

# St Johns Youth Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107951

## Details

Known as	St Johns Youth Club
Status	Received
Registered	2021-05-17
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** 2.10 The centre is established to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£92,488	£87,188	£0	9

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Conor Brian Neeson		
Mr Jim Morgan		
Mrs Eileen Maria Manly		
Mrs Patricia Conlon		

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# Accounts

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ST JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE

REPORTING PERIOD:

1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER:

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to Mar-25 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-24 TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Grants	1	146	-	146	131
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	23,106	69,233	92,339	92,383
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>23,252</b>	<b>69,233</b>	<b>92,485</b>	<b>92,514</b>
<b>Payments:</b>					
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	17,955	69,233	87,188	82,177
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	1,413	-	1,413	132
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>19,368</b>	<b>69,233</b>	<b>88,601</b>	<b>82,309</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		3,883	0	3,883	10,205
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		-	0	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>3,883</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,883</b>	<b>10,206</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.2025</u></b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24		60,906	-	60,906	50,700
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		3,883	-	3,883	10,206
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.25		<b>64,789</b>	-	<b>64,789</b>	<b>60,907</b>

The statement of receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES**


<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	60,906	-	60,906	50,700
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	3,883	-	3,883	10,206
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.25</b>	<b>64,789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,789</b>	<b>60,907</b>


<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	64,789	-	64,789	50,700
	<b>64,789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,789</b>	<b>50,700</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Land & Buildings	-	440,000	440,000	440,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30/01/2026 and were signed on their behalf by:

  
 Patricia Conlon  
 Secretary

  
 Eileen Manly  
 Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 <u>Voluntary Receipts</u>	2025		2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Bank Interest	146	-	146
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131</b>

2 <u>From Charitable Activities</u>	2025		2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
EA	-	69,233	69,233
Other Income	23,106	-	23,106
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>23,106</b>	<b>69,233</b>	<b>92,339</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>24,606</b>	<b>67,777</b>	<b>92,383</b>

3 <u>Payments on charitable activities</u>	2025		2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Maintenance & repairs	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-
Programme Costs	9,515	3,064	12,580
Training	-	-	-
Overheads	2,426	7,252	9,678
Staff Costs	6,014	58,916	64,930
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>69,233</b>	<b>87,188</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>14,311</b>	<b>67,866</b>	<b>82,177</b>

4 <u>Governance Costs</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
			2025
			2024
Bank Fees	1,413	-	1,413
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,413</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159</b>

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

<b>5 Funds</b>	Balance at 1 Apr 24	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 Mar 25
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>		£	£	£	
EA	-	69,233	(69,233)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	<b>69,233</b>	<b>(69,233)</b>	-	-
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	60,906	23,252	(19,368)	-	64,789
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>60,906</b>	<b>23,252</b>	<b>(19,368)</b>	-	<b>64,789</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>60,906</b>	<b>92,485</b>	<b>(88,601)</b>	-	<b>64,789</b>

### **6 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £420 (2024 - £420).

### **7 Post-Examination Events**

Nothing material to report.

### **8 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

### **9 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).

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<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Grants	1	131	-	131	145
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	24,606	67,777	92,383	148,278
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>24,737</b>	<b>67,777</b>	<b>92,514</b>	<b>148,424</b>
<b>Payments:</b>					
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	14,311	67,866	82,177	117,748
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	132	-	132	159
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>14,443</b>	<b>67,866</b>	<b>82,309</b>	<b>117,908</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		10,293	(88)	10,205	30,515
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		485	(485)	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>10,778</b>	<b>(573)</b>	<b>10,205</b>	<b>30,516</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.2024</u></b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23		50,127	573	50,700	20,184
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		10,778	(573)	10,205	30,516
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24		<b>60,906</b>	-	<b>60,906</b>	<b>50,700</b>

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	Funds	Funds	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23	50,127	573	50,700	<b>20,184</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	10,778	(573)	10,205	<b>30,516</b>
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.24</b>	<b>60,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,906</b>	<b>50,700</b>

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Funds	Funds	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	60,906	-	<b>60,906</b>	<b>50,700</b>
	<b>60,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,906</b>	<b>50,700</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Funds	Funds	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Land & Buildings	-	440,000	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>
	<b>-</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Funds	Funds	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Patricia Conlon  
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29/01/2025  
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	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest	131	-	131	145
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145</b>	
	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
EA	-	67,777	67,777	75,585
Belfast City Council	-	-	-	-
Other Income	24,606	-	24,606	72,693
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>24,606</b>	<b>67,777</b>	<b>92,383</b>	<b>148,278</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>72,693</b>	<b>75,585</b>	<b>148,278</b>	
	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance & repairs	102	-	102	32,975
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Programme Costs	8,250	3,040	11,290	3,637
Training	460	-	460	-
Overheads	1,357	7,454	8,811	6,922
Staff Costs	4,142	57,372	61,513	74,214
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>14,311</b>	<b>67,866</b>	<b>82,177</b>	<b>117,748</b>
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>38,746</b>	<b>79,002</b>	<b>117,748</b>	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Bank Fees	132	-	132	159
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>159</b>
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<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>67,777</b>	<b>(67,866)</b>	<b>(485)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	50,127	24,737	(14,443)	485	60,906
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>50,127</b>	<b>24,737</b>	<b>(14,443)</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>60,906</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>50,700</b>	<b>92,514</b>	<b>(82,309)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,906</b>

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# Annual report

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**St Johns Youth Club  
Trustee Annual Return  
Charity Commission NI  
Jan 2025**

**Working to support the needs of children  
and young people in Mid-Falls locality.**

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### 4.1 Programme Activities

#### *Outputs*

- Deliver Generic/Non-Targeted Provision as per EA Specifications
- Improve Health and Wellbeing Delivery of Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing
- Participation- Members Forum 9-13yrs-14-18yrs
- Embed Community Relation Equality Diversity (CRED) Principles into St Johns Youth Centre.
- Deliver 1 x Monthly Outreach Session
- Delivery of Social Action Projects Organ Donation Week-Clean Up
- Delivery of Internet Safety Awareness
- Undertook Club Clean up inside and outside facility
- Environmental Awareness Activities
- GL Transfer Summer Scheme Programme 2023

#### *Outcomes*

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## 1. Background

St Johns Youth Centre was established over 80 years ago to provide youth activities for young people within the St James, Rock Streets and La Salle areas of Mid Falls.

### How Do We Do It ?

- **Our values**
- **Our principles**
- **Methodology**

#### Our values

- St Johns YC is committed to equality, justice and promoting diversity and opposes discrimination of any sort.
- St Johns YC is committed to positive social change to address deprivation, poverty and exclusion.
- St Johns YC is committed to partnership working and adopts a community development approach.
- St Johns YC values its management, staff and volunteers as the key resource of the organisation.
- St Johns YC is an independent organisation and is non-party political.
- St Johns YC strives for excellence in all that it does in order to provide high quality services.
- St Johns YC conducts its business in an open, honest, transparent and accountable way to its members and stakeholders.

#### Our principles.

- **Inclusiveness** – we seek to involve all people, as active participants in their community.
- **Responsive** – we strengthen the efforts of individuals and groups to meet community needs and make a difference.
- **Quality** – we strive for excellence in the delivery of our services and activities.

