

Kilcooley Community Action Group: Annual Report

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2025

Kilcooley Community Action Group
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Charity Statement

The Kilcooley Community Action Group has in recent years been leading the way in engaging and providing fun and inclusive programs for everybody in the local area.

The membership of the organisation has been working tirelessly on a voluntary basis within the Kilcooley community since our foundation in 2006 and has had great success in attracting 'hard to reach' groups of people and bringing them in from the cold.

KCAG also knows the importance of working with young people and the volunteers of the group are committed to 'planting the trees' to coin a phrase and, allow our future generations to 'get the shade.'

We have provided below a brief overview of the meetings' the group attends, events they have organised and community education courses we have facilitated.

What our Charity does

The KCAG is a voluntary community organisation. The aims of this group is provide the local area with a forum group that bring together all sections of the community to work towards the common goal of developing community participation and social cohesion, thus creating a safer environment for different cultures to mix and progress towards a Shared future.

Much of the work is focused on young people who fall into the category of NEETS – Not in Education, Employment, or Training. We focus on these young people who may be school leavers or young people aged 16 to 24 who are wishing to improve their skills, education, or employability. We therefore assist these young people to gain the correct education so they may reach their desired goals and become the best to their ability.

The group also works with older people in the area thus breaking down age barriers and inter-generational perceptions to create a more harmonised community between the young people and more senior residents of Kilcooley.

Each year KCAG host festivals and children's fun days for the residents of Kilcooley and the wider community, we feel it is important to instill a sense of community within Kilcooley and find that festivals and fun days bring people of all ages together to strengthen already existing relationships whilst creating new friendships.

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Public Benefit

The public benefits that flow from these purposes are:

1. Promote health and well-being and community participation in healthy recreation and amateur sport.

The direct public benefit that flows from this purpose is improved community life through sports and recreation activities; also the wider benefit of a healthier population.

2. Advance education and training and promote culture by organising:
 - (i) adult education classes;
 - (ii) festivals and other cultural events.

The benefits that arise from this purpose are enhanced knowledge and a greater understanding and awareness of different cultures and a sense of inspiration from appreciating cultural events.

3. Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for residents in the area of benefit

The benefits that flow from this are opportunities to engage in social activities that bring people together and an increased sense of well-being and fulfilment.

4. Promote good community relations, social cohesion, religious harmony, equality and diversity.

The benefits are greater social cohesion and a reduction in tension and conflict between people from different religious or ethnic groups.

These benefits can be evidenced through:

- (i) community and health and well-being surveys;
- (ii) records of the number of participants who successfully complete adult education classes;
- (iii) records of sectarian or racial friction or attacks.

No harm or private gain arises from any of these purposes.

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Charity Trustees

Mr Robert Scott (Chairperson)

Mr Robert Joeseph Howard (Secretary)

Miss Zara Neill (Vice-Secretary)

Mr James Mills (Treasurer)

Miss Shirley-ann Kennedy (Vice-Treasurer)

Our Charity Objects, as stated in our Constitution:

Adopted April 2014

2 OBJECTS

The Charity's objects ('the Objects') are to promote the benefit of the residents of Kilcooley and its environs (the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnic identity, political or religious or other opinion by co-operating with residents, voluntary and community organisations and statutory agencies in a common effort to:

- (a) relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, infirmity or disablement, social and financial circumstances or other disadvantage;
- (b) promote health and well-being and community participation in healthy recreation and amateur sport;
- (c) advance education and training and promote culture by organising:
 - (i) adult education classes;
 - (ii) festivals and other cultural events;
- (d) provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for residents in the area of benefit.

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Charity Activities 22/25

- The Kilcooley Community Action Group has not engaged in any activities over the past 3 years, dating from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2025, nor has the Charity engaged in any fundraising activities or seeking of funding.

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Income & Expenditure for Annual Accounts from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2025

Opening Balance	£		£
		0.00	
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
	0.00		0.00
<u>Closing Balance</u>		0.00	

The Kilcooley Community Action Group hopes to once again continue our activities in the future. We will endeavour to establish a new committee and Charity Trustees when the time is right.



Robert Scott

Chairperson