

Charity registration number NIC107222

Voices Women's Group

Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

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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 2024.

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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(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

16th January 2025

Trustee Annual Report

Charity Name: Voices Women's Group

Charity No. NIC107222

This report relates to the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

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

Geraldine McEvoy

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year:

Anne Doherty

Ann Molloy

Margaret Williams

Josephine McCloskey

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.

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In 2023/24 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 thirty-week programme of advice sessions, healthy eating cookery demonstrations and armchair aerobics, funded by the ARN Foundation.
- An Art-based programme funded by the Telecommunity Fund.
- 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 "Better Sleeping" programme funded by the CLEAR Project
- A Yoga Therapy course funded by the National Lottery's Community Fund.
- A "Managing Stress and Anxiety" programme funded by Halifax Community Grant.
- We launched a programme involving committee skills training and the development of a strategic plan funded by Dormant Accounts.

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 2023 to 31 March 2024, the charity had income of £60,937 and expenditure of £54,196.

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



Treasurer – Anne Doherty

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Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Department of Foreign Affairs & Reconciliation Fund	-	-	-	-	(1,252)
DFC	-	30,933	-	30,933	34,576
CDHN/BCPP	2,400	-	-	2,400	9,600
Lottery/Awards for All	-	-	-	-	6,330
Empowering Women	-	-	-	-	1,109
ARN Foundation	602	6,020	-	6,622	-
Clear Small Grants	-	2,152	-	2,152	-
National Lottery	-	4,320	-	4,320	-
Community Fund – Dormant Accounts Fund NI					
Ecclesiastical	-	-	-	-	74
Halifax Community Fund	-	3,840	-	3,840	-
CFNI	180	1,800	-	1,980	-
TEO/CGRF	-	7,483	-	7,483	2,640
From Charitable Activities					
Fundraising	1,207	-	-	1,207	1,210
	4,389	56,548	-	60,937	54,287
Payments					
Management and Admin	691	30,641	-	31,332	34,636
Charitable Expenditure	-	22,864	-	22,864	18,797
Assets and investment purchase					
Purchase of Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	691	53,505	-	54,196	53,433
Net receipts/(payments)	3,698	3,043	-	6,741	854
Transfer to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,698	3,043	-	6,741	854

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Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Reconciliation 31.3.2024

Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.23	34,791	1,764	-	36,555	35,701
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	3,698	3,043	-	6,775	854
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Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.24	38,489	4,807	-	43,296	36,555
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.3.23	34,791	1,764	-	36,555	35,701
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	3,698	3,043	-	6,775	854
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Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	43,296	36,555
	<u>43,296</u>	<u>36,555</u>

Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)

Laptop (estimated value)	155	194
	<u>155</u>	<u>194</u>

Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)

Accountancy	888	888
	<u>888</u>	<u>888</u>

Approved by the trustees on 16 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Anne Doherty