

**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 2025**

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**Company information**

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| Directors         | Donna McAnney<br>Patricia Rose Bray<br>Mary Scally<br>Martin McCartney<br>Eliza Browning                       |
| Secretary         | Roisin McLaughlin  |
| Charity number    | XR 21800<br>NIC100015  |
| Company number    | NI039778   |
| Registered office | 8-14 Bishop Street<br>Derry<br>BT48 6PW  |
| Accountants       | McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd<br>Accountants & Tax Consultants<br>2 Carlisle Terrace<br>Derry<br>BT48 6JX |
| Business address  | 8-14 Bishop Street<br>Derry<br>BT48 6PW  |
| Bankers           | AIB (NI)<br>Meadowbank<br>Strand Road<br>Derry<br>BT48 7TN   |

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**Directors' report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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  
Donna McAnneny  
Mary Scally  
Martin McCartney  
Eliza Browning

**Aims and objectives**

**Objective 1: Influence, Advocacy & Leadership - To be a representative voice of the Community and Voluntary sector in the North West**

Key outputs for this year includes:

Our active participation on the following forums:

- DC Strategic Growth Partnership
- Healthy Cities Leadership Group
- Community Development Networks Forum
- NWCN is represented on the Department for Communities (DfC) Joint Forum (Government & Community & Voluntary Sector)
- NWCN Manager is on the NICVA Executive Committee
- Participation on the DfC Test & Learn initiative for the Moor DEA
- Participation in the Programme for Government consultation
- Participation in the Freeze The Cuts campaign
- Attendance at Anti-Racism Rallies
- Media work - Speaking up on Radio Foyle
- Civic Initiative Event - in partnership with Civic Initiative People's Forum - 25 participants

**Objective 2: Build Capacity, Champion & Strengthen - To build capacity within the Community & Voluntary sector**

Key outputs for this year includes:

- 17 groups received our support
- NWCN 30 Years Celebration Event - 41 participants
- Macmillan Coffee Morning - 22 participants
- Funding Fair - 59 participants
- Human Library sessions x 7 - 204 participants
- HOPE initiative - HOPE events and activities on 26th & 27th April - 134 participants
- Study Abroad Programme - Pacific Lutheran University students participated in a 4-week study programme in Derry - 15 participants
- Impact Framework Training - 8 participants- NWCN AGM - 11 participants
- Communities of Practice sessions (Ideas Fund) - 13 sessions

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**Objective 3: Collaboration, Facilitation & Partnership - Greater collaboration between community and voluntary groups and across sectors**

Key outputs for this year includes:

- Fulfilment of our Development Coordinator support role for the Ideas Fund - collaborative projects between community and researchers - 15 groups
- Community-led Research Showcase Event - Ideas Fund projects showcasing community-led research partnership projects - 38 participants
- Communities of Practice sessions (Ideas Fund) x 26
- Peace Process Dialogue - partnership event to explore where we are at as a society 28 years on from the Good Friday Agreement - 12 participants
- NWCN lead on the Community Research Collective with Ulster University - x 6 meetings
- Active participation in developing Community Benefits Framework Partnership with Ulster University
- Our active participation on the following forums:
  - o NI Equality Coalition
  - o North West Community Wealth Building Partnership
  - o Community Development Networks Forum

An inclusive community - Action to demonstrate minorities valued, equality of opportunity for women, young people, minority ethnic and other excluded groups.

Key outputs for this year includes:

- E-bulletins: 47 (Has a reach of 360 people/groups)
- Consultation Bulletins: 12 (Has a reach of 360 people/groups)
- Facebook: 111
- Twitter: 66
- Social media stats combined: 177
  
- Funding secured from National Lottery Community Fund - (Access to Resilience fund) to work in partnership with Kabalikat and African Caribbean Community Network to build capacity within minoritised ethnic communities over the next three years.
  
- NWCN 30 Year Celebration Event - 41 participants
  
- Our partnership work with Resilio on the HOPE initiative
  
- Our work with the Ideas Fund includes groups who support young people, people with a learning disability and people from rural communities.

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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 Annual Report, this is available on request.

**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.

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.

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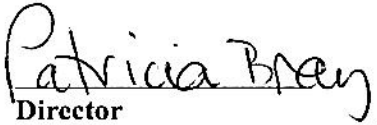
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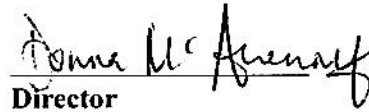
This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**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 4 November 2025 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 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

**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*  
McGroarty McCafferty & Company Ltd

**Accountants & Tax Consultants**

**2 Carlisle Terrace**

**Derry**

**BT48 6JX**

**Date: 4 November 2025**



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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2025**

|   |   | 2025            |                       | 2024                 |  |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Notes   | £ | £               | £                     | £                    |  |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |   |                 |                       |                      |  |
| Tangible assets                                       | 6 |                 | 824                   | 987                  |  |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |   |                 |                       |                      |  |
| Debtors   | 7 | 4,773           |                       | 6,012                |  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |   | 172,900         |                       | 105,506              |  |
|   |   | <u>177,673</u>  |                       | <u>111,518</u>       |  |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 8 | <u>(75,680)</u> |                       | <u>(34,985)</u>      |  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |   |                 | <u>101,993</u>        | <u>76,533</u>        |  |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |   |                 | <u>102,817</u>        | <u>77,520</u>        |  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                     |   |                 | <u><u>102,817</u></u> | <u><u>77,520</u></u> |  |
| <b>Funds</b>  |   |                 |                       |                      |  |
| Unrestricted  |   |                 | 91,919                | 66,444               |  |
| Restricted  |   |                 | 10,898                | 11,076               |  |
|   | 9 |                 | <u><u>102,817</u></u> | <u><u>77,520</u></u> |  |

