

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



RIP Johnny Fulton  
August 2023



## Mission Statement:

*'New Horizons Partnership Ltd provides training, vocational and Community inclusion/activity for adults with learning/intellectual disabilities across the North West border of Ireland; developing best practice and sharing of this within and outside the region'*

## **Welcome to New Horizons Partnership Ltd. Annual General Meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2024; Time: 6.30p.m.**

**Location: The Everglades Hotel, Derry, BT47 2NH**

In 2023, the organisation continues to develop, utilising the five-year strategy - which clearly sets out the Mission, objectives and future plans to map ongoing operations and successes. This Strategic Plan also assists and encourages focus on ever - more creative and holistic approaches to the delivery of our services. **New Horizons Partnership Ltd.** continues to build on its reputation and its relationship with the WHSCT Learning Disability services social work team as well as the ASD Team; as a person centred, trainee-focused organisation.

The Training and Community Opportunity Team supports 46 people in Strabane, funded by the WHSCT. A new bespoke QA system is being developed (based on the RQIA minimum standards). This will be an effective and efficient tool used by senior Managers with input from their staff Teams regularly. The Client Services Coordinator in Strabane and the Training & Community Services Manager oversee the delivery / methodology employed and report daily, as well as through the supervision system in the organisation; on challenges, triumphs and on operational activities. The organisational structure in place now (including the Garden Centre Team and the key workers and Senior Administrative Officer); coupled with this QA system (once completed and put into daily operation), will ensure that our trainees prepare their own person-centred plans, determining their identified goals and their timetable at the Orchard Road Centre/Garden Centre and ultimately, their futures. Community opportunities within the local area continue to be a feature and

those who do not wish to follow that route are supported to do other things, always with progression and a goal in mind. The sense of achievement and pride when these goals are achieved, perhaps incrementally over time, is immense. Community inclusion and fun as mentioned in our 5-year strategy document have become the 'norm/reality' and everyone is benefiting; not least, the wider Strabane area in which our trainees reside.

As **New Horizons Partnership Ltd.** looks to the future, it remains a priority to safeguard longevity / sustainability. The organisation has a strong base of core activities upon which to call, but we remain optimistic that the new Centre at Orchard Road as well as the extra opportunities in our Garden Centre will continue to garner interest; it is vital that the organisation continues to consolidate its services and capitalise on its strengths. **New Horizons Partnership Ltd.** will ensure that it continues to provide an exemplary level of training and Community opportunities to the service users referred to our services by the WHSCT, as chosen by them. As **New Horizons Partnership Ltd.** continues to grow in terms of the activities and opportunities it offers, as well as in the impact it has on trainees, their families and Community; the organisation will simply continue to market what we do and seek out new opportunities.

*During the year the Board of Donegal Horizons CLG were: - Bill McIntyre (Chairperson); Eamon McColgan (Secretary); Shirley Hamilton (Treasurer), Patricia McCormack, Kathleen O'Donnell (resigned 7/6/2023); Lynda McIntyre, Eoin McDonald, Paul Fagan (commenced 1/3/2023); Sandra Friel (commenced 7/6/2023).*

New Horizons Partnership is a company limited by guarantee (N I Company No: NI 067640; ROI Company No: 632353) with charitable status (UK charitable status no - XR31215; ROI registered charity no - 20106539) and is also registered with Charities Commission for N Ireland (NIC101401).

