



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.04.23 Period start date To 31.03.24 Period end date

Charity name: Integrating Children (known as Integrating)

Charity registration number: 1090260

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity's objects are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To promote the social, emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of children, young people and adults with disabilities within Durham and the surrounding area and provide respite for their families by supporting members' inclusivity in mainstream leisure services.2. To provide practical support and advice to families and/or carers for children, young people and adults with disabilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Integrating works with over 75 disabled children, young people and adults aged 5 – 30 years, largely within the Durham City and Chester-le-Street area. The organisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotes the social, emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of children, young people and adults with disabilities.• Supports disabled children, young people and adults to develop confidence, social skills, positive relationships and a support network within their community.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps members experience fulfilling and rewarding lives through the participation in safe, but fun and enjoyable activities. • Assists members to develop their independence to operate effectively and confidently within their community. • Enables members to make positive contributions to their community by engaging in skill development related to their interests and abilities and for some, contributing to the decision-making process within the organisation and developing their leadership skills. • Enables members to make friends and develop positive, meaningful relationships. • Helps families to feel supported to fulfil their caring responsibilities. <p>This is achieved by supporting members to take part in the activities we arrange at their request.</p> <p>Our activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym club • Visual Arts • Music • Football training • Sportability • Ten pin bowling • Virtual gaming • Swimming • Social Saturdays • Online social activities e.g. family bingo • Residential breaks • Day trips • ‘InterThinkers’ Youth Forum • Adult outreach ‘Day Service’ for members 16 and older • Assessed Needs provision • Volunteer development programme
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		<p>By involving members in mainstream activities, we can help them to build essential life skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-confidence • social skills • the ability to engage with others across different situations • a sense of purpose to combat isolation and depression by reducing the negative effect of stress and/or anxiety <p>This is particularly important as at least half of our members have difficulties with social communication and interaction, and restricted interests which impacts their ability to socialise and form lasting friendships.</p> <p>Integrating seeks to develop emotional resilience and a support network through access to fun, but safe, structured, regular and familiar activities.</p> <p>In addition, Integrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enables parents/carers to feel supported in fulfilling their caring responsibilities. • provides short breaks for families. • provides staff volunteering and working at Integrating every opportunity to gain experience for their future careers e.g. Social Care, Health Care, Social Work, Educational Psychology and Special Needs Education.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have reviewed and have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in the planning and provision of services and in their governance of the charity.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Integrating does not make grants to individuals although in exceptional circumstances, will support involvement in activities by paying or subsidising costs for families facing difficulties e.g. access to residential opportunities.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The organisation has no investments nor policy in relation to this. Due to the size of the organisation, it is highly unlikely that this will apply.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Integrating values volunteers and has a small, but active, group of volunteers at all levels of the organisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trustees who have control over the management and administration of the charity e.g. fundraising, recruitment and managing senior staff• Volunteers who support staff in the delivery of services• Local volunteers who help with fundraising initiatives Integrating believes that volunteering is beneficial to individuals' mental and physical health; it is a mutual exchange of time and skills. Integrating provides training, support and tangible appreciation of any voluntary activity. All volunteers who have contact with Integrating members, or who have access to sensitive information and decisions taken, have been recruited, DBS checked and inducted to a standard comparable to that of the recruitment of staff.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Attendance at Integrating activities has a positive impact on the social skills of members, achieved through the many and varied opportunities to engage with peers without the presence of parents and/or carers. This allows our members to develop positive relationships, increase their support network and make friends on their own terms. This has been freely expressed by members in discussion with their support workers on many occasions. Our members value the fact the Integrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allows them to make new friends and build positive relationships which are important for developing their own identity. • enables them to build lasting friendships over prolonged periods. Children and young people with disabilities can often move in and out of services, but Integrating's long-term support allows lasting and meaningful friendships to be maintained. <p>Many of the young people recognise that being involved with Integrating simply makes them feel better about themselves. This can be seen on many occasions where young people come to activities angry or frustrated from something that has happened to them at home or school. Through engagement with familiar and trusted support workers and with the help of their friends, any stress and/or feelings of negativity soon dissipate. Members have also told staff that they fully enjoy being independent, taking part in activities away from parents and carers.</p>

