

**Charity Registration No. 103257  
Company Registration No. NI042845 (Northern Ireland)**

**IMPACT NETWORK (in Communities) NI  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# IMPACT NETWORK (in Communities) NI

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr S Bell Mr D Richardson Mr M Warwick Mr D McAuley Mr R Williamson Mr J Greer Mrs J McCaughey Mr R Taylor
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr D Richardson
<b>Charity number</b>	103257
<b>Company number</b>	N1042845
<b>Registered office</b>	Unit 6-7 Arches House 38-40 Main Street Randalstown Co Antrim BT41 3AB
<b>Auditor</b>	Stephen White Accounting and Taxation 1a Main Street Ballymoney BT53 6AN

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# **IMPACT NETWORK (in Communities) NI**

## **TRUSTEE REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Registered Name of Charity: Impact Network in Communities NI

Charity Number: 103257

Registered Office: Unit 6-7 Arches House, 38-40 Main Street, Randalstown, Co Antrim, BT41 3AB

### **Chairpersons Remarks**

In our 21<sup>st</sup> Year Impact Network NI continues to provide a distinct and much needed service working in the community for the community. Our Annual Report once again shows the extensive work that our staff tirelessly go above and beyond to ensure that the community reaches its full potential and gains the most from all the programmes we provide.

Impact Network NI remains committed to the key principles of community development. We have a vision of vibrant, articulate, inclusive and sustainable communities across Northern Ireland contributing to a prosperous, equitable, peaceful, and stable society.

As a network, we continue to build relationships with councils and our statutory partners to ensure that the needs of local communities remain to the forefront of the community planning agenda, and the Peace Plus Partnership to ensure that Impact Network NI will be there to meet and support those needs.

We would like to acknowledge the support of our funders who have supported the organisation to grow and develop our work. We would also like to thank all our partners, collaborators and supporters from across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland for their cohesion and friendship as we have sought to share lessons from our work and learn lessons from theirs. A final word of thanks must go to our member groups who we have served. Their daily work in communities across Northern Ireland at the coalface of tackling poverty, loneliness, providing community space to meet, providing childcare and youth services is inspiring and is the glue that binds many communities together.

As Chairman and on behalf of the Board of Directors and communities we serve, I commend the work of Impact Network NI which is an invaluable source of support to local communities. We continue to witness an ever-growing demand and increase in our capacity.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support to me as Chairperson and for their ongoing commitment to the work of Impact Network NI. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my appreciation to the staff members, who have continued to show an adaptable and professional approach to their work with a humble and steadfast approach to continue to do their best in the community is commendable.

Impact Network NI will continue to develop and offer leadership; it has proven it is well placed to deliver much needed support and guidance for a wide variety of community groups. I am delighted that they will continue to benefit from the expertise, partnership working and representation that Impact Network NI can and has offered.

Sam Bell  
Chairperson

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# IMPACT NETWORK (in Communities) NI

## TRUSTEE REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### *Objectives and Aims*

Impact Network NI meet community needs by determining and responding to key issues impacting on communities including health and wellbeing, suicide prevention, community development support, community transformation, peace and reconciliation programmes and inter-estate programmes are just a brief synopsis of the variety and reach the staff and organisation deliver on a daily basis. Since 2002, the Network has been recognised as the key community membership based organisation to drive forward community initiatives using a community development approach that engages and represents effectively across the sector. Impact Network NI has 350+ member groups and a management committee of 8 Directors.

Impact Network NI believes that effective responses to the issues are best achieved through working in partnership with all relevant community, voluntary, statutory and academic organisations and bodies.

The trustees do not expect the activities to change significantly during the incoming year.

#### *Public Benefit*

Impact Network (in Communities) NI LTD meet and comply with all requirements of the Charities Act 2008 and have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

#### *Financial review*

The main source of funding throughout the year was from grants. In calculating the required level of reserves the charity takes into account the risks of income and expenditure, the trustees believe it is beneficial to hold an amount in unrestricted funds to cover running costs for a period of nine months to enable the company to continue at its current level of activity.

#### *Reserves policy*

The trustees consider the Reserve Policy an important part of the internal financial management. It assists with strategic planning when reviewing new or potential projects/activities; informs the budget process and enables planning for a balanced budget or use of reserves; and it informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams. Reserves are reviewed in detail annually but also monitored throughout the year to assess any build up of reserves or unexpected depletion of these.

*Operational Reserves* are required to allow the organisation to continue to deliver its charitable objectives and seek alternative funding sources, should existing annual funding be restricted and to provide assurance against a risk of an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds. In addition, Operational Reserves provide the organisation with the ability to react to short term opportunities. In quantifying the level of Operational Reserves required, the level of net current assets and liabilities are compared to the average monthly expenditure. The risks associated with future income, grants and expenditure are also considered. As a result, the Trustees have determined in their last review that 9 months of the annual recurring expenditure are required as Operational Reserves.

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### ***Investment Policy and Objectives***

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees wish.

### ***Risk***

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### ***Structure, governance and management***

The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is controlled by it's governing document.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Bell

Mr D Richardson

Mr M Warwick

Mr D McAuley

Mr R Williamson

Mr J Greer

Mrs J McCaughey

Mr R Taylor

### ***Recruitment and appointment of new trustees***

Impact Network (in Communities) NI openly invite all community members to put themselves forward for nomination of election to the charity. When a position becomes available the board of Trustees then undertake a skills audit of nominations and invite all potential trustees to meet the board before a decision of recruitment and appointment is made.

### ***Organisational Structure***

The board of trustees administers the charity. The board meets monthly, there are sub committees covering fund-raising, strategy and finance which meet regularly. A manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the daily operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, the manager has delegated authority, within the terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters.

### ***Induction and training of new trustees***

New Trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Trust Deed, decision making processes, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the charity. During induction, they meet key members of staff and other Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

### ***Related Parties***

There are no related parties within the charity.

**S Bell**

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**Impact Network NI Ltd**

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**38-40 Main Street**

**Randalstown**

**County Antrim**

**BT41 3AB**

**NI042845**

**Charity Number 103257**

**Financial Accounts for the Year Ended:**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Prepared by Stephen White M.I.A.T.I**

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## **Impact Network NI Ltd**

### **Legal and Administrative Information**

**Chairman** Sam Bell

**Secretary** D Richardson

**Trustees** S Bell

D Richardson

M Warwick

D McAuley

B Mallon

J Greer

J McCaughey

R Taylor

#### **Registered Office**

Unit 6-7 Arches House

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Randalstown

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#### **Accountant**

Stephen White Accounting and Taxation

1a Main Street

Ballymoney

BT53 6AN

# **Impact Network NI Ltd**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

**The trustees, who are also the directors of Impact Network NI for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustee Report and engaging Accountants to complete the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.**

**Company Law requires 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.**

**The trustees are responsible for keeping and providing the Accountant with adequate records that 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.**

## IMPACT NETWORK NI

### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

#### RECEIPTS

PHA	£ 275,561.00	
BIG LOTTERY	£ 10,000.00	
ARTS COUNCIL	£ 6,327.90	
DOJ CYBERSPACE	£ 4,000.00	
NHSCT	£ 4,980.00	
DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	£ 23,614.34	
COMMUNITY FUND NI (SENIORS)	£ 4,050.00	
ANBC	£ 48,000.00	
CO OPERATION IRELAND	£ 9,000.00	
UTOPIAN DIGITAL LEARNING	£ 600.00	
ACCESS NI	£ 2,294.00	
SPERRIN	£ 600.00	
NIHE	£ 5,599.00	
CLANMIL HOUSING	£ 5,000.00	
NORTH AREA	£ 150.00	
MISC INCOME	£ 937.80	
INTEREST RECEIVED	£ 37.36	£ 400,751.40

#### PAYMENTS

PROGRAMME COSTS	£ 138,380.58	
WAGES & RELATED EXPENSES	£ 150,466.07	
RUNNING COSTS	£ 9,468.63	
PREMISES COSTS	£ 12,684.30	
TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE	£ 4,833.14	
PROFESSIONAL & CONSULTANCY FEES	£ 8,142.92	
BANK CHARGES & INT	£ 256.15	
DEPRECIATION W/OFF	£ 545.00	
TRAINING COSTS	£ 8,835.00	
ACCESS NI	£ 2,602.00	£ 336,213.79

**SURPLUS FOR YEAR**

**£ 64,537.61**

**IMPACT NETWORK NI**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH 2023**

**FIXED ASSETS**

PREMISES @ 45 MAIN STREET RANDALSTOWN £ 125,000.00

LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AT 31/03/2022 £ 3,395.00

LESS DEPRECIATION W/OFF £ 262.00 £ 3,133.00

FIXTURES, FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT AT 31/03/22 £ 2,835.00

LESS DEPRECIATION W/OFF £ 283.00 £ 2,552.00

£ 130,685.00

**CURRENT ASSETS**

DANSKE BANK £ 136,317.65

**NET ASSETS** £ 267,002.65

**CAPITAL & RESERVES**

REVALUATION RESERVE £ 202,465.04

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT £ 64,537.61 £ 267,002.65

**Impact Network NI Ltd  
Unit 6-7 Arches House  
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NI042845  
Charity Num 103237**

**Accountants Certificate**

In accordance with the instructions given to me, I have prepared the attached Financial Accounts from the books and records of the charity and from the information and explanations supplied to me by its Trustees.

I hereby certify that they are in accordance therewith.

Stephen White M.I.A.T.I  
1A Main Street  
Ballymoney  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

2022 -  
2023



IMPACT  
NETWORK  
NI

A source of Excellence promoting Ambition,  
Knowledge, Involvement and Wellbeing

## WHAT WE DO

**Impact Network NI** provides Community Development, Social Enterprise, Health and Wellbeing, Peace / Reconciliation and Good Relations support to communities.

**Impact Network NI** is a source of excellence, promoting ambition, knowledge, involvement, and wellbeing through community development support to communities across Northern Ireland.

**Impact Network NI** is committed to tackling the impact of poverty and economic crisis in communities.

Over the last 21 years, the organisation has delivered over 1350 training and community events, they continually develop initiatives to increase community involvement

*As a result, over 22,500 people have and are continuing to be empowered within a structure of community support.*

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## CAPACITY BUILDING

- Delivered 24 Good Governance Workshops.
- Completed 121 Access NI Checks.
- Community development guidance and support provided to over 380+ member groups/ individuals/families.
- Delivered OCN Accredited Training to 380 community representatives.
- Delivered Employability Programme to 12 community representatives.
- Delivered Training and Mentoring Programme to 20 community representatives.

## SIGNPOSTING

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## FUNDING



Secured £178,000 funding for Community Groups across Northern Ireland

Secured £500,000 for Phase One of our dedicated Community Space

## PROJECTS

- Coordination and facilitation of 3 community festivals with over 15,000 in attendance.
- Coordinated Luncheon Club for 30 weeks to approximately 50 recipients.
- Completed 18 Cybersafe Workshops to 6084 post primary pupils and 4 Community Workshops to 363 parent/guardians/community representatives.
- Completed 8 Cybersafe Workshops to 469 primary school pupils.



## GOOD RELATIONS

- As part of our commitment to support marginalised communities we encourage each of these communities to take the lead on their own development and capitalise all the opportunities available to them. Working with partners such as Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Northern Ireland Housing Executive.
- Delivered 5 Good Relations Programmes with Northern Ireland Housing Executive.
- Delivered 1 Good Relations Programme and Visit to Auschwitz with Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.



## NETWORKS INVOLVING COMMUNITIES IN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT (N.I.C.H.I.)



The **Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement** programme has continued to support community groups in health and wellbeing activity. Since the beginning of the NICHI role, through diverse methods we have engaged with over 450 groups in the Community, Voluntary and Statutory sectors and successfully provided educational training and support for improving health and social wellbeing and reducing health inequalities to over 900 individuals.

### This year's highlights include:

- ✓ Health Alliance website has currently 667 members linking members to a range of health improvement opportunities, including educational and awareness programmes, activities, events, funding, training and capacity building opportunities.
- ✓ Contribution of funding and organisational support for several successful events, including N.I.C.H.I.'s annual conference themed 'Health And Wellbeing themed in conjunction with Tree And Tide and RSPB, NICHI Model Best practice visit and NICHI Networking event for current and past NICHI Model groups in total all events were attended by over 200 people.

- ✓ NICHI officer secured over £27,000 funding for additional community projects including Halifax Foundation, Community Foundation, Northern Healthy Lifestyle Partnership, ASDA Empowering Local People and Arts Council Northern Ireland.
- ✓ Co-ordinated enhanced training programme for NICHI Model Groups including Social Model of Health, Community Development and Health Literacy.
- ✓ Provision of health and wellbeing information distributed to over 1,200 individuals/families/groups at annual community health events including NRC Fresher Fairs.
- ✓ NICHI officer delivered tailored training including Community Development, Health Literacy and social model of health training to 5 NICHI Model groups to over 60 people.
- ✓ 30 tailored Health & Well-being events facilitated for Over 50's in the South Antrim Area.
- ✓ 8 groups specifically taken through a step by step community health intervention to increase capacity and wellbeing in the community.



