

Chairperson's Report

As the Chairperson of the Glenavy Youth Project over the past 12 months we have been busy. It's been productive, demanding, rewarding but most of all worthwhile. The Centre has been used more than ever over the past 15 years, now open 6 evenings per week, for activities like Drop in Centre, Junior & Jinter Youth Clubs, Seniors, Youth Committee and Outreach Work on the streets just a few examples. We are fortunate to have this facility available for local young people and it is evident how necessary it is for our community when we see how much it is being used.

Capacity Building, training and development remains an important part of the ethos of the GYP. Throughout this year the youth workers have targeted the young people that were less engaged by working out on the streets during weekends until 11.00pm. From this we have created a relationship that tackles anti-social behaviour and has actively gained the trust of the young people.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings we have had programmes running, with over 20 young people with the aim of addressing matters that are affecting them. This has proved very successful as the young people have gained many qualifications addressing issues such as drugs/alcohol suicide awareness, team building skills and sexual health training and First Aid. Due to high demand for the courses there will be more programmes planned for the coming months.

With the commitment of the young people increasing they have become significantly involved in many aspects of community life in Glenavy ranging from the Glenavy Community Festival Week, Christmas Lights switch on, Pensioners Dinner and Community Clean projects. Equipping young people to become young leaders is a natural progression and is encouraged by the GYP for all our young people.

As I mentioned at the beginning it has been a very busy year but none of this would have been possible without partnership and team effort.

Thanks to:

- Members of the youth committee for hard work and voluntary contribution
- Local young people and parents for attending and supporting events
- EA - for programme funding and training
- LCCC PCSP - James Bingham for his continued assistance with funding applications
- Ascertainment, FPA, Lighthouse, Autism NI - for delivering programmes, targeting issues such as legal highs, drugs and alcohol

Plans for the Summer Schemes are well under way and the youth workers have worked hard in preparing the coming

Joe Largey

Mr J Largey
Chairperson - Glenavy Youth Project

Trustees' Report

ending March 2023

Trustees

The following were trustees of the project during the year;

Chairperson - Mr J Largey

Vice-Chairperson - Mr JM Porter

Secretary - Position Vacant (*Secretariat duties performed by Laura Close as required*)

Treasurer - Position Vacant (J Largey & JM Porter splitting duties as required)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the project, and of the deficit of the project for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to;

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent