

DERGANAGH TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Trustees Report for the financial year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Northern Ireland charity number NIC102057

Trustees

The elected trustees, who also acted as Office Bearers for the Derganagh Training and Development Association during the period of this report, have not changed since the original submission for charitable status and are as follows:

- Stanley Leacock
- Adrian Bradley
- Mark Hawe
- Harold Leacock
- Ryan Leacock
- Ashley Stewart
- Ivan Lamont

Purpose

The purpose of the Derganagh Training and Development Association is to carry on the provision of education and vocational training or any related activity being charitable in nature for the benefit of inhabitants of Derganagh, Knockloughrim and immediate outlying rural areas of Mid Ulster. To advance citizenship and community development by promoting social inclusion, volunteering, providing facilities to community groups and helping other charities by providing training and support.

Activities

The Association had another very active and successful year in the provision of training, both academic and social, in parallel with social events for all the community. These activities facilitated further community development in the local socially deprived area. To ensure that the Hall continues to attain the correct fire safety standards, new firefighting equipment and signage was purchased for both the main Hall and kitchen areas. The strategic funding which assisted with this purchase also allowed for ten representatives from local community groups to attend Fire Safety Awareness training and receive Level Two certification upon completion. This funding stream also enabled the Association to purchase much needed kitchen utensils and cutlery which will be used extensively. Classes on Lambeg Drumming and Fifing continued over the

autumn and winter periods to further advance the ability of existing musicians, as well as introducing others to the musical skill. These classes have always proven very popular and this year was no exception. Indeed three new members have joined the classes and have made significant progress. The musical repertoire of both drummers and fifers is extensive and members are now very confident and content to perform in public, either individually or as a group. The Association acquired a further funding stream, enabling it to host a series of dancing classes in the local Hall. This initiative was extremely well supported with a range of dances exemplified. Participants engaged fully in this initiative and enhanced their dancing ability, whilst thoroughly enjoying the experience. Also this year, rural development funding enabled gardening equipment to be purchased by the Association for use within the community. Not only has this equipment allowed hedges and branches to be trimmed, but a rotary brush has greatly assisted with village clean-up initiatives. Similarly a robust telescopic ladder / steps has proved extremely useful in both the Hall and community alike.

The Association was again very active in raising funds within the community to enable it to continue invaluable community development work, whilst ensuring the local Hall is maintained as a community hub. In addition the Association continued its charitable activities by hosting a Christmas concert with all proceeds donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and over £1,300 was raised for this worthy cause.

Through training and social activities, the Association has continued to play a central role in community enhancement. In addition the meeting hall is provided as a vital community hub where all sections of the community feel welcome and relaxed, facilitating social interaction. Community development emanates from all these activities offered by the Association and this is essential within the local disadvantaged rural area. Indeed all the activities of the Derganagh Training and Development Association over the reporting period are directly aligned with the core themes of the 'Purposes and Public Benefit' of the organisation including training, education, citizenship, providing facilities and community development.

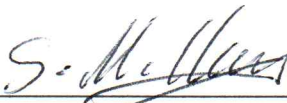
Finances

At the Annual General Meeting of the Derganagh Training and Development Association, held on 17th May 2023, a full and detailed financial report relating to the previous financial year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023) was presented. These accounts were explained in full by the Treasurer before being

unanimously accepted by the meeting. All of the Trustees again confirmed that they had received no private benefit from any activities carried out by the Association over the previous period. Again a significant amount of the total funding obtained by the Association was received from grant awarding bodies, and as much of this was repeat funding, it is evident that such bodies are confident in the capability and professionalism of the group. This funding is essential to the work of the Association and any reduction in this income would have a detrimental effect of the service it provides.

The Association is confident that the activities undertaken during the year ensured that the objectives of the group have been met and that the essential public benefit continues to be provided. All activities and actions have been undertaken with careful consideration given to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit, to ensure that they meet the required standards as well as the activities and objectives of the Association. All financial activities have been completed to the highest standards and finances have been deployed to ensure maximum benefit within the community.

The Derganagh Training and Development Association is integral to community development and will continue to provide an essential public benefit to all within the immediate outlying rural area.

Signed 

Date 1st June 2023

Mark Hawe

(Trustee & Secretary)