
Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2023/24



Co%ownership



Social Purpose

Working for Co-Ownership, you will know that the organisation has a strong social purpose and endeavours to have an impact on not only our customers, but also on the wider community. Staff feedback has shown that this is important to you and plays a role in your overall job satisfaction.

This is also evident from the level of support and participation in our community engagement activities.

Our ongoing engagement with Business in the Community and CORE accreditation supports our work in this area and provides a framework from which to build.

The CORE Standard for Responsible Business has 3 strands;

1. People
2. Planet
3. Place

Our community engagement activities fit within Place. Over the past year we have continued to have an impact on the community with fundraising, our Community Fund and volunteering.

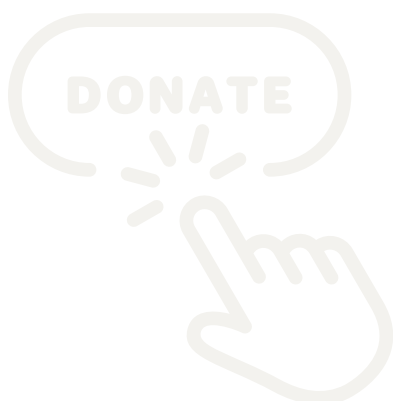
Fundraising

Over the past year staff have raised £3297.98 for our chosen charity, NI Chest, Heart and Stroke. We have achieved this through a variety of fundraising events which staff have participated in, including a hearty hike up Slieve Binnian, the Belfast City half marathon, a Halloween raffle, a tea trolley dash, Run in the Dark event, a beauty advent calendar, a Christmas hamper and a coffee morning to name a few!

£3,297.98

TOTAL RAISED

A huge well done to everyone on this achievement and a special thanks to all staff who took the time to take part in our fundraising activities, you have made a real difference!





(L-R) Karen - Charis, Cinzia - Luminous Soul, Mark - Co-Ownership, Eileen - Luminous Soul, Gerard - West Wellbeing.

Community Fund

This year Co-Ownership's annual community fund helped 3 different organisations, all of whom helped people with disabilities.

Charis Special Needs Club provides much needed services to people with disabilities and the community funding was used towards purchasing some essential equipment and organising outings for participants.

Luminous Soul received funding to support dance classes for people with disabilities. These classes provide an opportunity for participants to develop their dance skills and work toward group productions and public performances.

West Wellbeing Suicide Prevention provide an outreach programme for people and families affected by suicide along with counselling services, child art therapy and family support. The community funding was used to provide child art psychotherapy sessions.

As a small, family-focused charity, we're incredibly proud to provide the activities and resources that we do. We are thrilled to have received the generous grant from Co-Ownership. We have purchased some much-needed new equipment and toys.

Karen, Charis

Volunteering

Staff have continued to make best use of the supported volunteer day and this year we have had several staff members using their time to take part in a litter collection on the beach and riverways. Some staff used the opportunity to help out with their local schools whilst others used their time to volunteer on Boards and Committees.

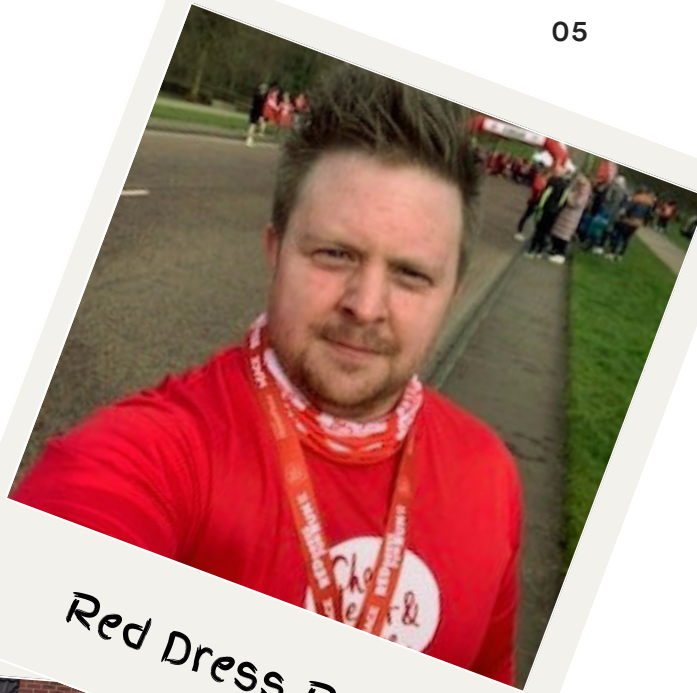
This resulted in almost 50 hours of volunteering. We still have a group of staff who volunteer with the Age NI Check in and Chat initiative, giving up their time on a weekly basis to contact an older person who may be isolated or lonely.



Thank You



Easter Raffle



Red Dress Run



Banbridge litter picking



Hearty Hike, Slieve Binnian



Belfast City half marathon

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