

LAYING BEAMS UNDER KIDS DREAMS

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023





TRUSTEES STATEMENT



The theme “Laying Beams Under Kids’ Dreams” reflects our commitment to creating a strong foundation for the future success of the children we serve. Throughout the year ending December 23, Fun4kids has focused on initiatives and programs designed to support, inspire, and empower children, helping them achieve their dreams.

This year, we welcomed a new program manager whose expertise has driven us to achieve more and implement successful projects. Among our new programs are cooking groups for young users and exercise classes, both of which have been met with enthusiastic participation and positive feedback.

We have also received substantial support from trusts and organizations, whose generous donations have propelled us forward and enabled us to create long-lasting, amazing results. The confidence and independence gained through our quality programs leave our users with improved life chances. Equipped with new skills and strategies, children and young people feel confident and motivated, elevating their aspirations and envisioning greater possibilities.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support and dedication from all our partners and supporters. We eagerly anticipate building on this success in the upcoming year.

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Ester Amelia Stern





OUR MISSION

To provide children with opportunities TO BUILD better skills so they can USE THE TOOLS to lay a SOLID FOUNDATION have improved life chances.



CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

To advance in life and help children through:

A. providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals

B. To help children, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. The promotion of any other exclusively charitable objects and purposes such as the trustees see fit, provided that they are regarded as charitable by the law of England and Wales



OUR TRUSTEES

Mr Jeffrey Sinitsky

An experienced manager in the financial sector, Mr Sinitsky has years of business acumen and acts as the treasurer of Fun4kids. He has wide community interests at heart and a particular interest in children's education and emotional wellbeing.

Mr Yehoshua Pinter

A local philanthropist and businessman involved in many charities including a local school as a governor. Mr Pinter has excellent experience in governance and management and as the Chair brings his management skills to the charity. He is interested in helping the community and setting up social enterprises. He has been involved in many worthwhile projects and has great ideas to make big things happen quickly.

Mrs Ester Amelia Stern

A highly experienced and phenomenal teacher with over 8 years of dedicated service in education. Her deep understanding of children's needs, coupled with her exceptional ability to connect with them, makes her an invaluable asset to our charity. Esther's passion for education and her natural ability to build positive relationships have earned her the admiration and respect of both colleagues and the families she works with. As a trustee, Esther brings a unique perspective and unwavering commitment to supporting the well-being and development of every child in our care.

OUR AIMS

Our aim is to ensure that every child receives the essential 'H' factors necessary for a fulfilling childhood, irrespective of their family's financial circumstances.



HEALTH

We aim to promote the physical and mental well-being of children through access to nutritious meals, fitness activities, and wellness programs that encourage healthy lifestyles.



HOPE

Our goal is to inspire hope in the children we serve by offering programs and support that empower them to dream big, set goals, and work towards a brighter future.



HOLIDAYS

We strive to provide enriching and enjoyable holiday programs that offer children fun activities, new experiences, and opportunities to learn and grow during school breaks.



HAPPINESS

We are dedicated to creating a joyful and positive environment through engaging activities, recreational programs, and events that bring smiles to children's faces and enhance their overall well-being.



OUR PROJECTS:



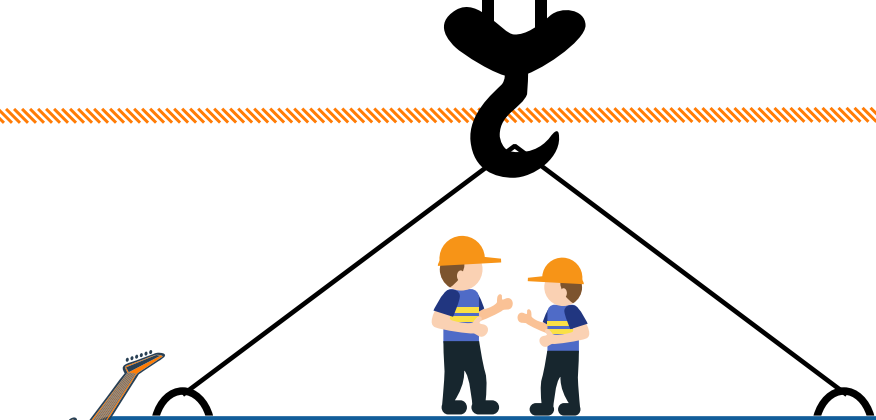
YOU CANNOT BUILD A WALL WITH ONE STONE

BUILDING BEYOND


AFTER SCHOOL CAN BE A TOUGH AND CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE FOR MANY BOYS. WITH LOTS OF ENERGY AND TIME, AND LITTLE CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME, THE STREET CAN QUICKLY BECOME A PLACE TO HANG OUT.

