
EAST BELFAST MISSION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Board of East Belfast Mission has pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report is prepared in accordance with the Manual of Laws of the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Revised 2015)".

The Board expresses deep gratitude to its 90 staff and 100 volunteers for their hard work and efficiency in the day to day administration of the Mission's programmes and services.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. Constitution

The East Belfast Mission ("EBM") was brought into existence by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland under the Methodist Church in Ireland Act 1928. In 2008 the Mission was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee.

EBM is also governed by the Constitution (Manual of Laws) of the Methodist Church in Ireland as set out under the Methodist Church in Ireland Act 1928. The Mission has been granted charitable status by HMRC and accordingly is exempt from income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax. Its charity reference number is XN68566 and its company reference is NI069097. EBM has successfully completed the registration process with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland and its Northern Ireland Charity Commission number is NIC100744.

b. Governance

In May 2014 the EBM board of directors approved a 'Corporate Governance Framework', which provides information on the arrangements, which have been established to ensure proper and effective management of EBM's affairs. The framework made provision for and developed the 'Terms of Reference' of the following committees:

1. Finance, Audit and Risk
2. Governance
3. Appointments and Remuneration

c. Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Directors

A structured induction process has been implemented for new board members and ongoing training has been provided to existing directors. All directors have received Governance training from the company solicitor and a Director Handbook and a Conflict of Interest Policy were implemented.

d. Management Structure

The board is nominated locally and approved annually by the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland and at 31 December 2022 comprised of 9 members.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

e. Risk Management

The board assesses the major risks to which the charity is exposed on an ongoing basis, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee will ensure a regular review of risks takes place.

The principal risks facing East Belfast Mission relate to safeguarding of its clients which the company manages through the deployment of appropriately qualified and trained staff and of appropriate standards. The main uncertainty facing the organisation relates to the funding environment in which the company operates. At the time of writing this report Public Funding in Northern Ireland is in crisis and many people who might use the Mission's social economy businesses are struggling in the ongoing 'cost of living crisis'. In this financial context EBM continues to apply its financial policies which ensure a 'Full Cost Recovery' model applied across the Mission projects, except where the EBM Board make an informed decision to charitably subsidise a programme or activity.

f. Purpose and Public Benefits

The purpose of East Belfast Mission is the advancement of the Christian Faith as understood by the Methodist Church in Ireland and for the promotion for the public benefit and social good of East Belfast, being an area of social and economic deprivation. The objectives of East Belfast Mission will have the following public benefits:

- (i) the relief of poverty in such ways as may be thought fit;
- (ii) the relief of unemployment in such ways as may be thought fit including assistance to find employment;
- (iii) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience;
- (iv) the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Objectives and Activities

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

a. Policies and Objectives

East Belfast Mission's current Strategic Plan articulated our main aim, which is 'to provide love and leadership in East Belfast. The delivery of this strategic aim, includes the following core priorities.

Christian Community

To respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the congregation and wider community.

Welcoming Facility

To provide a welcoming and safe space where people can find appropriate information and social support.

Neighbourhood Services

To ensure that individuals in the community have access to appropriate services and training to respond to their needs.

Homelessness Services

To ensure that people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness have an effective response to their needs.

Employability Services

To support people in their progression in gaining and sustaining appropriate employment.

Community Initiatives

To promote the development of the whole community.

b. Financial Performance

East Belfast Mission has an overall deficit of £65,620 during this year. This deficit is made-up of:

- Restricted funds of £31,592
- Unrestricted funds of (£97,212)

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

c. Review of Activities

The board wish to take this opportunity to review EBM's performance over the past year and report on the work of the organisation, which continues to seek to work with everyone in the East Belfast Community. In 2022 East Belfast Mission successfully pursued the first year of its new Strategic Plan to 'provide love and leadership in East Belfast.

We have continued our journey to ensure the financial resilience of EBM. In January 2023, the final re-payment was made to The Methodist Church in Ireland against borrowings from them, leaving EBM without any debt. A small financial reserve has been established and we will seek to grow this in the next financial period. As we do this, we will now place a focus on the Mission's internal processes and data management and storage, in order to improve efficiency and further mitigate risk.

In 2022, we supported the community in six ways, providing:

A PLACE OF SHELTER – We kept Hosford Hostel virus free and provided a safe space for our residents; and to those moving on into their own home, we offered practical tenancy support.

A PLACE TO EAT – thanks to the Belfast City Council, we supplied food to over 200 households. We maintained the Meals on Wheels service, providing a hot nutritious lunch, through 100 days of lockdown.

A PLACE TO TALK – with the support of EBM church members and EBM employees, we phoned people associated with the Mission who might be in danger of being isolated and ensured contact was maintained; and for those with deeper issues, our Care Counsellors offered phone call listening.

A PLACE TO LEARN – Aspire Homework Project helped children with home schooling via Zoom, and then, as lockdown eased, kids had a chance to meet up. Turas had an additional 300 online learners.

