

BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT 2019-2020

Company Registered: 08482397

Charity Registered: 1159687

TRUSTEE DIRECTORS:

Aimee Tollan

Cameron Adams

David Luke

Nikki Wyrđ

Harriet Wells

The charity is incorporated under guarantee.

Activities and Achievements

The main activity of the charity is to organise the biennial academic conference 'Breaking Convention-Multidisciplinary Conference on Psychedelic Consciousness'. Breaking Convention is a gathering of psychedelic researchers and those interested in psychedelic research. They come from many different academic disciplines; neuroscience, anthropology, medicine and art to name a few. The conference acts as an educational tool for those interested in psychedelic research, as a platform for researchers to present new data and as a networking event for those in the psychedelic research community. The three-day conference is held at the University of Greenwich, and includes a full programme of talks across four lecture theatres, workshops, a film festival and a visionary art exhibition.

Financial Overview

During the year to 30 April 2020, the directors ran the biennial conference in August 2019. They also began preparation for the next scheduled conference in August 2021.

The primary source of income is from ticket sales. Other sources of income are from a small amount of sponsorship from donors who wish to fund a particular speaker's flights, or to have their logo appear in the conference programme. Accommodation is bought from The University of Greenwich student halls in bulk blocks, and sold on to delegates for a slightly higher fee. Stall spaces are sold for a fixed fee in the areas outside the lecture halls. A small amount of profit is made from selling merchandise.

Breaking Convention also publishes a collection of essays written by speakers from the previous conference. The directors select and edit essays submitted by the speakers, which is then published by Strange Attractor Press. Some income comes from the sale of these books online. All of the income is spent on organising the conference, hire of the venue, travel expenses for crew and invited speakers for the conference itself and for each of our meetings, equipment hire, and accommodation for the crew during the conference.

No-one is paid a salary (nor an honorarium), including the Directors and Trustees for any duties that directly relate to the organisation of the biennial conference..

Two of the Directors (Aimee Tollan & Nikki Wyrdd) are paid an hourly rate of £15.00 for a separate role as 'Development Coordinator'. This role involves any activities that fall outside of the remit of general organisational duties of the biennial conference. For example, smaller lectures and events, the writing of the newsletter, management of social media accounts, replying to general queries from customers and other general administrative duties.

The event is planned over a period of 2 years. Therefore the surplus from the accounts to 30 April 2019 and additional ticket sales in the year to 30 April 2020 will be used in combination to cover the running expenses of the 2021 event.

All funds at the company year end will be held in reserve and used in putting on the next conference.

The company does not hold any capital assets or other investments.

Management and Operation

The charity is managed by a group of 6 directors plus a wider non-executive committee of 15 people. The Executive Committee (Aimee Tollan, Cameron Adams, Nikki Wyrdd, Harriet Wells & David Luke) share connections in academia and came together through a mutual interest in psychedelic research and consciousness. They arrange the academic programme of the conference, invite the speakers, organise venue hire, and create a '2nd-track programme' from people who have submitted abstracts to present. In addition to the core group of directors we have a wider committee, who attend our main meetings, in which certain tasks are delegated. For example, three of the committee members manage our group of 100+ volunteers that we need to act as ushers, greeting delegates, and as technicians in the lecture theatres for the weekend of the conference itself. Other tasks undertaken by the wider committee include; the organisation of the visionary art exhibition, arranging the production of merchandise, finding additional sponsorship for the event, and website construction.

The management of the organisation's event takes place through face-to-face meetings every few months, and through regular email correspondence.

Breaking Convention is run mostly by volunteers, including the directors, apart from the role of Development Coordinator that is a position held by Aimee Tollan and Nikki Wyrdd. .

