

Women's Centre Derry

ACCESS & EMPOWERMENT



ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2021/22
& FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Thank you and good luck...

Women Centre Derry would like to thank Margaret Logue for her hard work and dedication over the past 25 years in her role as Centre Director. Before Margaret became Centre Director, she worked behind the scenes as a founding member and part of Women Centre Derrys management committee for 16 years.

Margaret played a key role in setting up Women Centre Derry at Beibhinn House and always ensured it was a welcoming, safe space for women and children.

Margaret always had women and children's best interests at heart and worked hard in securing large amounts of funding for women and children in our city which enabled Women Centre Derry to support thousands of women and children with education, childcare, wellbeing programmes and many other support services.

We would like to thank Margaret for all her hard work and dedication to the Women Centre over the years and we wish her all the best in her next chapter.



Feminist Riot

She was at the creation back in 1981
They wanted a place in the city where any woman could come
There was no formal address or sign above the door
Just a group of feminists who wanted to do more.

So they found themselves a building and took it for their own
They painted it and polished it and opened up the doors
When the women came in dozens with all their weans in tow
They knocked down some walls and the creche began to grow

Mags was always at the forefront knowing exactly what needed done
How to even buy a building with no money and no funds
An application to the lottery was a great success and
women's centre Derry finally got its own address

Now 30 years have passed and the doors they are still open
The dream became reality its a sacred space for women
So now its time for mags to go and live a life of leisure
Watching her in action has definitely been a pleasure
But do not think that she's gone off to live a life that's quiet
She'll always be rounding up the troops for the next feminist riot.

AUGUST 2021
Rayna Downey

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Aims & Ethos

We provide a safe, secure, enabling environment for women, aimed at supporting them achieve their full potential. Our aim is primarily to combat poverty and promote prosperity in disadvantaged communities through a feminist model of empowerment and education. We do this by providing educational and other development opportunities for women, supporting them with onsite childcare in order to gain qualifications, acquire skills, enter employment and grow in confidence.

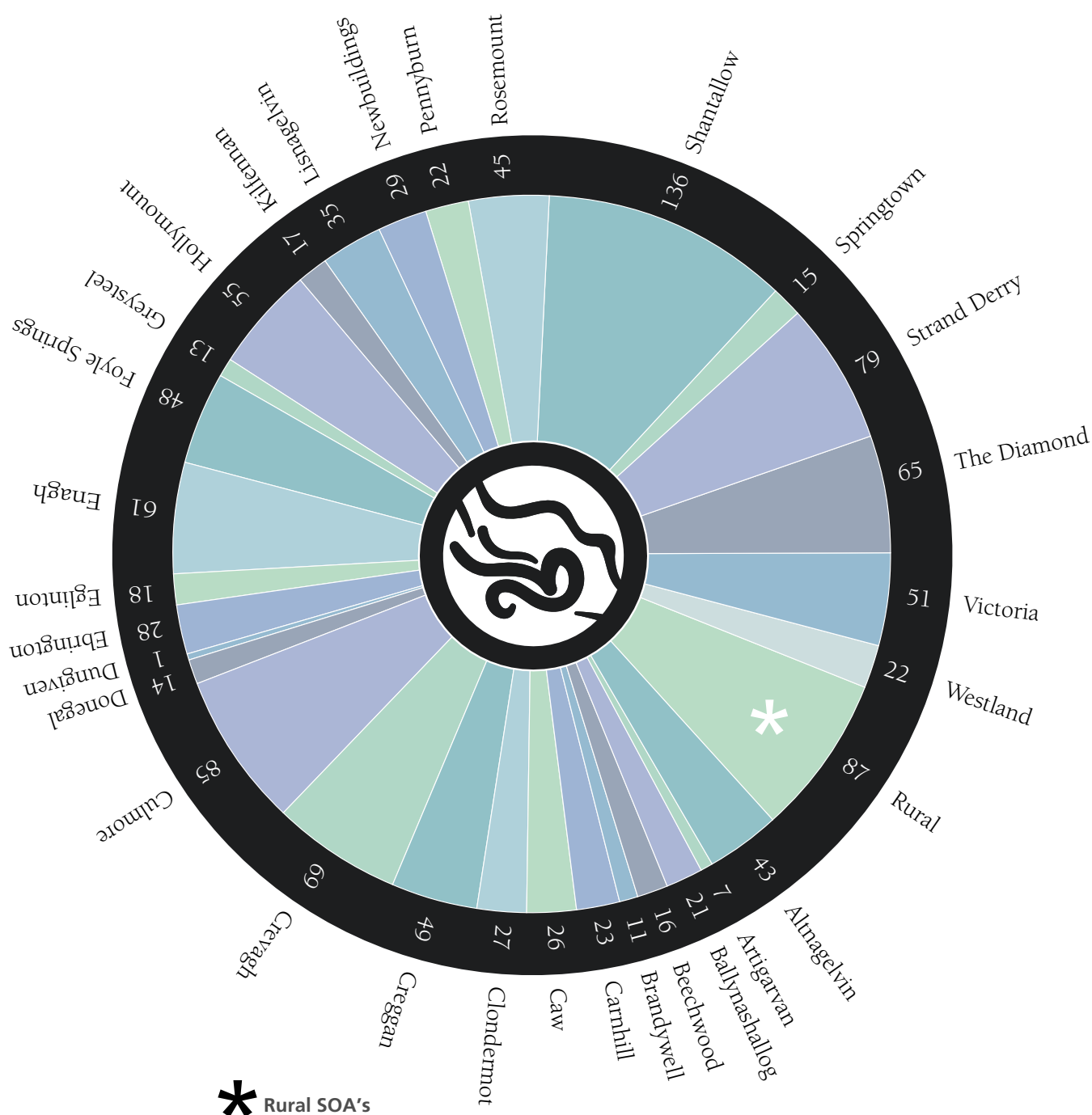
In everything we do we strive to:

- Deliver the highest quality person centred services which address the needs of women and families in disadvantaged and marginalised areas;
- Engage with respect, maintaining confidentiality and building trust;
- Provide a warm and friendly space where women are welcomed, empowered and valued.

Participants 2021/22

Women's Centre Derry supports women and children from communities throughout Derry City & Strabane District Council areas, urban, rural and cross border

ELECTORAL SOA DISTRIBUTION - PARTICIPANTS 2021/22



Ballykelly
Banagher
Bellaghy
Claudy
Dunnamanagh
Derryaghy

Feeney
Finn
Glack
Lagan Valley
Magilligan
Newtownstewart

Old Warren
Rathbrady
Ringsend
Roeside
Slievekirk
Swatragh

The Cuts
Upper Glenshane
Valley

Directors & Staff

Board of Directors

Chairperson
Kathy Colhoun

Treasurer
Leona McMenamin

Directors
Clionagh Boyle
Geraldine Compton
Roisin Hegarty
Dina Goma

Company Secretary
Sharon McLaughlin

Staff

Centre Director
Margaret Logue
Catherine Barr

Finance Administration Co-ordinator
Sharon McLaughlin

Employment Projects Co-ordinator
Catherine Barr
Ciara McGonigle

Participant Recruitment & Tracking Officer
Fiona McCallion
Sara O'Hagan

Employment Mentoring Officer
Sara O'Hagan
Michelle Owen

**Recover Rebuild Renew
Crèche Co-ordinator**
Joanne Karran

**Recover Rebuild Renew
Deputy Crèche Co-ordinator**
Lisa Caldwell

Childcare Team
Eimear Campbell
Caomimhe Kent
Lisa Browne

Participant Drop In Organiser
Carole Mailey

Regional Outreach Development Worker
Rayna Downey

Participant Technical Support IT
Denise Hutton

Participant Support & Enrolment Assistant
Neelu Chada

Maternal Advocacy & Support Worker
Fiona Hegarty

Children's Advocacy Worker
Briedge McPherson
Kathy Greer
Bonnie Cassidy

Tutors & Facilitators

Tutors

Michelle Cunningham
Rhonda Evans
Caroline Moore
Elizabeth Early
Sinead Crumlish
Sharon Laird
Lorna Quinn
Maureen McDaid
Ciara McGonigle
Catriona Owens
Yvonne McDermott
Joan Friel
Diana Dimis

Jeanette McCole
Deborah Ferry
Rhonda Reilly
Mary McNicholl
Marie Hone
Seamus Fox
Michelle McLaren
Jai Hunter
Sinead Doherty
Jill Borland
Ann Graham
Fiona Condren

Staff



Catherine



Carol



Joanne



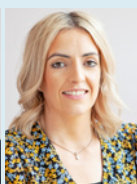
Breidge



Lisa



Denise



Ciara



Eimear



Fiona



Neelu



Sara



Lisa



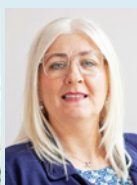
Caoimhe



Michelle



Rayna



Sharon



Bonnie

Overview 2021/22

Women Centre Derry is a safe environment for women to come along and engage in a range of holistic activities including education, training, skills, parenting support and wellbeing. Below is an outline of the centres activities and projects delivered at Women Centre Derry during the period April 21-March 22

PROSPER 3

The strategic aim of the PROSPER 3 project is to combat poverty and promote social inclusion by increasing the skills base of economically inactive and unemployed women. The project aims to address the challenges and barriers faced by women by providing a range of support and delivering employment related qualifications. During the COVID Period Women Centre Derry offered a blended approach to delivery using online and in-centre. PROSPER 3 aims to improve women's employment prospects across four employment sectors:

- IT/Digital
- Administration/Finance
- Care
- Creative Industries



As part of the PROSPER 3 programme participants had access to 1-1 counselling services, 1-1 mentoring support, on-site childcare facilities, job application assistance and help to develop and update their CVs.

Outcomes & Achievements	April 21 - March 22	PROSPER 3 2018 - 2023
Participants	248	830
Qualifications	135	614
Jobs Gained	47	236
Work soft skills	248	261
Further education	59	830

PROSPER 3 is supported by the **European Union/ESF, DfE, DfC** and **DC&SDC**.

NIRRS/VPRS English

This programme delivers English classes 2 sessions per week to support Syrian women living in Derry. The aim of this class is to improve the English language skills of the women in a safe, non-stressful, fun and supportive way. The class is predominantly conversational in nature; however, we do strive to improve reading, writing and listening skills as well. The women are eager to learn English and to interact within our shared community. We focus on language skills needed to speak with confidence and understanding in real life situations. The women support and encourage each other readily as they all progress and improve their English skills within the programme. The VPRS language programme is supported by **DfE** and administered through **Belfast Met**.

MULTI-CULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Multicultural women's Group takes place every Tuesday morning with 55 women engaging this year. The women attending are from all over the world that speak many different languages. Relocating to a new town and being away from family and friends can be hard therefore meeting a great bunch of women and making friendships can make all the difference. The group offers support and also informs women of important services they can avail of around the city.



Each week the women engage in craft activities/projects or go out to view parts of our beautiful town. All activities support informal English and childcare is provided for children 8 weeks to 4years olds to enable women to access the programme. **MULTI-CULTURAL WOMEN'S** group activities were supported this year by **DC&SDC**.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8th March 2022

This year for International Women's Day, Women Centre Derry hosted a networking event for women consisting of 11 local organisations showcasing a range of services and support available free to women in the Derry City area. This enabled women to engage with organisations in a safe and supportive setting. The Derry City and Strabane District Council Mayor Graham Warke and MLA Sinead Mc Laughlin attended the event and our Multi Cultural Women's Group created an Art Project for Breaking Bias. Everyone who attended received a yellow rose, inspiration keyrings, lunch and a range of promotional leaflets for numerous organisations offering services for women across Derry.



Organisations set up within Women Centre Derry:

- Pink Ladies- Breast Cancer
- Well Woman Centre - Woman's Wellbeing Support
- Youth Action-Youth Support
- Focus- Creggan Women's Support
- Community Family Support-Education and Social Support
- Dove House- Welfare Advice
- Surestart- Childcare
- Law Centre NI-Legal Advice & Support
- Me4Mental- Mental Health
- Waterside Women's Centre
- Brae Clinic- Contraception

The **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** celebrations were supported this year by **DC&SDC**.

RECOVER, REBUILD, RENEW (RRR)

The RRR project started in August 2020 and is now approaching the end of its 2 years. Women Centre Derry received this funding so that we could respond quickly to the needs of parents and children trying to deal with the uncertainty, stress and trauma of lockdowns and with the fear that descended on people in our communities as a result of the COVID 19 crisis. Since April 2021 we have:

- Supported 301 Women and 368 Children
- Provided 33 parenting support programmes & 10 Mums Wellbeing programmes
- Provided a Halloween and Easter event supporting 300 mums and 283 children

The programme has helped support children's development and improved women's well being in a very difficult period. It has been a lifeline in helping families to cope during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our RRR families feel supported and better able to face the future. Thanks to The **National Lottery Community Fund** for supporting the **RECOVER, REBUILD, RENEW** programme.



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MATERNAL ADVOCACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (MA's)

The Mas project provides peri-natal mental health support and advocacy for expectant mums and new mums of children aged 0-2. The Mas programme this year has supported 21 new mothers and 31 children in the Derry area. The project provides a platform for women to talk about their experiences in the health care system and advise on areas that could be developed to improve services for women in Northern Ireland.



Women in the Mas project have benefited from a range of initiatives and workshops including mindfulness, therapeutic crafts, wellbeing sessions, nutritional foods good for your mood, essential oils, journaling, breathing techniques etc. All sessions offer peer support while supporting women's mental health and promoting emotional wellbeing. These peer support groups are delivered in our centre at Beibhinn House and also in Strathfoyle Women's centre. The **MA's** project is supported by **The National Lottery Community Fund** and administered by the **Women's Resource & Development Agency**.

YODA

YODA is providing advocacy, support and integration activities for children and young people from BAME communities impacted by the COVID crisis as a result of lockdowns, school shutdowns and isolation. Yoda has been providing mentoring and support for 65 children this year tailoring the needs for each individual child whether it be for health care, school, social welfare, legal etc. Our YODA Coordinator works to ensure parents have access to a translator when dealing with issues which directly affect the child.



Some other activities the project provides are:

- An afterschool programme supporting children with English as an additional language.
- Summer schemes/holiday clubs
- Halloween and Easter Event
- Trip to Belfast Zoo
- Support Packs/ literacy resources provided to children throughout the year
- Provide families with laptops to support children's learning

All activities aim to support physical development, integration, developing English communication skills while supporting children's wellbeing. Thanks to **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED Next Steps** for supporting the **YODA** Project.

129,396 COURSE PLACES

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CRECHE 2021/22

Our Women Centre Creche is vital to the delivery of many programmes within our centre. Childcare is a huge barrier for women with young children preventing them from engaging in support services therefore having access to an onsite creche for children aged 8 weeks to 4 years is very beneficial and enables access for all.



This year our creche has welcomed 157 new families providing high quality childcare supporting child's development. Our creche team are all highly qualified holding level 5 and above in qualifications relating to child development. Lisa Caldwell has now become Deputy Creche Co-ordinator and Fiona Hegarty is now cleared as banking staff when required. We are continuously signposting and referring parents to other services supporting parents in any way we can. Women Centre Derry creche also gained an excellent report from the Western Health Social Care Trust with no recommendations or action plans to be carried out. Thanks to the **Department for Communities DfC-VCD** - WCCF Fund and **The National Lottery Community Fund** for sustaining our creche services support for children and families.

STRONGER TOGETHER

Women Centre Derry has delivered two wellbeing and mental health peer support groups to date. One group was for mothers supporting children with additional needs and the second group was for mothers who are supporting teenagers that are facing difficulties. COVID 19 has impacted these families hugely and parent's wellbeing is at the core of every household therefore peer support groups to support the mother is very important. The peer support groups engaged in mindfulness, good mood nutrition, therapeutic crafts, essential oils and pamper sessions etc. 23 women have engaged in the peer support groups. **Stronger Together** is supported by **Begin Together Fund - Bank of Ireland**.

RECEPTION/DROP IN

Our reception/Drop in area is the first point of contact with our team when enquiring or accessing our services. This is a vital role welcoming women into a safe and friendly environment therefore a big thank-you to this team who have been so successful and sincere in their welcomes and directions.

and finally

This report is an opportunity to acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the Centre's work over the past year making it a comfortable and safe learning space. In 2021/22 we have made a valuable positive impact on the lives of many women, children, families and communities. Many thanks to the Directors, Staff, Tutors, Trainees and Volunteers for their commitment and dedication. A special acknowledgement to the Board of Directors who have managed the direction and strategic development of our organisation. Their governance, leadership, guidance and commitment were crucial to the success of the Centre over the past year. And thanks to all the women and families who come along and engage in the Centre's activities. Your presence is a joy we value and appreciate.

- EU/European Social Fund (ESF)
- Department for Communities (DfC)
- Department for the Economy (DfE)
- Derry City & Strabane District Council (DC&SDC)
- BBC Children In Need
- BBC Children In Need Next Steps
- Western Childcare Partnership (HSCB)
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Community Foundation for Ireland
- Co-op Ireland COVID Recovery Fund
- Bank of Ireland - Begin Together Fund
- Wellcome - The Ideas Fund
- Halifax Foundation
- The school for Social enterprises in Ireland - Podium - Transform

10,143 CHILDCARE PLACES

Women's Regional Consortium

WRISP

Women's Regional Consortium is one of 7 partner organisations which form the Women's Regional Consortium. We support Women's Centres and Women's groups throughout the region. The consortium maintains links and advocates on behalf of women living marginalized and disadvantaged areas. The consortium partners are:

- Training for Women network (TWN)
- Women's Centre Derry (WCD)
- Foyle Women's Information Network (FWIN)
- Women's Support Network (WSN)
- Women's Regional Development Agency (WRDA)
- Women's Tec
- Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)

This year the consortium worked together, lobbied, provided evidence and addressed various issues in the following areas:

- Covid-19 Impact on Women
- Universal Credit -Removal of the £20 Uplift

- Access to Childcare
- Funding – sustainability
- Peacebuilding
- Housing
- Abortion Services
- Brexit
- Welfare mitigations
- Fuel Poverty
- Domestic Violence Against Women and Girls strategy
- Refugee strategy

The consortium distributed information, training opportunities and shared ideas to Women's Groups, Women's Centres, and Community Organisations throughout the region. By working together strategically the Women's Regional Consortium reaches a far wider community of women from all areas and all backgrounds. We are taking the feminist model of engagement and using it to challenge politicians, to influence policy, to impact governments and to keep women's Equality and Women's Rights on the agenda.



Image shows WCD at Stormont for Women Breaking Barriers Conference and Rayna Downey speaking at a Rally against universal credit cuts.



Participant testimonials

"I wouldn't have made it without the programme."

"This programme gave me support and guidance I needed."

When I had low moods and needed support the staff were always there."

"The programme reduced my stress and anxiety and I got invaluable advice to support my child."

"Can I just say thank you so much. You gave me hope when I couldn't see it and eased my anxiety massively. God knows where I would be mentally if I didn't join, absolute blessing"

"I really appreciate everything you have done for me this last year and thank you soo much for making my days that bit more brighter."

"I just completed level 1 hairdressing and my child was looked after in the creche. He absolutely loves it and now the Women Centre has given me the opportunity to complete level 2. I look forward to coming every week and seeing the tutor and my classmates. I am so grateful for all the support at Women Centre Derry, Thank you."

92,814 INTERACTIONS WITH WOMEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Organisation Development

ORGANISATION & STAFF DEVELOPMENT 2021/22

20201	APRIL	ESF Forum Meeting Skills Gap Apprenticeship Equality Coalition Strategy Consultation Group Strategy Focus Group Hope Matters Training Domestic Abuse Training Health Screening Info Session PANTS Awareness Training Induction to Intensive Interaction	20201	OCTOBER	Poverty & Mental Health Priorities for Tackling Educational Underachievement in NI NI Affairs Commission Funding Talk Our Generation Hope Matters Training L3 Web Design Software Digital Marketing 101 – Charity Webinar Breast Cancer Awareness Session Online Safeguarding Training Online Facilitation Training Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
	MAY	Women's Shed Digital Safeguarding Walk Leader Refresher Course Communication and Language Weaning Sleep Awareness ESOL Training		NOVEMBER	Community Wealth Building Women COVID Women ESF User Group Facilitative Leadership for Social Change NI Affairs /Barnardo's / Equality Commission NIHRC NI Budget Event Focus Group - Debt Violence Against Women Mitigation Report Job Hub Training Practical Support with Job Applications, CV's & Interviews
	JUNE	ESF Forum Sub Group Equality Assurance Group Disability Focus Group		DECEMBER	Violence Against Women Women's Rights Draft/Disabled Women
	JULY	Adult Social Care Assessment Community Ownership Funding Info Feminist Recovery Plan OCN Perinatal Mental Health		JANUARY	L4 Digital Marketing & Social Media L2 English Tutor Standardisation Meeting Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
		Safeguarding Children Refresher Course WRDA MA's Arts EKSTRA Diversity		MARCH	Child Protection
	AUGUST	Refugee Council WRDA MA's Advocacy/Camp High Street Voucher Scheme Session OCN Perinatal Mental Health			
	SEPTEMBER	Violence Against Women & Girls Funding Improvement Equality Coalition Policy Forum Skills City Deal Social & Cultural Diversity & Family Life Increasing Women's Political Participation Self-Care in the Workplace Introduction to Learning Disability Sensory Play Training Tutor Standardisation Meeting	2022		

355.5

HOURS STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Course Audit 2021/22

Participants	COURSE	Weeks	Places 20/21
15	L1 ADULT SOCIAL CARE	12	180
22	L1 BEGINNERS HAIR & MAKEUP	5	110
11	L1 BEGINNERS NAIL ART SKILL	12	132
4	L1 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS	5	20
39	L1 ENGLISH FOR WORK	12	468
38	L1 INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING	12	456
9	JOBS HUB CV'S & APPLICATIONS	32	288
11	L1 BOOK KEEPING & ACCOUNTS	12	132
10	L1 BEGINNERS MAKE UP	12	120
11	L1 COMPUTERISED ACCOUNTS	12	132
32	L1 HAIR UP STYLING	12	384
31	L1 MATHS FOR WORK	12	372
21	L1 PERSONAL SUCCESS & WELLBEING	12	252
6	PREPARING FOR WORK – POSITIVE SELF	1	6
11	L1 SOCIAL MEDIA SKILLS FOR WORK	12	132
21	L1 SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING	12	252
8	L1 SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING	5	40
14	L1 SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA	4	56
34	L1 UPCYCLING	8	272
8	WWC BEGINNERS NAIL ART	12	96
13	MIND YOUR WELLNESS	6	78
23	STRONGER TOGETHER	6	138
8	BOUNCE BACK	4	32
7	HOLIDAY CLUB	1	7
6	HOMEWORK CLUB	31	186
7	VPRS ENGLISH / INFO SESSIONS	1	7
35	VPRS ENGLISH	48	1680
65	YODA	48	3120
53	MULTI CULTURAL CRAFTING ENGLISH	48	2544
13	MAS MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH STRATHFOYLE	48	624
27	MAS MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH	48	1296
1	1-1 BABY MASSAGE	4	4
12	BABY BUGGIES	4	48
31	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PACKS	1	31
5	BABY BONDING	1	5
10	CHILD BEHAVIOUR	1	10
7	ESSENTIAL OILS	1	7
9	FIRST AID	1	9
15	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	1	15
6	MINDFULNESS FOR KIDS	1	6
45	MUMS WELL	4	180
7	NUTRITION FOR KIDS	1	7
24	POTTY TRAINING	1	24
8	BABY REFLEXOLOGY	4	32
34	SEASONAL RRR WORKSHOPS	1	34
28	SLEEPING PATTERNS	1	28
2	RRR SUPPORT	32	64
4	BABY MASSAGE	4	16
14	RRR WORKSHOPS	8	112
12	INTRODUCTION TO AUTISM	5	60
11	L2 LITERACY	20	220
9	L2 MATHS	20	180
10	GOALS TRAINING	1	10
10	DEBT FOCUS GROUP	1	10

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PARTICIPANTS

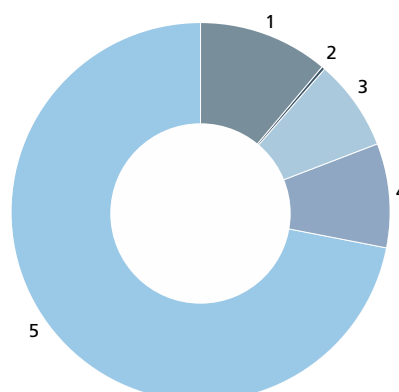
14,724
PLACES

Outputs

OVERALL CENTRE PROVISION 2021/22 (places)

1.	Courses and Projects (places)	14,724
2.	Seminars/Exhibitions/Workshops	59
3.	Childcare (places)	10,143
4.	Telephone/Visits/Information/Referral	11,656
5.	Social Media Engagement	92,814

TOTAL 129,396



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT 2021/22

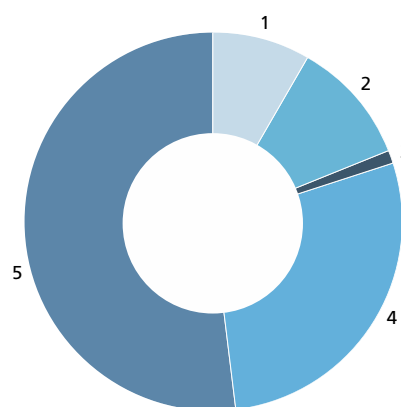
1.	Website visits *1	7,892
2.	Jobs Board Visits *2	9,860
3.	Followers *3	963
4.	Page Views *3	25,923
5.	Engagement - facebook, instagram	48,176

TOTAL 92,814

*1 www.thewomenscentre.co.uk

*2 www.getajobinderry.com

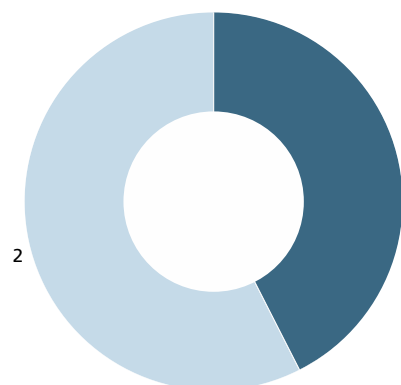
*3 facebook, twitter, instagram



CHILDCARE 2021/22 (places)

1.	April 21 - Sept 21	4,320
2.	Sept 21 - Mar 22	5,823

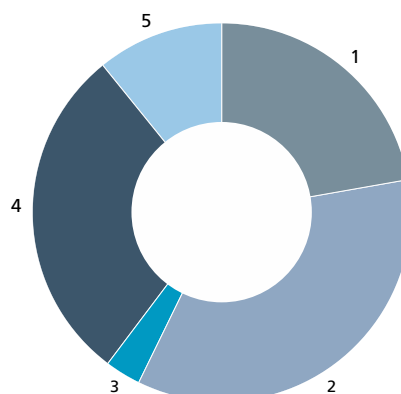
TOTAL 10,143



RECEPTION AUDIT 2021/22

1.	Telephone	2,606
2.	Text Messages	4,081
3.	Visits	358
4.	Drop In	3,357
5.	Facebook Messages	1,254

TOTAL 11,656



Qualifications Achieved 2021/22

COURSE / SUBJECT / QUALIFICATION	TOTAL	Level 4	Level 3	level 2	Level 1	Entry	Units	Credits
L1 ENGLISH FOR WORK	13				9	4	22	
L1 MATHS FOR WORK	13				9	4	13	13
L1 INTRO TO COUNSELLING	20				20		40	60
L1 BOOKKEEPING & ACCOUNTS	4				4		4	12
L1 UPCYCLING	16				14	2	30	90
L1 VPRS UPCYCLING	4				3	1	7	21
L1 BEGINNERS MAKE UP	4				4		8	24
L1 PERSONAL SUCCESS & WELLBEING	12				8	4	52	52
L1 SUPPORTING CHILDRENS LEARNING	17				12	5	41	41
L1 HAIR UP STYLING	11				11		33	66
L1 SOCIAL MEDIA FOR WORK	2				2		2	4
L1 ADULT SOCIAL CARE	8				8		40	48
L1 NAIL ART	11				9	2	31	63
L1 SUPP INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA	7				7		7	7
L1 HAIR & MAKEUP	12				11	1	23	69
L1 COMPUTERISED ACCOUNTS	4				4		4	12
L2 INTRO TO AUTISM	10			10				
TOTAL QUALIFICATIONS GAINED	168			10	135	23	357	582

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QUALIFICATIONS

Women's Centre Derry is an accredited/approved Centre with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) and the following examining bodies: The Centre is registered through the Skills Funding Agency as a Recognised Training Provider for PCDLs.

AWARDING BODY



Workshops, Seminars & Highlights of 2021/22

EVENT	
2021	APRIL DCSDC ESF Local Forum Womens' Community Sector Working Group
	MAY Community Police Force Shared Island Dialogue on Equality Shared island
	JUNE Helen Patouk -Bilingual Book Investors in People Women's Centre Derry AGM Womens' Community Sector Working Group Multi Agency Forum Investors in People Review
	JULY City & Guilds External Visit NICVA ESF User group
	AUGUST DCSDC – VPRS local Forum Advice Centre Clinic Strathfoyle Women's Activity Centre Meeting NICVA ESF User group
	SEPTEMBER Sinead McLaughlin SDLP Refugee Families Violence against women roundtable Equality Coalition Policy Forum for Northern Ireland WCCF Evaluation Poverty and Mental Health' virtual Focus WRISP Evaluation Policy Forum-. Priorities for tackling educational underachievement in NI Education Training inspectorate visit. Our Generation cooperation Ireland – Networking Event
	OCTOBER ETI event Pink Ladies – Health Check Awareness Info Session
	NOVEMBER Equality Coalition NICVA ESF User group DCSDC ESF Local Forum Community Wealth Building women WRISP Evaluation Doug Beattie and Cllr Ryan McCready- Refugee families
	DECEMBER Mark Durkan – ESF Funding support Civic Forum

EVENT	
2022	JANUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA'S Maternal mental Health conference Shared Island shared practices NI Assembly – Refugee Evidence MA'S Regional Team NICVA Covid Recovery Plan NICVA ESF User group WRISP Evaluation Visit from Dept. Of Works & Pensions Housing Strategy input Welfare Mitigations Panel Discussion with ESF Users Group Equality Coalition Seminar with Shadow Secretary of State NI Assembly – ESF Funding Information and Advice on our services for Nursing students Magee Universal Periodic Review- Stakeholder sessions Women Breaking Barriers Conference
	FEBRUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterside Women's Centre Meeting Refugee strategy Consultation NICVA ESF User group MA'S Regional Team WRISP Evaluation
	MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day Event Education Training Inspectorate Visit Advice Clinic for Refugees Multicultural Women's Focus Group meeting for Queens University Research

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EVENTS

WISER (NI) is a community interest company (CIC) set up to develop social enterprise in women's innovation, skills, education and research.

For the year 2022 we provided Wiser childcare for 2472 childcare hours. At present we have 14 children attending regularly, with a waiting list of people waiting to start.

This year we introduced a creche jumper for any private childcare to save on the children's clothes as a recommendation from parents. Any children attending our crèche for courses are also welcome to purchase a jumper.

This year we provided a Christmas session for children to come along with their parents and engage in joint mother and baby Christmas activities. Some activities included Storytime followed by creche play with arts and crafts, snow ball fights and some Christmas music. This year was a great success raising money to go towards funding Educational and wellbeing programme for women and children at our centre. Thank You to everyone who came along and supported this event.



Thank you Alaia for modelling our new crèche Jumper.



WISER Childrens Christmas party.

2,472
CHILDCARE HOURS PROVIDED

Participation, Partnership, Co-operation & Collaboration

This year Women's Centre Derry continued in its role as a key community development leader and women's equality organisation in the region. We worked locally, nationally and internationally with agencies and organisations including the following:

- 4Rs Project
- Ardstraw Area Women's Group
- Atlas Women's Centre
- Ballybeen Women's Centre
- Ballymagroarty Community Centre
- Ballymagroarty Traveller Women's Group
- BBC Children In Need
- Belfast Met
- Benbradagh Women's Group
- Benedy Women's Group
- Bradley's Pharmacy
- Cedar Foundation
- Chrysalis Women's Centre
- City & Guilds
- Community Foundation Ireland
- CPCAB
- Crevagh Women's Group
- Curryneiran Women's Action Committee
- Department for Communities (DfC/VCD)
- Department for the Economy (DfE) ESF
- Department of Education
- Department of the Taoiseach - Shared Island Unit
- Derry Chamber of Commerce
- Derry City & Strabane District Council
- Derry City & Strabane District Council Equality Assurance Forum
- Derry City & Strabane District Council - NIRRS/VPRS local agency Forum
- Derry City & Strabane District Council - ESF local forum
- Derry Well Women
- Derry Youth & Community Workshop
- Dept. of Health
- Dove House Women's Advocacy Project
- Early Years Team - WHSCT
- Early Years - the organisation for young children
- Eden Place Arts Centre- Pilots Row
- Education Authority (EA) Western Region
- European Union / ESF
- Falls Women's Centre
- FALNI
- First Steps Women's Centre
- Footprints Women's Centre
- Foyle Jobs & Benefits
- Foyle Women's Aid
- Foyle Women's Information Network
- Galliagh Women's Group
- Garvagh Women's Group
- Gas Yard Centre
- Girls Aloud
- Greenway Women's Centre
- IEB Software
- Kilcooley Women's Centre
- Letterkenny Women's Centre
- Lisnafin Trust
- Lisnagelvin Women's Group
- Lloyds Pharmacy
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- Newbuildings Women's Group
- NI Open College Network (OCNNI)
- Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)
- Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)
- North West Community Network
- North West Islamic Association
- North West Regional College
- Pink Ladies
- Public Health Agency (PHA)
- School Age Mothers Network (SAM's)
- Shankill Women's Centre
- Shared Island Unit - Dept of the Taoiseach
- Shepherds View Young Parents Project
- Strabane Ethnic Community Association Women's Group
- Strathfoyle Community Association
- Strathfoyle Women's Centre - SWAG
- St Vincent DePaul
- Time for Me Women's Group
- Training for Women Network (TWN)
- Traveller Action Group (TAG) WHSCT
- Traveller Women's Group Ballymagroarty
- Virtual Community College Ireland (VCC)
- Waterside Women's Centre
- Western Childcare Partnership
- Windsor Women's Centre
- Womens Information Northern Ireland (WINI)
- Women's Regional Consortium
- Women's Resource Development Agency (WRDA)
- Women's Support Network (WSN)
- WOMEN'S TEC

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Kathy Colhoun (Chairperson) Leona McMenamin (Treasurer) Dr Clionagh Boyle Geraldine Compton Roisin Hegarty Dina Gomaa
Secretary	Sharon McLaughlin
Charity number	NIC100187
Company number	NI033263
Registered office	Beibhinn House 5 Guildhall Street Derry BT48 6BB
Auditor	Moore (NI) LLP 21/23 Clarendon Street Derry/Londonderry BT48 7EP
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 27 Culmore Road Londonderry BT48 8JB
Solicitors	Babingtons Solicitors 9 Limavady Road Londonderry BT47 6JU

