

CHOICE CHARITY FUND RAISING GROUP

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The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017

Reference and Administration Information

Charity Name: Choice Charity Fund Raising Group

Charity Registration Number: NIC104900

Charity's Principal Address: 5 Orby Grove
Belfast
BT5 6AL

Main Committee Members: Marie Henderson
Ken Ferguson
Elizabeth Mitrovic
Noel Irwin
Meta Cullen

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Our Objectives and Activities

Purposes and Aims

The Association is established to support by means of financial assistance any charitable project for the relief of sickness and/or disability, the protection and preservation of health, the relief of poverty or the advancement of education in Northern Ireland.

In furtherance of the above objectives, but not further or otherwise, the Association may:

- a) Provide, maintain and equip or assist in the provision, maintenance of and the equipment of such premises and facilities designed, adopted or adapted to carry out the objectives of the Association;
- b) Organise or assist in the organisation of such fundraising events and projects as the Committee may approve;
- c) Obtain, collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method and disperse grants or loans in furtherance of the above objectives provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities;
- d) Purchase, take on lease, or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the above objectives and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections which the Association may think necessary for the promotion of its objectives;
- e) Make regulations in respect of any property which may be acquired;
- f) Subject to any consents, as may be required by law, receive money on deposit or loan and borrow or raise money in such a matter as the Association shall think fit and to charge all or any part of the property of the Association with repayment of money so borrowed;
- g) Subject to any consents as may be required by law, sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Association with a view to the furtherance of its objectives;
- h) Invest the moneys of the Association not immediately required for the furtherance of the said objectives in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions, if any, as may for the time being be imposed or required by law;
- i) Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objectives of the Association;

- j) Employ and pay any person or persons, not being a member of Committee to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Association and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees;
- k) Promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above objectives and to that end to work in association with central government, local authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above objectives in the area of benefit;
- l) Do all such other lawful things as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objectives.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

Our aims objectives and activities are reviewed, monitored and assessed through our ongoing programme of regular committee meetings. The Committee ensures adherence to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in assessing compliance with stated aims and objectives and in programming future activities.

How our charity activities deliver public benefit

Choice Charity Fund Raising Group holds events mainly in order to raise sufficient funds to purchase a specific item requested by a beneficiary. These fundraising events include sponsored activities such as abseiling, bowling, cart racing, cycling, marathon running etc. Other events include but are not restricted to pub quizzes, car boot sales and country fayres.

Without the need to advertise the Association operates through 'word of mouth' and welcomes requests from individuals who/ organisations which are in need of an item to facilitate the quality of their day to day life or that of their dependants.

In return the Association requests that the beneficiary become involved in the fundraising activities arranged to provide for them and if possible to continue their support for the Association after the item has been presented. This is not a requirement for the award.

In addition to this support the events are open to anyone who would like to participate and provide an enjoyable and safe social experience for people of all ages.

Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding during this year has been fundraising, donations and sponsorship from participants in the organised events. We rely on the local community and in particular the recipients and their wider family and social circle.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount of reserves with each project most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term and there are few funds for long term investment. Each activity's proceeds are banked until the required amount is accumulated and then the item is purchased and presented.

Plans for the future

The charity plans to continue with the running of the existing range of activities, set out above, in forthcoming years in order to provide equipment as required.

Governing Document

Choice Charity Fund Raising Group is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

Noel Irwin