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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1126872

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

TRUSTEES	J V Best M Mccauley (resigned 25/9/2023) D S Millis H R Page-Jones (resigned 25/9/2023) A Shaw J M Stewart (resigned 3/4/2024) M L Thomas-Asante (resigned 20/5/2024) B Brophy (resigned 1/8/2023) N Cutts (appointed 20/5/2024) T De Sousa (appointed 27/11/2023) F Hameed (appointed 25/9/2023) L Scriven (appointed 20/5/2024) J E Willis (appointed 25/9/2023) (resigned 3/6/2024) M North (appointed 15/7/2024) Z Raven (appointed 15/7/2024)
REGISTERED OFFICE	18-20 Burners Lane Kiln Farm Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK11 3HB
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	06602989 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1126872
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ad Valorem Accountancy Services Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 2 Manor Farm Court Old Wolverton Road Old Wolverton Buckinghamshire MK12 5NN

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to foster and develop the arts in the unitary council area of Milton Keynes and adjoining areas. To achieve this we carry out a range of activities including providing Arts Central creative studios for subscribing members, promoting and delivering creative programmes including MK Litfest across the area and The Box Arts Club at Arts central, and supporting information and regular networking events in Milton Keynes. The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

We added a further 8 studios at Arts Central and continued to develop our creative hub at 20, Burners Lane Kiln Farm, which we hold on a 12-year lease. Over the year we accommodated around 110 creatives in workspaces there, with up to 70 at any time. We completed construction and fit-out of our new presentation space, The Box Arts Club, that allows public access to a wide range of public exhibition and performance, reinstating the programmes delivered from our previous premises. We funded the space from generous grants from the Arts Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, Mazars Trust and MK City Council as well as our own resources.

We continued MK Litfest across several strands including online and year-round, as well as face-to-face, we supported programmes in partnership with MK Library Service, The Open University, The Parks Trust and Westbury Arts Centre, we delivered a pilot community programme which focused on young people, and published the third in our series of MinK anthologies of new work. Our programmes also drew on a partnership with sister organisation Community Arts Resources Centre, CARC CIC, providing technical equipment for low-cost hire.

We remained active participants in AHA MK, the umbrella for MK's Arts and Heritage sector, and in the SEMLEP Creative and Cultural advisory group until its closure at the end of the year.

Financial review

During the year incoming resources were £186,195 predominantly from our studios at Arts Central and significant grants from MK City Council, an increase from £146,409 the year before. After capitalising the costs of building project for depreciation over the remaining ten years of the lease, our spending during the 2023/24 year was £195,427 compared to £151,038 the year before. We ended the year with balances of £86,089 being a reduction of £4,629 on the previous year.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level that will meet aggregate expectations of liability, assessed by Trustees in 2018 as around £25k to be kept under review. This was generally achieved during 2023/24, which ended with £57,987 unrestricted funds. The charity had restricted reserves from grants previously received of £22,076 at the start, and £18,825 at the end of the 23/24 year, again primarily for MK LitFest. The Charity has no endowments or legacies.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the short-term risks. The Board is preparing strategies to mitigate the risk of not having premises at conclusion of our Burners Lane lease in April 2030.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Plans for the future

Our current plans for the future revolve around three key issues:

- Maintaining and improving our premises at Burners Lane, including developing varied programmes targeted at neighbouring communities and at the needs of studio-holders and AGMK members.
- Delivering a broader service to creatives across Milton Keynes, both within literature through MK LitFest programmes and within visual arts through programmes in Central MK and in The Box arts Club.
- Developing a premises strategy for growth and survival of Arts Central beyond the end of our current lease at Burners Lane.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, governance and management

Arts Gateway MK Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 27 May 2008 in England and Wales, company number 06602989 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended on 11 November 2008. It has also been registered with the Charity Commission since 24 November 2008. The company is managed by a board of unpaid trustees of up to 12 members who meet quarterly. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up. The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J V M Best
D S Millis
A Shaw
F Hameed (appointed 25/09/2023)
J E Willis (appointed 25/09/2023) (resigned 03/06/2024)
T De Sousa (appointed 27/11/2023)
L Scriven (appointed 20/05/2024)
N Cutts (appointed 20/05/2024)
M McCauley (resigned 25/09/2023)
H R Page-Jones (resigned 25/09/2023)
J M Stewart (resigned 03/04/2024)
M L Thomas-Asante (resigned 20/05/2024)
M North (appointed 15/07/2024)
Z Raven (appointed 15/07/2024)

Potential trustees with an interest in the arts and with skills to contribute to the charity's strategy and development are recruited from the local Milton Keynes community. The Memorandum and Articles of Association provide for up to 12 Trustees to be appointed by the Board, currently with no time limit on period served. The Board from time to time identifies skill gaps we would like filled. Where suitable candidates are identified they are invited for an informal conversation and to observe at a board meeting.

Incoming Trustees are required to accept the charity's policies and Trustee Duties, Responsibilities and Code of Conduct.

The Board intends to increase the number of Trustees and ensure we remain fit for purpose going forward. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company.

Day to day management of operations is delegated to an office manager. The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J V Best - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Arts Gateway MK Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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 accounts to be reached.

