

# Ecological Design Association Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107826

## Details

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**Known as** EDANI

**Status** Overdue

**Registered** 2020-08-10

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

## Contact

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**Address** 80 Church Road  
Crossgar  
Downpatrick  
BT30 9hr  
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## Activities

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**Purposes:** To advance the cause of environmentally friendly, sustainable and healthy design, building and development by providing information, education and advice to fellow professionals and the general public, carrying out research and publishing reports.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation, Rural development, Urban development

**Who the charity helps:** General public, Voluntary and community sector

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2022-12-31	£0	£255	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Thomas Adrian Woolley		
Ms Claire Samways		
Ms Lisa Ponzoni		
Ms Mary Mckeown		

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# Accounts

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Ecological Design Association NI  
Registered Charity Number 107826

80 Church Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick BT30 9HR

Draft Annual Accounts 2022

Bank Account: Danske Bank

Charity Account: Account Number 95043410067652

<u>Income:</u>	
Balance forward from 2021	£525.35
No income during the year	
<b>Total Income</b>	
Bank interest	7p
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Indemnity Insurance Policy PolicyBee Ltd	£56.00
ABC Pop up canopy to use at Climate CRaic	£169.95
Both were paid by Tom Woolley from his personal account and then refunded £225.95	
Danske bank admin fees 12 months @£2.50	£30.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£255.95</b>
Balance shown on December bank statement	£269.44

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Draft Annual Accounts 2021

Bank Account: Danske Bank

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Balance November 30 2021 awaiting December 30 statement

**Credit £527.72**

<u>Income:</u>	
Balance forward from 2020	£23.49
Donation from Tom Woolley March 23 2021	£50
Refund of service charges from Danske bank	£21
Grant from Co-op Foundation	£1,048.80
Balance of grant from Co-op Foundation (total grant was £1500)	£451.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£1663.49</b>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Heritage Ltd. Hemp shiv and Lime Binder Materials for workshops	£1,048.80
Danske bank admin fees 9 months @£1.50	£13.50
Danske bank increased charges @£2.50	£7.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£1069.80</b>
Balance	£524.69

Other costs not accounted for

GoDaddy fee for web site paid for by Tom Woolley.

24.1.20 £96.60

Next renewal payment due 23.01.2025 (need to alter bank details for this)

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# Annual report

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Ecological Design Association Northern Ireland (EDANI)  
Annual Report 2021  
Registered Charity Number 107826

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The Aims and Purposes of the charity

Our objective is to emulate the activities of the Scottish Ecological Design Association promoting the benefits of creating more harmonious, healthy and environmentally friendly places to live, while safeguarding the natural environment. Ecological design activities involve helping the public with information, training and guidance so that they can benefit from living in a more harmonious, peaceful and healthy environment. Our focus has been on information, education and training. We have developed these aims successfully through our first full year of activity by providing information and education about one-planet living, providing information and training about natural construction materials such as hempcrete. Despite our limited size and activities we believe that we have raised awareness of ecological ideas and principles in Northern Ireland and that this has significant benefit to the wider community and the public.

Activities

2021 has been a difficult year but despite this we have managed to carry out some activities.

Web site:

A holding web site was established

<https://www.ecologicaldesignassociationireland.com/>

This included the basic information about EDANI and a link to the campaign for One Planet Living Planning policies

The web site needs further work, including some attractive images, but this will depend on finding a member who knows how to do web sites etc.

One Planet Living Work:

With the help of Mark H Durkan MLA and a few other people a proposal was put forward that Northern Ireland should consider adopting the Welsh One Planet Living (OPL) planning policies. OPL is well established in Wales and allows people to develop ecological small holdings and ecological buildings in the countryside providing they comply with a number of quite onerous conditions. A proposal was drafted, supported by EDANI, and this went out to consultation through Stormont and eventually was approved to progress by the Speaker. The next stage was for civil servants in the Bills office to draft the Bill but it seems to have stalled at this stage. An enthusiastic and supportive civil servant was moved to another department and it seems unlikely that the bill will make much progress before Stormont shuts down for the May 2022 elections. Despite this disappointment this action has drawn attention to the existence of EDANI and there was massive support for the proposals in response to the survey. This is a non-political proposal which seemed likely to achieve support from most parties in Stormont as well as a wide range of environmental organisations. Unfortunately, there are also two climate change bills going through Stormont and these have been given priority.

Hempcrete training:

EDANI has supported and organised several events to provide education and training in the ecological form of construction known as hempcrete or hemp lime. Mixing hemp and lime to create solid insulating walls is a remarkable low carbon form of building construction which is attracting increased interest in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK and Ireland. We have worked with a private company, Heritage Ltd who supply hemp and lime materials who have generously donated time to this work, Hemp Co-operative Ireland, The Co-operative Foundation, Co-operative Alternatives, NI, the Groundwork Trust (NI) CTR construction and many others have provided assistance.

Training workshops have been run at Lime Technology (Near Ballymena), The Hollywood Men's Shed and the Refill Hut in Killyleagh. A further workshop is planned to be held at the National Trust HQ in Rowallane in 2022 and another in the North West, Derry or Donegal. The workshops were partly funded by a small grant from the

Co-operative Foundation and voluntary input from members. Numbers were kept small with the workshops run mainly outside to allow for COVID rules. No charges were made to attend but in future we should impose a small charge as some people who registered didn't bother to turn up on the day but are more likely to do so if they had paid. Despite this demand was high and there are requests for more workshops. Participants came from as far afield as Wicklow and Dublin.

Some of the funds from the Co-op Foundation Grant remain unspent as voluntary help kept costs low and can be used to support further events in the future. Co-operative Alternatives were very happy with the use of the fund and have featured the workshops on their newsletters and blogs.

<https://www.coopalternatives.coop/blog/> Surplus materials were also left with the Holywood Men's Shed in the hope that they could carry out further insulating work to their building,

The Killyleagh and Holywood Mens Shed hempcrete workshop Photos



#### Membership and other activity:

Not much work has been done over the year to recruit additional members and this has to be a priority for 2022. A delayed "launch" in person meeting is needed to generate enthusiasm for this. There has been a quite a bit of contact with other organisations and people. For instance, members took part in an event in Belfast to coincide with COP 26 and there has been contact with groups on line such as Architects Climate Action Network, the Unite Trade Union Climate Action branch, the Take Back the city organisation in Belfast, the All Party Climate Change group in Stormont, which brings together a wide range of environmental people, Collaboration for Change and the Northern Ireland Clean Air Champion among many others. There have been some initial discussions about works to the currently unused building at the back of Ballynahinch Credit Union to provide space for a range of charitable and community activities and it's is hoped to secure a small space to provide a base for EDANI and minimal cost. This would provide somewhere easily accessible by public transport where a small library of books and magazines and information leaflets could be kept and a small office facility. We are also exploring possibilities with Belfast City Council.

#### Public Benefit

The trustees believe that they have met the Commission's Public Benefit requirements. We have taken account of the public benefit guidance and tried to ensure that our activity in promoting ecological ideas has reached a wider public audience. While only a small number of people have attended our training workshops, many more expressed interest in attending and we are confident we can gain wider public attention in 2022. As there is greater interest in climate change and environmental issues, we believe that our work in assisting understanding of this meets the public benefit requirements.

Tom Woolley Chair January 20 2022

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# Annual return

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Ecological Design Association NI

80 Church Road

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Crossgar

BT30 9HR

21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022

Dear Sir

**Re – Ecological Design Association NI – Reg Charity Number 107826.**

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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

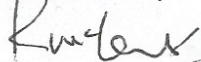
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1)-(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.

Yours faithfully



R McCormick

Business Manager – Ulster Bank (retired)