



**A Social Group
for Young Adults
with Learning
Disabilities**

Annual General Meeting Report
Held in
Warrenpoint Presbyterian Church Hall
On
20th September 2023

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TAG's Mission

- ❖ To diminish social inclusion for adults with learning disabilities
- ❖ To help members feel more integrated in their own community
- ❖ To improve self confidence & self esteem
- ❖ To enhance their social skills
- ❖ To bring new opportunities – including participating in courses, promoting physical activity, make new friends and use their local facilities without fear or prejudice.

TAG Members

TAG has 24 members at present. Members have disabilities such as Downs Syndrome, Autism, Dyspraxia, Aspergers Syndrome, Sotos Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy.

TAG activities have increased the self confidence and self esteem of its members. Our members have formed good friendships with one another and this has encouraged members to meet one another in their own time within their community outside of TAG activities.

TAG Volunteers

Members are supported by a group of dedicated, trustworthy volunteers who ensure their enjoyment and safety during the activities and outings.

TAG volunteers were awarded The Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2013, which is the equivalent of an MBE (the highest award which can be given).

TAG is a member led organisation with two members and two volunteers who sit on committee and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Benefits of TAG

- ❖ Builds social skills, self esteem and self confidence.
- ❖ Builds friendships
- ❖ Cross community / cross border
- ❖ Integrates members into community
- ❖ Raises awareness of disabled young adults in the community by using public facilities and amenities
- ❖ Provides opportunities to become involved with other groups for young adults with learning disabilities such as Special Olympic City Strikers
- ❖ Provides support and respite for parents/carers

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS A MILD/MODERATE LEARNING DISABILITY WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM TAG OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR A FEW HOUR EVERY ALTERNATE WEDNESDAY EVENING PLEASE CONTACT:

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AGENDA

- Chairpersons Welcome
- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurers Report
- Committee Steps Down
- Election of Committee for 2023/2024
- Any Other Business

Minutes of AGM on 22 June 2022

In St Peters Pastoral Centre, Warrenpoint

Present

Carmel Fee (Treasurer)

Hazel Glenny (Secretary)

Majella Savage

Ann Hollywood

Fiona Redmond

Siobhan Hollywood

Chris Savage

Paul Fee

Andrew Skillen

Rebecca Glenny

Ciaran Mallon

Niamh Quinn

Philomena Quinn

Alfie Lonergan

Ronan & Donall Lonergan

Apologies

Dympna Rafferty (Chairperson)

Marie & John Mc Cann

Michael & Barry Rafferty

Michael & Gary Hanratty

Marie & Neidin Morgan

Wendy & Shannon Laffin

Declan Hazzard

Damien & Johnny Flynn

Marie & Katrina Magee

Niall Cunningham

Marie Quinn

William Wills

Catherine opened the meeting by giving Dympna Rafferty's apologies as due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to attend.

Catherine welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and proceeded to read the minutes from the previous meeting in 2019 and asked Hazel to read her Secretary's Report. Hazel reported on the postponement of TAG activities during the lockdown and how the volunteers helped members by keeping in touch to have a chat especially with those who were finding the lockdown very stressful.

Following Hazels report Carmel gave the Treasurers Report and outlined the financial situation with TAG and advised that The Big Lottery Award was close to an end and we seriously needed to look at the sustainability of TAG financially.

Mrs Philomena Quinn asked to say a few words and thanked Committee, volunteers and the co-ordinator for keeping in touch with phone calls and newsletters with photographs from members keeping them in touch with one another. She commended Committee, volunteers and the co-ordinator Catherine, on their efficiency at keeping the group going regardless of the difficult climate.

Committee stood down and Mrs Quinn was asked to facilitate the election of the new committee, however, as there was to be no change in Committee, there was a block vote voting in the return of the previous committee.

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded By
		Block Vote	
Chairperson	Dympna Rafferty	Anne O'Hagan	Marie Morgan
Secretary	Hazel Glenny		
Treasurer	Carmel Fee		
Committee	Majella Savage		
	Ann Hollywood		
	Fiona Redmond		

Catherine thanked Mrs Quinn and advised everyone present to avail of the refreshments and to view the photograph albums on display.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Secretary's Report

It has been another fun filled year of activities and trips for TAG which we are very thankful for.

We got to spend a lot more quality time together as a group this year without the dreaded Covid putting a stop to things. Lateral flows are helping to prevent any spread of Covid within the group to ensure we can continue our fortnightly get togethers.

We have been able to resume our Saturday trips this year which has been fun, the members really enjoy our days away. We went to Mobile Team Adventure in Belfast to canoe and play team bonding activities last month and Snow Tubing and Foot Golf at Craigavon Ski Slope in June. As a group we also had the pleasure of making Christmas Wreaths, doing some cookery, archery, Line Dancing and Yoga. We had a movie and games night and played Bingo, darts and board games. We had a get together with Newry Gateway Club for some Line Dancing to mark Learning Disability Week, which everyone loved. There was a treasure hunt followed by a social evening in the Whistledown and we did outdoor bowls in Warrenpoint also. Suffice to say we are never short of activities to take part in.

TAG would like to thank the volunteers for their dedication to TAG whether it be day trips or evening sessions with the members to help with the smooth running of things.

We are all looking forward to another successful year with TAG and hope everyone stays safe and well until we meet again.

Hazel Glenny

Secretary

Treasurers Report

Unfortunately our funds are not as healthy as we would like them to be. However, at the moment Catherine is working very hard in seeking funds from other resources.

Fundraising itself is also a priority ie: Christmas Raffle

Moonlight Walk

Support from local Businesses

Donations

Ideas from families and friends

Many thanks to all who have supported TAG throughout the years and especially our volunteers.

Carmel Fee

Treasurer