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**Hubb Community Development Resource Centre
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2023**

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Financial Statements

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Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies and inhabitants in a common effort to:-

- (a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations.
- (b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit.
- (c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition.
- (d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by:
 - (i) devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes;
 - (ii) raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect;
 - iii) promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims.
- (e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

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Achievements and performance

The HUBB General

The HUBB, although situated in the middle area of lower North Belfast considers welcome all residents and small distinct districts to avail of our services, projects and programmes we provide. The centre has an open door policy to all groups and organisations within the community sector and beyond. Our goals are plain and simple and these can be identified within our Strategic Plan; but basically our goal is to support the community as per the needs and identified issues and concerns from the people. We have numerous groups and sub-groups, too many to mention, but they include, local band, the Orange Order, The British Legion, bonfire groups etc.

We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: North Belfast Social Services Hubb, Playboard, Early Years, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast city council, Belfast Bonfire initiative.

See below examples of some of our Groups and Projects

York Road Civil Defence Bowling Club ("The Yorkies")

It has been a very busy year for the bowling club and its members. Finishing 7th in the City of Belfast Indoor Bowling League and achieving a semi-final place in the League Cup. York Road Civil Defence also hosted the Final of the League Cup, which was played by Salisbury v Sydenham with Salisbury securing the victory. Next year will be another busy year as we have been selected to hold the Irish Indoor Bowling association Bowling 4s Competition.

Youth

The youth intervention and development programme continues to grow and promote a youth friendly service for 5-17 year olds. Over the last 18 months we have provided weekly Youth Clubs to support youth development and provide a safe and secure place for young people to meet and engage in projects and be-spoke programmes. We have also provided our usual family and young people friendly festivals and intervention based activities including Easter, Summer Scheme, Summer Intervention, Halloween and Christmas. To promote best practice, we ensure that all of our staff and volunteers comply with youth practice principles and all have youth training, are access NI checked and are governed by child protection policies and procedures.

Mother and toddlers

The Mother and Toddler Group continue to meet on Wednesday mornings and we have supported young parents in the area, enabling them to get out of the house and come together to share their experiences and issues with each other. The project is based and driven by young mums who decided the format of the project. Over this period, they have engaged in trips, participated in the Summer Scheme and various training and development opportunities in the centre.

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Blue Blossoms

The Blue Blossoms have been meeting on Saturday mornings for over three years. During this time, the group have become an important part of the HUBB in so many ways. The group is self-sufficient as they organise and decide their own activities and projects. They give much needed support to families and children with special needs and have grown numerically over the years and are known as "a model of family support and development" in their field of working with children with special needs.

Old-Comrades

The Old-Comrades have had a busy and very the group has grown to 14 and have achieved many projects including work on the memorial garden, a new commemoration day held on 11th November at 11.00AM. They have also completed a course in shared history and culture.

Community Foundation Northern Ireland Social Justice Programme

CFNI completed a project in Newtownabbey with various Groups including completion of OCN courses. Approximately 35 people participated in the project. The project supported two existing Groups and supported the development of a new Group. We then encouraged each of the Groups to form a consortium which was named "Newtownabbey Capacity Building Consortium". While working in partnership with and creating capacity and leadership within the consortium, The HUBB supported an application to CFNI, International fund for Ireland and the consortium received almost £100,000.00 to support a community based capacity building Project.

Dockside festival

Dockside festival attracted nearly 5000 local residents over a week in July. There was youth intervention work, history and culture events, live music, family funday, food and entertainment. The total cost of the festival was £44.000 granted by Belfast City Council.

Social Justice

The HUBB staff, volunteers and residents have been connecting to the concept of social justice, civil rights and social value. These socially driven terms come under the broad term of social action delivered from a "bottom up" approach to a rights based civil society that empowers people and communities to engage in decision making, lobbying skills, capacity building and the confidence to challenge statutory bodies etc. The history of Social Justice goes back to pre-history when people challenged those who had power and rule. The PUL community have not engaged in these types of social change mechanisms for many reasons; but at The HUBB we believe that we are not engaged in rights based initiatives that affect our community. In an attempt to try to alleviate this and create an awareness of social just and civil rights, we have formed The Lower North Belfast Social Justice Forum. The main objectives of the Forum are based on the fundamental principles of the UN declaration on human rights, The Equality Commission and the UK Civil Rights Legislation.

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Mariners After-School Childcare

Mariners continues to grow and has now began to make a profit. When we started we had two staff and five children. We now have 4 staff and two-part time volunteers. We are heading towards capacity levels with the amount of children we can take in and this is around 24 children per day at present.

Culture and Historical

At the HUBB we have always supported the development and awareness of our culture and heritage. Our British identity and our unique culture should be both celebrated and promoted. Over the years we have supported all the bands in the district by way of funding and engaging them to take part in our festivals and projects. We have also engaged with the local Orange Order and are currently forming an Orange Men's Group. We have engaged directly with other communities in awareness type projects to expel myths and stereotypes and to promote our culture in a true and open basis.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows total income of £302,474 and total expenditure of £359,729. Net expenditure for the year was £57,330. (2022 - Net income ££23,889).

Retained reserves at the year end amounted to £68,113. (2022 - £125,443).

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Clarke
Trustee