		<p>Parents consistently echo our members' thoughts and are particularly appreciative of the opportunities their children and young people have to engage in fun, safe and rewarding activities with their own friends, but without the worry that can come from being a parent, especially when entrusting their disabled child or youngster to another person's care.</p> <p>Such success has been achieved through the continuous hard work of Integrating's Trustees, staff, volunteers, partners and all the families who have played their part in making the charity run safely and in an enjoyable way.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Integrating offers an adult outreach service for over 16s who no longer attend full-time education.</p> <p>Integrating also offers a service to referrals from partner agencies based on individuals' assessed needs.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising has been very positive with existing funders continuing to support Integrating's objectives.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>Not applicable</p>
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Integrating achieved income of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted: £3,550 • Restricted: £ 232,490 <p>Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted: £3,748 • Restricted: £230,919 <p>Brought forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted: £38,655 • Restricted: £229,678 <p>Carried forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted: £38,457 • Restricted: £229,678 • Total £268,135
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Integrating holds a reserve of about £30,000 together with a dynamic financial management policy, which ensures there are sufficient funds to ensure the organisation can operate for a year on current grant/contract income. However, the charity intends to increase the reserve to £70,000. The charity has no long-term liabilities and has been able to operate on an income from diverse sources and payments dates for many years.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Local authority contracts 60% Independent trusts and other funders 35% Local fundraising/donations 5%
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	I. Insufficient fund to maintain the organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising drives at least three times each year • Pursue all opportunities for funding II. Lose full time posts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek extension of funding
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Incorporated registered charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The constitution requires the membership to elect the full board of Trustees at the AGM each year.</p> <p>In reviewing the charity's selection methods, it has been agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The board will review the group's strengths and needs in February each year and any potential vacancies II. Publicly advertise and recruit for appropriately qualified candidates III. Confirm any new Trustees at AGM by membership.

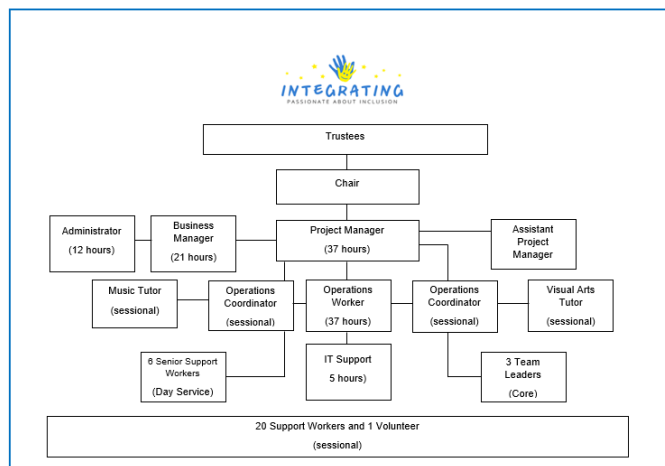
Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>Integrating provides a full induction to all new Trustees on appointment based largely around the Charity Commission advice and the constitution of the organisation. Periodic refresher training is provided for Trustees in both their role and operational matters such as safeguarding and the needs of children and young people with disabilities.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Integrating does not have structural links with other organisations but does have relationships with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/carers – in partnership • Local authority – contractual • Local organisations – delivery partnership
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other

The charity's organisational structure



Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Integrating
Other name the charity uses	Integrating Children and Young People (previous name)
Registered charity number	1090260
Charity's principal address	Bullion Hall South Approach Chester-le-Street County Durham DH2 2DW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Taylor	Chair		Members
2	Sarah Warwick	Vice-Chair		Members
3	Michael McGlone	Treasurer		Members
4	Paul Archer			Members
5	Elizabeth Burns			Members
6	Lynne Clark			Members
7	Benedict Corrigan			Members
8	Kimberley Handley			Members
9	Lucy Hinds			Members
10	Michael McGlone			Members
11	Jayne Oliver			Members
12	Alison White			Members
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20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	Not applicable	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
	Not applicable	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

David Gaudie- Project Manager
Ben Taylor – Assistant Project Manager
Kathryn Gaudie-Jones – Business manager

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard William Taylor	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	13 th December 2024	

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**Financial Statements for the Period ended
31st March 2024**

Charity No: 1090260

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) For the Year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources				
Fund Raising and Donations	8,567		8,567	3,550
Grants		192,540	192,540	204,784
Income generated from Activities	71,252	30,011	101,263	27,706
Interest Received	0		0	0
Other Income	0		0	0
Total Incoming Resources	<u>79,819</u>	<u>222,551</u>	<u>302,370</u>	<u>236,040</u>
Resources Expended				
Direct Costs		75,877	75,877	49,254
Staffing Costs	53,670	146,674	200,344	169,298
Administration	25,536		25,536	18,927
Total Resources Expended	<u>79,206</u>	<u>222,551</u>	<u>301,757</u>	<u>237,479</u>
Net Incoming Resources	<u>613</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>(1,439)</u>
Transfer between Funds	0	0		
Total Funds Brought Forward	38,457	229,678	268,135	269,574
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>39,070</u>	<u>229,678</u>	<u>268,748</u>	<u>268,135</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,234	3,681
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	266,764	264,703
	<u>266,764</u>	<u>264,703</u>
Less		
Current Liabilities		
(Payable within one year)		
Accruals	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Net Current Assets	266,514	264,453
Net Assets	<u>268,748</u>	<u>268,134</u>
Funded by		
Unrestricted Funds		
General	2,234	3,681
Capital Revenue	<u>36,836</u>	<u>34,776</u>
	39,070	38,457
Restricted Funds	229,678	229,678
Total Funds	<u>268,748</u>	<u>268,135</u>

Approved



Richard Taylor, Chair

Date 6th July 2024.

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Notes forming part of the Financial Statements to 31st March 2024

1) Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below, The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

b) Revenue Grants

Gross amount received as recognised within incoming resources and corresponding expense is shown with outgoing resources

c) Taxation

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities

d) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Music and Office Equipment	15% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	15% Straight Line

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2) Incoming Resources

Grants	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Big Lottery Mains Grant		16,583	16,583	33,166
GMBC		31,287	31,287	46,480
Ballinger Trust		25,000	25,000	8,000
Big Lottery Community Fund			0	6,424
Greggs Trust		20,000	20,000	20,000
Joseph Strong		1,000	1,000	1,000
Durham and Dundee Special Needs		27,733	27,733	40,588
Karbon Homes		846	846	
Sports Foundation		500	500	
Durham County Council		69,591	69,591	49,126
	<u>0</u>	<u>192,540</u>	<u>192,540</u>	<u>204,784</u>

Income Generated from Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2,024	Total 2023
Holiday Activities		15,880	15,880	
Other Activities		14,131	14,131	27,706
Day Service Users	<u>71,252</u>		<u>71,252</u>	
	<u>71,252</u>	<u>30,011</u>	<u>101,263</u>	<u>27,706</u>

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3) Resources Expended

Direct Costs			2024	2023
Holiday Activities			5,418	3,795
Other Activities			70,459	45,459
			<u>75,877</u>	<u>49,254</u>
Staff Costs				
No employee earned more than £60,000 durin the year			200,344	169,298
Average no. of employees (including those in direct costs)			<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>
Administration			Total 2024	Total 2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
Rent	14,400		14,400	11,304
Insurance	404		404	404
Postage				
Sundries	2,579		2,579	1,928
Equipment	6,706		6,706	3,846
Depreciation	1,447		1,447	1,447
	<u>25,536</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,536</u>	<u>18,929</u>

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4) Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No member of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

5) Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Music & Office Equipment</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost			
As at 1st April 2023	9,646	9,099	18,745
Additions			0
Disposals			0
As at 31st March 2024	<u>9,646</u>	<u>9,099</u>	<u>18,745</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2023	5,966	9,098	15,064
Charge for Year	1,447		1,447
Elimated on Disposal			0
As at 31st March 2024	<u>7,413</u>	<u>9,098</u>	<u>16,511</u>
NBV as at 31st March 2024	<u>2,233</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,234</u>
NBV as at 31st March 2023	<u>3,680</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,681</u>

6) Creditors

	2024	2023
Accounts	250	250
	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

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Notes forming part of the Financial Statements to 31st March 2024

7) Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,234		2,234
Current Assets	37,076	229,688	266,764
Current Liabilities	(250)		(250)
	<u>39,060</u>	<u>229,688</u>	<u>268,748</u>

8) Movement of Funds

	As at 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	As at 31st March 2024
Durham Special Needs	32,550	27,773	(32,550)		27,773
Ballinger Trust		25,000	(25,000)		0
GMBC		31,287	(31,287)		0
Big Lottery		16,583	(16,583)		0
Greggs Trust		20,000	(20,000)		0
Durham County Council	197,127	69,551	(64,763)		201,915
Joseph Strong		1,000	(1,000)		0
Other		1,346	(1,346)		0
Activities		30,011	(30,011)		0
Total Restricted	<u>229,677</u>	<u>222,551</u>	<u>(222,540)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>229,688</u>
Unrestricted Funds					0
General Funds (Capital)	3,681		(1,447)		2,234
General Funds (Revenue)	34,776	79,809	(77,759)		36,826
					0
General Funds	<u>38,457</u>	<u>79,809</u>	<u>(79,206)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,060</u>
Total Funds	<u>268,134</u>	<u>302,360</u>	<u>(301,746)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>268,748</u>

Transfer of Funds to Designated represents the increase in provision for redundancy

Transfer of funds from Capital to Revenue represents the depreciation charge for the year

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Integrating Children for the Period ended 31st March 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Terry Atkinson
Independent Examiner
26th June 2024