

UNIVERSAL BOARD GAMES

England & Wales · Charity number 1150917

Details

Other names	UBG
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2013-02-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Flat 36 Ferry House Harrington Hill London E5 9HD
Phone	07981589881
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Website	www.universalboardgames.co.uk

Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, DEVELOPING AND PRODUCING GAMES.2) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM THROUGH CREATIVE DESIGN AND PLAY TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATION OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: UBG facilitate game playing workshops for young people and their families. Our facilitators have a wide knowledge of games from around the world and years of experience of delivering fun interactive

workshops for young people, older people and intergenerational groups. UBG work with groups to design bespoke board games that reflect cultural diversity and social issues in a fun accessible format.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£52,713	£38,669	-	-
2024-07-31	£54,070	£33,893	-	-
2023-07-31	£32,556	£23,900	-	-
2022-07-31	£6,012	£21,715	-	-
2021-07-31	£25,125	£34,828	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Chappell		2022-02-12
Keyo Yendii		2018-12-18
LEROY GOLDING		2012-10-15

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Universal Board Games

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1150917

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16th December 2025

Name:

Niketha Gamage-Watson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow and Member In Practice of CIMA Accredited Tax Advisor by Institute of Financial Accountants

Address:

26, Weetmans Drive, Colchester, CO4 9EA

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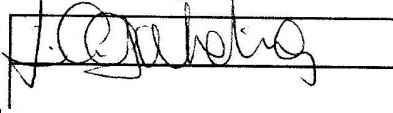


Universal Board Games		1150917		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Aug-24	To	31-Jul-25	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
LB Hackney		17,783	-	17,783	-
PP Avondale		650	-	650	-
NHSH	-	12,000	-	12,000	-
Playbus		6,000	-	6,000	-
QCCA	-	400	-	400	-
CAF		54	-	54	-
STJoJ		850	-	850	-
SHPC		10,000	-	10,000	-
Dolphins Everywhere		3,870	-	3,870	-
ASDA		1,000	-	1,000	-
donation		106	-	106	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		52,713	-	52,713	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	52,713	-	52,713	-
A3 Payments					
Educational workshops design delivery	-	17,568	-	17,568	-
UBG Admin	752	-	-	752	-
Events Delivery	-	20,349	-	20,349	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	752	37,917	-	38,669	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	752	37,917	-	38,669	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 752	14,796	-	14,044	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	889	45,825	-	46,714	-
Cash funds this year end	137	60,621	-	60,758	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		137	60,621	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	137	60,621	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Leroy Golding	18/12/2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
		01	Aug	2024			31	July	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Universal Board Games

Other names charity is known by n/a

Registered charity number (if any) 1150917

Charity's principal address 36 ferry House
Harrington hill
London
Postcode E5 9HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Chappell	Chair		Membership at AGM
2	Keyo Yendi	Secretary		
3	Leroy Golding	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) To advance the education of the general public in particular but not exclusively by providing workshops, developing and producing games.

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For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being

excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Through the year and especially during planning meetings the trustees have taken into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (ref. Charities and public benefit – January 2008, as amended December 2011).

Projects in 2024-25

1. **Play Banks-** continued a two year project to deliver Play events alongside Food banks to decrease the feeling of dependency and increase the positive nourishment from play and learning for young people and families who are struggling economically.
2. **Hackney** - UBG delivered events across estates with the resident participation team team to build community support structures, initiate gardening schemes and give young people opportunities to get involved in improving their estates.
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4. **Homerton TLSS games on the wards-**collaborative weekly events with Homerton Occupational Therapists mental health team to provide engaging challenging social games sessionson the wards. Supported by local NHS.
5. **Creating a Culture of Play-** funded by South Hackney parochial Charity UBG are working with St John of Jerusalem Primary school to develop the skills of all the children, parents and staff so that they can incorporate game playing into the school life, using a range of game from the world to connect with the diverse cultures of the children and families who attend the school. Game playing is also helping with the high ratio of SEN students offering alternative ways to learn and grow skills.In 2025 UBG also ran a weekly afterschool games club with pupils from across the school offering a safe place to learn and play together and develop game playing and life skills.
6. **Own Your crown coproduction game design-** UBG ran design workshops in youth clubs, therapy units and schools across hackney to research and design a game to enable young people express their cultural identity and concerns about how they wear their hair. The game design was funded by Hackney and the game was played in youth clubs and schools. The project will continue next year with workshops using the game in schools and clubs across hackney. UBg worked with Ghanain artist Jess Nash

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

to illustrate the game.

