

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI605197
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC102489

Development Trusts (NI) Limited
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2023

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

	Page
Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)	1
Independent auditor's report to the members	10
Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)	14
Statement of financial position	15
Notes to the financial statements	16

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Development Trusts (NI) Limited
Charity registration number	NIC102489
Company registration number	NI605197
Principal office and registered office	Cathedral Quarter Managed Work Space 109-113 Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1FF

The trustees

Mr S McClelland	
Ms E Murphy	(Retired 19 October 2022)
Ms M Patterson	
Mr J Meehan	
Mr B O'Neill	
Mr L O'Hagan	
Mr F McAliskey	(Appointed 19 October 2022)
Mr S Whelehan	(Retired 19 October 2022)
Mrs J McDonald	(Appointed 27 October 2022)
Mr N Kinnaird	
Mr A Tough	(Appointed 19 October 2022)
Mr E McGoldrick	(Appointed 19 October 2022)

Auditor

Johnston Graham Limited
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
216/218 Holywood Road
Belfast
BT4 1PD

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management

DTNI is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company limited by guarantee. The Board of Directors are Andy Tough (Chair), Margaret Patterson McMahon (Treasurer), Brian O'Neill (Secretary), John Meehan, Nigel Kinnaird, Stephen McClelland, Liam O'Hagan, Janice McDonald, Eddie McGoldrick and Fintan McAliskey.

The Board meets formally quarterly fulfilling its governance responsibilities with a particular focus on Finance and HR and with oversight of the operational services of the organisation. The board has a policy of continual review of objectives to ensure compliance with governance and proper operation of the organisation.

The Chief Executive Officer oversees the organisations strategic priorities and operational objectives. DTNI complies with its legal and governance obligations and assess operational risks and mitigates for these to the extent reasonably possible.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities

Mission

DTNI is a membership organisation committed to supporting the development of sustainable asset-owning communities creating shared public benefit.

Vision

Our vision is of a participative democracy made up of vibrant self-reliant communities across Northern Ireland making a positive difference to people's lives through owning and developing sustainable assets and resources.

Values

- **Mutuality**

Society, communities, and the organisation are stronger when we share knowledge and skills and work together in solidarity with each other rather than compete.

- **Accountability**

The organisation should be fully accountable and transparent to its members and funders for what it does.

- **Participative democracy**

Democracy is stronger where ordinary people organise together in community-based organisations, build their assets and resources, and actively and regularly contribute to decisions that affect their lives.

- **Social and economic justice**

A fair and equitable society is a healthier and happier one.

- **Integrity**

It is important to build trust between people by acting to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

- **Independence**

The organisation should provide an independent voice in promoting its mission and values.

Priorities

DTNI represents the interests of community development trusts, associations and social enterprise agencies that make up the Development Trust Network in Northern Ireland (NI). It provides development support, advice, expertise and experience to communities and the public sector to promote the sustainable community development and to advance the socially productive use of land and property assets, focussing on.

- **Community Asset Transfer**

Support communities to identify opportunities, unlock strengths and resources through the ownership of community assets.

- **Community Wealth Building and Wellbeing Economy**

Support communities to be inclusive, enterprising, promote wellbeing economy and have a meaningful voice.

- **Influencing Decision-making**

To influence public policy and practice, in partnership with members, in support of unlocking the strengths and resources in communities, to build wealth, well-being and shape decisions that affect them.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

- **Knowledge leadership**

To be a leading learning organisation, which is a valued source of expertise that uses research and evaluation to expand knowledge in the sector and continuously improves its work.

- **Membership**

To develop the membership of DTNI and provide effective support to members.

- **Communications**

To effectively promote the organisation and communicate with all its stakeholders.