In addition, there is an influx of boys suffering emotional challenges such as anxiety and stress. Schools have commented how they would like to refer their students to a quality programme that also provides mentorship, friendship and support.


Our after-school programmes offer social opportunities, a relaxing and safe space as well as quality mentors. By joining a programme such as music sessions, art classes or woodwork groups young boys can be stimulated and enjoy with their friends in a supportive environment. They are busy, which reduces stress and anxiety. Sessions build confidence and self-esteem. Our boys get a chance to shape and fulfil their dreams.


Music sessions- Led by a variety of qualified instructors, boys can join small groups of up to 6 boys for a one-hour weekly session such as drumming, singing or Vibro- acoustic therapy. Participants who struggle socially interact in a facilitated environment and learn healthy communication, displaying empathy, turn taking and making and maintaining friendship



Woodwork- Here boys can dream big and build the structure they choose to, under the careful guidance of an experienced carpenter. It is gratifying to observe the variety of choices and the sheer joy of a finished product, that has been through hours of hard work and concentration. Wood work is a sure way to build confidence in our users.



Creative Arts- Fun4Kids offers a variety of stimulating Art classes in painting, art technique, drama, and graphic design. These sessions are often led by therapists to guide our users to use the opportunity of the class for self-expression.



Cooking Class- Our after-school cooking classes offer users a fun and enriching experience, teaching them essential culinary skills in a supportive environment. The classes focus on preparing healthy and affordable meals, emphasizing the importance of nutrition and mindful eating. Users learn practical techniques such as chopping, sautéing, and baking, while also exploring new recipes and cuisines. Beyond cooking, the classes foster teamwork, creativity, and confidence, empowering users to make informed food choices and develop a lifelong love for cooking.

"Fun4Kids has given me opportunities I never thought I'd have. The after-school program has introduced me to sports and hobbies I love"

Simon 8



BUILD A BREAK

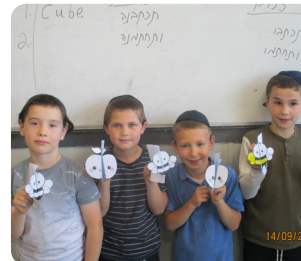


Our Holiday Playschemes are great fillers for boys. These breaks are a chance for them to stretch, unwind and shine. We offer structured stimulating and healthy fun for boys aged 5-15 years old, during school holidays for 4 days a term. Children benefit from small groups, and go on day trips, do team building activities and engage in voluntary work. They develop their confidence and independence and build lasting friendships all in an atmosphere of good cheer and relaxation.

Our holiday programmes attract up to

60 USERS

and are well attended by local children.



We also run an annual 3-day retreat for boys aged 13-15 where we stay in the countryside and do hikes, high course ropes, swimming, rafting and late-night bar b q's. Special moments are formed under the dark night and twinkling stars. Boys have a chance to shine in our fun social activities and strong friendships are formed.





BUILDING SOCIAL BRIDGES

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Heads up - our popular social and team building club, where boys can sign in for a really fun and exciting weekly session which runs for 12 weeks. Using role modelling, interactive activities and team building exercises young boys can grow and expand their social and communication skills. A typical session can include a hilarious activity of trying to explain to a blindfold partner how to fold a paper ship, but without eye contact and body language, a small set of instructions becomes a mammoth task. This particular activity reinforces the need to communicate effectively AND listen carefully. The fun element of the sessions brings our users back for more and this 'educational' session is highest rated by our users.



"I love the after-school art club at Fun4Kids. It's a great way to express myself and improve my skills with the guidance of awesome instructors"

Harry 11





SPORTS

Throughout the summer months we run outdoor sporting sessions on Sundays and weekends. Young boys enjoy activities such as aerobic training, netball and strength training.

TABLE TENNIS: We own a table tennis which we set up in the rooms we use during our holiday playschemes. This is a much enjoyed chill activity which can be used whenever boys need a time out.

