

## **AGM**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024; 1.30pm**

**Venue: Galliagh Community Centre**

### **Agenda**

1. Opening remarks/Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Presentation of Accounts
6. Adoption of Accounts
7. Presentation of Annual Report
8. Adoption of Annual Report
9. Election of Management Committee/Office Bearers
10. AOB
11. Closing remarks

		<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	Welcome	Nicola Mullan, Martin Connolly, Gareth Blackery, Caroline Ming , Thomas McCallion PM- OSCY, Elaine Condren OCSY, Harry McCourt- Accountant <b>Apologies were noted</b> Sandra Duffy, Charley Mellon Brian Tierney, Tommy Mullan and Elisha McCallion.	
2.0	Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin opened the meeting at 1.00pm welcomed everyone who attended.</li> <li>• He congratulated the work that the Organisation has undertaken over the past year.</li> <li>• He also thanked the committee for their input over the past year.</li> <li>• All matters and Actions from the previous minutes are now completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed by Martin Connolly</b> <b>Second by Nicola Mullan</b></p>	
3.0	Presentation of Accounts And Adoption of Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a small decrease in both restricted and unrestricted income in the year. Included in unrestricted income in the prior year were one off proceeds of £20,000 from the sale of the mobile hub. A new source of unrestricted income from 2023 onwards is the management fees in relation to Galliagh Community Centre. The main funders in the year were: EA and The National Lottery</li> <li>• Expenditure for the year ended 31.03.23 has increased on the prior year. A detailed breakdown of expenses is attached. One of the causes of this was an increase in expenditure on Galliagh Community Centre related costs. The company also began paying rent to Galliagh Community Centre in the year.</li> </ul>	

		<p>for the year. OSCY is very fortunate to have such highly committed staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tommy also highlighted that with moving into the new centre, it has brought all groups closer together and is a lifeline for all people in the area.</li> <li>• Tommy stated that there are exciting times ahead for OSCY, Galliagh Community Centre and the area, in particular with the Galliagh Feile planning and other information proposals for the area. He also stated that there is still huge scope for the organisation to grow but we need to look after the wellbeing of staff at present. This year the organisation will not only focus on Counselling support for young people, but for staff also.</li> <li>• Martin stated to members, that now more than ever, members need to show more support to the organisation and those present agreed that an expression of interest form, must be sent out to all members, stating their interest to stay on the committee and outline what they can commit to during the year ahead for OSCY.</li> <li>• Aileen Mellon presented members the programme highlights from the last year. The main outcomes from the Big Lottery programme and with the additional from the Summer Programmes and the EA Programme (Drop-in and Street).</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The social media posts have increased, and all staff have been instrumental in the successes of all the programme's outcomes.</li> <li>• There is a current recruitment drive for the Centre Based youth worker at the Galliagh Youth Club and the DFC Youth Support worker post. They are hopeful that they will get these positions filled and it will take less pressure of current staff that are filling in the current gaps in the programme at present.</li> </ul>	

6.0	AOB and Closing remarks	<p><b><u>Amendment of the Constitution:</u></b> Tommy presented changes that needed to be made to the current constitution, which were required for a current funding application. <b>Note 3:</b> amendment to state that the organisation is not for profit.</p> <p><b>Note 12:</b> A new note about the charity finances, stating that all monies are used for the purposes of charity activities only.</p> <p>Members agreed with these recommendations and agreed for the changes to be made with immediate effect.</p> <p><b>Proposed by</b> Nicola Mullan <b>Second by</b> Gareth Blackery</p> <p>Tommy also asked members to approve a new policy to be added to OSCY policies. The named policy is with regards to menopause. ‘ All members agreed. <b>Proposed by</b> Martin Connolly <b>Second by</b> Nicola Mullan</p> <p><b>Meeting Closes at 2.00pm</b></p>	
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## **Chairman's Report 2024**

I would like to begin by thanking the management and staff of On Street Community Youth and my fellow management committee members for all their support and endeavour this last year. It has been another big year for OSCY with the ongoing delivery of local youth services but in addition we are seeing the expansion of the Feile project and enhanced services being delivered via Galliagh Community Centre and Galliagh Residents Association.

On Street Continues to play a leading role in this community and long may that continue.

I would also like to note those committee members who have moved on in the last 12 months and thank them for all they have done for OSCY, and I wish them well in their work going forward.

As we end of in 2023 I am certain that our community is being well served and that OSCY continues to be a leading light for young people. I see daily the commitment of the staff and the amazing work of our youth leaders who are always at hand to serve the community. I am aware that we are about to entre the final year of our lottery funding and I, along with my fellow committee members, will look to support the Management as they undertake another huge piece of work in securing funding that quite literally sustains the organisation.

As always, I want to thank our Manager, Tommy, Elaine for all her hard work in all she does and to Aileen and the ever-growing team of staff who are delivering youth and community services across the whole DEA.

**Many thanks,**

**Martin Connolly,**

**Chairperson.**

## **OSCY Annual Report 2024**

### **Statement from Project Manager Thomas McCallion**

2023-2024 has been both a rewarding and a challenging year for our team. In addition to expanding our youth services, we have also overseen the development and delivery of The Galliagh Feile initiative that has brought our community and local community groups together in a unique way and which saw the delivery of a summer long series of programmes and events that has set the bar for next year and beyond for this community.