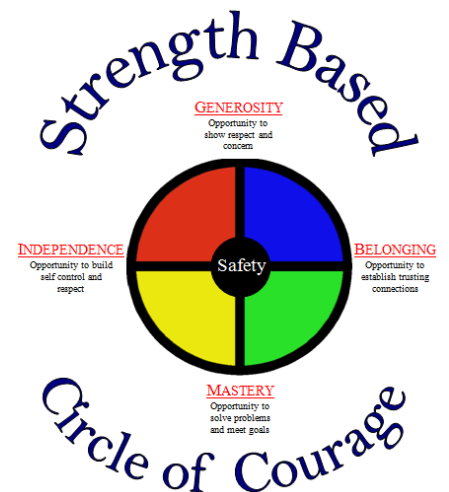
- **Connected** – we work with others through local, citywide and regional cross-sectoral links and partnerships to enhance community well-being.
- **Accessible** – we provide fair and open access to all opportunities and support.
- **Forward looking** – we recognise the need for continual review and improvement.
- **Impact focused** – we believe that success is measured by outcomes and will seek to deliver results that benefit both individuals and the community.
- **Caring-** We take a person centered caring approach to work with all our young people.
- **Considerate-** We consider the challenges faced by young people and work to support them through these challenges.
- **Compassionate-** We work to support our young people in a compassionate and understanding way in all our interactions with them.

## Methodology

St Johns YC has core elements throughout its activities, those core processes involve using a range of methodologies including.

### Strength Based Approaches in the delivery of Local Area Based Youth Work

St Johns YC employs a strength-based approach (circle of courage) to supporting young people, individually and collectively. We employ a range of methodologies including centre-based programming and outreach and detached work. This includes personal and life skills development programmes, 1 to 1 mentoring, accredited and non-accredited training, and volunteer leadership development opportunities.



The strength-based model we employ will continue to facilitate a positive pro-active approach to enhancing the social inclusion of young people from the Mid-Falls area by supporting them to build their capacity to engage, enhancing their skills, knowledge and participation of our members and enabling them to overcome the challenges and obstacles they face in their daily lives as well as supporting them to achieve their best potential as they progress in life.

- **Raising Standards for All & Developing Participative Structures**

Our knowledge and experience has enriched our delivery of local area-based youth and community work with the delivery of strength-based approach (our circle of courage) approaches to support the needs of our young people individually and collectively the St Johns YC employ a range of methodologies that enhances the service delivery of the provision such as:

- centre-base programmes,
- targeted work, including identification and delivery of Social Action Projects
- intervention and preventions programmes for example physical activity and positive mental health programmes
- Outreach work.

The core of our approach is the belief that **young people**, on a daily basis, **hold the key to challenging and tackling the disadvantages they face** and to **improving young people's life chances** and opportunities due to existing poor social, educational, economical and health deprivation.

The **voices of our young people** are central to the delivery of our practice and methodology. This includes developing involvement with other stakeholders within our provision and across the area. This engagement underpins the service development as we prepare to meet the needs of young people and issues facing the community which change annually.

We organise a number of **targeted stakeholder engagements** including **summer scheme planning** and **annual needs assessment** to calculate the needs of young people and the community but to also enhance the quality and development of the youth and community work methods employed St Johns YC staff.

This enriches the overall opportunities available to young people in the area. This approach is informed and underpinned by the following **Youthwork Outcomes**.

<p><b>Enhanced Personal Capabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-awareness</li> <li>• Confidence and self-esteem</li> <li>• Empathy</li> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Managing feelings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Improved Health and Well-being</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfaction with life/self</li> <li>• Awareness of health issues (sexual, physical and/or mental)</li> <li>• Ability to make healthy choices (reduction in risk taking behaviours/ reduced substance misuse)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Development of thinking skills, life and work skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision making</li> <li>• Planning and problem solving</li> <li>• Leadership and communication</li> <li>• Creativity</li> </ul>
<p><b>Development of positive relationships with others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to work with others (teamwork)</li> <li>• Positive peer relationships</li> <li>• Positive relationships with adults</li> <li>• Engagement with others from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>• Respect for difference.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Increased participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sense of belonging to community</li> <li>• Communication between young people and adults</li> <li>• Influences others, advocates on behalf of others or takes on a representative role.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active citizenship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering (local and international)</li> <li>• Awareness of local &amp; global issues</li> <li>• Social action</li> <li>• Employment, Education or Training</li> </ul>

## 2. Our Organisation and Track Record

**What did we aim to do?**

**A summary of our main activities to further our purposes for the public benefit, including main achievements in the year.**

During 2023/24 St Johns Youth Centre Programme used a strength-based approach to increase participation, enhance personal capabilities, improve health and wellbeing, build resilience with our young people and volunteers; creating the space to be positive leaders and provide a youth service which embodied the values and skills of young people to positively impact on our local community and in particular young people within that community.

We were confident in the interventions undertaken and the enabling of relationships which developed over this period. These relationships were person centered and modelled accordingly resulting in quality programmes for members and service users.

As in the previous year 2022/23 we have met all the requirements laid down by the Education Authority (EA) Youth Service) in relation to moderation and financial scrutiny. All verifications submitted across programme of work, summer scheme and end of year were vouched and signed off by EA as well as our own auditor.

We have throughout 2023/24 continually met all targets in relation to participation and attendance and we have delivered on all outputs identified and provided evidence to the EA during moderation visits. We continue to provide a range of accredited/ non-accredited programmes for staff and members across a range of areas including, safeguarding, leadership, challenging behaviours, (CRED) good relations, health and wellbeing (Take 5 steps to wellbeing) and volunteering. This work will continue as we move forward.

We are guided by a quality assurance framework with a specific focus on Youth provision within our organisation.



**Asset Building:** We were actively engaged in producing a '*Building Resilience and Embedding Wellbeing*' framework for West Belfast Partnership Boards Strategic Health Group.

**West Belfast Youthwork Needs Assessment:** This work links directly into the South and West Belfast area plan as well as the work within the west Belfast LAG.

### **West Belfast Partnership Board- Embedding Wellbeing and Resilience Strategy.**

We were actively involved in the development, roll out and final report on the health and wellbeing needs of young people within west Belfast, thorough the West Belfast Youth Work Cluster Strategic Planning Process. As above this work links directly into the South and West Belfast area plan as well as the work within the west Belfast Local Advisory Group for Youth Work.

### **Leadership**

We supported Potential Young Leaders, throughout 23/24, delivering a number of sessions for young people in the 9-13yrs and 14-18yrs age groups. A total of 26 sessions were delivered through the year. Like in the previous year we brought through volunteers from members to volunteer leaders and now have a group of 10 young people who are actively engaged in leadership roles within our centre. We have a very good record of retaining and supporting volunteers both junior and adult and we provide a volunteer development programme which supports their current and future needs.

### **Delivery of local based youth work across the Mid-Falls Community including:**

- **Management and coordination of St Johns YC's annual delivery plan for EA.**
- **Deliver Generic/Non-Targeted Provision as per EA Specifications**

We met all the requirements and successfully delivered the 2023/24 plan. This included: the delivery of the generic/non-targeted youth provision for our locality, including health and wellbeing, members forum, CRED, Outreach work, Social Action, Club Clean up, Internet Safety, Summer Scheme (GL Transfer) , Environmental Activities, and Anti-bullying,

- **Improve Health and Wellbeing Delivery of Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing**  
We delivered six Health and Wellbeing Programmes incorporating the Take 5 steps to wellbeing approach of Connect, Keep learning, Be active, Take notice and Give.

