

## Trustee Annual Report

Charity Name: Dromara & District Community Art Group

Charity no: 104729

This report relates to financial year: 2023/2024

The principal address of the charity is

Lagan Park Centre  
28a Hillsborough Road  
Dromara  
BT25 2BL

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved

Margaret Ellis

Mary McConnell

Lisa Poots

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year

Ruth Gamble

The Charity was formed in 26.06.2013 . The Charity is governed by a Constitution.

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The Charitable purposes of charity are:

The purpose of the Dromara and District Community Art Group is to increase access to and practice of all forms of the visual arts in Dromara Village and the surrounding rural area. The benefit flowing from this purpose is to promote learning and practice of the visual arts for the community in these areas for which there is no suitable easily accessible public sector art classes. Interest and practice in all forms of visual arts can promote increased self esteem and confidence through the creation of a work of art. These benefits can be evidenced through the exhibition of member's work at the Group's Exhibitions held during the year for family, friends and the general public to view. The use of a Facebook page displays members work on a regular basis therefore further increasing interest and awareness leading to greater self esteem which aids a healthy lifestyle. Professional Artists are engaged to instruct in various mediums and techniques therefore increasing knowledge and encouraging members to look at art from different angles. Social interaction between the members over a wide age range is very important for a healthy lifestyle and having a mutual interest enhances this.

To further these purposes for the public benefit, we carried out the following activities:

The provision of morning and evening art groups facilitated by a professional artist over a period of thirty weeks between September 2023 and May 2024.

The main achievements of the Dromara & District Community Art Group in the year were:

Development and encouragement of new and existing arts based skills through the provision of tuition.

Exhibitions of members' work open to the public at the Island Arts Centre in Lisburn and in Lisburn Library during the year.

Exhibition of members' work through social media

Participation in a Rural Engagement Arts Programme with Belfast Print Workshop

Social contact and alleviation of isolation in a rural area

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance, and have had regard to this when running the charity.

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial year 2023 to 2024 the Charity had an income of £3338.00 and an expenditure of £3671.00

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.

Signature

Print Name

Margaret Ellis

Date 30.03.2025

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