

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees of The Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Purposes of the Charity

The Association is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Lincoln Courts, Brigade and Rosstown areas of Londonderry in Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for the recreation of other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants

Main Activities to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association manage a purpose-built local authority community centre within the Lincoln Courts estate. Our group is a grass-roots community group set up to try and improve the life for the residents within the area and the surrounding areas.

The main activities of our group include running the youth club which is run 5 days a week for 3 different age groups, up to eighteen years old. Activities also include the Senior Citizens luncheon club, the Parent & Toddlers group, older peoples programme and the Women's group. We try to encourage the older residents to participate in various activities within the community. There are also a number of clinics available which include Welfare rights, Housing Executive and other relevant statutory bodies.

The main focus of our activities has been through the youth club which has reached out to all young people within the estate and the surrounding areas to provide them with new opportunities and experiences, to divert them from the ongoing temptation to get involved with anti-social behaviour.

Main Achievements in the year

Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association (LCYCA) have delivered a wide range of programmes and activities for residents over the course of the past year. We have also been proactive in providing hot meals, food parcels, fuel vouchers and general assistance to all elderly and vulnerable people within the Lincoln Courts and surrounding areas.

Since the relaxation of Covid regulations LCYCA have provided the following activities to the following groups:

Pre-School Positive Parenting (6months - 3 years)

- Messy Play — Interactive, Stimulating sensory programme. (14 weeks)
- Jo-Jingles — Singing, Rhyming and Phonetic programme. (Ongoing)
- Stay & Play — Parent & Child interaction. (Ongoing)
- Crafty Teddies — Teddy bear building, Child coordination.
- Gymnastics — Child Gymnastics. (Ongoing)

- Baby Bakers – (Intermittent programme)
- Socatots – (Intermittent programme)
- Debu-tots – (Intermittent programme)
- Music & Me – (Intermittent programme)
- Reading Fairy – (Intermittent programme)

Junior Youth / Children's Club (4 years - 9 years)

- 3 times per week — 4pm — 5.30pm (Ongoing)
- Junior Summer Scheme —2 weeks (July)

Intermediate Youth Club (10 years - 12 years)

- 3 times per week — 4pm — 5.30pm (Ongoing)
- Senior Summer Scheme —2 weeks (August)

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Older Peoples Programme

- Flower Arranging
- Sewing, Knitting, Crochet
- Cooking on a Budget
- Alternative Therapies
- Horticulture Programme (Window Boxes, Hanging Baskets.
- Quarterly Tea dances
- Yes I can sing -
- Easter Bunny building
- Upcycling Course
- Cross Community Programme – Greggan Enterprises
- Health checks

Additional Activities –

Winter hot meals – To provide hot meals in the colder winter months and thus help to ease the impact of cost-of-living Crisis (12 weeks).

Fuel Buying Job

Women's Group

Warm Spaces - To provide anyone, who wishes, with a warm space as a result of cost-of-living crisis. (Ongoing).

- Annual Community Funday – Summer
- Monthly Community Dinner(s)

- Community Christmas Dinner
- Seasonal Community Bus trips
- Coronation Day Festival

Training

AQEs – Transfer test tuition

GCSEs

Food Hygiene Course – 20 participants

OCN Peer leadership – 10 participants

OCN Youth Leadership – 10 participants

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees of The Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Society in the year to 31 March 2024.

Review of Financial position as at 31 March 2024

The Charity had excess payments over receipts for the year to 31 March 2024 of £26,180 (2023: surplus £12,652).

As at 31 March 2024 the Charity had no funds in material deficit

The Charity was formed on 30 December 1979, and is governed by its Constitution dated at that time.

No funds are held by the charity as a custodian trustee

Trustee Selection and Management

The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee which consists of all the appointed trustees, and the selection of any new Trustees is dealt with by that Committee.

The following served as Trustees of the Charity throughout the year to 31 March 2024, and were also Trustees as at the date of approval of this Report

Mrs. F. Hart

Mrs. E. Dunn

Mr. R. Hutchman

Mrs. V. Skeet

Mr. R. Robb

Ms. A. Peoples


Mrs. N. McMorris

Ms. C. Cooke

Mrs. E. McGarrigle

Mr. D. Guy

This Report was approved on 11 April 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Mr. R. Hutchman, Trustee

The Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association

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