A PLACE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT- our mentors continued to find training and employment opportunities, mainly online. We also provided family support.

A PLACE TO WORSHIP – We offered live worship online every Sunday and supported others offline with readings and prayers.

The Mission looks to the future with optimism and positivity, greatly encouraged by achievements under year 1 of new strategic plan. The board wishes to both provide recognition and to thank the team of volunteers who work tirelessly to help and support the organisation's work. Without them it would be impossible for us to do what we do, and we are indebted to their generosity and kindness.

Church and Community Outreach

The community of East Belfast has been alarmingly impacted by what is described as the 'Cost-of-Living Crisis'. East Belfast Mission has been to the forefront of assisting individuals and families overcome what often is short term poverty. In 2022 we made daily food available, helped distribute monies to assist with gas and electricity provision and kept our doors open to anyone who needed a space to be warm and have a chat. We were (and continue to be) very aware of the mental health impact on all ages particularly the most isolated.

EBM joined with others in 2022 to represent our community to local and national government on the underlying issues that keep the most vulnerable more vulnerable. We joined alliances in East Belfast and the wider Northern Ireland faith and community sector to demand change for those most negatively impacted.

In 2022 EBM carried out a strategic review of the provision of church and community outreach. The headline outcomes of this review were:

1. **TO SUPPORT THOSE IN POVERTY**- through the provision of a community fridge

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2. TO PROMOTE CONNECTION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT- whether that is people meeting in person or remotely
3. TO PROVIDE A YOUTH PROGRAMME - and continue to support families with young children
4. TO PROVIDE A FREE CONSELLING SERVICE - to include a children's service
5. TO SECURE RESOURCES TO FUND THE ABOVE - and strengthen the link between the staff of community projects and the church leadership. A good example of this collaborative approach to the work of EBM was a Christmas Tree Festival, which both raised funds and also encouraged the community.

ASPIRE

This group, funded by BBC Children in Need and the Henry Smyth Foundation (a new funder whose funds allowed us to employ two extra staff members), is at its core a service that tackles educational underachievement in the local community. Around 60 children and young people from the age of 9-14 received assistance from staff and volunteers with their homework and engagement with fun projects that built their personal aspiration and coping mechanisms. Aspire offers much more than just homework support including a significant summer programme, a wellbeing programme, and help with resilience etc.

CARE COUNSELLING

The co-ordinator undertook significant process and training work in 2022 which has increased the professionalism of this service, delivering amongst other outcomes updated policies and procedures and a new online referral system. There are 7 volunteer counsellors offering an integrated model of counselling. 150 clients received 1,500 hours of professional help through the year.

WOMENS GROUP

The numbers attending this group more than doubled in 2022 to 40 ladies, who enjoy a range of activities and events. This group significantly contributes to reduced isolation and improved mental health for these women.

"OVERS" LUNCHEON CLUB

Members of this group start to arrive from 10-30 am for lunch at 12-30p.m. They so want to be out from their homes and with friends. In 2022 up to 40 'overs' receive a two-course meal every Thursday. They particularly enjoyed celebrating Queen Elizabeth's jubilee celebration with an afternoon tea with the Lord Lieutenant in attendance.

KIDZ GAP

In 2022 Kidz Gap continued to provide a place for parents, grandparents, carers to bring their pre-school children to play while they enjoyed a break and some adult chat. Plenty of toys, noise and fun filled the community hall every session.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

This group of seniors met weekly to remember the local community and have a Wednesday afternoon together. Activities included hymn singing and input from local historians.

NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

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In the days immediately before Christmas 2022, 750 food hampers were packed and distributed to those in need within the community. The goal was to help alleviate the financial pressure for the more vulnerable individuals and families at Christmas. Volunteers helped to pack the hampers and there was wide community involvement - including distribution of food parcels through 27 organisations in addition to EBM programmes. In 2022 this project was very well supported by local and international businesses, particularly PwC and Youth with a Mission. Also, we helped Restore in their project with Belfast City Council to distribute some 4 tonnes of 'like new' second-hand toys to be used as Christmas Presents.

MONDAY MADNESS

During the summer months of 2022, months when our activities tend to close, we decided to run a full day of activities for all ages each Monday in July and August. This proved very successful, significantly impacting families. It finished with a community fun day at end of August with over 500 people enjoying, dance, climbing wall, food, crafts, bouncy castles etc. It was brilliant to see the community together again.

PWC NI SUPPORT

We are very grateful for supportive relationship EBM has with PWC. They help with programmes such as living on a budget, support the meals on wheels programme, and support with volunteers in a few projects.

CHURCH AND EXPLORING FAITH

The EBM congregation post Covid, is smaller than before although some from the community have joined this year. Others who have joined, have come to us having used other EBM services. In 2022 we established Life Groups who share together, in social and Spiritual gatherings. Contemplative Prayer continues Monday nights, via zoom.