- **Participation- Members Forum 9-13yrs-14-18**

As part of our work to develop participative structures within the youth centre, we undertook work with our members across two forums 9-13yrs and 14-18yrs.

- **Embed Community Relation Equality Diversity (CRED) Principles into St Johns Youth Centre.**

A core element of our work is the implementation of CRED. This is reflected throughout the club with specific areas dedicated to difference and diversity. As well as having members and staff with specific needs we also have members from different minority ethnic groups. We also delivered 4 sessions on CRED and what it means in our youth centre.

- **Deliver 1 x Quarterly Outreach Session**

We delivered a total of four Outreach sessions in 23/24.

- **Delivery of Social Action Projects Organ Donation Week**

We delivered one Organ Donation Social Action Project during Organ Donation in September 2023. This was directly linked to activities undertaken by other youth centres across the region as part of work undertaken through Youth Work Alliance.

- **Club Clean up inside and outside facility.**

As part of our summer scheme, we undertook a clean up within and outside the youth club. This was supported by staff from Belfast City Council's Waste Community Awareness Team.

- **Delivery of Internet Safety Awareness**

We delivered a number of sessions for 9-13 and 14-18 yrs. These were short but very effective programmes packed full of information for the members, not only those who participated but all those who come to the Centre. It was important for the members to lead these sessions to ensure they were taking on as much information as possible about staying safe online, especially as they get older and transition into secondary school.

- **Summer Scheme July/August 2023**

During July and August, we delivered a successful summer scheme, engaging and providing a range of club based and external activities to our young people.

- **GL Transfer Summer Scheme Programme 2023**

As part of our summer scheme, we also delivered a programme of work to support our members preparing for the 2023 Transfer test.

- **Environmental Awareness Activities**

We work closely with Belfast City Council Parks Outreach Manager using the Falls Park as a base for activity and to develop a better understanding of our environment and nature, This was undertake as part of our 2023 Summer Programme. Within the youth centre we also have a focus on recycling with three bins for household, food and recycling waste. This is supported by the Waste Management Team within BCC.

- **Anti-bullying**

Sessions were delivered for the 9-13- and 14-18-year age groups within the youth centre. These programmes followed on from the work in the diversity and inclusion programme with members leading these sessions. This was essential in ensuring the main messages of the programme were delivered and promoted throughout the centre with members sharing posters and ideas with younger members.

### **3. Our Strategic and Operational Approaches**

**Education Authority Regional Assessment of Need** (2020 – 2023 extended to 2024) states that young people living in multiple deprivation areas experience poorer outcomes and life chances than those from more affluent and stable backgrounds. We operate within such an area. During April 2022-March 2023

- I. Throughout 2023/24 we worked to support and enhance the development of young people across our youth centre while providing better life opportunities through the delivery of effective youth work throughout St Johns YC.
- II. We provided informal learning and educational opportunities during our programme delivery young people's leisure time.
- III. We provided additional recreational opportunities alongside extra support structures, where needed to enable young people to address any mental and physical barriers they face on a daily basis.

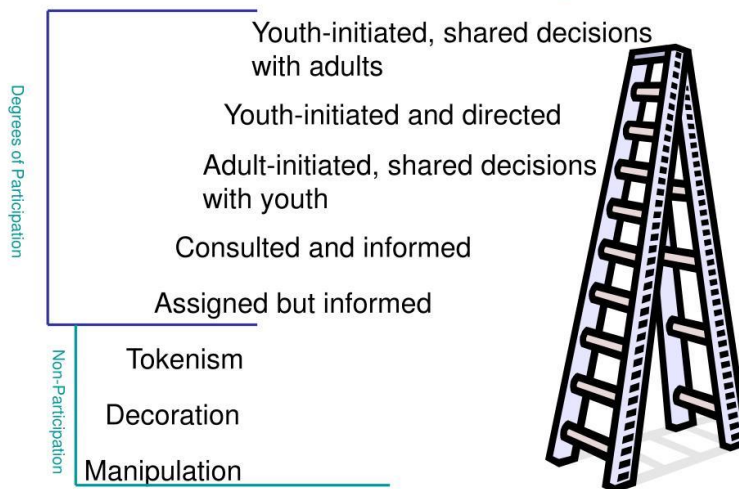
This enabled us to provide young people with opportunities to broaden their horizons and support their personal and emotional development while strengthening their role as a valued and effective citizen, both within and outside the youth centre.

During 2023/24 St Johns YC delivered for young people using our facility by effectively putting together a range of services and ensuring they were coordinated and delivered in a strategic way which maximised impact across the local community. We delivered an effective programme of youth work throughout 23/24 based on the needs of young people and other identified stakeholders during the annual engagement events. Throughout the year staff continually built and maintained relationships for dialogue and informal learning through this experience.

### **4. Stakeholder Engagement**

Our work is guided by government policies and strategies related to young people's health and wellbeing including EA's local assessments but primarily by stakeholder engagement with young people and our local community. Our services are relevant and responsive to our community's needs. Our stakeholders include young people, local families, residents, business and other community and statutory partners.

# Ladder of Youth Participation



Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). *Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship*. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

We are committed to reviewing the needs of local people on an ongoing basis to ensure that our approach is complimentary, coordinated and integrated with the work of all of the relevant stakeholders who have degrees of responsibility for meeting the needs of young people across the id-Falls area.

EA's regional assessment of need states that stakeholders' voices especially those of young people are vitally important to both the department of education and the education authority in the design and delivery of youth provision. As a youth provider engaging with young people and based in the Falls area we are committed to improving the life chances of young people using a community development approach.

The voices of our young people are central to the delivery of our practice and methodology. This includes developing involvement with other stakeholders within our provision and across the area. This engagement underpins the service development as we prepare to meet the needs of young people and issues facing the community which change annually.

## Youth Voices and Planning

Young people were involved in all aspects of the planning and delivery processes which guided our youth programme outputs and effectiveness and in line with our quality assurance framework which incorporated the '**Youthwork Model for Effective Practice**'.

Learning in all its forms was a core theme throughout 2023/24 and at all levels. Our youth centre employs a strength-based approach (our circle of courage) to support young people, individually and collectively.

## Outputs

### Stakeholder Engagement What we delivered.

#### April 2023

- Engaged with 42 members on programme delivery.

#### June 2023

- 38 young people completed questionnaires on programme of activity between April-June 2023
- Engagement with 43 members on programme delivery for Summer Scheme 2023
- Engagement process identified a range of activities and programme which we delivered as part of the 2023 Summer Scheme

#### September 2023

- Engagement with 38 members and parents on Summer Scheme programme delivered.
- Feedback from members and parents was very positive regarding the programme, particularly the Transfer support.

#### March 2024

- Engagement with 39 members and parents on programme delivered in the 2023/24 year.
- Feedback from members and parents was very positive and also provided some suggestions for improving services in 2023/24, see findings below.

## Programme Activity

### Outputs

#### Deliver Generic/Non-Targeted Provision as per EA Specifications

Throughout 2023/24 we delivered a successful Generic Programme of activity for our members. We opened 48 weeks of the year Apr 2023- March 2024

We recruited a membership of **95 young people**.

As per last year we exceeded our contract targets from EA as follows.

**Apr- Jun M 862 F 862 Total (1552)**

**Jul-Sept, M 913 F 751 Total (1664)**

**Oct-Dec M, 996 F 652 Total (1948)**

**Jan-Mar M 865 F 836 Total (1701)**

**Total for year 6865**

## **Health and Wellbeing**

### **Delivery of Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing Programme (Health and Wellbeing)**

As part of our activity in the centre we have Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing as core to everything we do. All our activities and engagements incorporate Take 5 steps to wellbeing, Connect, Keep learning, Be active, Take notice and Give. Throughout 2023/24 we delivered six Take 5 steps to wellbeing health and wellbeing programmes.

### **Participative Structures**

#### **Members Forum 9-13yrs-14-18yrs**

We had limited success with these forums, though a number of sessions were held throughout the year with progress made. Overall, eight sessions took place across both age groups.

#### **Embedding CRED Principles in our facility.**

At different times throughout the year, we undertook activities to reflect the diversity of our locality as well as the diversity of our membership within our Youth Centre. This was observed and acknowledged during Moderation Visits by EA colleagues.

#### **Deliver 1 x Monthly Outreach Session**

We delivered 12 x Outreach Sessions between April 2022 and March 2023.

### **Delivery of Social Action Project 1**

#### **Club Clean up and Clear Out**

As part of the work within the club a group of senior members x 8 and staff x 3 completed a clean-up and clear out of the youth centre both internally and externally. During the clean-up a significant amount of rubbish was removed from the youth centre. Alongside this members and staff undertook a clean-up out the youth centre including power hosing, weeding and asking elderly neighbours of the centre if they had any rubbish they wished us to put in the skip. We were supported in this work by BCC Community Awareness Team who supplied gloves, bags and litter pickers.

### **Delivery of Social Action Project 2**

#### **Organ Donation Week 2023**

##### **'Pink Wednesday' 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

As a follow on from the previous year as part of Organ Donation Week 2023 and to raise awareness about the importance of Organ Donation, we are held a '**Pink Night**' in the Youth Club on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for our members. We encouraged all members and staff to wear something 'Pink'.

- **Delivery of Internet Safety Awareness**

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- **Anti-bullying**

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## **Outcomes**

As a part time youth centre, we are very proud to say that we have achieved quite a lot during 2023/24. Our activities outlined above have provided opportunities for our members to become involved in a range of activities through generic provision including sport, physical activity, creative arts, individual and groupwork, emotional health and wellbeing, social action projects and Outreach activity. Combined this range of activity has contributed to the emotional, physical, spiritual and social wellbeing of our member in line with our constitution.

## **What difference it has made for our young people?**

The range of activity delivered by St Johns Youth Centre during 2023/24 allowed us to provide opportunities for our young people to engage in a range of different activity linking directly into the Education Authority's Engagement Framework below and allowing positive opportunities for learning and development.

These included the following.

### **Leadership Sessions x 4 Programmes**

- 44 young people participated across 26 sessions.

### **Generic Programme of Activity**

Delivered 48 weeks programme of activity for 95 members. Throughout the year we had a total of X 6865 contacts with young people in the youth centre.

### **Health and Wellbeing Take 5 steps to wellbeing x 6 Programmes**

- 48 young people participated across 8 sessions.

### **CRED x 2 Programmes**

- 18 young people participated across 4 sessions.

### **Outreach x 4 Sessions**

### **Social Action x 2 Programme**

- 20 young people participated across 2 sessions.

### **Internet Safety x 3 Programmes**

- 30 young people participated across 6 sessions.

### **Summer Scheme**

- Delivered a successful summer scheme to 82 young people.

### **Transfer Support**

- 12 members participated in the transfer programme of support.

### **Environment and Climate x 2 Programmes**

- 20 young people participated across 4 sessions.

### **Anti Bullying x 2 Programmes**

- 22 young people participated across 4 sessions.

### **Stakeholder Engagement Session x 4 Activities**

- 162 participants (Approx 60% of the young involved completed all the feedback forms)

### Education Authority Engagement Framework

The programme, activities and findings outlined within this report contributed effectively to areas of work listed within the Education Authority's Engagement Framework. The Engagement Framework is an outworking of the Department of Education's Priorities for Youth policy, which emphasised the need for new and proportionate ways to demonstrate outcomes of youth work. Its development has been underpinned by an extended process of research, dialogue, consultation and piloting.

Categories of Engagement	Indicators of Engagement		
	Intensity and Commitment of engagement	Distance travelled for children and young people	Children and young people's influence in decision making
<b>Contact</b>	Attends, e.g., to meet friends and takes part. in social, creative, recreational or sport activity	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Positive relationships with others	Makes personal. decisions on participation in activities designed by others
<b>Engagement</b>	Engages in, short term, group programmes • Makes new relationships	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	Contributes to decision. making with others relating to a specific programme or activity
<b>Active Participation</b>	Participates in planned, long term, group work programme with youth work outcomes	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	Contributes to decision. making with others relating to a specific programme or activity
<b>Maximising Potential</b>	Participates in the design and/or delivery of programmes or activities for self and others, including evaluation • Acts in a leadership role • Involved in the unit/club/project to their maximum ability	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	Positively influences others, advocates on behalf of others • Takes on a representative role within and/or beyond the your club, unit or project e.g. in governance arrangements or as part of a local or regional youth council or forum

## **Partnership Working and Wider Engagement**

### **Cardinal O'Donnell's (ODs) GAC**

About 45% of our members are engaged with Cardinal O'Donnell's GAC, which is the parish GAA club. As a result, we have been engaged in supporting the work of ODs and the youth centre by allowing access to our facilities, with coaches' from ODs providing some extra coaching for members interested in playing either Gaelic Football or Hurling for ODs.

### **St Kevin's PS**

About 40% of our members attended St Kevin's PS, over the last year we have re-established our previous strong links with St Kevin's, and this will continue into 24/25.

### **West Belfast Youthwork Cluster/ West Belfast Partnership Board Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

St Johns YC still sit as an active and proactive member of the WBYC. This work links directly into the work undertaken by the WBPB Strategic Health Committee. This committee are currently engaged in a piece of work Embedding Wellbeing and Resilience in West Belfast.

### **South and West Belfast LAG**

St Johns YC were represented on the South and West Belfast EA Local Advisory Group, though attendance at meetings throughout the year.

### **Chairpersons Report Conor Neeson (Chairperson)**

Following my first full year as chairperson for St Johns YC, I just want to start off by thanking other members of our Management Committee for their continued support and dedication to their roles. I also want to thank the staff from the youth centre who have delivered an excellent programme of work throughout 2023-24. Some of the highlights and stand outs of this programme for me included the important focus given to supporting our members physical and emotional health and wellbeing, through the delivery of Take 5 steps to wellbeing, an evidence-based approach and one supported by the Public Health Agency, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the Education Authority through its FLARE Programme.

Internet Safety, Anti Bullying and Social Action also stood out for me. However, that is in no way to demean or disregard the other fantastic areas of work undertaken including Environmental and Climate, CRED and Outreach, all of which have obviously provided excellent learning opportunities for our young people.

As part of our generic activity, we are required to provide youth services for 35 young people per night and like last year we exceed that target on average on a nightly basis. Our membership numbers remained steady reaching 95 registered members in 2023/24.

