

BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1068309

Details

Other names	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF NINE YEARS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RACE, NATIONALITY, ETHNIC OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION , GENDER, SEXUALITY , SOCIAL CLASS, DISABILITY OR AGE BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO PARENTS , CARERS AND ALL WORKERS CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF CHILDREN.

Activities: The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The project works positively to combat bias of every kind with others across Brighton & Hove and the surrounding area. The project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young childrens play, care and education, at w

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EAST SUSSEX
- Brighton And Hove

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,235	£36,220	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,689	£35,272	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,610	£41,746	-	-
2022-03-31	£40,671	£42,488	-	-
2021-03-31	£47,770	£33,413	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA JANE LEWIS	Chair	
Amina Omeri		2023-10-07
CHRISTOPHER JOHN RANDALL		
Cara Redlich		2023-10-07
Dr Caroline Ackley		2023-10-07
Judith Simon		2023-03-22
Mx Charlie Paul Alexander Stray		2021-07-14

Accounts

CHARITY
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote educational and social welfare of children under the age of nine years, without distinction of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexuality, social class, disability or age by providing advice and support to parents, carers and workers concerned with the education and social welfare of children.

Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The Project, a registered charity, works positively to combat bias of every kind in co-operation with others across Brighton and Hove. The Early Childhood Project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young children's care, play and education.

The Aims of the Early Childhood Project are:

To provide a Toy Library service, information and social media to existing Early Childhood Project Members and to develop the scheme to include more families and voluntary, statutory and private sector organisations wishing to ensure that anti-bias equal opportunity awareness and children's rights is a part of their work.

To provide and develop resources, including online, that support users in establishing anti-bias practice and equal opportunities and enable access to these resources.

To enable groups to access resources that reflect all people, all children in a positive way, irrespective of race, disability, marital status, age, gender identity, social class, religion or differences in family lifestyle and culture.

To provide advice, support and information in Brighton and Hove and district throughout local networks to statutory and community initiatives.

To provide support, information, resources and anti-bias training to workers and professionals working in early years play, care and education and to work co-operatively with their support networks and colleagues.

To remain aware and responsive to political and social changes within our areas of work, as they arise, locally and nationally.

To develop partnerships and work co-operatively with people both employed and working voluntarily with children, in order to share knowledge, understanding, skills and expertise.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities.

By working to the aims listed above, the Trustees identify the value that the work of the charity has to parents, carers and those employed and working voluntarily with young children. This in turn, adds value to the lives of the young children in their care. It is the Trustees' commitment that the benefit of the work of the charity should be accessible to as many people as possible as detailed in the charity's objectives, thus improving their equality of opportunities.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the reporting year, the Toy Library provided 186 sessions with 6,562 people attendances, adults and children, an increase in attendance of 37% on the previous year.

We had 593 Toy Library members (people who attended the Toy Library in person) an increase of 26% from the previous year.

44% of our family members spoke more than one language at home and we 59 languages spoken by the families and included British Sign Language for the first time.

Our independently funded drop-in Toy Library play group held in Turner Family Hub each term time Tuesday continues to be very popular. We held 38 sessions with an increase in attendance of 12%.

We produced and distributed 50 weekly online newsletters. The subscription list fluctuates but is about 1500 addresses including Toy Library and play session members, families and professionals across the city and beyond. We continue to send the newsletter across the world: India, Peru, China, Spain, Italy, Germany and Greece to name a few.

We donate toys and books from the Toy Library during each session; often donated toys we do not need in the Toy Library or old favourites that are too 'tired' to be shared any longer. For Winter Celebrations, we gifted over 500 toys we had collected and sorted. For some families, our Seasonal 'free table' in the Toy Library was the only opportunity they had to 'shop' for gifts for their children.

ECP provided bereavement support to two professionals and three families during the year.

We ran three play events during the year including our AGM in November 2024. Most of the feedback responses requested that we should open every Saturday.

We have been actively engaged with the national Schools of Sanctuary and working towards our own Sanctuary status since March 2024. This will formalise the work we have been doing informally for decades, supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. We have followed the recommended 'whole team' approach and undertaken anti-racist training, a full Toy Library audit of everything from our resources through to our welcome. We have had numerous meetings as a team throughout the year and continued to visit Voices in Exile at their food bank and the International Group of Women.

We have again continued our successful format of following the three school terms and the seasons, also acknowledging and celebrating different religious and cultural festivals throughout the year.

ECP's volunteers provided in excess of 310 work sessions for the charity, totalling more than 1240 hours, as well as attending events and Sanctuary meetings. Our volunteers: Lucy Wednesday, Susie and Judy are skilled and committed, and we thank them for their enthusiasm and very hard work!

It has, again, been an exceptionally hard and busy year with many challenges. Thank you to our wonderful and committed Trustees who provide advice, support and keep turning up for events, meetings and all we ask of them.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity incurred a deficit during the year of £1,985 and this has been deducted from the reserves brought forward of £15,228 to leave £13,243 to be carried forward.

The Trustees, once again, agreed that use of the toy library would be free of charge for families. However, donations of funds would be accepted if offered.

Like many small charities ECP is adjusting to a changing funding landscape, and applies for statutory and trust funding through the year, utilising the reserve for security to maintain project staffing and keep our services open.

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Reserves policy

The reserve has been used to fund a small deficit in the year 2024-25.

We strive to maintain the recommended 3-6 month running costs in our reserve.

FUTURE PLANS

We are continuing to work towards our Toy Library of Sanctuary Status Award.

The toy library will continue to open four sessions a week to meet the increase in toy library memberships and ongoing need.; three sessions each holiday week.

The free toy library drop-in play group will continue for term time Tuesdays.

We are working co-operatively with Brighton & Hove City Council to continue to offer our toy library service from the Turner Family Hub and develop further services as needed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The organisation is a charity registered on 26 February 1998, registered number 1068309.

The charity was established under a constitution adopted on 6 October 1997. Under this constitution, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day to day operation to the Project Co-ordinator, Clair Barnard, and staff.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1068309

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

Caroline Ackley 8/11/25
Dr C Ackley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brighton, Hove & District Early Childhood Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brighton, Hove & District Early Childhood Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

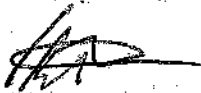
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, 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.

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.



