

MAIDEN CITY SOCCER ACADEMY TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 3-24 years old and adults with and without disabilities 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 social and societal growth as well as community and social benefit. The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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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, parents 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.

We deliver a fundamental movement programme in nursery schools and a multi sports and football programme in primary schools

Maiden City Soccer has a community wide impact from the grassroots. This impact has significantly increased through our Ladies programme which has grown significantly in the last year, this has been due to the impacts of ladies football being highlighted through the National Teams and funding. The Organisation runs a number of programmes for children and young people in the field of fundamental movement programmes for early years, football and multisports for young people with and without disabilities. 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 2022/23 financial year, our organisation was represented by 400 children among academy teams; including in the North West and Coleraine District Youth League (U8 to U11) as well as additional teams in the NIBFA Subway National Youth League (U12 to U17). Furthermore, these teams participated in the Foyle Cup and Foyle Games tournaments. The many teams engaged in many cup competitions, as well as charity football events. Our ground at Lisnalee college was also used for community charity events. 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.

17 boys teams and 4 girls teams with 2 male adults and 1 ladies team. 24 football teams in total across youth and senior teams.

Financial review

The deficit for the year amounted to £5,136(2022 - deficit £35,848). The committee members are satisfied with the progress made and will continue into the next financial year.