EBM is part of the new Belfast East Circuit, consisting of 9 Methodist churches in East Belfast. This collective has allowed the EBM congregation to be part of circuit Bible studies, Sunday Evening Praise nights, a book club, and other encouraging gatherings.

EBM also connected with local congregations in 2022 to celebrate the major annual Christian events, for example joint services at Easter and Christmas.

We continued in 2022 to use The Alpha Course to allow people from the community to explore Christianity and we are grateful to the TPF Thompson foundation for their support. A follow-up course has grown into a lively discipleship group who have continued to meet on a Thursday morning.

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d. Social Projects

EBM Employability

In 2022, despite the looming prospect of its European Funding ending on 31 March 2023 with no replacement funding in place, continued to stay focused and highly motivated in providing its employability service to the people of East Belfast through two programmes called Belfast Works and the Community Family Support Programme. Our employability programmes, despite the worrying context for staff of job insecurity, met or exceeded all of the targets set by the funder (Dept. for the Economy).

In 2022 the EBM Chief Executive brought together a 'Peer Group' of European Funded Employability Service providers to undertake significant public affairs work with the aim of securing adequate replacement funding.

During the course of 2022, under the EBM Chief Executive's Chairmanship, 22 of the 67 ESF funded organisations in Northern Ireland joined the Peer Group, which then collaborative funded a leading Public Relations agency to deliver a targeted and professional lobbying and influencing campaign.

When the Peer Group began its work:

- There was no clarity from the UK government on what funding it would actually provide under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF), which Boris Johnston during his term as Prime Minister said would fully replace ESF.
- NI Assembly Departments were pointing to the UK SPF and saying they have no remit or obligation from 1st April 2023 to provide funding for services currently funded by ESF.
- All ESF funded organisations in Northern Ireland had a funding gap in the current financial year.
- Civil Servants from the NI Civil Service (NICS) and Department of Housing, Levelling-Up and Communities (DHLUC) were 'pointing their fingers' at each other and not communicating.

In 2022, the Peer Group's campaign achieved:

- The coalescing of a united 'voice' for the Community Sector, including the individuals representing the sector on DHLUCs 'NI Partnership Group'.
- Funding by the Dept. for the Economy of all funding gaps in the 2022/23 year.
- DHLUC moved unspent 2022/2023 funds of approximately £10m into the 2023/2024 year to increase the quantum of monies available from 1st April 2023.
- Helped re-shape DHLUC's 2023/20-24 Investment Plan to target monies more effectively in light of our sectors knowledge.
- Clarified that we have maximised the potential funding from DHLUC
- Brought the NICS and DHLUC senior Civil Servants together into an effective working relationship through a number of meetings hosted by the Peer Group at EBM's offices.
- Began to press the NICS senior Civil Servants to make a 'meaningful financial contribution' to funding in the 2023/2024 year.

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During the 2022 year the EBM Chief Executive worked with the Chief Executive's of the other four partner organisations in the Belfast wide 'Belfast Works' consortium to develop a Funding Application to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for a re-shaped and highly innovative employability programme that would target 'economically inactive' groups within the Belfast population. On the 31 March 2023, with EBM employability staff literally with one hour of being made redundant, we received the news that this Funding Application had been successful. In fact, in the context of an overall 50% reduction in revenue funding for employability compared to the previous European funding quantum, it was the second largest Shared Prosperity Funded employment programme in Northern Ireland.

Going forward the Employability is funded until 31 March 2025 and the EBM employability staff are excited and highly motivated to address the high levels of economic inactivity in inner East Belfast.

Hosford

Hosford is the homelessness service of East Belfast Mission providing accommodation and support to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The aim of the project is to support people to break out of homelessness and to prevent people becoming homeless through support in their own homes.

Hosford hostel provides accommodation for 26 people (single men and women aged 18 years plus) and have a stepping stone approach of single rooms and apartments which helps people to rebuild their lives and work towards living independently. We offer 24/7 support and each resident has their own Support Worker who provides housing related support to help them to find and maintain their own home. Residents also have a chance to engage with all the other services Hosford and East Belfast Mission provide as well as help to link in with any relevant services in the area.

Hosford Tenancy Support workers provide practical and emotional support to people who are living independently but encountering problems and could lose their home. They aim to enable people to live independently through developing their skills and their ability to deal with problems. The service is about preventing homelessness by intervening in its causes.

Hosford's Health and Wellbeing Project aims to tackle the health and wellbeing issues faced by people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This project gives those involved opportunities to learn new skills, make progress in their lives, meet friends, and to be part of a community.

Hosford Community Homes is a new social enterprise project aiming to develop a portfolio of homes in the community for people who are homeless. This is a unique and innovative project, contributing to tackling homelessness and delivering Community Wealth Building in East Belfast.