Christopher Robert Tyler FCA DChA FCIE

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Flat 24 Wellingtonia Court
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Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 6TD

Date: 17 March 2025

**BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROJECT
T/A THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	12,021	21,667	33,688	28,373
Charitable activities					
Other income	4	500	-	500	1,260
Investment income	3	47	-	47	56
Total		12,568	21,667	34,235	29,689
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Staff costs	5	7,807	21,667	29,474	25,823
Project costs		3,199	-	3,199	4,421
Administration costs		3,547	-	3,547	5,028
Total		14,553	21,667	36,220	35,272
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,985)	-	(1,985)	(5,583)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		15,228	-	15,228	20,811
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		13,243	-	13,243	15,228

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROJECT
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		20,698	-	20,698	27,180
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(7,455)	-	(7,455)	(11,952)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>13,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,243</u>	<u>15,228</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,243</u>	<u>15,228</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>13,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,243</u>	<u>15,228</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				13,243	15,228
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>13,243</u>	<u>15,228</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

Carol Ann Arto 8/11/25
Dr C Ackley - Trustee

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**BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROJECT
T/A THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and are rounded to the nearest £1.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial Assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

Financial Liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	1,021	207
Grants	32,667	28,166
	<u>33,688</u>	<u>28,373</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Big Lottery Fund	6,667	3,333
Brighton and Hove City Council	-	4,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	5,000
Other Grants	-	500
Fonthill Foundation	5,000	-
Pebble Trust	2,000	2,000
Sussex Community Foundation	3,000	3,333
Sussex University	750	-
TCC	10,250	10,000
	<u>32,667</u>	<u>28,166</u>

The following grants have been deferred to 2025/26:

	2025 £	2024 £
Big Lottery Fund	-	6,667
Sussex Community Foundation	3,667	1,667
Pebble Trust	2,000	2,000
Sussex University	-	750

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	47	56

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Training and consultancy	500	1,260

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)
	£
Staff costs	29,474
Project costs	3,199
Administration costs	3,547
	36,220

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	29,474	25,823
Postage and stationery	-	329
Sundries	100	221
Toy Library stock	-	970
ECP Insurance	862	901
Volunteer expenses	1,177	3,118
Development & funding	1,975	2,819
Independent examination	550	648
Play packs	2,022	333
Subscriptions	-	50
Bank charges	60	60
	36,220	35,272

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

During the year £63 was reimbursed to 1 Trustee for expenses as a volunteer (2024: £27).

8. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	29,474	25,823
Employers national insurance	1,100	1,007
Employment allowance	(1,100)	(1,007)

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Full time equivalent basis	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024 : none)..

Actual numbers of staff in 2025 was 3 part time employees (2024: 3 employees).

Key Management Personnel remuneration amounted to £16,937 (2024: £16,391);

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	14,207	14,166	28,373
Charitable activities			
Other income	1,260	-	1,260
Investment income	56	-	56
Total	15,523	14,166	29,689
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Staff costs	11,657	14,166	25,823
Project costs	4,421	-	4,421
Administration costs	5,028	-	5,028
Total	21,106	14,166	35,272
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,583)	-	(5,583)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	20,811	-	20,811
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15,228	-	15,228

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	189	-
Other creditors	7,266	11,952
	<u>7,455</u>	<u>11,952</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,228	(1,985)	13,243
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,228</u>	<u>(1,985)</u>	<u>13,243</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,568	(14,553)	(1,985)
Restricted funds			
Sussex Community Foundation	3,000	(3,000)	-
Big Lottery Fund	6,667	(6,667)	-
Pebble Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Fonthill Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>21,667</u>	<u>(21,667)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,235</u>	<u>(36,220)</u>	<u>(1,985)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,811	(5,583)	15,228
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,811</u>	<u>(5,583)</u>	<u>15,228</u>

**BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT EARLY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,523	(21,106)	(5,583)
Restricted funds			
Sussex Community Foundation	3,333	(3,333)	-
Big Lottery Fund	3,333	(3,333)	-
Pebble Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Other Grants	500	(500)	-
	<u>14,166</u>	<u>(14,166)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>29,689</u>	<u>(35,272)</u>	<u>(5,583)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds was as follows:

- 1.Sussex Community Foundation - Toy library resources.
- 2, Big Lottery Fund - Toy library resources.
- 3.Pebble Trust - Salaries.
- 4.Chalk Cliff Trust - Salaries.
- 5.Fonthill Foundation - Toy library resources.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

13. FIXED ASSETS

The Charity owns some office furniture and equipment which is of modest value. It also owns a Toy Library which has accumulated over the period of the Charity's existence by means of small individual purchases and is currently insured for £69,075..

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068309

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024
FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants
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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objectives and aims

To promote educational and social welfare of children under the age of nine years, without distinction of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexuality, social class, disability or age by providing advice and support to parents, carers and workers concerned with the education and social welfare of children.

Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The Project, a registered charity, works positively to combat bias of every kind in co-operation with others across Brighton and Hove. The Early Childhood Project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young children's care, play and education.

The Aims of the Early Childhood Project are:

- To provide a Toy Library service, information and social media to existing Early Childhood Project Members and to develop the scheme to include more families and voluntary, statutory and private sector organisations wishing to ensure that anti-bias equal opportunity awareness and children's rights is a part of their work.
- To provide and develop resources, including online, that support users in establishing anti-bias practice and equal opportunities and enable access to these resources.
- To enable groups to access resources that reflect all people, all children in a positive way, irrespective of race, disability, marital status, age, gender identity, social class, religion or differences in family lifestyle and culture.
- To provide advice, support and information in Brighton and Hove and district throughout local networks to statutory and community initiatives.
- To provide support, information, resources and anti-bias training to workers and professionals working in early years play, care and education and to work co-operatively with their support networks and colleagues.
- To remain aware and responsive to political and social changes within our areas of work, as they arise, locally and nationally.
- To develop partnerships and work co-operatively with people both employed and working voluntarily with children, in order to share knowledge, understanding, skills and expertise.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Early Childhood Project for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the duties set out in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. By working to the aims listed above, the Trustees identify the value that the work of the charity has to parents, carers and those employed and working voluntarily with young children. This in turn, adds value to the lives of the young children in their care. It is the Trustees' commitment that the benefit of the work of the charity should be accessible to as many people as possible as detailed in the charity's objectives, thus improving their equality of opportunities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

- During the reporting year, the Toy Library provided 186 sessions with 3965 people attendances (adults & children). This is an increase of 35% on sessions, and 82% on attendances; the Toy Library sessions are very busy.
- During the reporting year, we had 432 Family Toy Library Members (people who attend the Toy Library in person), 412 family members and 20 agency members. The 412 family memberships represent 1,007 people (474 adults and 533 children) 15% of the parent members were fathers. The parents included grandparents and people who identified as Transgender. 161 memberships lapsed in the year (due to natural turnover of children getting older).
- This is a 48% increase in memberships this reporting year.
- In September we opened the weekly toy library drop-in play group, Tuesdays in term time, funded independently by ECP but held in Turner Family Hub. This group is extremely popular with capacity of up to 20 families at time to attend, we had 123 families join, representing 123 adults and 131 children.
- ECP's produced and distributed 50 weekly play newsletters. The subscription list varies but is approximately 1200 addresses, including toy library and play session members, families and professionals across the city and beyond. We send it to Peru, China, India, Spain, Czech Republic, Italy to name a few places our families have relocated to but want to remain in touch.
- ECP collected, cleaned, sorted and gifted over 500 donated items to families through a help yourself table and we saved boxes of toys to give away at our play event for refugees and asylum seekers. We keep a stash of new/ as new toys and books that we give to parents/carers if their children are celebrating a birthday or special date and have no resources to buy presents, as well as at Christmas.
- We ran a play event in May 2023 with 145 attendees. We gave away many of the gifted toy cats and had a cat themed day! 130 people attended our AGM 7 October 2023, with a very busy play event running alongside.
- ECP provided bereavement support to 5 families.
- As of March 2024, we are actively engaged with national Schools of Sanctuary and working towards our own Sanctuary status. This work formalises the informal work have been doing for decades. It also strengthens our links with Voices in Exile, the International Group of Women, the multi-cultural group of women at Carlton Hill School and all the many and diverse families across the city with whom we work.
- We have again followed on from last year's successful format by following the three school terms and the seasons, also acknowledging and celebrating the different religious and cultural festivals throughout the year.
- ECP's volunteers provided in excess of 310 work sessions for ECP, totalling more than 1240 hours. In addition to which they attended events and meetings. ECP's volunteers are a major resource and more than a third of all the work hours at ECP are provided by these highly skilled and committed volunteers. We would like to thank Lucy Wednesday, Susie and Judy for their continued hard work and enthusiasm!
- In September we welcomed Lucy Hairsine to the staff team to run the Monday toy library session and the new, very popular and successful drop in play group each term time Tuesday. Judy has provided volunteering support for both these sessions, thank you.
- In July 2023 we said farewell and thank you to our Trustees Trevor Wilkinson and in January 2024 to Tessa Cobley when she left the Trustee team.- In what has been an exceptionally busy but worthwhile year, we wish to thank our Trustees for their commitment and hard work, particularly as we are now working towards our Sanctuary Status, which is a whole team task.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trustees, once again, agreed that use of the toy library would be free of charge for families. However, donations of funds would be accepted if offered.

Like many small charities ECP is adjusting to a changing funding landscape, and applies for statutory and trust funding through the year, utilising the reserve for security to maintain project staffing and keep our services open.

Reserves policy

During the year 2020-21 ECP received an excess of donations following a fundraising appeal, which were added to the reserve and have been used each year subsequently to fund small in-year deficits, including 2023-24.

This has brought the reserve in line with the 3 to 6 months running costs recommended by most funders.

FUTURE PLANS

- We are continuing to work towards our Toy Library of Sanctuary Status Award.
- The toy library will continue to open four sessions a week to meet the increase in toy library memberships and ongoing need.; three sessions each holiday week.
- The free toy library drop in play group will continue for term time Tuesdays.
- We are working co-operatively with Brighton & Hove City Council to continue to offer our toy library service from the Turner Family Hub and develop further services as needed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The organisation is a charity registered on 26 February 1998, registered number 1068309.

The charity was established under a constitution adopted on 6 October 1997. Under this constitution, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day to day operation to the Project Co-ordinator, Clair Barnard, and staff.

Working Name

Early Childhood Project

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1068309

Principal address

Turner Family Hub
Ivory Place
Brighton
East Sussex
BN2 9QE

Trustees

Ms A J Lewis
C J Randall
T Wilkinson (resigned 12/7/2023)
Mx C Stray
Ms J Simon
Ms T Cobley (resigned 10/1/2024)
Ms C Redlich (appointed 7/10/2023)
Dr C Ackely (appointed 7/10/2023)
Ms A Omeri (appointed 7/10/2023)

Independent Examiner

Dr Shona F Wardrop CA
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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

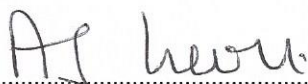
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9.11.2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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Ms A J Lewis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Early Childhood Project

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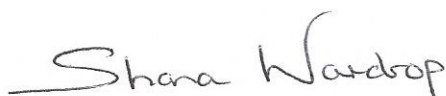
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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Dr Shona F Wardrop CA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 26/11/24.....

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	14,207	14,166	28,373	37,284
Charitable activities	4				
Other		1,260	-	1,260	1,290
Investment income	3	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>36</u>
Total		<u>15,523</u>	<u>14,166</u>	<u>29,689</u>	<u>38,610</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Staff Costs		11,657	14,166	25,823	32,124
Project Costs		4,421	-	4,421	4,875
Administration Costs		<u>5,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,028</u>	<u>4,747</u>
Total		<u>21,106</u>	<u>14,166</u>	<u>35,272</u>	<u>41,746</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,583)	-	(5,583)	(3,136)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		20,811	-	20,811	23,947
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>15,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,228</u>	<u>20,811</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	5
Cash at bank		<u>27,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,180</u>	<u>29,234</u>
		27,180	-	27,180	29,239
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(11,952)	-	(11,952)	(8,428)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,228</u>	<u>20,811</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,228	-	15,228	20,811
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,228</u>	<u>20,811</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>15,228</u>	<u>20,811</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>15,228</u>	<u>20,811</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9.11.24
and were signed on its behalf by:


.....

A J Lewis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and are rounded to the nearest £1.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the charity is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustments to the financial statements in a future period.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity has only financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial Assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

Financial Liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	207	545
Grants	<u>28,166</u>	<u>36,739</u>
	<u>28,373</u>	<u>37,284</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brighton and Hove City Council	4,000	5,000
Sussex Community Foundation	3,333	3,750
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-
Big Lottery	3,333	-
TCC	10,000	9,890
Commissions	-	13,103
Enjoolata Foundation	-	4,996
Pebble Trust	2,000	-
Other Grant	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>28,166</u>	<u>36,739</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>56</u>	<u>36</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	Other	Total
	£	activities
		£
Training and Consultancy	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,290</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct
	Costs (see
	note 6)
	£
Staff Costs	25,823
Project Costs	4,421
Administration Costs	<u>5,028</u>
	<u>35,272</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	25,823	32,124
Postage and stationery	329	749
Sundries	221	-
Toy Library Stock	970	2,447
ECP Insurance	901	839
Volunteer Expenses	3,118	1,545
Development & Funding	2,819	2,463
Accountancy	648	624
Play packs	333	721
Other staff costs	-	162
Subscriptions	50	-
Bank charges	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>
	<u>35,272</u>	<u>41,746</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

1 Trustee was paid £nil (2023: £623) for running a group. He had done this for many years paid directly by Turner Childrens' Centre as their staff member, but a change in the contract by the funder necessitated him being remunerated via ECP. This was agreed by the Trustees. The group has subsequently stopped running.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £27 was reimbursed to 1 Trustee for travel expenses as a volunteer (2023: £1,026).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

8. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>25,823</u>	<u>32,124</u>
	<u>25,823</u>	<u>32,124</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Full time equivalent basis	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Actual numbers of staff in 2024 was 3 part time employees (2023: 3 employees).

Key Management Personnel remuneration amounted to £16,391 (2023: £16,391)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024****9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	23,538	13,746	37,284
Charitable activities			
Other	1,290	-	1,290
Investment income	36	-	36
Total	<u>24,864</u>	<u>13,746</u>	<u>38,610</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Staff Costs	18,378	13,746	32,124
Project Costs	4,875	-	4,875
Administration costs	4,747	-	4,747
Total	<u>28,000</u>	<u>13,746</u>	<u>41,746</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,136)	-	(3,136)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	23,947	-	23,947
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>20,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,811</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	-	5

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>11,952</u>	<u>8,428</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,811	(5,583)	15,228
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,811</u>	<u>(5,583)</u>	<u>15,228</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,523	(21,106)	(5,583)
Restricted funds			
Sussex Community Foundation	3,333	(3,333)	-
Big Lottery	3,333	(3,333)	-
Pebble Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Other Grant	500	(500)	-
	<u>14,166</u>	<u>(14,166)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>29,689</u>	<u>(35,272)</u>	<u>(5,583)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	23,947	(3,136)	20,811
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>23,947</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>	<u>20,811</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,864	(28,000)	(3,136)
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	3,750	(3,750)	-
Enjoolata Foundation	<u>4,996</u>	<u>(4,996)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,746</u>	<u>(13,746)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>38,610</u>	<u>(41,746)</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Related part transactions are disclosed in Note 7.

