

DENMARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Financial statements
for the 12 months ended 31 March 2023

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Bankers	ULSTER BANK, SHANKILL ROAD BELFAST

The Committee Members' report and the financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 March 2023. The Committee Members who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Structure, governance and management

Objectives and activities

Our aim is:

To develop and work with young people in the greater Shankill and beyond to ensure the children have an opportunity to work with individuals and groups on a cross community basis.

Achievements and performance

Denmark Street Community Centre Annual Review

Review of Activities (2022/23)



Overview of the organisation

Located in the Lower Shankill area of Belfast, Denmark Street Community Centre has been operating as a voluntary community facility for nearly 40 years.

Denmark Street Community Centre is supporting the council to achieve its objectives in terms of providing a voice for local concerns, encouraging people to become more active in their communities and meeting local needs as well as providing local services for children & young people, adults and senior citizens.

Programmes

Young people regularly attend the centre on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday night's 6:30 till 8:00 for ages 5-18 years old.

Activities include discos, games night eg: Dodgeball, pool tables. Tennis table, air hockey, table top games, computers and cooking classes with kids eg: cooking buns, soda pizzas. Chicken nuggets and chips and making pancakes with chocolate.

There is a group called The Shankill table tennis club which use the Centre on a Tuesday and Thursday night 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Activity Report

April - June 2022



The children did 4 workshop sessions with the Beat about spring. They took part in making a banner with flowers on it and also made headbands which the children really enjoyed. Once the workshop had been completed they took part in a spring/easter parade with the lower Old Park Community Group which started in the Old Park and made its way down to Denmark Street Community Centre. There was entertainment put on outside the centre eg puppet show, music, karaoke, face painting and African drumming. At the end of it all each child that took part received an easter egg.

The leaders did some cooking classes with the children where they made pizza sodas, chicken nuggets and chips. For Easter they made bird nest buns, cornflake buns which they took home for their parents. The children really enjoyed the cooking classes. They also made Easter cards and some art stuff which they also took home with them.

July - September 2022



In July and August we ran a 4 weeks summer scheme with 25-30 children taking part each day from 1pm - 3:30pm, then again from 6pm- 8pm Monday – Thursday. Friday was held for staff meetings on preparing the next weeks activities. The children took part in different activities eg: table top games, arts and crafts, sports activities outside such as football and a mini sports day which gave the children plenty of exercise. Some cooking classes, trips away for eg: Hollywood Park and beach, Belfast Zoo, Happy Town, Bowling, Stormont Park and Jordanstown park. The children walked to the top of Black Mountain where we stopped for a packed lunch.

At the end of the 4 weeks we did a weekend away to Drumshanbo Co. Leitrim from 26th -29th. The children took part in a team building exercise with 20 children from the local primary school. The children worked well together. On Saturday morning the leaders took both groups of children out on the boats and some went swimming on the lake; the children had a lovely time. In the afternoon we started a kite workshop where each child designed and made their very own kites. When finished making they experienced flying them outside. Some children experienced fishing for the first time also. We put the bouncy castle up and had a disco which the children really enjoyed.



On Sunday the children took a walk through the Shannon walkway (woodlands) from Drumshanbo to Carrick on Shannon where they went shopping. After lunch the children did some arts and crafts activities.

We opened up the trampoline out the back and let the children take turns while the rest did arts with other leaders in the big room in the centre. Other nights we did arts and crafts Eg: we did a plaster paris workshop were the children made plaster plaques with their hand print in them for their parents as memories keepsakes and once the plaster had dried the children painted them.

October - December 2022



The Newlodge Arts came into the centre and did 4 sessions with the children for the Halloween parade in Alexander Park Avenue. The children made gnomes and magic mirrors from snow white and the seven dwarfs which were laid out around the park on the night of the parade. The parade left the Crumlin Road jail, up Clifton Park Avenue along the Cavehill Road up the Antrim Road and into the Park where there was lots of light shows, arts activities, a puppet show, around a campfire were the children got the chance to melt marshmallows over the fire with help from the organisers. There was also a Little Mix tribute act on the stage which all the children loved and to finish off the night there was a big firework display. It was another amazing event by the Newlodge arts.

The children did a sponsored sleepover where they raised money to get resources for the new play garden when it is finished so that they could grow fruit and veg in the new flower bed once it's opened. The community Police along the Lower Shankill Community Association and Community Restorative Justice brought in pizzas, chips, chicken nuggets, juice and crisps for the children. The police spoke to children about safety issues online and stranger danger and handed out pens pencils rulers and stickers along with magnets. The children all look forward to having another sleepover in the centre some time soon.



We were allocated money from the Belfast City Council Micro Grant to do some trips. The first trip took place at Glengormley bowling alley. We started to do some Christmas arts and crafts. We made 3D present boxes and filled them with sweets for the children to take home as well and some decorations that they hung from the christmas tree in the centre. Thanks to our partner group Lower Shankill community

we were able to visit the Crumlin Road jail where the children were able to meet Santa and received a selection box and photo.

We were taken into Cuffs restaurant where they were all greeted with a lovely meal and the children all enjoyed the experience. The children then attended the centre for a Christmas disco which went quite well and was enjoyed. We attended the Waterfront Hall for their annual Christmas panto where they watched Aladdin the musical. They each received a party box while watching the panto. The next day the children attended the centre where we had a Christmas party before the centre closed for the Christmas holidays.

January - March 2023

Coming back in the New Year we got all the children and leaders together and asked had anybody got any new ideas of what they would like to do in the centre for the coming weeks and months ahead. The children came up with some good ideas eg: cooking classes, hair and beauty classes, getting a dance teacher in to learn different dances like hip hop, scottish dancing, disco dancing. The boys asked if they could have someone come in for football and boxing. There was a cooking class where the children made biscuits and put edible valentines' stickers on them to take home for their family members. We also made valentine cards to take home with their biscuits. The second Micro trip was a walk up Divis mountain where the children brought packed lunch and made the day of it. Pancake Tuesday the children made pancakes and they had a choice of toppings that they could put on. The children and leaders all really enjoyed the night.

The Beats workshop came in and delivered two sessions of art where they made costumes to take part in the annual St Patrick day parade which took place on Friday 17th March. Their children love taking part in this every year.

We did a workshop with the children where they made flower baskets from cards, handmade flowers from tissue paper for their mums for Mother's day along with lovey cards. The 3rd Micro grant trip was done in Dundonald Ice Bowl where the children went to Indian land.

The management committee of Denmark Street community centre had been contacted by the Lower Shankill Community Association about the use of the centre

to hold meetings with residents and to continue to remain as a key resource for the wider community.

Contact and Booking Information

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