

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's mission statement is as follows:

"To raise funds to provide targeted extra financial support for primary schools serving disadvantaged communities in Belfast, in order that educational outcomes in those schools are significantly improved"

The key strategic objectives set for the year are:

1. To encourage pupils, teachers and parents to aspire individually and collectively to improved educational achievement and better educational outcomes so that life can be better for those who are currently disadvantaged.
2. To work with school principals and teachers to motivate pupils to improve school attendance and to sponsor school-based reward schemes for the pupils with high levels of attendance.
3. To provide additional, specialist training for teachers, in order to maximise the use of all the available, technology and digital devices, so as to improve the education of pupils in a range of I.T. skills.
4. To organise meetings, workshops and seminars where teachers from schools in disadvantaged areas can come together to discuss the challenges that they face and share best practice in finding solutions to the problems and issues that they face.
5. To provide, assistance, in terms of small amounts of finance both to set up and to sustain parent engagement initiatives in schools where appropriate
6. To provide assistance in in terms of small amounts of finance both to set up and to sustain special nurture units in schools that have identified them as a need.
7. To continue to work with educators in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Belfast to find ways to improve circumstances and enhance the personal development of the pupils under their care.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Principal funding sources**

The principal funding source of the charity is through donations from individuals and businesses who support our objectives.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3- and 6-months expenditure.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The charity is committed to the continued provision of current services and support to primary schools, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25th August 2017.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Memorandum lists the company's objects as the advancement of community development for the public benefit in Education, in particular but not exclusively by any or all of the following means:

- (i) supporting and developing the work of school principals, teachers and parents through charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the citizens of the area of benefit;
- (ii) Raising educational outcome expectations in both pupils and parents.
- (iii) Building mutually beneficial linkages between donor companies and recipient schools.
- (iv) Increasing the knowledge and I.T. capacity of individual citizens growing up in disadvantaged communities.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's articles of association shall manage the business of the company and exercise all powers of the company. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors retire by rotation. Due to the nature of the charity's work the trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the community are appropriately reflected through the diversity of trustees. To enhance this, trustees are sought who can demonstrate interest and understanding of the charity's work.

**Organisational structure**

The Charity is managed by a voluntary board of members. The board oversees the Charity through a general manager who has designated responsibility for its day to day operational management, individual supervision of staff where appropriate and ensuring that the team continues to develop their skills and working performance in line with good practice. The financial aspect of the charity is managed by the charity's finance committee whose function is to monitor and report to the board to enable it to make informed funding decisions for the charity not only for the present but also in ensuring its objectives are sustained going forward.

**Related parties**

There are no related parties within the financial year under review.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

NI647635 (Northern Ireland)

**Registered Charity number**

107956

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**Registered office**

St Mark's Rectory  
119 Ligoniel Road  
Belfast  
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**Trustees**

The Rt Rev A F Abernethy Retired Bishop/Chair  
R T Hayden Public Affairs/ PR Consultant /Treasurer  
Dr A McDonnell Retired GP, Politician/Vice Chair  
Lady D Trimble Retired/Vice Chair  
Ms M D McDonald Retired  
P Crawford Head Of Creative Learning, Lyric Theatre  
Ms T Galvin Education Developer  
Mrs M E Madden Retired  
Ms S Scott Teacher  
R A Dunlop Retired  
J J M O'Boyle Teacher  
MS V Parr Teacher  
M Sharma Company Director (appointed 1/7/2024)

**Independent Examiner**

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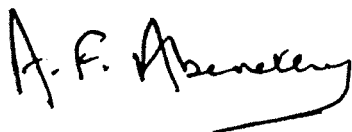
**Bankers**

Danske Bank

**Solicitors**

Macaulay Ritchie Solicitors  
11 Talbot Street  
Belfast  
BT1 2LD

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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The Rt Rev A F Abernethy - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Goliath Trust**

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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages five to thirteen.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

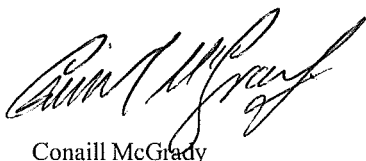
I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**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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