

Charity Registration Number: 1130398

Company Registration Number (England and Wales): 06919107



(Formerly The Message Works Trust)

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Urban Promise UK LTD

Legal and administrative information

Trustees

Paul Hammond
Andrew Mark du Feu (appointed 01/11/22)
Kristen Nielsen Donnelly (appointed 27/09/22)
Kelly Maxted
Jacqueline Janice Gray
Shureen Patrice Bishop Simon
Reginald Awoliyi
Mark Cowling
Luke Nathaniel Paul Maxted
Gordon Stuart Cowie
Stephen Maxted (Resigned 02/06/22)

Secretary

Jacqueline Janice Gray

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Trustees Report (Including Directors' Report and Strategic Report) for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Structure, Governance and Administrative Information

Charitable structure

Urban Promise UK Trust is an incorporated charity limited by guarantee, having no share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association- The company number is 6919107 and the charity is registered with the Charity Commission number 1130398.

Organisation and Management of the Charity

Urban Promise UK is run by a Board of Directors who act as trustees of the charity. New directors are appointed by the board by popular vote. Each year, at the AGM, one third of the board resign, beginning with those who have served the longest. These directors are immediately eligible for reappointment by the board, if they so wish. Directors of the charity are required to assent to the charity's Statement of Faith, as laid out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors are responsible for the strategy and governance of the charity and delegate certain responsibilities including day to day management to the Co-Directors, Kelly and Luke Maxted, who are part of the board. The board met four times during the year.

Risk Management

Consideration has been given to the major risks that the charity is exposed to, and the trustees are confident that it has procedures and systems in place adequately to manage those risks. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and changes in circumstances are given due consideration.

The charity has taken out insurance against all of its activities.

2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives and Principal Activities

The Charity's objects are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with its Statement of Beliefs, in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees think fit, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity.

As part of the charity's reflection on its activities during COVID it was decided that the charity should take a new approach to achieving its charitable objectives. New trustees were brought in during the 2021 to 2022 financial year and the decision was made to prepare to launch a new venture as 'Urban Promise UK'. The charity would be an

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independent affiliate of the Urban Promise network of charities that work with children and young people in communities in need across the world. The work of Urban Promise UK is to provide after school and holiday activities for children and teens in communities of need. Its work is Christian in character, in keeping with the charity's objectives, and continues the trustees' existing commitment to children and young people.

In the 2022 to 2023 financial year the charity's name was formally changed to Urban Promise UK and the process of running after school activities for children and young people in Dagenham began.

In May 2022 Kelly and Luke Maxted were appointed by the trustees as Co-Directors of the charity as paid employees. This was in keeping with the charity's governing documents allowing for the employment of trustees as members of staff. The principal activities of the year to 31st March 2023 have been the Student Leader programme and an After School Club.

The Student Leader programme began in September 2022 and employs 5 teenagers from the local community as leaders in the after school club. The teens receive a £30 a week stipend during term time as part of the programme as well as getting weekly professional tutoring through Tutorfair Foundation, opportunities for trips (e.g. ice-skating and London Zoo), professional training, personal and spiritual mentoring, and life skills development. Student Leaders attend the programme 3 to 4 days a week after school from 4pm-6pm and receive a meal during the session. The growth and popularity of the Student Leader programme has led to the introduction of a Junior Student Leader scheme which runs 1 to 2 days per week for 12-14 year olds and currently engages 2 young people.

Launched in January 2023, the after school club is free to primary school aged children in Marks Gate and runs Monday to Thursday from 3pm-5:30pm. Children who attend receive help with reading and homework, a safe space to play, positive teenage role models, snacks and a healthy meal. The club has proven very popular and we now have a waiting list of 15 children. In addition to the well documented issues of deprivation in Marks Gate we also have many attendees with SEN and/or with English as a second language.

3. Achievements, Performance and Outcomes of the Year

Achievements

During the operation of our first programmes the charity has been able to provide 1222 hours of safe after school activities for children and teens from Marks Gate

and the immediate local area. We have also delivered 82 hours of free professional tutoring for GCSE and A-level students, served 638 meals, and given young children 102 hours of interaction with positive teenage role models. We have 24 children and 8 teens signed up to our programmes with an average of 16 children and 4 teens attending each day.

Beyond these numbers the trustees have been pleased with the development of relationships with families in the local community and the impact that the programming has had on its beneficiaries. The young children have been progressing well in their reading and academic development but, perhaps more significantly, they are developing a community and sense of belonging, evidenced by a child one day leaving a note on the check in desk that said 'this is my home'. We have also noticed a real growth in the Student Leaders in their confidence and engagement with the children. We have also seen an improvement in their academic performance and their engagement with school.

