

Glen Airea Parent & Toddler Group



Annual Report April 2023 to March 2024



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Introduction:

The Glen Area Parent & Toddler Group was established in 1997. Glen Area Parent and Toddler Group provide a trice weekly drop in service in Glenview Community Centre for babies and toddlers accompanied by parents, grandparents, carers and childminders. The group promotes and encourages adults and children to learn and play together in a safe and secure environment. The group actively encourage involvement of the local community and the inclusion of single parents, mainly on low income and promotes good relations between members of the same family and other families in the local area, clearly meeting a need in the local community.

The Glen Area Parent & Toddler Group is run on a voluntary basis by the members of the group and each person using the service is asked to participate fully in all aspects of the programme e.g. setting up of equipment, cleaning of equipment, storage of equipment, kitchen duties and any other necessary duty that will ensure the safe and efficient running of the service.

Officer Board:

Chairperson – Sinead McGlinchey
Treasurer – Ciara O’Neill
Secretary – Aisling Simpson

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Chairperson's Report

I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Glen Area Parent & Toddlers Group.

A community group is a familiar thread used to bring people together to advocate and support each other in the fight to overcome those threats. As human beings, we need a sense of belonging, and that sense of belonging is what connects us to the many relationships we develop. Inclusion in the social life of society is community's foundation because community saves us from the isolation and alienation we fear. Because community is about finding each other and a place we can call home.

We would like to thank Big Lottery Community Fund (through Glen Development Initiative who funded our programmes through the 2023-2024 year. Without this funding we would have found it difficult to keep programmes running so that our children have a wide range of fun and educational experiences.

We would also like to thank the staff of Glen Development Initiative for all the support they give our all members of our group. Your contributions are well noted and invaluable to our service.



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Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank all the members of Glen Area Parent & Toddlers Group for their continued support throughout the financial year. I would also like to thank the staff of Glen Development Initiative for their continued support and assistance in the sustainability of our financial procedures.

In this financial year we changed our bank account from Bank of Ireland to Lloyds. Due to the bank fees we would have incurred through BOI we were unable to carry on banking with them. The Lloyds account now allows us to have access to online banking free of charge.

INCOME	
Unrestricted	£1060.52
Total	£1060.52
EXPENDITURE	
Unrestricted	£556.20
Total	£556.20
Surplus/deficit	-\$504.32
Opening Bank	0.00
Closing Bank	£504.32

**Glen Area Parent & Toddlers Group
Debtors and Creditors Report**

Debtors	
None	
Creditors	
None	

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Future Planning

Glen Development Initiative

Our members are involved in other activities outside of our group and this includes having 3 representatives on the board of directors of Glen Development Initiative, the umbrella community group in Glenview Community Centre. GDI were successful in receiving a Big Lottery Grant that allows us to continue our programmes.

GDI held a Strategy Day in February 2024. As part of this we worked with our group representatives to identify the priorities for our group going forward.

The results are as follows:

Parent & Toddler Group

Short Term Priorities: More structured play, agree timetable, increased interaction with other centre users, training, trips.

Short/Medium Term Priorities: Complete funding applications, team building activities, intergenerational projects.

Medium Term Priorities: More equipment.

Long Term Priorities: Dedicated sensory room in new build.

Priorities?	What we will do?	Lead and Key Partners	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 4/5	How we will Measure and Report?
More structured play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to meet to discuss various play options. • Play and activities will be structured according to children's age and appropriateness. • All members to take part and adhere to timetable. 	P&T group, GDI staff.	x			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held. • Discussions around play and outcome agreed.

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<p>Agree timetable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group will meet to discuss a timetable that suits all ages and participants. • Timetable will be prepared, used and given to new members. • Timetable to reviewed when agreed. 	<p>P&T Group, GDI staff.</p>	<p>x</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Timetable produced. • Information given to new participants.
<p>Increased interaction with other centre users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to take part in general centre activities when appropriate. • Group to take part in intergenerational activities and liaise with other group members. 	<p>P&T Group, GDI staff, Horticulture Group, Older people's group, Women's Group, Youth Club, Men's Shed.</p>	<p>x</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General activities attended. • Engagement with other groups and activities organised and attended.
<p>Training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to work with staff to identify training needed. 	<p>P&T Group, GDI staff, SuccessNW, BEST Taskforce, OW Family Hub.</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion, details forwarded to staff. • Training organised, group members in attendance.
<p>Trips.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to agree places of interest for the year ahead. • Where possible members to work with staff to organise and promote trips. 	<p>P&T Group, GDI staff.</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips organised and delivered.
<p>Complete funding applications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to work with staff to identify funding streams and submit applications. 	<p>P&T Group, GDI staff.</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects agreed and funding applications submitted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to work with staff to identify appropriate places and activities. 		<p>x</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities agreed and organised.

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Team building activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to take part in the Health and Well-being programme that is run throughout the centre. 	P&T Group, GDI staff, OW Health & Well-being Forum, other city-wide health agencies where needed.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants in attendance.
Intergenerational activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to agree specific intergenerational activities with the Horticulture group, older people's group, women's group, youth club, men's shed etc. 	P&T Group, GDI staff, Horticulture Group, Older people's group, Women's Group, Youth Club, Men's Shed.	x	x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities timetabled with groups. Participants in attendance. Feedback from participants.
More equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to take care, clean and sanitise existing equipment. Members to report broken or unusable equipment to staff. Members to liaise with staff to identify new equipment needed. 	P&T Group, GDI staff.		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day to day maintenance of existing equipment carried out. New equipment purchased.
Sensory room.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members and staff to lobby for room in new build. 	P&T Group, GDI staff, GDI Board, OW Community Taskforce, OW Partnership Board.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room included in design and plans. Building onsite.

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