

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108064

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-11-25

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

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's purposes ('the purposes') are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Tower Street area of East Belfast and its environs without distinction to age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion; by co-operating with statutory authorities and voluntary organisations, to advance citizenship and community development, advance education, relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, poverty or other disadvantage, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

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

How the charity works: Arts,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Disability,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,General charitable purposes,Grant making,Heritage/historical,Relief of poverty,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Interface communities,Learning disabilities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Physical disabilities,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Sensory disabilities,Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£11,621	£8,451	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carla Hart		
Deborah Adair		
John Williamson		
Kerri-Lea Mcconnell		
Miss Janine Leanne Layton		
Sarah Kemp		

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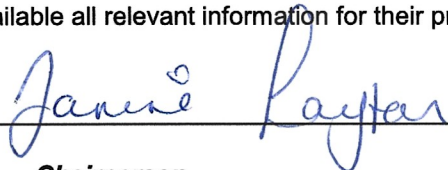
Accounts

Ulster Tower Street CDA

Detailed Receipts and Payments Account For Period ending 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ TOTAL 24-25	£ TOTAL 23-24
Incoming Resources				
Donations	132.43		132.43	0.00
NIHE		3,119.11	3,119.11	0.00
Belfast City Council - PCSP		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Swizzels		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Belfast City Council - 80th VE Day		750.00	750.00	0.00
Belfast City Council		2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
John Moores Foundation		3,020.00	3,020.00	0.00
	132.43	11,489.11	11,621.54	0.00
Payments				
NIHE		945.39	945.39	0.00
Belfast City Council - PCSP		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Swizzels		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Chatty Bench/Community Garden			0.00	228.38
Belfast City Council - 80th VE Day		750.00	750.00	0.00
John Moores Foundation		2,948.55	2,948.55	0.00
Apex		1,182.97	1,182.97	0.00
Equipment			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	124.56		124.56	0.00
	124.56	8,326.91	8,451.47	228.38
Balance b/f 01/09/24	0.00	9.40	9.40	237.78
Surplus receipts/payments	7.87	3,162.20	3,170.07	-228.38
Balance c/f 31/08/25	7.87	3,171.60	3,179.47	9.40

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant information for their preparation



Chairperson



Treasurer

**ULSTER TOWER STREET CDA
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025**

FUNDS RECONCILIATION	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Opening Balance	0.00	9.40	0.00	9.40	237.78
Surplus/Deficit this year end	7.87	3162.20	0.00	3170.07	-228.38
Cash at bank and in hand 31.08.24	7.87	3171.60	0.00	3179.47	9.40

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Account	3179.47	9.40
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3179.47	9.40

Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)

None	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00

Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

None	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00

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and signed on their behalf by:



Chairperson



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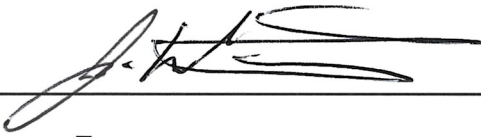
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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ TOTAL 23-24	£ TOTAL 22-23
Incoming Resources				
Donations			0.00	0.00
EBCDA Chatty Bench			0.00	500.00
EBCDA Covid 19			0.00	0.00
EBCDA Hardship fund			0.00	7,800.00
Habinteg			0.00	0.00
EBCDA Winter Plan			0.00	1,000.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,300.00
Payments				
Habinteg			0.00	0.00
Covid 19 Community Support			0.00	0.00
Hardship fund Community Support			0.00	7,000.00
Chatty Bench/Community Garden	69.69	158.69	228.38	337.99
EBCDA Winter Plan			0.00	1,003.02
Equipment			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	740.08
	69.69	158.69	228.38	9,081.09
Balance b/f 01/09/23	69.69	168.09	237.78	18.87
Surplus receipts/payments	-69.69	-158.69	-228.38	218.91
Balance c/f 31/08/24	0.00	9.40	9.40	237.78

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				2024	2023
Opening Balance	69.69	168.09	0.00	237.78	18.87
Surplus/Deficit this year end	-69.69	-158.69	0.00	-228.38	218.91
Cash at bank and in hand 31.08.24	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9.40</u>	<u>237.78</u>

