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1077222

Unique Community Charity
Charity Accounts

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2022

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Report and accounts

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Unique Community 2021-22 Trustee Report

UNIQUE COMMUNITY OBJECTS //

To advance social inclusion through the provision of arts activities supported by arts therapists, including (but not limited to) drama & theatre-making, music, dance, writing, film-making, design & digital art, for the benefit, in particular but not exclusively of marginalised communities such as, immigrants, asylum seekers & refugees, people with disabilities, people experiencing mental health & behavioural difficulties, people from ethnic minority backgrounds, people from lower socio-economic backgrounds and other disadvantaged backgrounds with the view of inspiring confidence and improving self-esteem, connecting with peers to reduce isolation, exploring challenging subject matter to build resilience and empowering with tangible skills that can help them be actively involved in society.

POLICIES //

Adult Safeguarding Policy
Anti-Bullying Policy
Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy
Complaints Policy
Data Protection Policy
Equality, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
Health & Safety Policy
Lone Working Policy

ACTIVITY REPORT //

2021-22 was another year filled with challenges for our community. The ongoing difficulties posed by the pandemic were further compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. As an organisation with historical ties to Eastern Europe many of our clients were directly affected by this war. Over the last few years our management, staff and participants have all had to learn how to react and adapt quickly to emergency situations, these are skills that were once again needed this year.

Despite the immense challenges we have all faced, Unique Community continues to grow, learn and improve the quality of its services. We are very proud of what our organisation has achieved this year.

Erina Davidenko

BRENT YOUTH THEATRE

Our Lockdown Story

During the Easter holidays we partnered with Our Time charity to deliver a one week project to support young people's mental health by giving them a space to creatively explore the difficulties they experienced throughout the pandemic, supported by an arts therapist. 26 young people participated in the workshops, creating two films that were shown to an audience of over 100 people.

Films can be viewed on our youtube channel:

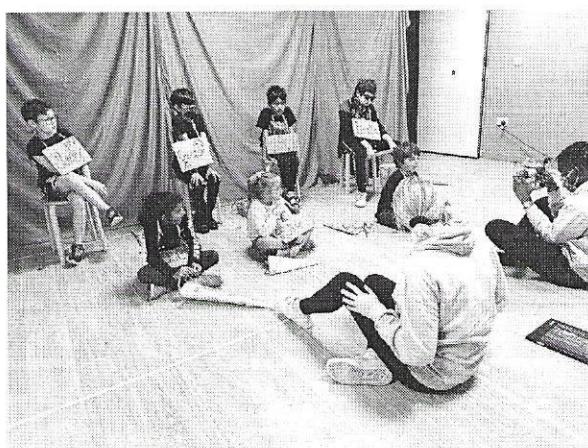
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2thuW-N3bs&t=946s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBEA8zYmDmw&t=484s>

Beyond the Heat

Spring & Summer term were filled with preparation towards what we thought would be our first live show since before the pandemic. Throughout the two terms we were delivering sessions in a blended live & online format in order for them to remain accessible for young people who were immunocompromised. The show as a result was also set to be blended - with the young Actor's Studio group scenes filmed in advance and the older group performing live. It was the first year that we had young people involved in every part of the production - Music Den participants wrote the songs, Backstage Crew created the props and costumes and Movement Space developed the choreography. Roughly 100 children and young people participated in the creation of Beyond the Heat.

In the final weeks as COVID infections started to rise once again we made the difficult decision to turn the live show into a film - this way young people could participate online and live depending on their personal circumstances. The result was an incredible film that staff and young people should be very proud of. Although our live performance didn't happen we will always have something to remember the resilience our community showed during this complicated time, relating directly to what Beyond the Heat was exploring.



