

# The Drummond Centre Project Ltd

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## Chairperson's Report

**April 2023-March 2024**

It is with great pleasure that I present our Annual Report for the year ending March 2024. This has been an incredibly busy and productive year for our youth club, thanks to the dedicated volunteers, committee members, and the youth club members themselves, who have coordinated a wide variety of activities within our rural Youth Centre.

### **Junior Youth Club**

Our Junior Youth Club continues to thrive, meeting every Monday evening from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We are proud to have 29 youth club members who regularly attend. The range of activities offered includes arts & crafts, football, cookery, a 12-week youth project in collaboration with Youth Action NI, and indoor games. These activities offer our younger members both fun and educational experiences, allowing them to grow and develop in a supportive environment.

### **Senior Youth Club**

The Senior Youth Club meets every Monday evening from 7:45 pm to 9:00 pm. We have 23 senior members who attend regularly. Activities include football, games, and cookery. Additionally, our senior members are provided access to digital support, such as computers, to assist them with their homework, both during and after youth club hours. This service has proven to be a valuable resource for the young people in our community.

### **Summer Programme 2023**

In Summer 2023, we had the privilege of collaborating with Dennett Interchange to host a week-long programme of activities for primary school children. A total of 51 children participated in the scheme, enjoying a range of activities such as football, cricket, arts & crafts, games, cookery, and a memorable outing to Rosepark Fun Farm. Despite facing challenges in securing funding this year, we successfully fundraised the necessary funds to deliver our annual summer scheme.

### **Funding and Support**

Throughout the year, we have worked hard to secure a variety of funding streams, which have been invaluable in supporting our work and ensuring the continued success of our small, rural charity. The funds received have enabled us to enhance our services and provide much-needed resources for our members. The funding we received during the year includes:

- **April 2023** – Orsted Community Fund: £5,000 towards a safety sporting net for our outdoor space.
- **June 2023** – NIHE Cohesion Unit: £2,150 for a family fun day.
- **July 2023** – SSE Renewable Community Fund: £1,000 towards a smart screen.
- **September 2023** – Halifax Foundation: £3,260 for centre running costs.
- **October 2023** – Good Relations DCSDC: £200 towards the Sperrin Youth Project.

**Total Funding Secured: £11,610.00**

**Gratitude and Acknowledgements**

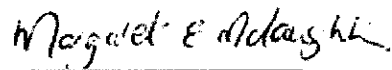
This work would not be possible without the unwavering support and generous contributions from our volunteers and committee members. Their dedication, time, and skills are at the heart of everything we do. The impact of their efforts is truly invaluable, as it ensures that the children and young people in our rural community have a safe and welcoming space to come together, reduce isolation, and foster stronger relationships within the village and surrounding areas.

**Conclusion**

In closing, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all who have supported our Youth Centre throughout the year. Your time, dedication, and resources make all the difference, and together, we continue to provide a vital service to our community. We look forward to another year of growth, connection, and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



**Margaret McLaughlin**

Chairperson