Hosford Community Homes aims to develop 30-50 quality and affordable private rental homes over the next 3-5 years. The key strands of the project include:

- Delivering a 6 bed HMO in partnership with Skainos. This property currently accommodates 6 refugees.
- Redeveloping 240 Newtownards Road into 6 apartments and a community space.
- Purchasing 5 houses through social investment of £500,000 in partnership with Commonweal Housing.
- Exploring a Financial Transaction Capital 'soft loan' from the DFC to purchase approx. 20 houses.

Achievements during 2022:

- Maintained our 26 unit homeless hostel with an occupancy of 99%-providing shelter and support to over

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40 people and helping 90%+ of our residents to find accommodation and to have a better life. A program of maintenance work was completed, and furniture procurement and painting undertaken; maintaining an excellent quality of accommodation for our residents. A rent increase of £30,000 per year was secured from Housing Benefit. In partnership with Ulster University Art Department paintings were donated to the hostel.

- Provided Tenancy Support for over 100 people who are at risk of homelessness. 95% of clients maintained they're own home. Over 95% of clients achieved outcomes in terms of; health, addictions, education/employability, social inclusion, or financial situation. We successfully acquired funding for an additional Tenancy Support Worker at the end of 2022. We were the only service to be successful in this competitive bid.
- Acquired £50,000 from the Housing Executive Tenancy Sustainment Fund. This will provide a 2-year project targeting the risk of homelessness of Housing Executive Tenants in East Belfast.
- Delivered our Health and Wellbeing projects; community garden, health and wellbeing group, trips throughout the year. These projects reached 20+ people each week. This year we established a new Refugee Womens Group.
- Acquired Homeless Prevention Fund which supported a Mental Health Support Worker and extensive anti poverty support to our clients. Approximately £30,000 went directly to our clients with support targeting; fuel poverty, food hampers, digital exclusion, housing exclusion, furniture, and repairs.

Hosford Community Homes:

- Established strong partnership working with the Housing executive and the Dept. for Communities to develop this innovative project. Monthly meetings are in place which have supported the progress of the project.
- 102 (6 bed HMO). Delivered 6 units of accommodation at 98% occupancy.
- Commonweal Housing: 3 houses purchased with 2 more to be acquired in Spring 2023. The first tenants will move into the homes in April 2023.
- 240 Newtownards Road; the design phase of this project to re-develop EBM's former offices into residential Hosford Community Homes has commenced. An architect has been appointed and a management structure created including Urban Villages, BCC, and EBM. It is expected that re-development works on the building will commence in the autumn of 2023.
- Financial Transaction Capital Loan; we commenced the development of a business case for this loan which we anticipate will be submitted in late 2023.

Restore Charity Shops

East Belfast Mission operates eight retail shop units in Belfast, Antrim, Newtownards and Larne under the brand name "Restore".

During 2022 Restore won a number of tenders to extend its supply chain for retail stock through renewing existing and opening new partnerships with several Local Councils and other charities. These collaborations not only increase stock for Restore but contribute significantly to the reduction of material going to landfill through increasing the recycling of furniture and other goods.

The shops continue to provide a significant financial return which is crucial to East Belfast Mission being able to meet a rising demand from families in the community needing assistance with food and energy costs.

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Our Restore shops also continue to assist people who are unemployed or economically inactive to enter or return to employment. Restore facilitates this through offering job placements and volunteering positions in our retail outlets, providing a critical element in people's journey back to work.

The Restore underlying business model remains strong, with Restore performing above budget in 2022 in a difficult retail environment. Going forward Restore has a clear vision of its goals for 2023 and the team are focused on achieving them.

Café Refresh

Café refresh provides good healthy home cooked food at affordable prices. Traditionally we have been one of the best social hubs of East Belfast and a great help for our pensioner and community groups. In 2022, in response to customer surveys, to deliver a menu which better met customer needs we undertook a complete re-fit of the Café Servery. The very high quality food offer being offered by our chefs, including Max Lusci who came to EBM from a very well-known city centre restaurant, supported by these physical changes, have substantially grown Refresh's breakfast and lunchtime trade.

Running alongside all of this is our Meals on Wheels business. For some years this has been a vital service for the most frail and vulnerable people in East Belfast. Our clients struggle because they are unable to cook for themselves. In 2022 the number of Meals of Wheels delivered increased to almost 9,000 meals, up from 6,600 meals in 2021.

Café refresh currently holds a 5/5 (scores on the doors from Belfast City Council) hygiene rating.

Turas

"Turas" meaning journey or pilgrimage in both Irish and Scottish Gaelic, is an Irish language project designed to connect people from Protestant communities to their own history with the Irish language and works to promote understanding and acceptance of the shared languages and heritages of Ulster

Turas is the only Irish language project which exists within a PUL community. The work that has been carried out over the last 10 years has seen a softening of attitudes and a growth in the level of interest within unionist communities.

A study carried out by Dr David Mitchell (Trinity College Dublin) on the Turas Project, found language classes help groups in conflict find shared heritage.

