

Lenadoon Women's Group
Management committee report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Management Committee Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The management committee present their report with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and the "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 published in October 2019".

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Lenadoon Women's Group

Business Address: 41c Suffolk Road, Belfast, BT11 9PE

Committee of Management

Renee Crawford (Chairperson)

Bernadette Farrelly (Secretary)

Sharon McCullough (Treasurer)

Angela Mc Ilkenney

Louise O Neill

Auditors

McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD, 1 Lanyon Quay, Belfast, BT1 3LG

Bankers

First Trust Bank, University Road, Belfast

Bank of Ireland, Andersonstown Road, Belfast

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Lenadoon Womens Group is governed by rules and is constituted as an unincorporated body.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The management committee of the group are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the management committee hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

Individuals are invited to serve as management committee on the basis of their abilities and background so as to achieve a balance between those from the business, voluntary and charity sectors.

Management committee Induction and Training

The management committee have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the premises. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

At present Lenadoon Women's Group has a management committee of 5 members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the manager.

Objectives and Activities

The Lenadoon Women's Group will work towards creating a stable, secure, confident community in Lenadoon. The objective of the Group shall be to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Lenadoon estate and its neighbourhood by associating together with said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide or secure the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities for all sections of the community i.e. youth, elderly, people with special needs or who are disabled, women, men, children, the unemployed and other disadvantaged groups within the area in the interest of social welfare.

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Achievements and Performance

The last twelve months have again been extremely demanding for the Staff, Volunteers and Management Committee of the Women's Group with an increasing number of referrals made to the Project which in turn led to an increased overall workload over the past year. The Women's Group continued to have an increasing number of individuals seeking advice and also support from food banks, particularly in this last year due to the continued outworking's of Covid-19 Pandemic recovery, and the ongoing cost of Living Crisis which left quite a number of families in crisis.

The Women's Group's facilities in Glen Community Complex enabled the group to deliver more programmes/classes/services which were delivered including:

- Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Incredible years programme 6-12
- Connecting with your Families, 5-15's
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Parenting Apart
- Mindfulness
- Family Mediation
- Encouraging Positivity

The past year again witnessed an increased number of referrals to the Group from Outer West Family Support Hub, Social Workers, Health Visitors, G.P's, Counsellors, Women's Aid, Health and Social Care Professionals, Housing Bodies, Community Groups and Self Referrals. This resulted in an increased number of home visitations and Outreach Family Support interventions. The Group's In-House one to one Support and group support has also increased over the past year. Staff and Volunteers have worked in the evenings and weekends and supported individuals and families in medical, Legal and other situations where they required support. A significant amount of time was spent supporting individuals at Court, providing Family Mediation and facilitating contact sessions directed by the Court. Staff actively participated in Case Conferences, Looked After Reviews and Case Reviews and have worked with a number of children at risk or about to go on the "At Risk Register". Over the past year they have succeeded in getting a number of these children off the register.

Our Families in Need Appeal in December proved very successful with over 250 Families/Individuals received food hampers, toiletries, toys, clothes, and fuel vouchers. Additionally during the year food parcels and fuel vouchers continued to be delivered to a number of vulnerable families and individuals living in poverty/financial stress

There has been a massive increase in the issues of legal and illegal drug misuse these have been very prevalent during the year and in addition to facilitating or providing support to individuals affected by these issues, the Group organised a number of Health Education Awareness Workshops in relation to suicide and Mental Health and initiatives especially in relation to legal and illegal drug misuse.

Staff and volunteers completed a number of training courses including: Incredible Years Training, Misuse of Prescription Drugs and over the counter Drugs, Suicide Prevention, Neglect Awareness, Safeguarding Children affected by Parental misuse, Debt/Budget Training.

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Again, insecurity and lack of funding continued to have an impact on the work of the Group but Lenadoon Women's Group are grateful to those who have funded the Group including Department for Communities (Neighbourhood Renewal Fund), Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and Belfast City council. Without this funding, the extensive services provided by Lenadoon Women's Group would be greatly reduced.

Lenadoon Women's Group have found themselves inundated with requests from local people who are particularly impacted by Welfare changes/Longer Term Impacts of Covid-19 / Financial Stress due to the ongoing Cost of Living crisis that have taken place in this period. The woman's group have signposted individuals affected to additional specialist support.

