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The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

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Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited.

The charity is also known by its operating name, The CICT Open Learning Centre.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1093920.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

Unit 15, Lynnwood Enterprise Centre
Elswick, Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE4 6UL

Telephone 0191 2732233

Email Address emilylam@cictlearning.org Web address <https://cictlearning.org>

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is:-

B3 Kingfisher House
Kingsway North, Team Valley Trading Estate
Gateshead, NE11 0JU

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The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Kin Chuen Kwok
Selina Mak
Yuen Mei Ivy Leung
Big Ha Tina Tsang
Denise Briddon

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2023 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above, and there were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects are:

- a) to advance the education of people in the Chinese community in the North of England primarily but not exclusively by the provision of an ICT centre and training facilities.
- b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for children in the North of England with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- c) to relieve the poverty of people in the North of England by the provision of subsidised childcare and training.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

Our organisation's name is the Chinese Centre (North of England), to be inclusive we are locally known as the CICT Open Learning Centre. We promote social inclusion, equality, and diversity with the aim of reducing unemployment and increase community cohesion through providing skills and progression routes for disadvantaged participants, including the Ethnically Minoritised Communities (henceforth BAMEs), refugees and the long term unemployed from across Tyne-and-Wear, particularly in Newcastle where we are based. We deliver basic skills training to the BAME economically inactive residents, alongside with Community Health Engagement, Financial Inclusion and Digital Inclusion projects. We also provide unfunded digital provision to BAME asylum seekers, some of whom acquire refugee status subsequently.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

In this year, we have continued to run our main project, Truly Home, one of the North of Tyne Community Led Local Development Projects, until its completion on 31 December. We also successfully applied for a further grant for the Community Health Fund by Newcastle City Council delivering the Health projects.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

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The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

Since May 2020, we started delivering a North of Tyne Community Led Local Development (CLLD) project called Truly Home which was funded by ESIF and Newcastle City Council. We continued to deliver the Truly Home project supporting North of Tyne residents who are mainly newly settled immigrants until it came to an end on 31 December 2022.

The Truly Home Project worked towards a learning community where everyone feels at home, using their strengths to support each other. Our aim was to get the BAME participants thinking about what they want and how to get there, empowering them to achieve their full potential. We delivered the following courses on ZOOM: ESOL for Work, Maths, IT, Driving Theory, Dream to be a Nurse, Life in the UK, Online baking (in partnership another organisation), exercise and craft sessions, etc.

We have also delivered two Community Health Projects called Health@Truly Home, supporting local residents including BAME refugees and asylum seekers. We also ran day trips to Craggside including various arts and exercise classes in this year

In Feb and March 2023, we delivered Multiply Taster sessions to about 47 residents of Newcastle upon Tyne.

We received the Digital Inclusion Capability Grant (Round 2) to support the BAME refugees and asylum seekers with donated sim cards and digital devices. We are currently a member of the National Databank and National Device bank and we are one of the digital inclusion hubs in the National Digital Inclusion Network run by the Good Things Foundation.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and the benefit to wider society.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Basic skills Training & health)

(a) North of Tyne Community Led Local Development Project called Truly Home (May 2020 - Dec 2022)
We successfully delivered the North of Tyne Community Led Local Development (CLLD) project called Truly Home which was funded by ESIF and Newcastle City Council. We supported a total of 86 BAME residents in the North of Tyne deprived areas until the project came to an end on 31 December 2022.

We were allocated with a target volume of 80 participants and we overachieved, training up 85 beneficiaries. Our project actual data showed that out of 85 BAME CLLD participants, 52% (44) were economically inactive residents; 26% (22) were long-term unemployed and 15% (13) short-term unemployed. At the end of the project 12% (10) found employment, 25% (21) were progressed to college. We predominantly worked with BAME beneficiaries with the deprived postcode from NE4 and NE6. Our CLLD project showed the following geographical location of the CLLD participants.
NE4 (53%, n=45), NE6 (31%, n=26), NE5 (5%, n=4)
NE2, NE3, NE1, NE15 (16%, n=10)

(b) Newcastle Community Health Projects

In this financial year, we also delivered two Community Health Projects called Health@Truly Home, supporting 150 local residents including BAME refugees and asylum seekers. We also ran day trips to Craggside including various arts and exercise classes

(c) MULTIPLY Taster courses (Feb - Mar 2023)

In Feb and March 2023, we delivered Multiply Taster sessions to about 47 residents of Newcastle upon Tyne.

