

Trustees Annual Report for Donagh Wee Folk Playschool for the year ended **31st August 2023**

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 31st August 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Donagh Wee Folk Playschool is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 22nd November 2022. The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are as listed below.

Trustees/Directors

The trustees who served during the financial year ended 31st August 2023 are as follows:

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

At the AGM held on the 5th October 2023 the trustees above resigned and were re-elected. Ms Nathalie Lynch was also elected as vice – chairperson at this AGM.

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

Public Address

C/o Patricia Bradshaw, 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 for the year of €3,466. The largest expense for the organisation continues to be that of staff wages.

During the year we organised various fundraising activities such as a cakes sale, a sponsored cycle, a raffle and a street collection. We also applied for various grants to ensure the school could provide and pay for better resources to meet the needs of all the children.

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 31st August 2023

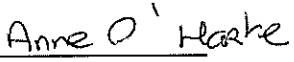
The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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
Trustee

Date: 19th June 2024