

LESSONS FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity Registration No. 1122320

Company Registration No. 06448222 (England and Wales)

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Company number	06448222
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TRUSTEES REPORT

About Lessons for Life

Lessons for Life is a children's charity that funds education projects in Africa.

We believe that education changes everything.

Every child, no matter where they are born, has the right to an education.

On 1 April 2019 Lessons for Life joined the Street Child group. Street Child exists to make the largest difference possible in the lives and to the educational prospects of the world's poorest and most marginalised children.

The form of the acquisition was the Lessons for Life entity becoming a subsidiary of Street Child as indicated by Street Child becoming a Trustee of Lessons for Life on 1 April 2019.

The substance of the acquisition was two charities joining forces and it has seen Lessons for Life integrated into Street Child's management structure, policies and practices. Street Child is a fast growing charity whose ethos of 'every child deserves an education' matches Lessons for Life. Becoming part of a larger movement, means we can help more children in more parts of Africa to access education. With the continued support of Liberty Global, we will continue building on our founder Shane O'Neill's legacy - ensuring children are given the chance to reach their full potential.

On 1st April 2022 the 100% owned subsidiary Lessons for Life Trading Company Limited ownership was transferred to the ultimate parent company, Street Child and ceased to be a subsidiary of Lessons for Life Foundation.

The reason for this transfer was to reflect that the activities supported by Lessons for Life Trading Company are now run by Street Child directly without involvement of Lessons for Life Foundation. At the same time, Lessons for Life Trading Company Limited changed its name to Street Child Trading Limited.

Programmes

Street Child have taken over the implementation of Lessons for Life Foundation projects in Uganda and Rwanda and the Lessons for Life Funding agreements with partners in these countries moved to Street Child as of January 2020.

In both the current year and the previous financial year, Lessons for Life has been able to release some of its unrestricted reserves to make a substantial grant to fund charitable activities. This grant was made to Street Child.

Fundraising

Lessons for Life no longer actively fundraises under its own name but promotes the activities of its parent company Street Child in its fundraising activities. Thank you to everyone who allows us to continue our work in Africa.

During the year our three flagship fundraising events were able to go ahead – and were organised through Street Child. We were delighted to see the following events being bigger and better than ever: Big Ride, Gala Dinner and Football Tournament. These events have an amazing ability to bring together so many of our supporters, share updates about the work of the charity and raise important funds.

Liberty Global and our Corporate Champions

Founding corporate partner Liberty Global continues to provide enormous support to Street Child and donated its generous core grant to Street Child directly this year. As well as its core grant, Liberty Global supports Street Child through attending events and a number of Liberty Global executives on the Street Child board continue to provide invaluable business advice to the charity and its leadership.

Other longstanding corporate supporters of Lessons for Life have also moved to work with Street Child, including Accenture, Afiniti, NTT Data and Deloitte.

Our Future Plans

We remain wholly committed to delivering greater change for the children, schools and communities we support. Our future is now linked with Street Child and as we transfer some of our key programmes across to Street Child, Lessons for Life will continue to focus delivering great fundraising as well as ambitious and successful programmes, whether delivered by Lessons for Life directly or indirectly via Street Child.

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Financials: Income

In the year to 31 March 2023 Lessons for Life Foundation had income of £160,690 (2022: £145,926). The majority of income a Gift Aid donation from the former subsidiary company in relation to sponsorship of the Big Ride event in the prior year, amounting to £160,461 (2022: £128,175).

Financials: Expenditure

Costs of raising funds

Our cost of raising funds fell to £2,222 from £114,205. This is because much fundraising activity moved into the parent company, Street Child, including cost associated with organising the Big Ride.

Charitable expenditure

In line with our plans and expectations, active grants in Uganda and Rwanda transferred to be contracted with Street Child and so are not included as Lessons for Life activities. They are being actively continued within Street Child. One grant was made in 2022/23 following consideration and approval by the Trustees, to Street Child for £250,000 (2022: £700,000.)

