

THE VOICE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHARITY ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Number 1151890

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity registration number	1151890
Registered charity name	The Voice That Makes a Difference
Principal office	18 Saint Leonards Court Northampton NN4 8BL

The trustees

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Mr D Pedley
Mrs P McGovern
Ms R A O'Malley MBE

Accountants	Reid & Co Corporate Services Limited 4a Bramley Road Mount Farm Milton Keynes MK1 1PT
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a 'deed of trust' and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have developed a risk management strategy that involves a regular review of key risks faced by the charity and the establishment of systems and procedures to address those potential risks and to minimise any impact on the charity if the risks materialise.

Data protection

We have always been well aware of our responsibilities with regard to personal data that we hold and will continue to do this. In light of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) we are constantly updating our processes and procedures. The trustees continually monitor how information we store is kept and used.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity is focused on children and young adults who are deaf or blind and those who may have other disabilities. Our aim is to eliminate the boundaries faced by these disabled children/young adults on a day to day basis. We provide screenings of the latest films at cinemas using total communication ie combining sign language, subtitles, sound and audio description. We run computer courses providing information in specialised formats to cater to specific impairments. We also run drama, animation music and education based workshops as well as providing counselling and mentoring to these young disabled persons. We have a strong working relationship with social workers, mental health teams and special needs' teachers in order to gain the right support for these disabled children/young adults.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Performance

Our workshops have been a constant learning curve in a positive way. Our disabled children have been very much involved in the development of these workshops. They wanted to find a venue that suited all their different needs. So we have tested several different places out for the workshops and each of the venues met all of their diverse needs. Our disabled children felt that they didn't just want to do filmmaking, they wanted to do workshops linked to confidence building and being able to argue their point of view. So our workshops have been a mixture of drama, music, computer skills, confidence building and filmmaking.

We have continued providing limited meditation classes with small groups. We hope to continue this work because children who have meltdowns have really benefited from the experience.

We would also like to thank our volunteers because without the volunteers we would not be able to exist. There is a mixture of many fantastic talents who are generous enough to give their time to help us.

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Future plans

The role of charities has changed dramatically so instead of just covering one area they are also a one stop 'shop'. This means that whatever the parent is requesting, the charities take on the role of finding the relevant information, getting the right support and giving the right direction so that the child benefits. To this end we wish to support families in their challenges and experiences they are having.

Mediation is another area that we hope to develop because it doesn't just benefit the child, it also benefits the family and school that they attend. We have applied to the National Lottery Community Fund for funding for Meditation, Arts and Crafts Workshops and Social Visits.

Fundraising is very challenging and we need to find new methods to enable us to find funders who are able to support us.

Mental health is a major issue and we are working with schools, doctors, consultants, social workers and the police, all coming up with good ideas to overcome the mental health issues of disabled children. We are aiming to develop food workshops which cover health and good eating habits whilst developing confidence and self-believe in themselves.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Equipment

All the equipment is checked by professionals and reviewed to see whether it needs replacing or updating. We are looking for grants to update our computer equipment as it is greatly benefits the young people we work with. Our equipment is well used and people are trained to use it. We keep an up-to-date record of all forms of equipment so that this information can be used for forward planning and budgeting for all new equipment when there is a need for replacement.

Reserves

The Voice That Makes a Difference is aiming to build up a reserve of at least 5 to 10 thousand pounds over the next five years. At the moment times are very difficult because we raise money and it is often need for project work. We are still attempting to raise money. The trustees intend to invest the fund reserve in the most appropriate manner and will look to use an investment manager to invest in a mixture of equities, treasury bonds and cash. The investment objective would be to obtain long term capital growth. We realise that raising reserves is very important because of the economic climate and it is harder to obtain grants and donations because more charities are competing for fewer resources.

ACCOUNTANTS

Reid & Co are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pedley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D Pedley
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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 the 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 statements 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (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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Date: *26/1/25*

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted and Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generating funds:						
Voluntary income	2	11,650	-		11,650	6,550
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		11,650	-		11,650	6,550
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable activities						
Costs of charitable events	3	10,937			10,937	11,850
Other resources expended		1,283		-	1,283	1,927
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,220	-	-	12,220	13,777
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		(570)	-	-	(570)	(7,227)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(570)	-	-	(570)	(7,227)

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these charity accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	1,713	2,284
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		16	15
Debtors	7	-	-
		<u>16</u>	<u>2,299</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(2,460)</u>	<u>(2,460)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(2,444)	2,445
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(731)</u>	<u>(161)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(731)</u>	<u>(161)</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income funds	9	(22,871)	(22,301)
Restricted funds	9	17,340	17,340
Restricted fixed asset funds	9	4,800	4,800
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(731)</u>	<u>(161)</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 26/01/2026 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr D Pedley
Director

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE CHARITY ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirement of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

The accounts are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Transition to FRS 102

The charity transitioned from previous UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 April 2016. Details of how FRS 102 has affected the reported financial position and financial performance are given in note 13.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The value of gifts in kind and donated goods provided to the charity are recognised at their open market value in the period to which they relate. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the Statement of Financial Activities, except where the donated good is a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over its useful economic life in accordance with the charity's policies.

Resources expended

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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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 objectives 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.

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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the charity has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Accounting judgements and estimates

In the process of applying the accounting policies, the Trustees have made judgements, assumptions and estimates about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

Judgements

Assets are reviewed for impairment where there are indicators of impairment. The carrying amounts of tangible assets are reviewed and an impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amounts exceed the assets' recoverable amount.

Estimates

Depreciation rates are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to ensure these remain appropriate.

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Voluntary donations	11,650		11,650	6,550
Gifts in kind	-		-	-
Total income resources	<u>11,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,650</u>	<u>6,550</u>

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE EVENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interpreting and workshop costs	<u>10,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,937</u>	<u>11,850</u>

4. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

Net income for the year is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountants and Independent Examiners fees	630	660
Depreciation	<u>571</u>	<u>761</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2025 and no expenses were reimbursed (2024: £Nil).

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment
COST	
At 1 April 2024	21,674
At 31 March 2025	<u>21,674</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	19,390
Charge for the year	571
At 31 March 2025	<u>19,961</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,713</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,284</u>

7. DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Net movement in funds, are as follows:

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(22,301)	11,650	(12,220)	(22,871)
Restricted funds	17,340			17,340
Restricted fixed asset funds	4,800			4,800
TOTAL FUNDS	(161)	6,550	(13,777)	(731)

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	1,713		1,713	2,284
Current assets	16		16	15
Current liabilities	(2,460)		(2,460)	(2,460)
Balance at 31 March 2025	(731)		(731)	(161)

The restricted fund includes restricted fixed asset funds of £2,400 (2024: £2,400) relating to donated fixed assets.

11. ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Enabling not Disabling	17,340	-	-	-	17,340
	<u>17,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,340</u>

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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the current or prior year.

13. TRANSITION TO FRS 102

These are the first financial statements that comply with FRS 102. The charity transitioned to FRS 102 on 1 April 2016.

No transitional adjustments to the financial results were required.