7. **Dolphins Everywhere-** A project with a UEL alumni student to codesign an interactive social game to enable frank discussions around wellbeing and work life balance. The design was tested by young volunteers across Hackney who are just beginning the life of work and are juggling to keep their health and make enough money.
8. **Hackney Libraries-**UBG once again delivered a series of successful summer workshops in Libraries for families to play and learn together reigniting our connections with local communities that were severed with the first Covid lockdown. Excellent feedback from all sessions and UBG hope to continue next year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers have played a huge role in delivering our projects in 2024-25. UBG are committed to Equal opportunities for our volunteers and signposting them to supportive organisations.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Gratefully received donations from the public.

Thanks to the Charities Aid Foundation, Hackney, The National Lottery, South Hackney parochial Charity, Hackney resident participation team, Homerton TLSS, Hackney Libraries and Hackney Playbus.

UBG achievements in 2024-25

1. This year UBG have continued to build on projects piloted and successfully run in 2024, improving and developing the projects by learning from evaluation and feedback.
2. UBG have been able to develop a strategy for future funding and donation appeals to keep building on our positive feedback from events and projects.
3. UBG trustees continue to implement a 5 year plan for the charity to generate funding and support to build towards providing more opportunities for more communities and build our network of positive supporters.
4. UBG are steadily building a strong database of community volunteers to get engaged and be part of our community projects delivery.
5. UBG are building a strong network of partnership organisations to enable us to reach a wider target audience with focused projects. UBG worked hard to keep in touch with local networks during the lockdowns so we are ready to come back stronger. This hard work is now beginning to create opportunities for UBG to build strong cultures of Play.
6. Our world Too is a culmination of 20 years of listening and developing young person led designs. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and the game is even more needed in these times of lockdown and social division for example Black lives Matter actions. OWT continues to be an effective tool for change and critical thinking for young people and we are working with universities to use it in their teaching.
7. Training and networking for sustainable future. UBG have made use of the break in project delivery to develop existing networks and create new links to organisation that share our vision.
8. Partnership with Hackney Playbus are planning to come together to provide events for families from 0 to 100 and continue developing online surveys together.
9. UBG have partnered with NHS mental health team at Homerton and plan to run joint play/information workshops in 2024.
10. UBG have built partnerships with University of East London running trial workshops with students and staff to focus on mental wealth. And are developing a partnership with UCL Community Research Initiative to academically assess the benefits of our co-design projects.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the financial year there was £60758 in the bank. In line with our Reserves Policy, during 2024/25 reserves are being accumulated to ensure the running costs of the organisation can be met up to one year in advance. This allows us to offer certain events on a 'donation only' basis which opens access to all.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Leroy Golding	
Treasurer	

Accounts



Universal Credit Grants

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01 Aug 23

To

31 Jul 24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
LB Hackney		3,495	-	3,495	-
AFA		16,460	-	16,460	-
SNUG	-	390	-	390	-
Clapton Commons		7,115	-	7,115	-
Playbus	-	3,460	-	3,460	-
SHACK		260	-	260	-
NHSH		14,525	-	14,525	-
YV&A		1,125	-	1,125	-
PPP Avondale		800	-	800	-
SHPC		5,000	-	5,000	-
Wickers Charity		520	-	520	-
QCCA		400	-	400	-
Well st festival		390	-	390	-
keegan and pennykid		10	-	10	-
connecting communities	-	120	-	120	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	54,070	-	54,070	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	54,070	-	54,070	-
A3 Payments					
Educational workshops delivery	-	13,984	-	13,984	-
UBG Admin	889	-	-	889	-
Events Delivery	-	19,020	-	19,020	-
Resources design and Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	889	33,004	-	33,893	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	889	33,004	-	33,893	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 889	21,066	-	20,177	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	24,759	-	24,759	-
Cash funds this year end	- 889	45,825	-	44,936	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		- 889	45,825	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 889	45,825	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J.C. Golding	L.C. GOLDING	20/12/24



Section A

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On accounts for the year
ended

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Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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Signed:

Date:

20th December 2024

Name:

Niketha Gamage - Watson

Relevant professional

Fellow and Member In Practice of CIMA Accredited Tax Advisor by Institute

**qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

of Financial Accountants

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month Aug	Year 2023		Day 31	Month July	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Universal Board Games
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1150917
Charity's principal address	36 ferry House
	Harrington hill
	London
Postcode	E5 9HD