Tom Foot FCA (Honorary reporting Accountant)

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date:

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	6,664	43,749	50,413	39,953
Other charitable activities	3	125,536	10,246	135,782	106,456
Total		<u>132,200</u>	<u>53,995</u>	<u>186,195</u>	<u>146,409</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	-	672	672	859
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		136,008	55,888	191,896	145,553
Other costs		2,218	686	2,904	4,626
Total		<u>138,226</u>	<u>57,246</u>	<u>195,472</u>	<u>151,038</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,026)	(3,251)	(9,277)	(4,629)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		64,013	22,076	86,089	90,718
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>57,987</u></u>	<u><u>18,825</u></u>	<u><u>76,812</u></u>	<u><u>86,089</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	67,123	-	67,123	79,455
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	30,009	-	30,009	25,600
Cash at bank		32,978	18,825	51,803	40,348
		62,987	18,825	81,812	65,948
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(22,250)	-	(22,250)	(4,814)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		40,737	18,825	59,562	61,134
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		107,860	18,825	126,685	140,589
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(49,873)	-	(49,873)	(54,500)
NET ASSETS		57,987	18,825	76,812	86,089
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				57,987	64,013
Restricted funds				18,825	22,076
TOTAL FUNDS				76,812	86,089

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
J V Best - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land and building	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

GOING CONCERN

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other grant income	45,776	31,301
Donations	4,637	8,652
	<u>50,413</u>	<u>39,953</u>

3. OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Venue hire fees	118,692	100,275
Membership fees	1,384	1,584
Other income	15,706	4,597
	<u>135,782</u>	<u>106,456</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS**RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Advertising & marketing	<u>672</u>	<u>859</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/expenditure is stated after charging depreciation of £18,878 (2023: £16,203).

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

7. EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 1 (2023 - 1).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	13,878	26,075	39,953
Other charitable activities	103,753	2,703	106,456
Total	<u>117,631</u>	<u>28,778</u>	<u>146,409</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	651	208	859
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	128,347	17,206	145,553
Other costs	4,444	182	4,626
Total	<u>133,442</u>	<u>17,596</u>	<u>151,038</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(15,811)	11,182	(4,629)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	79,824	10,894	90,718
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>64,013</u>	<u>22,076</u>	<u>86,089</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	77,083	49,837	126,920
Additions	-	6,546	6,546
At 31 March 2024	<u>77,083</u>	<u>56,383</u>	<u>133,466</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	28,457	19,008	47,465
Charge for year	7,708	11,170	18,878
At 31 March 2024	<u>36,165</u>	<u>30,178</u>	<u>66,343</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>40,918</u>	<u>26,205</u>	<u>67,123</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>48,626</u>	<u>30,829</u>	<u>79,455</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,065	5,569
Other debtors	7,398	7,398
Prepayments	10,546	12,633
	<u>30,009</u>	<u>25,600</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,191	2,015
Social security and other taxes	105	183
Other creditors	116	2,616
Accruals and deferred income	8,838	-
	<u>22,250</u>	<u>4,814</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	<u>49,873</u>	<u>54,500</u>

Fixed rate 2% unsecured loan notes payable in 5 years.

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable otherwise than by instalments:		
Other long term loans	<u>49,873</u>	<u>54,500</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,013	(6,026)	57,987
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,076	(3,251)	18,825
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,089</u>	<u>(9,277)</u>	<u>76,812</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	132,200	(138,226)	(6,026)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	53,995	(57,246)	(3,251)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>186,195</u>	<u>(195,472)</u>	<u>(9,277)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,824	(15,811)	64,013
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	10,894	11,182	22,076
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,718</u>	<u>(4,629)</u>	<u>86,089</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	117,631	(133,442)	(15,811)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	28,778	(17,596)	11,182
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>146,409</u>	<u>(151,038)</u>	<u>(4,629)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,824	(21,837)	57,987
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	10,894	7,931	18,825
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,718</u>	<u>(13,906)</u>	<u>76,812</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	249,831	(271,668)	(21,837)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	82,773	(74,842)	7,931
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>332,604</u>	<u>(346,510)</u>	<u>(13,906)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

J Best, a trustee of the charity, was reimbursed for expenses totalling £452 (2023: £307) incurred on behalf of the charity for property maintenance, event costs and general supplies.

During the year the trustees made the following donations to the charity:

J Best £2,850
D Mills £500

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds balance as of 31 March 2024 consist of the following:

Rowan Centre	1,100
CARC	1,351
Box	5,000
Lit Festival	10,228
Studio Builds	384
Other income	762

Total	18,825
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ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Other grant income	45,776	31,301
Donations	4,637	8,652
	50,413	39,953
Other charitable activities		
Venue hire fees	118,692	100,275
Membership fees	1,384	1,584
Other income	15,706	4,597
	135,782	106,456
Total incoming resources	186,195	146,409
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Advertising & marketing	672	859
Charitable activities		
Wages	14,210	13,053
Rent	48,847	50,602
Telephone	1,143	2,710
Computer costs	4,077	2,086
Venue hires	44,019	19,561
Insurance	9,892	8,121
Property costs	46,551	30,523
Subscriptions & renewals	484	388
Postage and stationery	1,759	699
Repairs and maintenance	990	595
General expenses	577	349
Depreciation	18,879	16,203
	191,428	144,890
Other costs		
Staff training	-	1,152
Bad debts	-	1,530
Bank charges	1,904	944
Loan interest	1,000	1,000
	2,904	4,626
Support costs		

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ARTS GATEWAY MK LIMITED**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Governance costs	468	663
Total resources expended	195,472	151,038
Net expenditure	(9,277)	(4,629)

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