14. FIXED ASSETS

The Charity owns some office furniture and equipment which is of modest value. It also owns a Toy Library which has accumulated over the period of the Charity's existence by means of small individual purchases and is currently insured for £66,418..

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	207	545
Grants	<u>28,166</u>	<u>36,739</u>
	28,373	37,284
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	56	36
Charitable activities		
Training and Consultancy	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,290</u>
Total incoming resources	29,689	38,610
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	25,823	32,124
Postage and stationery	329	749
Sundries	221	-
Toy Library Stock	970	2,447
ECP Insurance	901	839
Volunteer Expenses	3,118	1,545
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Accountancy	648	624
Play packs	333	721
Other staff costs	-	162
Subscriptions	50	-
Bank charges	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>
	<u>35,272</u>	<u>41,746</u>
Total resources expended	<u>35,272</u>	<u>41,746</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(5,583)</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023
FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objectives and aims

To promote educational and social welfare of children under the age of nine years, without distinction of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexuality, social class, disability or age by providing advice and support to parents, carers and workers concerned with the education and social welfare of children.

Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The Project, a registered charity, works positively to combat bias of every kind in co-operation with others across Brighton and Hove. The Early Childhood Project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young children's care, play and education.

The Aims of the Early Childhood Project are:

- To provide a Toy Library service, information and social media to existing Early Childhood Project Members and to develop the scheme to include more families and voluntary, statutory and private sector organisations wishing to ensure that anti-bias equal opportunity awareness and children's rights is a part of their work.
- To provide and develop resources, including online, that support users in establishing anti-bias practice and equal opportunities and enable access to these resources.
- To enable groups to access resources that reflect all people, all children in a positive way, irrespective of race, disability, marital status, age, gender identity, social class, religion or differences in family lifestyle and culture.
- To provide advice, support and information in Brighton and Hove and district throughout local networks to statutory and community initiatives.
- To provide support, information, resources and anti-bias training to workers and professionals working in early years play, care and education and to work co-operatively with their support networks and colleagues.
- To remain aware and responsive to political and social changes within our areas of work, as they arise, locally and nationally.
- To develop partnerships and work co-operatively with people both employed and working voluntarily with children, in order to share knowledge, understanding, skills and expertise.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Early Childhood Project for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the duties set out in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. By working to the aims listed above, the Trustees identify the value that the work of the charity has to parents, carers and those employed and working voluntarily with young children. This in turn, adds value to the lives of the young children in their care. It is the Trustees' commitment that the benefit of the work of the charity should be accessible to as many people as possible as detailed in the charity's objectives, thus improving their equality of opportunities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In May 2022, we were finally allowed back into our toy library base after lockdowns and covid restrictions and we could begin to operate 'in person services'. The interim successful toy pack outreach service which enabled families to collect toys from reception naturally dwindled as families raced back to the toy library to socialise and choose their toys to enjoy at home.

We concluded our two-year run of online children's get togethers at the end of December 2022 which enabled us to open up the toy library in January for a fourth and much needed toy library session.

In late December, all our enthusiasm and hard work to revitalise the toy library service took a battering when we were informed that our council toy library grant and the early years commissions were due to be cut in the April 2023 budget.

We launched a well organised and heartfelt campaign of well-mannered emails and letters to council officers and various committees and councillors.

We were astonished how many people wrote on our behalf. Families who had been with us twenty years ago, whose children were now at university and college wrote in saying the toy library 'had been a life saver'. Parents with us only for a few months wrote pleading for the service to be saved...hundreds of emails were sent. Banners for a peaceful protest at the council meeting were made in readiness, a deputation to Full Council was organised, the speech written, when at the last moment, we were told the toy library grant of £9890 was going to be reinstated.

This felt like a victory of sorts, but we were left with a hole of £11k, the cut from our budget. A march in solidarity with Bright Start Nursery, also facing cuts, went ahead, highlighting the cuts to various children's services. We have worked hard to fill the financial gap.

One commission was revisited when we were asked to run the monthly and very popular Dad's group at Turner Children's Centre every first Saturday. This continued until March 2023.

Our links with Albion Community Hub and Garden strengthened through the year by joining their committee and providing play activities at their launch in May 2022. We continue to support Puffin Community Nursery representing families on their committee and support the Trust for Developing Communities by continuing with their assessment panel for the local Healthy Neighbourhood Fund. We share many families with our friends at South East Dance and helped organise and assist at various dance sessions at the children's centre and their space.

Our play pack service continued throughout the year, providing much needed play activities for hundreds of children from Puffin Community Nursery, Royal Spa Nursery school, Bright Start Nursery, Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project, Amigos Nursery, Voices in Exile, individual packs for children with additional needs from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, as well as packs for Dads and special Summer and Winter celebration packs. Judy, our Equalities Playworker, designed and collated the resources and was assisted by Trustee Chris in delivering to the various drop off points across the city. We thank the National Lottery for funding this exceptional resource.

In February, the Project opened the LGBT+ History Month celebrations in the city with a play event in Jubilee Library. It was a real delight, and we had a wonderful team of 14 workers, Trustees and volunteers working the day... just as well, it was very busy and popular and very well received. Judy and Trevor led a community weaving project that had a rainbow design over a wall in the children's library. Beautiful!

Once again in March, we supported Brighton Women's Centre and their International Women's Day celebrations with the Dome. We ran the multi-cultural sharing event. So many stories, so many women far from their homes and birth families. Many tears, but also many more connections found, friendships made, and laughter shared.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

Throughout the year, two nurseries were given bereavement support (one ongoing) and three families also had help and support during the year.

In September 2022 we were delighted to welcome Sarah Hill as our Toy Library Worker. Since her daughter was a baby, Sarah had been using the toy library; it is especially pleasing when a service user becomes a paid worker who really understands the charity and the importance of what we do and why we do it because they have been on the receiving end!

Both Susie and Lucy have been volunteers with the Project for many years. Without their hard work, good natures and always turning up, we would struggle to keep up with the huge number of tasks necessary each day and week to keep the toy library functioning efficiently, cleanly, and well resourced. Thankyou both, we do really appreciate your efforts and all you do for us!

In October 2022, we said goodbye and a big thankyou to Theo Hutchinson when he concluded his time as a Trustee. As that door closed, it opened to welcome Tessa Cobley as Trustee. Tessa, Ross and their children have made good use of the toy library and Dad's group and play events over the years and Tessa brings lots of good local knowledge and contacts and advice about parenting twins! Executive meetings continue on Zoom each month.

Judy Simon concluded her time as Equalities Play worker at the end of March 2023 to become a toy library volunteer and begin her second stint as one of our Trustees. Judy's energy, unstinting enthusiasm, positive outlook, good sense and her teaching expertise are legendary, and we are so pleased she is staying with the Project!

We would like to acknowledge Judy as one of the 'founding mothers' of the charity and thank her formally for her many years of work, paid and unpaid since 1988, that has kept us true to our mission and given us and the families with whom we work, years of fun, laughter, support and a toy library to be proud of.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trustees, once again, agreed that use of the toy library would be free of charge for families. However, donations of funds would be accepted if offered.

