

New Ground Ireland Limited

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The principal activities remain those of fund raising for religious and charitable purposes and focused on four key areas of Ministry:

Disciple Making

The primary ministry of New Ground Ireland is to make disciples of Jesus who will also become disciple makers.

Journeying one-on-one with people and training them to lead discovery groups where some key contacts live.

Training

We have established strong friendships with partners in South Africa and USA. A key element of this was a training trip to Durban, South Africa in August 2022. It's been great to glean training methods from them and begin to introduce them in Ireland. As many of our contacts are spread across Ireland, it has been helpful to introduce a hybrid form of training during this period. As we meet in person with a team in one region, we have others join via zoom from multiple locations. As topics are discussed, online and in person discussions can be held, feedback is then given to the whole group.

Another aspect of our training during this period has been helping various local churches to place disciple making at the heart of their ministry.

Pioneering Outreach Ministry

Our various pioneering initiatives have continued during this period, including in Co Donegal and Co Longford.

Also to enable our pioneering work to grow in reach and consistency, we have begun to explore establishing a base in Northern Ireland. To have a training base and ministry hub would be extremely beneficial to the wider work in a number of ways.

Fund Raising

During this period we have been building relationships with individuals,, Charitable Trusts, churches and some businesses who have a desire to help finance our ministry.

We have found this very challenging during this period.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mrs Karen Oliver
	Mr Andrew Murdock
	Mr David Legge

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Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital.

The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of New Ground Ireland Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Karen Oliver
Trustee