

Report of the trustees for the year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Independent examiners report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Reference and administration details

<u>Charity Name</u>	Zero Waste North West
<u>Other names known by</u>	ZWNW
<u>Charity Number</u>	NIC108127
<u>Principal Address</u>	7 Brompton Court Derry BT47 6FQ
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Laurie Duffy L Duffy & Co Chartered Accountants 12 Queen Street Derry BT48 7EG
<u>Bankers</u>	The Co-Operative Bank
<u>Trustees</u>	Marian Farrelll Mary Webster Ruth O'Callaghan Stewart Wright Conall Morrison Marcella Di Palo Anjuli Grantham Maria Herron Maeve Leahy Helen Ni Bhaoighill Brad Dickinson

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution and is constituted as a trust. Trustees are appointed and meet no less than 6 times per year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are the advancement of environmental protection and improvement to reduce the environmental impact of residential and commercial waste by promoting reducing, reusing, recycling together with product redesign and sustainable waste management. The charity promotes sustainable development by the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources and by promoting sustainable means of achieving economic wellbeing and regeneration.

Achievements and performance

In 2022-2023 Zero Waste North West consolidated our projects with an emphasis on setting up support structures for the volunteers who are running them. We have been reflecting on how we can continue to develop sustainable alternatives while practising and modelling care for each other. We have been making decisions to step back from development, not to look for big funding but to build on the connections we have been making with other groups, strengthening the networks of people who are acting for positive change.

After two years, we are moving the projects from the Zero Waste Hub. The Use Less Shop and Foyle Fair Trade will continue to sell their products and engage with people at community events and local markets. The Cloth Nappy Library team are available for support and the nappy kits can be booked online. The Toy Library is setting up in the Hazelbank Community, providing a model for other communities. Repair Café Foyle continues to coordinate a team of fixers in different community venues, encouraging the sharing of existing local skills. Little Footprints peer support parenting group is now meeting weekly in the Verbal Arts Centre. NW BAPS have a weekly walk and coffee along the River Foyle with an invitation to health care workers to join and learn from women who are

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breastfeeding. Life Cycles outgrew the ZW Hub after a couple of months and have been operating from the Transport Hub with a growing team of volunteers rescuing bikes from landfill, repairing them and training people in bike repair and cycling skills.

In June this year, ZWNW worked with Collaboration for Change, The Gathering and Artitude Climate Action Partnership at the Climate Festival in the Playtrail. We coordinated the Nurturing the Groundswell workshop, bringing together activists working on environmental and economic justice to learn about each other's work and look for ways of working together.

Some of our projects are considering further development with the possibility of setting up as social enterprises. ZWNW are continuing to provide initial support sharing our experience and connections including signposting to organisations with the expertise needed for this next step. We will continue to work in partnership with the ZW projects developing in new ways.

As climate activists we support the adoption of the Rights of Nature motion by local councils and the implementation of proactive policies including action on restoring the health of Lough Neagh. Our volunteer team continue to provide interactive Climate Fresk and Circular Economy workshops in schools, further education colleges, community groups and businesses.

Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £1,063 at 30 June 2023 (£993 – 2022).

The charity does not have a policy on reserves as all monies raised are used to fund the company.

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Independent examiners

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that L Duffy & Co Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as independent examiners to Zero Waste North West for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

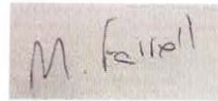
Signed on 3 November 2023 on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Mary Webster
Trustee

Marian Farrell
Trustee



Mary Webster



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