

Annual Report

2022-2023



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Profile Of Company



The Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative, otherwise known as SLÍ, provides a range of education and awareness raising programmes to schools, youth groups and community organisations to raise the profile of sustainability within our community. All of our work takes place within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. SLÍ works on a variety of issues that fall under this umbrella including the problems of single-use plastic, waste, fair trade, child and forced labour, ethical fashion, water, transportation, etc

Vision & Mission

Vision

Our vision is of a world with a sustainable future.

Mission

Our mission is to educate and inspire action on sustainability.

Purpose

Our purpose is to creatively contribute to the environmental sustainability of our communities through the delivery of global citizenship education and awareness raising activities



Our Team



John Hawkes, Chair

Francis Power, Director

Liz Riches, Director

Deborah Sheeran, Director

Jen Harris & Sarah Keane, Staff

Highlight: Launch of New Strategic Plan, 2023-2025

SLI STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2025

Our mission is to educate and inspire action on sustainability.

The Waterford Sustainable Living Initiative (SLI) grew out of an organisational commitment to the 2030 Agenda. SLI is a Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable Status and is governed by a Board of Directors. SLI provides a range of education and awareness raising programmes to the formal and nonformal education sectors as well as working within community settings.



Our **vision** is of a world with a sustainable future.



Strategic Goal 1: Ensure the long-term viability of SLI through strengthened organisational capacity.



Strategic Goal 2: Build the capacity of young people to take meaningful action on sustainable development.



Strategic Goal 3: Creatively engage communities in Waterford and beyond as active global citizens.

Our Values

»» Sustainability

»» Justice

»» Inclusion

»» Solidarity

»» Participation

Full Strategic Plan: www.sliwaterford.ie






Financial Report



Waterford Slí Company Limited By Guarantee INCOME STATEMENT for the financial year ended 31 July 2022

	31/07/2023	31/07/2022
Income	146,369.00	102,179.00
Expenditure	134,282.00	90,749.00
Surplus before tax	12,086.00	11,430.00
Surplus for the financial year	12,086.00	11,430.00
Total comprehensive income	12,086.00	11,430.00

A full set of our accounts are available at: <https://sliwaterford.ie/about-sli>



From the Chair



As our recently approved Strategic Plan encapsulates: " Slí has been in existence since 2019 and has been growing steadily. Our main area of operation is sustainable living (as our name implies) through engagement with youth and communities and a focus on cutting down waste, reuse, recycling and other initiatives." We have continued to grow and have consolidated our systems and procedures over the last 12 months.

Our finance and management practices have improved significantly. We have added to, and updated our policies and procedures in line with Good Government practice, and in line with national guidelines. All policies are available on our website.

As we have grown the need to improve and develop our financial management systems became apparent. We continue to develop these systems which are also available on our website. Please see the financial report. We are grateful to O'Byrne Accounting for their help and advice in getting our finances and procedures in order. Our progress has resulted in increased funding (see programme report) which in turn has meant for the first time we have crossed the financial threshold needed to have our books audited. This went well and we have taken on board the recommendations.

We're pleased with our Strategic Plan and the work put into developing it. We will review it annually and report back on our progress. We are also very pleased to receive sponsorship this year from the Algorand Foundation. We are also thankful to all of our funders for their on-going support of our work: Irish Aid, Irish Aid's WorldWide Global Schools, Development Education and Awareness Raising (European Commission), Erasmus+ (European Commission), Waterford City and County Council, Creative Waterford

Finally, the Board would like to record our sincere thanks to Jen Harris, CEO, and Sarah Keane, Communications and Project Officer, for their support and drive to push us upward and onward.

**John Hawkes
Chair, SLí**



With Thanks

Slí would like to thank our funders and supporters:

- **Irish Aid**
 - **Irish Aid's WorldWide Global Schools**
 - **European Commission DEAR**
 - **European Commission Erasmus+**
 - **Waterford City and County Council**
 - **Creative Waterford/Creative Ireland**
 - **Algorand Foundation**
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