

Company registration number: 02828276

Charity registration number: 1034809

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Bissell & Brown Birmingham Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

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The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Reference and Administrative Details

Secretary	Joanne Marie Sadler
Charity Registration Number	1034809
Company Registration Number	02828276
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England. c/o Action For Children 2-4 Guild Close Birmingham B16 8EL
Accountants	Bissell & Brown Birmingham Ltd Chartered Accountants 12 Portman Rd Kings Heath Birmingham West Midlands B13 0SL

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Financial and operational review

The Play House is a long established and highly respected theatre in education company, known nationally and internationally for its trademark participatory approach. Since it was founded in 1986, the company has developed a strong track record of high-quality work in schools. It has an excellent reputation locally and regionally with teachers, local authorities, arts organisations and academic institutions.

Our vision is to enhance the learning and development of curiosity for children and young people in the West Midlands, through engagement in drama experiences. We have a strong ethos of meaningful participation at the heart of everything we do through the creation of rich fictional worlds, where children interact with a range of situations and characters. We strongly believe in the transformational power of theatre, and we are committed to producing work that provides an exciting and challenging first experience of live theatre as enrichment.

In the academic year 2022-23, The Play House delivered over 300 workshop-performances and reached approximately 8000 children and young people from across early years settings, primary and secondary schools, as well as local cultural venues including libraries, art galleries and museums.

During this year, the company (Trustees and staff) reconfigured the staff structure taking into account the skillsets and strengths of the team. The structure was changed to make Jo Sadler-Lovett (previously Artistic Director) now the Director of the company, overseeing both creative and operational progress. Despite the changes, our values and ethos continue to be protected and upheld by all staff.

The effects of inflation and cost of living crisis can be felt but the company has adapted as much as possible to ensure that activities continue.

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Trustees' Report

Key projects and highlights from 2022/23

Maker Space

Funded by The Royal Academy of Engineering and delivered in partnership with The University of Birmingham/

Imagine a City

This year, with the help of The Millennium Point Trust, we were able to run a second STEM-based project working with The University of Birmingham and The University of Wolverhampton.

CRIC storytelling

During this year, we continued and completed the delivery of CRIC story-telling, funded by The Community Recovery Challenge.

Arts and Culture

We continued to develop our relationship with The New Walsall Art gallery and Rugby Art Gallery with story-telling performances throughout the year.

Black Country Living Museum (BCLM)

The Play House has worked with BCLM to enrich their event delivery and diversify event content.

CPD/Inset

The Play House continues to offer CPD to both experienced teachers, and those at the start of their careers, to support the creative delivery of the curriculum.

Higher Education Bookings

The Play House was asked to act as guest lecturers in a variety of Higher Education Settings.

SCHOOL TOUR (highlights , not extensive list)

The Romans

Story Telling Residency

Jack and The Beanstalk

Anansi the Spider

Resilience Quest

Its My Planet Too

Little Red Hen

Ugly Duckling

Split Second

Careless Talk

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Trustees' Report

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

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

Trustees:

Keshena Bowie
Adaya Henry
Alexandra Henwood
Tessa Taylor
Shane Shambhu (appointed 22 May 2023)
Paul Edwards (appointed 26 January 2024)
Deborah Shaw, Chair (Resigned 6 November 2023)
Rachel Cranny (appointed 22 May 2023 and Resigned 6 November 2023)

Secretary: Joanne Marie Sadler (appointed 20 March 2023)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Play House (B'ham) Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.


The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/5/24 and signed on its behalf by:


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Keshena Bowie
Trustee

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Play House (B'ham) Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Play House (B'ham) Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

 for Bissell & Brown Birmingham Ltd

Barry Matthews FCA
Chartered Accountants
Bissell & Brown Birmingham Ltd

12 Portman Rd
Kings Heath
Birmingham
B13 0SL

Date: 21 May 2024

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	<u>101,745</u>	<u>131,934</u>	<u>233,679</u>
Total Income		<u>101,745</u>	<u>131,934</u>	<u>233,679</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	<u>(58,670)</u>	<u>(65,470)</u>	<u>(124,140)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(58,670)</u>	<u>(65,470)</u>	<u>(124,140)</u>
Net income		<u>43,075</u>	<u>66,464</u>	<u>109,539</u>
Net movement in funds		43,075	66,464	109,539
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>67,852</u>	<u>18,536</u>	<u>86,388</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u>110,927</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>195,927</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd
(Registration number: 02828276)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023


	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,882	2,824
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,850	13,734
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>201,837</u>	<u>76,501</u>
		203,687	90,235
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(9,642)</u>	<u>(6,672)</u>
Net current assets		<u>194,045</u>	<u>83,563</u>
Net assets		<u>195,927</u>	<u>86,387</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	85,000	18,536
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>110,927</u>	<u>67,851</u>
Total funds	12	<u>195,927</u>	<u>86,387</u>

For the financial year ending 31 August 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/5/24 and signed on their behalf by:



