

Charity registration number NIC107222

**Voices Women's Group**

**Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

## Voices Women's Group

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Voices Women's Group**

I am reporting on the accounts of the Voices Women's Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of examiner's statement**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Voices Women's Group  
(continued)**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Stephen McCullough**

**SWM Accountancy Services Ltd**

**Certified Public Accountant**

**9 Upper Crescent, Belfast, BT7 1NT**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

## Trustee Annual Report

**Charity Name: Voices Women's Group**

**Charity No. NIC107222**

This report relates to the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The principal address of the charity is 2 Norglen Gardens, Belfast BT11 8EL.

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved:

Anne Doherty

Ann Molloy

Margaret Williams

Josephine McCloskey

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year:

Anne Doherty

Ann Molloy

Brenda Shirton

Margaret Williams

Monica Lewis

Kathleen McLean

The Charity was formed on 1 July 2019. The Charity is governed by a constitution.

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

### **Purposes**

The charitable purposes of the charity are to promote social inclusion among women and their families who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society (hereinafter called 'the beneficiaries') in the West Belfast area and its environs (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') by the provision of education, advice, training, recreation facilities and leisure time interests, general support and by any other means as the trustees shall consider appropriate to improve the conditions of the lives of the beneficiaries.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); poor educational attainment; relationship or family breakdown; or due to their social and economic circumstances.

### **Charitable Activities/Achievements**

Our Core funding through the Department for Communities' CED programme supports us in achieving the above purposes and to fundraise for charitable activities.

## Voices Women's Group

In 2022/23 Voices Women's Group ran a programme of activities to advance education, improve health and wellbeing, build skills and confidence and promote the active role of women in community development:

- Weekly drop-in sessions giving local women the opportunity to meet in a safe and supportive space.
- A Mindfulness programme funded by Solace's Empowering Women Fund promoting good mental health and wellbeing.
- A Health and Wellbeing programme funded by the Community Development and Health Network's Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership programme to promote relationships between local pharmacist and group members through workshops exploring topics relevant to group members.
- A Good Relations programme funded by The Executive Office's Central Good Relations Fund building respect between our communities.
- A Good Relations programme funded by the Department for Foreign Affairs & Trade's Reconciliation Fund, also building respect between our communities.
- A Yoga Therapy programme funded by the National Lottery's Community Fund.

### Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

### Financial Review

In the financial year 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, the charity had income of £54,287 and expenditure of £53,433.

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.



**Chairperson – Margaret Williams**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

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**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Department of Foreign Affairs & Reconciliation Fund	-	(1,252)	-	(1,252)	6,353
DFC	-	34,576	-	34,576	30,475
CDHN/BCPP	6,900	2,700	-	9,600	2,400
Lottery/Awards for All	633	5,697	-	6,330	6,061
Empowering Women	-	1,109	-	1,109	2,059
Ecclesiastical	-	74	-	74	-
Wesleyan Fund	-	-	-	-	2,728
CFNI	-	-	-	-	(1,459)
TEO/CGRF	-	2,640	-	2,640	7,364
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>					
Fundraising	810	400	-	1,210	750
	<b>8,343</b>	<b>45,944</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,287</b>	<b>56,731</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Management and Admin	1,165	33,471	-	34,636	32,839
Charitable Expenditure	-	18,797	-	18,797	23,055
<b>Assets and investment purchase</b>					
Purchase of Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>52,268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,433</b>	<b>55,894</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,178</b>	<b>(6,324)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>837</b>
Transfer to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>7,178</b>	<b>(6,324)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>837</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31.3.2023</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.22	27,613	8,088	-	35,701	34,864
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	7,178	(6,324)	-	854	837
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.23	34,791	1,764	-	36,555	35,701

## Voices Women's Group

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.22	27,613	8,088	-	35,701	34,864
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<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.3.23</b>	<b>34,791</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,555</b>	<b>35,701</b>

#### Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	36,555	35,701
	36,555	35,701

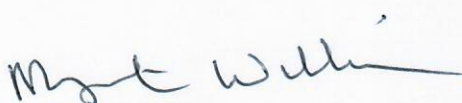
#### Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)

Laptop (estimated value)	194	242
	194	242

#### Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

Accountancy	888	888
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Approved by the trustees on 23 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Margaret Williams