

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements of Dungannon Youth for Christ (the company) for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity, Trustees and Advisers

Dungannon Youth for Christ is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The reference and administrative details of the charity, trustees and advisers are listed on page 1. Charity status was achieved on 6 July 2015 with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in addition to charitable status previously held with HM Revenue and Customs.

Structure, governance and management

The company is constituted and governed under a Memorandum of Association as well as general employment and other legislation applicable to Northern Ireland. The board of trustees supervises and control the finances and are also responsible for the day to day functioning of the charity and the repair and maintenance of its facilities.

The trustees are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

Objectives and activities

Dungannon Youth for Christ was formed in 1996 with the aim of engaging marginalised young people in the local community. Since then, the charity has worked to meet the needs of local young people through various programmes held at the drop-in centre, in local schools and in the community. The mission statement of the charity reflects the holistic approach to the work as the charity aims to: "enable the young people of Dungannon to experience, share and be transformed by the love of God, reaching their full potential; physically, emotionally, educationally and spiritually." Through its work, the charity aims to engage young people in every area of life in which they need support and help, to see them reach their full potential.

The charity also aims to develop and maintain local partnerships, including local churches, to see the lives of young people in Dungannon transformed. The aims and objectives of Dungannon Youth for Christ remain unchanged for the year ahead.

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Public benefit

Public benefit is achieved through giving young people the opportunity to develop and grow in a personal faith in Jesus Christ as they attend the drop in centre, events or meetings. The benefits are evidenced by feedback from the young people, changes in lifestyle and increased participation in local churches. The charity's beneficiaries are the children and young people of the wider Dungannon area.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to guidance produced by the Charity Commission and that the charity continues to meet the public benefit requirement. The trustees have read sections 32, 33 and 34 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015 and confirm the charity trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b)' (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance) to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Achievements and performance

During 2023-24 the Board and volunteers at Dungannon Youth for Christ continued to run weekly drop-in sessions for up to 20 young people. These drop-in sessions continued until the end of March '24. Activities included table tennis, pool, computer games, board games, crafts, sports, and a wide variety of games in addition to a Bible epilogue each evening.

The recruitment of a full-time worker was also a key focus during the year and Dungannon Youth for Christ is pleased to have appointed Beth McKee in August '24 as a Youth Development Lead. Work has since commenced within schools with Beth taking assemblies and SU meetings. Contact with local churches and youth groups has also commenced and plans put in place for further drop-in sessions and outreach work.

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Financial review

Results

The charity recorded a surplus of £3,876 (2023: surplus £7,632) for the financial year. As the charity is a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus will be re-invested in the ongoing work of the charity. There are no material uncertainties impacting the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to retain a level of general reserves which matches its needs at the current time and in the foreseeable future.

The general reserves of the charity at 31 March 2024 were £31,711 (2023: £27,835) and represent unrestricted funds which are available for general use.

Taxation status

Dungannon Youth for Christ is a charity recognised by HM Revenue & Customs, and, as such, is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of its primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the SORP and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



M McQueen - Trustee

25 November 2024