This growth in services is not possible firstly without the most committed and professional team of staff and secondly without the support and backing of all our funders, and I note the support of The National Lottery, Nationwide, Awards for All, Derry City & Strabane District Council, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Education Authority, APEX, RADIUS, PCSP, Pennyburn Credit Union, Children In Need and UK Youth Action.

In the coming months we will set out our plans to maintain our services as we undertake a community consultation and independent evaluation of our organisation. The purpose of which will be to guide future delivery and staffing structure of OSCY. It is worth noting that OSCY will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1996 and we are focused on entering that year with a secure and vibrant team of staff and youth and community services.

I have so many highlights for the last 12 months and in particular I am encouraged by the continued development of Galliagh Youth Club, the expanding after schools programme in Galliagh, the impact of our street support services across the whole DEA, the summer programmes that saw major youth and community events as part of Galliagh Feile 2024 in addition to a 6 week delivery of youth schemes and events for families.

I approach 2024-2025 confident that we are serving our community positively and we are reminded daily in this community centre that we still have more to do. It is important that we reflect on the great practice of 2024 and look to both consolidate and build the services and programmes that this community needs. Without the drive and determination of all our team of staff this would never be possible. Roll on 2025 and all that it brings.

Thanks

**Thomas McCallion**

**Manager**



### **New Appointments**

Dearbhla Deery – EA Local Project

Ritchie Toland – DFC Local Project

Marcella Carlin - After Schools

Claire Doran - After Schools

Kayla Boyle – After Schools

### **Staff that have left**

John Kerrigan

I would like to acknowledge the role played by John and wish him well for the future.

## OSCY Public Benefit Statement

### Introduction

As a registered charity On Street Community Youth is committed to demonstrating the benefits its work provides for individuals, communities and the wider public. This report sets out the aims, mission and strategic objectives of OSCY, it outlines the beneficiaries we serve and the impact and benefits of the programmes we provide.

### Programme Delivery Context

ON STREET COMMUNITY YOUTH was established in March 1996 with the vision to support vulnerable young people in the Ballyarnett DEA and to provide youth services in a community that is recognised as having inadequate levels of structured youth facilities and programmes. Since then it has become one of the biggest community voluntary organisations in the city and district providing a unique detached youth service that engages and supports young people from the ages of 5-24 years on their streets and building strong relationships that can bring about positive changes in health, wellbeing and personal development. This vision is still applicable today as we strive to develop facilities, programmes and resources that meet their needs in a changing society.

Over the last 12 months staff, volunteers and management committee have continued to put in place the structures, funding and procedures to deliver services for our local young people. We have increased our portfolio of youth programmes, increased our annual funding secured and we continue to develop new structures of support that will see an increase in delivery across the whole Ballyarnett DEA and in doing so bring about a reduction in youth exclusion. We continue to lead in the development of services for both Galliagh Residents Association and Galliagh Community Centre.

We have secured and extended additional funding from the Education Authority, and we now have a full time youth club in Galliagh and a local project and funding from Children In Need which has seen the development of a 4 day after schools programme for Galliagh.

The benefits of our services can be clearly demonstrated with the numerous project evaluations, stakeholder and funder feedback and the essential feedback from our young people which is sought on an on-going basis. It is this feedback which enables us to continue to deliver services that not only meet their needs but change to meet that need, and there has never been a year like this that showed the importance of being able to adapt and change. We have established a very healthy programme budget through success in our funding applications. As we move forward we hope we can achieve the same success again and importantly seek core funding for the organisation which is vital as we grow to the levels we currently are.

We also note the training of staff in the last 12 months (child protection, designated officer training, first aid, Detached Youth Service Training, OCN Level 3 Youth Work) which has enabled OSCY to continue to deliver all services to a standard that meets our social and public responsibilities. Through this training staff and volunteers gain skills and experience and qualifications which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries

### **Our aims / objectives / principles**

The overall aim of OSCY as set out in its Constitution is to 'Empower and supporting children and young people to improve their life opportunities for a better future'. OSCY builds further on this overall aim by 'providing outstanding adult residential and community education for the empowerment and transformation of individuals and communities'.

OSCY delivers this mission through its values which include:

On Street Community Youth is committed to:

Youth work is underpinned by a clear set of values. These include:

- Young people choosing to take part.
- Utilising young people's view of the world.
- Treating young people with respect.
- Seeking to develop young people's skills and attitudes rather than remedy 'problem behaviours'.
- Helping young people develop stronger relationships and collective identities.
- Respecting and valuing differences.
- Promoting the voice of young people.

### **The Public Benefit we provide**

OSCY is committed to ensuring that the youth programme it delivers meets the following standards:

- Improves the qualifications, skills and employability of the groups and individuals it engages in learning.
- Benefits in other areas public policy, for example in enhancing health and wellbeing, improve educational attainment, supporting families and up skilling volunteers.
- Transforms the lives of young people which in turn contribute to the development of cohesive and resilient communities.
- Supports the community regions need to up-skill its adult population and address issues of social deprivation, poverty and economic inactivity.
- Added value to the activities of other community groups and local agencies

### **How we measure the benefit we provide**

OSCY measures the impact of its work in several ways, primarily using baselines and feedback from stakeholders which is measured against internal performance and KPI's set by our management and by each of our funders. We report regularly to all funders and through our internal management structures and to each external community body we represent to ensure that we promote and get feedback on all our services.