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Trustee's report: 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Summary of Activities and Achievements

- Reopened in September 2022 following closure due to Covid-19
- Returned to Sunnylands Youth Centre as venue and merged both Junior and Crossroads into Thursday evenings for both sessions
- Various member led activities within our centre allowing for peer relationships to develop and self-confidence to be increased.
- Attended multiple sessions of Shadows nightclub in Newtownabbey
- Multi club pool competition with representation from across Northern Ireland
- Christmas dinners for both volunteers and members

Public Benefit Statement

The purposes of the charity are to support young people with learning disabilities to grow in confidence and provide respite to their families through the provision of social activities. We believe that the programme of activities carried out this year satisfies these purposes catering for a wide range of interests and providing much needed support for families. Our private benefit to volunteers to increase their skills to support our volunteers has also been met through various training courses which has been reflected in increased support for our beneficiaries.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries

Financial Review

Our financial outlook is a stable one. Fundraising within the local community and online remains healthy and the support of Carrickfergus Mencap is invaluable to the continuing success of the charity. The charity has no debt or depreciating assets and retains a reserve of six months expenditure.

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC100493

Charity Trustees and methods of appointment

Trustees are appointed at an annual AGM that takes place around June every year. The Trustees for 2023 are as follows:

- Mrs Julie Stirling
- Miss Jackie Pollock
- Lauren Sherwood-Bowes
- Mr Jonny Sherwood-Bowes

Charity Constitution and Governing Document

The charity is affiliated with the Royal Mencap Society and is registered with the Education Authority. The charities governing document is its constitution which was last revised in 2014.

Charity Purposes

The objects of the Club are: a) The relief of people with a learning disability in particular by the provision of help and support for them and for their families, dependants and carers, and to prevent learning disabilities for the public benefit; and b) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation or other leisure time occupation for people who have need thereof by reason of learning disability with the object of improving their conditions of life. "learning disability" means any developmental disability of the mind and any associated condition howsoever caused and whether mild, moderate or severe.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:

Jackie Pollock (Chairperson)

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30/10/2024