CYCLING. We run safe bike riding sessions at the start of the summer to ensure our users are geared up for leisure biking in a safe way. This covers how to check tyres, brakes and helmet fit before riding. Then the course covers safe road riding such as switching lanes and cornering safely using hand motions. Finally, riding carefully and stopping safely.



"I love the after-school art club at Fun4Kids. It's a great way to express myself and improve my skills with the guidance of awesome instructors."

Mickael



SOME POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Teaches leadership skills

Develops their self-esteem

Relieves stress and improves emotional wellbeing

Develops communication skills and improves relationships

Improves their physical health and strength

Trains them in teamwork

HI!

YOUNG VOICES TEAM

Our YVT - young voices team program constantly helps us monitor our users' needs. It helps us watch the progress and success of our work.

We do this via different methods and forms such as video taking after sessions, mini-interviews or handing out an opinion poll to ask the boys what they feel like or what they enjoyed most. This gives them a chance to raise their voice of opinion and improves confidence as we perform further according to their feedback.

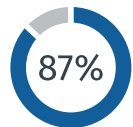
In addition, we give out an extensive questionnaire at the start of the course covering hard and soft skills rated on a 1-10 basis. These exact questions will be asked during the course and after the course helping us to map changes and learn how to shape future work that we do.



Saw improvements in their emotional wellbeing



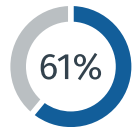
Reported improvements in their identity and self-worth



Feel their health and wellbeing improved



Saw an improvement in their relationships with their friends



Felt their home & Family improved



Reported improvements in their safety



Felt they progress in their school, work or training environment



Reported improved fitness



OUR 2023 DONORS BUILDING SUCCESS TOGETHER

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors who have supported us throughout 2023. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and make a positive impact in our community. Here are some of the donors that have helped us build success this year:

Stronger Starts **TESCO**
Every little helps



AVIVA
Community Fund



JOHN THAW
FOUNDATION

BARCLAYS
Community Football Fund

Souter
CHARITABLE TRUST
The Souter Charitable Trust

The Hale Trust
Registered Charity Number: 313214

We also want to acknowledge and thank all the local philanthropists whose generous donations have been vital to our success.

Thanks to your unwavering commitment and support, we have been able to launch and sustain various initiatives, including our “Cooking for Life” project, after-school groups, and holiday programs. Your generosity has empowered us to create lasting change and improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

We look forward to continuing our partnership and building on this success in the coming years.

NO JOB TOO SMALL

"Learning to cook has boosted my confidence and creativity"

Simon, 11

"Music Club at fun4kids, helps me relax and forget about my worries."