ECP once again has a deficit budgeted for the current year 2023-24, this will be funded from reserves, which are sufficient to do so.

Like many small charities ECP is adjusting to a changing funding landscape, and applies for statutory and trust funding through the year, utilising the reserve for security to maintain project staffing and keep our services open.

Reserves policy

During the year 2020-21 ECP received an excess of donations following a fundraising appeal, which were added to the reserve and have been used each year subsequently to fund small in-year deficits, including 2022-23.

ECP have a planned deficit once again in 2023-24, which will bring the reserve in line with the 3 to 6 months running costs recommended by most funders.

FUTURE PLANS

- The toy library is open four sessions a week and will continue to do so to meet the ongoing need for this extended opening.
- We have opened a free toy library drop in play group for term time Tuesdays to meet the needs of families who cannot afford to pay to attend a play group. We intend to raise funds to continue this, subject to satisfactory monitoring and evaluation after the six month trial. (September 2023 to March 2024)
- We are working co-operatively with Brighton & Hove city council to continue to offer our toy library service from the Turner Family Hub and develop further services as needed.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The organisation is a charity registered on 26 February 1998, registered number 1068309.

The charity was established under a constitution adopted on 6 October 1997. Under this constitution, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day to day operation to the Project Co-ordinator, Clair Barnard, and staff.

Working Name

Early Childhood Project

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1068309

Principal address

Turner Childrens Centre
Ivory Place
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Trustees

Ms A J Lewis
C J Randall
T Wilkinson (resigned 12/7/2023)
Mx C Stray
T Hutchinson (resigned 12/10/2022)
Ms J Simon (appointed 22/3/2023)
Ms T Cobley (appointed 16/11/2022)
Ms C Redlich (appointed 7/10/2023)
Dr C Ackely (appointed 7/10/2023)
Ms A Omeri (appointed 7/10/2023)

Independent Examiner

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

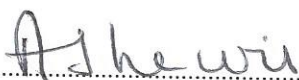
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6.12.2023..... and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A J Lewis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Early Childhood Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Early Childhood Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

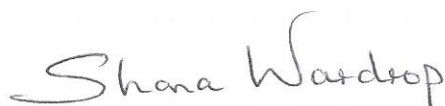
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Dr Shona F Wardrop CA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 12/12/23.....

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	23,538	13,746	37,284	39,421
Charitable activities	4				
Other		1,290	-	1,290	1,250
Investment income	3	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>24,864</u>	<u>13,746</u>	<u>38,610</u>	<u>40,671</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Staff Costs		18,378	13,746	32,124	29,736
Project Costs		4,875	-	4,875	7,343
Administration Costs		<u>4,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,747</u>	<u>5,409</u>
Total		<u>28,000</u>	<u>13,746</u>	<u>41,746</u>	<u>42,488</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,136)	-	(3,136)	(1,817)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		23,947	-	23,947	25,764
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>20,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	5	-	5	-
Cash at bank		<u>29,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,234</u>	<u>29,425</u>
		29,239	-	29,239	29,425
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,428)	-	(8,428)	(5,478)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>20,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>20,811</u>	<u>23,947</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6-12-2023
and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A J Lewis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	545	1,170
Grants	<u>36,739</u>	<u>38,251</u>
	<u>37,284</u>	<u>39,421</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	5,000
Sussex Community Foundation	3,750	1,250
Big Lottery	-	9,987
TCC	9,890	-
Commissions	13,103	22,014
Enjoolata Foundation	<u>4,996</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>36,739</u>	<u>38,251</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	Other	Total
	£	activities
	£	£
Training and Consultancy	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,250</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct
	Costs (see
	note 6)
	£
Staff Costs	32,124
Project Costs	4,875
Administration Costs	<u>4,747</u>
	<u>41,746</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	32,124	29,736
Postage and stationery	749	416
Sundries	-	50
Toy Library Stock	2,447	-
ECP Insurance	839	698
Volunteer Expenses	1,545	2,598
Development & Funding	2,463	3,381
Accountancy	624	600
Equipment	-	2,301
Play packs	721	2,348
Fundraising expenses	-	96
Other staff costs	162	-
Subscriptions	-	144
Bank charges	72	45
IT costs	-	75
	<u>41,746</u>	<u>42,488</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

1 Trustee was paid £623 for running a group. He had done this for many years paid directly by Tarner Childrens' Centre as their staff member, but a change in the contract by the funder necessitated him being remunerated via ECP. This was agreed by the Trustees. The group has subsequently stopped running.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £1,026 was reimbursed to 1 Trustee for travel expenses as a volunteer (2022: £882).

8. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>32,124</u>	<u>29,736</u>
	<u>32,124</u>	<u>29,736</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Full time equivalent basis	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Actual numbers of staff in 2023 was 3 part time employees (2022: 3 employees).

Key Management Personnel remuneration amounted to £16,391 (2022: £16,394)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	23,184	16,237	39,421
Charitable activities			
Other	<u>1,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Total	<u>24,434</u>	<u>16,237</u>	<u>40,671</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Staff Costs	13,499	16,237	29,736
Project Costs	7,343	-	7,343
Administration Costs	<u>5,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,409</u>
Total	<u>26,251</u>	<u>16,237</u>	<u>42,488</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(1,817)	-	(1,817)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>23,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,947</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	-	1,127
Other creditors	<u>8,428</u>	<u>4,351</u>
	<u>8,428</u>	<u>5,478</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	23,947	(3,136)	20,811
	<u>23,947</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>	<u>20,811</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>23,947</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>	<u>20,811</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,864	(28,000)	(3,136)
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	3,750	(3,750)	-
Enjoolata Foundation	<u>4,996</u>	<u>(4,996)</u>	-
	<u>13,746</u>	<u>(13,746)</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>38,610</u>	<u>(41,746)</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,764	(1,817)	23,947
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,764</u>	<u>(1,817)</u>	<u>23,947</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,434	(26,251)	(1,817)
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	1,250	(1,250)	-
Big Lottery	<u>9,987</u>	<u>(9,987)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>16,237</u>	<u>(16,237)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,671</u>	<u>(42,488)</u>	<u>(1,817)</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Related party transactions are disclosed in Note 7.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

14. FIXED ASSETS

The Charity owns some office furniture and equipment which is of modest value. It also owns a Toy Library which has accumulated over the period of the Charity's existence by means of small individual purchases and is currently insured for £63,863.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	545	1,170
Grants	<u>36,739</u>	<u>38,251</u>
	37,284	39,421
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	36	-
Charitable activities		
Training and Consultancy	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Total incoming resources	38,610	40,671
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	32,124	29,736
Postage and stationery	749	416
Sundries	-	50
Toy Library Stock	2,447	-
ECP Insurance	839	698
Volunteer Expenses	1,545	2,598
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Other staff costs	162	-
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Bank charges	72	45
IT costs	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
	<u>41,746</u>	<u>42,488</u>
Total resources expended	<u>41,746</u>	<u>42,488</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(3,136)</u>	<u>(1,817)</u>

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Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022
FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

Chariot House Limited
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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objectives and aims

To promote educational and social welfare of children under the age of nine years, without distinction of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexuality, social class, disability or age by providing advice and support to parents, carers and workers concerned with the education and social welfare of children.

Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The Project, a registered charity, works positively to combat bias of every kind in co-operation with others across Brighton and Hove. The Early Childhood Project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young children's care, play and education.

