

# KILKEEL PARISH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

## Objectives and activities

The company's objects are to promote the benefit of the community of Kilkeel, Co Down and surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, to provide training, to preserve the environment and heritage of the area of benefit and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said community.

## Achievements and performance

The charity's youth section known as JIMS has continued to deliver high quality programmes and services to the local community. In addition, Regenerate: Mental Health Hub grew from strength to strength in 2023.

JIMS continued to deliver core programmes such as: weekend drop-in, Girls Night In, Lads Group, monthly kids' club, After Schools Club, trips and more during the school year. Volunteers were essential in helping ensure that all programmes were run well and that participants thoroughly enjoyed all activities. JIMS partnered with Newry Street Unite to deliver T:BUC in 20223 which saw 20 young people engage in good relations and enjoyed a Halloween residential.

Throughout the summer of 2023, JIMS took young people to Summer Madness - this was enjoyed by all. A team of 18 young people took part in Step Up and delivered a very successful Project 6.8 for 100 children - utilising the great space in JIMS as a base. On addition, many young people took part in our John Muir Award Level 2 with the Woodland Trust throughout August - October.

Regenerate provided over 100 children/young people with counselling sessions - while seeking to build resilience in young people through small groups. We thank Victoria Hanna for her great work at developing relationships with local organisations and congratulate her on the birth of her new baby. We welcomed David McIlveen as detached youth worker; he's developed a strong base of lads who are now faithfully involved in the work of Regenerate and JIMS. We have seen a great increase in the uptake of 1-to-1 mentoring through the work of Regenerate in 2023.

In 2023, we worked closely with local schools developing mental health workshops, therapy sessions in Kilkeel Primary School, and supported the work of Scripture Union each week at Kilkeel High School.

We are most thankful to all those who support the work of Kilkeel Parish Bridge Association Ltd in a financial way. We thank all of our funders and those in our local community, who at this time of economic difficulty continue to financially support us.

The Directors wish to record their thanks to all who work and serve in the project, to the staff for their hard work and dedication and the 60+ volunteers who give of their time to ensure the smooth running of the project. The Directors also thank all the young people who have made JIMS what it is with their excitement, ideas, and joy. Thanks be to God for His provision throughout 2023.

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### Risk Review

The directors continues to assess the major risks to the charity. In particular, the challenges around the current funding climate and are satisfied that the correct systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the risks.

### Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements. The total funds held at the end of the year are shown in the notes to the financial statements. Note 15 highlights the analysis of restricted funds.

### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 27 September 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr S Tomkins  
Director

Charity Secretary