

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was incorporated on 21 October 1996 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 3 May 2016.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Whiterock Childrens Centre Ltd (also known as Whiterock Creche Association)

Registered Company number

NI031453

Registered Charity number

NIC105179

Registered office

91 Whiterock Road
Belfast
County Antrim
BT12 7PG

CHAIRPERSON

Katheen Laverty

TRUSTEES

Anette Conlon
Kevin Morrison
Kathleen Laverty

DIRECTORS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Chairperson's Report

The past year has been busy for Whiterock Children's Centre. The increased cost of living crisis, the ongoing wave of mental ill health hitting working class communities in our post covid world, and the absence of a sitting Assembly in Stormont has meant increased demand and reduced resources. And I am so proud of the team in Whiterock who have, regardless of this, delivered new funding streams, secured long term investments, and increased the programme of work to meet the needs of our children, young people and families.

We continue to strive forward with the ultimate objective of a new purpose-built modern building. With the support of the local community, staff, volunteers, our users, and the weight of our political representatives behind us, we remain hopeful that the immediate future will see some positive developments. The local area deserves to see a dynamic change in scenery, with much needed housing and family support services remaining on their doorstep.

I want to thank our funders for their continued support, and who have been more than accommodating during these challenging times. Their flexibility has made it possible for us to adapt to the needs of our staff and families.

I want to thank everyone who has enabled us to be at the pinnacle of family support and childcare in the Greater Belfast area. This team are very much engrained within the local community and display utmost professionalism and dedication to their work. I would like to give special praise to our Centre Director Deirdre Walsh, who with her drive and passion has brought us to new and exciting pastures.

I must also thank my fellow trustees. It has been a privilege to undertake the position as Chair, but credit must be given to the others whose sound advice, credible research and ongoing commitment make it possible for us to serve such an impressive staff team.

I look forward to seeing what the next year brings for us all. There will be challenging times ahead, but I personally believe, we have the right people on board to get us there.

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Structure, Governance and Trustees

Whiterock Childrens Centre Ltd which is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in Northern Ireland, registration number NI31453, with the objective of undertaking charitable activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northern Ireland.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

The results for the year ended 31 March 2023 are set out on pages 7 and 8 of the financial statements.

The total income for the year ended 31 March 2023 amounted to £443,578 (2022: £437,219).

The total expenditure was £448,137 (2022: £431,363)

The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity is sufficient and adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £95,870 in reserves at the year end (2022: £100,913).

Reserves Policy

The income of the Company is considered adequate and the risks associated with any significant reduction in income is regarded as unlikely. The Trustees are satisfied with the current level of reserves at the present time. The Trustees are reviewing the Reserves Policy in the current year.

WHITEROCK CHILDRENS CENTRE LTD
(Private company limited by guarantee without share capital)
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Whiterock Childrens Centre Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2016. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 19/9/23 and signed on behalf by:



Katheen Laverty
Director