The Aims of the Early Childhood Project are:

- To provide a Toy Library service, information and social media to existing Early Childhood Project Members and to develop the scheme to include more families and voluntary, statutory and private sector organisations wishing to ensure that anti-bias equal opportunity awareness and children's rights is a part of their work.
- To provide and develop resources, including online, that support users in establishing anti-bias practice and equal opportunities and enable access to these resources.
- To enable groups to access resources that reflect all people, all children in a positive way, irrespective of race, disability, marital status, age, gender identity, social class, religion or differences in family lifestyle and culture.
- To provide advice, support and information in Brighton and Hove and district throughout local networks to statutory and community initiatives.
- To provide support, information, resources and anti-bias training to workers and professionals working in early years play, care and education and to work co-operatively with their support networks and colleagues.
- To remain aware and responsive to political and social changes within our areas of work, as they arise, locally and nationally.
- To develop partnerships and work co-operatively with people both employed and working voluntarily with children, in order to share knowledge, understanding, skills and expertise.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Early Childhood Project for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the duties set out in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. By working to the aims listed above, the Trustees identify the value that the work of the charity has to parents, carers and those employed and working voluntarily with young children. This in turn, adds value to the lives of the young children in their care. It is the Trustees' commitment that the benefit of the work of the charity should be accessible to as many people as possible as detailed in the charity's objectives, thus improving their equality of opportunities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

For the second year, we ran the charity away from our toy library base, working from home for part of the year due to ongoing covid restrictions.

Our children and family weekly Zoom group continued. We celebrated many milestones with the children and used the sessions to give valuable play ideas which are then recorded and uploaded onto our ongoing YouTube channel, that now has over 100 videos. The weekly newsletter also continues. We have over 100 child friendly recipes published now and 100+ play ideas using items from around the house, mainly old tea bag boxes!

Adjusting to life online and away from our base was a challenge and we missed the face to face contact with families. In May 2021 we were allowed back in children's centre and the toy library, in a very limited way. Ever adaptable, we launched the online toy pack scheme which enabled borrowers to choose toys remotely and then collect the toy pack from the children's centre. It was long winded but worked, and families were pleased to have access to toys again.

235 families had toys at home when the pandemic struck. We have had toy returns from just 30 of them. To fill the gap left by the toys and books still 'out there' has been a challenge, and we were pleased with a successful funding bid to the National Lottery. We have been very fortunate and grateful that people have continued to donate toys and books. We take some direct to refugee families and keep a supply of new toys and books to gift for birthdays, Christmas and other festivals. With life returning to 'normal' we were able to welcome our volunteers back into the toy library and are very grateful to Susie and Lucy for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

Judy, our Equalities Playworker, continued with the popular and successful play pack scheme and extended the range of packs to include personalised packs for children with special needs. All the packs are themed, and the children probably don't notice they are also curriculum based! This unique work has been a huge undertaking. Thank you, Judy, and Chris who has helped collate and deliver the packs. The packs have reinforced our working links with Voices in Exile, the Migrant English Project, the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project, Puffin Community Nursery, Bright Start Nursery, Royal Spa Nursery School and other groups and individuals across the city.

We began linking up with Albion Life, a grassroots group near to the children's centre, through using their community garden and meeting Peter from the Albion Life hub at various online meetings held throughout the year by our friends and colleagues at the Trust for Developing Communities. We have used their community space for Trustees' workshops and two play events in cooperation with the local community.

We reconnected with the national charity, Persona Doll and helped adapt their professional's development programme, Talking Points, to work over six weeks with a group of parents. This pilot course was very well received, working with parents/carers in a discussion group, discussing how they might respond to questions their children may ask. We are working towards more co-operative work in the Talking Point format in 2023.

We held monthly Trustee's meetings using Zoom which have proved effective and logistically popular. In January, we said goodbye to Coralie, one of our playworkers who retired. We thank her for all her efforts for the Project over many years as a Trustee, volunteer and worker.

We thank Cath for her finance overview and the worker team thank their wonderful Trustees for their support and enthusiasm through Covid and beyond!

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trustees, once again, agreed that use of the toy library would be free of charge for families. However, donations of funds would be accepted if offered.

Reserves policy

During the year 2021-22 ECP funded a small deficit from reserves, from surplus donations in the previous year. Some of the remaining excess reserve from donations in 2020-21 is being used as a contingency for project running costs in 2022-23 and going forward.

FUTURE PLANS

- The toy library is once again open three sessions each week and is thriving. We are able to meet the needs of many families and sign post them to other services.
- We are aware of the importance of the provision of universal early years (play) groups across the city and the need for groups to open and be accessible.
- We are continuing with our Zoom group, weekly newsletter, and YouTube channel.
- Providing play packs for children across the city is continuing. We are looking to the future to ascertain if this service could become mainstream across the city.
- As the Brighton & Hove City Council transitions from services for families via children's centres to Family Hubs across the city, we are in a good position to continue to work co-operatively with the local authority, whilst also providing independent services which can evolve as the future unfolds.
- We have a current and future Business Plan to support our ongoing work plan.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The organisation is a charity registered on 26 February 1998, registered number 1068309.

The charity was established under a constitution adopted on 6 October 1997. Under this constitution, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day to day operation to the Project Co-ordinator, Clair Barnard, and staff.

Working Name

Early Childhood Project

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1068309

Principal address
Tarners Childrens Centre
Ivory Place
Brighton
East Sussex
BN2 9QE

Trustees
Ms A J Lewis
C J Randall
Ms N Carr (resigned 14/7/2021)
Ms J Hill (resigned 14/7/2021)
T Wilkinson
Mx C Stray (appointed 14/7/2021)
T Hutchinson (appointed 14/7/2021)

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A J Lewis

Ms A J Lewis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Early Childhood Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Early Childhood Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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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.



P J Thacker
Chariot House Limited
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Date: 16 November

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	23,184	16,237	39,421	46,988
Charitable activities					
Other		1,250	-	1,250	150
Other income		-	-	-	632
Total		<u>24,434</u>	<u>16,237</u>	<u>40,671</u>	<u>47,770</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Staff Costs	4	13,499	16,237	29,736	26,223
Project Costs		7,343	-	7,343	3,588
Administration Costs		<u>5,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,409</u>	<u>3,602</u>
Total		<u>26,251</u>	<u>16,237</u>	<u>42,488</u>	<u>33,413</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,817)	-	(1,817)	14,357
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		25,764	-	25,764	11,407
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>23,947</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>23,947</u></u>	<u><u>25,764</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**BALANCE SHEET**
31ST MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		29,425	-	29,425	29,029
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,478)	-	(5,478)	(3,265)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>23,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,947</u>	<u>25,764</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>23,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,947</u>	<u>25,764</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>23,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,947</u>	<u>25,764</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				<u>23,947</u>	<u>25,764</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>23,947</u>	<u>25,764</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20.10.2022
and were signed on its behalf by:

A J Lewis
A J Lewis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, including taking into account any potential impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	1,170	3,488
Grants	<u>38,251</u>	<u>43,500</u>
	<u>39,421</u>	<u>46,988</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	2,700
Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary	-	3,020
Sussex Community Foundation	1,250	5,000
Big Lottery	9,987	9,997
TCC	-	9,792
Commissions	<u>22,014</u>	<u>12,991</u>
	<u>38,251</u>	<u>43,500</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	Other	Total
	£	activities
	£	£
Training and Consultancy	<u>1,250</u>	<u>150</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct
	Costs (see
	note 5)
	£
Staff Costs	29,736
Project Costs	7,343
Administration Costs	<u>5,409</u>
	<u>42,488</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	29,736	26,223
Postage and stationery	416	101
Sundries	50	120
Toy Library Stock	-	170
ECP Insurance	698	633
Volunteer Expenses	2,598	125
Bookkeeping	3,381	2,160
Accountancy	600	588
Equipment	2,301	906
Play packs	2,348	2,099
Fundraising expenses	96	288
Subscriptions	144	-
Bank charges	45	-
IT costs	75	-
	<u>42,488</u>	<u>33,413</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2022 nor for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £882 was reimbursed to 1 Trustee for travel expenses as a volunteer (2021: £nil).

7. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>29,736</u>	<u>26,223</u>
	<u>29,736</u>	<u>26,223</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Full time equivalent basis	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Actual numbers of staff in 2022 was 3 part time employees (2021: 3 employees).

Key Management Personnel remuneration amounted to £17,436 (2021: £16,204)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	26,271	20,717	46,988
Charitable activities			
Other	150	-	150
Other income	<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>
Total	<u>27,053</u>	<u>20,717</u>	<u>47,770</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Staff Costs	5,506	20,717	26,223
Project Costs	3,588	-	3,588
Administration Costs	<u>3,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,602</u>
Total	<u>12,696</u>	<u>20,717</u>	<u>33,413</u>
NET INCOME	14,357	-	14,357
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>11,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,407</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022****9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxation and social security	1,127	2,282
Other creditors	<u>4,351</u>	<u>983</u>
	<u>5,478</u>	<u>3,265</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,764	(1,817)	23,947
	<u>25,764</u>	<u>(1,817)</u>	<u>23,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,434	(26,251)	(1,817)
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	1,250	(1,250)	-
Big Lottery	<u>9,987</u>	<u>(9,987)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>16,237</u>	<u>(16,237)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,671</u>	<u>(42,488)</u>	<u>(1,817)</u>

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,407	14,357	25,764
	<u>11,407</u>	<u>14,357</u>	<u>25,764</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,407</u>	<u>14,357</u>	<u>25,764</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,053	(12,696)	14,357
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	2,700	(2,700)	-
Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3,020	(3,020)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Big Lottery	<u>9,997</u>	<u>(9,997)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20,717</u>	<u>(20,717)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,770</u>	<u>(33,413)</u>	<u>14,357</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2022.

12. FIXED ASSETS

The Charity owns some office furniture and equipment which is of modest value. It also owns a Toy Library which has accumulated over the period of the Charity's existence by means of small individual purchases and is currently insured for £59,275.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies	1,170	3,488
Donations	<u>38,251</u>	<u>43,500</u>
Grants	39,421	46,988
Charitable activities	1,250	150
Training and Consultancy		
Other income	-	632
Furlough grant		
Total incoming resources	40,671	47,770
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities	29,736	26,223
Wages	416	101
Postage and stationery	50	120
Sundries	-	170
Toy Library Stock	698	633
ECP Insurance	2,598	125
Volunteer Expenses	3,381	2,160
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Play packs	96	288
Fundraising expenses	144	-
Subscriptions	45	-
Bank charges	75	-
IT costs		
	<u>42,488</u>	<u>33,413</u>
Total resources expended	42,488	33,413
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(1,817)</u>	<u>14,357</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

Chariot House Limited
Chartered Accountants
44 Grand Parade
Brighton
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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objectives and aims

To promote educational and social welfare of children under the age of nine years, without distinction of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion, gender, sexuality, social class, disability or age by providing advice and support to parents, carers and workers concerned with the education and social welfare of children.

Mission Statement:

The Early Childhood Project believes that all children have the right to develop in a positive environment free from prejudice and discrimination. The Project, a registered charity, works positively to combat bias of every kind in co-operation with others across Brighton and Hove. The Early Childhood Project provides information, resources and support to all those people involved in young children's care, play and education.

The Aims of the Early Childhood Project are:

- To provide a Toy Library service, information and social media to existing Early Childhood Project Members and to develop the scheme to include more families and voluntary, statutory and private sector organisations wishing to ensure that anti-bias equal opportunity awareness and children's rights is a part of their work.
- To provide and develop resources, including online, that support users in establishing anti-bias practice and equal opportunities and enable access to these resources.
- To enable groups to access resources that reflect all people, all children in a positive way, irrespective of race, disability, marital status, age, gender identity, social class, religion or differences in family lifestyle and culture.
- To provide advice, support and information in Brighton and Hove and district throughout local networks to statutory and community initiatives.
- To provide support, information, resources and anti-bias training to workers and professionals working in early years play, care and education and to work co-operatively with their support networks and colleagues.
- To remain aware and responsive to political and social changes within our areas of work, as they arise, locally and nationally.
- To develop partnerships and work co-operatively with people both employed and working voluntarily with children, in order to share knowledge, understanding, skills and expertise.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Early Childhood Project for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the duties set out in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. By working to the aims listed above, the Trustees identify the value that the work of the charity has to parents, carers and those employed and working voluntarily with young children. This in turn, adds value to the lives of the young children in their care. It is the Trustees' commitment that the benefit of the work of the charity should be accessible to as many people as possible as detailed in the charity's objectives, thus improving their equality of opportunities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Quickly adjusting how we planned and worked so the charity could continue to provide services to families became the priority as the global Covid pandemic took hold in April 2020. Our toy library and office base at Tarnier Children's centre was inaccessible for health and safety reasons for over eighteen months.

- The challenge to 'learn' Zoom technology and become confident and proficient was the first hurdle but within a week we were 'meeting' online.
- With no children centres and branch libraries open for our usual city council commissioned drop-in play sessions, we set up a weekly Zoom online open access group for children and their parents/carers. This weekly get together, with a carefully planned curriculum-based scenario of a themed story and singing with ample time for children to each choose a song and to 'show and tell' their drawings, toys, even on three occasions a new sibling, and to see other children, was well received and is ongoing.
- The popularity of these sessions encouraged us to set up our own YouTube channel, recording each weekly scenario away from the group.
- A weekly toy library newsletter became a reliable and multilingual source of health information updates and signposting to support and inform families, reaching over 700 inboxes each week. Each newsletter has a child friendly low-cost recipe and a no cost play activity for young children, an online children's art gallery and photos of pets.
- Other agencies used the newsletter to reach families beyond their own networks. Most successfully was a collaboration with South East Dance who commissioned dance sessions for young children which were accessed via the newsletter and free online resources from Brighton & Hove City Council's Library service.
- Life for families during various lockdowns and periods of isolation was very hard, particularly for those digitally excluded and reliant on the foodbank. Using our networks, we realised that some children had no access to play resources. Judy Simon, our Equalities Playworker, designed and put together themed 'play packs', which over a six week run provided a useful collection of lovely art and craft resources. Special one-off packs supporting children who were in isolation were also given.
- This became an easy and popular project to fundraise for! Special thanks go to Judy, our Trustee Theo, and the many individuals who have sponsored this popular scheme. Thanks too to Trustee Chris for helping collate and deliver packs to doorsteps across the city!
- We have also had Zoom meetings for our gender issues discussion group, Jill & Jack, offering helpful support, in particular to families with very young gender questioning children.
- The Trustees and workers have continued to meet monthly via Zoom; we held the 2020 AGM online.
- Our role representing families who are hard to reach has continued throughout the year, alerting service providers, signposting families, and agencies to each other and raising awareness of the difficulties faced by so many who had no voice in the city.