Programmes

Priorities are upheld through the delivery of programme activities including:

- **Community Asset Transfer (CAT)** - Awareness raising, advocacy for voluntary, community and social enterprise acquisition management and ownership of surplus public land and property assets.
- **Community Wealth Building (CWB)** - Awareness raising and promotion of CWB with a focus on *strengthening local economic development practice, strategically engaging, and working with development trusts to deliver the priorities for a wealth generating economy that addresses poverty, deprivation & marginalisation.*
- **Community Rights** - Awareness raising, facilitation of community dialogue and political advocacy for the introduction of a community rights act in Northern Ireland that considers the legislative changes needed within planning law.
- **Civic Participation** - Working in partnership with social and public stakeholders to enhance civic participation and decision making across local government to strengthen community voice in local economic development and participative democracy.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Achievements and performance

Established in 2010 DTNI has a modest membership of approximately 100 community development trusts, associations, and social enterprise agencies. During the current period, we have:

- Maintained a board of high reputation and skill.
- Represented our members interests through networking learning and sharing events, conferences, and information webinars.
- Represented our members interests on the acquisition, management, and ownership of assets to the NI Executive, central and local government.
- Advocated for an NI capital development revenue investment fund.
- Supported the Department for Communities to advance its policy interest and programme objectives for Community Asset Transfer and Community Wealth Building.
- Supported the interest of VCSE organisations to pursue opportunities to acquire public sector assets under the NI Executive Community Asset Transfer policy framework.
- Promoted and facilitated VCSE application to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Levelling Up programme funds.
- Promoted the interest of VCSE organisations to draw from a UK Community Ownership Fund.
- Represented the interests of members through participation on the NI Joint Forum.
- Represented the interests of members across the UK through joint work with the Development Trust Association networks in England, Scotland, and Wales.
- Represented the interests of members globally through our membership of the International Federation of Societies and in Europe through our work with the European Federation of Societies.
- Developed the policy agenda in support of community ownership, community rights and local economy.
- Worked continuously to improve our reputation and to grow our membership.

For the reporting period (2022-23) DTNI employed a Chief Executive Officer, two Senior Programme Coordinators, an Administration and Communications Officer and a Digital Innovation Officer. DTNI employees oversee the delivery of contract objectives in support of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and Community Wealth Building (CWB) for the Department for Communities (DfC) and Community Rights and CWB (local Government) supported by Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the Rank Foundation programme 'Start Here'.

We concluded work on local economy early in the financial year for Friends Provident and on Civic Participation supported by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

We tendered for and successfully delivered the Support Network for Social Entrepreneurs (SuNSE - Interreg NW Europe) for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

We continued to provide development support to voluntary, community organisations from across NI with an interest in acquiring and managing and developing an asset base including promotion of its

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

position within the internal 'public sector' market and advanced its interest in the ownership and management of surplus public assets.

We engaged extensively with our sister networks in the UK to prepare a tender proposal to the Community Ownership Fund. We learned late in the financial year that our tender was successful and DTNI would be the lead development support provider in NI from 2023/25.

For several years we have been the lead advocate for the economic development functions of our members and their collective contribution to the economic affairs of NI. In the year 2022/23 we concluded our contract with the Department for Communities (DfC) on Community Wealth Building. We had engaged extensively with the VCSE sector and working with Queens Communities & Place programme at Queens University Belfast we prepared five key publications on community wealth building (see below) and an executive summary "Next Steps in Community Wealth Building".

We also worked as the secretariat for the DfC independent Ministerial Advisory Panel on Community Wealth Building. The panel presented its report, "Recommendations to advance community wealth building in Northern Ireland" to the Minister at DfC.

1. Asset Based Development and Community Wealth Building
2. Making Financial Power Work for Local Places
3. Just Labour Markets & Inclusive Work
4. The Plural Economy, Social Economics and Building Communities
5. Progressive Procurement of Goods & Services

The reports on CWB represent a significant development intervention on behalf of the family of community development trusts. This work aligns purposefully with the Department for Communities' strategic plan 2020-25, 'Building Inclusive Communities'. Referenced within the cross-cutting theme 'sustainability & inclusive growth' is the departments commitment to: 'Grow and scale community wealth building to support economic recovery'.

We picked up on the new opportunities presented through the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and provided support for members applying to the Levelling Up and Community Ownership Funds through Westminster.

We continued to make representation to central government for a dedicated capital fund for the VCSE sector in NI. That campaign remains ongoing. DTNI have led the public debate on the need for reform of local economic development practice in NI. We continued to work with our partners in the family of UK development trusts and the Centre for Local Economic Strategies. The organisation continued (and diversified) its work in support of a Community Rights Act in NI supported by investment from Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. In addition, we have continued to deliver on the investment from the Rank Foundation through the 'Start Here' programme with which we have been able to target and recruit new entrants to the work of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.