Financials: Reserves

Lessons for Life Foundation reserves contribute positively to Street Child group reserves and reserves are assessed at both the whole group and individual charity levels.

Lessons for Life Foundation entered the financial year unrestricted reserves of £248,070. Given the level of income and expenditure of Lessons for Life Foundation, this is ahead of the target reserves of Lessons for Life Foundation. The Trustees therefore decided to reduce the reserves and made a grant to Street Child. Hence closing reserves as at 31st March 2023 were £154,640. All reserves are unrestricted. This is ahead of the target reserves of the charity.

Street Child Group's reserves policy is to maintain reserves within a range set with reference to key risks, and calibrated against the level of reserves that would be required to fund three to six months of operating costs.

The largest two risks facing Street Child are a fall or under-performance in Unrestricted income, and/or the need to use Unrestricted funds to cover Restricted Programme costs, for instance because of cost disallowed by the funders.

This quantification of reserves will be carried out on an annual basis as part of the budget setting process which concludes in March each year. At this stage the Trustees will consider if any of the major risks have changed, and also the quantification of the reserves in line with the budget.

For Street Child Group the reserves target is £0.75m to £1.5m, with a mid-range target of £1.1m. Street Child Group unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2023 of £1.1m (2022: £1.2m) were in line with the mid-range target.

Lessons for Life Foundation have a £500,000 rolling loan facility with an interest rate significantly below market rates. A balance of £200,000 was repaid in February 2018 and it has not been utilised since.

Risk Management and internal control

The Street Child Trustees are fully aware of the need to assess the risks faced by the charity and to minimise those risks. They have conducted a comprehensive process to identify, assess and manage risks, with all risks being scored for likelihood and impact and management strategies and timelines being established. Changes to the risk register are reviewed by the Finance Committee each quarter and provided to each Board meeting (also quarterly) with a full review of the Board undertaken at least annually to assess all risk factors identified in the risk register and ensure that all Trustees are fully abreast of the risk situation in the organisation.

In addition to the risk register, each country holds a register for all large projects, which have their own risk registers that are used by project management teams to make operational decisions. All fundraising events have their own risk registers.

While no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss, Street Child Group's (including Lessons for Life Foundation) systems have been developed to provide assurance to the Board that there are proper procedures in place and that they are operating effectively.

Key elements of the system of risk management and internal control include:

- Delegation: there is a clear organisational Scheme of Delegation with lines of authority and responsibility for control
- A clear, comprehensive documented suite of financial procedures and accessible to all staff. These are updated and revised from time to time as required.
- Financial reporting: the Board approves and monitors the annual budget. Each quarter an update is provided to the Finance Committee and the Board with an update of actual results compared to budget, and the latest forecast for the year along with explanations of significant variations. The Finance committee reviews the reports in detail, minutes from this Committee's meeting are presented to the Board.
- Programme reporting: regular updates are provided to the Chief Executive from the Country leads. These are reviewed to ensure that the programmes are progressing as planned and to identify any issues which are followed up as necessary. Written quarterly updates are provided to the Board along with any issues, risks or opportunities.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the charitable group, as identified by the Trustees of Street Child (the corporate Trustee of Lessons for Life Foundation) include the following:

- Unrestricted Income being insufficient to support institutional restricted funding or pursuing opportunities for investment. This is mitigated by careful monitoring of income compared to budget and forecast, and the pipeline income and by ensuring that costs are carefully managed.
- Unsatisfactory Programmes impact, or donors consider project impact to be unsatisfactory. We continue to invest in quality in-country programme and finance teams to ensure that we can meet donor requirements.

Structure, governance and management

Lessons for Life Foundation operates through an incorporated charity registered with both Companies House in England & Wales and the Charity Commission in England & Wales and is governed in line with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

It was incorporated on December 7, 2007 and registered as a charity on January 15, 2008. A subsidiary company, Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited was incorporated in England on January 8, 2016. The company is limited by guarantee and Lessons for Life Foundation is the sole member of the Trading Company, guaranteeing the liabilities up to £10.