## COMMUNITY PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, STRABANE AREA

### KNOCKAVOE SCHOOL

### POUNDLAND

### RIVERSDALE LEISURE CENTRE



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## MC FADDENS SHOP



## SPORTS DIRECT



## AMITY HOUSE




## TRAINEE APPRECIATION POSTS – SOCIAL MEDIA





### DARA FRIEL

DARA IS A GREAT CHARACTER AND HAS BEEN WITH US FOR SIX YEARS. HE IS WELL KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY AND IS OFTEN GREETED WITH HANDSHAKES AND FIST PUMPS WHEN OUT AND ABOUT. DARA HAS A VARIETY OF INTERESTS INCLUDING MANCHESTER UNITED, COUNTRY MUSIC IN PARTICULAR LISA MCHUGH AND CARAVANING IN THE SUMMER WITH FRIENDS. HE RECENTLY PLAYED WITH THE NEW HORIZONS FOOTBALL TEAM IN A LOCAL TOURNAMENT. DARA IS VERY HANDS ON IN THE GARDEN CENTRE AND WORKS WELL WITH THE TEAM AND LIKES TO KEEP BUSY. HE ALSO ENJOYS A NIGHT OUT WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ENJOYS SOCIAL OCCASIONS





### Zack Barr



Zack has set himself many goals in life and has achieved most of them. He has passed his driving test, got his Maths GCSE and is Studying at present for his English GCSE. Zack enjoys listening to music, walking and watching YouTube. He supports Nottingham Forest and Woverhampton. Zack has a work placement in RKS Menswear which he really enjoys. He spends the rest of his week in the garden centre tending to seedlings and plants. Zack has a vast knowledge of interesting topics and opinions and has many in depth conversations with those around him. Keep being you

