

Structure and Governance

Crow's Nest is a Company limited by guarantee; the board of directors are made up of current parents, past parents and members of the local community. Directors are elected at AGM. The Office Bearers are also elected at AGM and are rotated so as committee skills are developed through time, and a strong knowledge base is developed to ensure continuity.

The Committee meets regularly and minutes and attendance are kept for these meetings.

Achievements and results for the year

Funds raised by fees, fundraising initiatives and donations are used to purchase play equipment, play resources and to fund educational trips and experiences for all children in attendance, in the furtherance of an enhanced learning environment and experience in a rural location. In addition, Playgroup received a very good report from Social Services and our Independent Learning Advisor. Our most recent inspection had outstanding in all three areas examined, by ETI. The areas were: Outcomes for Learners, Quality of Provision for Learning and Leadership and Management.

Reserves policy

Money held in an investment account, the purpose and objectives are to increase capacity in the rural environment to meet the need, and to retain and accumulate finances for the completion of our new build.

Risk review

The Trustees continue to assess the risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operation and finances of the playgroup, including the challenges of obtaining funding.

The trustees are satisfied that the correct systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

As an audit is not required under the requirements of The Charities Act (NI) 2008 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, an independent examination of the accounts is attached.

The Trustees annual report was approved on 18th October 2022



David Condell Chairperson

Trustee Report for The Crow's Nest Community Playgroup Ltd. For the year ending

30th June 2022

Registered Charity Name and Details:

The Crow's Nest Community Playgroup

127 Curragh Road

Aghadowey

Coleraine

BT51 4BS

Charity Number NI 03 7787

Company Number NIC 105 852

The Trustees for the period were:

Olive Collins, David Condell, Jacqueline Barr, Gillian Pollock.

Objectives and Activities

To promote play based learning environments for all children under the statutory school age in the Aghadowey and its' surrounding environs in County Londonderry, without distinction of age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating with the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and in particular:

- To advance the education of the beneficiaries by the provision of safe and satisfying group play, with the right of parents/carers to take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the group to promote the preservation of the health of the beneficiaries.
- To support the vision and values of Early Years Curriculum as directed by Dept. of Education for NI and the Inspectorate.
- To conform with Social Services regulations required for Preschool settings.
- To advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.