

Connecting Minds Project

Northern Ireland · Charity number 109673

Details

Status Received

Company number [695487](#)

Registered 2023-09-04

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

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following: To provide relief to disadvantaged or disabled members of society through financial aid initiatives that provide a degree of support in their constant struggle with physical or mental challenges in society. The focus of the charity, on behalf of the public, would provide financial relief associated with initiatives supporting the following:- (1) Educational and support schemes in sport, arts & education projects for the disadvantaged, vulnerable or disabled children and adults. (2) Personal development, Training & learning assistance to the disadvantaged, vulnerable or disabled children and adults. (3) Health & Medical support for disadvantaged, vulnerable or disabled children and adults members of society suffering from ill health or disease.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Arts,Community development,Counselling/support,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Disability,Education/training,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Asylum seekers/refugees,Children (5-13 year olds),Ethnic minorities,General public,Language community,Learning disabilities,Mental health,Older people,Physical disabilities,Sensory disabilities,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,443	£39,413	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne P Potter		
Miss Alison Wilson		
Miss Elaine Bailey		
Miss Katie Bradley		
Miss Sophia Grace Beacom		
Mrs Doreen Anne McBride		
Mrs Katy Feeney		

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI695487 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 109673

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Connecting Minds Project**

S.M. Vint & Company
Chartered Certified Accountants
8 Newry Road
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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 March 2025. 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

At the core of our mission is the belief that education and engagement are catalysts for positive social change. We provide skill-building projects to a diverse range of community services, focusing on underserved youth, the elderly, people with disabilities, refugees, and individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Our initiatives include workshops, seminars, training sessions, and hands-on projects, all meticulously tailored to address the specific needs and interests of the communities we serve

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.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI695487 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

109673

Registered office

8 Newry Road
Banbridge
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BT32 3HN

Trustees

Mrs M L Donaghy Teacher
Ms J Potter Teacher (appointed 16.10.24)
Ms K Shilliday Nurse

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Thomas Vint FCCA
S.M. Vint & Company
Chartered Certified Accountants
8 Newry Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M L Donaghy - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Connecting Minds Project**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages four to twelve.

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.



Thomas Vint FCCA

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14 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		<u>32,443</u>	<u>15,865</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity		39,307	6,585
Other		<u>106</u>	<u>11</u>
Total		<u>39,413</u>	<u>6,596</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,970)	9,269
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,269</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,299</u></u>	<u><u>9,269</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	1,850	-
Cash at bank		<u>449</u>	<u>9,269</u>
		2,299	9,269
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,299</u>	<u>9,269</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,299	9,269
NET ASSETS		<u>2,299</u>	<u>9,269</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,299</u>	<u>9,269</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>2,299</u>	<u>9,269</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M L Donaghy', written in a cursive style.

M L Donaghy - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other non-audit services	<u>636</u>	<u>480</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	<u>15,865</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activity	6,585
Other	<u>11</u>
Total	<u>6,596</u>
NET INCOME	<u>9,269</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>9,269</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	2,450	-
Accruals	<u>(600)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,850</u>	<u>-</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,269	(6,970)	2,299
	<u>9,269</u>	<u>(6,970)</u>	<u>2,299</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,269</u>	<u>(6,970)</u>	<u>2,299</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,443	(39,413)	(6,970)
	<u>32,443</u>	<u>(39,413)</u>	<u>(6,970)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,443</u>	<u>(39,413)</u>	<u>(6,970)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	9,269	9,269
	<u>9,269</u>	<u>9,269</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,269</u>	<u>9,269</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,865	(6,596)	9,269
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,865</u>	<u>(6,596)</u>	<u>9,269</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	2,299	2,299
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>-</u>	<u>2,299</u>	<u>2,299</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	48,308	(46,009)	2,299
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>48,308</u>	<u>(46,009)</u>	<u>2,299</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year £14,032 (2024: £5,000) was paid to the daughter of a trustee for teaching services.

During the year £13,148 was paid to the son in-law of a trustee for teaching services.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	-
Donations	<u>32,442</u>	<u>15,865</u>
	<u>32,443</u>	<u>15,865</u>
Total incoming resources	32,443	15,865
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	294	-
Sundries	848	-
Courses	<u>37,531</u>	<u>6,105</u>
	38,673	6,105
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	34	11
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	636	480
Sundries	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>706</u>	<u>480</u>
Total resources expended	<u>39,413</u>	<u>6,596</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(6,970)</u>	<u>9,269</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements