Creggan Training Services

Members report

The Management Committee present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2019.

Objectives and activities

Creggan Training Services (CTS) is a local training project offering community based training across the Derry area. Creggan Training Services is also a community intervention project delivering and facilitating non accredited confidence building and personal development training and facilitates the development of personal and vocational skills. Creggan Training Services also works to increase empowerment and participation in the economy. As a community based training project it is focussed on providing relevant community development training and upskilling volunteers. CTS was established in April 2015 to counteract deprivation and disadvantage through employment promoting education skills and training services, increasing the skills levels and employment prospects within the community and to break the cycles of traditional and cultural worklessness across the Creggan area. The main aim of CTS is to provide education and training programmes in various subjects and at different levels to residents in an area of highest deprivation, targeting those most socially isolated and hardest to reach with initial entry qualifications, whilst at the same time offering progression qualifications to those already engaged. CTS provides training and facilitates the development of both personal and vocational skills; enabling learners to overcome barriers to their personal and employment progression, by building relationships, understanding learners’ needs and by providing consistent, supportive learner contact, individualised support, motivation and encouragement. An inclusive organisation integrating learners of different abilities, backgrounds and experiences, and facilitating all members of the community equally, it works to increase empowerment and participation in the economy. It also promotes community engagement and volunteering through the provision of work/volunteer placements and relevant on-going training to enhance employment opportunities.

Management Committee

The members of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the members.

The members serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Tony O’Doherty
Sean McMonagle
Christopher McKnight

Public benefits

Purpose 1 – Advancing education The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is a more educated, skilled and qualified community, and a more informed and capable community and voluntary sector.
Public Benefits

Purpose 2 - Relieving poverty The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is a reduction in the impact of poverty on people's quality of life, the prevention of poverty and physical, social, community and economic improvements within the Creggan area.

Purpose 3 - Promoting citizenship and community development The direct benefit which flows from this purpose an increased level of social inclusion for residents in the Creggan area through the provision of training and upskilling and the promotion of volunteering and development of civic values and community activity.

Risk Management

The members have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the association, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

Financial review

The financial performance is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

Members Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements

The members are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the members to prepare the financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the necessary legislation. The members 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.
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