The support provided over the past year by staff from Lenadoon Community Counselling Service undoubtedly saved the lives of some of the most vulnerable individuals the group were working with.

Financial Review

The Lenadoon Women's Group had a successful year and increased the reserves. The results are set out in full in the audited accounts.

Principal Funding Sources

The principle source of funding was the DFC, BHSCT, BCC.

Investment policy

Any surplus funds are transferred into short term savings accounts for investment.

Reserves Policy

The committee retain funds in the charity in order to provide sufficient working capital to facilitate the ongoing activities. The target for unrestricted fund reserves is six months support costs.

Volunteers

The charity is appreciative of the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision.

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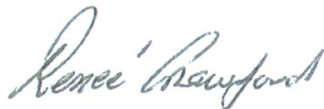
We approve the financial statements

We confirm that:-

The management committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and of the income and expenditure of the group for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The management committee are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and that help ensure that the financial statements comply with generally accepted standards and the SORP recommendations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



For and on behalf of Committee
Renee Crawford Chairperson

29th September 2023

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Lenadoon Women's Group

We have audited the financial statements of Lenadoon Women's Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charities affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the Year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate;
- or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the committee' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of committee

As explained more fully in the Statement of committee' Responsibilities, the committee, who are also the Trustees of the charity for the purpose of charity law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the committee are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Richard McClay FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of McCreery Turkington Stockman LTD
1 Lanyon Quay
BELFAST
BT1 3LG**

Chartered Accountants

29th September 2023



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Statement of Financial Activities (Including Summary Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds		
		2023	2023		
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
<i>Activities to further the charity's objectives:</i>					
Grants received and events	3	-	87,343	87,343	73,666
Total incoming resources		-	87,343	87,343	73,666
Charitable expenditure					
Management and administration	4	-	(82,771)	(82,771)	(78,668)
Total resources expended		-	(82,771)	(82,771)	(78,668)
Net income before transfers		-	4,572	4,572	(5,002)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources		-	4,572	4,572	(5,002)
Fund balances brought forward		-	38,774	38,774	43,776
Fund balances carried forward		-	43,346	43,346	38,774

All of the above results are derived from from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

		2023		2022	
Notes	£	£	£	£	
Current assets					
Debtors	5	-		1,044	
Cash at bank and in hand		43,970		38,354	
		43,970		39,398	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	6	(624)		(624)	
Net current assets			43,346		38,774
Net assets			43,346		38,774
Capital and reserves					
Restricted funds	7		43,346		38,774
General funds			43,346		38,774

The financial statements were approved by the Committee on 29 September 2023 and signed and approved for issue on its behalf by

Renee' Crawford
Chairperson

S. Lunn
Treasurer

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and the "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 published in October 2019". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal

1.3. Resources

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are included as income when they are received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

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2. Employees

(including the management committee) during the year were:

Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	59,046	51,900
	<u>59,046</u>	<u>51,900</u>

There were no employees earning over £60,000 in the two years ended 31 March 2023.

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3. Total income received				
DFC	-	61,428	61,428	57,915
BHSCT	-	14,184	14,184	12,529
Sundry income and donations	-	7,731	7,731	3,222
BCC	-	4,000	4,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>87,343</u>	<u>87,343</u>	<u>73,666</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£

4. Total resources expended

Wages and salaries	-	59,046	59,046	51,900
Room hire	-	5,980	5,980	5,200
Audit	-	624	624	624
Telephone, postage, insurance and stationary	-	6,257	6,257	4,406
Bank fees	-	184	184	226
Family outreach	-	6,000	6,000	6,375
Projects	-	4,680	4,680	9,937
	<u>-</u>	<u>82,771</u>	<u>82,771</u>	<u>78,668</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>

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5. Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	1,044
	-	1,044
6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	624	624
	624	624
7. Statement of funds	Restricted reserve account £	Total £
Total reserves at 1 April 2022	38,774	38,774
Total income for the year	87,343	87,343
Total expenditure for the year	(82,771)	(82,771)
Total reserves at 31 March 2023	43,346	43,346