

Bridge NI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108154

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-07-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE:- To promote citizenship and advance community development by providing positive opportunities for women to achieve their potential, through recognising and respecting everyone as individuals and breaking down barriers which prevent women's full participation in society. The following activities aim to fulfil the purposes but are not limited to: 1. To provide food and basics to vulnerable women. 2. To provide contact information of relevant professional organisations that women may need to use. 3. To provide constructive practical help for women in the community, with use of volunteers. 4. To set up a support network for women - managing mental health/well being. 5. House to home project. 6. To build professional skills that can lead to gaining qualifications. 7. To supporting women in their effort to get back to work. 8. To be an outlet for fun/laughter through planned events. 9. To build friendships and combat loneliness. 10. To discuss and share issues/problems in a safe environment. ​

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

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Counselling/support,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Sport/recreation,Volunteer development,Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Adult training,Carers,Ethnic minorities,General public,Interface communities,Learning disabilities,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Physical disabilities,Sexual orientation,Specific areas of deprivation,Travellers,Unemployed/low income,Victim support,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,362	£9,983	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Thompson		
Lila McConnell		
Miss Donna Weir		
Mrs Anne Stothers		
Mrs Patricia Scott		

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Treasurer's Report

The following figures are for the Financial year 1st April 2023- March 2024.

The balance in the bank was £7,230.94 on 1st April 2023.

We currently have £3,239.47 as of 28th March 2024.

The expenditure in this financial year was £6,160.47.

We have £357 in the petty cash.

For fundraising we raised;

£307 Raffle in Summer 2023-

£915 from the raffle and selling items on the stalls in November 2023/2024.

£940 made from H&W fundraiser so far.

Difference- £3,991.47.

From April 2023- £2,169 came into the bank account.

Awaiting £2,000 grant from Housing Executive- due in March 2024.

Our charity has no assets and liabilities.

Becca Irvine 30.3.24

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Chairpersons Report - AGM April 2024

I feel privileged to chair Bridge NI and without you all our members this would not happen. A big thankyou to our committee and the support they give us throughout the year without this support we would be lost. A huge thank you for the work Rebecca puts into Bridge NI as you know and I know things just don't happen there is a lot of time spent getting things organised.

The past year we have been active in flower arranging and we welcomed Dorothy who made the stunning flower arrangements that later got presented to our winning members. We made Spring Flowerpots, Our own Member Lynda done Mindfulness, Anne showed us how to personalise our own chopping boards and Prosecco glasses, we done Yoga, Zumba, Quizes and Bridgo Bingo we had Sally doing a perfume evening and again our winning members received some nice gifts, our committee supported us all in making our own Christmas table centre pieces which where stunning.

We always like to challenge ourselves and defiantly did at Castlewellan lake using the body board and followed up with a trip into Newcastle.

Choice housing invited all Bridge NI to a cultural afternoon at the Waterfront, and more recently to Cultra for Soup Stone which I think we can all agree we thoroughly enjoyed.

We joined together and enjoyed our January Blues night out at Motown.

We volunteered our time with Volunteer Now that proved a great success and something we will hopefully be repeating in the Autumn with all our members.

We are very pleased in the past two months, bring Bridge NI to Inverary Community Centre and started on our first evening with 7 and on our last evening we had 12 so that is very encouraging for us to grow as a Charity. Our next meeting at Inverary being Monday 22d April.

I think that is a brief run down of Bridge Ni in the past year and I look forward to what we have instore for the coming months.

Many Thanks

Linda

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I have checked Bridge NI's accounts and I can confirm everything is in order as a third party independent.

R. Gordin

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Bridge NI Statement of Accounts								
Year ending 31st March 2023								
Starting balance	£13,361.16		Expenditure					
			Equipment	£3,480.55				
Income			Events	£1,737				
Owed	£382.98		Advertising	£15.98				
Refund	£14.99		Total Expenses	£5,233.47				
Raffle	£5							
Raffle 2022- cash	£306							
Total Income	£708.97							
			Closing Bank Balance as of 31.03.23	£8416.48				
Our charity has no assets and liabilities.								
R. Irvine 25.02.24								

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Bridge NI - Annual Report March 2022/2023

Chairperson - Linda McCracken can report a very successful year, we took our first programme to Cregagh Community centre in East/South Belfast and did a pilot scheme for 6 weeks which proved very successful with numbers reaching 20-25 ladies. Our programme was designed to tackle isolation and improve mental health for ladies of all ages. It consisted of Salsa Dancing, Yoga, Craft, Music Quiz, Pampering & Zumba. Because of the pilot scheme being so successful and after surveying our users, the demand was defiantly apparent.

We then ran an official programme meeting every fortnight on a Wednesday evening and our attendance was rising with new people coming along.

We have now established a Bridge NI in Cregagh with 5 new committee members adopted onto our committee. With such a great reception in this centre we decided to run a programme on the first Wednesday of every month in 2023 to maintain relationships with the members.

From 8th Feb we are starting another pilot scheme in Enler Centre Ballybeen where we recognised a need - to branch out and bring our programme to another area in Belfast. To date we have had a keen interest in our new group and have 30 people already signed up. So our aim is to grow in all areas where we recognise a need.

It is something we all enjoy very much and are forever grateful and thankful to John Moore Funding enabling us to succeed in the past year and fulfill our purpose.

Linda McCracken - Chairperson Bridge NI

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26/01/2024