On 1st April 2022 Lessons for Life Foundation ceased to be the parent of Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited and the Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited ceased to be a subsidiary of Lessons for Life Foundation. At the same time, Street Child was appointed as member of Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited and Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited became a subsidiary company of Street Child. Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited also changed its name to Street Child Trading Limited.

Lessons for Life is governed as part of the Street Child group. The Street Child group Board meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the overall direction of the Charity and for core strategic policies, having regard to the advice of the Chief Executive. The Trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charity to the Chief Executive.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is carried out having regard to the needs of the organisation, the suitability and skills of the candidate and by interview with interested parties.

Induction and training of new Trustees

We make new Trustees aware of their legal obligations under charity law and company law. New Trustees are given the required training to enable them to undertake their roles and to ensure that they act in the best interests of the charity. When they are appointed they receive briefing and background information about the charity from senior management, including governance, finance and current strategies and plans. All Trustees have the opportunity to see our programmes at their own expense.

Organisation and Management

Lessons for Life is based in the United Kingdom, in London with projects implemented by our Africa based partners. The charity is managed by the Street Child Senior Leadership Team, led by the Chief Executive.

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The Chief Executive is responsible for the day to day running of the Charity within the Scheme of Delegation agreed by the Trustees.

Fundraising standards

Street Child group employs a team of professional fundraisers, all of whom follow the best practice and legal requirements set out in The Code of Fundraising Practice, as well as those required under charity law and wider law. There was no reported failure to comply with The Code of Fundraising Practice. Outside of the team of professional fundraisers, Street Child's volunteer fundraisers were all provided with relevant training or guidance notes including, where relevant, links to the necessary legal and best practices from the Institute of Fundraising. Agreed fundraising targets were monitored through reports provided by our online giving platforms and through regular communication and mentoring of volunteer fundraisers.

Street Child group commercial partners are all subject to agreeing a Commercial Participator's Agreement that sets out the terms of the partnership including, but not limited to, payment plans, use of brand, inclusions/exclusions of the partnership and use of the agreed fundraising statement. Our data protection statement and marketing opt-ins were reviewed and updated to ensure only appropriate and relevant communications were sent to those supporters who had requested said information. Our electronic communications platform also offers the opportunity to opt out at every stage of mass communication.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that they have complied with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to this area.

The vision of the charity is that every child, no matter where they are born, has an education that equips them for life, and we work diligently to ensure that our programmes discriminate against no child regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or HIV status, amongst other factors.

Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees, (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and charitable company and of the group's excess of expenditure over income for that period. In preparing each of the group and charitable company financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity's SORP;
- make judgements and 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; and
- assess the group's and the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- 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 company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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

In addition the Trustees confirm that they are happy that content of the annual review meet the requirements of both the Trustees' Annual Report under charity law and the Directors' Report under company law. They also confirm that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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.

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Information provided to the auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Section 381 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Auditors

Moore Kingston Smith continued to be the charity's auditors during the year and a resolution for them to reappointed will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

The annual report and financial statements was approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Marcel van den Berg

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF LESSONS FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lessons for Life Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Activities, the Charitable Company Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs(UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except

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to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- trustees' annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and from preparing a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the

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preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group and parent charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or parent charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and UK taxation legislation.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.

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- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of the consolidated financial statements, to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members, as a body, and the charity's trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Neil Finlayson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 30th January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

For year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations	2	160,690	160,690	145,926
Total income		<u>160,690</u>	<u>160,690</u>	<u>145,926</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	3 & 6	2,222	2,222	114,205
Charitable activities	3 & 7	251,898	251,898	757,405
Total expenditure		<u>254,120</u>	<u>254,120</u>	<u>871,610</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(93,430)	(93,430)	(725,684)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	10	248,070	248,070	973,754
Movement between funds		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>154,640</u>	<u>154,640</u>	<u>248,070</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Lessons for Life Foundation Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	21,421	180,451
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>141,458</u>	<u>78,384</u>
		162,879	258,834
Current liabilities:			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	9	<u>(8,239)</u>	<u>(10,764)</u>
		(8,239)	(10,764)
Net current assets		<u>154,640</u>	<u>248,070</u>
Net assets		<u>154,640</u>	<u>248,070</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	10	154,640	248,070
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds		<u>154,640</u>	<u>248,070</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. They were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Marcel van den Berg, Treasurer