The film can be viewed on our youtube channel:

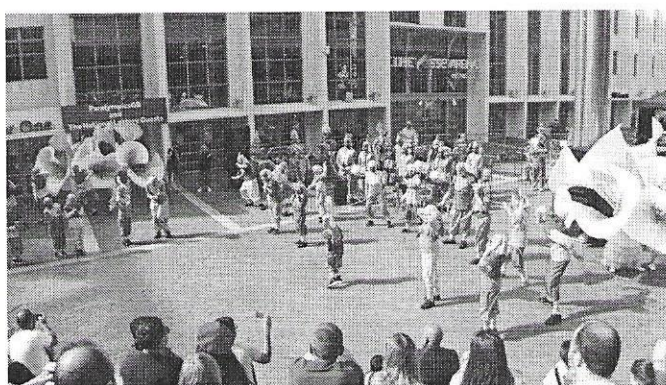
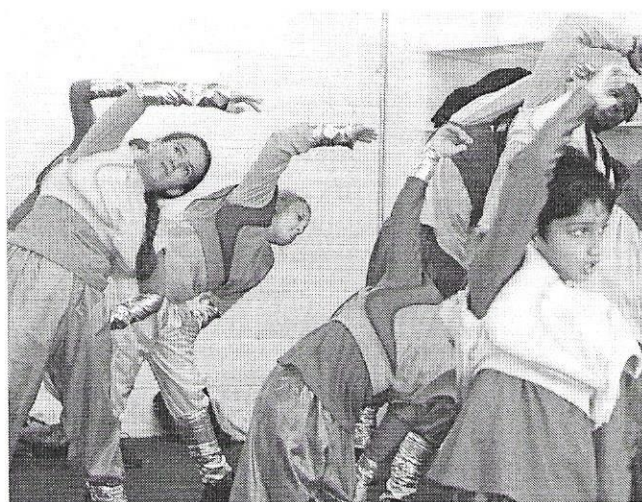
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZ1kBJ9Vb8E>

Festival of Dreams

We were very lucky to be approached by Wembley Park and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra for a project taking place in summer 2021 that would finally give 32 of our young people the opportunity to perform live - accompanied by an orchestra! Based on the theme of dreams we spent two weeks developing a show in collaboration with the orchestra which was then performed in September. Through the project we also had the chance to work with Mahogany Carnival Arts and Phoenix Rising, local Brent organisations that we now work closely with. The performances were attended by over 1,500 audience members.

"Every parent who doesn't let their child be part of Brent Youth Theatre is stealing from their child. It is such an experience! You are shaping the future!"

(Feedback from parent following the performance of Festival of Dreams)



Urban Journey's

Urban Journey's was a half term project delivered in partnership with Young Brent Foundation Brent Goes Wild program. We spent the week with 20 young people exploring the urban landscape of Wembley Park.

"I want to personally thank you for this week, my daughter was very happy and came speaking about what she did and the video! Yesterday we took the zig zag road in Wembley and she told me about the plants! This initiative has been very important to her. I noticed how enthusiastic and happy she was this week so I really want to express my gratitude to you and your team."

(Urban Journey's, Parent Feedback)

IN SCHOOLS

We have worked closely with Roundwood Community School providing weekly Drama sessions to young people attending the alternative provision. Over the year we worked with roughly 20 students providing them with a safe arts space to play and create.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

One Flow One Brent

At the start of 2022 we were successful in a bid to collaborate with Young Brent Foundation and Connect Stars on the One Flow One Brent project. This is part of a London wide program delivered by the Violence Reduction Unit. We will be working with young people across three of the biggest estates in Brent. Our delivery is centred on professional development and 1:1 mentoring for the participating young people which will begin in July 2022.

Ukraine War Response

When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022 we were asked by Harrow Council to be part of the response effort in supporting the diaspora's that are affected here as well as the arriving refugees. Within the first few months we delivered a webinar for professionals across North West London working with young people about the possible effects the war could have on those most directly impacted. We applied for funding to Harrow Giving who granted us the necessary funding to start a weekly coffee morning where people who were arriving in the UK could get information about services and access wellbeing support through the provision of a therapist. We have also put in a proposal for the DYCE workshops to help young people across schools in Harrow and Brent build on empathy and critical thinking skills in a time when the world is loud with conflicting information. The program is set to begin in June/July 2022.