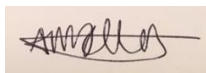
During this year, the Directors reviewed all areas of the business, considered, and agreed policies to mitigate and/or protect against any risk areas identified. The Directors also awarded some funding for The Student Essay Prize where students could submit essays which were reviewed by the Directors and the best ones were awarded £1000 and had the chance to speak at our conference in 2019. 4 essays in total were chosen representing various academic disciplines but still within the remit of psychedelic research.

Future Aims and Objectives

Breaking Convention does not undertake research studies, but does provide funding to various research organisations and individual persons that do. For instance, some money

has been donated to various organisations that are undertaking novel and ground-breaking research.

We will continue to provide funding with our annual "Student Essay Prize" for the best essays in various disciplines and to accept submissions for our collection of essays that we publish. We also plan to fully fund a PhD student to undertake research in the area of psychedelic eco-psychology. We are editing another collection of essays and will continue hosting smaller lectures in person and via zoom. Finally, we plan to hold our biennial conference in 2021, all duties surrounding this have been outlined above.



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AIMEE TOLLAN

Signed on behalf of the Directors/Trustees
January 2021



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DAVID LUKE

Signed on behalf of the Directors/Trustees
January 2021

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020**

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**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020**

Directors	CAMERON ADAMS DAVID LUKE AIMEE TOLLAN NIKKI WYRD HARRIET WELLS ALEXANDER BEINER
Secretary	DR CAMERON ADAMS
Company Number	08482397 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	111 WOLSEY DRIVE KINGSTON SURREY KT2 5DR United Kingdom

BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
(COMPANY NO: 08482397 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 April 2020.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

CAMERON ADAMS
DAVID KING
DAVID LUKE
AIMEE TOLLAN
NIKKI WYRD
HARRIET WELLS

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

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

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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AIMEE TOLLAN
Director

Approved by the board on: 30 January 2021

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover	113,714	70,866
Cost of sales	(102,177)	(8,230)
Gross surplus	11,537	62,636
Administrative expenses	(23,078)	(9,537)
Operating (loss)/surplus	(11,541)	53,099
(Loss)/surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	(11,541)	53,099
Tax on (loss)/surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
(Loss)/surplus for the financial year	(11,541)	53,099

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 APRIL 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		80,237	91,778
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(550)	(550)
Net current assets		79,687	91,228
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Reserves	5		
Profit and loss account		79,687	91,228
Members' funds		79,687	91,228

For the year ending 30 April 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 January 2021 and were signed on its behalf by

AIMEE TOLLAN
Director

Company Registration No. 08482397

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020**

1 Statutory information

BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 08482397. The registered office is 111 WOLSEY DRIVE, KINGSTON, SURREY, KT2 5DR, United Kingdom.

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

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value, net of VAT and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

The company holds a non-profit, bi-annual convention. Attendance fees are collected during the two years between conventions.

Charitable status

The company has charitable status under number 1159687. All funds are exclusively for charitable purposes and, as such, are exempt from Corporation Tax. The company's aims are for the public benefit, the advancement of education, science, and the arts in particular but not exclusively.

The company organises a convention on alternate years, and income relating to a convention held in one year will be collected over the course of both years.

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	550	550

5 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

6 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 6 (2019: 6).

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover		
Sales	113,714	70,866
Cost of sales		
Purchases	96,315	5,927
Commissions payable	5,862	2,303
	102,177	8,230
Gross profit	11,537	62,636
Administrative expenses		
Travel and subsistence	2,073	3,198
Stationery and printing	11,187	1,890
Bank charges	170	2,359
Accountancy fees	550	550
Consultancy fees	7,658	-
Advertising and PR	1,440	1,540
	23,078	9,537
Operating (loss)/profit	(11,541)	53,099
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(11,541)	53,099



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BREAKING CONVENTION ACCOUNTS LIMITED

On accounts for the year
ended

30 APRIL 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1159687

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 30/04/2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 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.

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

27 FEB 2021

Name:

C M MITCHELL / C M MITCHELL ACCOUNTANCY LTD

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

ACA (ICAEW)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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