

Community Sports Network

CEO's Report

For the period ending 31 / 03 / 2024

The Director's present their report and financial statements for the period ending 31 / 03 / 24

Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity is to develop people and communities through sport to contribute to a safe, shared and healthy future across Northern Ireland.

Directors

The Directors who served during the period are as stated below:

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| Chair | Tom Scott |
| Secretary | Emma Sheehy |
| Treasurer | Margaret Patterson |

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| Directors | Trevor Ringland |
| | Grainne O'Malley |
| | Martin Walls |
| | Melanie Willmore |
| | Paul Donnelly |

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated 15 / 12 / 06. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In June 2019, Belfast Community Sports Network (BCSDN) became Community Sports Network (CSN), as over 60% of their charitable work was beyond greater Belfast.

Board of Trustees

The management committee are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the charity is to develop people and communities through sport to contribute to a safe, shared and healthy future across Northern Ireland.

Over the past year April 2023– March 2024 CSN has had a steady period of delivering community-based programmes using sport for development as the medium of engagement. The core work of CSN is around Empowering People; Creating a Healthier Lifestyle; and working towards a Shared Future.



The charity now delivers its sport for development programmes in Belfast and other areas of social and economic deprivation across Northern Ireland.

CSN closely aligns its work with many strategic public policy objectives, including the Northern Ireland Executive - Programme for Government, Public Health Agency - Making Life Better Framework to 2026 and Northern Ireland Executive – Together: Building a United Community Strategy, Departments for Communities – Active Living Strategy and Department of Justice – Prisons 25 by 25.

- 5,314 participants
- Over 53,000 opportunities
- Over 2200 hours of structured programmes delivered
- 186 unique S4D programmes
- Worked with 98 funders/partner organisations
- 80.3% of participants were young people
- 58.1% were females
- 9.6% were older people
- 8.3% were people with disabilities

CSN recognises that short term funding is not as effective in changing habits around developing people and communities through sport for development to contribute to a safe, shared and healthy future across Northern Ireland.

CSN is focusing its efforts towards securing funding and contracts to both develop and sustain its delivery across Northern Ireland. CSN is developing a 5-Year Strategic Plan that will start to be implemented 1st April 2024, using Inspiring Impact Tools, public consultation, knowledge and experience within the company to inform future programmes of work.

CSN's future programmes will continue to work towards achieving its overall aim and is becoming a more outcome focused organisation; delivering across 3 core thematic areas of work: Empowering people, healthier lifestyles and shared future.

Our financial performance has been sound.

