

Lift - Labour In Faith And Trust

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and Administrative Details

NI Charity Number:101657

Inland Revenue Tax Ref. Number: XR33382

Principal Office: 170 Ballysillan Road, Belfast BT14 7QR Northern Ireland

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows

Thomas Gary Moore (Chairperson)

Samuel Walter Maguire (Treasurer)

Elizabeth McClean (Secretary)

Thomas Alexander Cranston (Vice Chairperson)

Objectives and activities

The objects for which the charity is established are:

- to advance "the Christian Faith" and help relieve poverty, disability, sickness, and advance education anywhere in the world -

Achievements and performance

During the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 LIFT completed 9 projects, in Northern Ireland, Colombia, Madagascar, Zambia, Poland, Israel x 2 and Malawi.

In total 42 volunteers served on LIFT teams during this financial year of which 38 lived in Northern Ireland, 3 lived in Republic of Ireland and 1 lived in Scotland. This included 5 first time volunteers.

Although we were not back to pre-covid levels, the number of projects completed and the number of volunteers significantly increased on the previous year and the trustees see this trend continuing.

We continued to have 1 nurse (Louise Little) in Madagascar on a long term work placement to a hospital in Mandritsara. However, Louise has decided to move to another mission agency which was more suited for long term mission.

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The objects of LIFT, as contained in its constitution, to advance "the Christian Faith" and help relieve poverty, disability, sickness, and advance education in the world, were achieved in all our projects and at the Mandritsara hospital.

LIFT does not aim to profit financially from projects, the money volunteers donate is used directly to cover most of the costs associated with the projects.

LIFT continues to carry out deputation work in churches and with other interested groups and we have exhibited at many conventions.

LIFT continues to co-operate with other like-minded organisations through membership of MAP (Mission Agencies Partnership) and Global Connections.

The Trustees recognise that our overall income and Gift Aid claim have been reduced and are not yet at pre-Covid levels, however they continue to improve. Regular donations from financial supporters via standing orders have remained mostly unchanged.

Our core activities remain the recruiting of volunteers and sending teams to carry our stated mission. The Seed and Bean Coffee House has continued to serve its purpose very well as an outreach into the local community. The additional income from the profits generated will be used directly by LIFT to advance its work.

The Trustees remain committed to the work and development of LIFT and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

The Seed and Bean Coffee House

The Seed and Bean Coffee House continued to serve its purpose as a Christian outreach into the local community and returned a financial profit which will be used directly by LIFT to further its work. It employed 15 full and part time staff. During the year the Manager and Chef left our employment, the Trustees would like to thank Susan Clarke and William Parker for their service. We decided to amalgamate the role of the Manager and Chef into one post with Katie Purvis taking on the role.

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Financial review

During the year the Charity maintained sound financial reserves.

This report was approved by the Board on 13 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Gary Moore
Chairperson of Trustees