**The notes on pages 10 to 16 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 2025**

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: 4 November 2025**

  
Director

**Date: 4 November 2025**

**Registration No: NI039778**

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**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**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<br>and equipment | - | 15% Straight line |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|

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| 2.1 Incoming Resources                                      | Unrestricted<br>Income<br>2025<br>£ | Restricted<br>Income<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u></b> |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Department for Communities                                  | -                                   | 56,051                            | 56,051                      | 52,631                      |
| Derry City & Strabane District Council                      | -                                   | 380                               | 380                         | 4,000                       |
| Awards for All  | -                                   | 5,312                             | 5,312                       | 1,385                       |
| Halifax   | -                                   | 586                               | 586                         | 126                         |
| British Science Association-Infrastructure Project          | -                                   | 30,033                            | 30,033                      | 41,469                      |
| John Moores Foundation                                      | -                                   | 144                               | 144                         | 144                         |
|   | -                                   | 92,506                            | 92,506                      | 99,755                      |
| <b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>                              |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| British Science Association                                 | 22,115                              | -                                 | 22,115                      | 22,627                      |
| Pacific Lutheran University                                 | 6,331                               | -                                 | 6,331                       | -                           |
| Gasyard Wall Feile  | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 760                         |
| Membership Fees   | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 675                         |
| Other income and management fees                            | 20,961                              | -                                 | 20,961                      | 18,250                      |
|   | 49,407                              | -                                 | 49,407                      | 42,312                      |
| <b>Total</b>  | 49,407                              | 92,506                            | 141,913                     | 142,067                     |

**(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<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Management &amp; Administration</b> |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Wages & salaries                       | 7,694                      | 50,537                   | 58,231             | 57,652             |
| Pension costs                          | -                          | 3,068                    | 3,068              | 3,068              |
| Rent & Utilities                       | -                          | 5,520                    | 5,520              | 5,520              |
| Insurance                              | -                          | 1,437                    | 1,437              | 1,104              |
| Computer Costs                         | 240                        | -                        | 240                | 970                |
| Programmes, meetings & seminars        | 11,954                     | 260                      | 12,214             | 15,292             |
| Programme costs - John Moore           | -                          | 144                      | 144                | 144                |
| Programme costs - Awards for all       | -                          | 5,312                    | 5,312              | 1,350              |
| Programme costs - PLU                  | 3,687                      | -                        | 3,687              | -                  |
| Programme costs - Infrastructure Fund  | -                          | 24,697                   | 24,697             | 28,366             |
| Programme costs - Halifax              | -                          | 586                      | 586                | 126                |
| Accountancy                            | -                          | 960                      | 960                | 960                |
| Bank charges                           | 248                        | -                        | 248                | 275                |
| Subscriptions                          | 75                         | -                        | 75                 | 60                 |
| Sundry                                 | 34                         | -                        | 34                 | 15                 |
| Depreciation                           | -                          | 163                      | 163                | 552                |
|  | <u>23,932</u>              | <u>92,684</u>            | <u>116,616</u>     | <u>115,454</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>23,932</u>              | <u>92,684</u>            | <u>116,616</u>     | <u>115,454</u>     |

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>3. Operating profit</b>                                 | <b>2025</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Operating profit is stated after charging:                 |             |             |
| Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets | <u>163</u>  | <u>552</u>  |

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**4. Employees**

| <b>Employment costs</b> | <b>Year<br/>ended<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Year<br/>ended<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wages and salaries      | 58,231                               | 57,652                               |
| Pension costs           | 3,068                                | 3,068                                |
|                         | <u>61,299</u>                        | <u>60,720</u>                        |

**Number of employees**

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

| <b>2025<br/>Number</b> | <b>2024<br/>Number</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>3</u>               | <u>3</u>               |

**5. Taxation**

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

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| <b>6. Tangible fixed assets</b>                              | <b>Fixtures,<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2024  | 34,886  | 34,886             |
| At 31 March 2025   | <u>34,886</u>   | <u>34,886</u>      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>  |   |                    |
| At 1 April 2024  | 33,899  | 33,899             |
| Charge for the year  | 163   | 163                |
| At 31 March 2025   | <u>34,062</u>   | <u>34,062</u>      |
| <b>Net book values</b>                                       |   |                    |
| At 31 March 2025   | <u>824</u>  | <u>824</u>         |
| At 31 March 2024   | <u>987</u>  | <u>987</u>         |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>7. Debtors</b>  | <b>2025</b>   | <b>2024</b>        |
|  | £   | £                  |
| Grants Due   | <u>4,773</u>  | <u>6,012</u>       |
| <br>   |   |                    |
| <b>8. Creditors: amounts falling due<br/>within one year</b> | <b>2025</b>   | <b>2024</b>        |
|  | £   | £                  |
| Deferred Income  | 74,764  | 30,570             |
| Accruals   | 916   | 4,415              |
|  | <u>75,680</u>   | <u>34,985</u>      |

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| 9. Movements in Funds    | At<br>1 April<br>2024<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | At<br>31 March<br>2025<br>£ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Restricted funds:        | 11,076                     | 92,506                     | (92,684)                   | 10,898                      |
| Total restricted funds   | <u>11,076</u>              | <u>92,506</u>              | <u>(92,684)</u>            | <u>10,898</u>               |
| Unrestricted funds:      | 66,444                     | 49,407                     | (23,932)                   | 91,919                      |
| Total unrestricted funds | <u>66,444</u>              | <u>49,407</u>              | <u>(23,932)</u>            | <u>91,919</u>               |
|                          | <u><u>77,520</u></u>       | <u><u>141,913</u></u>      | <u><u>(116,616)</u></u>    | <u><u>102,817</u></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 guarantee and does not have a share capital.