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Womens Centre Derry Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Trustees' report.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Charity SORP and the Companies Act 2006). Additionally, we concluded that there are significant laws and regulations in relation to the company's charitable status and activities of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage earnings or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of restrictions imposed by the donor. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charitable company's internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and charitable status with HM Revenue & Customs, by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We test the completeness of income to address the risk of fraud in relation to revenue recognition
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Auditing the risk of use of charity funds outside of restrictions imposed by the donor by review of funding letters of offer to identify restrictions, and review of funding claims prepared by management to check compliance with restrictions.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Bradley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (NI) LLP

21 June 2022

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

21/23 Clarendon Street
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WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	12,813	-	-	12,813	16,549
Charitable activities	4	11,220	-	458,275	469,495	523,725
Total income		24,033	-	458,275	482,308	540,274
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	5	14,056	17,149	485,405	516,610	458,970
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		9,977	(17,149)	(27,130)	(34,302)	81,304
Gross transfers between funds	19	9,510	-	(9,510)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		19,487	(17,149)	(36,640)	(34,302)	81,304
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		174,667	493,662	86,784	755,113	673,809
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		194,154	476,513	50,144	720,811	755,113

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		485,857		504,483
Current assets					
Debtors	11	42,906		37,373	
Cash at bank and in hand		206,594		231,083	
		<u>249,500</u>		<u>268,456</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,546)		(17,826)	
Net current assets			234,954		250,630
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>720,811</u>		<u>755,113</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		50,144		86,784
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	16	476,513		493,662	
General unrestricted funds		194,154		174,667	
		<u>670,667</u>		<u>668,329</u>	
			<u>720,811</u>		<u>755,113</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 June 2022

Kathy Colhoun

Kathy Colhoun (Chairperson)
Trustee

Leona McMenamin

Leona McMenamin (Treasurer)
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI033263

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Courses and craft income	11,063	6,284
Grant funding	458,275	517,413
Other income	157	28
	469,495	523,725
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	11,220	6,312
Restricted funds	458,275	517,413
	469,495	523,725
Grant funding		
Dept for the Economy - PROSPER 3	232,613	230,217
Dept for Communities - VCD	106,037	93,264
Dept for Communities - Regional Support	28,636	29,142
BBC Children in Need	-	21,452
Early Years - DE - the Pathway Fund	-	4,500
Derry City & Strabane District Council	7,500	7,500
Regional Women's Centre Partnership - MAS project	17,213	5,400
National Lottery Community Fund	-	97,960
HFNI Halifax Foundation	4,678	-
BBC Children in Need - Next Steps COVID	39,443	13,023
Community Foundation Ireland	5,011	4,400
Co-Operation Ireland - VCSE COVID Recovery Fund	-	4,331
Other	17,144	6,224
	458,275	517,413

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	304,080	266,655
Depreciation and impairment	21,045	20,440
Course and accreditation fees	6,681	6,364
Facilitation and evaluation	25,404	24,530
Project expenses	30,772	27,893
Property costs	12,284	7,163
Repairs and maintenance	16,837	10,053
Office costs	15,457	20,388
Advertising, marketing and publicity	1,368	1,386
Travel expenses	346	68
Staff training	98	2,899
Insurance	8,408	7,563
Consumables	4,472	3,082
Bank charges	524	561
General expenses	6,878	6,480
	454,654	405,525
Share of support costs (see note 6)	57,456	48,945
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	4,500	4,500
	516,610	458,970
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	14,056	13,092
Unrestricted funds - designated	17,149	17,149
Restricted funds	485,405	428,729
	516,610	458,970

WOMENS CENTRE DERRY LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		
Dept for the Economy - PROSPER 3	-	230,217	(197,818)	(32,025)	374	232,613	(206,368)	(26,217)		402
Dept for Communities - VCD	-	93,264	(104,563)	11,299	-	106,037	(123,422)	17,385		-
Dept for Communities - Regional Support	-	29,143	(28,116)	-	1,027	28,636	(29,886)	223		-
BBC Children in Need	1,365	21,452	(25,023)	2,206	-	-	-	-		-
Early Years - DE - the Pathway Fund	-	4,500	(4,280)	(220)	-	-	-	-		-
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	7,500	(4,778)	-	2,722	7,500	(7,634)	-		2,588
British Science Association	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	-		-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	3,936	-	(3,035)	-	901	-	-	(901)		-
Childcare Partnership NI	-	500	(500)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Dept for the Economy - ESOL NI (VPRS)	-	5,723	(6,211)	488	-	9,145	(6,685)	-		2,460
HFNI Halifax Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	4,678	(545)	-		4,133
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	11,051	(11,051)	-	-	-	-	-		-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	97,960	(26,098)	-	71,862	-	(58,267)	-		13,595
BBC Children in Need - Next Steps COVID	-	13,023	(7,864)	-	5,159	39,443	(27,642)	-		16,960
Regional Women's Centres Partnership - MAS project	-	5,400	(3,727)	-	1,673	17,213	(15,955)	-		2,931
Community Foundation Ireland	-	4,400	(1,334)	-	3,066	5,010	(6,001)	-		2,075
Co-op Ireland - VCSE COVID recovery fund	-	4,331	(4,331)	-	-	-	-	-		-
Screwfix Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-		5,000
	5,301	528,464	(428,729)	(18,252)	86,784	458,275	(485,405)	(9,510)		50,144



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