



Women's Centre Derry

ACCESS & EMPOWERMENT



Annual General Report 2023/24
& Financial Statements

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Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our **vision** is to foster a holistic approach through working in partnership with individuals, local communities and key decision makers to empower women, promote women's equality, opportunity, education and development, thereby reducing inequalities and improving life chances for all women.

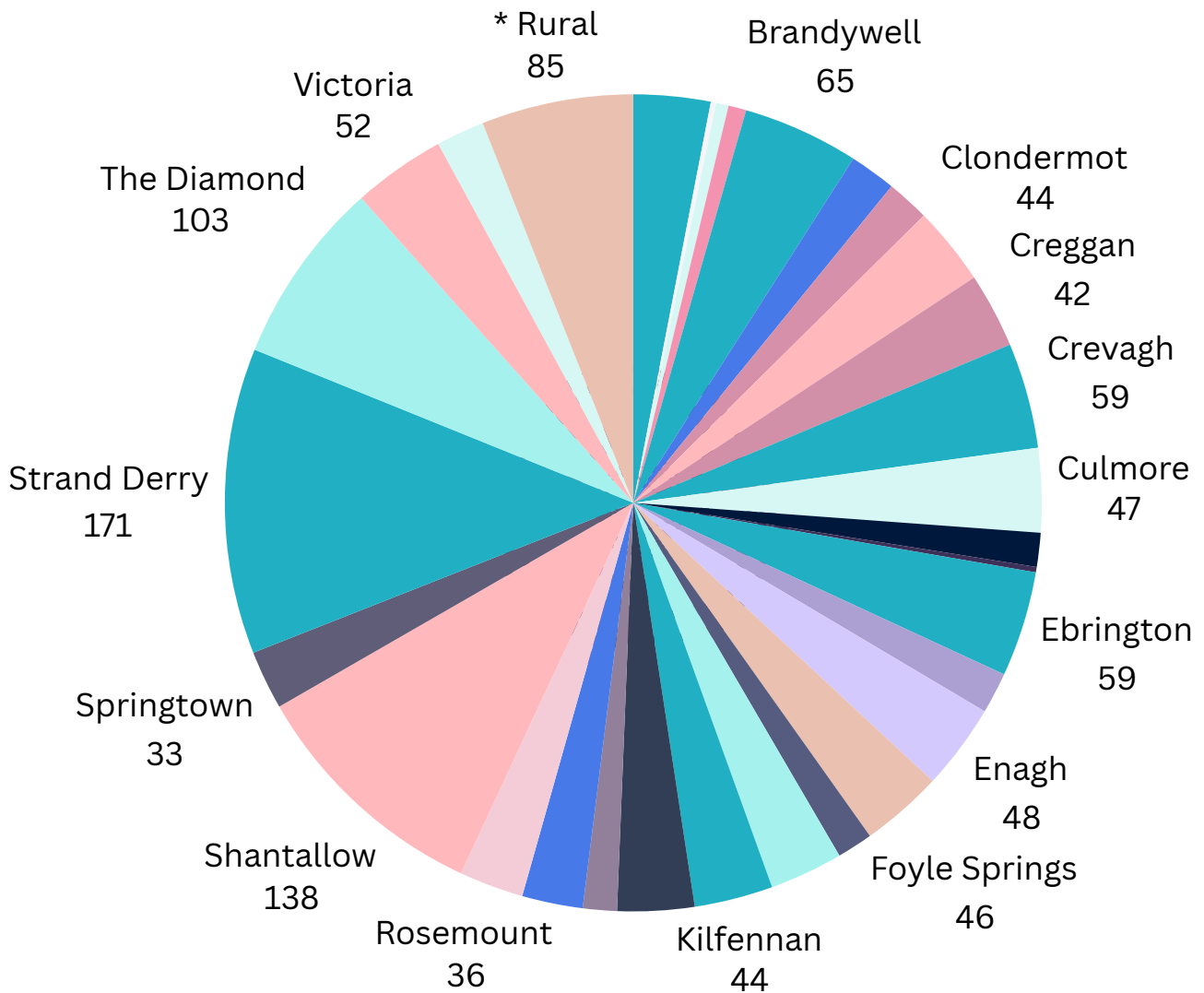
Our **mission** is to provide a holistic approach to inspire, empower, educate and support women through the provision of a safe and welcoming environment with access to onsite childcare, enabling them to access services and realise their true potential.

Our **Values**: Equality, Accessibility, integration, Holistic and women centred. sustainability, diversity, collaboration and integrity, innovation and excellence and Accountability

Participants 2023/24

Women's Centre Derry supports women and children from communities throughout the Derry & Strabane District Council area, urban, rural and cross border.

ELECTORAL SOA DISTRIBUTION - PARTICIPANTS 23/24



ELECTORAL SOA (RURAL)

- Ballykelly
- Banagher
- Castledearg
- Claudy
- Donemana
- Glack
- Limavady
- Slievekirk
- Sionmills
- Town Parks
- West Strbane

Directors & Staff

Board of Directors

Chairperson
Denise Doherty

Treasurer
Kathy Colhoun

Directors
Clionagh Boyle
Geraldine Compton
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Company Secretary
Sharon McLaughlin

Staff

Centre Director
Catherine Barr

Finance & Administration Co-ordinator
Sharon McLaughlin

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Melanie Doherty

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Lisa Browne
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Participant Drop-In Organiser
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Regional Outreach Development Worker
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Maternal Advocacy & Support Worker
Fiona Hegarty

Children's Advocacy Worker
Bonnie Cassidy

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Rosie Curry
Joan Olphert
Leanne Porteous
Lorna Quinn
Yvonne McDermott
Roberta Joanne Clarke
Sharon Laird
Elizabeth Early
Elizabeth Harvey
Lauren Rooney
Jai Hunter
Jeanette Mc Cole

Patricia Davidson
Anna Nolan
Claire Harkin
Kealan O Kane
Cathy Smallwoods
Rhonda Reilly
Bronagh Sproules
Janet Crew
Marie Hone
Jo Jingles
Deborah Ferry
Karen O Neill
Danielle Collins

Fiona Montgomery
Colleen Mc Guinness
Melanie Mc Faul
Ciara Mc Laughlin
Hayley Mc Intyre
Marion Mc Geehan
Patricia Breslin
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Patricia Lynch
Mary Mc Nicholl
Ruth Mc Philips
Sarah Munro

Staff



Catherine



Sharon



Joanne



Ciara



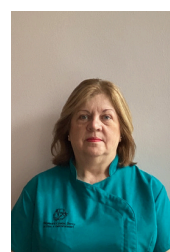
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Rayna



Michelle



Carole



Kathy



Fiona



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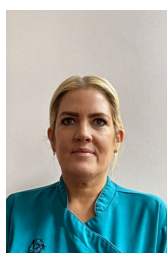
Lisa



Alanna



Eimear



Lisa

Overview 2023/24

Women Centre Derry is a safe environment for women to come along and engage in a range of holistic activities including education, training, skills, parenting support and wellbeing. Below is an outline of the centres activities and projects delivered at Women Centre Derry during the period April 23- March 24.

SUCCESS NORTH WEST

The Success Northwest project is through partnership with seven different hubs across DCSDC. This project is a community action employability/training project, which will reach participants most removed from the labour market, traditionally excluded, and socially isolated and caught in a historic cycle of worklessness/poverty.

At Women's Centre Derry we aim to address the challenges/barriers women face by delivering a range accredited qualifications, vocational training and employment support with a range of wrap around support like 1-1 mentoring support, 1-1 counselling and on-site childcare facilities.

A range of courses were provided for example:

- Maths
- English
- Hairstyling
- Nail Art
- Upcycling
- Makeup
- Makaton
- Supporting Children's Learning
- Cooking on a budget
- Computerised Accounts



Success North West	Apr 23- Mar 24
Participants	93
Qualifications	52
Training	16
Jobs Gained	12
Work Soft Skills	93
Further Education	5

SUCCESS NORTH WEST activities are funded by **UKSPF** distributed by **TRIAx**

MULTICULTURAL LADIES WALK AND TALK

This programme was delivered in partnership with People 1st and Good vibe Clan. The programme was designed for local women to welcome newcomer refugees and asylum seekers supporting integration and wellbeing, 27 women attended the walking group.



Walk and Talk was funded by **DCSDC** distributed by **People 1st**

MULTI-CULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Our Multicultural Women's Group takes place every Tuesday morning. The multicultural women's group is a chance to connect, make new friends, have a cup of tea, and relax. There are ladies from 28 different countries currently attending. Relocating to a new town and being away from family and friends can be hard therefore making friendships can make all the difference. The group offers support and also informs women of important services they can avail of around the city. Each week the women engage in craft activities/conversational English. 86 women and 38 children benefited from this programme



Multicultural Women's Group activities were supported by **HALIFAX**

ESOL

This programme provides English classes to support women to achieve accredited City and Guilds qualifications (English Speakers of other languages). The program increases women's ability to communicate and advocate for themselves. The course is often the beginning of their journey to education and employment.

ESOL activities were supported this year by **Kingsbridge**

SEEDS

This programme supports the wellbeing of refugee and asylum seeking women and children. The programme offers a range of wellbeing sessions, talking therapies, play therapy and 1-1 counselling with access to translators. 39 women and 15 children benefited from the programme this year.



SEEDS activities were supported by **WHSCT**

ACHIEVE

This project delivered 3 courses to women who were unemployed. Courses delivered were:

- Introduction to Counselling
- Hairstyling
- Upcycling crafts

38 women attended the courses with 23 gaining accredited qualifications.

ACHIEVE activities were supported by **OCNNI**

Overview 2023/24

RECOVER, REBUILD, RENEW. (RRR)

The RRR project addresses the impacts COVID 19 is still having on young children and families. The programme delivers a wide range of parenting support and child development workshops, wellbeing programmes and mother and baby joint activities. Whilst mothers attend the workshops and well-being programmes, Women Centre Derry offers free childcare spaces in our onsite creche for children 8weeks – 4years old to enable Mums with limited support to attend these programmes.

This year the programme has delivered:

- 3 Joint activities
- 8 wellbeing programmes
- 3 parenting support/child development workshops
- 3 family events: Halloween, Mother's Day and Easter

This year the project supported:

- 264 individual Women
- 237 individual Children

RRR workshops include: Toilet Training, sleep, language development, behaviour, autism awareness and healthy eating.

Wellbeing programmes include mindfulness, therapeutic crafts, essential oils, confidence building, singing for Mums, etc.

Mother & Baby Joint Activities include Baby massage, baby reflexology, mother and baby swim, stay and play days, walking groups, exercise classes and music and movement sessions.



