

# MAIDEN CITY SOCCER ACADEMY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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The trustees present their annual **report** and financial statements **for** the year ended **31** March 2022.

The **financial** statements have been prepared in **accordance** with the accounting **policies set out** in note 1 to the financial statements **and** comply **with** the **charity's** governing document, the **Charities** Act (Northern **Ireland**) 2008 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 (FRS 102)" (**effective** 1 January 2019).

### Objectives and activities

The charity **was** established **for** the promotion **of** community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of **facilities** for football and multisport for young people in Derry **City and its** surrounding environs in the North West of Ireland without distinction or disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political **or** religious opinion, with the **object of** improving the **condition of life for** the beneficiaries. In **particular** to educate and assist beneficiaries **ages 5-17** (although this has **expanded**) through **recreational activities** with **an** aim of developing skills and improving their athletic and football performance to augment their physical fitness, mental and emotional capacities thus engendering maturity, social and societal growth.

The trustees **have** paid due regard to guidance **issued** by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Achievements and performance

The benefits which **flow** from this include improved physical **fitness** and mental health, increased **skills** in various athletic **areas aided** by support **of** the family, community and schools. **The benefits have been** demonstrated through **feedback** from **participants**, parent's **staff and** stakeholders **with additional validation** being **provided** by evaluation **from** independent governing bodies. Although rare, the **facilitation** of physical training can result in injury for participants, **yet the long term** benefits **greatly outweigh any** temporary bodily **impediments**. The mission statement **of** the charity was to predominantly provide the **previously** outlined service to young people between the ages **of 5 - 17 years**, but this, in **addition**, is extended to **aged 3**, through Nursery School provision through our fundamentals programme, **18-24 year olds** through our seniors

programme, people **with** disabilities **and** the young people's families **and schools**. Thus, the overarching impetus, and ultimate benefit, has a community **wide** effect from the **grassroots**.

Maiden City Soccer Academy runs a number **of** programmes **for** children and teenagers in the field **of** football. The organisation's core **activities** and **services** relate to the provision of facilities for children and young people to enable **participation** in **sport**.

During the 2021-22 financial year, our organisation was represented by 220 children among 14 academy teams; **including** 4 in the North **West and** Coleraine District Youth League (U8 to U11) **as well as an** additional 8 teams in the NIBFA Subway **Nation** Youth League (U12 to U17). Furthermore, these teams **participated** in the Foyle Cup and **Foyle Games** tournaments. Throughout **the** year, **the** Academy regularly delivered high **quality, structured** coaching at **28** schools throughout the North **West**; **from** larger inner-**city** institutions, such **as** Lisnagelvin Primary school with **an** enrolment **of nearly** 700 pupils **to smaller rural** schools as in **Artigarvan** Primary School with an enrolment **of** 142 **students**.

With over **1,200** unique children, aged 4-12 years, **attending our** community hubs throughout the **year**, the Academy continues to deliver **sessions** and events **in a range of** multi-sport **activities**. These **include** weekly 60 minute sessions during the school term and **seasonal** coaching camps during the holiday **period**.

#### Financial review

The deficit for the year amounted to £35,848 (2021 - surplus **£63,375**). The committee members **are satisfied** with the **progress made and** will continue into the next financial year.

#### Structure, governance and management

The **charity** is **an unincorporated entity** governed by **it's** Constitution.

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The trustees who served during the year and up to the **date** of signature **of the financial statements** were:

**Mr J Crilly**

**Mr D Logan**

**Ms J Kee**

**Mr M Kirkwood**

**Mrs R Barber**

The trustees' **report was** approved **by** the **Board of Trustees**.

**Mr J Crilly** Trustee

**20 January 2023**