Dave, 10

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**NEW
SESSIONS
LAUNCHED**

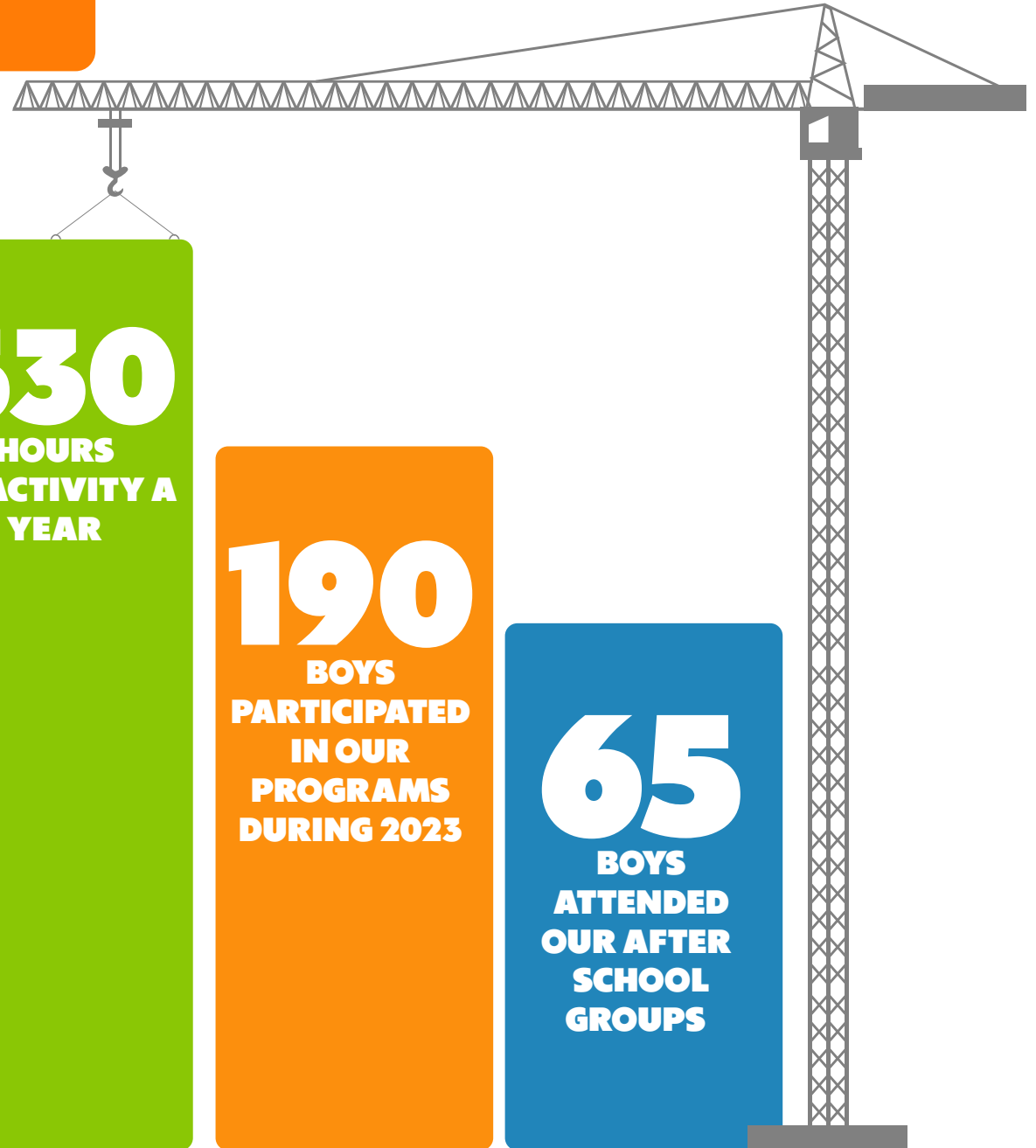
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**VOLUNTEERS
SUPPORTED
FUN4KIDS**

530
**HOURS
OF ACTIVITY A
YEAR**

190
**BOYS
PARTICIPATED
IN OUR
PROGRAMS
DURING 2023**

65
**BOYS
ATTENDED
OUR AFTER
SCHOOL
GROUPS**



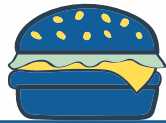
OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



BUY NEW EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR OUR GYM ROOM.



EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL GROUPS ON SUNDAYS



PROVIDE DAILY FILLED LUNCHBOXES



FUN4KIDS REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees retain reserves as necessary to maintain the operational capability of the Charity.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the Balance Sheet Date, and of its incoming resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and

- Select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP October 2005, updated May 2008 disclosing and explaining any departures in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them as Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other regularities.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the Board Of Trustees are set out on Page 1.

Approved by The Trustees of on 10 June 2024
and signed on behalf of them all.

Chairperson and Trustee
Miss Esther Amelia Stern
Date: 02 June 2024

Treasurer
Mr. Jeffrey Sinitsky
Date: 02 June 2024



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrtricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities to further the Charity's Objects	2	70,871	14,180	85,051	38,339
Total Incoming Resources		70,871	14,180	85,051	38,339
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds			0	0	
Net Incoming Resources Available For Charitable Application		70,871	14,180	85,051	38,339
Cost of Activities In Furtherance	3	50,397	10,000	60,397	30,788
Governance Costs	5	11,585	0	11,585	3,325
Total Charitable Expenditure		61,982	10,000	71,982	34,113
Total Resources Expended	3	61,982	10,000	71,982	34,113
Net Movement In Funds		8,889	4,180	13,069	4,226
Transfer To / (From) Reserves		0	0	0	0
Net Reserves for the Year		8,889	4,180	13,069	4,226
Total Funds Brought Forward		12,089	0	12,089	7,863
Total Funds Carried Forward	10	£ 20,978	£4,180	£ 25,158	£ 12,089

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	11,885	1,500
Cash at Bank and in Hand		13,723	10,589
		25,608	12,089
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(450)	0
Net Current Assets		25,158	12,089
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		25,158	12,089
Net Liabilities	9	£ 25,158	£ 12,089
Restricted Funds	10	4,180	0
Unrestricted Funds	11	20,978	12,089
Total Funds		£ 25,158	£12,089

Approved by The Trustees of on 5 January 2023, and signed on behalf of them all.



