

LONDONDERRY YMCA LTD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objectives and activities of the charity, as set out in the governing document, are as follows;

To demonstrate God's love through action in local communities by promoting youth development, promoting healthy living and promoting community engagement.

Accordingly the Objects of the Londonderry YMCA are:

- To provide or assist in the provision of education, for people of all ages and in particular young people, with the object of developing their physical, mental or spiritual capacities.
- To promote healthy living including emotional and mental wellbeing through the provision of information, education and activities.
- To promote community engagement and citizenship, for young people, their families and other adults for the purpose of family support, community relations and active citizenship.
- To relieve or assist in the relief of need experienced by people of all ages and in particular young people, who are in conditions of hardship or distress by reason of their social, physical, emotional, spiritual or economic circumstances.

The main activities of the Association are the provision of an Education Authority funded, five night and two afternoons a week youth facility for young people from primary one up to young adults, in a safe environment, with staff who are caring and responsive to individuals needs. In addition we have a presence in local schools and areas of high deprivation.

The Association also seeks additional funding to run programmes to address issues such as mental health, protecting and preserving the local environment and global issues.

During the summer period we strive to run activities for all young people in the community at a reduced cost to parents by securing funding.

Throughout the year the association runs programmes aimed at developing members, young leaders, volunteers, staff and the community.

We offer support to organisations in the communities with their activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Achievements and performance

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - During this period we welcomed the relaxation of covid 19 guidance and restrictions. However, the long term impacts of the pandemic are visible, including an increase in young people presenting with mental-wellbeing issues among young people and a reluctance to re-engage in youth activities. Despite the ongoing challenges the youth team worked tirelessly to adapt and continue to deliver quality youth activities. Programmes run for 5 nights and 2 afternoons per week.

TBUC - is a major government programme that promotes Good/Community Relations across our communities. We deliver, as a partner, a summer and autumn programme that brings together youth groups (from rural or urban communities across the North West) in a partnership forming programme. In spite of the ongoing pandemic, this programme did go ahead and continued to be a success for everyone involved.

DEVELOPMENT - The YM Youth Cafe, funded by awards for all, is now open thanks to the dedication of our junior leaders.

Funding for a mentoring programme in partnership with University of Ulster is secured, with a proposed start date of April 2023. The programme will work with young girls aged between 11 and 15.

Financial review

Emerging from the COVID 19 Pandemic and the war in Ukraine brought an unforeseeable "cost of living crisis". As a result we have seen a surge in our running costs. It remains our priority to absorb these increases for as long as possible to support our members.

Londonderry YMCA Ltd remains reliant on funding from the Education Authority to run our core, five night a week youth activities. The Education Authority also funds the junior and senior youth summer programme in YMCA, Tullyally and Currynrierin, Project Spark and Planned Intervention.

Funding is also secured from a variety agencies including British Science Association, Derry City and Strabane District Council, ESB Wind Farm, SSE Airtricity, RAPID, The Honourable Irish Society and Waterside Neighborhood Partnership which allows us to run additional programmes to achieve our objectives and contribute to the increased running costs of the facility.

Government support during the pandemic was received from the Department for Communities in the form of the Covid Recovery Fund. Additional to this, the Job Retention Scheme continued with 2 members of staff on the scheme until its closure on 30th September 2022.

The association is situated on a 20 acre site with a two storey, 500 Sq metre building and a 300 Sq Metre Hub, which makes up the majority of the value of our assets.

The association generates some unrestricted income from the hire of its facilities to Drumahoe Childcare, Institute Lease agreement and the park and ride lease agreement with the Roads Service.

Financial statements are produced independently by PFS and Partners based in Limavady.

The association aims to hold in reserves equivalent to a minimum of three months operational costs and a maximum of 24 months operational costs, to cover costs if funding to the association is withdrawn.

Reserves remain difficult to accumulate with budgets continually being squeezed and the association covering the increased running costs.

The value held in reserves £0.

Structure, governance and management

Londonderry YMCA Limited Ltd is governed by a memorandum of Association adopted on 30th June 2018. The organisation is controlled and directed by a board of directors currently made up of 6 members. In the year we had one resignation and one appointment to the board. The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Robert Dunn

Adrian Johnston

Gillian Simpson

Lorna Somers

Andrew Tate

Joseph Montgomery

(Appointed 2 February 2023)

Raymond Murray

(Appointed 25 April 2023)

William Lamrock

(Resigned 30 September 2022)

Linda McAnee

(Resigned 7 February 2023)

The General Secretary is appointed to run the daily activities of the organisation and reports to the board of directors at monthly meetings. The quorum for a meeting is 3 or one third the total number of directors.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Gillian Simpson
Trustee


Andrew Tate
Trustee

5 October 2023