

TRANSPLANT SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Transplant Sport Northern Ireland (TSNI) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC103853). The charity was registered from 23 February 2016.

Transplant Sport Northern Ireland is governed by a constitution.

A Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity. They are recruited and appointed for the skills and experience that they can bring to the management of the charity and for their commitment to the positive delivery of the charity objectives of Transplant Sport NI. The Board meets on a regular basis.

The Association is established to provide relief and preserve and protect the health of individuals in Northern Ireland who have had or are waiting on a lifesaving organ or stem cell transplant and in particular:

- (a) to provide sporting and recreational activities, and facilities in the interests of social welfare, to rehabilitate such individuals and improve their condition of life; and
- (b) to advance the education of the public about transplants and promote human organ and tissue donation for the relief of persons in need of transplants.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2023 was a much more action packed year than previous years which had been heavily affected by Covid. There was a very positive start to the year with Daithis Law finally being delivered. The change in the law to a soft opt out system was fully supported by TSNI and a number of members were involved in campaigning for this change for some time. Huge credit to Daithi's family for finally getting this over the line, TSNI owe a huge debt of gratitude to them. A number of members attended the launch event on 1 June 2023 at Stormont, the date the law officially came into force.

Three TSNI athletes were selected to compete in the World Transplant Games in Perth, in April 2023, Richie Sheerin (cycling), Kathryn Glover (swimming and triathlon) and Orla Smyth (track). They were joined by Henry Brown, doctor of Team GB & NI. Richie came away with a bronze medal in the individual 10km time trial, a gold medal in the 20km time trial and a bronze in the 30km Road race. Kathryn won 2 silvers in the 100m breaststroke and the 4 x 50m freestyle relay, gold in the 50m breaststroke and a silver in the 4 x 50m medley relay. Kathryn also excelled on the field with a personal best and silver in the discus. Orla Smyth took gold in the 400m and silver in the 800m. TSNI are very proud of their achievements.

TSNI held an information day in April to attract new members and advise of all the details surrounding the British Transplant Games. It was a great turn out and ended in a number of newly transplanted people encouraged in to the fold. It meant TSNI had a large number of newly transplanted athletes attending the British Games for the first time.

TSNI's football team also hosted a friendly match against the ROI transplant team in Belfast in June followed by a BBQ. It was a fantastic day not just as a sporting occasion but for the opportunity to catch up with transplanted friends from down south. TSNI's football team also joined the IFA Disability Inclusion league and competed on a monthly basis with various teams from around NI.

The highlight of this year was the Transplant Games in Coventry in July. There were new members on board and the team spirit and camaraderie was second to none. It was great to have a number of new members join the team which TSNI hope will stay for years to come. The team achieved 13 gold, 9 silver and 8 bronze medals. However, the pinnacle of the Games was being reunited with TSNI's transplant family and meeting transplanted friends from the rest of the UK.

TSNI marked Organ Donation Week in September by taking part in the virtual race for recipients where members ran, hiked, cycled and swam to log miles to raise awareness of Organ Donation. TSNI were delighted to finish second in Northern Ireland for the miles clocked up.

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A number of TSNI's members carried out various forms of fundraising throughout the year and the TSNI is very grateful for all the funds received from members. TSNI were again welcomed to the Irish Milers Meet at the Mary Peters Track, where Kaffe O sold its goods for our benefit.

TSNI also held a Quiz night in Shandon Park Golf Club in October where Andrew Weir was officially presented with his Spirit of the Games trophy. Hilden Bowling club also hosted TSNI for their Christmas dinner and presented TSNI with a cheque for £1,300 which their members had raised.

Other activities throughout the year included park runs, cycle and swim meets, pub quizzes and of course the Annual Thanksgiving service organised by the Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund.

TSNI look forward to another great year and are entering 2024 with renewed optimism that TSNI is going from strength to strength. As always, TSNI hope to recruit more members and support them. It is hoped that more members become actively involved in the committee, fundraising activities and most importantly continue to demonstrate to the world the benefits of organ transplantation through sport.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissioner of Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and consider that operations continue to be undertaken in furtherance of our stated public benefits being:

- To provide sporting and recreational activities and facilities in the interests of social welfare, to rehabilitate such individuals and improve their condition of life. The benefits derived from this purpose are the improved health and fitness of all participants and allows individuals the opportunity to connect with people who have similar health issues. These benefits are evidenced through the Doctors and nurses who carry out organ transplantation and our also members of our association. The hospitals openly encourage patients to participate in sport as members of Transplant Sport NI. Social events and sporting activities promoted by ourselves on an annual basis are well supported and positive feedback received.
- To advance the education of the public regarding transplants and to promote human organ and tissue donation for the relief of patients in need of a transplant. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are the increase in the number of people signing up to the organ donor registrar and the subsequent increase in the number of organs that become available for transplantation and the number of lives saved. There is also benefit for the organ donor families who are comforted in the knowledge of the number of lives their loved ones have saved. These benefits can be evidenced through government figures which clearly show how sporting events positively influence the public signing the organ donor registrar. Evidence is also available from the positive feedback received from the Organ Donor Family support groups.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2022 accounts were independently examined by Baker Tilly Mooney Moore with no areas of concern reported. Subsequently, these were uploaded to CCNI (Charities Commission) as part of the annual reporting process.

The balance of the TSNI account on 1st January 2023 was £40,810.21.

Throughout the year, total income was over £27,000 and total expenditure was approximately £34,500 giving a closing bank balance on the 31st December 2023 of £33,676.23.

Year on year, it can be challenging to compare annual accounts due to income and expenses associated with World Games, one off events and fundraising.

TSNI's main expenditure this year was the British Transplant Games in Coventry at £17,609 (2022: £18,212). Kit replenishment cost £2,165 with annual insurance remaining high costing £835.

Three members attended the World Transplant Games in April 2023. Their expenses amounted to over £8,000. Much of their fundraising was noted in the 2022 accounts.

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There was some one-off expenditure in 2023 to consider, which included £1,800 on legal expenses in relation to TSNI's application to become an individual member country of the World Transplant Games Federation.

TSNI paid bills for two sets of independent examinations this year totalling £2,960

In terms of fundraising, TSNI wish to extend thanks to many members of the charity who completed various events raising over £9,000 last year.

Some notable amounts from events include:

- £2,000 from Kaffe O at the Belfast Irish Milers meet
- £500 from NEURA (Arlene Campbell)
- £1,300 from Jonny Gray/Sabrina Adams; Hilden Bowling Club
- £1,910 from Diaceutics; Richie Sheerin
- £766 from the TSNI Quiz at Shandon Park Golf Club
- £1,000 from Altnagelvin Renal Support Group
- £300 from Alistair Magowan; Rugby ball raffle

Just Giving continues to be a great bolster to the accounts by adding 25p for every £1 Gift Aided. TSNI would strongly urge all members to use this method of fundraising to help gain extra money for the charity.

As always, TSNI are extremely grateful to the Belfast Trust's Medical Specialities Charitable Trust for supporting athletes through the award of significant Grants. TSNI thank every member that has financially contributed to the Charity and urge them to continue to think of various ways to promote TSNI whilst raising vital funds to keep supporting members.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Orla Smyth (Oct 31, 2024 15:18 GMT)

Ms O Smyth - Trustee

Date: **10/31/2024**