

# RESOLUTION NW

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Resolution NW's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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 charitable purpose of Resolution NW is to reach, support, empower and upskill Loyalist communities. The charity aims to do this by building stronger, more confident communities through dialogue, networking and education.

The charities main objectives are:

- To recruit individuals from the target groups/communities to participate in training and educational programmes organised by Resolution NW
- To resource sustainable activity programmes
- To network widely with community organisations and service providers to build new relationships and new opportunities
- Build cohesion with the Waterside area through the fair resolution of disputes within Restorative Practice guidelines
- To promote inclusive expressions of culture and greater understanding of identity
- Provide a range of activities within the community to challenge paramilitary control
- Offer mediation and negotiation when necessary
- To provide opportunities for volunteering

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Resolution NW should undertake.

#### Achievements and performance

The charities main activities are:

##### Mediation Cases

Resolution NW have provided on going mediation on a range of issues throughout Northern Ireland. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the project carried out mediation on 131 individual cases.

Benefit to beneficiaries:

- The project has continued to provide a confidential mediation service within the local area and NI wide
- Resolution NW has a track record of making sensitive community interventions to challenge paramilitary control and use restorative practice techniques to resolve critical issues
- A reduction in the number of paramilitary attacks within the local community through mediation, intervention and engagement with paramilitaries, PSNI and Statutory bodies
- The promotion of victim support, especially emotional support and restoration
- Promotion of a restorative justice programme through victim-offender mediation
- Signposting service users to the relevant agencies and provider who can meet their individual needs during and after the mediation process.

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#### Mentoring

Resolution NW have provided a range of mentoring such as safeguarding children and young people (QNUK Level 2 Award) , neighbourhood watch scheme development, emergency first aid at work (QNUK Level 2 Award), paper trail (researching legacy issues) and civic leadership (open university).

Benefit to beneficiaries:

- Skill development
- Learning opportunities
- New experiences
- Access to opportunities for employment, further education or learning
- Increased confidence
- Participants identify and achieve their personal goals

#### Community Engagement

Resolution NW have provided a range of community engagement programmes such as community safety support, graffiti removal, neighbourhood watch scheme, social housing issues, heat & eat project and woman's group.

Benefit to beneficiaries:

On going dialogue and consultation with residents has led to:

- Relationship building and trust
- Capacity building
- Community ownership
- Increased opportunities for residents to become involved in decision making
- A greater awareness of the needs of the local community

#### Culture and Identity

Resolution NW have provided a range culture and identity programmes such as bonfire management scheme, parade issues and woman's group.

Benefit to beneficiaries:

- Single Identity Work
- Cultural exploration
- Residents becoming aware of their own identity in relation to the world around them
- Sense of belonging
- Opportunities to express and celebrate culture and identity
- Respect for diversity
- Cross community engagement

#### **Financial review**

Total income for the year was £81,344, (2023; £68,860)

Total expenditure for the year was £74,488, (2023; £74,538).

Accordingly total expenditure exceeded total income for the year to the amount of £6,856 which has been reflected in the charities reserves.

The trustees have decided that holding reserves is unnecessary as the charity spends the budgeted income during the year on activities.

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### Structure, governance and management

Resolution NW is an unincorporated organisation governed by The Charities Commission NI.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

D McClay (Chairperson)  
C Smyth (Secretary)  
K Thompson (Treasurer)  
R Young  
D Ramsey  
A Taylor  
E Magee

The selection and appointment of any new Trustees is dealt with by the Management Committee, which is comprised of all current appointed Trustees.

### Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees 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).

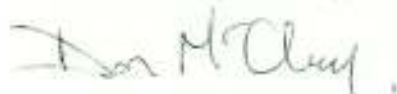
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Resolution NW and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Resolution NW for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Resolution NW and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Resolution NW and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



D McClay (Chairperson)  
**Chairperson**

24 October 2024