Zack you are unique

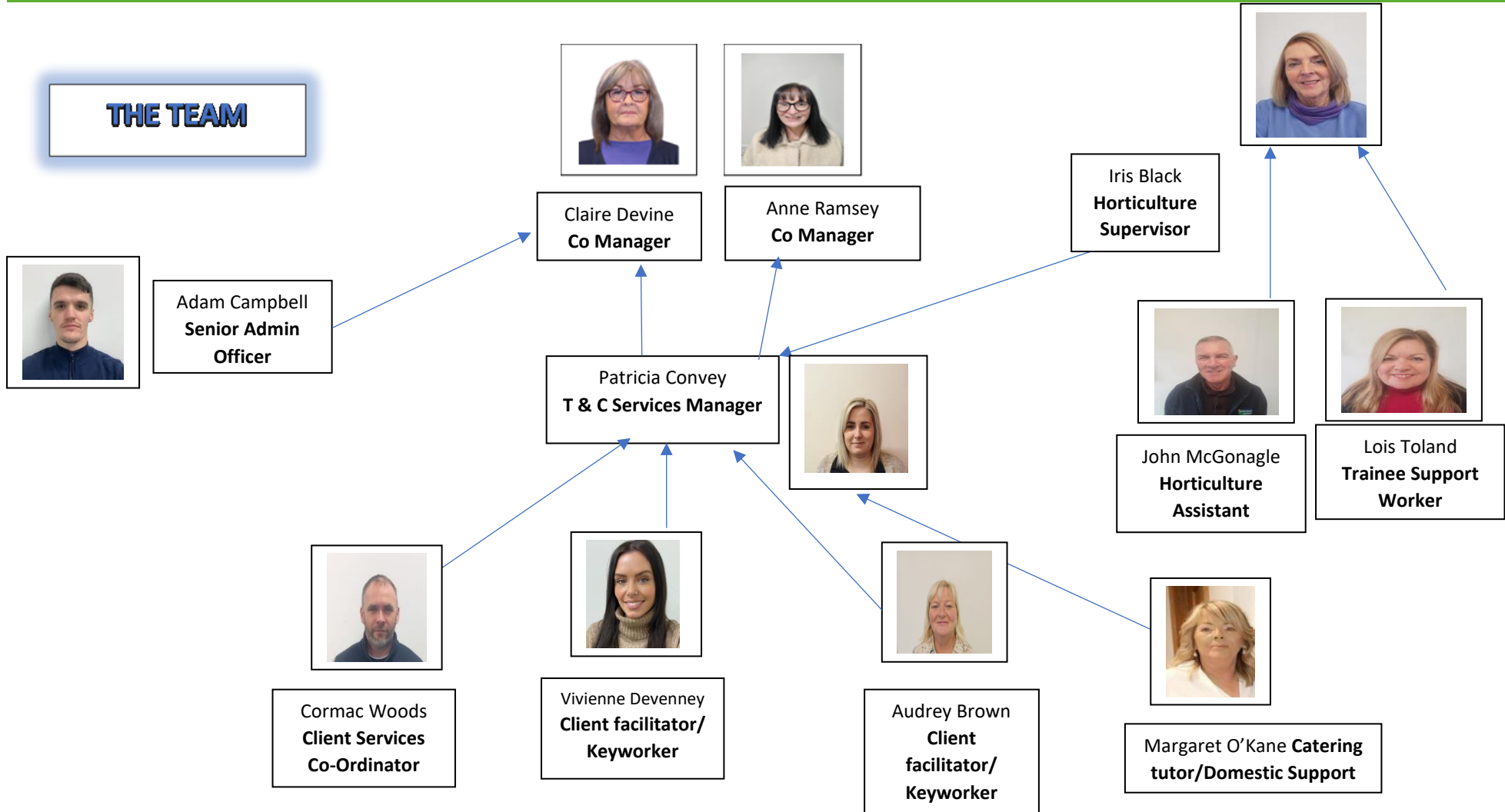


### AIMEE BRESLAND

Aimee is a valued member of the team she has been with us for six years. She attends the garden Centre three days a week. Aimee is hard working, enthusiastic and gets well with the team. She is one of two female trainees currently attending the Centre Her ambition is to work as a gardener with her dad. She likes the outdoors, cocktails, listening to music and getting her nails done with fancy designs. Her favorite companion is her dog Luna who she has much love for and enjoys walking in the countryside. Aimee is proactive and always willing to learn new skills. She has recently joined the woodwork class and is making birdboxes. She is also one of our top pool players! Aimee is kind and considerate to everyone who has the pleasure of meeting her.

See more of our activities, achievements, staff introductions and appreciation posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on our webpage [www.newhorizonspartnership.co.uk](http://www.newhorizonspartnership.co.uk)

## THE TEAM



## Financial Statements for Year ended 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
		Wages and Salaries	225,785
WHSCT - SLA's, Grants & Donations	304,041	Staff Pension Costs	18,388
		Horticultural purchases	22,368
NI KNIB Small Grants	1,040	Rent	34,951
Facilitation – Donegal			
Horizons CLG	18,715	Rates	2,570
Strabane Garden Centre	42,677	Insurance	4,263
Learning Resources	4,295	Light and Heat	18,692
Other Donations	197	Repairs	3,024
Other Income	3,296	Cleaning	2,013
		Stationery & Printing	7,248
		Advertising and Promotion	768
		Telephone and Internet	6,226
		Trainee Allowances	6,060
		Staff Travel and Subsistence	2,724
		Motor Expenses	1,346
		Subscriptions	1,155
		Bank Charges	2,122
		Sundry Expenses	5,929
		Other Legal and	
		Professional Costs	6,202
		Trainee Expenses	11,018
		Temporary Staff and	
		Recruitment Costs	2,450
		Audit and Accountancy	3,840
		Depreciation	5,861
	<b>£374,261</b>		<b>£395,004</b>
		Deficit for year	<b>-£20,743</b>

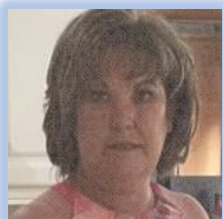
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Chairperson



Shirley Hamilton  
Company Treasurer



Patricia  
McCormack



Eoin McDonald



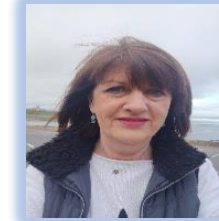
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Secretary



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McIntyre



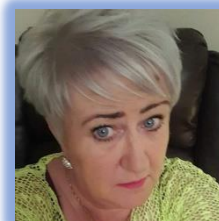
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023