

Trustees' Report 1st June 2022 – 31st May 2023

Arts for All promotes community development through the arts in North Belfast. To achieve this the organisation works in partnership with community groups and schools to deliver bespoke community arts workshops in local venues. The trustees are pleased with the results of the organisation both from a community arts and financial management perspective.

We all have been working hard over the past year to build upon the delivery of our services throughout the pandemic, concentrating on producing high-quality arts experiences, developing strong partnerships with local community groups, share good practice, and making the best use of community resources to address community need with social distancing measures in place and remotely when needed.

As we approach year 4 in Cityside Retail Park, we continue to attract new visitors and artists each week, and have great response to small retail offering showcasing local artists work. With over 12000 square feet of workshop space, we continue to welcome over 700 people per week into our venue. Footfall for the centre as per door counters amount to 7000 per day. This has allowed us to develop and grow our audiences at a grassroots level.

Arts for All is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference NIC102821 and is governed by a constitution. Recruitment and appointment board members/Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Company and charity law require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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.

The trustees recommend that DMW Accountants (2011) Ltd remain in office until further notice.

This report was approved by the trustees on 9th October 2023