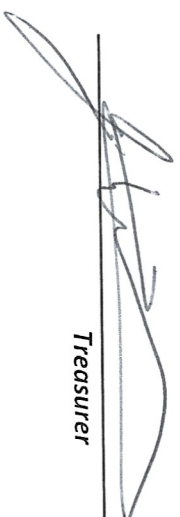
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Account				9.40	237.78
Cash in Hand				0.00	0.00
TOTAL				<u>9.40</u>	<u>237.78</u>

Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)					
None				0.00	0.00
TOTAL				<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)					
None				0.00	0.00
TOTAL				<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:


Chairperson


Treasurer

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association

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Annual report

Annual Report to Trustees for the Financial Year – NI108064

Annual Report to Trustees for the Financial Year – 1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

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For the year in question, the following persons served as Committee members and trustees of Annual Report to Trustees for the Financial Year

Janine Layton

Carla Hart

John Williamson

Kerri-Lea Mc Connell

Sarah Kemp

Deborah Adair

This Report is for the financial year from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024 and a summary of the Associations activities includes;

This year the association has been nominated for the Kings Award for Voluntary services, we are very humbled to have been nominated for such an award, we still await the outcome of this nomination.

The associations main efforts this year have been around the community garden, with works forecast for the removal of the Tower Street Campus, we have had to liaise with Maple and May to verify when these works will commence, we have an agreement in principle from Maple and May that the site agreed upon by ourselves and Maple and May will be transferred to the Association for Community use (this can be agreed as a long lease), Maple and May have planning permission for this use and will demolish the site and give it as a cleared surface. We will have to move our community garden to another site, we are hoping this will be the site located at corner of Templemore Avenue and Madrid Street.

We have worked with George Dorrian and Andy Allen to secure the site allocated at Madrid/Templemore Avenue, the gentleman from DFC who had been working with us has since left his post and Andy Allen MLA is contacting DFC this week to try and get it in writing from the department that this site will be handed over for community use to the Association so as to transfer our community garden to this site when the Maple and May works start.

Our volunteers have worked with our young people within the Community Garden to Plant flowers and keep the garden clean and respectable, we have volunteers who have kept the maintenance of this site, and we are immensely grateful for this support. We have also started a weekly Community clean up with our young people and residents to maintain the cleanliness of the area supported by Belfast City Council.

A subgroup has been set up this year by the group to work alongside elected reps and friends of David Ervine, to provide a new Garden of reflection in memory of David Ervine.

Both Janine and Carla have continued to advocate for better services for residents at various meetings across East Belfast, working with partnerships to make sure residents' voices are heard.

Volunteers have continued undergoing various Training.

Built on the working relationships with the following partners: EBCDA, Belfast City Council, NI Housing Executive, Supporting Communities, and various local elected representatives.

Our Public Benefit

The committee members and trustees annually reflect on our activities set against our stated Public Benefits, which are,

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association provides direct benefit to improve the area for all inhabitants regardless gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion, through improved community capacity, increased volunteering, and a stronger collective voice.

Providing improved quality of life where inhabitants within the area of benefit are thriving, feel valued, included and safer.

The local community is provided with programmes and activities aimed at addressing issues of poverty and particularly those issues affecting people as a result of their age, their state of health and general well-being. The Association also provides an indirect benefit in assisting other groups in the locality, i.e. statutory bodies, and youth and community groups better target and deliver their services and activities to those in need in our community.

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association also provides a wider public benefit to the wider community in Northern Ireland by providing support, assistance and other benefits to those in need within the area of benefit; it is in the interests of the wider community *that Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association continues to help those in need in the Tower Street/Beechfield Street area.*

The committee, believes that the work of the Association continues to contribute to the public benefit by running activities across the generations, providing access to health and educational resources by providing direct services to those who need it, within our area of benefit and in working together with our partners to provide, promote and enhance services available to local people.

Financial Review

The committee can report that in the period in question the association did not receive any funding.

The Association benefited through various programmes offered by our partnerships with other organisations, annual accounts are to be provided at a later date.

Janine Layton

(Chairperson).

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108064

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of:
Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on page 2.

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.

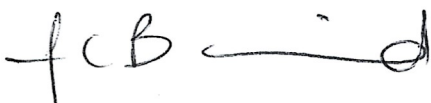
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have some 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 the following that requires drawing to your attention.

- The charity was unable to provide any receipts/invoices relating to expenditure for the period. Accounts are based on Bank Statements and analysis of expenditure provided by the Charity.