Thanks to **The National Lottery Community Fund** for supporting the **RECOVER, REBUILD, RENEW** programme.

Maternal Mental Health Advocacy (MA's)

The Mas project provides peri-natal mental health support and 1-1 advocacy for expectant and new mums of children aged 0-3. This year the project supported 31 women and 28 children.

The project provides a platform for women to talk about their experiences in the health care system and advise on areas that could be developed to improve services for women in Northern Ireland.

MA'S project continued:

Women in the Mas project have benefited from a range of initiatives and workshops including horticultural therapy, crafts and wellbeing sessions, pelvic floor physio and exercise sessions, self-confidence and healthy relationship programmes etc. All sessions offer peer support while supporting women's mental health and promoting emotional wellbeing. Ma's also offers 1-1 listening ear service and advocacy and signposting.



The **MA's project** is supported by **The National Lottery Community Fund** and administered by the **Women's Resource & Development Agency**.

YODA

The YODA project provides advocacy, support and integration activities for children and young people from BAME communities. Yoda has been providing mentoring and support for 106 children this year tailoring the needs of each individual child whether it be for health care, school, social welfare, integration etc.

Age Group	Number of Children
0-4	51
5-9	34
10-15	12
16-18	9

Yoda programmes activities this year include 1-1 Support, Afterschool club, English Support, Summer schemes, holiday clubs. The project provided families with laptops to help them engage in school work. All activities aim to support physical development, integration, developing English communication skills while supporting children's wellbeing.



Thanks to **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED Next Steps** for supporting the **YODA Project**

Overview 2023/24

CRECHE CHILDCARE

Women Centre Derry's registered onsite creche can accommodate up to 20 children between the ages of 8 weeks to 4 years old. This Year the crèche:

- Provided 9023 childcare hours overall
- supported 224 individual children

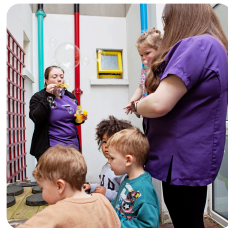
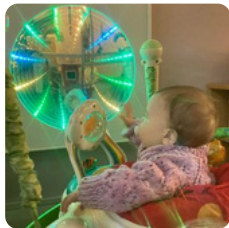
WOMEN CENTRE CHILDCARE FUND

The creche is part funded by Women Centre Childcare Fund which aims to tackle disadvantage, promote equality and enable access to childcare. This Year:

- 5046 childcare hours were provided by WCCF
- 93 individual Children

The programme enabled:

- 45 women achieved qualifications/Training
- 18 secured employment
- 24 progressed to further education
- 87 positive outcomes



Thanks to **Department for Communities-VCD - WCCF** Fund for supporting our **creche**.

WOMEN SUPPORT SERVICES



Women Support Services is aimed at supporting women's wellbeing. The project provided 12 wellbeing workshops in key topics for example flower arranging, confidence, mindfulness, therapeutic crafts, healthy relationships, self esteem, essential oils.

- 129 women attended the workshops.

At the end of the project for International Women's Day we provided a space at the Guildhall for local organisations to set up stands to provide women with information about free services on their doorsteps. 28 organisations attended and over 200 women came along on the day.

- 329 women benefited from this programme

Thanks to **DCSDC -CSF** Fund for supporting **Women's Support Services**

International Womens Day continued



WOMENS REGIONAL CONSORTIUM

The Women's Regional Consortium is committed to representing the views and needs of disadvantaged and rurally isolated women. We regularly respond to government consultations and produce our own research. The Consortium receives funding from both departments and is made up of seven established women's sector organisations: Foyle Women's Information Network (FWIN), Women's Resource and Development Agency (WRDA), Training for Women Network (TWN), Women's Support Network (WSN), NI Rural Women's Network (NIRWN), WOMEN'STEC and The Women's Centre Derry.

Together, we have been working in partnership with statutory and governmental agencies and local women's organisations, centres and groups to ensure that women on the ground in disadvantaged and rural areas are receiving support to meet their needs and having their views heard. Our ongoing work covers five key areas:

1. Advocacy and leadership (representation).
2. Policy, including responding to relevant consultations.
3. Research.
4. Service support.
5. Engagement.



The Consortiums work as always is heavily focused on the barriers that women are continuously facing such as Cost of Living Crisis, Carers, Childcare Strategy, Gender Budgeting etc. We aim to empower local women in disadvantaged and rurally isolated communities, by attending meetings with the Equality Commission, Cliff edge Coalition, National Women's Council, Local Politicians & MLA's and various other engagement agencies to ensure that the needs of women are being met.

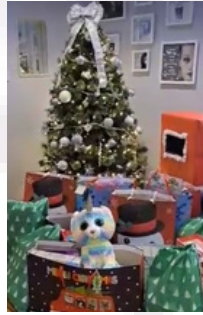


Thanks to **Department for Communities-VCD - WRISP** Fund for supporting our **Consortium**

Overview 2023/24

Toy Appeal

We would like to thank everyone that contributed to our toy appeal. £1045 was donated and also numerous toys. We were able to provide support to 29 families. This support was appreciated by all the families, it made a wonderful difference to their Christmas, ensuring their children were happy, while also reducing the stress and anxiety of affording gifts for parents. . Thank you all so much!



Fundraising Event

We would like to thank everyone who attended our fundraising event. The night was a great success and great fun was had by all. We raised £2134 which will go towards services for women and children in our centre. We would like to thank local businesses who supported our event and to everyone who bought tickets and came along. We greatly appreciate your support and contributions. Thank You!



