

Registration number NI039778
Charity number: NIC100015

The North West Community Network

(Company limited by guarantee)

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Company information

Directors	Donna McAnney Patricia Rose Bray Liam Milligan Emma Johnston (Resigned 10th July 2023) Mary Scally Martin McCartney Eliza Browning (Appointed 4th September 2023) Nuala Crilly (Appointed 4th September 2023)
Secretary	Roisin McLaughlin
Charity number	XR 21800 NIC100015
Company number	NI039778
Registered office	8-14 Bishop Street Derry BT48 6PW
Accountants	McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd Accountants & Tax Consultants 2 Carlisle Terrace Derry BT48 6JX
Business address	8-14 Bishop Street Derry BT48 6PW
Bankers	AIB (NI) Meadowbank Strand Road Derry BT48 7TN

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**Directors' report
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the directors.

The directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Patricia Rose Bray

Liam Milligan

Emma Johnston (Resigned 10th July 2023)

Donna McAnneny

Mary Scally

Martin McCartney

Eliza Browning (Appointed 4th September 2023)

Nuala Crilly (Appointed 4th September 2023)

Objectives and activities

NWCN provides community development support and leadership to community organisations across the North-West area. NWCN moves on a continuum stretching from operational and practical inputs to those more strategic in nature. NWCN is active on many fronts ensuring that communities are supported in what they do, able to provide community perspective and influence at decision-making level, and competently represented by NWCN through the strategic linkages it has built. The most recognisable feature of NWCN is its range of information services functioning on the premise that information supports engagement which facilitates lobbying and influencing activity. These include:

- A weekly ebulletin.
- Monthly consultation e-bulletins.
- Website & social networking updates and notifications.

These communications rely heavily on a database amounting to over 300 regular recipients (and contributors), primarily from the community and voluntary sector though with an increasing proportion of statutory associates. This is recognised as the most comprehensive database for the community and voluntary sector in the area, constantly being refined and evolved. The other pillar that supports these services is solid and skilful research on sectoral issues. NWCN also supports the learning, inclusion and activism of sectoral colleagues through:

- Sub-regional and networking events on themes relevant to the sector.
- Customised training to develop lobbying & influencing skills.
- Working with seldom-heard groups on community development practice.
- Engaging with cross-sectoral fora to improve communications & relationships.
- Participating in stakeholder groups to deliver more co-ordinated activity on matters of engagement and influence.
- Supporting all networking activity in the area.
- Leading through good practice on e.g. governance & user involvement.
- Developing collective activity on policy issues relevant to the North West.
- Promoting social partnership.

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Public Benefit

The main benefit is to promote citizenship and community development within the community and voluntary sector, meaning charities and voluntary organisations, for the benefit of the public through providing advice and information, training, conferences and seminars on subjects relevant to the efficiency of the voluntary sector, and representation on matters relating to government policy and legislation, leading to a more active, engaged and participative society. Health liaising with statutory agencies to influence those with decision making powers in the sector so that Health & Social Care policy and provision is more directly influenced by public experience, needs and creativity. Reaching out to the seldom heard groups in society (e.g. carers) thus facilitating increased inclusion and influence for these sections of the public. Education through delivering community education and training, bringing about an increase in public learning, knowledge and community activism. Relief of poverty by attending relevant training workshops seminars meetings and sharing knowledge with wider sector to create more informed, connected and active communities and advocates within these.

Governing Document

The organisation is a company with charitable status. The charity was incorporated on 4 December 2000. The company was established under Memorandum & Articles of Association which outlined the area of benefit and the objects of the charitable organisation.

Risk Management

The directors have a risk management strategy which consists of establishing a system of identifying risks and mitigating such risks.

Results & Performance

The results and performance for the year of The North West Community Network are summarised in the enclosed accounts.

Directors Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The directors 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.

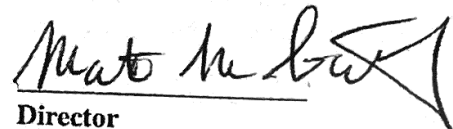
This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to re-appoint McGroarty, McCafferty & Company Ltd as independent examiners will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on and signed on its behalf by


Director


Director

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**Independent examiner's report on the unaudited financial statements to the directors of
The North West Community Network**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of charity directors and examiner;

As the charity directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008;
- 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 2008.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report


We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity directors concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and 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;
- that there is further information needed for proper understanding.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd
Accountants & Tax Consultants
2 Carlisle Terrace
Derry
BT48 6JX

Date: 11 December 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Income and Expenditure		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income		40,681	-	40,681	2,600
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	71,707	71,707	73,207
Total Incoming Resources	2.1	<u>40,681</u>	<u>71,707</u>	<u>112,388</u>	<u>75,807</u>
Resources Expended					
Management & Administration		23,106	68,508	91,614	73,045
Total Resources Expended	2.2	<u>23,106</u>	<u>68,508</u>	<u>91,614</u>	<u>73,045</u>
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	9	17,575	3,199	20,774	2,762
Balances brought forward 1 April 2022		22,609	7,524	30,133	27,371
Balances carried forward 31 March 2023		<u>40,184</u>	<u>10,723</u>	<u>50,907</u>	<u>30,133</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the net incoming resources for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