We continue to work with the Education Authority, Youth Work Alliance and Boys and Girls Clubs who have throughout 2023/24 provided invaluable guidance, support and assistance in terms of programme delivery and staff training. I would also like to thank the Education Authority for their continued financial support allowing us to deliver the programme of work presented in this report. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship going forward.

Finally, I would like to save my last comments for our staff team who provide the opportunity for young people in our community to have a very positive and fulfilling experience when they attend St Johns YC. Your dedication, enthusiasm, motivation is very obvious when I visit the youth centre. Your engagement with young people clearly shows the important positive contribution you each make to young people who use the centre.

**Conor Neeson (Chairperson)**



**Treasurers Report Eileen Manly**

In regard to finances support from the Education Authority has this year again allowed us to continue to employ a core staff team led by the Youth Support Worker in Charge. He is supported by a Youth Support Worker and seven Youth Support Work Assistants. Hours of work for part time staff range from three hours to twelve hours per week. The financial support from EA has allowed us to remain within budget and as well as supporting staff, financial support has also been available to support running costs and summer scheme programmes.

We also generate income from members and users by charging 50p per person per night and while not a significant amount of finances it allows us to do additional activities and purchase materials for use within the Youth Centre. We have also generated some additional funds through hiring of the hall for a dance group and GAA club.

Going forward we will remain prudent and focused on remaining within budget.

**Eileen Manly Treasurer**



## **Finances**

The financial year the report relates to Financial Year Reporting April 23-March 24

### **Please see audited accounts for full report**

**Trustees - A statement that the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.**

*All Trustees within St Johns YC have had regard to the Commissions Public Benefit during April 23- March 24*

### **A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year**

**Please see audited accounts for full report**

**Details of any fund held by the charity that was materially in deficit' at the end of the year and steps taken by the charity trustees to eliminate the deficit.**

*There were no deficits at the end of the financial year Apr 23-Mar 24*

### **A dated signature of one or more of the charity trustees**

Dated 24-01-25.

Eileen Manly Treasurer

Patricia Conlon Secretary



**The name of the charity as it appears on the register of charities, as well as any other names it is known by:** *St Johns Youth Club also known as St Johns Youth Centre*

**The Northern Ireland Charity (NIC) number** 107951

**The names of all charity trustees on the date the report was approved.**

*Conor Neeson Chairperson*

*Eileen Manly Treasurer*

*Patricia Conlon Secretary*

*Jim Morgan*

**The names of all individuals who served as charity trustees throughout April 23- March 24**

*Conor Neeson Chairperson*

*Eileen Manly Treasurer*

*Patricia Conlon Secretary*

*Jim Morgan*

## **Details of how the charity is constituted and its governing document.**

*The charity is constituted to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.*

*The Constitution was updated and amended by the management committee on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at a management committee meeting.*

## **A summary description of the purposes of the charity,**

*The charity is constituted to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.*

*The Youth Centre shall exist for the use and benefit of all children and young people of the locality of including but not exclusively Falls, Whiterock, Beechmount and St. James's estates to include.*

- *The advancement of citizenship or community development linked directly to*
- *Youth Development of children and young people Children 5-13yrs*
- *Youth Development of young people 14-25yrs*
- *Volunteer Development Adults 18+*

## **The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments.**

*All Trustees will be involved in the appointment of any new trustee coming onto the management committee.*

*Conor Neeson, Eileen Manly. Patricia Conlon, Jim Morgan*

*Process for appointments will require Trustees to identify any potential new trustees, discuss and then invite potential trustees to meet with the management committee before a decision is taken to appoint to management committee.*

## **On behalf of the current Trustees at St Johns Youth Centre**

*Conor Neeson Chairperson*

*Eileen Manly Treasurer*

*Patricia Conlon Secretary*

*Jim Morgan*

**St Johns Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107951

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# Annual return

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CHARITY NAME:

ST JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE

REPORTING PERIOD:

1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER:

107951

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### **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Johns Youth Centre**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the enclosed charity accounts.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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.

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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.



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Tony Clarke FCPA  
Certified Public Accountant  
Clarke&Co Accountants  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast  
BT11 9AG

29/01/2025

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Date

**St Johns Youth Centre**

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# Accounts

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CHARITY NAME:

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to Mar-23 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-22 TOTAL £
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations & Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Grants	1	145	-	145	16
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2	72,693	75,585	148,278	84,713
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>72,839</b>	<b>75,585</b>	<b>148,424</b>	<b>84,729</b>
<b>Payments:</b>					
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	38,746	79,002	117,748	73,654
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	159	-	159	79
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>38,905</b>	<b>79,002</b>	<b>117,907</b>	<b>73,734</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		33,933	(3,417)	30,516	10,995
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		10,307	(10,307)	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>44,240</b>	<b>(13,724)</b>	<b>30,516</b>	<b>10,996</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.2023</u></b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.22		5,887	14,297	20,184	9,188
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		44,240	(13,724)	30,516	10,996
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23		<b>50,127</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>50,700</b>	<b>20,184</b>

The statement of receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	50,127	573	50,700	20,184
	<b>50,127</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>50,700</b>	<b>20,184</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Land & Buildings	-	440,000	440,000	440,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	17,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,000</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30/01/2024 and were signed on their behalf by:



Patricia Conlon  
 Secretary



Eileen Manly  
 Treasurer

31/01/2024  
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 Date

31/01/2024  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 Voluntary Receipts**

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Bank Interest	145	-	145
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>

**2 From Charitable Activities**

	2022		2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
EA	-	75,585	75,585
Belfast City Council	-	-	-
Other Income	72,693	-	72,693
<b>Totals 2023</b>	<b>72,693</b>	<b>75,585</b>	<b>148,278</b>
<b>Totals 2022</b>	<b>84,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,713</b>

**3 Payments on charitable activities**

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Maintenance & repairs	21,562	11,413	32,975
Equipment	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-
Programme Costs	792	2,845	3,637
Travel	-	-	-
Overheads	772	6,150	6,922
Staff Costs	15,620	58,594	74,214
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>38,746</b>	<b>79,002</b>	<b>117,748</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>69,894</b>	<b>73,654</b>

**4 Governance Costs**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
			2023
			2022
Bank Fees	159	-	159
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79</b>

CHARITY NAME:

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

<b>5 Funds</b>	Balance at 1 Apr 22	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31 Mar 23
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>		£	£	£	
* EA	14,297	75,585	(79,002)	(10,307)	573
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>14,297</b>	<b>75,585</b>	<b>(79,002)</b>	<b>(10,307)</b>	573
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	5,887	72,839	(38,905)	10,307	50,127
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>72,839</b>	<b>(38,905)</b>	<b>10,307</b>	<b>50,127</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>20,184</b>	<b>148,424</b>	<b>(117,907)</b>	-	<b>50,700</b>

### **6 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £360 (2022 - £360).

### **7 Post-Examination Events**

Nothing material to report.

### **8 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

### **9 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

- \* At the 31/03/2022 there was a total of £14,297 uncleared cheques which were funded by EA.

**St Johns Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107951

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# Annual report

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**St Johns Youth Club  
Trustee Annual Return  
Charity Commission NI  
Jan 2024**

**Working to support the needs of children  
and young people in Mid-Falls locality.**

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## 1. Background

St Johns Youth Centre was established over 80 years ago to provide youth activities for young people within the St James, Rock Streets and La Salle areas of Mid Falls.

### How Do We Do It ?

- Our values
- Our principles
- Methodology

### Our values

- St Johns YC is committed to equality, justice and promoting diversity and opposes discrimination of any sort.
- St Johns YC is committed to positive social change to address deprivation, poverty and exclusion.
- St Johns YC is committed to partnership working and adopts a community development approach.
- St Johns YC values its management, staff and volunteers as the key resource of the organisation.
- St Johns YC is an independent organisation and is non-party political.
- St Johns YC strives for excellence in all that it does in order to provide high quality services.
- St Johns YC conducts its business in an open, honest, transparent and accountable way to its members and stakeholders.



### Our principles.

- **Inclusiveness** – we seek to involve all people, as active participants in their community.

- **Responsive** – we strengthen the efforts of individuals and groups to meet community needs and make a difference.
- **Quality** – we strive for excellence in the delivery of our services and activities.
- **Connected** – we work with others through local, citywide and regional cross-sectoral links and partnerships to enhance community well-being.
- **Accessible** – we provide fair and open access to all opportunities and support.
- **Forward looking** – we recognise the need for continual review and improvement.
- **Impact focused** – we believe that success is measured by outcomes and will seek to deliver results that benefit both individuals and the community.

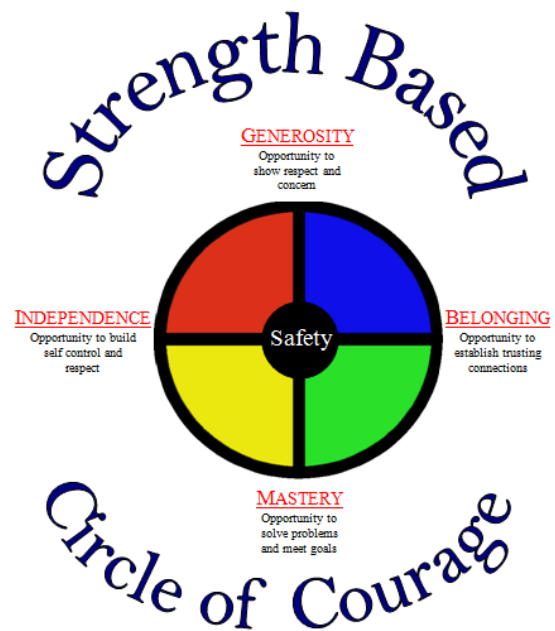
## Methodology

St Johns YC has core elements throughout its activities, those core processes include a range of methodologies including.

- Strength Based Approaches in the delivery of Local Area Based Youth Work

St Johns YC employs a strength-based approach (circle of courage) to supporting young people, individually and collectively. We employ a range of methodologies including centre-based programming and outreach and detached work. This includes personal and life skills development programmes, 1 to 1 mentoring, accredited and non-accredited training, and volunteer leadership development opportunities.

The strength-based model we employ will continue to facilitate a positive pro-active approach to enhancing the social inclusion of young people from the Mid-Falls area by supporting them to build their capacity to engage, enhancing their skills, knowledge and participation of our members and enabling them to overcome the challenges and obstacles they face in their daily lives as well as supporting them to achieve their best potential as they progress in life.





## 2. Our Organisation and Track Record

### What did we aim to do?

**A summary of our main activities to further our purposes for the public benefit, including main achievements in the year.**

During 2022/23 St Johns Youth Centre Programme used a strength-based approach to build resilience with young people; creating the space to be positive leaders and provide a youth service which embodied the values and skills of young people to positively impact on our local community and in particular young people within that community. We were confident in the interventions undertaken and enabling relationships which developed, were person centered and modelled accordingly resulting in quality programmes for our children and young people.

We have met all the requirements laid down by the Education Authority (EA) Youth Service) in relation to moderation and financial scrutiny. All verifications submitted across end of year, summer scheme, diversionary and extended provision (previously) have been vouched and signed off by EA.

We have throughout 2022/23 continually met all targets in relation to participation and attendance and we have delivered on all outputs identified and provided evidence to the EA during moderation visits. Historically we provided a range of accredited/ non-accredited programmes for members across a range of areas including, safeguarding, leadership, sports coaching, challenging behaviours, peer mentoring, good relations, and volunteering. This work will progress as we are now attracting more older young people 14-16yrs.

We are guided by a quality assurance framework with a specific focus on Youth provision within our organisation.



**Asset Building:** We were actively engaged in producing a '*Building Resilience and Embedding Wellbeing*' framework for West Belfast Partnership Boards Strategic Health Group.

**West Belfast Youthwork Needs Assessment:** This work links directly into the South and West Belfast area plan as well as the work within the west Belfast LAG.

## Leadership

We supported Young Leaders; We brought through volunteers from members to volunteer leaders consistently across many years and supported those leaders to develop future careers in youth work and beyond. We have a very good record of retaining and supporting volunteers both junior and adult and we provide a volunteer development programme which supports their current and future needs. This year we had three volunteers two female and one male.

## Delivery of local based youth work across the Mid-Falls Community including:

- **Management and coordination of St Johns YC's annual delivery plan for EA.** This included: the delivery of the generic/non-targeted youth provision for our locality, an annual youth inclusion programme; summer scheme intervention programme and outreach engagement work. .
- **Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing** and Health interventions on positive mental health and physical well-being in in terms of awareness raising on topics and issues such as diet and nutrition, mental health, anti-bullying and awareness around issues facing young people on a daily basis. We use the Take 5 Steps to wellbeing approach to reinforce the work around emotional/physical health and wellbeing.
- **Environmental awareness**

Within the youth centre we have a focus on recycling with three bins for household, food and recycling. Going forward this will also include taking activity out of centre through a series of community clean ups on an ongoing basis as part of the Social Action processes.



### 3. Our Strategic and Operational Approaches

**Education Authority Regional Assessment of Need** (2020 – 2023) states that young people living in multiple deprivation areas experience poorer outcomes and life chances than those from more affluent and stable backgrounds. We operate within such an area. During April 2022-March 2023

- I. Throughout 2022/23 we worked to support and enhance the development of young people across our project but also provide better life opportunities through the means of effective youth work delivered throughout our organisation.

- II. We provided informal learning and educational opportunities during young people's leisure time.
- III. We provided additional recreational opportunities alongside extra support structures to enable the young people to address any mental and physical barriers they face on a daily basis.

This enables us to provide young people with opportunities to broaden their horizons and support their personal and emotional development while strengthening their role as a valued and effective citizen.

During 2022/23 St Johns YC delivered for young people using our facility by effectively putting together a range of services for young people by ensuring they were coordinated and delivered in a strategic way which maximised impact across the local community. We delivered an effective annual programme of youth work based on young people's needs and the issues they and other stakeholders identified during the annual engagement events.

Our weekly programme of generic youth work was also designed to meet the needs of two distinct age groups (9 – 13 & 14 – 18 yr. age range), this included providing tailored flexible support for those impacted by specific issues and needs related to gender, sexuality, ethnicity and ability.

In addition, we continued to deliver an intensive summer programme using outdoor learning, sports, recreational and experiential learning activities. Alongside this we will also delivered a programme to support members undertaking the GL Transfer Test. This was delivered throughout the months of July and August we played a very specific role providing young people with positive learning opportunities which met the unique challenge of supporting young people during the summer period.