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1	John Chappell	Chair		Membership at AGM
2	Keyo Yendi	Secretary		
3	Leroy Golding	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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2. **Hackney** - UBG delivered events across estates with the resident participation team team to build community support structures, initiate gardening schemes and give young people opportunities to get involved in improving their estates. Also UBG partnered with the Refugee support team to deliver a series of play workshops in the Hackney Men's hostel to help young refugees integrate into British life. UBG will continue to support the Refugee team at their new support Hub in Dalston in 2025.
3. **Clapton Youth development Fund** in partnership with Clapton commons- UBG ran a series of afterschool games clubs on Estates to support local families and encourage local young people to play together and build positive relationships, excellent initiative funded by the residents participation Team responding to the feedback from the Estate events in 2022. UBG engaged with over 100 local families and children to rebuild trust on Estates and encourage young people post Covid lockdowns that it was fun to play outside with your friends.
4. **Hackney Playbus** – third year of partnering with Hackney Playbus summer programme across estates and parks in hackney. Huge success each event attracting and engaging 50 families who are all telling similar stories, need for more in person activities for children and young people outside of school, help with accessing services and more opportunities for intergenerational inter-cultural play, just relaxed fun social interaction helps solve many 'problems' before they get overwhelming. This year UBG also supported Playbus at Clapton Commons on Jewish holidays to provide engaging activities for thr older siblings, very positive feedback UBG will continue to support.
5. **Young Victoria and Albert events-** UBG continue their positive relationship with the Museum running themed games events alongside the main exhibitions notably the Japanese Manga. UBG played Japanese games with over 50 families from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds.
6. **Play the cobwebs away Hatch ongoing-** collaborative weekly events with Homerton Occupational Therapists mental health team to provide safe welcoming opportunities to play for local families and recovering patients. Supported by local NHS.
7. **Creating a Culture of Play-** funded by South Hackney parochial

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Charity UBG are working with St John of Jerusalem Primary school to develop the skills of all the children, parents and staff so that they can incorporate game playing into the school life, using a range of game from the world to connect with the diverse cultures of the children and families who attend the school. Game playing is also helping with the high ratio of SEN students offering alternative ways to learn and grow skills.

8. **Wickers Charity-** UBG were invited to be part of a new project a Cultural celebration day in an East London secondary school, showcasing organisations and activities that celebrate the diverse cultural backgrounds of the amazing young people that make these schools exciting vibrant places to learn and grow. We hope to continue to be part of the Rising east Cultural days.
9. **Queens Crescent Youth Club** Kentish Town- UBG invited to run games workshops to build a culture of play in the club, introducing new games and skills development while giving responsibility to the older club members to take on running game playing in the club and learn leadership skills.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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10. UBG have built partnerships with University of East London running trial workshops with students and staff to focus on mental wealth. And are developing a partnership with UCL Community Research Initiative to academically assess the benefits of our co-design projects.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the financial year there was £49366 in the bank. In line with our Reserves Policy, during 2023/24 reserves are being accumulated to ensure the running costs of the organisation can be met up to one year in advance. This allows us to offer certain events on a 'donation only' basis which opens access to all.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Leroy Golding	
Treasurer	

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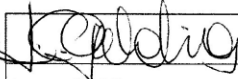
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Leroy Golding	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date		

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,806	22,382	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,806	22,382	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

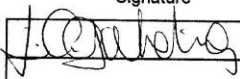
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	L. C. GORDING	17/10/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Universal
Board
Games

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1150917

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

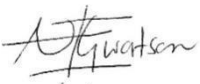
Independent examiner's
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	16/10/2023
Name:	Niketha Gamage-Watson		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow and Member In Practice of Chartered Institute of Management Accountancy, Accredited Tax Advisor by Institute of Financial Accountants
Address:	26, Weetmans Drive, Colchester. CO4 9EA

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October 2018

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Please note for the year ended 31st July 2022 the final accounts disclosure was not required, however I herewith confirm the income and expenditure that Universal Board Games declared in their annual return for this period are in line with their bank statements., i.e. income received 6.1k and Expenditure incurred 21.7k, and the opening balance for this finance year aligns with the bank statements.



Niketha Gamage-Watson.

