

# ALL SAINTS YOUTH CLUB

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, charity law for Northern Ireland and applicable accounting standards, 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of trustees of the charity and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

<b>Registered charity name</b>	All Saints Youth Club
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC 100793
<b>Registered Office</b>	2 Cushendall Road Ballymena BT43 6HE

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

P McAuley	
B Keenan	
J McGarry	
S McMahan	
Fr M McGinnity	
B McKee	Resigned 9 October 2023
E Ferris	Resigned 12 December 2023

### PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Board of Trustees of the All Saints Youth Club confirm that they had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the year the charity has continued to provide public benefits and we refer to the guidance when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose and charitable objective of the charity is to provide, maintain and promote facilities and activities of a social, spiritual, educational and recreational nature with the objective of improving the conditions of life of the children and young people within the locality of All Saints Parish and beyond, without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinion.

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose include an increase in social skills, improvement in emotional well-being, improved positive educational outcomes and increased spiritual development in the lives of local young people as well as simply providing a safe place for the young people.

The benefits can be demonstrated through a number of evaluative means including: recordings and observations of staff members, other qualitative data from parents, teachers and community representatives as well as monthly feedback forms from young people.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### **Governing document**

The All Saints Youth Club is a charitable trust constituted under a trust deed. The charity was registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, under reference NIC 100793.

##### **Recruitment, appointment, induction and training**

The present trustees have been involved in the charity for a number of years and so are familiar with its work. The trustees regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees. Any new trustees would be appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

##### **Financial risk management objectives and training**

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide assurance that:

- the charity is operating effectively;
- its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable;
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations; and
- the charity's systems of financial control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to major risks.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Total income for the year was £90,013 (2023: £136,656). Income derived from donations and legacies amounted to £85,933 (2023: £130,924) and other income totalled £4,080 (2023: £5,732).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £92,171 (2023: £134,475). The cost of charitable activities amounted to £92,171 (2023: £134,475).

The net expenditure for the year amounted to £2,158 (2023: net income of £2,181).

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#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

In the period April 2023 - March 2024, All Saints Youth Club reached and achieved all performances dictated by our funding criteria for the yearly outcomes set by funders and the Management Committee.

The outreach of the centre to our young people during the past year has received widespread gratitude from young people and their parents alike.

The Committee secured funding of £104,536 for 2024/2025 and £107,124 for 2025/2026. In response to the reduced EA funding available, the charity decreased staffing levels and hours available for current staff, and reduced expenditure relating to programme and support costs in line with the funds available. This has had the impact of significantly lowering the overall activities offered within the club. This will be kept under review by the Management Committee in partnership with key staff members.

It is important to highlight that the young people participating have a lead role in designing and shaping the programmes as a way of self-directing their own learning. Many of the programmes highlighted and covered in this report are to benefit the young people and wider community. The youth club has been very fortunate to support young people to university and further education by working alongside side them.

The Management Committee are very grateful to the leader in charge and staff for the excellent work that they continue to deliver within the community and surrounding areas. We are also very grateful to the young people and parents who continue to support the work of the staff team. I would like to thank all the various funders who continue to provide financial support to our organisation to allow us to provide the very best services to young people.

The Management Committee are also very grateful to the many funders and supporters who enable our service delivery. We thank you and hope that you will continue to support our growth for the years ahead.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves which matches the needs of the organisation, both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not designated nor invested in fixed assets which are available for general use.

Following continued growth in All Saints Youth Centre and uncertainty in the funding environment, All Saints Youth Centre aim to keep reserves equating to three months total running costs for the organisation.

The charity has a surplus in unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2024 of £2,385 (2023: surplus £4,543) and restricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2024 of £Nil (2023: £Nil).

##### Funding

The principal funding is from the Education Authority.

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#### PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The immediate plans for the future are to continue to grow, sustain and maintain the current level of support and provision of the services for all our members, service users and core client groups. We aim to secure further funding where possible to ensure all activities can be carried out to all our young people.

#### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland 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 and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 charity will continue in operation.

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 financial statements comply with the charities legislation for Northern Ireland and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES *(continued)***

**Disclosure of information to independent examiner**

So far as each of the trustees in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- there is no relevant information for the independent examination of which the charity's independent examiner are unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner are aware of that information

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

GMcG Belfast will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2 Cushendall Road  
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Fr M McGinnity  
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on ..... *Fr M McGinnity*  
*5TH FEBRUARY 2025*