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Greater Glen Women's Group

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# Annual Report

April 2023 to March 2024

**Charity Number: 101706**

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### **Introduction:**

GGWG was established in 2006. The group has a management committee with a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Greater Glen Women's Group work in an area of high deprivation to promote and encourage the health and well-being of women in the Glen and Rosemount areas. They encourage empowerment of local women and strive to provide programmes that will enhance their lives mentally and

physically. GGWG encourages its members to become involved in a range of community activities and work closely with the young people of the area and share their skills and experiences. We offer support to all members and signpost them to relevant agencies when help and advice is needed.

### **Officer Board:**

Ann Orr – Chairperson  
Pat McAnaney – Secretary  
Bronagh McCallion - Treasurer

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## **Chairperson's Report**

I would like to welcome you all here to the Annual General Meeting of the Greater Glen Women's Group.

The group was formed in June 2006 and since then local women have participated in a range of courses and initiatives all delivered locally.

With continued funding from DfC (Department for Communities), Glen Development Initiative is able to continue the valued support to Greater Glen Women's Group.

We would like to thank Big Lottery Community Fund (through Glen Development Initiative) who funded our programmes through the 2023-2024 year. Without this funding we would have found it difficult to keep programmes running so that our members have a wide range of fun and educational experiences.

I would like to acknowledge the roles of the Committee for their continuing support and reiterate the importance of your roles in the promotion and function of the organisation over the last year so thank you so much for all your support because you are the backbone of our Women's Group.

Our charitable purposes include: the advancement of citizenship or community development, the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education and the advancement of health or the saving of lives.

We have now expanded our group and we have a young women's group who meet every Tuesday from 11am to 1pm.

Our group offers a wide range of activities such as flower arranging, cooking, alternative therapies, crafts and celebration events.

We would like to say a special thank you to all our members who for their help and commitment to our group, without you we would be lost.

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GGWG knitted and crocheted hats and donated them to the Neo Natal Intensive Care Baby Unit in Altnagelvin Hospital.



Members taking part in the Glen Development Initiative Strategy Planning Day.



Enjoying the sunshine in the historic Donegal Town.

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### Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank all the members of Greater Glen Women's Group for their continued support throughout the financial year. I would also like to thank the staff of Glen Development Initiative for their continued support and assistance in the sustainability of our group. GDI also received funding from Big Lottery Fund NI and this allowed us to expand our programmes and events.

### Income and Expenditure Report – April 2023 to March 2024

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total</b>
DCSDC	£4,000.00
Unrestricted	£6,020.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,020.25</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>
DCSDC	£4,000.00
Unrestricted	£5,174.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,174.44</b>
surplus/deficit	£845.81
opening bank	£1,152.87
<b>closing bank</b>	<b>£1,998.68</b>

### Debtors and Creditors Report

#### **Debtors**

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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#### **Creditors**

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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## Future Planning

### Glen Development Initiative

Our members are involved in other activities outside of our group and this includes having representatives on the board of directors of Glen Development Initiative, the umbrella community group in Glenview Community Centre. GDI were successful in receiving a Big Lottery Grant that allows us to continue our programmes.

GDI held a Strategy Day in February 2024. As part of this we worked with our group representatives to identify the priorities for our group going forward.

The results are as follows:

### **Women's Group**

**Short Term Priorities:** Mental Health courses, group interaction, fundraising campaign, mini food bank in centre.

**Short/Medium Priorities:** Community Safety and other awareness initiatives.

**Medium Term Priorities:** More time allocated for group.

**Long Term Priorities:** Minibus, more established community relationships, new centre.

Priorities?	What we will do?	Lead and Key Partners	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 4/5	How we will Measure and Report?
<b>Mental health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise and deliver HOPE course in centre.</li> <li>• Take part in other general centre health and</li> </ul>	Women's Group, GDI staff, OW Health & Well-being Forum, local	x			Courses organised and group in attendance.

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<b>Initiatives.</b>	well-being programmes and activities.	health agencies.				
<b>Group interaction.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss and agree timetable for combined activities with Women's group &amp; Young women's group.</li> <li>Sharing skills events.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff.	x			Discussion and timetable agreed. Numbers in attendance. Outcomes measured.
<b>Fundraising campaign.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss ideas and organise event.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff.	x			Events delivered and money raised for reinvestment in community group activities.
<b>Local food bank project.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish local food station in centre for general use.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, Older People's Group, GDI staff, Horticulture Group.	x			Station set up. Numbers using facility. Feedback from users.
<b>Community safety awareness initiatives.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite CRJ /OW community safety chair to deliver awareness sessions in the centre.</li> <li>Promote within the wider community.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff, CRJ, OW Community Safety Team, Community Wardens.	x	x		Initiatives delivered. Feedback from participants.

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<b>Increased group time in centre.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with GDI staff to agree an increase in the time allocated to the group.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff.		x		Increased number of hours or more activities delivered.
<b>Minibus.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with GDI staff to establish the need for transport.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, Men's Shed, Older People's Group, GDI staff.		x	x	Minibus purchased. Use of minibus.
<b>Established relationships.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the group in the wider community.</li> <li>Attend activities provided by other centre groups.</li> <li>Invite other groups to the Women's group events/programmes.</li> <li>Discuss and agree a timetable for intergenerational activities.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff, all community groups and all centre users.		x	x	More inter group activities organised. Feedback from participants.
<b>New centre.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group to take part in any consultation events.</li> <li>Work with staff to promote the need to the wider public.</li> <li>Work with staff to input into design etc.</li> </ul>	Women's Group, Young Women's Group, GDI staff, all user groups, GDI Board, OW Partnership Board.			x	New centre on site and being used.

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