

# **The Saturday Club**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of The Saturday Club present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

#### **Objectives**

The Saturday Club, formed in 2002, provides social and leisure opportunities for children and young people with a learning disability, and their siblings.

The club enhances the life skills in the children through a range of educational and creative activities, and environmental and sports activities. The aim of the Club is to provide leisure and social opportunities and to encourage the personal and social development of Club members through this range of activities.

Through the clubs activities, the children and young people who attend learn new skills and develop their social skills and interests. Very importantly attendance at the Club provides respite for parents and carers. The voluntary management of the Club and its voluntary leadership and supervision during the Club sessions assists in drawing upon and developing the talents and skills that each volunteer brings to the Club.

#### **Public benefits:**

The public benefit of The Saturday Club is: the development of children and young people with a learning disability by the provision of help and support for them through an extensive programme of social and leisure activities that contribute to their personal and social development.

Whilst doing so, support and respite is provided for their parents and carers, and for the public and wider population, knowledge of learning disability is also provided. These benefits are demonstrated through the increased Club membership and with referrals from social services. The feedback from parents/carers, siblings and the children themselves is what guides us in our work and we make certain that the Club is benefiting its members through ensuring they influence the activities the Club takes part in.

Parents are also heavily involved in the committee to guarantee they are well informed of what is happening. Of the private benefits flowing from the volunteering, one is that volunteers and trustees are getting excellent experience through their various roles, this in turn may be benefitting them in their future or prospective careers.

Through the clubs activities and volunteer support and development, the club raises awareness of learning disability in the local area.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Structure**

The Saturday Club is affiliated to Mencap and their Model Constitution and Model Child Protection Policy for Mencap & Gateway groups in Northern Ireland have been adopted.

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## Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

Club members took part in a wide range of activities covering a diverse array of interests including: Cinema visits; Arts and crafts workshops; clay modelling workshops; sing-a-long music sessions and workshops; Halloween, Christmas and Easter events; discos; Bake off competition; Face painting; visit to activity centre The Jungle; and a visit to The Planetarium.

## Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 7 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail

## Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £7,388 (2022 - £12,109) and liabilities of £0.00 (2022 - £0.00). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(4,721).

## Reference and Administrative details

The present committee members are aware of the Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance. The committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting:

Chairperson Cathy McDonnell  
Vice Chairperson Sue Robinson  
Secretary Margaret Wilkinson  
Assistant Secretary Laura Mitchell  
Treasurer Alasdair Patrick

## Elected Members:

Heather Bell, Bernie Doody, Esther Good, Margaret Patrick, Laura Quinn, Marian Bradley, Patsy Byrne

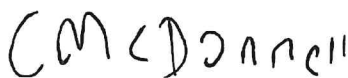
In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. The Saturday Club subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Cathy McDonnell  
Trustee



Alasdair Patrick  
Trustee