

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group for the year ended 10/09/2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 10/09/2023

Structure, Governance and Management Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 10/09/2019

The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out are listed below.

Trustees I Directors

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Lead Trustees:

Chairperson: Ashley Beacom

Vice-Chairperson: Catherine Dunn

Secretary: Mary Mc Ginn

Treasurer: Susan Doyle

Vice-Treasurer: Therese Gorey-Lynam

Other Trustees:

Chris Allan

Catriona Allan

Bernie Tinneney

Anne Haughey

Anne Mc Alistor

Ruth Ritchy

Paula Monaghan Kee

Deirdre Farry

Ruth Milligan

Deborah Mc Guinness

Elaine Hetherington

Maureen Prunty

Anthony Devine

Margaret Corrigan

Sinead Cassidy

Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 26/05/2020 under reference number NIC107488

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Objectives and Activities

Objectives

Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group trustees have considered Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities to ensure that these achieve the association's purposes and provide a benefit to beneficiaries.

Key Activities in this Year

- January 2023-Belfast Pantomime and meal was attended by Trustees, those they care for and family members.
 - Met World Down Syndrome Day at the Share Centre Village, climbing, printing t-shirts, bouncy castle, food.
 - Trustee and those they care for meet monthly within their own age groups e.g. Early Days (sensory room), Primary Days (horse riding), Secondary Days (pizza in town or bowling) and Adult Days (cinema in town or bowling)
 - Summer bursary given to carers for those they care for to cover summer activities and a one off winter fuel fund, due to the high fuel and cost of living.
 - Carers fund- spent on meal out at the Tap House.
 - Christmas Hamper fundraiser-Dec 22
 - Country Charity Dance- Jan 23
 - Annual Charity Cycle around the Lough raised awareness-April 23.
 - Cake Sale to raise funds -May 23.
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- Trustees and their family members, met for Summer BBQ at Fun Farm bouncy castle for kids was there too.

Financial Review

Review of Business

Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group is non-profit making with net income and resources in this year of £14,859.57. The trustees continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner.

Reserves policy

Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group have a Reserves Policy, which requires that reserves are built or maintained at a level which ensures that the organisations core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that the organisations known liabilities will be paid should the organisation cease to trade.

Future Plans

Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group plan to continue to focus on controlling costs, while maintaining the high standards of service to our beneficiaries.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES for the year ended 10/09/2023

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all appropriate regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing the independent examiners report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

On behalf of the Trustees



Trustee: Susan Doyle (Treasurer)

Date: 10/09/2023