

Strabane AYE

Members' Annual Report

Year ended 31 July 2023

The members present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Strabane AYE

Charity registration number 107886

Principal office

The members

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Structure, governance and management

Strabane AYE is a constituted group managed by a regional committee and delivered by local committees at a local level across the region.

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Objectives and activities

The Association is established to engage with young people suffering from the effects of disaffection, marginalisation and poverty and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") of the local community on an All Ireland Basis (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to improve the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular:

(a) Engage with disaffected young people; developing their potential for participation, identifying their needs as well as developing their awareness as to the perceptions of the local communities and of the impact of their actions, the seriousness of the threats facing them, the potential impact on their lives of prison sentences, the dangers of Paramilitary groupings and finally giving them the opportunities to build a sense of belonging and of civic pride.

(b) To promote or assist in promoting community capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self-confidence of such communities in the area of benefit;

(c) to relieve poverty by the promotion, facilitation and organisation of adequate, accessible and quality programmes of vocational and educational training, information and support in an effort to acquire skills and retraining to assist the beneficiaries in obtaining employment;

(d) to work with Families identifying multiple barriers for inclusion; providing a neutral, safe environment in which young people and their family can examine their lifestyles and get the relevant support to allow them to fully integrate with the communities around them and mainstream society in general. This ranges from Mental Health Programmes, Financial Advice Programmes, Employment/ Training Programmes, Social Programmes.

(e) Build strategic Community Development processes to youth engagement; strengthening the focused efforts and engagements with a range of key stakeholders around a set of core themes and principles with regards to youth engagement and allowing for a basis for collaboration between a range of agencies and local partners.

(f) Build cohesion within and between young people, communities, Statutory Bodies and political parties; encouraging excluded young people to play a more active and civic role within their communities and providing the dynamic in order to move forward in a positive manner allowing for the support for communities to engage with the other communities to hear about their experiences and how they are addressing and dealing with difficult situations and how they can do it together providing greater understanding and tolerance.

Achievements and performance

The Charity has once again been successful in attracting funding during the year. This enabled the Charity to deliver many programmes during the year to meet its objectives as stated above. The most notable of the programmes being, 'ICRC' programme and 'PYPD' programme which is supported by the "International Fund for Ireland". The Charity continues to be held in high regard by both it's funders and the local community in which it operates.

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Financial review

All moneys raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purpose PROVIDED THAT nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses to members of the Association engaged upon the approved business of the Association.

The members' annual report was approved on 13 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mary O'Neill

M O'Neill
Member