Language learning has the potential to build empathy between groups in conflict and help revise destructive understandings of history, according to researchers in Trinity College Dublin, who have conducted a study of the Turas' Irish-language centre in East Belfast. Language-learning projects can help revise destructive understandings of history - Trinity News and Events (tcd.ie)

Classes

Turas offers both in-person and online Irish classes as well as some live streamed classes. This year we registered almost 500 people for classes.

We provide a weekly outreach class in Cairnshill Methodist and Dundonald High School.

Turas supports 8 university students with bursaries that cover part of the annual course fee. Four people are undertaking degrees in Irish at both QUB and U.U and 4 people are attending the Irish Language Diploma Course at U.U.

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Turas has a Grúpa Ceoil (singing group) as well as a new storytelling group.

New mentor groups have also been set up and they meet together regularly to support learners.

Talks/Presentations

Turas provides talks and presentations on placenames, Irish language history, etc to local groups both in east Belfast and further afield.

Summer Events

Turas organised a number of historical tours during the summer, for example a tour of Ballycarry Graveyard with David Hume and a tour of Creggan Graveyard with Una Walsh.

Turas organised 2 end of term celebrations, one for Turas and one for the Naíscoil.

Library

The Turas Library (leabharlann) provides study space for individuals and groups, access to books and other resources, as well as support and advice. The staff of the library have organised various talks as well as music and cultural events for learners and visitors.

Schools

We teach weekly Irish classes to all pupils in Braniel Primary School and also provided a six-week course for P3 pupils in Glenraig Integrated Primary School as well as an after school club in Loughview Integrated Primary School.

The Con O'Neill Storytelling project visited 6 schools.

Animation Project

We launched our new animation which celebrates ten of Turas and tells the story of our journey so far.

Merchandise

We sell in-house, online, at local markets and at our events and bus tours. We recently received funding to commission and produce new products which will be ready for the Christmas market.

WW1 Project

Working with our sister organisation, Cairde Turas, in November the Great War Gaeilgeoirí of East Belfast project was showcased in the Linenhall Library. A lecture was given and the project received some very positive media attention.

Journey East Tourism Project

We are working with PWC to increase the sales of bus tours. We organised a media tour for local media and influencers. We launched a new East Belfast Mural Tour which focuses on the positive and quirky stories connected with east Belfast.

Gaeltacht Visits

Cairde Turas financed a Gaeltacht weekend for Turas learners in Donegal and Turas took a group of learners to the Kerry Gaeltacht for a week's language immersion as well as a weekend of language and music in Cusendall.

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Naíscoil na Seolta

Turas is the parent organisation of the new Integrated Irish-medium pre-school in east Belfast. Eighteen children are presently in attendance with twenty-five expressions of interest for the new term. The project has been awarded PEAG funding from the Education Authority and is now becoming a pre-school as well as a pre pre-school provider. Turas supports both staff and parents. Turas meets regularly with representatives from NICIE (Integrated education sector) and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta (Irish-medium education sector) to ensure the growth and development of Naíscoil na Seolta.

Cultural Events

Turas walked in the St Patrick's Day Parade and organised an evening of music and poetry for Burns' Night in Horatio Todd's. Turas runs regular pop-up Gaeltacht events in the Boundary Tap Room on the Newtownards Road.

Fundraising

Fundraising performed in 2022 while navigating the financial difficulties caused by the cost of living crisis. Both the Fundraising Manager and Fundraising officer performed over and above their 3:1 income target. Notable successes include:

- Individual Giving- the Annual Summer & Christmas Mail Appeals raised in excess of £15,000 in total between the two appeals. The introduction and roll out of the new CRM 'Chariteer' was successful and improved efficiency as well as increasing opportunities for online donations, in which we saw a growth in 2022.
- Community Fundraising- The Fundraising Officer established a number of successful fundraising events during a difficult year for community income generation. These included the Mourne's Challenge and the Christmas Tree Festival which are now going to become yearly flagship events.
- Legacy Fundraising- the Fundraising Manager continued to engage with 'Will to Give' to pursue legacy fundraising opportunities. In the upcoming 2023 year a new legacy pack will be developed to be better utilised on our new website.
- Businesses- Connections with local businesses have been successfully pursued by the Fundraising Officer who has connected with a number of local businesses for one off support and for ongoing relationships with in kind support, for example the use of local business venue for fundraising events.
- Consultancy/community support- in 2022 the Fundraising Manager engaged with over 15 local charities to offer fundraising support and helped them to raise over £98,000 for their own work. This engagement has fostered future partnership projects for East Belfast Mission and Skainos and has fulfilled our strategic aim to 'provide love and leadership in East Belfast'.

Disabled Employees

The company gives full consideration to applications for employment from employees with disabilities where the candidate's particular aptitudes and abilities are consistent with adequately meeting the requirements of the job. Opportunities are available to employees with disabilities for training, career development and promotion. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the company's policy to provide continuing employment wherever practicable in the same or an alternative position and to provide appropriate training to achieve this aim.

