

BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT 2023-2024

Company Registered: 08482397

Charity Registered: 1159687

TRUSTEE DIRECTORS:

Aimee Tollan

David Luke

Nikki Wyrđ

Harriet Wells

Alexander Beiner

Peter Sjostedt-Hughes

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 a hired venue, and includes a full programme of talks across four lecture theatres, workshops, a film festival and a visionary art exhibition.

The event in April 2023 was held at the University of Exeter.

Financial Overview

Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions since 2020, the event in April 2023 was the first three-day conference held in person since 2020. Two one-day events were held, one in 2022, and one in 2024.

The primary source of income has been 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. Stall spaces are sold for a fixed fee in the marketplace area. A small amount of profit is made from selling merchandise and a bookstall.

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 from all sources is spent on organising the conference, hire of the venue, production and filming costs, 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.

Two of the Directors (Aimee Tollan & Nikki Wyrdd) are paid an hourly rate of £25.00 and £18.00 respectively, to manage the organisation. They both work part-time hours for the majority of the year. Other trustees give their time voluntarily, however travel expenses are paid for by the organisation. Examples of tasks undertaken by the aforementioned Directors are managing the day to day operations of the organisation, managing the social media account, answering email queries from attendees, general event production duties, managing the financial records, and holding smaller events in addition to the 3 day conference, amongst other tasks.

The event is usually planned over a period of 2 years. Any surplus or shortfall from one year's accounts will be carried forward and used to cover the next scheduled event. All funds are reinvested in the event and the Charity's operation.

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

Management and Operation

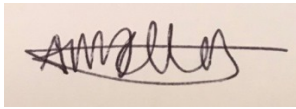
The charity is managed by a group of 6 directors plus a wider non-executive committee of 15 people. The Executive Committee (Aimee Tollan, Nikki Wyrdd, Harriet Wells, David Luke, Alexander Beiner & Peter Sjostedt-Hughes) share connections in academia and come together through a mutual interest in psychedelic 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, to whom certain tasks are delegated. For example, managing our group of 80 volunteers (who act as ushers and as technicians in the lecture theatres, and many other roles) 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, curating the digital art installations, and website construction/maintenance.

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

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.

Future Aims and Objectives

Breaking Convention 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 plan to edit another collection of essays and will continue hosting smaller lectures in person and via zoom. Finally, we plan to hold our biennial conference in 2025, all duties surrounding this have been outlined above.

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AIMEE TOLLAN

Signed on behalf of the Directors/Trustees
28 June 2024

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Nikki Wyrdd

Signed on behalf of the Directors/Trustees
28 June 2024

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Directors

DAVID LUKE
AIMEE TOLLAN
NIKKI WYRD
HARRIET WELLS
ALEXANDER BEINER
PETER HUGHES

Company Number

08482397 (England and Wales)

Registered Office

111 WOLSEY DRIVE
KINGSTON
SURREY
KT2 5DR
United Kingdom

Accountants

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111 WOLSEY DRIVE
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**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
(COMPANY NO: 08482397 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Directors

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

CAMERON ADAMS
DAVID LUKE
AIMEE TOLLAN
NIKKI WYRD
HARRIET WELLS
ALEXANDER BEINER

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 May 2024

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	179,438	19,537
Cost of sales	(156,496)	(19,519)
Gross surplus	<u>22,942</u>	<u>18</u>
Administrative expenses	(38,430)	(17,632)
Operating loss	<u>(15,488)</u>	<u>(17,614)</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	87	3
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>(15,401)</u>	<u>(17,611)</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	-	-
Loss for the financial year	<u><u>(15,401)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,611)</u></u>

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		20,800	36,101
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(700)	(600)
Net current assets		20,100	35,501
Net assets		20,100	35,501
Reserves	5		
Profit and loss account		20,100	35,501
Members' funds		20,100	35,501

For the year ending 31 August 2023 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 May 2024 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 31 AUGUST 2023**

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.

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	700	600

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 (2022: 6).

**BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		
Sales	179,438	19,537
Cost of sales		
Purchases	156,496	15,998
Commissions payable	-	1,521
Other direct costs	-	2,000
	156,496	19,519
Gross profit	22,942	18
Administrative expenses		
Travel and subsistence	6,527	2,356
Stationery and printing	2,488	655
Subscriptions	876	811
Bank charges	76	93
Insurance	932	-
Accountancy fees	700	600
Consultancy fees	25,096	13,117
Advertising and PR	1,735	-
	38,430	17,632
Operating loss	(15,488)	(17,614)
Interest receivable		
Interest receivable	87	3
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(15,401)	(17,611)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

BREAKING CONVENTION EVENTS LIMITED

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

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 31/08/2023.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

C Mitchell

Date:

28/06/2024

Name:

C M MITCHELL / C M MITCHELL ACCOUNTANCY LTD

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

ACA (ICAEW)

Address:

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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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