Registered company number 06448222

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Net income/(expenditure) for period (as per SOFA)</i>	(93,430)	(725,684)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	159,030	387,869
Decrease in prepayments	-	15,000
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(2,525)	(4,634)
(Decrease)/Increase in deferred revenue	-	(9,500)
	<u>156,505</u>	<u>388,736</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>63,075</u>	<u>(336,948)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period	<u>63,075</u>	<u>(336,948)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	78,384	415,332
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>141,458</u>	<u>78,384</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents and net debt		
	2023 £	2022 £
Opening balance	78,384	415,332
Cash-flows	63,075	(336,948)
Closing balance	<u>141,459</u>	<u>78,384</u>

1. Accounting policies

Company Information

Lessons for Life Foundation (the "Company") is a private company incorporated, domiciled and registered in England in the UK. The registered number is 6448222 and the registered address is 33 Creechurch Lane, London, England, EC3A 5EB.

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP including update Bulletin 2) and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The Charitable Company and its subsidiary are a public benefit group for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP including update Bulletin 2), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest one pound.

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

On 1st April 2022 the 100% owned subsidiary Lessons for Life Trading Company Limited ownership was transferred to the ultimate parent company Street Child and ceased to be a subsidiary of Lessons for Life Foundation.

In the prior year the Group consisted of Lessons for Life Foundation and Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited.

b. Going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The charity entered the financial year 2022/23 with reserves of £248,070, all of which were unrestricted, and at and at 31 March 2023 had unrestricted reserves of £154,640.

In assessing whether Lessons for Life Foundation is a going concern, the Trustees have also considered the reserves of the Street Child charitable group, of which the charity is a wholly owned subsidiary. The trustees have considered the group forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation and grant income and cash flow for 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements, the associated assumptions that underpin it, the pipeline of new income and the steps that could be taken to reduce expenditure should this be necessary.

The Trustees are satisfied that the group has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The group has a loyal donor base and a significant grant pipeline. Annual budgets include prudent figures for both income and expenditure and the charity holds significant reserves and has liquid assets in the form of cash held in short term deposits.

The Trustees have concluded that with the reserves policy and cash liquidity requirements of the charity together with the commitment of support received from Street Child, the ultimate controlling party, there are no material uncertainties as to the charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

c. Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance indicators attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

d. Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over any item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable, and that economic benefit can be measured reliably.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of supporters is not recognised, and instead is noted in the trustees' annual report.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is measured as the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market. This amount cannot exceed open market fair value. A corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be spent on specific activities of the charity. The charity held no restricted funds in either 2023 or 2022.

f. Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is only recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of all fundraising activities and an allocation of support costs.

- Charitable activities comprise all grants and costs reimbursed to partners in Africa, the direct costs of managing those programmes and an allocation of support costs. These are further split between the three main areas of our programmatic work.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g. Grants to partners

Grant agreements consist of both a committed element and a performance-related element. As a result the committed element (the first payment of every grant) is recognised as expenditure when the grant is signed, and any amount not paid at year end is recognised as a liability on the balance sheet.

The performance related elements (all other payments) are only recognised once the relevant conditions are met by the partner organisation. Any amounts where conditions have not been met at year end but still may be met at a later date are recognised as a contingent liability in note 16 of the financial statements.

h. Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These include finance, personnel, payroll, governance and management costs. These costs have been allocated between costs of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated is set out in note 4.

i. Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets costing more than £5,000 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, with depreciation provided at rates calculated to write off the costs of asset less any residual value over their useful economic life on a straight line basis.

j. Debtors and prepayments

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

k. Creditors and provisions

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

l. Foreign exchange transactions

Foreign exchange income and expenditure transactions are recognised at the going rate on the date of the transaction occurring.

