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Lagmore Youth Project
Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Lagmore Youth Project present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Structure, Governance and Management

The management committee appoints the Chairperson. The management committee appoints the treasurer, secretary and other officers as they decide. Lagmore Youth Project governance is exercised by the management committee which is made up of men and women whose extensive experience in a variety of fields is invaluable to Lagmore Youth Project on a voluntary and strongly committed basis.

Day-to-day management of the youth centre is headed by the senior youth worker in charge, assisted by a diverse staff team and volunteers. The worker in charge reports directly to the chairperson and management committee. Administration and accounting oversight operate through regular recording of income and expenditure, forecasting budgets and re-profiling where necessary. The Youth worker in charge and management committee oversee financial governance and agree any variances against income and expenditure.

Lagmore Youth Project maintains effective skills audits to ensure personal and professional development of staff members and volunteers; this allows the team to continually deliver effective interventions to young people.

Lagmore Youth Project is dependent on securing funding from a range of sources and operates under a banner of reliance on securing grants. Grants in excess of £10,000 were received from the following funder:

- Education Authority
- Youth Work Alliance

We received a number of small grants and income from centre membership that allows us to function as a greater standard and enhance the operations of the centre. Smaller grants were received from:

- MELYCA
- Belfast City Council
- Open University
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Saints Youth Centre
- Cooperation Ireland
- Radius
- Ortus
- Holy Trinity Youth Centre
- Hanover Systems

These grants have enabled us to continually develop our interventions with young people and increase opportunities for engagement, supporting young people's needs through a range of activities.

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Programme delivery

Lagmore Youth Project offers a range of programming for children and young people aged 8-18 years of age. The project offers a wide range of engaging and educational programming supporting the holistic development of the young people the project has the pleasure to work alongside. Programmes fall into a range of programming including:

P4 Introduction Programme

A fun and engaging programme designed for P4 pupils, introducing them to youth work through games, creative activities, and social skills development.

Juniors Programme for P5-P7

A dynamic programme for P5-P7 young people, focusing on confidence building, teamwork, and exploring interests through structured group activities.

Intermediate Programme

A tailored initiative for early teens, fostering personal development, leadership skills, and community engagement through diverse workshops and projects.

Seniors Programme

Aimed at older teens, this programme supports personal growth, career readiness, and active citizenship through mentoring, training, and volunteering opportunities.

Gender-Based Delivery

Focused on gender-specific issues, this programme creates safe spaces to explore identity, build self-esteem, and address challenges unique to young people of different genders.

LGBTQIA+

An inclusive programme offering support, education, and community for LGBTQIA+ youth, promoting acceptance, resilience, and self-expression.

Good Relations

A peace-building initiative fostering respect, diversity, and dialogue among young people from different cultural and community backgrounds.

Street-Based Youth Work

A proactive approach where youth workers engage with young people in their communities, offering support and signposting in informal settings.

Afterschool Programme

A supportive space for young people to complete homework, enjoy creative activities, and build friendships in a structured, supervised environment.

Cross-Border and International Opportunities

Empowering young people to explore social justice and cultural understanding through residential and international exchanges, including cross-border and global learning trips.

Membership of Lagmore Youth Project

Lagmore Youth Project proudly engages 539 young people from the local community, offering a diverse range of programmes tailored to different age groups and interests. Membership provides access to recreational activities, skill-building workshops, and personal development opportunities. It fosters a sense of belonging and encourages positive social interactions among peers. Members can explore topics like diversity, good relations, and leadership while participating in local, cross-border, and international initiatives. The project ensures a welcoming, inclusive environment, reflecting the community's unique needs and aspirations. Joining Lagmore Youth Project means being part of a dynamic, supportive, and inspiring youth network.

Summary of Lagmore Youth Project's Work – Financial Year 2022/23

Lagmore Youth Project experienced significant growth throughout the financial year 2022/23, engaging over 500 young people from the Lagmore, Mount Eagles, and the wider Colin area. With continued funding and development, the project has firmly established itself as a key provider of youth work services in the community, delivering a wide range of high-quality programmes tailored to meet the needs of local youth.

The project's diverse initiatives included targeted programmes such as gender-based delivery and LGBTQIA+ support, offering safe and inclusive spaces for young people to explore identity, build self-confidence, and develop resilience.

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Good relations projects focused on fostering understanding and respect among young people from different cultural and community backgrounds, while cross-border collaborations and international opportunities enabled participants to engage with global social justice issues and broaden their horizons.

Street-based youth work provided essential outreach support, meeting young people where they were and addressing immediate needs in informal settings. Afterschool programmes offered structured spaces for learning, creativity, and peer interaction, ensuring young people had access to educational and social development opportunities outside of the classroom. Residentials, held throughout the year, gave participants immersive experiences that promoted teamwork, leadership, and personal growth.

The project's success is rooted in its ability to adapt to the evolving needs of its members, ensuring that all activities are relevant, engaging, and impactful. This year's achievements were only made possible through the tireless efforts of our volunteers and staff team. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to delivering the highest quality service have been instrumental in the project's continued success. From facilitating workshops to providing mentorship and support, their contributions have inspired and empowered countless young people, helping them reach their full potential.

As Lagmore Youth Project looks to the future, it remains committed to its vision of supporting the personal development, social inclusion, and active citizenship of young people in the local area. By continuing to offer innovative programmes and fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment, the project is poised to build on its accomplishments and further strengthen its role as a cornerstone of youth work in the community. Together, with the support of its team, volunteers, and members, Lagmore Youth Project will continue to make a lasting, positive impact.

The management committee remain fully dedicated to the project and to provide a wealth of knowledge, experience and guidance on all strategic and operational functions that ensure the project continues to provide a quality service to young people.

Financial review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 10 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £63,877 and liabilities of £1,150. The net assets of the charity has increased.

Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

- Mr Joseph Duffy
- Mrs Tanya Smith
- Mrs Lindsey Browning
- Miss Mary Smyth
- Mr Thomas Graham (Appointed June 2023)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustee retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Lagmore Youth Project subscribes to and is compliant with the following

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

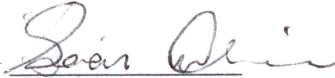
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The Auditors

The auditors, DNTCA Limited, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in the accordance with the provisions of section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30-01-2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Sean Devine

Chairperson

Lagmore Youth Project

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

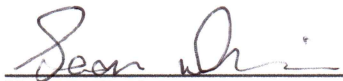
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

As explained in note 4, state whether the applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 has been followed;

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30-01-2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Sean Devine
Chairperson