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**Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		890		1,547
Current assets					
Debtors	7	6,555		9,184	
Cash at bank and in hand		46,582		32,810	
		<u>53,137</u>		<u>41,994</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(3,120)</u>		<u>(13,408)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>50,017</u>		<u>28,586</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>50,907</u>		<u>30,133</u>
Net assets			<u><u>50,907</u></u>		<u><u>30,133</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted			40,184		22,609
Restricted			10,723		7,524
			<u><u>50,907</u></u>		<u><u>30,133</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet (continued)

**Directors' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3)
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

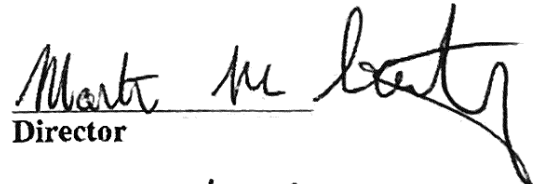
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with SORP FRS102.



Director

Date: 06/12/23



Director

Date: 06/12/23

Registration No: NI039778

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**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 8-14 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6PW.

1.1. Statement of compliance

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and 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 published in October 2019 (SORP 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2 Income

(i) Grants

Grants represents all amounts received and receivable during the year.

Capital grants are released to the profit and loss account in the year in which they are received in line with the SORP Accounting & Reporting by Charities 2019.

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are received.

(ii) Donations & administration income.

This comprises amounts received during the year.

1.3 Expenditure

(i) Direct Charitable Expenditure

This represents all expenditure directly attributable to charitable causes.

(ii) Management & Administration

This includes all other expenditure not directly allocated above and a portion of the overhead costs attributable to management and administration.

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1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% Straight line
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2.1 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Income 2023 £	Restricted Income 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u>				
Department for Communities	-	60,394	60,394	54,830
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	3,677	3,677	2,862
Awards for All	-	7,107	7,107	1,270
British Science Association	-	-	-	13,057
Big Lottery Fund	-	-	-	620
John Moores Foundation	-	529	529	568
	-	71,707	71,707	73,207
<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
British Science Association	26,613	-	26,613	-
Pacific Lutheran University	7,100	-	7,100	-
Membership Fees	96	-	96	475
Other Income	6,872	-	6,872	2,125
	40,681	-	40,681	2,600
Total	40,681	71,707	112,388	75,807

(i) **Restricted Funds**

Funds received which are earmarked by the Funder for specific purposes. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation.

(ii) **Unrestricted Funds**

Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the company in furtherance of the aims of the charity. In addition funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

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2.2 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Management & Administration				
Wages & salaries	1,000	48,626	49,626	47,748
Pension costs	-	3,068	3,068	2,286
Rent & Utilities	-	5,520	5,520	3,950
Insurance	7	1,011	1,018	895
Printing, postage & stationery	211	-	211	251
Conferences, meetings & seminars	785	-	785	1,223
Computer Costs	324	-	324	757
Programme costs	-	1,030	1,030	13,057
Programme costs - John Moore		529	529	-
Programme costs - Awards for all		7,107	7,107	-
Programme costs - PLU	7,100	-	7,100	-
Programme costs - BSA	13,037	-	13,037	-
Accountancy	-	960	960	840
Training & course fees	-	-	-	895
Bank charges	395	-	395	305
Subscriptions	60	-	60	60
Sundry	187	-	187	105
Depreciation	-	657	657	673
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Total	23,106	68,508	91,614	73,045
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3. Operating profit

**2023
£**

**2022
£**

Operating profit is stated after charging:

Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets

657

673

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4. Employees

Employment costs

Wages and salaries
Pension costs

Year ended 2023 £	Year ended 2022 £
49,626	47,748
3,068	2,286
<u>52,694</u>	<u>50,034</u>

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees during the year were
was as follows:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

5. Taxation

There is no charge to taxation as the company has charitable status.

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6. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	34,237	34,237
At 31 March 2023	<u>34,237</u>	<u>34,237</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	32,690	32,690
Charge for the year	657	657
At 31 March 2023	<u>33,347</u>	<u>33,347</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2023	<u>890</u>	<u>890</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,547</u>	<u>1,547</u>
7. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Debtors	761	-
Grants Due	5,794	9,184
	<u>6,555</u>	<u>9,184</u>
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred Income	387	11,751
Accruals	2,733	1,657
	<u>3,120</u>	<u>13,408</u>

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9. Movements in Funds	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds:	7,524	71,707	(68,508)	10,723
Total restricted funds	<u>7,524</u>	<u>71,707</u>	<u>(68,508)</u>	<u>10,723</u>
Unrestricted funds:	22,609	40,681	(23,106)	40,184
Total unrestricted funds	<u>22,609</u>	<u>40,681</u>	<u>(23,106)</u>	<u>40,184</u>
	<u>30,133</u>	<u>112,388</u>	<u>(91,614)</u>	<u>50,907</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restricted grants awarded to the charity is provided to cover the core objects as explained in directors report.

10. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year under review.

11. Controlling interest

Controlling interest rests with the board of directors.

12. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by gurantee and does not have a share capital.