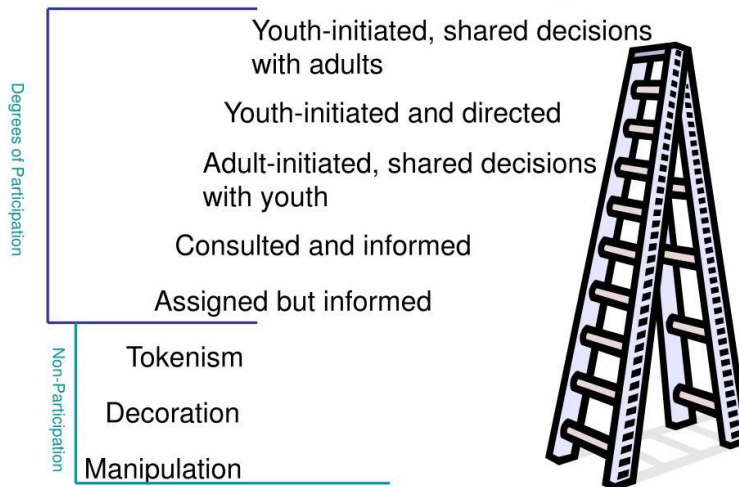
This process helped support young people to promote positive decision-making choices throughout the summer scheme including the GL Programme of work supporting transfer from primary to post primary.

Staff continually built and maintained relationships for dialogue and informal learning through this experience.

### **Youth Voices and Planning**

Young people were involved in all aspects of the planning and delivery processes which guided our youth programme outputs and effectiveness and in line with our quality assurance framework which incorporated the '**Youthwork Model for Effective Practice**'.

# Ladder of Youth Participation



Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). *Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship*. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

Learning in all its forms was a core theme throughout 2022/23 and at all levels. Our youth centre employs a strength-based approach (our circle of courage) to support young people, individually and collectively.

## 4. Stakeholder Engagement

Our work is guided by government policies and strategies related to young people's health and wellbeing including EA's local assessments but primarily by stakeholder engagement with young people and our local community. Our services are relevant and responsive to our community's needs. Our stakeholders include young people, local families, residents, business and other community and statutory partners.

We are committed to reviewing the needs of local people on an ongoing basis to ensure that our approach is complimentary, coordinated and integrated with the work of all of the relevant stakeholders who have degrees of responsibility for meeting the needs of young people across the id-Falls area.

EA's regional assessment of need states that stakeholders' voices especially those of young people are vitally important to both the department of education and the education authority in the design and delivery of youth provision. As a youth provider engaging with young people and based in the Falls area we are committed to improving the life chances of young people using a community development approach.

The voices of our young people are central to the delivery of our practice and methodology. This includes developing involvement with other stakeholders within our provision and across the area. This engagement underpins the service development as we prepare to meet the needs of young people and issues facing the community which change annually.

## **Outputs**

### **Stakeholder Engagement What we delivered.**

#### **April 2022**

- Engagement with members and parents on programme delivery within the restrictions of Covid 19.

#### **June 2022**

- 40 young people and parents completed questionnaires on programme of activity between April-June 2022
- Engagement with members and parents on programme delivery for Summer Scheme 2022
- Programme activity identified a range of activities and programme which we delivered as part of the 2022 Summer Scheme

#### **September 2022**

- Engagement with members and parents on Summer Scheme programme delivered.
- Feedback from members and parents was very positive regarding the programme.

#### **March 2023**

- Engagement with members and parents on programme delivered in the 2022/23 year.
- Feedback from members and parents was very positive and also provided some suggestions for improving services in 2022/23, see findings below.

## **Programme Activity**

### **Outputs**

#### **Members Forum 9-13yrs**

We did have some limited success with this forum, however after three different attempts throughout the year we conceded defeat. That said the group did meet on six occasions over a six-month period. Within this process they identified a range of activity both internally and externally to the club which could be incorporated into our planning.

## **Embedding CRED Principles in our facility.**

At different times throughout the year, we undertook activities to reflect the diversity of our locality as well as the diversity of our membership within our Youth Centre. This was observed and acknowledged during Moderation Visits by EA colleagues.

## **Deliver 1 x Monthly Outreach Session**

We delivered 12 x Outreach Sessions between April 2022 and March 2023.

## **Deliver Generic/Non-Targeted Provision as per EA Specifications**

Throughout 2022/23 we delivered a successful Generic Programme of activity for our members. We opened 50 weeks of the year Apr 2022- March 2023

We recruited a membership of **110 young people**, the highest number in 14 years.

We increased our contact numbers on a quarterly basis Apr- Jun M 790 F 641, Total 1431 Jul-Sept, M 920, F 841, 1761, Oct-Dec M1068, F843, 1911 and Jan-Mar M 1168 F 831 Total 1999. Total for year 7102.

## **GL Transfer Summer Scheme Programme July/August 2022**

We delivered a programme of work to support our P7 students during a very challenging time whilst they undertook preparation for the GL Transfer Test. The programme of work was over four Saturdays in July 2022. We worked with two local primary schools to identify students and had a cohort of 30 from both schools. We had excellent feedback from participants and parents.

## **Delivery of Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing Programme (Health and Wellbeing)**

As part of our activity in the centre we have Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing as core to everything we do. All our activities and engagements incorporate Take 5.

Connect, Keep learning, Be active, Take notice and Give. Throughout 2022/23 we delivered six Take 5 health and wellbeing programmes.

## **Delivery of Social Action Project 1**

### **Club Clean up and Clear Out**

As part of the work within the club a group of senior members x 8 and staff x 3 completed a clean-up and clear out of the youth centre both internally and externally. During the clean-up a significant amount of rubbish was removed from the youth centre. Alongside this members and staff undertook a clean-up out the youth centre

including power hosing, weeding and asking elderly neighbours of the centre if they had any rubbish they wished us to put in the skip. We were supported in this work by BCC Community Awareness Team who supplied gloves, bags and litter pickers.

## **Delivery of Social Action Project 2**

### **Organ Donation Week 2022**

#### **'Pink Thursday' 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

As part of Organ Donation Week 2022 and to raise awareness about the importance of Organ Donation, we held a **'Pink Night'** in the Youth Club on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for our members. We encourage all those attending to wear something 'Pink'. We undertook a fundraising cake and bun sale to raise funds for charity. We encouraged members and parents to bake, which many of them did. In total we raised £75.00 for charity.

### **Outcomes**

As a part time youth centre, we are very proud to say that we have achieved quite a lot during 2022/23. Our activities outlined above have provided opportunities for our members to become involved in a range of activities through generic provision including sport, physical activity, creative arts, individual and groupwork, health and wellbeing, social action projects and Outreach activity. This activity has contributed to the emotional, physical, spiritual and social wellbeing of our member in line with our constitution.

### **What difference it has made for our young people?**

The range of activity delivered by St Johns Youth Centre during 2022/23 allowed us to provide opportunities for our young people to engage in a range of different activity linking directly into the Education Authority's Engagement Framework below and allowing positive opportunities for learning and development.

### **Education Authority Engagement Framework**

The programme, activities and findings outlined within this report contributed effectively to areas of work listed within the Education Authority's Engagement Framework. The Engagement Framework is an outworking of the Department of Education's Priorities for Youth policy, which emphasised the need for new and proportionate ways to demonstrate outcomes of youth work. Its development has been underpinned by an extended process of research, dialogue, consultation and piloting.

