

**Derrytrasna Playgroup
Trustees Annual Report**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. NI608898

Charity No. NI103414

Principal Office

191 Derrytrasna Road
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Co. Armagh
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Registered Office

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

L. McCann
C. Neeson
Z. Skelton

Company Secretary

C. Shanks

Key Management Personnel

Chairperson	Leonie McCann
Secretary	Catherine Shanks
Treasurer	Catriona Neeson
Accountants	

Byrne McCann & Co. Ltd.
67 Edward Street
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Bankers

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Danske Bank
39 Market Street
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BT66 6AB

Solicitors

O'Connor & Moriarty Solicitors
51 North Street
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BT67 9AG

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The company's objects are specifically restricted to the advancement of education and the development of children, the preservation and protection of health and the promotion of the benefit and wellbeing of children aged between 3 and 11 years old and in particular but not exclusively children under statutory school age (hereinafter called "the beneficiaries") in the Derrytrasna area and its environs of Co. Armagh (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations, parents and guardians and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide educational and recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular to: (a) to advance the education, care and development of children under statutory school age through the provision of safe and satisfying group play in the interests of social welfare so as to develop their physical, mental and emotional capacities; (b) to advance the education, development and well being of children out-of-school hours and during school holidays in the interests of social welfare so as to develop their physical, mental and emotional capacities; (c) to support the values and principles of early years; (d) to provide training for parents and carers of children in child development, parenting and other appropriate subjects. (e) to promote or assist in promoting community capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self-confidence of such communities in the area of benefit. (f) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

Our organisation advances the education and the development of children, the preservation and protection of health and the promotion of the benefit and wellbeing of children aged between 3 and 11 years old and in particular but not exclusively children under statutory school age in the Derrytrasna area. Our organisation provides a Playgroup for 0-5 year olds and a Breakfast/Afterschool Club for 5-11 year olds attending the primary school in the same property. Our playgroup promotes and follows the early years programme, thus preparing 0-5 year olds from the Derrytrasna area for entry into P1. Our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs provides the advancement of education, development and well being of children during out-of-school hours and during school holidays. During the Afterschool Club hours, children receive homework support and can take part in organised activities such as arts and crafts, cookery and tin whistle lessons.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The benefits of Derrytrasna Playgroup are both clear and directly related to the charity's aims and objectives.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This has been another successful year for the setting despite the cost of living continuing to rise. As a setting we have been committed to keeping this setting sustainable and as a result introduced a rise in fees to align the rising cost of energy bills and national living wage. We also managed to secure a number of funding applications to help with the general running and upkeep of the setting as well as providing exciting activities for the children. With continued support from Pathway, Brightstart and ABC Council throughout this financial year also. We also continue to hold fundraising events throughout the year to promote the setting and raise funds for essential needs of the setting to keep it running to a high standard. Going forward we aim to promote and raise the profile of the Derrytrasna Playgroup, Breakfast and Afterschool Club within the local community. In doing so we will continue to support the staff with their plans with developing the setting and continue to develop a strong working committee. We will also strive to continue to meet our financial goal i.e. to be a fully sustainable Playgroup, Breakfast and Afternoon club by raising the profile and hopefully result in additional numbers of children attending the setting year on year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

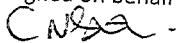
PlayGroup made a surplus of £8481 during the year. The Playgroup with careful planning and determined ambition has managed to steer through the cost of living situation to date and with renewed similar application would hope to present similar results in the future.

It is the Charity's policy to maintain sufficient reserves to ensure continuous operation in an uncertain future.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board



C. Neeson

Trustee

21 June 2024