 Keshena Bowie
 Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

c/o Action For Children

2-4 Guild Close

Birmingham

B16 8EL

Principal place of business

Authorised for issue date

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Schools & universities	66,745	-	66,745
Millenium Point	-	16,400	16,400
Postcode	20,000	-	20,000
Royal Academy	-	24,784	24,784
29th May 1961 Char Trust	-	2,000	2,000
Edgar Lawley	-	1,500	1,500
Baron Davenport	-	500	500
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000
Turner Trust	-	1,000	1,000
William Cadbury	-	750	750
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	85,000	85,000
Total for 2023	<u>101,745</u>	<u>131,934</u>	<u>233,679</u>
Total for 2022	<u>48,423</u>	<u>157,485</u>	<u>205,908</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Production costs	-	1,923	1,923
Freelance fees	3,322	27,000	30,322
Staff costs	41,473	33,149	74,622
PR & marketing	4,230	400	4,630
Travel	487	1,064	1,551
Recruitment	611	-	611
Accts & independent exam	1,100	-	1,100
Office expenses	-	34	34
Computer & communications	1,933	500	2,433
Training	47	-	47
Rent	3,400	1,400	4,800
Legal & Prof	950	-	950
Bank charges	174	-	174
Depreciation of fixed assets	942	-	942
Total for 2023	<u>58,669</u>	<u>65,470</u>	<u>124,139</u>
Total for 2022	<u>46,600</u>	<u>182,722</u>	<u>229,322</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

**Total
expenditure
£**

5 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

**2023
£**

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	<u>3,766</u>	<u>3,766</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>3,766</u>	<u>3,766</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2022	942	942
Charge for the year	<u>942</u>	<u>942</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,884</u>	<u>1,884</u>
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,882</u>	<u>1,882</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>2,824</u>	<u>2,824</u>

9 Debtors

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	1,850	4,580
Other debtors	-	9,154
	<u>1,850</u>	<u>13,734</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	<u>201,837</u>	<u>76,501</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	8,542	5,532
Accruals	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,140</u>
	<u>9,642</u>	<u>6,672</u>

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	57,851	101,745	(58,669)	100,927
<i>Designated</i>				
Designated- develop & IT fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>67,851</u>	<u>101,745</u>	<u>(58,669)</u>	<u>110,927</u>
Restricted funds				
Small Funds	-	5,750	(5,750)	-
Millenium Point	-	16,400	(16,400)	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	85,000	-	85,000
Bham Org Commonw Games	9,154	-	(9,154)	-
Royal Academy	8,882	24,784	(33,666)	-
WMCA	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>18,536</u>	<u>131,934</u>	<u>(65,470)</u>	<u>85,000</u>
Total funds	<u>86,387</u>	<u>233,679</u>	<u>(124,139)</u>	<u>195,927</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>233,679</u>	<u>205,908</u>
Total income	<u>233,679</u>	<u>205,908</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(124,140)</u>	<u>(229,323)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(124,140)</u>	<u>(229,323)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>109,539</u>	<u>(23,415)</u>
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds carried forward	<u>109,539</u>	<u>(23,415)</u>

The Play House (B'ham) Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sales to schools & univs	66,745	48,423
Arts Council England	-	12,353
Edward Cadbury	-	1,000
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	85,000	-
Bham Org C.Games	-	109,154
Royal Academy	24,784	16,978
WMCA	-	15,000
29th May 1961 Char Trust	2,000	2,000
Thistle Trust	-	1,000
Millenium Point	16,400	-
Baron Davenport	500	-
Turner Trust	1,000	-
William Cadbury	750	-
Edgar Lawley	1,500	-
Garfield Weston	15,000	-
Postcode	20,000	-
	<u>233,679</u>	<u>205,908</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Production costs	(1,923)	(6,003)
Staff costs	(33,149)	(87,775)
Staff costs UF	(44,005)	-
Freelance	(27,000)	(80,783)
Freelance	(3,322)	(32,060)
Motor & travel	(1,064)	(2,410)
Motor & travel	(212)	-
Rent RF	(1,400)	(900)
Rent UF	(3,400)	(1,303)
Office expenses	(34)	(373)
Computer software and maintenance costs RF	(500)	(1,238)
Computer UF	(1,934)	-
Training	(47)	(2,400)
Insurance RF	-	(1,101)
Insurance UF	-	(2,100)
Telephone & post	-	(1,970)
Travel and subsistence	(275)	-
Sundry	2,532	1,109
Bank charges	(174)	(180)
PR & marketing RF	(400)	(3,250)
PR & Marketing UF	(4,230)	(1,016)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Independent exam	(1,100)	(1,140)
Legal & prof	(950)	(244)
Recruitment RF	-	(500)
Recruitment UF	(611)	(2,744)
Depreciation of office equipment	<u>(942)</u>	<u>(942)</u>
	<u><u>(124,140)</u></u>	<u><u>(229,323)</u></u>