GROW FUND

Our Reception/Drop in area is the first point of contact with our team when enquiring or accessing our services. This is a vital role welcoming women into a safe and friendly environment therefore a big thank-you to the Grow family for their private donation. The donation came at a pivotal point to support and sustain the centres quality service and we are very grateful for their donation.

and finally

This report is an opportunity to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the Centre's work over the past year making it a comfortable and safe learning space. In 2023/24 we have made a valuable positive impact on the lives of many women, children, families and communities. The resilience for the organisation and the dedication of the operational staff and the Board has been demonstrated particularly in this difficult year.

Many thanks to the Directors, Staff, Tutors, Trainees and Volunteers for their commitment and dedication. A special acknowledgement to the Board of Directors who have managed the direction and strategic development of our organisation. Their governance, leadership, guidance and commitment were crucial to the success of the Centre over the past year. Thanks to all the women and families who have come along and engaged in the Centre's activities. Your presence is a joy we value and appreciate.

Many thanks also to our funders and partners - their support is key to sustaining our work - making a positive difference in the lives of people and communities. With their continuing support, we look forward to sustaining and improving Women's Centre Derry in the years to come.

- Department for Communities (DfC)
- Derry City & Strabane District Council (DC&SDC)
- BBC Children In Need
- Western Childcare Partnership (HSCB)
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Western Health and Social Care Trust
- Levelling Up Fund UK Government
- OCNNI
- Kingsbridge Foundation
- Halifax

Centre Directors comments

I would like to thank all the staff that go out of their way everyday to provide a high quality person centred service for all of the women and children across Derry City and Strabane District Council.

I would like to thank all the organisations that have partnered with or collaborated with throughout 2023/24, I believe that a joint up approach within the community provides the best service for all,

Most importantly I would like to thank all the women and children that have attended programmes over the past year at the Women Centre. We thank you for trusting us with your children and for showing all the staff great respect. You offer so much peer support to each other and have achieved so much, so many congratulations to you all.

As a centre and as part of the community and voluntary sector, we are aware of the challenges ahead but with amazing staff, great networking and the spectacular families across Derry City and Strabane district council we aim for another positive year for 2024/25.

Overall Impact



443

Individual Children
Supported



139

Organisations
collaborated with



14,339

Course places provided



75

Accredited
qualifications
achieved



291,042

Social Media Reach



179

BME families
supported



9023

Creche hours
provided

Participant Testimonials

"I really enjoyed attending the Women's Centre, I enjoyed learning new skills and meeting new people, Thanks a lot. "

★★★★★

"The course was relaxed and very interesting learning new skills and socialising while my little girl was safe in the creche."

★★★★★

"Excellent course, very happy, brilliant tutor, lovely group of girls doing the course. I always looked forward to coming to the centre. "

★★★★★

"You actually made my day a lot better. After I left I felt that I finally have someone that really listens to me and know how I felt all this time."

★★★★★

"The course was brilliant we had a laugh and we all support each other and we all made friendships along the way. "

★★★★★

"I just love the Women's centre. Its so welcoming and the girls are all lovely on the course."

★★★★★

"My son speech is delayed and he is not meeting his developmental milestones. The creche provided him with 1-1 support in the creche with his peers. He has come on so much and I am so thankful for all the support, tips and encouragement they have shared with us."

★★★★★

"Women centre Derry has helped me to learn English and to communicate with different women."

★★★★★

"Thanks to the Women's Centre I studied English course and obtained Level 2 certificate. This certificate has helped me to find a job."

★★★★★

"Fantastic Event for International Women's Day at the Guildhall. Great to meet with so many women that are doing such great work, helping people and making such a difference."



Qualifications Achieved 2023/24

Course/Subject/Qualification	Total	Level 2	Level 1	Entry	Units	Credits
ENGLISH FOR WORK	11	1	5	5		
MATHS FOR WORK	11	1	1	9		
INTRO TO COUNSELLING	5		5		10	30
UPCYCLING	13		13		26	78
SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING	7		7		21	63
HAIR UP STYLING	6		6		9	54
NAIL ART	9		9		18	54
COMPUTERISED ACCOUNTS	5		5		5	15
MAKATON	8	2	6		8	24
Total qualifications gained	75	4	57	14	97	318

75 Qualifications Gained

Women's Centre Derry is an accredited/approved Centre with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and the following examining bodies: The Centre is registered through the Skills Funding Agency as a Recognised Training Provider for PCDLs.

