

FAMILIES ACTING FOR INNOCENT RELATIVES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and SORP (FRS 102).

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the company during the year and were directors at the date of approval of the Annual Report were as follows:

Mr Robert Phoenix	Chairman
Mrs May Quinn	
Mrs Mary Graham	
Mrs Pamela Phoenix	
Mrs Liza Elliott	
Mr Leslie Lavery	
Mr Trevor McCloskey	
Mrs Benita Morrison	
Mr Darren Yaxley	(resigned 16 September 2023)
Mrs Ruth Greer	(died 12 August 2024)

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees of Families Acting For Innocent Relatives confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance on Public Benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the year the charity continued to provide the Public Benefits through programmes and services we offer. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Public Benefit:

The direct benefits flowing from our purposes are reducing isolation, reducing hardship and financial difficulties, relieving distress, improving physical and mental well being thus improving the quality of life for the beneficiaries. The benefits can be identified by the numbers of people availing of the services and whose lives are positively impacted. This is achieved through surveys, monitoring and evaluation. There is no harm. The beneficiaries are those resident in South Armagh and surrounding areas who are suffering hardship, sickness or distress as a result of the conflicts in Northern Ireland. All private benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Families Acting For Innocent Relatives registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 18th December 2018.

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Recruitment, appointment, induction and training

The present trustees have been involved in the charity for a number of years and so are familiar with its work. The trustees regularly review the requirements of the charity and the possibility of a need for additional trustees. Any new trustees would be appointed by resolution of a meeting of all the trustees passed by a majority of those present. Appropriate training and induction is available to all trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate an exposure to major risks. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors. These procedures are periodically reviewed at least annually to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisation Structures

The trustees oversee the running of the organisation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives and principal activities of the charity are to bring relief to individuals in South Armagh who are suffering hardship, sickness or distress as a result of the conflicts in Northern Ireland, to advance the education of the public in South Armagh and elsewhere on the effects of the conflict and especially on the effects of the conflict on children and to provide support and counselling services in South Armagh for victims of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the charity's work.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Total income for the year amounted to £151,120 (2022 - £117,171). Income derived from donations and legacies amounted to £9,051 (2022 - £6,295), income from activities generating funds amounted to £10,745 (2022: £6,165), income from charitable activities amounted to £131,135 (2022 - £104,669), income from investments amounted to £89 (2022 - £42)

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £148,231 (2022 - £132,264). The cost of generating voluntary income amounted to £1,663 (2022: £55), the cost of charitable activities amounted to £119,612 (2022 - £106,181), governance costs amounted to ££4,443 (2022: £4,355) and other resources expended amounted to £22,513 (2022: £21,673).

The net income for the year amounted to £2,889 (2022 – net expenditure of £15,093).

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (*continued*)

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves which matches the needs of the trust, both at the current time and the foreseeable future. This provides sufficient funds to cover running costs which include management, administration and support costs. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves not designed nor invested in fixed assets which are available for general use.

Funding

The principal funding is from grant funding.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Families Acting For Innocent Relatives plan to continue offering support to those impacted by the conflict in Northern Ireland by way of organised trips, befriending, counselling, educational training. These services depend on ongoing funding being available and are subject to relevant grants being forthcoming.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The trustees 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.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES *(continued)*

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

GMcG Portadown Chartered Accountants has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Trustee