DIGITAL INCLUSION

We received the Digital Inclusion Capability Grant (Round 2) to support the BAME refugees and asylum seekers with donated sim cards and digital devices. We are currently a member of the National Databank and National Device bank and we are one of the digital inclusion hubs in the National Digital Inclusion Network run by the Good Things Foundation.

(a) Community Digital Skills Pathway Capacity Project (Feb-Jun 2022)

Funded by Good Things Foundation: UK Community Renewal Fund (UKCRF). We funded 4 other BAME organisations in the North of Tyne delivering the Community Digital Capacity Project.

(b) Community Digital Skills Pathway - North of Tyne (Device & Training) Feb-Sept 2022

We reached out to about 200 BAME participants by gifting the donated sim cards and devices. About 100 participants signed up for the Learn My Way digital learning platform.

(c) Round 2 Digital Inclusion Capability Grant (North of Tyne) (Jan to July 2023)

(d) Round 2 National Databank Project (from Jan 2023 onwards)

Funded by Good Things Foundation. Since the start of this project, we supported about 60 working age adults with sim cards and digital learning.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees and the necessary training and induction is given prior to commencement.

Bankers The Co-operative Bank
53-59 Blandford Square
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE99 1AN

Accountants Laverick Walton & Co
B3 Kingfisher House
Team Valley
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
NE11 0JQ

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2023

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2023 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income	9,173	8,158
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	52,308	41,252
Restricted Revenue Funds	118	2,001
Total Funds	52,426	43,253

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 March 2023 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

Policies on reserves.

The policy remains the same as last year to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs and rent. This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

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Details of The Independent Examiner

Mr J R Mills FCCA

Member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

B3 Kingfisher House

Kingsway North, Team Valley

Gateshead

Tyne & Wear

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Statement of the Directors Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under 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.

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The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

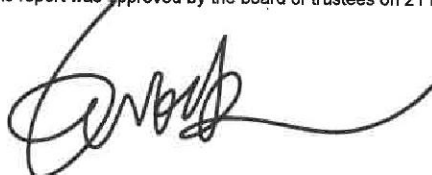
Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 10 to 25.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 21 December 2023.



KIN CHUEN KWOK
Director and Trustee

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 10 to 25 for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 6, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

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I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-



Mr J R Mills FCCA - Independent Examiner

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

B3 Kingfisher House
Kingsway North, Team Valley
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
NE11 0JQ

This report was signed on 21 December 2023

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	28,489	47,562	76,051	62,624
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-	10,651
Total income	A	28,489	47,562	76,051	73,275
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	17,310	49,568	66,878	65,117
Total expenditure	B	17,310	49,568	66,878	65,117
Net income for the year		11,179	(2,006)	9,173	8,158
Transfers between funds	C	(123)	123	-	-
Net income after transfers	A-B-C	11,056	(1,883)	9,173	8,158
Net movement in funds		11,056	(1,883)	9,173	8,158
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward	E	41,252	2,001	43,253	35,095
Total funds carried forward		52,308	118	52,426	43,253

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	-	62,624	62,624
Charitable activities	A2	10,651	-	10,651
Other trading activities	A3	-	-	-
Investments	A4	-	-	-
Other	A5	-	-	-
Total income	A	10,651	62,624	73,275
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	B1	-	-	-
Charitable activities	B2	4,481	60,636	65,117
Other	B3	-	-	-
Tax on surplus on ordinary activit	B3	-	-	-
Other taxation	B3	-	-	-
Total expenditure	B	4,481	60,636	65,117
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-
Net income for the year		6,170	1,988	8,158
Transfers between funds	C	(13)	13	-
Net income after transfers		6,157	2,001	8,158
Net movement in funds		6,157	2,001	8,158
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		35,095	-	35,095
Total funds carried forward		41,252	2,001	43,253

All activities derive from continuing operations

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.'

