

Seagoe Youth Group

Trustees' report For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objects of Seagoe Youth Group is to promote citizenship and the all-round education of its members through the spiritual, social, moral and physical development of young people from the greater Portadown area and any other area specified by the Education Authority.

The purpose is to equip young people up to age of 25 with a set of core values, skills and dispositions that will enable them to:

- feel valued as individuals and as contributing members of social groups in respectful, safe and purposeful environments;
- have an understanding and respect for difference in terms of gender, sexuality, ethnicity and religion, and be advocates of tolerance, respect and mutual understanding;
- see their place as valued members of the greater Portadown community, and be responsive to societal issues such as conservation, safe environments, abuse and addiction; and
- enhance their personal leadership qualities to take up roles of responsibility within the charity or in any other setting.

To the above ends, the charity was established to disseminate, through a team of paid and voluntary youth workers, good practice and positive role modelling appropriate to the needs and interests of young people, and to engage with them in a range of specific programmes and individual and group interactions within the setting of Seagoe Youth Group and beyond, including residential experiences.

Activities are delivered through open access youth clubs six nights a week. Drop-in sessions are targeted at three different age groups 8-11, 12-14 and 14+ years. Targeted programmes have been designed and delivered by the youth work team in the THINK model aimed at delivering on six youth work outcomes:

- improved relationships with others;
- enhanced personal capabilities;
- development of thinking, life and work skills;
- improved health and well being;
- active citizenship; and
- increased participation.

After school homework support is available each Monday for primary school age children.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Achievements and performance

During the year 2023 to 31 March 2024 the charity received funding from the Education Authority (EA), Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and other donations.

Membership for the 2023/24 year was 436 young people, 8-13 118, 14+ 318.

During this funding year the organisation ran alongside drop in provision a total of 18 targeted programmes under the following themes

- Learning and achieving
- Living in safety and stability (CSE education invisible traffic)
- Participation (ambassadors leadership programme)
- Environment and climate change
- Health and wellbeing
- Participative structure
- Inclusion diversity equality of opportunity and good relations

These targeted pieces were delivered to a total of 294 participants over the funding year.

As an approved Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre, those aged 14-25 years, can improve skills and increase life chances and employability through the biggest youth award scheme in the UK. In 2023/24 34 active participants aiming for accreditation at Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Education Authority Local Area Based Funding Specification for April 2021 - March 2023 outlines a programme of targeted youth work to be delivered at Seagoe Youth Group. We have taken the six areas of action and designed our own youth work delivery model to unify the themes of targeted work set out in the EA Local Area-Based Funding Specification. Seagoe Youth Group has developed the 'THINK' Programme to unify the variety of youth work delivery outlined in the EA Specification. Members in each age range gained the 'THINK' Programme certification for participation in group work.

Quarterly moderation reports by the EA have recognized our work as outstanding and Good in many areas including outcomes for learners, quality of provision and leadership and management.

"The organisation has designed a model of delivery well matched to the needs of the young people, which they assess regularly and comprehensively. Their 'THINK' programme also correlates closely to the entire Funding Opportunity for the area and is reflective of the moderation theme and focus. THINK- Is it true? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind? encourages critical thinking and independence in the young people and the model themes eg. Think Inclusion, Think NI etc are reflected in the programmes delivered and in the ethos of the provision. Young people are heavily involved in co-design with the ambassador's programme and regular contributions via surveys and focus groups. Programmes are differentiated to meet the broad needs of the young people. Different methods of outreach and detached are utilised throughout the year and 'new' young people are quick to participate in provision. The scope of the curriculum is broad and varied and CRED is evident at many levels-new posters, designed internally, link the young people to CRED and inclusion themes, diversity of membership is celebrated and encouraged-LGBTQ young people, BME young people and those from a range of religious backgrounds and with a range of abilities all participating on the night of the moderation." Mary McGrath EA

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Financial review

The charity's financial results are set out in detail on pages 5-12. There is an overall surplus of funds for the year of £5,960. Accumulated funds consist of unrestricted funds of £74,289 and restricted funds of £889.

Organisation

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the trustees.

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This report was approved by the board of trustees.



Rev T Cadden
Chairperson

Date 3-2-2025