We have continued to explore and avail of opportunities to trade on the professional expertise held by the staff team at DTNI including tendering to test the Community Transfer policy framework of Belfast City Council.

We continued to represent the interests of members through our participation on the Joint Forum shaping the new agreement for joint working between the voluntary and community sector and the public sector.

We are thankful for the recognition from our independent investors and the faith they have shown in the work of the organisation.

Heading into 2023, we committed to delivery of following work priorities.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Financial review

The company reported a surplus for the financial year to 31 March 2023 of £60,781 (2022 - £91,603) resulting in a total reserve balance of £324,986 (2022 - £264,205).

The company has a reserves policy in place which seeks to establish free reserves equivalent to a minimum of 6 months of recurrent overhead expenditure.

Plans for future periods

Heading into 2023, we committed to delivery of following work priorities.

Working with Central Government:

- Ensure that DTNI has an enhanced role as a regional infrastructure organisation delivering on community ownership, on community rights and on the 5 pillars of community wealth building (Assets, Plural Economy, Financial Power, Fair Employment and Progressive Procurement).
- Progress our development support to align with the emerging policy & programme priorities of the Regional Infrastructure Support Programme and People & Place.
- Ensure the work of DTNI is recognised as central to the delivery of DfC's strategic plan 2020/25, 'Building Inclusive Communities'.

Working with UK Partners

- Engage with Locality, DTAS & DTAW and UK support partners to ensure that VCSE organisations are actively supported to advance their interest in the Department for Levelling-up, Housing & Communities, Community Ownership Fund.
- Provide development support to assist organisations in the preparation of business case for submission to the Community Ownership Fund.
- Lobby for an NI Community Ownership Fund (capital and revenue) for VCSE organisations.

Working with Independent Trusts & Foundations

- Engage with local government to explore common interests around wealth building, local economy, and community rights.
- Engage members to ensure their development issues and support needs are accurately captured and presented to local and central government and other relevant stakeholders.
- Develop a new digital civic participation engagement platform for members of DTNI.

Additionally, we agreed to:

- Develop new support programmes with the UK Development Trust Networks." Build the Development Trust Network in NI.
- Share our development model with civic organisations in the Republic of Ireland." Lobby for an NI Community Rights and Empowerment Act.
- Represent member interests on the Joint Forum.
- Advocate for policy & programme support on community led housing.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 was approved on 9 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr B O'Neill
Trustee

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Year ended 31 March 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Development Trusts (NI) Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Development Trusts (NI) Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Development Trusts (NI) Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees 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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of the audit process we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity, being FR102, Companies Act 2006 the UK taxation regime and compliance with regulations in relation to the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme and the Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme. In addition, we assessed the risks of material fraud through enquires with management and those charged with corporate governance and analytical procedures were used to assess any unusual or unexpected relationships. As with all organisation of this size, there remains an inherent difficulty in the detection of irregularities.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of financial statements is located on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Development Trusts (NI) Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 auditor's 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.

Elaine Mulholland

Elaine Mulholland (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Johnston Graham Limited
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor

216/218 Holywood Road
Belfast
BT4 1PD

9 October 2023

Development Trusts (NI) Limited**Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)****Year ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Charitable activities	5	25,000	340,665	365,665	443,334
Other trading activities	6	7,200	–	7,200	22,569
Other income	7	29,414	–	29,414	49,964
Total income		<u>61,614</u>	<u>340,665</u>	<u>402,279</u>	<u>515,867</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	32,089	309,409	341,498	424,264
Total expenditure		<u>32,089</u>	<u>309,409</u>	<u>341,498</u>	<u>424,264</u>
Net income		<u>29,525</u>	<u>31,256</u>	<u>60,781</u>	<u>91,603</u>
Transfers between funds		52,777	(52,777)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>82,302</u>	<u>(21,521)</u>	<u>60,781</u>	<u>91,603</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		183,318	80,887	264,205	172,602
Total funds carried forward		<u>265,620</u>	<u>59,366</u>	<u>324,986</u>	<u>264,205</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited**Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Position****31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	5,024	7,173
Current assets			
Debtors	14	62,325	129,703
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>294,791</u>	<u>213,464</u>
		357,116	343,167
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>37,154</u>	<u>86,135</u>
Net current assets		<u>319,962</u>	<u>257,032</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>324,986</u>	<u>264,205</u>
Net assets		<u>324,986</u>	<u>264,205</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		59,366	80,887
Unrestricted funds		<u>265,620</u>	<u>183,318</u>
Total charity funds	16	<u>324,986</u>	<u>264,205</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 9 October 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr B O'Neill
Trustee

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Cathedral Quarter Managed Work Space, 109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FF.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no authorised or issued share capital. The company has charitable status accepted by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference NIC102489.

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants - DFC	25,000	152,663	177,663
Friends Provident	-	-	-
Joseph Rowntree	-	49,582	49,582
Community Wealth	-	102,995	102,995
Community Foundation	-	12,425	12,425
SuNSE	-	-	-
Rank	-	20,000	20,000
Other	-	3,000	3,000
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>340,665</u>	<u>365,665</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants - DFC	9,721	147,941	157,662
Friends Provident	-	14,608	14,608
Joseph Rowntree	-	16,250	16,250
Community Wealth	-	79,499	79,499
Community Foundation	-	49,701	49,701
SuNSE	-	125,614	125,614
Rank	-	-	-
	<u>9,721</u>	<u>433,613</u>	<u>443,334</u>

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fees	–	–	22,494	22,494
Membership	7,200	7,200	75	75
	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>22,569</u>	<u>22,569</u>

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	29,414	–	29,414
	<u>29,414</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>29,414</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other income	44,964	5,000	49,964
	<u>44,964</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>49,964</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Wages and salaries	3,583	188,750	192,333
Project costs	25,992	102,787	128,779
Support costs	2,514	17,872	20,386
	<u>32,089</u>	<u>309,409</u>	<u>341,498</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	–	156,383	156,383
Project costs	6,244	246,082	252,326
Support costs	243	15,312	15,555
	<u>6,487</u>	<u>417,777</u>	<u>424,264</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Wages and salaries	192,333	192,333	156,383
Project costs	128,779	128,779	252,326
Support costs	20,386	20,386	15,555
	<u>341,498</u>	<u>341,498</u>	<u>424,264</u>

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>3,099</u>	<u>2,488</u>

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>192,333</u>	<u>156,383</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2022: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustees received remuneration or other benefits through employment with the charity.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	13,058	13,058
Additions	950	950
At 31 March 2023	<u>14,008</u>	<u>14,008</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	5,885	5,885
Charge for the year	3,099	3,099
At 31 March 2023	<u>8,984</u>	<u>8,984</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2023	<u>5,024</u>	<u>5,024</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>7,173</u>	<u>7,173</u>

14. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant debtor	<u>62,325</u>	<u>129,703</u>

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	30,442	86,135
Accruals and deferred income	258	–
Social security and other taxes	6,454	–
	<u>37,154</u>	<u>86,135</u>

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023
General funds	£ <u>183,318</u>	£ <u>61,614</u>	£ <u>(32,089)</u>	£ <u>52,777</u>	£ <u>265,620</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022
General funds	£ <u>112,551</u>	£ <u>77,254</u>	£ <u>(6,487)</u>	£ <u>–</u>	£ <u>183,318</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023
Restricted Funds	£ <u>80,887</u>	£ <u>340,665</u>	£ <u>(309,409)</u>	£ <u>(52,777)</u>	£ <u>59,366</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2022
Restricted Funds	£ <u>60,051</u>	£ <u>438,613</u>	£ <u>(417,777)</u>	£ <u>–</u>	£ <u>80,887</u>

Development Trusts (NI) Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	310	4,714	5,024
Current assets	302,464	54,652	357,116
Creditors less than 1 year	(37,154)	—	(37,154)
Net assets	<u>265,620</u>	<u>59,366</u>	<u>324,986</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,977	5,196	7,173
Current assets	267,476	75,691	343,167
Creditors less than 1 year	(86,133)	—	(86,133)
Net assets	<u>183,320</u>	<u>80,887</u>	<u>264,207</u>