Any balance sheet amounts outstanding on the reporting date have been retranslated at the going rate as per InfoEuro on 31 March 2023.

m. Pensions

All employees are entitled to join a defined contribution pension scheme which is funded by contributions from both the employee and employer.

Total employer contributions due in the period were £0 (2022: £10,649) with £0 (2022: £3,494) outstanding at year end.

n. Legal status

Lessons for Life Foundation is company limited by guarantee and has no share capital, with Company Number 06448222 and Charity Number 1122320.

The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £10.

o. Gift Aid

Gift Aid payments from Lessons for Life Trading Company Limited to the charity are accounted for in the charity when they are paid.

p. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. It is in the opinion of the Directors that there are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment of the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
2023			
Gift Aid donation from Trading Subsidiary	160,461	-	160,461
Other donations	229	-	229
Total donations	160,690	-	160,690

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
2022			
Sporting and challenge events:			
Five aside Football Tournament	7,500	-	7,500
Total sporting and challenge events	7,500	-	7,500
Donated goods and services (see note 11)	4,238	-	4,238
Corporate Donations	-	-	-
Gift Aid donation from Trading Subsidiary	128,175	-	128,175
Other donations	6,013	-	6,013
Total donations	145,926	-	145,926

3. Total expenditure

	Grants to partner organisations 2023 £	Direct costs Staff costs 2023 £	Other costs 2023 £	Support costs Staff costs 2023 £	Other costs 2023 £	Total expenditure 2023 £
2023						
Costs of raising funds	-	-	324	-	1,898	2,222
Charitable activities	250,000	-	-	-	1,898	251,898
Total expenditure	250,000	-	324	-	3,797	254,120

	Grants to partner organisations 2022 £	Direct costs Staff costs 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Support costs Staff costs 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Total expenditure 2022 £
2022						
Costs of raising funds	-	42,614	14,187	49,955	7,449	114,205
Charitable activities	700,000	-	-	49,955	7,449	757,405
Total expenditure	700,000	42,614	14,187	99,910	14,898	871,610

An analysis of costs of raising funds split between restricted and unrestricted funds can be found in note 6.

An analysis of charitable activities split between restricted and unrestricted funds can be found in note 7.

A breakdown showing the basis for allocation of support costs can be found in note 4.

More information on staff costs can be found in note 5.

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4. Support cost allocation

	Basis of allocation	Staff costs 2023 £	Other costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £
2023				
Management & administration	Time spent	-	2,220	2,220
Finance	Time spent	-	1,577	1,577
Total support costs		-	3,797	3,797

	Basis of allocation	Staff costs 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £
2022				
Management & administration	Time spent	-	5,975	5,975
Finance	Time spent	99,910	6,558	106,468
Human Resources	Headcount	-	1,203	1,203
Information & Communications Technology	Headcount	-	1,162	1,162
Total support costs		99,910	14,898	114,808

Support costs includes governance costs, which consists of the following expenses:

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs on supporting board	-	6,734
Statutory audit	2,220	4,560
Total governance costs	2,220	11,294

5. Staff costs

The average full time equivalents employed by the charity in the year were:

	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
Programmes/charitable activities	-	-
Fundraising and communications	1.0	1.0
Management and administration	1.8	1.8

The charity employed three staff, one of them part time. Their employment costs are recharged in full to the parent company, Street Child.

Staff costs comprised of:

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gross salaries	-	132,894
Employers NIC	-	12,747
Employers pension contributions	-	10,649
Other benefits	-	4,058
	-	160,348

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension contributions) of over £60,000

Total employee benefits (excluding employer pension contributions) paid to key management personnel were £0 (2022: £67,335).

