

Company Registration Number: NI608898  
Charity Number: NI103414

**Derrytrasna Playgroup**

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**for the financial year ended 30 September 2024**

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### TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	Bronte McCann Jessica Henry Alana Coleman Ciaran Scullion Shauneen Scullion Pauline Skelton Niamh McAlinden Sinead McGeown Shauna Quinn Leonie McCann (Resigned 31 December 2024) Catriona Neeson (Resigned 31 August 2024) Zoe Skelton (Resigned 31 August 2024)
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	NI103414
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI608898
<b>Registered Office and Principal Address</b>	191 Derrytrasna Road Lurgan Armagh BT66 6NR United Kingdom
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Daly Park & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants 4 Carnegie Street Lurgan BT66 6AS
<b>Principal Bankers</b>	Danske Bank P.O. Box 183 Donegall Square West Belfast BT1 6JS
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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Derrytrasna Playgroup present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 30 September 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

#### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

##### **Objectives**

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 wellbeing 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.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governance**

Appointment of acting Trustees / Directors

As described in the Articles of Association a new director may be eligible for appointment if 21 days before the annual general meeting, written notice is deposited with the registered office of the intended proposal, signed by a member and signed by the person being proposed, so as to indicate his/ her willingness to be elected.

Governing Document

Derrytrasna Playgroup is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in the respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The company is under the control of the directors who are, therefore, acting trustees for the charity.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligation under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision-making processes and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to view the Charities Commission website so as to gain a full understanding of trustee roles and responsibilities.

##### **Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

The past year has been another positive and productive one for the setting, despite ongoing challenges posed by the rising cost of living. In response to increasing operational costs and changes in the national living wage, we made the decision to adjust our fees to ensure long-term sustainability. We were successful in obtaining several funding grants, which contributed to the smooth day-to-day running of the setting and allowed us to offer a range of enriching activities for the children.

Ongoing support from both Pathway and The Southern Health and Social Care Trust has played a valuable role throughout the financial year. Our team also continued to organise various fundraising events aimed at promoting the setting and generating much-needed resources to maintain high standards of care and education.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on strengthening the profile of Derrytrasna Playgroup, Breakfast, and Afterschool Club within the community. We are committed to supporting our staff in their efforts to enhance the setting further and

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will continue to build a strong, collaborative committee. Our financial objective remains unchanged - to operate as a fully sustainable Playgroup, Breakfast, and Afterschool Club.

#### **Financial Review**

The results for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

#### **Financial Results**

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £107,209 (2023 - £99,717) and liabilities of £1,590 (2023 - £3,565). The net assets of the charity have increased by £9,467.

#### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Bronte McCann  
Jessica Henry  
Alana Coleman  
Claran Scullion  
Shauneen Scullion  
Pauline Skelton  
Niamh McAlinden  
Sinead McGeown  
Shauna Quinn  
Leonie McCann (Resigned 31 December 2024)  
Catriona Neeson (Resigned 31 August 2024)  
Zoe Skelton (Resigned 31 August 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### **Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Derrytrasna Playgroup subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

#### **Reserves Policy**

Our reserves policy is to maintain a level of reserves that can cover at least six months of operating costs. These reserves are held to:

1. Safeguard the Playgroup in the event that major funding sources such as Pathway and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust are withdrawn or reduced;
2. Provide a financial buffer in the case of significant unexpected expenses (e.g., major repairs like a roof replacement); and
3. Ensure that we can meet redundancy and closure costs, thereby protecting our staff and ensuring responsible governance.

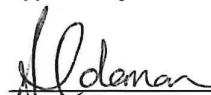
#### **Public Benefit**

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 achieve the charity purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the risks the charity faces, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Alana Coleman  
Trustee

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# **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

for the financial year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of Derrytrasna Playgroup for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.


In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:**



**Ailana Coleman**  
Trustee