Categories of Engagement	Indicators of Engagement		
	Intensity and Commitment of engagement	Distance travelled for children and young people	Children and young people's influence in decision making
<b>Contact</b>	Attends, e.g., to meet friends and takes part in social, creative, recreational or sport activity	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Positive relationships with others	Makes personal decisions on participation in activities designed by others
<b>Engagement</b>		Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	Contributes to decision making with others relating to a specific programme or activity
<b>Active Participation</b>	Participates in planned, long term, group work programme with youth work outcomes	Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	Contributes to decision making with others relating to a specific programme or activity
<b>Maximising Potential</b>		Enhanced Personal Capabilities Improved Health and Well-being Developed thinking, life &/or work skills Positive relationships with others	

## Partnership Working and Wider Engagement

### Cardinal O'Donnell's GAC

About 35% of our members are engaged with Cardinal O'Donnell's GAC, which is the parish GAA club. As a result, we have been engaged in supporting the work of ODs and the youth centre by allowing access to our facilities, with coaches' from ODs providing some extra coaching for members interested in playing either Gaelic Football or Hurling for ODs.

## **St Kevin's PS**

About 40% of our members attended St Kevin's PS, over the last year we have re-established our previous strong links with St Kevin's and as a result we facilitated 4 weeks x 3 hours of extra-curricular support to students from St Kevin's undertaking the GL Transfer Test in July/August 2022.

## **West Belfast Youthwork Cluster/ West Belfast Partnership Board Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

We sit as an active and proactive member of the WBYC. This work links directly into the work undertaken over the previous year by the WBPB Strategic Health Committee. This committee are currently engaged in a piece of work Embedding Wellbeing and Resilience in West Belfast. A core element of this work is the establishment of three Task and Finish Groups to engage with the wider community on health and wellbeing across West Belfast. As part of this work, we will be engaging with youth service providers across west Belfast to ask if the proposed Embedding Wellbeing and Resilience in West Belfast is relevant to the needs of young people. This will be undertaken via focus groups and surveys.

## **South and West Belfast LAG**

St Johns YC were represented on the South and West Belfast LAG, though attendance at some of the meetings has been challenging in the last year as a result of staff sickness and Covid 19.

## **Chairpersons Report Conor Neeson (Interim Chair)**

Before commenting on the work over the period April 2022-March 2023, I would like to say a massive thank you to Seamus Campbell who resigned as chair from St Johns YC in October 2022. Seamus had been with St Johns as Chairperson since September 2019. Seamus was at the helm during Covid and provided excellent leadership and direction for the Youth Centre. Coming out of Covid, Seamus was right back into activities within the Youth Centre. On behalf of the Management Committee, staff and members I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Seamus for all his work in St Johns Youth Centre. We wish Seamus all the best in his new ventures.

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions 2022/23 was the first full year that activities and programmes within the Youth Centre got back to some type of normality. You will note from the information enclosed that it was a very successful and productive year for staff and young people within St Johns Youth Centre, with a range of programmes as well as the generic provision on off four nights per week, with one of these nights being a Sunday.

We are required to provide youth services for 35 young people per night and we exceed that target by over 500 contacts with young people. For the first time in

recent times, we also exceed membership numbers reaching 110 registered members in 2022/23.

We continue to work with the Education Authority, Youth Work Alliance and Boys and Girls Clubs who have throughout 2023 provided guidance, support and assistance in terms of programme delivery and staff training. I would also like to thank the Education Authority for their continued financial support allowing us to deliver the programme of work presented in this report. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship going forward.

***Conor Neeson (Interim Chair)***

### **Treasurers Report Eileen Manly**

Before commenting on the finances, may I also thank Seamus Campbell for all his work for St Johns YC, I would like to wish Seamus all the best in his future endeavours.

In regard to finances support from the Education Authority has allowed us to employ a core staff team led by the Youth Support Worker in Charge twenty-four hours per week, supported by a Youth Support Worker and seven Youth Support Work Assistants. Hours of work for part time staff range from three hours to nine hours per week. The financial support from EA has allowed us to remain within budget and as well as supporting staff, financial support has also been available to support running costs and summer scheme programmes.

We also generate income from members and users by charging 50p per person per night and while not a significant amount of finances it allows us to do additional activities and purchase materials for use within the Youth Centre.

Going forward we will remain prudent and focused on remaining within budget.

***Eileen Manly Treasurer***

## **Finances**

The financial year the report relates to Financial Year Reporting April 22-March 23

**Please see audited accounts for full report**

## **Trustees**

**A statement that the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.**

*All Trustees within St Johns YC have had regard to the Commissions Public Benefit during April 22- March 23*

**A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year**

**Please see audited accounts for full report**

**Details of any fund held by the charity that was materially in deficit' at the end of the year and steps taken by the charity trustees to eliminate the deficit.**

*There were no deficits at the end of the financial year Apr 22-Mar 23*

**A dated signature of one or more of the charity trustees**

Dated 30-01-24.

Eileen Manly Treasurer



Patricia Conlon Secretary



**The name of the charity as it appears on the register of charities, as well as any other names it is known by:** *St Johns Youth Club also known as St Johns Youth Centre*

**The Northern Ireland charity (NIC) number** 107951

**The names of all charity trustees on the date the report was approved.**

*Conor Neeson Interim Chair*

*Eileen Manly Treasurer*

*Patricia Conlon Secretary*

*Jim Morgan*

**The names of all individuals who served as charity trustees throughout April 22- March 23**

*Conor Neeson Interim Chair  
Eileen Manly Treasurer  
Patricia Conlon Secretary  
Jim Morgan  
Seamus Campbell*

*Seamus resigned at the Oct 23 Management Committee meeting.*

**Details of how the charity is constituted and its governing document.**

*The charity is constituted to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.*

*The Constitution was updated and amended by the management committee on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at a management committee meeting.*

**A summary description of the purposes of the charity,**

*The charity is constituted to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the object of improving the conditions of life of children and young people without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.*

*The Youth Centre shall exist for the use and benefit of all children and young people of the locality of including but not exclusively Falls, Whiterock, Beechmount and St. James's estates to include.*

- *The advancement of citizenship or community development linked directly to*
- *Youth Development of children and young people Children 5-13yrs*
- *Youth Development of young people 14-25yrs*
- *Volunteer Development Adults 18+*

**The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments.**

*All Trustees will be involved in the appointment of any new trustee coming onto the management committee.*

*Eileen Manly*

*Conor Neeson*

*Patricia Conlon*

*Jim Morgan*

*Process for appointments will require Trustees to identify any potential new trustees, discuss and then invite potential trustees to meet with the management committee before a decision is taken to appoint to management committee.*

**On behalf of the current Trustees at St Johns Youth Centre**

*Conor Neeson Interim Chair*

*Eileen Manly Treasurer*

*Patricia Conlon Secretary*

*Jim Morgan*

**St Johns Youth Centre**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107951

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# Annual return

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CHARITY NAME:

ST JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE

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### **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Johns Youth Centre**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the enclosed charity accounts.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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.

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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.



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Tony Clarke FCPA  
Certified Public Accountant  
Clarke&Co Accountants  
53 Andersonstown Road  
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31/01/2024

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Date