Name: 

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Finance Manager

Address: East Belfast Community Development Agency
55 Templemore Avenue, Belfast, BT5 4FP

Date: 3rd June 2025

Ulster Tower Street Community Development Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108064

Accounts

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Account For Period ending 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ TOTAL 22/23	£ TOTAL 21/22
Incoming Resources				
Donations			0.00	100.00
EBCDA Chatty Bench		500.00	500.00	0.00
EBCDA Covid 19			0.00	3,000.00
EBCDA Hardship fund	800.00	7,000.00	7,800.00	0.00
Habinteg			0.00	2,096.00
EBCDA Winter Plan		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	800.00	8,500.00	9,300.00	5,196.00
Payments				
Habinteg			0.00	2,090.92
Covid 19 Community Support			0.00	2,999.00
Hardship fund Community Support		7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
Chatty Bench		337.99	337.99	0.00
EBCDA Winter Plan	3.02	1,000.00	1,003.02	1.00
Equipment			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	740.08		740.08	87.98
	743.10	8,337.99	9,081.09	5,177.90
Balance b/f 01/09/21	12.79	6.08	18.87	0.77
Surplus receipts/payments	56.90	162.01	218.91	18.10
Balance c/f 31.08/22	69.69	168.09	237.78	18.87

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant information for their preparation

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Chairperson

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Treasurer

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Opening Balance	12.79	6.08	0.00	18.87	0.77
Surplus/Deficit this year end	56.90	162.01	0.00	218.91	18.10
Cash at bank and in hand 31.08.23	<u>69.69</u>	<u>168.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>237.78</u>	<u>18.87</u>

Bank and Cash Balances

Bank Account	237.78
Cash in Hand	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>237.78</u></u>

Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)

None	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

None	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

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Chairperson

S Layton

Treasurer

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Thomas McNally

Deborah Adair

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In the course of the year, we have facilitated a number of activity based events for individuals and families including:

The Association were able to fund pensioners Sunday lunches which has enabled us to gain relationships with isolated elderly residents and to share important messages about their safety and their security in their homes whilst providing these vulnerable residents with home safety packs provided by local neighbourhood police officers. Members are asked to note the contribution of our young people within the community in the running of the lunches, who worked tirelessly to deliver the lunches to elderly homes alongside volunteers.

We facilitated our first family summer scheme running activities provided by Eastside Learning and Belfast City Council (Dee Street Community Centre), we were able to provide a two weeklong packed summer scheme consisting of trips to Happytown softplay centre, sports and exercise classes at Avoniel for young people, science workshops, sensory/messy stay and play classes and community fun days.

We worked alongside East Belfast Community Development Agency to provide residents living in poverty with cost of living help consisting of food parcels and utilities, namely gas and electric top ups.

We also continued building on our intergeneration programme consisting of young people from our own kids shed, forming relationships with the Mens shed and undertaking activities bringing away a range of skills and expertise that could be used within our own Community garden. We thoroughly enjoyed joining Holywood men's shed members at their premises and seeing the great ideas that they had brought to life. We invited Holywood members to our own kids shed and also gave them a tour of the neighbourhood and looked at the unused ground/spaces and its potential for use by our community.

We discussed the next steps for developing relationships under the theme of "Growing Together". We talked about the "5 steps to Wellbeing" approach that we had been learning about with EBCDA and reflected a joint interest in environmental protection, nature and growing food and flowers.

Through our Interagency Partnership we have been able to pool the resources of all the staff and organisations we have worked alongside in running events and activities, in exchanging information and experience and in building a community that experiences a genuine sense of cohesion and togetherness. Throughout the year we have taken part in projects and events with all our partners, particularly East Belfast Community Development Agency, East Belfast Alternatives, and staff and councillors from Belfast City Council. The Association also acknowledges the support and the input from colleagues in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Supporting Communities, Habintag Housing and the PSNI.

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Financial Review

The committee can report that in the period in question the association raised funds to run a number of projects, notably the cost-of-living relief, and the seniors' lunches.

The Association benefited through various funding sources and members are invited to note the Annual Statement of Accounts provided.

Carla Hart

(Chairperson).

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Name: 

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Finance Manager

Address: East Belfast Community Development Agency
55 Templemore Avenue, Belfast, BT5 4FP

Date: 3rd July 2024