

## **Trustees Annual Report 2022**

The trustees of Open Door @theHubbt80 present their Trustees' Annual Report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) and the independently examined statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Charity no. **107862** registered with the charity commission on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### **The Charities Purposes and Objectives**

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Cookstown area, the wider Mid-Ulster area, or any such area as the committees may from time to time decide (the “area of benefit”) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary and community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to: (a) promote community development by providing facilities, support and information for community and voluntary groups and organisations and encouraging and assisting such organisations to co-operate to achieve their aims; (b) provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations , particularly but not exclusively arts activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said residents; (c)relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage; (d) advance education, training, the arts and culture; (e) promote participation in healthy recreation; (f) promote good community relations and social cohesion, racial harmony and equality and diversity.

3.1 To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

We provide a safe neutral,welcoming space, where we offered support facilities, classes, counselling yoga, holistic therapies, arts and well being programmes, a monthly tea dance, our own choir, arts, music and drama facilitation.

We also host free community events, Darkness into light walk, carnival and various events throughout the year.

We provide a Christmas dinner in our venue (free of charge) and entertainment for anyone in our community who wishes to come.

### **Structure, Governance and Management.**

Open Door @thehubbt80 is governed by its Constitution that was adopted on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

#### **Trustees.**

The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year are listed below.

Mr Peter Anthony Mcgurk

Ms Roisin Ann Monaghan

Mr Anthony Martin Mccance

Tracy Devlin

Mrs Heather Mcerlean

Carol Doey

## **The Year 2022 Review.**

At the beginning of 2022 we noticed lower numbers availing of our services, attributable perhaps as an after affect of the pandemic.

But as the year progress we showed increasing participation in classes and events and services.

It was particularly pleasing to see the numbers attening our monthly tea dance, as that age profile consisted of those over 60 year old who live alone.

In addition to many of activities listed we also offered an afternoon "soup and social" twice weekly, attended by many of the same age profile, as well as the food, we had music, poetry and storytelling on those Tuesday and Thursdays.

A more worrying trend was the increasing numbers requesting mental health counselling.

This trend has continued with it being a constant right throughout the year, the counselling hours we provided are more double that of 2019/2020, with up to 5 counsellors being utilised during this year.

Our staff have been able to offer the majority of people help with our trained counsellors who we provide free of charge, with a small number being referred on to other agencies as part of our signposting service.

## **Financial Review 2022.**

### **Income.**

We continue to have good support financially from the general public and local businesses, whether with cash donations larger and smaller or in kind. Some groups and individual have had fundraising events which have resulted in some donations as well.

This accounted over 40% of our income, with 10% from room hire for other community groups and charities alike.

The remaining income was from grants and other fundraising events, such as the Sunrise walk.

### **Expenditure**

This years accounts show a loss of £17,327.82 compared to last year, this was due in some part to increases in the wages and an additional employee (for two days per week).

The mental heath counselling provision also added increased costs, with demand growing stronger for these services as we moved through the year.

The lease and overall costs of our premises have not increased, with the exception of the energy bill.

The attached accounts were inspected by Kelly Mullan and adopted by the Trustees at a special meeting on 25/10/2023.

Peter A McGurk, Trustee/Volunteer.