Awarding Body



Course Audit 2023/24

Participants	Course	Weeks	Places
16	NWRC HAIR AND BEAUTY	6	96
11	TRANSIT FORWARD DRESS FOR SUCCESS	6	66
17	INTRO TO COUNSELLING	9	153
13	L1 HAIR UP STYLING	7	91
10	UPCYCLING CRAFTS	8	80
75	MULTI CULTURAL CRAFTING ENGLISH	48	3600
17	ESOL	10	170
8	L2 ESSENTIAL SKILLS LITERACY	20	160
1	NWRC LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	18	18
15	MAKATON	2	30
12	APPROACHES TO WELLBEING	2	24
14	BEGINNERS NAIL ART SKILLS	7	98
2	EDUCATION FOCUS GROUP	1	2
9	L1 COMPUTERISED ACCOUNTS (sage)	12	108
14	L1 HAIR UP STYLING	12	168
11	LITERACY LEVEL 1 & 2	18	198
16	NUMERACY LEVEL 1 and 2	19	304
10	SMART SHOPPING - COOKING ON A BUDGET	1	10
6	SUCCESS NORTH WEST Event	6	36
9	SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING	10	90
13	UPCYCLING CRAFTS	8	104
6	RRR CHILD BEHAVIOR	1	6
11	RRR STAY AND PLAY	1	11
7	BABY BUGGIES	4	28
6	RRR ANTENATAL EDUCATION	1	6
7	RRR AUTISM AWARENESS	2	14
10	RRR BABY MASSAGE	4	40
9	RRR BABY MASSAGE	4	36
6	RRR BABY MASSAGE	4	24
20	RRR HALLOWEEN FUN DAY	1	20
10	RRR HENRY PROGRAM	7	70
4	RRR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	1	4
7	RRR MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING DAY	1	7
22	RRR MOVING BODIES MOVING MINDS	3	66
23	RRR MUM & ME	1	23
17	RRR MUM AND BABY EXERCISE	4	68
7	RRR MUM AND BABY SWIM	4	28
9	RRR MUMS WELL	4	36
9	RRR MUMS WELL	4	36
12	RRR MUMS WELL	4	48
13	RRR MUSIC FOR MUMS	1	13
8	RRR PEER SUPPORT	1	8
14	RRR POTTY TRAINING	1	14
5	RRR POTTY TRAINING	1	5
9	RRR REFLEXOLOGY	4	36
7	RRR SLEEPING PATTERNS	1	7
13	RRR STAY AND PLAY	4	52
1	RRR SUPPORT	9	9
6	RRR TRIGGERS AND COPING MECHANISMS	1	6

Course Audit 2023/24

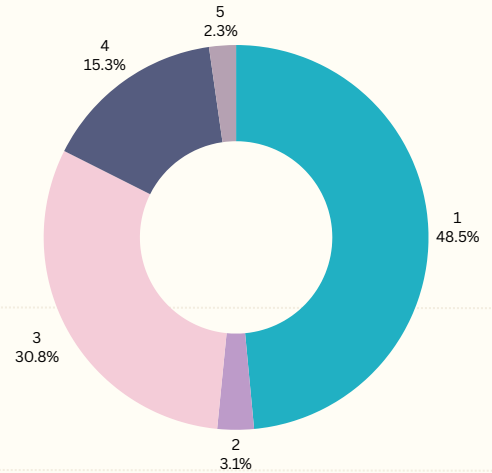
Participants	Course	Weeks	Places
11	RRR HENRY PROGRAM	7	77
10	RRR MUM AND BABY EXERCISE	4	40
8	RRR MUM AND BABY SWIM	4	32
49	WALKING GROUP	6	294
19	WELLBEING REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKERS	9	171
16	CHRISTMAS WELLBEING	1	16
11	ESSENTIAL OILS	1	11
11	HALLOWEEN FLOWER ARRANGING	1	11
8	HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS	1	8
13	LOVE YOURSELF	1	13
11	MINDFULNESS	1	11
16	MINDFULNESS	1	16
13	SELF ESTEEM	1	13
18	WHO AM I	1	18
12	WOMENS SUPPORT SERVICES	1	12
8	1-1 COUNSELLING	11	88
29	CHRISTMAS TOY REVIEW	1	29
24	YODA SUMMER TRIPS	1	24
7	YODA SUMMER TRIPS	1	7
114	YODA	48	5472
32	YODA SUMMER SCHEME	5	160
11	MAs MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DERRY	8	88
4	MAs MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH STRATHFOYLE	12	48
17	MAs MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DERRY	33	561
4	MAs MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH STRATHFOYLE	32	128
7	MAS RETURNERS	3	21
10	HOMEWORK CLUB	48	480
55	EASTER EVENT	1	55
29	YODA SUMMER TRIPS	1	29
29	INSPIRE WORKSHOPS	1	29
50	ELECTRICITY SUPPORT	1	50
1233	Totals		14,339

Outputs

OVERALL CENTRE PROVISION 2023/24

1 Courses and Projects (places)	14,339
2 Seminars/Exhibitions/Workshops	896
3 Childcare (places)	9023
4 Telephone/Visits/Information/Referral	4484
5 Social Media Private Messages	660

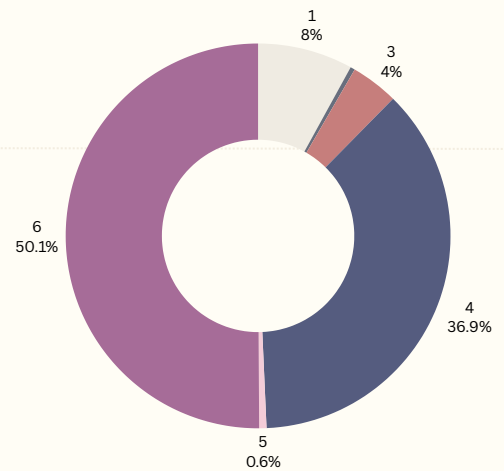
Total 29,402



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT 2023/24

1 Website view	24712
2 Social Media posts	1183
3 Followers – Facebook, twitter, Instagram	12,371
4 Facebook Page reach	114,200
5 Instagram Page Reach	1900
6 Twitter Impressions	154,907