- ✓ NIChi officer coordinated Meals on Wheels Initiative providing 450 meals to 30 people who are isolated or living alone. Each participant received a homemade, nutritional meal to their door
- ✓ Hosted 2 Boccia tournaments in conjunction with Antrim And Newtownabbey Seniors Forum and the local folds.
- ✓ Health and wellbeing information featured in Impact Network NI promotional materials including E-zine, Newsletter, Facebook and the Health Alliance website.
- ✓ Health Alliance Website - 667 members linked to a range of health improvement opportunities.
- ✓ 46 Health Alliance Health & Wellbeing Newsletters were distributed.
- ✓ NIChi Officer attended over 70 partnership working with CYPSP locality groups, NHSCT Health & Well-being Team, PHA steering group, Community Network Sub Group meeting, Peer Support Meetings, Mid East Antrim Loneliness Network, Antrim And Network Loneliness Network, Greenisland/Carrickfergus Cluster Group, Mid & East Antrim Good Health & Well-being sub group, ROC, Antrim & Newtownabbey Health Outcome Sub Group.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Impact Network NI was commissioned by the Public Health Agency, Northern locality. The role of Suicide Prevention Development Officer was taken up by Laura McCaughey in November 2021. Impact Network NI are committed to increasing community involvement in suicide prevention through various mediums of community development, raising awareness and education, capacity building and resilience, partnership working and managing information.

Our Suicide Prevention Development Officer works in partnership with groups across our localities to help guide them and support their needs with regards to mental and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention.

Since the beginning of the SPDO role, through various methods we have engaged with many groups/individuals in the Community, Voluntary and Statutory sectors and successfully provided educational training for Mental & Emotional Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention.

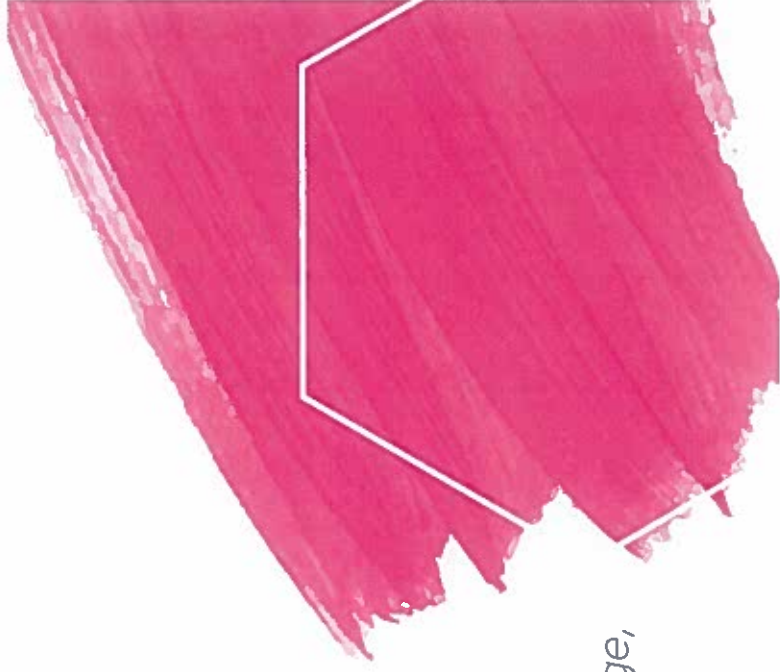
Some of the activities lead by Impact Network NI, Suicide Prevention Development Officer in the past year includes:

- ✓ 1,673 personal engagements with groups and organisations, providing guidance, signposting, and community development support.
- ✓ Supported 27 funded Community and Voluntary groups under the Public Health Agency commissioned Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing project proposals.
- ✓ Coordinated 38 Training and Awareness sessions for the community.

- ✓ Information giving and sharing at 234 events.
- ✓ Distributed 1,397 Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing Information Packs to 36 groups.
- ✓ Consulted on documents including SPDO Toolkit
- ✓ Completed 44 individual interventions with people at risk.
- ✓ Co-ordinated local activities and initiatives to highlight 11 specific annual dates such as World Mental Health Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, Self-Harm Awareness Day, World Health Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, National Stress Awareness Day, International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, National Minority Mental Health Month, National Men's Health Week, Blue Monday and Children's Mental Health Week.



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