

# **Trustees Annual Report for Donagh Wee Folk Playschool for the year ended** **31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Donagh Wee Folk Playschool is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out as listed below.

### Trustees/Directors

The trustees who served during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 are as follows:

Mrs Pauline O'Reilly  
Ms Maggie Reilly  
Mr. Martin O'Reilly  
Ms Jolene McCaffrey  
Ms Nathalie West

At the AGM the trustees above resigned and the trustees as below were elected on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Mrs Michelle Connolly  
Mrs Anne O'Harte  
Mrs Ann Maguire  
Mrs Emma Faux  
Mrs Caroline Grue

Donagh Wee Folk Playschool is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016, under reference number NIC 105175.

### Public Address

C/o Mrs Julieanne McElroy, 105 Royal Oak Road, Donagh, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh, BT92 5BP

## **Objectives and Activities**

### Objectives

The playschool is established to promote play based learning environments for all children under statutory school age, (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) of Donagh and its surrounding environs in County Fermanagh (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular:

- a) to advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the rights of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in

- the activities of the playschool; and to promote the preservation of health of the beneficiaries; and
- b) To support the values and principles of Early Years.

### Activities

Donagh Wee Folk playschool was set up in 1997 by members of the local community, in response to requests from parents for the provision of locally based pre-school education. The group is run by a voluntary committee, and is based in Donagh Wee Folk Playschool building which is rented from Donagh Development Association. Donagh Wee Folk Playschool works closely with advisors from organisations such as Early Years, the Education Authority, Health Trust to enable each child to progress and learn through play to the best of their ability. Donagh Wee Folk Playschool is registered with WHSCT social services department and is also part of the WELB pre-school education expansion programme. Donagh Wee Folk Playschool follow the DENI guidelines and offer children opportunities to learn through play using the six areas of learning: Language, Early Maths, Art, The World Around Us, Music, Personal, Social, Emotional and Physical Development.

Donagh Wee Folk playschool trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities to ensure that these achieve the association's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

### **Financial Review**

#### Review of the business

Donagh Wee Folk Playschool is a non-profit making organisation with a net deficit in the year of €5,855. The largest expense for the organisation continues to be that of staff wages. During the year a new outdoor covered area was added as the Covid 19 pandemic was still in place.

The trustees continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner investing in staff training and new equipment for the school.

#### Reserves Policy

Donagh Wee Folk have a Reserves Policy, which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisations known liabilities will be paid should the organisation cease to trade.

#### Future Plans

Donagh Wee Folk Playschool plan to continue to focus on staff training, controlling costs, while maintaining the high standards of service to our beneficiaries.

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all appropriate regulations. They are also responsible for safe

guarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing the independent examiner's report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware, and
- The trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information

On behalf of the trustees

Anne O'Harte

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Trustee

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023