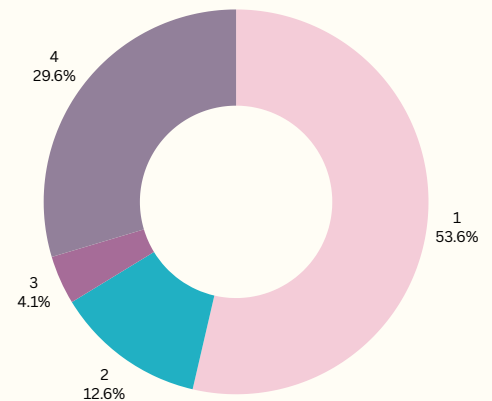
Total 291,042



CHILDCARE 2023/24 (crèche places)

1 Women Centre Childcare Fund	5046
2 Recover Rebuild Renew	1190
3 Maternal Advocacy support	386
4 Support Activities	2787

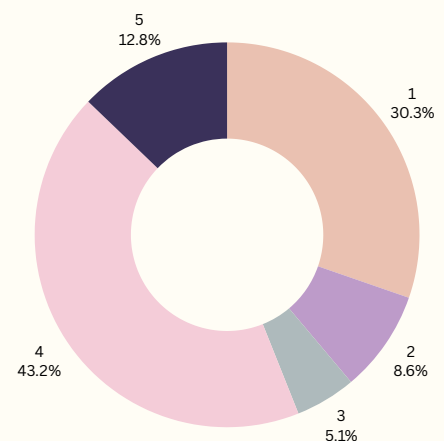
Total 9023



RECEPTION AUDIT 2023/24

1 Telephone	1559
2 Text Messages	440
3 Visits	262
4 Drop In	2223
5 Facebook Messages	660

Total 5144



Participation, Partnership, Co-operation & Collaboration

This year Women's Centre Derry continued in its role as a key community development leader and women's equality organisation in the region. We worked locally, nationally and internationally with agencies and organisations including the following:

- 21 Training
- A2 Art Space
- Alliance for Choice
- Active inclusion
- Aghabrack Community and district Association
- AMH New Horizons Foyle
- Atlas Women's Centre
- Aware NI
- Ballybeen Women's Centre
- BBC Children In Need
- Belfast Met
- Benbradagh Women's Group
- Benedy Women's Group
- Bradley's Pharmacy
- Bog & Brandywell Health Forum
- Cedar Foundation
- Churches Trust
- Churchdown Community Association
- Chrysalis Women's Centre
- City & Guilds
- Citizens Advice
- Community Foundation Ireland
- CPCAB
- Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership
- Crevagh Women's Group
- Curryneiran Women's Action Committee
- Department for Communities (DfC/VCD)
- Department for the Economy (DfE) ESF
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Department of the Taoiseach - Shared Island Unit
- Derry Chamber of Commerce
- Derry City & Strabane District Council
- DCSDC - Equality Assurance Forum
- DCSDC- Good relations Multi Agency Forum
- DCSDC- ESF local forum
- Derry Well Women
- Derry Youth & Community Workshop
- Disability Action
- Dove House
- Dunluce Family Centre
- Dress for Success
- Early Years Team – WHSCT
- Early Years – the organisation for young children
- Eden Place Arts Centre- Pilots Row
- Education Authority (EA) Western Region
- Enterprise Northern Ireland
- European Union / ESF
- Falls Women's Centre
- Forum for Adult Learning NI (FALNI)
- First Source
- First Steps Women's Centre
- Footprints Women's Centre
- Foyle Jobs & Benefits
- Foyle Foodbank
- Foyle Women's Aid
- Foyle Women's Information Network
- Focus Project
- Galliagh Women's Group
- Gas Yard Centre

- Glenelly House
- Global Horizons
- Greater Shantallow Partnership
- Greenway Women's Centre
- Holywell Trust
- Hill Crest
- I am Self-Care
- IEB Software
- Jobs Direction
- Jungle King
- Kilcooley Women's Centre
- Libraries NI
- Lisnagelvin Women's Group
- ME4Mental
- Mears
- Migrants Forum
- Millennium Forum
- Minding Mums
- Mummy Fit by Alice
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- Newbuildings Women's Group
- NIACRO
- NI Open College Network (OCNNI)
- NINPN
- Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)
- Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)
- North West Baps
- North West Community Network
- North West Islamic Association
- North West Regional College
- NSPCC
- Now Group
- Old Library Trust
- Orchardville
- ParentNI
- PSNI
- Pink Ladies
- Public Health Agency (PHA)
- Rainbow Project
- Rapid Ltd
- Recovery College
- Relate NI
- Right Time Right Place
- RNIB
- School Age Mothers Network (SAM's)
- Shankill Women's Centre
- Shared Island Unit – Dept of the Taoiseach
- Shepherds View Young Parents Project
- Select Computer Systems
- St. Coulombs Park House
- Strabane Community Project
- Strabane Ethnic Community Association Women's Group
- Strathfoyle Women's Activities Group - SWAG
- Surestart
- St Vincent DePaul
- Tesco

- The Bytes Project
- The Conservation Volunteers
- The Junction
- Time for Me Women's Group
- Training for Women Network (TWN)
- Triax Skills North West
- Ulster supported Employment Ltd
- Virtual Community College Ireland (VCC)
- Volunteer Centre
- Waterside Women's Centre
- Waterside Neighbourhood Renewal
- Western Childcare Partnership
- Western Health and Social Care Trust
- Windsor Women's Centre
- Womens Information Northern Ireland (WINI)
- Women's Regional Consortium
- Women's Resource Development Agency (WRDA)
- Women's Support Network (WSN)
- WOMEN'S TEC
- Youth Action