Chairperson and Trustee
Mr. Yehoshua Pinter
Date: 05 January 2023



Treasurer
Mr. Jeffrey Sinitsky
Date: 05 January 2023

The notes on pages 17 and 19 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 AUGUST 2022

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities Act (Accounts and Reports) 2011, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities 102, and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting By Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (effective from April 2015).

Cash Flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the charity as a small reporting entity is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement.

Donations and Fund Accounting

Donations received for the general and main purposes of the Charity is included as unrestricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Donations and Grants for activities restricted by the donors are taken to restricted funds if the wishes and conditions of the donor are legally binding on the Trustees.

Resources Expended

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

2. INCOMING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Service fees	18,470		18,470	11,050
General Donations	11,360	14,180	25,540	9,750
Total Incoming Resources	29,830	14,180	44,010	20,800
Grants Received				
Tesco bags		1,000		1,000
Souter Charitable Trust		2,680		
Barclays Football		500		
Awards 4 All		10,000		
Skipton	1,500			
John Thaw foundation	500			
The Hale Trust	1,000			
Aviva crowdfunding	10,350			
Other Grants	15,341			3,520
Other Individual Donations	12,350			13,019
Total Income Generated	£ 41,041	£ 14,180	£ 55,221	£ 17,539

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 AUGUST 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Fun4kids				
Accommodation	3,500		3,500	3,000
Activities	8,520	10,000	18,520	4,510
Administration	890		890	740
Advertising	2,350		2,350	2,100
Food & Kitchen Costs	11,350		11,350	6,300
Insurance	950		950	1,500
Outing Trips	12,067		12,067	10,098
Project Coordinator	2,860		2,860	
Travel	3,620		3,620	2,540
Wages	4,290		4,290	
Total Charitable Activities	50,397	10,000	60,397	30,788
Total Cost of Activities In Furtherance	£ 50,397	£ 10,000	£60,397	£ 30,788

4. COST OF GENERATING FUNDS

£0 £0

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy	300	300
Bank Charges	125	125
Rent of Office and site	8,260	0
Stationery	2,900	2,900
	£11,585	£3,325

6. TAXATION

The Charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Pledges Owed to the Charity	11,885	1,500
	£11,885	£1,500

The Donations pledged during the year have now all been received.

FUN4KIDS NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 AUGUST 2022

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2021 £
Trade Creditors	450	450
	£450	£450

9. NET ASSETS OF THE CHARITY'S FUNDS

	Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Fund Balances £
Restricted Funds	0	4,180	0	4,180
Unrestricted Funds	0		0	0
Total Funds	£0	£4,180	£0	£4,180

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS: MOVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

	Balance at 31 August 2022 £	Income £	Expended £	Transfer To/ (From) Reserves £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Income and Expenses	0	14,180	10,000	0	4180
Total Funds	£0	£14,180	£10,000	£0	£4180

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS: MOVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

	Balance at 31 August 2022 £	Income £	Expended £	Transfer To/ (From) Reserves £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General Reserve	12,089	70,871	61,982	0	20,978
Total Funds	£ 12,089	£ 70,871	£ 61,982	£ 0	£ 20,978

12. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES DURING THE YEAR ON A FULL TIME EQUIVALENT BASIS WAS

	2023	2022
No Employee was paid above £60,000 per year.	0	0

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE CHARITY FUN4KIDS

We report on the financial statements of Fun4kids, for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting By Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Issued 2015), and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities 102 (effective 2016), and the accounting policies set out therein.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

As described on page 13, the trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply.

It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 144 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion, no matter has come to our attention,

1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner

C Rosen & Co

Date 10 June 2024



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NAME

Fun4kids

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1125178

REGISTERED ADDRESS

2-4 Amhurst Park

London

N16 5AE

TRUSTEES

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