FCMA , MiP

16th October 2023

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Aug-20	To	31-Jul-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	170	-	-	170	-
LB Hackney		11,060	-	11,060	-
Hackney New Education		285	-	285	-
Groundwork London	-	2,560	-	2,560	-
Voyage youth	-	1,200	-	1,200	-
TNL	-	9,850	-	9,850	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	170	24,955	-	25,125	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	170	24,955	-	25,125	-
A3 Payments					
Educational workshops delivery	-	11,670	-	11,670	-
UBG Admin	4,114	-	-	4,114	-
Events Delivery	-	12,800	-	12,800	-
Resources design and Evaluation	-	6,244	-	6,244	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,114	30,714	-	34,828	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,114	30,714	-	34,828	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,944	- 5,759	-	- 9,703	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,737	43,466	-	46,203	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,207	37,707	-	36,500	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
		2,636	33,521	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 1,207	37,707	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

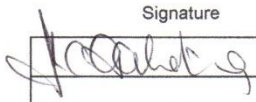
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B5 Liabilities				
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Terry Golding	25/10/21



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month Aug	Year 2019		Day 31	Month July	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Risi	Chair		Membership at AGM
2	Keyo Yendi	Secretary		
3	Leroy Golding	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 3 February 2012
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

UBG have all the necessary safeguarding in place:

- Enhanced CRB Checks for facilitators
- Child protection and vulnerable adults training
- First aid trained facilitators
- Risk assessment for projects and workshops
- Public Liability Insurance for public events

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) *To advance the education of the general public in particular but not exclusively by providing workshops, developing and producing games.*

2) *To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them through creative design and play to integrate into society.*

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Through the year and especially during planning meetings the trustees have taken into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (ref. Charities and public benefit – January 2008, as amended December 2011).

Projects in 2020-21

Covid 19 and lockdown made us adapt our delivery when restrictions allowed we delivered local community distanced projects following government guidelines to keep everyone safe but promote social inclusion. We also delivered online training and discussion workshops to keep young people connected and talking through difficult times.

1. **Positive games for Change-** Throughout the year of changing conditions UBG managed to deliver small outdoor game opportunities for families to play together and get a break from screen time. Our funder Hackney were supportive and enabled us to be flexible in our approach. We also partnered with schools to deliver games to support learning and provide a safe space for understanding the extreme situation affecting us all. UBG also attended Local Neighbourhood networks to keep in touch with partner groups and be able to share information with our participants.
2. **TNL Covid resilience fund-** UBG spoke to participants about the effects of lockdown on them and their families, collating a body of information to inform future projects and collaborations. UBG also used the input to design a game in response to Covid 19 and as a way of playing through some of the situations that families were having to manage, primarily digital divide and lack of communication on essential services.
3. **Chess in Springfield Park ongoing** UBG continued to offer outdoor opportunities for play when covid restrictions allowed. Excellent local community project using the international appeal of chess to create an opportunity for communities from diverse backgrounds to spend time together and have an opportunity to understand each other's cultures and recognise the similarities. Project supported by Hackney Council, Hackney Parks and Springfield park café.
4. **Shared Endeavour Advocates** a Mayor of London funded project to help young people 13-18 deal with increased levels of hateful and extremist messages. UBG started to deliver an Advocates project using Our World Too to enable young people to talk openly and honestly about racism and extremist views they encounter daily. Starting in July 2020 We recruited our first Advocates, played the game with GB canoeing team and created an Instagram page to reach more Advocates. UBG continued to deliver outdoor and zoom workshops with OWT tool and partnered with young leaders project in East London training Advocates and supporting peer led workshops in person and on

zoom. The game works extraordinarily well to enable young people to express themselves and discuss difficult subjects around racism and belonging.

5. **Covid 19 Recovery and resilience** UBG were incredibly fortunate to receive government funding administered by The National lottery to focus on future proofing the charity. The funding has enabled us to increase training; GDPR, Child Bereavement and Mental Health First Aid training. Also upgrading our technology and networking with neighbourhood groups online to be prepared to deliver safe events when possible.
6. **Hackney Young Futures commission-** UBG worked in partnership with the commission to develop a card game using the data collected from young people in 2019/20 about how they see their future in hackney. "It is what it is...but" enables young people to showcase the views of their peers to decision makers in hackney and beyond getting their voices heard.
7. **Voyage youth young Leaders project-** UBG partnered with Voyage Youth to deliver online game/discussion workshops during Lockdown to give the impressive and talented young people an opportunity to express what was affecting them in lockdown and provide a structure to discuss solutions/feelings and emotions. A pilot project to train a group of Advocates who can then facilitate similar workshops with younger peers once restrictions allow.

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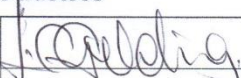
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Leroy Golding	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	25/10/21	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Universal Board Games

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2021

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(if any)

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Signed:

Date: 15th Oct 2021

Name:

Niketha Gamage-Watson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Associate and a Member in Practice by Chartered Institute of Management Accountancy
Accredited Tax Advisor by Institute of Financial Accountants.

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