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Employee Involvement

The company operates a framework for employee information and consultation which complies with the requirements of the Information and Consultation of Employee Regulations 2004. During the year, the policy of providing information about the company has been continued through the communications framework. The CEO, Head of Finance & Corporate Services and the Project Managers meet on a monthly basis. 'Buzz Briefings' are compulsory for all staff three times each year. At these Senior Management brief staff on the direction and performance of the Mission and invite staff to raise ideas and issues which they believe, if addressed, would improve the impact of the Mission or the welfare of staff and volunteers.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves ("free reserves") are those reserves which the East Belfast Mission can expend at the discretion of the directors to promote the objects of the charity. The directors do not believe that the company needs excessive amounts of unrestricted reserves.

East Belfast Mission is partially a budget financing organisation. At present expenditure and income are directly related – when the organisation contracts with a service provider to provide a service this contract is contingent on full funding, including a 12% contribution for Overhead Costs, for the service being secured.

However the company needs to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves in order to:

- Ensure that it continues to operate on a going concern basis and remains viable to be able to adapt its activities from time to time to cope with changing circumstances, which cannot always be reliably foreseen and anticipated;
- Protect against a decline or interruption of current sources of income – discretionary grants, for example may cease unexpectedly, or be reduced, and new sources of revenue have to be found; and
- Provide for working capital or regular fluctuations in income and expenditure. Given the nature of the company's multiple funding streams, incomings and outgoings do not always coincide exactly resulting in peaks and troughs which need to be provided for to ensure continuity of service provision.

Given the above the directors have established a policy which is reviewed annually, whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be a target of at least three months of average expenditure.

Unrestricted Designated Reserves

Unrestricted designated reserves comprise unrestricted funds designated for a particular purpose by the directors. These are typically reserves relating to individual projects which remain designated to the individual programmes of activity.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted reserves are those reserves which either have specific conditions attached to them as to how they are spent. It is anticipated that this amount will be utilised during the coming year.

Future Developments

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a. Plans for Future Developments

During the next period EBM will continue into year 2 of its Strategic Plan to 'Share Love and Leadership in East Belfast'. Core to delivering this will be:

- Innovative developments in our programmes, such as the provision of Hosford Community Homes will be core to delivering this in practice.
- Continuing to provide practical support, such as fundraising support, to smaller community organisations in East Belfast
- Providing 'thought leadership' through Public Affairs engagement

EBM will seek in the next reporting period to increase efficiency and mitigate risk via:

- Seeking to grow its financial reserves with a target of 'six months operating expenses
- A through review and documenting of its internal operating procedures.

b. Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

c. Professional Advisors and Mission Officials

The professional advisers and Mission officials are listed on the directory page 1 of the audited accounts.

d. Business Address

239 Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 1AF

e. Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as listed on page 1. The board would like to thank those who resigned during the year for their contribution to the company during the period in which they served on the board.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

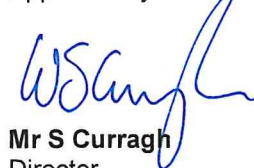
Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Miscampbell & Co, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr S Curragh
Director

Date: 26 September 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST BELFAST MISSION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of East Belfast Mission (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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 December 2022 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Charitable Company'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST BELFAST MISSION (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST BELFAST MISSION (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes 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 charitable company'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.

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the Charitable Company and management. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charitable Company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant tax compliance regulation in the United Kingdom;
- understood how the Charitable Company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the Charitable Company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas;
- assessed the vulnerability of the Charitable Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override and by assuming revenue recognition to be a fraud risk; and
- based on this understanding our audit procedures were designed to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EAST BELFAST MISSION (CONTINUED)



Mr Jonathan R Bethel FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Miscampbell & Co

6 Annadale Avenue

Belfast

BT7 3JH

26 September 2023

Miscampbell & Co are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	130,130	217,054	347,184	594,756
Charitable activities	4	1,447,916	29,453	1,477,369	1,507,268
Other trading activities	5	81,508	755,675	837,183	523,777
Investment	6	-	-	-	15
Total income		1,659,554	1,002,182	2,661,736	2,625,816
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	52,016	52,016	36,058
Charitable activities		1,627,962	537,310	2,165,272	1,988,985
Other expenditure		-	510,068	510,068	332,397
Total expenditure		1,627,962	1,099,394	2,727,356	2,357,440
Net movement in funds		31,592	(97,212)	(65,620)	268,376
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		231,308	1,505,873	1,737,181	1,468,805
Net movement in funds		31,592	(97,212)	(65,620)	268,376
Total funds carried forward		262,900	1,408,661	1,671,561	1,737,181

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 25 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: NI069097

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	1,323,341	1,324,720
		1,323,341	1,324,720
Current assets			
Debtors	15	329,323	186,797
Cash at bank and in hand		323,109	492,067
		652,432	678,864
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(304,212)	(265,303)
Net current assets		348,220	413,561
Total assets less current liabilities		1,671,561	1,738,281
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	-	(1,100)
Net assets excluding pension asset		1,671,561	1,737,181
Total net assets		1,671,561	1,737,181
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	262,900	231,308
Unrestricted funds	18	1,408,661	1,505,873
Total funds		1,671,561	1,737,181