The notes attached on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Resources applied in the year ended 31 March 2023 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	9,173	8,158
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(1,248)	-
Other applications of funds	-	-
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	7,925	8,158

The notes attached on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 March 2023

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last year Total Funds 2022 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	41,252	2,001	43,253	35,095
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	11,179	(2,006)	9,173	8,158
	52,431	(5)	52,426	43,253
(From)/To unrestricted revenue funds	(123)	123	-	-
Closing revenue funds	52,308	118	52,426	43,253

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last Year Total Funds 2022 £
Revenue accumulated funds	52,308	118	52,426	43,253

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The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

**The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023 as required by the Companies Act 2006**

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Income from operations	76,051	73,275
Investment income		
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	76,051	73,275
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	76,051	73,275
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	65,515	63,874
Depreciation and amortisation	120	-
Governance costs	1,243	1,243
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme related	-	-
Total expenditure in the year	66,878	65,117
Net income before tax in the financial year	9,173	8,158
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	9,173	8,158
Retained surplus for the financial year	9,173	8,158
All activities derive from continuing operations		

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	SORP		2023	2022
	Note	Ref	£	£
Fixed assets		A		
Tangible assets	9	A2	1,128	-
Current assets		B		
Debtors	10	B2	1,679	15,453
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	51,963	33,926
Total current assets			53,642	49,379
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	C1	(2,344)	(6,126)
Net current assets			51,298	43,253
The total net assets of the charity			<u>52,426</u>	<u>43,253</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

Restricted funds					
Restricted Revenue Funds	15	D2	118	2,001	
				118	2,001
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	15	D3	52,308	41,252	
				52,308	41,252
Designated Funds					
Total charity funds			<u>52,426</u>	<u>43,253</u>	

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 9.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



KIN CHUEN KWOK

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 21 December 2023

The notes attached on pages 15 to 25 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016 , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Going Concern

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and voluntary donations as well as trading revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees have reviewed the future position and are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

The trustees are adopting a risk management approach which includes regular assessments of all perceived risks faced by the charity. Significant risks are dealt with as a matter of priority and discussed at board meetings.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

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Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Improvement to leasehold property	25 % straight line
Plant and machinery	25 % straight line

A regular annual review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

There are no designated funds

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

There are no significant implications of such matters.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2023 £	2022 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	120	-
Pension costs	694	683

6 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	47,112	48,547
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	694	683
Total salaries, wages and related costs	47,806	49,230

The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	3	3
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	4	4

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	4	4
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	4	4

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

No employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

7 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

Any liabilities and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

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8 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

9 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Current Year</i>	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Additions	-	1,248	-	1,248
At 31 March 2023	90,773	175,521	-	266,294
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Charge for the year	-	120	-	120
At 31 March 2023	90,773	174,393	-	265,166
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	-	1,128	-	1,128

<i>Prior Year</i>	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
01 April 2021	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
31 March 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Depreciation				
01 April 2021	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
31 March 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Net book value				
31 March 2022	-	-	-	-
31 March 2021	-	-	-	-

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10 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	277	15,453
Other debtors	1,402	-
	1,679	15,453

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	1,907	1,631
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	437	546
Other creditors	-	3,949
	2,344	6,126

12 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 April 2022	43,253	35,095
Surplus after tax for the year	9,173	8,158
At 31 March 2023	52,426	43,253

13 No related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties in the year.

14 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2023	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,128	-	-	1,128
Current Assets	53,484	-	158	53,642
Current Liabilities	(2,344)	-	-	(2,344)
	52,268	-	158	52,426
At 1 April 2022	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets	47,378	-	2,001	49,379
Current Liabilities	(6,126)	-	-	(6,126)
	41,252	-	2,001	43,253

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15 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 14 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2022	Movement in funds in 2023	Transfers between funds in 2023	Funds carried forward to 2024
	£	See Note 16 £	See Note 17 £	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	41,252	11,179	(123)	52,308
Total unrestricted and designated funds	41,252	11,179	(123)	52,308
Restricted funds:-				
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant	1,171	(1,053)	-	118
Newcastle City Council - Community Health project	830	(953)	123	-
Total restricted funds	2,001	(2,006)	123	118
Total charity funds	43,253	9,173	-	52,426

16 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 15

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	28,489	(17,310)	-	11,179
Restricted funds:-				
Newcastle City Council - CLLD project	42,562	(42,562)	-	-
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant	-	(1,053)	-	(1,053)
Newcastle City Council - Community Health project	5,000	(5,953)	-	(953)
	76,051	(66,878)	-	9,173

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17 Details of transfers between funds

The transfers shown in note 15 above are:-

	2023 £
Transfers to/(from) Unrestricted Funds to cover deficits on Restricted Funds or when funds are lawfully reallocated	(123)
To/(from) Restricted Revenue Funds	123
Net transfers	-

The transfers from unrestricted funds is to cover the small deficit on the restricted funds.

18 The purposes for which the funds

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.
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Restricted funds:-

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	The purpose of these funds is described under the accounting policy 'Accounting for capital grants and fixed asset funds'.
Restricted Revaluation Reserve	This fund represents the restricted surplus arising on the revaluation of the charity's assets.
Newcastle City Council - CLLD project	Funding was received for the supply and support of services to help cover the cost of wages and overheads which relate to the charitable activities.
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant	Funding was received to help with website costs.
Newcastle City Council - Community Health project	Funding was received to help deliver classes to promote mental, physical and social wellbeing.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classsified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Revenue grants from government and public bodies				
Newcastle City Council	-	42,562	42,562	57,824
Good Things Foundation	22,245	-	22,245	4,800
Community Health Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total public sector revenue grants	22,245	47,562	69,807	62,624

Revenue grants from government and public bodies - Prior Year analysis

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£
Prior Year	-	62,624	62,624

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies				
Small grants individually less than £1000	640	-	640	-
Connected Voice	2,604	-	2,604	-
Esme Fairburn	3,000	-	3,000	-
Total private sector revenue grants	6,244	-	6,244	-

Total Donations, Grants and Legacies

Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	28,489	47,562	76,051	62,624
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Prior year

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Prior Year Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	-	62,624	62,624

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21 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

<i>Current year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Primary purpose and ancillary trading				
Income from learner, room charges and fees	-	-	-	10,651
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	-	-	-	10,651

22 Total Income from charitable activities

Total income from charitable trading	-	-	-	10,651
Total from charitable activities A2	-	-	-	10,651

23 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Travel and Subsistence - Charitable Activities	553	657	1,210	84
Coach hire and day trips	150	1,460	1,610	340
Classes	270	-	270	329
Membership	-	186	186	150
Prizes	-	226	226	-
Total direct spending B2a	973	2,529	3,502	903

<i>Prior Year</i>	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£
Travel and Subsistence - Charitable Activities	-	84	84
Coach hire and day trips	-	340	340
Classes	-	329	329
Membership	-	150	150
Total direct spending B2a	-	903	903

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24 Support costs for charitable activities

Current Year	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Salaries - Administrative staff	12,246	30,870	43,116	42,801
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	-	694	694	683
Other salaries	944	3,052	3,996	5,746
Training and welfare - staff	-	-	-	34
Payroll fees and charges	948	-	948	550
Travel and subsistence - staff	104	157	261	-
Volunteer costs				
Volunteers' expenses	456	156	612	257
Premises Expenses				
Rent, rates and service charge	-	9,602	9,602	8,933
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	276	379	655	358
Advertising and marketing	-	1,053	1,053	518
Liability and contents insurance	-	475	475	317
Training and accreditation fees	-	165	165	401
Postage and stationery	-	436	436	171
Moving costs	-	-	-	2,197
Financial costs				
Interest	-	-	-	5
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the period	120	-	120	-
Support costs before reallocation	15,094	47,039	62,133	62,971
Total support costs - Current Year	15,094	47,039	62,133	62,971

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

Prior Year	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs			
Salaries - Administrative staff	1,179	41,622	42,801
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	-	683	683
Other salaries	-	5,746	5,746
Training and welfare - staff	-	34	34
Premises Expenses			
Rent, rates and service charge	-	8,933	8,933
Administrative overheads			
Telephone, fax and internet	-	358	358
Advertising and marketing	-	518	518
Liability and contents insurance	-	317	317
Training and accreditation fees	-	401	401
Postage and stationery	-	171	171
Moving costs	1,247	950	2,197
Support costs before reallocation	3,238	59,733	62,971
Total support costs - Prior Year	3,238	59,733	62,971

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

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25 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Current Year				
Independent Examiner's fees	1,243	-	1,243	1,243
Total Governance costs	1,243	-	1,243	1,243

All the expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted

26 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Current Year					
Total direct spending	B2a	973	2,529	3,502	903
Total support costs	B2d	15,094	47,039	62,133	62,971
Total Governance costs	B2e	1,243	-	1,243	1,243
Total charitable expenditure	B2	17,310	49,568	66,878	65,117
Prior Year					
		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds	
		2022	2022	2022	
		£	£	£	
Total direct spending	B2a	-	903	903	
Total support costs	B2d	3,238	59,733	62,971	
Total Governance costs	B2e	1,243	-	1,243	
Total charitable expenditure	B2	4,481	60,636	65,117	