Collaboration
with 139
different
organisations

Organisation Development

Organisation & Staff Development 2023/24

2023

2024

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning • FALNI • Standardisation Training SNW • Health Improvement 	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Budgeting Training • Mental Health First Aid • Food hygiene • OCNNI Assessor Training • Labour Market Partnership • Designated Safeguarding Training • Perinatal Support
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Femcom • Paediatric First Aid • Cost of Living Crisis • Evide Training • Refugee Relocation • 1-1 Counselling Induction Training 	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism and spectrum conditions • Asylum Seekers & Refugees in NI • Career Employment • Early Years childcare setting • ESOL City and Guilds • Nutrition
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future for Resettlement and Integration in NI • Funding Stream • Community Safety 	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Safety and Risk Assessment Training • Designated Child protection • Community of Practice Good relations • Refugee Transition • Peri Natal Mental Health
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Training • Community of Practice Shared Knowledge 		
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNW Education Women • Peri Natal Mental Health 		
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makaton • Planning for Under 1s • Tutor Standardisation Meeting • PeacePlus Funding • Women in Debt 		
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Helper to support women • Henry Programme • Maternal Mental Health • Tender Training 		
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Budgeting Training • Introduction to Autism Awareness • Global Development Delay 		
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Women Funding NW 		

**256 hours
CPD & Staff
Development
completed
2023/2024**

Workshops, Seminars & Highlights of 2023/24

Event

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women Centre Derry Strategic Planning • Womens Regional Consortium • Womens Centre Childcare Fund • Partnership Success North West Induction • Chambers/ Women in Leadership Event Diversity and inclusivity 	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC The View Interview • ESOL Approved City & Guilds • Early Years Toddler Room
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NICVA/NWCN Funding Crisis 	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in community Research • Poverty Research • Peri Natal Mental Health Team • Care NI carer & Career event • Sustainability- Magill Family Trust
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary of State Womens Funding • Community Education Research Focus Group • Executive Office - Refugee resettlement • Grow Fund Donation Visit • FWIN AGR Conference -Womens Aid services 	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Office Visit - Integration • Peri Natal Mental Health • Success North West Event - Education outcomes • International Womens Day Event
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCD Annual General Meeting • DfC Infrastructure Review • SNW Partnership • Womens Aid Services • BAME Community of Practice 	<div style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <h1>44 Events</h1> <h1>896 People</h1> <h1>2023/2024</h1> </div>	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAS1 Event Outcomes • Deputy Secretary of State/Sinead McLaughlin/Working Well Being DfC 		
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAWG Focus Group - Consultation strategy • Debt inclusion - DfC, NICVA, DCSDC, Citizen Advice Bureau 		
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs analysis Good relations • Alcohol Licensing Review Meeting • Eradication of poverty Panel • Fundraising Event 		
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs analysis Good relations • Alcohol Licensing Review Meeting • Eradication of poverty Panel • MAS Regional peri Natal • WRDA AGR 50 Years celebration 		
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success North West EMO Networking • Women in Debt 		

WISER (ni) is a community interest company (CIC) set up to develop social enterprise in women's innovation, skills, education and research.

Childcare

WISERNi provided Wiser childcare for 27 individual children providing over 2500 hours of childcare.



Accredited Training in community

WISER delivered 7 accredited training courses to 85 participants to raise funds for WISERNi. Courses delivered were:

- Level 1 Makeup
- Level 1 Hair Styling
- Level 1 Upcycling
- Level 1 Nail Art
- Level 1 Supporting Children's Learning
- Level 1 Computerised Accounts



Money raised through WISERNi activities will go towards supporting Women Centre Derry with running costs and provide key services for women and children. This year money raised enabled Women Centre Derry to provide a 1-1 counselling service for women with access to childcare. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the services provided this year, it has made a great difference to the women and families of Derry.



WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Denise Doherty (Chairperson) Kathy Colhoun (Treasurer) Dr Clionagh Boyle Geraldine Compton Roisin Hegarty Dina Gomaa Saorla Boyle	(Appointed 28 June 2023)
Secretary	Sharon McLaughlin	
Charity number	NIC100187	
Company number	NI033263	
Registered office	Beibhinn House 5 Guildhall Street Derry BT48 6BB	
Auditor	Moore (NI) LLP 21/23 Clarendon Street Derry/Londonderry BT48 7EP	
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 27 Culmore Road Londonderry BT48 8JB	
Solicitors	Babingtons Solicitors 9 Limavady Road Londonderry BT47 6JU	

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Womens Centre Derry Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
 - the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
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WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Charity SORP and the Companies Act 2006). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the company's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

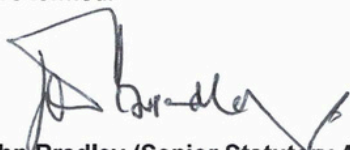
- We obtained an understanding of the charitable company's internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and charitable status with HM Revenue & Customs, by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We test the completeness of income to address the risk of fraud in relation to revenue recognition
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Auditing the risk of use of charity funds outside of restrictions imposed by the donor by review of funding letters of offer to identify restrictions, and review of funding claims prepared by management to check compliance with restrictions.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Bradley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (NI) LLP