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022



Mr S Curragh
Director
Date: 26 September 2023



Rev B Anderson
Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(105,556)	321,414
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(28,602)	-
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Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(28,602)	-
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(34,800)	(37,700)
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Net cash used in financing activities	(34,800)	(37,700)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(168,958)	283,714
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	492,067	208,353
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	323,109	492,067
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The notes on pages 25 to 41 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. General information

East Belfast Mission is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The Company Number NI069097 and Charity Number 100744. The registered office and principal place of business address is 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

East Belfast Mission meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The trustees have involved updated budgets and cashflow forecasting. The Charity has secured additional grants post year-end which will secure the liquidity of the Charity for the next year.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Company, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.6 Taxation

The Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold Land & Buildings	-	2%	Straight Line
Church Developments	-	2%	Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	-	33%	Straight Line
Computer Equipment	-	33%	Straight Line

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.12 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.13 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Reserves policy

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations & Grants	63,698	133,489	197,187	213,619
Government Grants	30,248	-	30,248	290,441
Newtownards Road Church Income	28,207	33,388	61,595	36,265
Hostel Residents Fund	7,977	7,027	15,004	7,545
Donation from EBMT	-	43,150	43,150	46,886
Total 2022	<u>130,130</u>	<u>217,054</u>	<u>347,184</u>	<u>594,756</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>35,498</u>	<u>559,258</u>	<u>594,756</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Hostel Residents Cover Charge & Other Income	15,665	-	15,665	10,025
Turas Irish Language Program	224,173	12,528	236,701	237,867
Hostel Accommodation Charges	237,487	-	237,487	203,845
Hostel Supporting People Grant	375,397	-	375,397	353,342
Stepping Stone Employability Grants	453,636	-	453,636	403,066
Rental Income	-	4,590	4,590	9,963
Community Works Grant	86,084	12,335	98,419	132,458
Hosford Projects	55,474	-	55,474	156,702
Total 2022	<u>1,447,916</u>	<u>29,453</u>	<u>1,477,369</u>	<u>1,507,268</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>1,442,286</u>	<u>64,982</u>	<u>1,507,268</u>	

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Social Economy Income from Café & Shops	81,508	755,675	837,183	523,777
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>521,934</u>	<u>523,777</u>	

6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 12 Months Ended 31 December 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Bank interest	-	-	15
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	

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7. Costs of Raising Funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 12 Months Ended 31 December 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Fundraising Expenses	52,016	52,016	36,058
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<i>Total 2021</i>	36,058	36,058	
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8. Costs of Charitable Activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Salaries	947,939	312,745	1,260,684	1,190,296
Programme Costs	165,677	32,132	197,809	152,151
Premises Costs	268,442	52,293	320,735	266,755
Administration Costs	48,694	151,640	200,334	232,806
Café Refresh Costs	41,988	84,422	126,410	93,712
Governance Costs	-	19,778	19,778	16,032
Bank Fees	-	9,380	9,380	6,389
Depreciation	4,137	26,005	30,142	30,844
Management Charge	151,085	(151,085)	-	-
Total 2022	<u>1,627,962</u>	<u>537,310</u>	<u>2,165,272</u>	<u>1,988,985</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>1,418,800</u>	<u>570,185</u>	<u>1,988,985</u>	

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Shop Salaries	289,814	289,814	201,891
Shop operating costs	212,597	212,597	128,912
Facilities Management Expenses	7,657	7,657	1,594
Total 2022	<u>510,068</u>	<u>510,068</u>	<u>332,397</u>

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10. Net resources

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration	6,200	4,500
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,981	30,844
Operating lease payments	215,855	253,425
	<u>215,855</u>	<u>253,425</u>

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11. Auditors' remuneration

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	6,200	<i>4,500</i>

12. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	No.
Employees	81	<i>78</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2021 - £NIL*).

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Church Developme nts £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 January 2022	1,022,663	1,131,053	15,920	22,372	58,904	2,250,912
Additions	-	-	-	28,602	-	28,602
Disposals	-	-	-	(7,591)	(35,955)	(43,546)
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,022,663</u>	<u>1,131,053</u>	<u>15,920</u>	<u>43,383</u>	<u>22,949</u>	<u>2,235,968</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2022	140,457	707,108	3,449	16,274	58,904	926,192
Charge for the year	15,592	10,891	3,184	314	-	29,981
On disposals	-	-	-	(7,591)	(35,955)	(43,546)
At 31 December 2022	<u>156,049</u>	<u>717,999</u>	<u>6,633</u>	<u>8,997</u>	<u>22,949</u>	<u>912,627</u>
Net book value						
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>866,614</u></u>	<u><u>413,054</u></u>	<u><u>9,287</u></u>	<u><u>34,386</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,323,341</u></u>
At 31 December 2021	<u><u>882,206</u></u>	<u><u>423,945</u></u>	<u><u>12,471</u></u>	<u><u>6,098</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,324,720</u></u>

Included in the brought forward depreciation charge for Church Developments is an impairment charge of £586,514 as a result of a revaluation in 2017.

