

Czech School Without Borders, London/ Česká škola bez hranic, Londýn

Trustees Annual Report Czech School Without Borders, London

for the period from 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2024

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Other names the charity is known by: **Czech School**

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Company registration number: **7323697**

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Plans for the future

The trustees of the school intend to continue the current strategy, with a focus on maintaining the quality of education while looking to improve the efficiency of the Charity. The trustees will also look to strengthen our relationships with our current grant providers to help ensure the financial position of the Charity.

The trustees will continue to develop strong relationships with other schools and organisations in the Borough of Islington, where the main school is based, and other Czech organizations in the UK.

Written by

Jana Ernoult, Chair

Czech School Without Borders, London

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Czech School Without Borders for the year ended 31/03/2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met

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



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Statement of Financial Activities for year ended March 2024
(including Income Statement)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		270	-	270	30
Charitable activities	5	132,989	81,703	214,692	224,316
Investments	6	1,785	-	1,785	460
Other		-	-	-	-
		135,044	81,703	216,747	224,807
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	7	138,024	81,296	219,320	197,992
Other		-	-	-	-
		138,024	81,296	219,320	197,992
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,980)	407	(2,573)	26,814
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,980)	407	(2,573)	26,814
Reconciliation of funds:	12				
Total funds brought forward		112,204	-	112,204	85,390
Total funds		109,224	407	109,631	112,204

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

Balance Sheet as at 31/03/2024
(including Statement of Financial Position)

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets:			
Debtors	10	4,980	2,015
Prepayments		454	975
Cash at bank and in hand		130,648	113,004
		136,082	115,994
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(15,503)	(1,590)
Deferred income		(10,949)	(2,200)
Net current assets or liabilities		109,631	112,204
Total assets less current liabilities		109,631	112,204
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability		-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		109,631	112,204
The funds of the charity:	12		
Restricted income funds		407	-
Unrestricted funds		109,224	112,204
		109,631	112,204

For the year ending 31/03/2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 21th September 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Jana Ernoult, Chair

The notes on pages 11 through 16 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts

(1) Statutory information

Czech School Without Borders is a private charitable company, limited by guarantee, domiciled in England and Wales, Company Number 07323697, Charity No: 1151158. The registered office is 26-30 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8 4QY London.

(2) Compliance with Accounting Standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

(3) Accounting policies

(3.1) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Czech School Without Borders meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The presentation currency is £ sterling, which is the functional currency of Czech School Without Borders.

(3.2) Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items or of an opening balance of an asset or liability was needed. No restatements were required.

(3.3) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

(3.4) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. The charity has a single (general) unrestricted fund.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work. Over the course of the year the Trust received funds from the Czech Embassy, MSMT and Islington Council for the provision of its core educational services.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 14.

(3.5) Incoming resources

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised only when any conditions for entitlement have been met. The "Performance Model" is used for recognition of grant income.

Donations, are recognised by the Trust on receipt. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are met.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised

Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

(3.6) Donated professional services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised and refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

(3.7) Resources expended

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

All expenses are allocated or apportioned to the applicable activity (including support costs and governance costs). For more information see note 3.9.

(3.8) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(3.9) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts core programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 9.

(3.10) Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust holds no current or historic assets of a value greater than £1,000.

(3.11) Debtors

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

(3.12) Cash at bank and in hand

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

(3.13) Creditors and provisions

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

(3.14) Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

(3.15) Pensions

The charity has fulfilled its obligations for auto-enrolment. Its currently has no employees.

(4) Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022-23: £0). £29 in expenses were paid to the trustees (2022-23: £0).

There were no Related Party transactions.

(5) Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees	129,772	141,141
Fundraising	3,217	1,644
Grant - Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	8,527	5,718
Grant - Czech Ministry of Education	55,811	65,813
Grant - London Borough of Islington	6,000	4,000
Tufnell Park Primary School	3,000	-
Grant - Czech Ministry of Education, Extra Curriculum	8,365	6,000
	214,692	224,316

(6) Income from investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	1,785	460
	1,785	460

(7) Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Main School	Trips & other	Total
	£	£	£
Staff costs	149,445	15,720	165,165
Rent	31,955	-	31,955
Books	373	143	516
Printing & materials	1,903	1,422	3,325
Refreshments	84	509	593
Website	1,867	-	1,867
Insurance	1,216	-	1,216
Other	673	138	811
Support & governance costs	6,881	1,214	8,095
	194,397	24,923	219,320

An analysis of support & governance costs can be found in note 8.

Expenditure on charitable activities was £219,320 (2022-23: £197,992) of which £138,024 was unrestricted (2022-23: £115,282) and £81,703 was restricted (2022-23 £82,710).

Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

(8) Analysis of support & governance costs

	General Support £	Governance Support £	Total Support £	Basis of apportionment
Staff costs	-	-	-	use of support
Refreshments	-	-	-	use of support
Administration	1,596	-	1,596	use of support
Postage	338	-	338	use of support
Travel	2,061	-	2,061	use of support
Volunteer travel	1,320	-	1,320	use of support
Bank charges	219	-	219	use of support
DBS checks	-	993	993	use of governance
Memberships	-	163	163	use of governance
Independent Examination	-	700	700	use of governance
	6,239	1,856	8,095	

The Trust has identified the costs related to governance functions and to other support functions. The costs have been apportioned between key charitable activities undertaken (see note 7) in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

(9) Analysis of staff costs and key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries & wages	165,165	149,287
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
	165,165	149,287

The average number of employees during the year was 0 (2022-23: 0). Salary costs includes payments to self-employed persons,

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2022-23: none).

The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Director. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £0.

(10) Creditors: amount falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,980	2,015
	4,980	2,015

(11) Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	15,503	1,590
	15,503	1,590

(12) Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds – current year

	Balance 31/03/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2024 £
General funds	112,204	135,044	(138,024)	-	109,224
	112,204	135,044	(138,024)	-	109,224

Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds – previous year

	Balance 31/03/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2023 £
General funds	84,210	143,276	(115,282)	-	112,204
	84,210	143,276	(115,282)	-	112,204

Analysis of movement in restricted funds – current year

	Balance 31/03/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2024 £
LBI (Fun Fairy Tales)	-	9,000	(8,593)	-	407
Czech Min. Foreign Affairs	-	55,811	(55,811)	-	-
Czech Min. of Education	-	8,527	(8,527)	-	-
MSMT Extra Curriculum	-	8,365	(8,365)	-	-
	-	81,703	(81,296)	-	407

Analysis of movement in restricted funds – previous year

	Balance 31/03/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2023 £
LBI (Fun Fairy Tales)	1,180	4,000	(5,180)	-	-
Czech Min. Foreign Affairs	-	65,813	(65,813)	-	-
Czech Min. of Education	-	5,718	(5,718)	-	-
MSMT Extra Curriculum	-	6,000	(6,000)	-	-
	1,180	81,531	(82,710)	-	-

Notes to the Accounts (cont.)

Analysis of net assets between funds – current year

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	135,628	-	135,628
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(25,998)	-	(25,998)
	<u>109,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,631</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	115,019	-	115,019
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(2,816)	-	(2,816)
	<u>112,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,204</u>