26 June 2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

21/23 Clarendon Street
Derry/Londonderry
BT48 7EP

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	72,522	-	-	72,522	9,599
Charitable activities	4	6,724	-	329,140	335,864	615,873
Investments	5	8	-	-	8	-
Total income		79,254	-	329,140	408,394	625,472
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	64,879	17,149	320,778	402,806	539,979
Total expenditure		64,879	17,149	320,778	402,806	539,979
Net income/(expenditure)		14,375	(17,149)	8,362	5,588	85,493
Transfers between funds		(11,754)	-	11,754	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	2,621	(17,149)	20,116	5,588	85,493
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		293,384	459,364	53,556	806,304	720,811
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		296,005	442,215	73,672	811,892	806,304

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		446,231		465,713
Current assets					
Debtors	13	35,507		66,441	
Cash at bank and in hand		350,696		301,724	
		386,203		368,165	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(20,542)		(27,574)	
Net current assets			365,661		340,591
Total assets less current liabilities			811,892		806,304
Net assets			811,892		806,304
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	17		73,672		53,556
Unrestricted funds - general			296,005		293,384
Unrestricted funds - designated	18		442,215		459,364
			811,892		806,304

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 June 2024



Denise Doherty (Chairperson)
Trustee



Kathy Colhoun (Treasurer)
Trustee

Company registration number NI033263 (Northern Ireland)

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	<u>72,522</u>	<u>9,599</u>
Donations and gifts		
GROW Fund	36,000	-
WISER NI CIC	25,992	6,331
The Community Foundation - Kingsbridge Foundation	5,000	-
Other	<u>5,530</u>	<u>3,268</u>
	<u>72,522</u>	<u>9,599</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Courses and craft income	6,724	-	6,724	10,307	-	10,307
Performance related grants	-	<u>329,140</u>	<u>329,140</u>	-	<u>605,566</u>	<u>605,566</u>
	<u>6,724</u>	<u>329,140</u>	<u>335,864</u>	<u>10,307</u>	<u>605,566</u>	<u>615,873</u>

Performance related grants analysis

	2024 £	2023 £
Dept for the Economy - PROSPER 4	-	305,312
Dept for Communities - VCD	102,615	110,512
Dept for Communities - Regional Support	29,498	33,120
UKSPF - Success NW project	32,999	-
Derry City & Strabane District Council	4,000	4,500
National Lottery Community Fund - Women's Regional MAS programme	20,835	31,097
National Lottery Community Fund - Recover Rebuild Renew	108,585	77,105
BBC Children in Need	23,538	32,795
Other	<u>7,070</u>	<u>11,125</u>
	<u>329,140</u>	<u>605,566</u>

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	8	-

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	239,003	317,888
Depreciation and impairment	19,483	20,144
Project expenses	39,304	72,749
Property costs	11,098	15,125
Repairs and maintenance	6,401	21,366
Office costs	16,629	13,554
Advertising, marketing and publicity	456	1,469
Travel expenses	707	849
Staff training	33	350
Insurance	7,698	7,453
Consumables	1,883	3,458
Bank charges	579	509
General expenses	3,581	5,104
	<u>346,855</u>	<u>480,018</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	51,151	55,161
Governance	4,800	4,800
	<u>402,806</u>	<u>539,979</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	64,879	14,248
Unrestricted funds - designated	17,149	17,149
Restricted funds	320,778	508,582
	<u>402,806</u>	<u>539,979</u>

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Dept for Communities - VCD	-	102,615	(113,015)	10,400	-
Dept for Communities - Regional Support	914	29,498	(31,429)	1,017	-
UKSPF - Success NW project	-	32,999	(32,999)	-	-
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	4,000	(4,282)	282	-
WHSC - SEEDS	9,400	360	(2,816)	-	6,944
HFNI Halifax Foundation	3,588	3,740	(1,085)	-	6,243
OCN NI	-	2,970	(3,025)	55	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Recover Rebuild Renew	13,085	108,585	(77,529)	-	44,141
BBC Children in Need	20,502	23,538	(34,860)	-	9,180
National Lottery Community Fund - Women's Regional MAS programme	6,067	20,835	(19,738)	-	7,164
	<u>53,556</u>	<u>329,140</u>	<u>(320,778)</u>	<u>11,754</u>	<u>73,672</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Dept for the Economy - PROSPER 4	402	305,312	(207,180)	(98,534)	-
Dept for Communities - VCD	-	110,512	(116,932)	6,420	-
Dept for Communities - Regional Support	-	33,120	(32,206)	-	914
Derry City & Strabane District Council	2,588	4,500	(7,088)	-	-
Childcare Partnership NI	-	1,725	(1,725)	-	-
WHSC - SEEDS	-	9,400	-	-	9,400
Dept for the Economy - ESOL NI (VPRS)	2,460	-	(2,460)	-	-
HFNI Halifax Foundation	4,133	-	(545)	-	3,588
National Lottery Community Fund	13,595	77,105	(77,615)	-	13,085
BBC Children in Need	16,960	32,795	(29,253)	-	20,502
Regional Women's Centres Partnership - MAS project	2,931	31,097	(26,503)	(1,458)	6,067
Community Foundation Ireland	2,075	-	(2,075)	-	-
Screwfix Foundation	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
	<u>50,144</u>	<u>605,566</u>	<u>(508,582)</u>	<u>(93,572)</u>	<u>53,556</u>