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6. Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
2023			
Support costs	1,898	-	1,898
Total costs of raising funds	1,898	-	1,898
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
2022			
Direct staff costs	42,614	-	42,614
Direct other costs			
Big Ride	586	-	586
Gala Dinner	4,260	-	4,260
Other	9,341	-	9,341
Total direct other costs	14,187	-	14,187
Support costs	57,405	-	57,405
Total costs of raising funds	114,205	-	114,205

7. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
2023			
Grants to partner organisations	250,000	-	250,000
Indirect costs	1,898	-	1,898
Total charitable activities	251,898	-	251,898
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
2022			
Grants to partner organisations	700,000	-	700,000
Indirect Costs	62,837	-	62,837
Total charitable activities	762,837	-	762,837

Grants to organisations were sent to the following:

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Street Child	250,000	700,000
	250,000	700,000

8. Debtors

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Intercompany Debtors - Street Child	21,421	162,809
Intercompany Debtors - Build Africa	-	67
Intercompany Debtors - Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited	-	17,545
Other debtors	-	30
	21,421	180,451

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9. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

Charity	2023	2022
	£	£
HMRC payable	3,866	3,576
Accruals	2,220	3,187
Other payroll liabilities	1,824	-
Trade creditors	329	4,001
	8,239	10,764

10. Analysis of charity funds

2023

	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	248,070	160,690	(254,120)		154,640
Total funds	248,070	160,690	(254,120)	-	154,640

2022

	Balance brought forward	Income for the period	Expenditure in the period	Transfers between funds	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	973,754	145,926	(871,610)		248,070
Total funds	973,754	145,926	(871,610)	-	248,070

11. Donated goods and services

a. Liberty Global

As part of the Charity and Corporate Agreement with Liberty Global (see note 12) the charity receives up to €200,000 per annum of donated goods and services. This includes, amongst other items, HR support, IT equipment and support, and use of premises including all facility management costs. In 2017 Liberty Global agreed that the cost of premises would be excluded from the annual cap.

The donated goods and services recognised in 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Staff costs	-	1,399
Other costs	-	2,838
Total Liberty Global donated goods and services	-	4,237

This has been allocated across the following expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Costs of raising funds	-	2,614
Charitable activities	-	1,623
Total Liberty Global donated goods and services	-	4,237

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12. Related party transactions

a. Liberty Global Europe Ltd

The charity is supported by the resources of Liberty Global Europe Ltd and its affiliated companies. The charity is legally separate from Liberty Global and its affiliates and they have no control or significant influence over the charity's operating activities or grant making policies.

In late 2015, the charity signed a £500,000 five year loan facility with Liberty Global Europe with a minimal interest rate attached to enable the charity to minimise its cash reserves whilst managing operating cash flows in the most efficient way possible. At 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022 there were no funds outstanding and the facility was not used in either year.

b. Street Child Limited

During the year the company paid for fundraising and programmes services from Street Child amounting to £nil (2022: nil).

The company gave a grant of £250,000 (2022: £700,000) to Street Child, shown in Grants to Partners.

Street Child is the parent of Lessons for Life Foundation. At the year end, Lessons for Life Foundation was owed £21,412 (2022: £162,809) by Street Child.

13. Subsidiary undertakings

On 1st April 2023 the trading company ceased to be a subsidiary of Lessons for Life Foundation.

In the prior year, the company paid the Charity £15,745 for use of the Lessons for Life logo and for fundraising and accounting services provided by the Charity to Lessons for Life Trading Company Limited which does not employ its own staff.

A summary of the main transactions of Lessons for Life Foundation Trading Company Limited is below for the year when it was a subsidiary

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		203,000
Cost of sales		(24,757)
Administrative expenses		(17,755)
Gift Aid owing to Lessons for Life Foundation		(160,488)
Result for the Financial Year	-	-

14. Trustee remuneration

No trustee received any remuneration for their charitable role in the year (2022: £nil).

No trustee received any reimbursement of expenses for their charitable role in the year (2022: £nil).

15. Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax under the provisions of Section 466-493 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

16. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities.

17. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements (2022: none)

18. Ultimate Parent Company

The company is a subsidiary of Street Child, a charitable company registered in England and Wales (Company No. 06749574, Charity No. 1128536).

Copies of group financial statements are available from the registered office of the parent at:
33 Creechurch Lane, London, England, EC3A 5EB