Our current position and future plans

- We are now able to access the toy library base and we offer a variation of a 'click and collect' toy library service for families and pre-school settings across the city.
- Until such times as the toy library can once again be accessed by families, the Trustees have decided to provide the toy library service free to families.
- Our newsletter, zoom 'groups', play packs and YouTube channel continue.
- We await the outcome of the early years consultation programme undertaken across the city.
- We have proven that the charity is hugely adaptable, flexible and can rise to a change in circumstances quickly. We are ready to again adapt services we offer so we can continue to support families, champion children's rights and reach the hard to reach.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

During 2020/2021 ECP was very successful in gaining community donations towards the play pack project materials. ECP subsequently was successful in gaining a National Lottery grant for this project and the excess community donations (£3,000) have been restricted in the reserve, and are applied to 2021-22's budget for the purchase of Material and Toys to be distributed through Play and Toy packs. ECP's staff team and volunteers contributed a huge extra effort in the year to respond to the pandemic, and for-went paid staff hours that could have been claimed, as a result ECP has a surplus this year. This boost to the reserve is vital as in the coming years we anticipate great changes in statutory services and the charitable sector; the reserves give ECP security to, if necessary, find premises and retain staffing, and also to initiate new work.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The organisation is a charity registered on 26 February 1998, registered number 1068309.

The charity was established under a constitution adopted on 6 October 1997. Under this constitution, the Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by a Board of Trustees who delegate the day to day operation to the Project Co-ordinator, Clair Barnard, and staff.

Working Name

Early Childhood Project

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1068309

Principal address

Turner Childrens Centre
Ivory Place
Brighton
East Sussex
BN2 9QE

Trustees

Ms A J Lewis
C J Randall
Ms N Carr (resigned 14/7/2021)
Ms J Hill (resigned 14/7/2021)
T Wilkinson
Mx C Stray (appointed 14/7/2021)
T Hutchinson (appointed 14/7/2021)

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

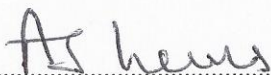
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20.10.21 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A J Lewis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Early Childhood Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Early Childhood Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

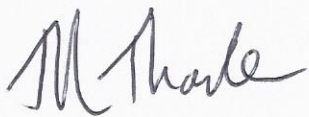
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



P J Thacker
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Chartered Accountants
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Date:

2 Nov 2021

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	26,271	20,717	46,988	35,142
Charitable activities	3				
Membership		-	-	-	510
Other		150	-	150	-
Other income		<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		27,053	20,717	47,770	35,652
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Staff Costs		5,506	20,717	26,223	31,074
Project Costs		3,588	-	3,588	1,069
Administration Costs		3,602	-	3,602	3,168
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total		12,696	20,717	33,413	35,311
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME		14,357	-	14,357	341
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		11,407	-	11,407	11,066
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**BALANCE SHEET****31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		29,029	-	29,029	13,170
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,265)	-	(3,265)	(1,763)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>25,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>25,764</u>	<u>11,407</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20.10.21 and were signed on its behalf by:

A J Lewis

A J Lewis - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, including taking into account any potential impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and on that basis the charity is considered to be a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	3,488	1,155
Grants	<u>43,500</u>	<u>33,987</u>
	<u>46,988</u>	<u>35,142</u>

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Brighton and Hove City Council	2,700	29,157
Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3,020	-
Turner Healthy Collaboration Fund	-	330
Sussex Community Foundation	5,000	-
Komedia	-	500
Pride	-	1,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	3,000
Big Lottery	9,997	-
TCC	9,792	-
Commissions	<u>12,991</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>43,500</u>	<u>33,987</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	Other	Total
	£	activities
	£	£
Membership	-	510
Training and Consultancy	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>150</u>	<u>510</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct
	Costs (see
	note 5)
	£
Staff Costs	26,223
Project Costs	3,588
Administration Costs	<u>3,602</u>
	<u>33,413</u>

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5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	26,223	31,074
Postage and stationery	101	339
Sundries	120	121
Toy Library Stock	170	778
ECP Insurance	633	633
Volunteer Expenses	125	-
Bookkeeping	2,160	1,570
Accountancy	588	576
AGM	-	59
Equipment	906	-
Event	-	65
Play packs	2,099	-
Fundraising expenses	288	96
	<u>33,413</u>	<u>35,311</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>26,223</u>	<u>31,074</u>
	<u>26,223</u>	<u>31,074</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Full time equivalent basis	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Actual numbers of staff in 2021 was 3 part time employees (2020: 4 employees).

Key Management Personnel remuneration amounted to £16,204 (2020: £16,425)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	35,142	-	35,142
Charitable activities			
Membership	510	-	510
Total	35,652	-	35,652
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Staff Costs	31,074	-	31,074
Project Costs	1,069	-	1,069
Administration Costs	3,168	-	3,168
Total	35,311	-	35,311
NET INCOME	341	-	341
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	11,066	-	11,066
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>11,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,407</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021****9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2021 £	2020 £
Taxation and social security	2,282	497
Other creditors	<u>983</u>	<u>1,266</u>
	<u>3,265</u>	<u>1,763</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,407	14,357	25,764
	<u>11,407</u>	<u>14,357</u>	<u>25,764</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>11,407</u>	<u>14,357</u>	<u>25,764</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,053	(12,696)	14,357
Restricted funds			
Brighton and Hove City Council	2,700	(2,700)	-
Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3,020	(3,020)	-
Sussex Community Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Big Lottery	<u>9,997</u>	<u>(9,997)</u>	-
	<u>20,717</u>	<u>(20,717)</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,770</u>	<u>(33,413)</u>	<u>14,357</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,066	341	11,407
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,066</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>11,407</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,652	(35,311)	341
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,652</u>	<u>(35,311)</u>	<u>341</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.

12. FIXED ASSETS

The Charity owns some office furniture and equipment which is of modest value. It also owns a Toy Library which has accumulated over the period of the Charity's existence by means of small individual purchases and is currently insured for £53,009.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROJECT**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,488	1,155
Grants	<u>43,500</u>	<u>33,987</u>
	46,988	35,142
Charitable activities		
Membership	-	510
Training and Consultancy	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>
	150	510
Other income		
Furlough grant	<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	47,770	35,652
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	26,223	31,074
Postage and stationery	101	339
Sundries	120	121
Toy Library Stock	170	778
ECP Insurance	633	633
Volunteer Expenses	125	-
Bookkeeping	2,160	1,570
Accountancy	588	576
AGM	-	59
Equipment	906	-
Event	-	65
Play packs	2,099	-
Fundraising expenses	<u>288</u>	<u>96</u>
	<u>33,413</u>	<u>35,311</u>
Total resources expended	<u>33,413</u>	<u>35,311</u>
Net income	<u>14,357</u>	<u>341</u>

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