

Friends of Arvalee School & Resource Centre

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees

Committee members of the association, known as trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 of the financial statements.

Charitable objects

Arvalee School is for children and young people aged between three and nineteen years old who have severe to moderate learning difficulties. Music and sensory experiences give the pupils opportunities to enhance their confidence, communication and enjoyment of life. Experiences in this area cannot always be provided as part of the curriculum and the school believes that the enhanced alternative curriculum makes a huge difference to the lives of the children. As a result Friends of Arvalee School & Resource Centre was established. The association has an active Parent, Teacher and Friends association which is able to fundraise and provide events/activities for pupils of Arvalee School and their families, provide funds for additional resources for Arvalee school and build links with the local community. The association will also support the educational progress and attainment of pupils in Arvalee school.

Friends of Arvalee School & Resource Centre is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 4 July 2014, under registration number NIC100362.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet regularly, administer the company and make all policy decisions.

Review of activities and achievements

The results reflect the activities carried on within the association during the year. Due to the covid-19 pandemic the association was unable to run events during the year. However, since 1 September 2023 the association has re-commenced fundraising and providing events/activities.

Going concern

The considered view of the trustees is that, after making enquiries, they have a reasonable expectation that the association will have adequate resources available to finance its obligations for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are not aware of any events likely to occur in the twelve months following the date of approval of the financial statements that may have an impact on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. We believe it is therefore appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Reserves

The results for the year are set out on page 5 of the financial statements. The purpose of the funds are outlined in the notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Accountants

The trustees recommend that McFarland Arnold & Co remain in office until further notice.

Special provisions relating to small companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

This report was approved by the trustees on 29 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Signature:

Karen Connolly

Name (in block capitals):

KAREN CONNOLLY
Trustee