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15. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	239,417	27,272
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,675	3,057
Amounts owed by participating interests	35,778	64,466
Other debtors	48,053	76,395
Prepayments and accrued income	3,400	15,607
	329,323	186,797
	329,323	186,797

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	1,100	34,800
Trade creditors	49,200	4,708
Other taxation and social security	60,362	27,285
Other creditors	8,664	4,299
Accruals and deferred income	184,886	194,211
	304,212	265,303
	304,212	265,303

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	-	1,100
	-	1,100

This was a loan from the Methodist Church in Ireland and was repaid during year ended 31 December 2023.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	1,505,873	1,002,182	(1,099,394)	1,408,661
Restricted funds				
Community & Pastoral	-	102,798	(79,605)	23,193
Employability	147,272	453,636	(459,379)	141,529
Hosford	40,012	813,284	(815,010)	38,286
Meals on Wheels	12,471	65,663	(45,172)	32,962
Turas	31,553	224,173	(228,796)	26,930
	<u>231,308</u>	<u>1,659,554</u>	<u>(1,627,962)</u>	<u>262,900</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,737,181</u></u>	<u><u>2,661,736</u></u>	<u><u>(2,727,356)</u></u>	<u><u>1,671,561</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,303,731	1,146,189	(938,640)	(5,407)	1,505,873
Restricted funds					
Community & Pastoral	3,808	109,118	(118,333)	5,407	-
Employability	138,844	403,066	(394,638)	-	147,272
Hosford	-	759,412	(719,400)	-	40,012
Meals on Wheels	22,422	1,843	(11,794)	-	12,471
Turas	-	206,188	(174,635)	-	31,553
	<u>165,074</u>	<u>1,479,627</u>	<u>(1,418,800)</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>231,308</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,468,805</u></u>	<u><u>2,625,816</u></u>	<u><u>(2,357,440)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,737,181</u></u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	9,287	1,314,054	1,323,341
Current assets	407,049	245,383	652,432
Creditors due within one year	(153,436)	(150,776)	(304,212)
Total	<u>262,900</u>	<u>1,408,661</u>	<u>1,671,561</u>

20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(65,620)	268,376
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	29,981	30,844
Increase in debtors	(142,527)	(34,485)
Increase in creditors	72,610	56,679
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(105,556)</u>	<u>321,414</u>

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	323,109	492,067
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>323,109</u>	<u>492,067</u>

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	492,067	(168,958)	323,109
Debt due within 1 year	(34,800)	33,700	(1,100)
Debt due after 1 year	(1,100)	1,100	-
	<u>456,167</u>	<u>(134,158)</u>	<u>322,009</u>

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2022 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Buildings		
Within one year	123,949	123,949
In two to five years	302,247	302,247
In more than five years	439,988	563,937
	<u>866,184</u>	<u>990,133</u>
	2022 £	2021 £
Motor Vehicles		
Within one year	7,440	17,856
In two to five years	-	7,440
	<u>7,440</u>	<u>25,296</u>

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24. Related party transactions

Skainos Limited is regarded as a related party by virtue of common directors on both boards. During the year Skainos contracted with the company for the provision of facilities management and also to provide catering services for room hire and conferences. Skainos has leased units to East Belfast Mission under leases in return for rental income and a contribution towards service charges. At 31st December 2022 £35,778 (2021: £64,466) was owed to East Belfast Mission.

East Belfast Mission Trading Limited ("EBMTL"), formerly East Belfast Mission Enterprises Limited, is a subsidiary of the company which is not consolidated into the results of East Belfast Mission. At 31st December 2022 £2,675 (2021: £3,057) was owed to East Belfast Mission.

The Methodist Church in Ireland is regarded as a related party by virtue of the controlling influence it can exert on the selection of members and directors of the company. The following is a summary of transactions entered into during the year:

- Payment by the company of a central assessment of £Nil (2021: £5,830) to the Methodist Church in Ireland.

- Payment of minister's remuneration and other benefits to the Methodist Church in Ireland who subsequently remit the payment to the Superintendent Minister/Chair of the Board, subject to deduction of payroll taxes.

The Central Assessment and Minister's Stipend and travel allowance in accordance with the formulae and policies devised by the Methodist Church in Ireland as a whole and consequently are deemed to be at arms-length.

- The Methodist Church in Ireland loaned the company £120,000 in 2014/15, £70,000 in 2018/19 and a further £30,000 was loaned in 2019/20. The outstanding loan balance owed to The Methodist Church in Ireland as at 31st December 2022 amounted to £1,100 (2021: £34,800).