pre-school children and its main source of income is from the Education Authority in Northern Ireland. The funding is on a per child basis and Maine Integrated Playgroup can cater for up to 24 preschool aged children in morning sessions Monday to Friday during the academic year.

### Aims

The vision for Maine Integrated Playgroup is to ensure children are emotionally and physically healthy, eager and able to learn and respectful of difference. Maine Integrated Playgroup aims to provide a structured play-based setting for children of statutory school age in the Randalstown and District area and to deliver the following outcomes:

1. Preparation of each child for primary school
2. Mastering the basic skills of expression, communication. Problem solving, early mathematics, creativity, knowledge of the world around us, experimentation and physical development
3. The ability to relate to other children and adults

### Funding in 2022-23

Maine Integrated Playgroup receives funding from The Education Authority. Maine Integrated Playgroup also received additional grants from the Education Authority. In some years Maine Integrated Playgroup offers Pre-Pre sessions which are paid for by parents. Further funding comes from fundraising activity, commission from photography sessions and also donations from parents for snacks.

Maine Integrated Playgroup did not apply for or receive any Charity Funding in 2022-23.

Maine Integrated Playgroup has a policy, as per Social Services Guidance of having 3 months operating costs (approximately £12,000) in a reserve account. Reserves on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were: £962.32

Maine Integrated Playgroup had £32,850.35 in its bank account on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Maine Integrated Playgroup shares a site with Maine Integrated Primary School. Maine Integrated Playgroup paid no rent, heating, cleaning, electric charges or other overheads in 2022-23. Maine Integrated Playgroup's only assets are the play resources, and a small amount of IT and domestic electrical equipment used for the running of the Playgroup.

Maine Integrated Playgroup has no liabilities.

Cash Held – Maine Integrated Playgroup handles cash from parental donations and fundraising activities. This cash is deposited in the Playgroup Bank account throughout the year and is used directly for the running of the playgroup. Cash deposited during 22-23 was £710. All payments into the accounts were for the benefit of the Playgroup.

### Governance

Maine Integrated Playgroup is governed by a constitution adopted on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and updated and approved by the members of the committee on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. A management committee of volunteers oversees the operation of the Playgroup. AGM is held each November and all parents are made aware of the AGM and encouraged to attend. The makeup of the management committee changes yearly as children normally attend Maine Integrated Playgroup for one year only before progressing to P1 in schools in the Randalstown and District area. In November 2022, Mrs Caoilfhionn Wilson assumed the role of Chairwoman, Maine Integrated Playgroup Management Committee. Due to a delay in vetting and Fit Persons interview it was May 2023 before Mrs Wilson fully assumed the role. Between November 2022 and May 2023 Mr Adrian Kenny continued his role as Chairman, Maine Integrated Playgroup Management Committee.

Northern Trust Social Services are the statutory authority who oversee the operation of the Playgroup. Social Services worked closely with the Management committee in 22-23 in supporting Mrs Wilson in taking up her Chairwoman's role.

No safeguarding concerns were raised regarding Maine Integrated Playgroup in 2022-23.

Maine Integrated Playgroup contracts an Independent Early Years specialist to support the Playgroup Leader and staff with the operation of the playgroup.

The Trustees have regard to the public benefit of the charity. The Trustees worked hard in 2022-23 to achieve the charity's aims namely:

- The advancement of education of pre statutory school age children in Randalstown and District area
- Deliver Aims 1-3 as listed above in this report

On-site activities such as the Christmas play in December 2022 help to further the charities aims – specifically aim 2 of Maine Integrated Playgroup and a raffle provided modest fundraising. Staff and volunteers of the charity gained an Incidental Benefit in the form of training and vetting to allow them to perform their roles. This could be regarded as a benefit as the skill and training could be transferrable to other roles.

Trustees 2022-23

Adrian Kenny – until May 2023 when Caoilfhionn Wilson took up role of Chairwoman

Caoilfhionn Wilson

Louise French – resigned from committee in November 2022

Victoria Walker

Cecelia Adair – resigned from committee in November 2022

Edel Woodin

Oonagh Stewart

Carla Adams - joined committee in November 2022

Clare Lyle – joined committee in November 2022

Kelly Mulholland – joined committee in November 2022. Resigned December 2022.

This report has been prepared to the best of our knowledge.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Adrian Kenny

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Caoilfhionn Wilson

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**Maine Integrated Playgroup**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107780

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# Annual return

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**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.

Name: Wendy Kerr

Relevant professional qualification or body: IMPACT NETWORK NI

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Date: 30/01/2024