2022-23 Planning

In September 2021 we began developing the next artistic theme with young people at Brent Youth Theatre. We created our own versions of 'Snakes & Ladders', a game of chance. What interested our children and young people most was survival at the most critical and trying points in life also known as the 'snakes' and how we can learn to turn them into 'ladders'. This theme was then developed further - if we are born into difficult circumstances how much control do we have to overcome the challenges that this poses? A complete theme was born -

Snakes & Ladders Stories of Survival in Times of Turmoil

This program was designed with young people, underpinning every funding application for the year. The project centres on working with local organisations to find people from the local community who were born into difficult circumstances and found a way to overcome them. Young people were particularly interested in hearing stories of those who had immigrated to the UK. When the war began this theme became even more relevant. All work was adapted to accommodate young refugees who were joining sessions. By March 2022 we were already successful in two of our funding bids towards this program - Awards for All & Young Brent Foundation.

Organisational Development

This year also saw many changes for the way we work as an organisation. We reimaged our objects, vision, mission and values according to the work we now know we do, centring everything on the arts. We also reviewed the Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy to ensure that we are actively working to be inclusive of all traditionally marginalised communities. During all of our sessions staff and students now have lanyards with our values explained - SAFE, CALM, PREPARED & FUN. If at any point participants feel that sessions are not meeting these expectations then there are instructions for how to speak to someone, either openly or anonymously. The intention is to give everyone a vocabulary with which to call out potentially problematic behaviour as soon as possible.

FUNDERS & PARTNERS //

Our Time, Young Brent Foundation, BBC Children in Need, John Lyon's Charity, Arts Council, The National Lottery Awards for All, London Community Foundation, London Youth, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Mahogany Carnival Arts, Sport at the Heart, Wembley Park, Connect Stars, Brent Council, Edward Harvist Trust, Holiday Activity Fund, Roundwood Community School, The Yellow, SEIDs Hub, Harrow Council, Young Harrow Foundation

Unique Community Charity
Trustees' Responsibilities Statement
for the year ended
31 March 2022

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charities transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. 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.

Unique Community Charity
Charity Accounts
Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees of the Charity it is you who are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

Having satisfied myself that charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination under Charities Act 2011, it is my responsibility to:

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity's commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act

Conclusions relating to going concern

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:


Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Corresponding figures

The charity was not subject to audit in previous period, therefore the opening balances and the corresponding figures are unaudited. We did not undertake an Independent examination of the comparatives.

I confirm there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding to be reached.



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Ahmed Ali FCCA

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Dated: 26 January 2023

Unique Community Charity
Statement of Financial Activities
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last year Total Funds
	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Voluntary Income	2	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Total incoming resources		6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	7	-	55,946	55,946	33,832
Expenses and Support cost	8	-	38,213	38,213	18,078
Total resources expended		-	94,159	94,159	51,910
Net incoming resources before transfers between funds		6,220 -	16,179	(9,959)	40,602
Net movement in funds		6,220 -	16,179	(9,959)	40,602
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		42,172		42,172	1,569
Total Funds carried forward		48,392 -	16,179	32,213	42,172

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

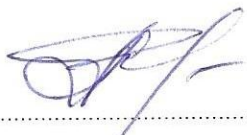
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Balance Sheet/Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<i>The assets and liabilities of the charity :</i>			
Fixed assets			
Office equipment	10	2,027	582
Total fixed assets		<u>2,027</u>	<u>582</u>
Current assets			
Prepayments	11	518	518
Cash at bank and in hand		30,114	41,117
Total current assets		<u>30,632</u>	<u>41,635</u>
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	12	(446)	(46)
Net current assets		30,186	41,589
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>32,213</u>	<u>42,171</u>
Net assets		<u>32,213</u>	<u>42,171</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Accumulated fund		42,171	1,569
Surplus/Deficit for the year		(9,958)	40,602
Total charity funds	13	<u>32,213</u>	<u>42,171</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on **23 January 2023** and signed on their by:-



Trustee - Erina Davidenko



Trustee - Asta Marshall

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.41(b), 11.41(c), 11.41(e), 11.41(f), 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;

1.2 Charity status

The Charity is registered with the charities commission. The members of the charity are the Trustees named on page 1.