Future Developments

The charity hopes that in due course it would be possible to add another member of staff to oversee the running of the after school club, and in due time to expand to a second location.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. In reviewing our aims, objectives and planning future activities, the Trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees ensure that activities undertaken are always in line with the charitable objectives and aims of the charity.

4. Financial Review

Financial outcomes for the year

The company's activities for the year are summarised in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10. Income was £69,410 and expenditure £58,652 leaving a surplus of £10,758. The level of free reserves is £20,146 which is within the reserves policy. The trustees continue to monitor the cash flow.

Reserves Policy

The board has given consideration to the level of free reserves (unrestricted funds that are not designated for particular use, nor held in fixed assets) that currently need to be held to meet all future liabilities. The trustees continue to be mindful of the need to be prudent in holding sufficient reserves. The charitable company currently does not have legal obligations that would demand a high level of reserves and considers that holding reserves of a minimum of one month's operating costs and a maximum of three month's operating costs is currently sufficient. This figure was met throughout the year and the Trustees will review this policy on a regular basis and as circumstances demand.

5. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report, including strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Smith', written over a dotted line.

TRUSTEE

Dated: 25th January 2024
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Independent Examiners' Report

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Urban Promise UK Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 st March 2023.

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').

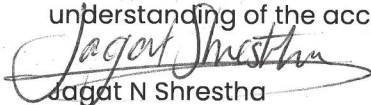
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). 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 report

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 accounting 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.



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25th January 2024

Urban Promise UK LTD**Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	69,410	6,102
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	58,652	
Net income/(expenditure) for the year / Net movement in funds		10,758	6,102
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		9,388	3,286
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		20,146	9,388

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Urban Promise UK LTD**Statement of Financial Position****As at 31st March 2023**

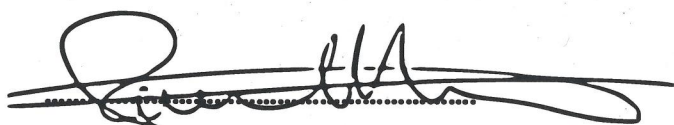
	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and at hand		23,702	9,388
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(3,556)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets		<u>20,146</u>	<u>9,388</u>
Income funds:			
Unrestricted funds		<u>20,146</u>	<u>9,388</u>
		<u>20,146</u>	<u>9,388</u>

The charity is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2018. No member of the charity has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the 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 Charity.

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

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2024

**TRUSTEE****Dated:** 25th January 2024

Company Registration Number: 06919107

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Financial Reporting standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Income

Income is shown on an accruals basis. Donations consist of funds received for specific (restricted) and general (unrestricted) purposes.

c) Capitalisation and Depreciation

Items of equipment are only capitalised where purchase price exceeds £1,000. As the charity has no fixed assets no policy on depreciation has been made.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises of expenditure directly related to the objects of the Charity. Other than fundraising costs, all expenditure including ongoing support, administration and governance costs form an integral part of the cost of carrying out the direct charitable objectives of the charity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it was incurred.

e) Funds accounting

Funds held by the charitable company:

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charitable company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Currently there are no such funds.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising 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.

Urban Promise UK LTD**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 (cont.)****2) Income from donations and legacies**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from US entity	63,994	6,102
Income from donations (inc gift aid)	<u>5,416</u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>69,410</u>	<u>6,102</u>

The charity received no restricted funds during the year (2022: nil)

3) Expenditure on charitable activities

	Generating funds	Charitable activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (note 4)	-	45,536	45,536	-
Programme costs	-	7,007	7,007	-
Office and admin costs	-	4,352	4,352	-
Travel	-	380	380	-
Other	-	1,376	1,376	-
Total	-	58,652	58,652	-

4) Staff costs

During the year, two (2022: nil) staff members were employed on a full time basis.

Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross pay	44,591	-
Social Security Costs	945	-
	<u>45,536</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

5) Taxation

As a registered charity the income of the company is exempt from tax under S505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

6) Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	1,467	-
Accruals	2,089	-
	<u>3,556</u>	<u>-</u>

7) Related Party Transactions

Kelly and Luke Maxted, both trustees and directors, were employed from 16th May, each receiving a salary of £22,296 during this period. Such paid employment was permitted under article 40 of the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

8) Restricted Funds

The Charity did not receive any restricted funds during the year (2022: nil)