

Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31st March 2023

Registered Scottish Charity

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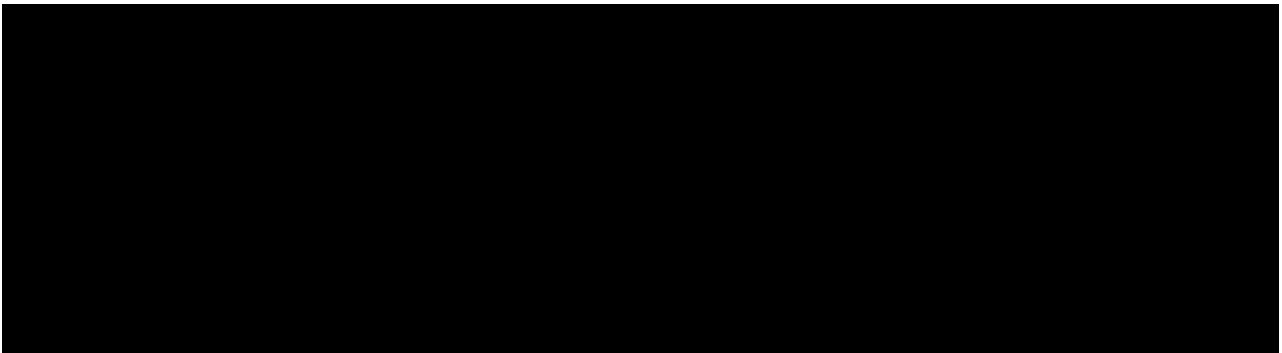
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Reference and Administrative Details

Management Committee

The members of the Management Committee are the trustees of Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre for the purposes of charity law. The members of the committee who served during the year ended 31st March 2023 and since the year end are as follows;



Principle Office: Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place,
Edinburgh EH17 7LB

Accounts prepared by:

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, Cameron Toll, Edinburgh

Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre
Report of the Management Committee
Year ended 31st March 2023

The Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st March 2023. This report is prepared in line with the Centre's Constitution and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and reporting by Charities, second edition October 2019 effective 1st January 2019 and complies with applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

The centre is a charity registered in Scotland (SC026880). It operates under a constitution. Subject to the powers of the organisation in general meeting, the policy and general management is controlled by a committee, the member of which are elected at an annual general meeting.

Statement of Management Committee Responsibilities

The Management Committee are responsible under the Centre's Constitution for preparing the Management Committee Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Standards)

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the management Committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Management Committee are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are to advance education in an area of multi deprivation. Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) provides individuals and groups with an educational environment, which encourages and motivates people to realise and fulfil their potential. The centre utilises activities and opportunities, which are aimed at developing people's life's skills and increasing their expertise through active involvement. We strive to create and foster aspirations and are committed to providing inspirational experiences. All activities are underpinned with a belief that these opportunities break down societal barriers, which exclude groups and individuals from participating fully in new and rewarding experiences.

Achievements and Performance

Review of activities

2022-23 has been a year where our organisation has continued to expand and meet the needs of local people. The aftereffects of the pandemic have highlighted the ever-growing need for youth & children's work.

We continue to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space, alongside compassionate workers ensuring prolonged and stable engagement. Creating preventive and early intervention spaces that are flexible and responsive, allowing meaningful and trusted relationships to develop with children and young people who are still in the process of learning to navigate the world and the experience and impact of the pandemic. This is highlighted in the increasing number of young people who access our services.

The activities and groupwork sessions which include our core work helping to develop educational pathways; improve positive destinations; support mental health and improve physical and emotional wellbeing for all young people and–participation in civic life.

Our youth work programme runs over five days per week and has 105 regular contacts with children under 12, and 210 contacts with young people 12-24 years.

Weekly universal groups in operation are:

- P1-4 and P5-7 engaging in positive activities (arts, sports, music, cooking, IT)
- S1+ Stress-less group with a focus on mental health
- Community Champions Group

- Friday Drop in with S1+ focusing on informal education and a variety of issue-based work.
- Intergenerational Group bringing young and old together to share experiences and learn from each other.
- Schools Out Project

We continue to stick to our ethos by having young people leading, shaping, and strengthening their lives and communities. In turn being empowered to take an active role in spaces where they are listened to and supported to make positive changes for themselves and within their communities. Having a youth-led culture that ensures the continuous co-design with children and young people in meeting their needs and starting where they are at and supporting their right to make choices, at their own pace. All our programmes are developed around their views and needs from start to finish. Supporting their voices within the wider community too on forums, social media, and other community platforms.

Embedded in our youth provision is food, with every child and young person accessing a hot and healthy meal, helping play a key role in supporting their wellbeing and tackling poverty. Weekly free and low-cost food initiatives and free provision during the holidays further help combat hunger and give families access to free activities in the school holidays. Helping ease the financial burden on low-income families during holidays is also provided with our partnerships with, Cyrenians and Cash for Kids.

This year's Operation Christmas supported by Cash for Kids Edinburgh & Social Bite, seen a record number of referrals with over 516 children receiving support and being provided with gifts, new pyjamas and their families receiving food hampers helping ensure everyone got the Christmas they deserved. The project also reduced social isolation amongst the elderly people from our intergenerational group and they each received gifts, enjoyed a community lunch, and took part in a number of different Christmas related excursions alongside our youth volunteers.

The demand for 1-1 support services has been ever growing, with our in-house specialist youth mental health services in partnership with CrossReach, City of Edinburgh Council and HomeLink, local children, young people and their families

can access free therapeutic services, including counselling, art therapy and home support.

Our intergenerational project funded by The National Lottery Community Fund has enabled young the opportunity to take on volunteering roles within the centre. The young people who take part in volunteering opportunities are involved in the operational side of the projects - gaining key skills in design and delivery of intergenerational activities, peer mentoring, community engagement, project planning and marketing. These transferable skills support the future employment of those young people, and the learning and training component provides formal recognition and accreditation to support employability outcomes. The capabilities developed through the process of personal and social development when has helped develop young people's self-esteem, resilience, and motivation to persist towards goals and overcome setbacks.

Across all the organisation's projects and programmes require a level of funding which we have been fortunate to support from a number of smaller funds, whilst this year has had its challenges, we are delighted to receive 3-year funding from the Robertsons Trust allowing us to continue our youth work provision and introduce new supports as well as out intergenerational project being supported by National Lottery Community Fund.

The board of directors continue to provide due diligence for the organisation, guaranteeing our manager is fully supported in being able to deliver services which best meet the needs of the organisation.

Looking ahead 2022-23 we are fortunate enough to be able to introduce more targeted services with an investment from Robertson's Trust as well as continue our Intergenerational Project in year 2 of our National Lottery Community Fund

Financial Review

The Management Committee raised a total of £ 126835 in the year. The principal funders for the year were National Lottery, City of Edinburgh Council, Robertson Trust.

Reserves Policy

At 31st March 2023, the charity held a free and unrestricted reserve of £4369.61. The trustees aim to keep a general reserve, sufficient.

Future Activities

We will continue to support young people in new and creative ways as well as building on the successes of last year and enhancing our programme, thanks to investment from The Robertsons Trust as well as build on year 2 of our inspiring Generations Project funded by the National lottery Community Fund.

We will continue offers activities and groupwork sessions which include our core work helping to develop educational pathways; improve positive destinations; support mental health and improve physical and emotional wellbeing for all young people and participation in civic life.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

I report on the accounts of Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre for the year to 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 11

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

The Management Committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The Management Committee consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether matters have come to my attention.

Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations		5290	-	5290	8923
Grants received		112463	-	112463	242584
Receipts from trading activities		9082		9082	1087
Receipts from charitable activities			-		
<i>Total receipts</i>		<i>126835</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>126835</i>	<i>252594</i>
Payments					
Cost of raising funds					
Cost of charitable activities	4	125324	-	125324	206906
Purchase of Minibus					39384
Governance costs		12976		12976	5088
Total payments		138300		138300	249015
Net surplus/(deficit)		-11465	-	-11465	3579
				-	-
Total funds brought forward		15834		15834	12255
Total funds carried forward		4369		4369	15834
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Statement of Balances

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank & on hand		
As at 1 April 2022	15834	15834
Loss for the year	(-11465)	
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Closing Balance	4369	15834
	=====	=====
Total Funds Carried Forward	4369	15834
	=====	=====

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For the year Ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) second edition October 2019, effective 1st January 2019.

Recognition of Income

Income is recognised on receipt.

Recognition of Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when paid. As the centre is not registered for VAT, expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT which is irrecoverable.

2. Premises

The premises are leased effectively rent free to the Centre by the City of Edinburgh Council who also maintain the premises and provide janitorial services without charge.

3. Receipts from trading activities

	2023
Rent Received	<u>£9082</u>

4. Costs of Charitable Activities

	2023
	£
Development worker costs	31127
Youth worker costs	11627
Activities	24939
Catering/Food	29714
Travel	13144
Various Costs	27749

	138300

5 Movement in Funds

	Incoming Resources Transfers At 31.3.23				
	Resources Expended				
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted					
General Fund	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Restricted					
-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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Total Funds		-			
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

6. Management Committee remuneration

No remuneration or expenses were paid to members of the Management Committee in the year (2023 nil).

7. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023 none)