1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretions of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources donation and fundraising event income are included when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and trading activities that raise funds. Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at original historical cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% per annum on reducing balance
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Small items of equipment costing under £100 were charged to the cost centre in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Other debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered.

1.8 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1.10 Going concern

We have a reasonable expectation that we have adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. We believe that there are no material uncertainties that call to doubt the Charity's ability to continue. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on basis that the Charity is going concern.

1.12 Financial instruments

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

1.13 Financial Commitment

A commitment is an obligation of a company to external entities that often arises in connection with the legal contracts executed by the charity.

1.14 Taxation

As the charity is a registered charity, it is exempt from the need to file a tax return as its income is derived from charitable activities

2 Voluntary income

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations	77,980	6,220	84,200	92,512
Total	77,980	6,220	84,200	92,512

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

7 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Project work	43,002	26,470
Freelance work	12,944	7,362
Total	<u>55,946</u>	<u>33,832</u>

8 Expenses and Support costs

Rent	4,635	1,110
Wages	25,931	14,425
Equipment	3,369	-
Stationery	690	370
Phone	1,175	551
Freelance fees	-	-
Independent Examiner fee	400	379
Voluntary Expenses	1,938	528
Insurance	262	-
Subscriptions	740	-
Governance	517	-
Depreciation - Office equipment	676.00	715
	<u>40,333</u>	<u>18,078</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year. (2021: NIL)

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2021: NIL).

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2021	2,147	2,147
Additions	<u>2,120</u>	<u>2,147</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,267</u>	<u>2,147</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	1,565	1,565
Charge for the year	<u>676</u>	<u>676</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,241</u>	<u>2,241</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2021	<u>582</u>	<u>582</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>2,027</u>	<u>2,027</u>

11 Debtors

Prepayments	518	518
	<u>518</u>	<u>518</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

PAYE	46	46
Accruals and deferred income	400	-
Total	<u>446</u>	<u>46</u>

13 Analysis of the Net Movement in Funds

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Initial Contribution</u>	<u>General Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2021	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Resources expended	-	38,213	94,159	51,910
Balance at 31 March 2022	<u>6,220</u>	<u>39,767</u>	<u>(9,959)</u>	<u>40,602</u>

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Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Period Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Voluntary Income				
Incoming resources of a revenue nature				
Voluntary Income	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
	-	-	-	0
Total Grants, Legacies & Donations Received	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Total Voluntary Income	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Total Incoming Resources	6,220	77,980	84,200	92,512
Charitable expenditure				
Freelance fees	-	43,002	43,002	26,470
Project expenses	-	12,944	12,944	7,362
Charitable activities	-	55,946	55,946	33,832
Governance costs that are not direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work (including management and administration costs)				
Specific expenses and support costs				
Rent	-	4,635	4,635	1,110
Wages	-	25,931	25,931	14,425
Equipment	-	1,249	1,249	-
Stationery	-	690	690	370
Phone	-	1,175	1,175	551
Independent Examiner fee	-	400	400	379
Voluntary Expenses	-	1,938	1,938	528
Insurance	-	262	262	-
Subscriptions	-	740	740	-
Governance	-	517	517	-
Depreciation - plant and machinery	-	676	676	715
Total Resources expended	-	38,213	38,213	18,078
	-	94,159	94,159	51,910
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	-	(9,959)	40,602